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Local Covid-19 Survivor Jenai Hicklin has message for brown and black people

By: Leah Williams
Journal Staff Writer

Jenai Hicklin has a message for brown and black people. As a local minister who prepares meals for the homeless, leads Bible study, and cares for those in need, Ms. Hicklin's voice is already heard and heeded by those in the community who know that she lives what she preaches. Now, as a "miracle" survivor of Covid-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, she hopes more people will listen and heed her warning about the seriousness of the virus that has caused a worldwide pandemic.

In late March, Ms. Hicklin who suffers from asthma initially thought that she was experiencing an asthmatic flare up.

"I have asthma, and I had a cough that didn't feel right. I went to the doctor, and she asked me all the Covid questions. She said if you don't sound any better in two days, call me. Well, I called the office because I still had that funny little cough that I thought was my asthma. [My doctor] said I don't like the way that you sound. Go to the ER, and I'll meet you there," Ms. Hicklin recalled.

Ms. Hicklin said she did not have a fever, one of the primary



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Ms. Jenai Hicklin is a COVID-19 survivor.

symptoms of Covid-19, until she walked into the ER. With a temperature of 103 degrees, she was rushed to the back. Once there, she said the first ER doctor to examine her said, "I don't hear anything."

"I said what do mean you don't hear anything. How am I breathing if you don't hear anything? He went and got the nurse practitioner. She came

in and listened. They both walked out and literally a team of people, probably about 3 or 4, came in with the masks on and all the garb," Ms. Hicklin recalled. "I had three IVs in me in about 10 minutes, and I'm still not knowing what's going on because they were just moving and doing."

Ms. Hicklin said she eventually looked up and saw her primary care physician Dr. Coral Matus standing outside the room. She said Dr. Matus reassured her that everything was going to be okay and that the team was going to administer some medicine. Ms. Hicklin then asked to call her son John.

"I called my son and told him baby I'm at the ER, but they said everything's going to be fine. I got this cough and

she had contracted the coronavirus that causes the disease Covid-19.

Ms. Hicklin said her son John was not immediately notified of her condition until day 2 or 3 of her coma. After calling the hospital repeatedly, he was finally informed of his mother's condition.

"They told him your mom has contracted the virus, but the problem is she has pneumonia in one lung, the Covid virus in the other lung, and it has caused her asthma to flare up really bad," Ms. Hicklin said. "So, my body was fighting three things at one time."

Ms. Hicklin recalled that the doctors told her that while in the coma, her lungs had collapsed at one point, and she almost "died on the table twice." Her son was also informed his mother's condition was not "looking good."

It wasn't until day 12 of her coma that her son John was given "good news." Six days later, Ms. Hicklin said she was off the ventilator and awake. And within two days of coming off the ventilator, she was breathing on her own without oxygen.

"It's definitely a miracle, and that's what the nurses kept saying when they were coming in," Ms. Hicklin said. "Some of the nurses that were with me on the vent were also with me during the step down. They would come in the room and just look at me and say Ms. Hicklin you just don't know. You are a miracle. We did not think you were going to make it."

On April 16, Ms. Hicklin left the hospital but is still recovering and under quarantine. She said that she has had to re-learn to walk, use

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Jenai Hicklin and her son John Hickland.

the doctor said they're going to give me some medicine and probably a breathing treatment, and I'll be okay," Ms. Hicklin said.

That was March 25 and the last thing Ms. Hicklin remembers until she emerged from a medically-induced coma 18 days later. It was then she was informed that

utensils, and will eventually go through intensive physical therapy. After her experience, Ms. Hicklin said it pains her to see brown and black people not taking the virus as seriously as they should.

More than 70,000 people with the coronavirus have

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As the Area Office on Aging (AOoA) and its providers continue to serve older northwest Ohioans during the COVID-19 crisis, here are some of the highlights of how we have been meeting the essential needs of older northwestern Ohioans, their family caregivers and younger persons with disabilities.

Coronavirus Response and Recovery IMPACT REPORT

May 5, 2020

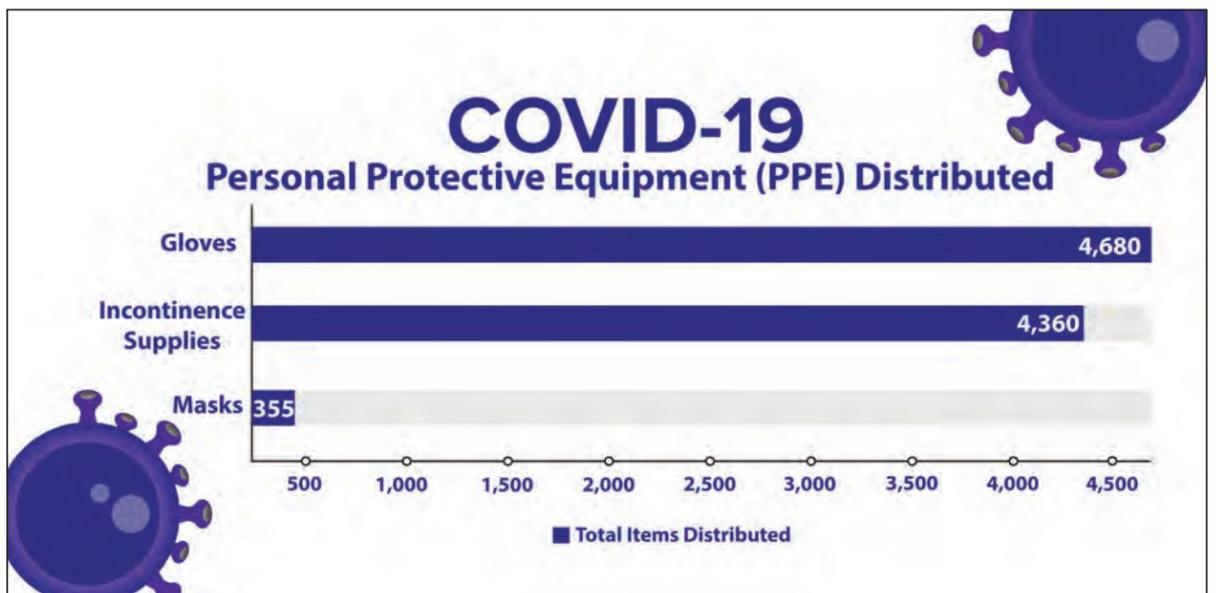
1,000 Food Boxes Distributed to Grandparents and Relatives Raising Children and Other Older Adults

Over **100,000** Home-Delivered Meals

STAY AT HOME
STAY SAFE

9,354

Older Adults Mailed Information about Services available.



4,851 Well-Check Calls

Case Management Provided to Over **3,000** Homebound Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities



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Contact tracing apps, when downloaded to cell phones, track people who've contracted Covid-19, as well as, people who they've come in contact with that **may have it. Healthcare officials say these apps will help them contain/slow the spread of the virus. Opponents feel like it's a violation of privacy. What are your thoughts on the method?**



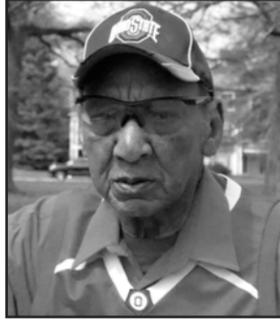
Michael Morrow
Auto Worker

I think those type of apps are an invasion of privacy. We already have our privacy invaded by corporations through our cell phone. We don't have to be on our phones, we can just be talking with someone about a particular subject, next thing you know, there's an add popping up on our social media sites. If we could get terms, and limitations on how our information would be used, I would be more inclined to utilize that type of app.



Rebecca Lopez
Teacher

I see these apps as beneficial. Since I'm a teacher, it would be good to know who I came in contact with, to not only protect myself, but the children as well.



Gerald Harris
Retired Deputy Sheriff

I know we still need to practice social distancing, which I will continue to, but I can see businesses losing money if they can only service a few people at a time, and not the larger numbers of patrons in the past.



DJ Reid
Factory Worker

I think it's an invasion of privacy. We're already being monitored through our cell phones. If we get an app like the contact tracing, we might as well get an app to track people with HIV.



Timica Kennebrew
Mental Health Worker

I think it's a good idea we track those who have the virus, and I don't think it's an invasion of privacy. Until we get a vaccine for Covid-19, it'll be good to know if you came in contact with someone who has been infected.

Ongoing Events

The Toledo African-American Chamber of Commerce - One-On-One Group Services

Is providing free one-on-one as well select group services to newly-established, as well as, seasoned businesses to help them achieve their business goals. Additionally, the program also involves developing strategies to help businesses increase revenue via the Program's services that will include:

- Internet Domain Name and Registration
- Corporate email setup with registered Domain Name
- Business Applications Suite Training & Software Licensing (Microsoft Office 365 or Google G-Suite) and Quickbooks Online
- Referrals to Business Growth Collaborative (BGC) Partners
- Assistance w/ Website Development and Hosting

All sessions will be held online. Small businesses in the Toledo, OH and surrounding areas can book appointments at <https://yncnotllc05.setmore.com/> and select the "TAACC" category. Referrals of other entrepreneurs from the Toledo, OH and surrounding areas are also gladly accepted. If there are questions, contact Amber Hawkins at 419-304-4564.

Lourdes University Appold Planetarium presents the Dome from Home Club

Lourdes University Appold Planetarium presents the Dome from Home Club. Members will experience a new show every week right from home! Nothing can really compare with the immersive experience of traveling through space in the Appold Planetarium, but watching a version formatted for your flat screen at home is the next best thing.

"The Dome from Home Club is a new STEM-education offering made available free to the public because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Free to sign up. For more information or to sign up for the Dome from Home Club, visit www.lourdes.edu/outreach/appold-planetarium.

BGSU

Math Education students offer help to community

As parents school children at home during Ohio's stay-at-home order, one challenge persists: math. Bowling Green State University students are stepping up to help.

Math Education students in the College of Education and Human Development, who are also members of the Bowling Green Council of Teachers of Mathematics, are offering free help. The council is a University student organization that promotes professional development for aspiring mathematics teachers.

By tweeting council members at @BGSU_CTM, anyone – students, parents and others – can get their math questions answered.

Grace Community Center - Food Pantry

In an effort to continue to serve our community during these trying times.....Grace Community Center has expanded its Food Pantry operations. The hours of service are M-F, 10 am – 3 pm. Children may also receive grab & go lunches from the hours of 11 -1 M-F. Eligible Seniors in need of food assistance please call for delivery options at 419-248-2467. Elaine Page, Executive Director, Grace Community Center, 406 W. Delaware.

Senior Centers Closed

At the advice of the local health commissioners, the following senior centers are closed to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus:

- Lucas County senior centers
- Sandusky County senior centers
- Williams County senior centers
- Wood County senior centers

The AOoA/Toledo Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol Program has cancelled all home visits. The Area Office on Aging is recommending that all senior centers contact their participants and determine if anyone needs home-delivered meals, medical or personal supplies or any assistance during the period of closure. Additionally, the Area Office on Aging is recommending that a core team remain accessible to older adults and caregivers as needs arise.

11th Annual Toledo Sister Cities International Festival Postponed Until September

Jim Hartung, President, Toledo Sister Cities International Board of Trustees, has announced that the Eleventh Annual International Festival has been postponed until September 12 due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Sisters In Power Fundraiser/Donation Drive

Several programs and services for the community

and its all free by ways of donations and fundraisers that are conducted throughout the year. A supply drive or diaper drive is needed to support some of these outreach programs. Donations that are needed for Children's clothing in any size, Baby diapers in size newborn to size 6 for Diaper Pantry, School Supplies, Printer Ink for Epson-212, and Gift Cards to Michael's. More information 419-984-2799.

****CANCELLED****

**Every Third Wednesday
Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition
and Social Justice Insitute**

**Every Saturday
Glass City Church of Christ
Free Meal
TEMPORARY CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19**

**Every 3rd Saturday
River of Life Church**
Hosts "The Storehouse" free food distribution from 11:00am to 1:00pm, 3611 Upton Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43613. Ephesians 6:7 - NLT - Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

**Now - Until
WGTE Public Media Home Learning**
WGTE Public Media in collaboration with all of the Ohio Public Broadcasting stations announces AT Home Learning, at 7:00 a.m. WGTE change its programming to educational programming to help students ranging from high school to early learners. This programming is designed for students who may not have computer and online access. This new programming will be available until schools resume.

For more information contact Theresa A. Bush, Marketing Communications Manager at theresa_bush@wgte.org.

**May 8th
In This Together - A PBS American Portrait Story**
A new special premiering on Friday, about how Americans are adapting during the Coronavirus Pandemic culled from the crowdsourced storytelling project, PBS AMERICAN PORTRAIT, the signature content initiative of PBS's 50th anniversary. We will have materials available for the special in the coming

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Can you guess my occupation?



By Lafe Tolliver
Wire Writer

If you have had to take calming medications to watch the Trump TV Show aka: press conferences, you were watching the Twilight Zone and Walking Zombies morph into the old TV game show, "What's My Line" where celebrity contestants try to guess the occupation of a guest.

The contestants ask a series of penetrating questions trying to discern what the person does for a living and, after a period of time, if they fail, the guest wins and then he or she reveals their true job identity.

Well, during Trump's press conferences, the audience of reporters struggle mightily trying to guess what is the true occupation of the clown that stands before them in the Rose Garden.

Now, you would think that the clown has already given the reporters enough clues as to who he is, but you are jumping the gun if you think the clown is straight with the questioners.

No. Not at all. The clown preens and gives off airs of condescension and is always quick with an elbow to the ribs of a reporter who gets too close to finding out who he really is.

During this Covid-19 pandemic, the clown was none for the worse when, despite thousands of people dying on his watch and his still ongoing acute failure to provide needed national testing; and the farce of acting presidential, never failed.

Here is a part of an exchange be-

tween the Clown and a reporter from ANNN (All Negro News Network):

ANNN: Mr. Clown, do you know whether national testing is available?

CLOWN: If you want a test, you can have a test!

ANNN: Oh? Where can one get one?

CLOWN: Talk to your governors, I take no responsibility! What do you think I am...a shipping clerk!

ANNN: When will the economy be opened back up?

CLOWN: I have total powers and the governors are to report to me before they do anything!

ANNN: Oh? Do you have any legal authority to say that?

CLOWN:(long pause) We will be issuing some papers on this very soon, very soon...it will be incredible!

ANNN: Do you know that China has a stranglehold on the protective garments and equipment that are sorely needed in our hospitals and nursing homes?

CLOWN: I love China! They have the best spring rolls ever! They



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ANNN: Why did you eliminate the White House Pandemic Office when it was vital as being a watchdog for these very emergencies?

CLOWN: It is Obama's fault! He should have stopped me, but he did not.

ANNN: Why are you insisting that your name appears on the stimulus checks that are being mailed out by the treasury department?

CLOWN: I made this possible! It was me! I alone can solve this problem! I deserve the credit! Everyone needs to thank me for

those checks!

ANNN: There are several video tapes in which you state that you have this pandemic under control and that it will go away, but it has not.

CLOWN: I did not say that!

ANNN: Oh, yes you did!

CLOWN: Did not!

ANNN: Did!

CLOWN: Did not!

ANNN: Did!

CLOWN: You are a third-rate reporter! By the way, who are you with?

ANNN: I am with the All Negro News Network.

CLOWN: Oh, a reporter from one

of those sh**hole African countries! No wonder you talk with an accent!

ANNN: There was talk that you were considering firing Dr. Fauci, is that true?

CLOWN: Almost! He is sucking up all my street cred! I alone can solve this problem. I am an extremely stable genius!

ANNN: If you open the economy before testing is done and there is a relapse and thousands more die, what will you do?

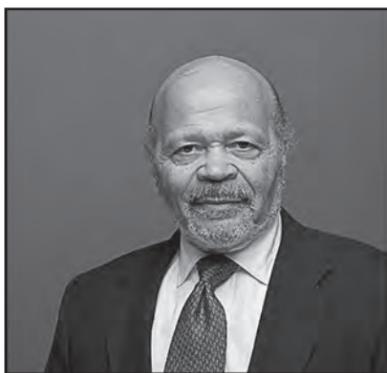
CLOWN: I will fly to Mar-A-Lago and give you updates via Trump News...I mean Fox News! They are doing an incredible job!

ANNN: When you were briefed in January about this coming pandemic, why did wait so long to do something?

CLOWN: I had to first check in with Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Laura Ingraham and Putin to get their advice. Incredible people! Lafe Tolliver, attorney

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The Long No



By Oscar H. Blayton
Wire Writer

An acquaintance in the entertainment industry once explained to me why a project we were working on was stalled. He said we were getting "The Long No."

He explained that in Hollywood, when someone does not like a project presented to him but does not want to offend the

presenter because he may want something from that person in the future, he will drag out the rejection to soften the blow.

Having spent my formative years in a rural community, I was able to equate this tactic to what we called "frogs in a boiling pot." As kids, we had heard that you could put a frog in a pot of cool water and set the pot on a low burning flame. And if you heated the water slowly enough, the frog would sit in a pot of boiling water until its death.

I never tried this frog experiment, but living in America, I have witnessed the same thing occur with African Americans in this country

Centuries of attacks and abuses suffered by people of color have rendered many of us unaware of the ever-increas-

ing dangers we face. Like the walking dead, we each wander through a life void of many of its meaningful qualities. We stand for renditions of The Star-Spangled Banner, giving no thought to the fact that it was written by a white supremacist and contained verses pledging death to people of color fighting for their freedom

We shipped off to foreign lands to fight and die for the rights of people abroad, but did not have those rights at home. We join municipal police forces only to be gunned down by fellow officers responding to the color of our skin

As appalling as these facts are, because they have constantly occurred over many decades, people of color have become numb to all but the worst abuses.

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Affirmative Action Remains MIA in Trump Administration – Where is the Outcry?



By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow
Wire Writers

There seems to be a very strange quiet regarding all organizations that claim to be defenders of Civil Rights and protectors of our hard-fought liberties won through the results of institutions that fought against segregation, lynchings and bloody demonstrations. Dr. Martin Luther King, Medgar Evers and others are “rolling in their graves” as the current White House has just disassembled the hard-fought victories of the 1990’s.

Reacting to the dismal state of our economy and the pandemic of the Coronavirus, the White House sponsored the infamous CARES Act. This new program relieves all federal agencies of any responsibilities regarding the Civil Rights Act or Affirmative Action. Basically, all departments can set aside any enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1965. Minorities such as Blacks, Hispanics, females and virtually all entities that are not white males can no longer feel protected.

Also, and worst, historical groups that are known as protectors of basic civil rights are not uttering a word. Where is the NAACP? Urban League? National Action Network etc. during this controversy? Potential contracts and financial agreements are being snatched away by the billions of dollars. “This is going to set back Black families by



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generations”, says Harry C. Alford, President and Co-Founder of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. “We are beginning the fight and it is rather lonely. The momentum must build as we go.”

Last week, the Chamber led a 2,000 participant “Call to Action”. “We are getting a constant flow of new members joining us in this fight”, Alford states. “We are in disbelief and we better snap out of it as soon as possible.”

As written, the Affirmative Action law is suspended for ninety days and authorizes ninety-day extinctions thereafter. This

means the drought can last for years before being permanently cancelled.

We must begin to fight with all our hearts if we do not want this tragedy to turn into a most terrible nightmare for our children and thereafter.

Raise your hand if you have heard of Arthur Fletcher. He was known as the “father of Affirmative Action”.

According to the Seattle Times, after Richard Nixon’s election, he appointed Fletcher Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards. With responsibility for the wage and

hour regulations for the nation’s workforce and supervision of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, Fletcher now had the power to revoke federal contracts and keep contractors from bidding on future work.

On June 27, 1969, Fletcher implemented the nation’s first federal affirmative-action program, which required federal contractors to meet specified goals in minority hiring for skilled jobs in the notoriously segregated construction industry.

But after two years, Fletcher’s affirmative-action programs had earned him so much enmity among the leaders of the skilled construction unions that he was forced to resign.

President Nixon gave him a brief assignment on the United Nations delegation under Ambassador George H.W. Bush that created a lifelong friendship.

Arthur Fletcher, our mentor, travelled the world with us to Brazil, Cuba, and countries in Africa as we sought contracts for our members. He once told us the story of him being held against

his will inside the Palmer House Hotel in downtown Chicago by construction union goons. He felt his life was in danger and frantically called the White House.

As the story goes, President Richard Nixon made an immediate direct phone call to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and shouted: “If my man is harmed you are going to wake up to the marching of the 101st Airborne down Michigan Avenue.” The bigots backed off.

Gone are those days of courageous leadership. We just wish they would return. Oh, how nice it would be for our nouveau leaders to stand up in a courageous manner such as Louis Sullivan, Art and of course Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have a lot to lose if we do not wake up and protect the things we have fought so dearly to win.

Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce®. Ms. DeBow is the Co-Founder, Executive Vice President of the Chamber.

THE LONG NO

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But the COVID-19 virus has narrowed the focus of the epic journey of African Americans in this country. This coronavirus has enveloped the entire globe, with the consequences spotlighting the iniquities created by the expansion of Western culture into the rest of the world.

Under this spotlight, one term that has come to the fore is “comorbidities” as it relates to the chronic health problems suffered by people of color because of oppression at the hands of white supremacy.

It is unnecessary to recount the centuries of exploitation of people of color through slavery and colonialism to lay the factual foundation of these inequities. The centuries-old abuses of people of color are well documented. As one health professional put it: We are “seeing differences in the impact on blacks with respect to the

new coronavirus” because of “consistent, systemic, structural, continuous racism that permeates every aspect of what we refer to as civilized, first-world, privileged, American living — including health and health care.”

The National Center for Biotechnology Information at the U.S. National Library of Medicine has published a report stating that the “relationship between race and comorbidity is of potential clinical and public health importance. The prevalence of comorbidities varies by race in the United States, with Blacks having higher rates and earlier onset of comorbid conditions than Whites.”

Systemic, societal problems, not simply an individual’s behavior, are now seen as the causes of certain comorbidities disproportionately suffered by people of color, and there needs to be a push for interventions to “backstop the biological fallout of

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living with oppression.”

While we push to end these systemic and social causes of disproportionate comorbidities, we must also address the problem of disparate health care delivery. Even the American Bar Association has ac-

knowledge that “some people in the United States were more likely to die from cancer, heart disease, and diabetes simply because of their race or ethnicity, not just because they lack access to health care.” This acknowledgement cited a report from the National Academy of Medicine that stated, “racial and ethnic minorities receive lower-quality health care than white people—even when insurance status, income, age, and severity of conditions are comparable.”

For centuries, bit by bit, people of color have been told “No!” to the enjoyment of the blessings of liberty. What happens next depends on us. We can continue to be complacent like the frogs in the boiling pot and take no notice of the fact that the social structure of America is killing us, or we can grab the levers of social power through voting and civic activism to save ourselves and the generations of people of color to come after us.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

City of Toledo Neighborhoods Department distributes 30,000 Masks and 6,000 pairs of gloves to the general public



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City of Toledo Neighborhoods Department employees (L-R) Monica L. Smith: Neighborhood Navigator for the City of Toledo, Judy Smith, Mike Lankey, Millard Catchings and Councilman Larry Sykes, distributed nearly 30,000 disposal masks and 6,000 pairs of gloves on Friday, May 1, 2020, at the Ottawa Park open-air shelter to churches, neighborhood organizations, local agencies, and other groups. They will, in turn, distribute these COVID-19 safety supplies to the general public.

By Journal Staff Writer

City of Toledo Neighborhoods Department employees distributed nearly 30,000 disposal masks and nearly 6,000 pairs of gloves on May 1, 2020 to churches, neighborhood organizations, local agencies, and other groups, which will dispense the supplies to the public, and in some cases to staff members working with the public, to help fight the spread of COVID-19.

"The cost of the masks and gloves will be reimbursed to the city with Community Development Block Grant Funding," said Monica L. Smith,

Neighborhood Navigator for the City of Toledo.

"There is an urgent need for masks and gloves in our community, and for the organizations that have requested assistance," Ms. Smith said. "We will be safely distributing these supplies so they can be used to help flatten the curve and fight the spread of COVID-19."

Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz thanked all of the organizations working with the city to help fight COVID-19. "Efforts like this are critically important in this fight," he said. "We are in this together and I am proud to see



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Three young Ottawa Park visitors (L-R) Todd Edwards Jr., Brittany Bankston, and Will Alexander Jr. who were walking past the distribution site put on the free disposable face masks donated by the City of Toledo Neighborhoods Department to the general public to help fight the spread of COVID-19.

Toledoans collaborating to meet the needs of our community."

Councilman Larry Sykes, who helped to coordinate the effort, added: "Toledoans are strong and we will meet this challenge. I am happy to see all of these different groups coming together to help because it is best when we work together to protect those who are most vulnerable. By helping them, we help first responders and the whole city."

On the day of the distribution three young Ottawa Park visitors (L-R) Todd Edwards Jr., Brittany Bankston, and Will Alexander Jr., just so happened to walk past the distribution site and they did

not have masks on. All three received free face masks. Todd Edwards Jr. said, "This effort is really helpful to the community because so many of us did not access these COVID-19 safety tools. This will help all of us to slow the spread of COVID-19."

Will Alexander Jr. added, "These steps by the city were definitely necessary to encourage everyone to do their best to follow the rules. Wear a mask and gloves, wash your hands often, and follow the social distancing guidelines, as we all fight to overcome the COVID-19 Virus in our community today."

The Toledo Municipal Court issues a new Order to re-open the court

Submitted

Continuing Operations

The Court will continue to perform essential functions but will limit hearings to in custody defendants only, through May 15, 2020 or until otherwise so ordered. All felony and

misdemeanor non custody cases will be continued to after May 15, 2020. On any individual case, a prosecutor, defense counsel, defendant or alleged victim may petition the Court to have a hearing go forward regardless of custody status.

On April 28, 2020, face coverings were required of the public, court employees, and all other individuals who enter or remain in the building. Entry will be denied without a face covering.

Beginning May 18, 2020, the Court will begin to phase in regular court operations according to the following schedule below. Face coverings are required of the public, court employees, and other individuals seeking to enter the building.

May 4-15, 2020

Continue as ordered under 20-COVID-008 with hearings limited to in-custody defendants only by video from the jail; and limited out of custody cases as petitioned by parties and ordered by the Court. Face coverings are required to enter the building.



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May 18, 2020

Courthouse will open to include scheduled CRA (Felony) CRB (Criminal) and TRC (Operating Under the Influence) cases. This includes pretrials and trials on individual judge dockets and the 9:00 out of custody arraignment docket for CRA, CRB and TRC only. Face coverings are required to enter the building.

Duties will open to warrants only (open and bench warrants). Any other Duties matters must be addressed by filing a motion with the Court. Other than warrants, access to the Courthouse is strictly limited to persons (attorney, defendant, victim, witness) with scheduled cases.

The Judges mandatory docket rotation will return to normal.

Courtroom 3 will continue to hear all (misdemeanor and felony) in custody cases by video from the jail until otherwise ordered. Courtroom 3 will hear all felonies (in-custody and out-of-custody). Courtroom 4 will hear all out of custody misdemeanor CRB and TRC arraignments. This procedure will continue until further notice. Duties is limited to warrants only.

Start times for scheduled assigned cases on individual Judges dockets will be staggered: Cases with private attorneys will be scheduled for 9:00am; cases with public defenders will be scheduled for 10:00am; and Pro Se cases will be scheduled for 11:00am.

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Ohio Housing Finance Agency Provides Additional \$5 million for Emergency Homelessness Services

Submitted

In a special meeting on Thursday, April 23, the OHFA Board approved an additional \$4.75 million to support the increased housing needs of Ohio's homeless and those at risk of homelessness due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board also approved \$5 million in emergency funding in March.

The monies will go to Ohio's nine Continua of Care and the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio. In addition, an additional fund will provide financial help to nonprofit organizations with properties previously funded by OHFA that operate senior housing, permanent supportive housing and affordable assisted living properties.

- The Board approved the following:
- \$2.5 million in Emergency Housing Assistance Funds to the nine CoCs
 - A \$750,000 grant to COHHIO for its Pandemic Emergency Fund
 - A \$1.25 million no-interest loan to COHHIO for TANF Advance Funds
 - A \$250,000 COVID-19 emergency fund



"As the coronavirus has continued to spread, the housing and safety needs of those who serve the homeless and persons at-risk of homelessness have also continued to grow," said OHFA Executive Director Sean Thomas. "We are grateful to our Board's leadership and are proud to offer our support to the number of organizations in the state serving these vulnerable populations."

Ohio CoCs will continue to provide rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention efforts with the additional funding. However, today's approval provides additional flexibility for the CoCs to use the funds to isolate and quarantine facilities or provide hotel/motel assistance for homeless Ohioans.

OHFA's contribution to COHHIO's Pandemic Emergency Fund enables

the organization to continue helping homeless shelters throughout Ohio contain the spread of COVID-19 among residents, staff, and the broader community.

"We've received hundreds of donations, but the needs are enormous, and we nearly exhausted the Emergency Fund. OHFA's generous contribution enables us to continue supporting shelters, and it will certainly save lives by keeping vulnerable Ohioans – seniors, people with health conditions, and families with young children – out of harm's way," said Bill Faith, COHHIO's Executive Director.

The loan will support COHHIO's efforts as they await Temporary Assistance for Needy Families dollars that Governor Mike DeWine approved for homelessness prevention and

rapid re-housing efforts. The organization will disburse the \$1.25 million and repay OHFA through a TANF reimbursement.

The final allotment addresses a need for Ohio's most vulnerable citizens and the organizations that serve them. Owners and management companies of

OHFA-financed properties can apply for grants to purchase protective equipment, cleaning supplies and more. Nonprofit organizations that create emergency housing funds to address emergency needs related to COVID-19 at affordable housing properties and facilities across the state may request a contribution to those funds.

OHFA will disburse Emergency Assistance Funds based on a formula corresponding to the number of extremely low-income and very low-income residents in CoC service areas. Details about the second round of Emergency Housing Assistance will be posted on OHFA's website on Monday, April 27; funds will be disbursed by May 31.

The Toledo Municipal Court to re-open

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June 1, 2020

Courthouse will open to hearings on civil cases and Small Claims. The courthouse will also open to payment of fines, costs, and fees and court filings. Access to the building is strictly limited to persons with scheduled cases, court filings or making payment on fines, costs and fees. Duties is limited to warrants only. Face coverings are required to enter the building.

July 1, 2020

Courthouse is open to hearings on TRD (Traffic) cases including the afternoon traffic arraignment docket. Access to the building is strictly limited to persons with scheduled cases, court filings or making payment on fines, costs and fees. Duties is limited to warrants only. Face coverings are required to enter the building.

August 3, 2020

Courthouse is open to the public. Duties Court is limited to warrants only. The need for face coverings will be determined by the public health recommendations at that time.

Fines and Costs

All fine, fees, and costs that are due between March 11, 2020 and June 1, 2020 are stayed an additional 90 days. Payments of fines, costs,

and fees prior to June 1, 2020 can only be made via online payment or by phone.

Filings

Individuals who wish to file with the Clerk of Court must follow the

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Black Woman Earns Two Degrees From Two Different Universities in the Same Week



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Williams made history by receiving a degree from George Washington University and University of Pennsylvania in the same week.

Submitted

(Black News) - In 2019, Ashley Williams made history after earning two degrees simultaneously from two different institutions. She earned a Master's degree in political management from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and just two days later received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Her story is a great example of dreaming big despite having setbacks in life.

One of Ashley's main obstacles was having to deal with rejections from schools during two separate admission cycles. However, just one year into her Master's program, and after many cycles of law school rejections, Williams was finally

accepted into UPenn's JD program.

Another highlight of this major accomplishment is that Ashley was working as an advisor and the Director of Special Projects to the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues while in college. She admits that it wasn't easy, but she was determined to be strategic.

She comments, "During my first year of school, I stopped my Master's program so I could focus on law full time. The summer following my first year, I resumed my Master's program and simultaneously did Law and my Master's until I completed my Master's in December of 2018 - which I did while I was studying abroad in Tokyo."

Williams hopes that her journey will encourage others to do the same.

Battling Covid-19, hunger at the 'Doug'

By: Jury Taalib-Deen
Journal Staff Writer

Saturday morning, May 2, at the Frederick Douglass Community Center, 1001 Indiana Ave., wasn't the typical Saturday. Cars began lining up in the parking lot, hours before the 10 a.m. start to a free giveaway of face masks/coverings, disposable gloves, and food. That line of cars would extend out the parking lot, onto the street of Indiana, and extending west to Detroit Ave.

In conjunction with Promedica, and the Lucas County Health Department, the Frederick Douglass Community Center, simply known as the "Doug," gave away 400 masks, and enough food to feed 200 families, according to Albert Earl, president of the board.

"The 43607 zip code is being hit the hardest, and so it only makes sense for us to do what we can to help," he said.

Dina Ramirez, a health educator for the SOR Program was passing out literature on drug usage, and how to seek help. Additionally, she was distributing free cans of Narcan, which is administered to drug users when they overdose on heroin.

"Since the outbreak of Covid-19, we've seen a spike in heroin use, particularly in the 43612, and 43609 zip codes," she said.

Shirley Porter was the first car in line to receive her free masks, and food. She wore a face covering while waiting.

"I love me some Shirley, that's why I have this over my face," she said. "I'll do anything to protect my life. As far as those people who don't wear masks, you have to know this virus doesn't

discriminate. You keep going without a mask, and you may come up with the virus; I tell my son the same thing, because he doesn't wear a mask," Ms. Porter said.

"I know I'm kind of far back, but it's worth the wait," said Deborah Rockett. "I'm retired, and have to different cancers, so I can't afford to miss out of a food giveaway, nor distribution of masks to protect me from Covid-19. I know two people, locally, who have died from the virus and others outside of Toledo; so this is a very serious matter to me," she said.



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Albert Earl, board president, and Marilyn Jones, volunteer, bring items to the cars so people don't have to get out.



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Cars were lined up as far back as Detroit Ave.

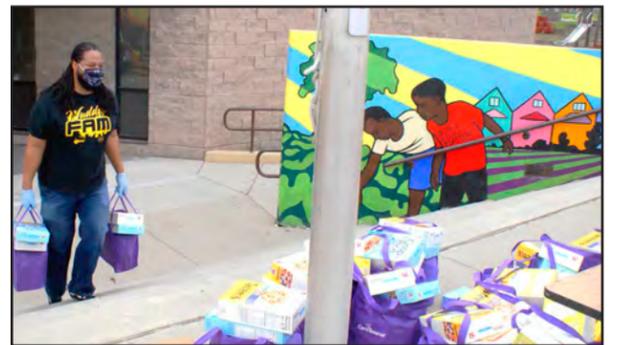


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Reggie Williams, executive director, said they weren't anticipating such a large turnout, but said he's glad they can help others out.



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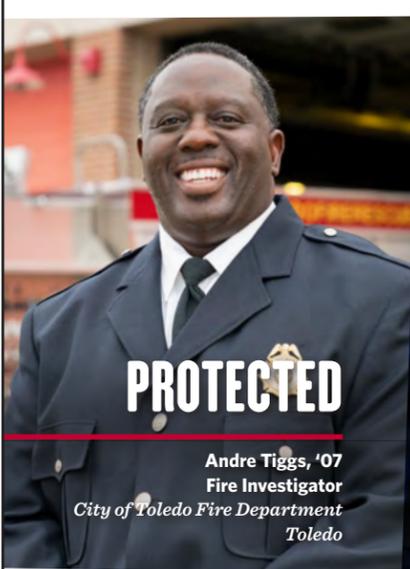
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David Ross, board member, made sure everyone had protective wear.

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Exactly what Does COVID-19 Do to your Lungs?



By Glenn Ellis
Wire Writer

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During the daily briefings, I've been extremely impressed by Dr. Anthony Fauci, the blunt-talking director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. While he is not disagreeable, he

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is not afraid to openly disagree with 45. He's been leading NA-IAD since 1984 and was instrumental in working on ways to contain the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The President seems so tone-deaf to Dr. Fauci's advice and the advice of Dr. Deborah Birx, the White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator. Previously, she served as the United States Global Coronavirus Response Coordinator. Watching her body language when 45 speaks suggests that she does not have to



contradict him verbally to make her displeasure. When he ignores the advice of these medical experts, he endangers our health. According to the President, there has been sufficient testing. Most experts disagree. He says that anyone who wants a test can get one. That's a bald-faced lie. Indeed Larry Hogan, the governor of Maryland, had to get 500,000 tests from South Korea because the federal government either didn't have them or would not distribute them.

Mr. Trump has missed no opportunity to praise himself for doing "a great job" in combatting the coronavirus. He has missed no opportunity to demean or condescend to the media. He has turned a severe world pandemic into a chance to bloviate, lie, and offer self-congratulations. I laugh to keep from screaming, even though since I'm sheltering in place, no one would hear me. While there is nothing funny about a virus that has, in just a couple of months, killed more than 50,000 people, some of the Trump remarks are amusing, amazing, and, ultimately, disgusting.

The White House attitude to-

ward the states also endangers our health. Disaster relief funds include money for hospitals. It also has money available for the states. But through a murky set of rules, the states cannot use the funds for state operations, only for COVID-19 related expenses. How do we tell the difference, especially when state operations (including health operations) are strained by the virus? Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says the states can go bankrupt. These attitudes are hazardous to our health.

The President is not concerned with our physical health, but with his political health. That is why he has sparred with governors, the press, and others. That's why he has been opposed to mail ballots, even as he casts them himself. That's why he has approached a dire situation with bluster and braggadocio. That's why he has failed to wear a mask, failing to model the kind of behavior all of us, including his acolytes, should emulate.

Scientists are looking for a vaccination against the coronavirus. Our nation needs protection against our President.



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The Role of the Black Church During a Pandemic



By Pastor Jamal Bryant
Senior Pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church

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Consequently, we are providing free groceries to 1000 families each week and we have entered a partnership with local hotels to provide free lodging and meals to our beleaguered doctors, nurses and allied health professionals.

This is the work of the church and it is not only having a major impact in the community; it is helping to attract souls to Christ and members to our church. To God be the glory for over 300 new members who have joined New Birth since

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April 20, 1954 to April 24, 2020

Mrs. Lacy-Bills, 66 passed away Friday, April 24, 2020. She worked at Blue Cross of CA in the company's Information Technology Department.

She is survived by husband, Robert Bills; children, Anika (Joe) Miller, Larry Darnell Lacy II, Tydolisha "Ty" de Shon Lacy, Lawrence Alexander Hayes and Loren Darnell Lacy Cole; "Bonus" children, Reggie (Bills, Judith "Judy" Duncan, Cindy Booker and Randy (Jessica) Bills; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held., Tuesday, May 5, 2020, preceded by a 10 a.m. Family Hour/ Wake, at the Jerusalem M. B. Church, 445 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Dr. W.L. Perryman, Pastor; Minister Johnny Hobbs, Officiant.

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Remembering Dr. Dorothy Irene Height

By Alexis M. Herman,
President of the Dorothy I. Height
Foundation

April 20, 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the death of our gentle but fearless leader and mentor, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height. This significant anniversary offers us an opportunity for reflection during these unprecedented times we are living in today.

Dr. Height undoubtedly was a creative, compassionate, and visionary leader. Her scholarship, travels and experiences shaped her understanding of power and how to navigate it with competence and kindness. Through the programs and initiatives she developed, she used her power to empower poor women and girls around the world.

During the early Civil Rights Movement when women worked behind the scenes, her quiet power brought wisdom and a social worker's perspective to deliberations and strategies of the "Big Six" civil rights leaders. With an understanding of the importance of power of location, she purchased a building in Washington, D.C. between the White House and the Capitol, the only African American-owned building along that corridor of power.

For decades, her political power was put to use serving as an advisor to five U.S. presidents. She led some of the largest and most influential women's organizations



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in American history, including her beloved National Council of Negro Women. And she achieved these accomplishments always wearing fabulous hats and an engaging smile.

While those achievements were immense, they pale in light of her greatest and most enduring accomplishments. During the turbulent times and critical issues that prevailed throughout her lifetime, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height was "A Bridge Over Troubled Waters." Her activism started as a teenager by bringing her peers together to nonviolently protest policies that prohibited African American children from swimming, debating or going to school with Caucasian youth.

Through programs she implemented, she was at the forefront of the Y.W.C.A. realizing its most significant lifelong mission, eradicating racism. None of these were simple or easy undertakings, yet she courageously pursued

what she knew to be right and good. Wherever the waters were troubled, she created a bridge, effective coalitions, and solutions.

Many of the critical issues of Dr. Height's era persist today. Over fifty years ago, she called attention to the health disparities related to social detriments, especially for Black women and the elderly. Chronic health conditions such as hypertension, heart disease and diabetes were always at the forefront for education and outreach to our communities.

Today with thousands impacted by COVID-19 and millions who are unemployed, the consequences of these same health disparities are more apparent than ever. The troubled waters we now face have washed waves of reminders of the work our country still has to do. Leaders are searching for answers, managing fears and anxiety, and competing for vital resources in their communities.

In these turbulent, frightening, and uncertain times, we are called to embrace Dr. Height's spirit of direct action, by courageously bridging the waters with viable solutions, to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters, to hold leaders accountable for environmental and social justice policies, to provide food for the many who are in need today, to protect and defend the right to vote, to be the voice of the voiceless, and to lead with purpose and passion toward a just and safe society.

In Memory Of



Mr. Earl Byron Mitchell

Let's Celebrate the Life of Mr. Earl Byron Mitchell

Earl B. Mitchell departed his Life on
April 01, 2020

A Native of Jamaica, He moved to Toledo, Ohio. He studied Business Administration and Graduated with high honors.

Mr. Mitchell was employed at Owens-Corning-Fiberglas Corp. There he became The Corporate Fleet Administrator for 25 years. Earl retired from O/C and continued his Heart-Felt desire, at The International Institute. Earl has served on The Institute's Board of Directors for over eleven years and served Two terms as The President of The Board.

He was also, A member of National Association of Fleet Administrators, Inc. (NAFA) serving 30 years of services.

Mr. Mitchell served on the board of, The National Association of Jamaican and Supportive Organizations, Inc (NAJASO), as Treasurer, Vice President and Convention Chair.

Earl of Mitchell and Associates was a man that loved serving people of whatever needs that they had/was going through.

Earl was The President of The Jamaican Cultural and Social Club in Toledo, Ohio for Forty-Five Years, which was the First West Indian Cultural Center in Ohio. There's not enough words of all the Activities, Projects and Endeavors, that "Earl Mitchell" Initiated or Participated in while committing himself to Goals, Missions and Objectives with Pride and Affection, for forty-five years of public services.

Earl faced Life with his Strong Faith in God.
He Will Be Truly Missed by Many.

Black Church

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we suspended our in-person worship a month ago.

I am proud of what we are doing at New Birth but there are plenty of other churches who have stepped up in a major way even if they are less heralded, barely noticed and never celebrated.

It is disheartening to see so much misinformation gain momentum and to see the church chastised and rebuked in haste and seemingly at will.

The church is needed now more than ever

and as we emerge from this recent Easter holiday, I am praying for my comrades of the gospel and I am hopeful that we as a people will be less antagonistic towards the body of Christ and that God will resurrect our hopes, restore our compassion and revive our love and interdependency on one another.

These times are challenging, stressful and unprecedented; it calls for all of us to raise our game and our consciousness in the hopes that we will emerge as a stronger, better connected community.

Exactly what does COVID-19 do to your lungs?

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should not be used internally, "Under no circumstances should our disinfectant products be administered into the human body through injection, ingestion, or any other route," a Lysol spokesperson told NBC News. A day later, he attempted to explain his remarks, but he outright lied about what he said.

Is 45 this ignorant, or is he merely deflecting from the many mistakes he has made, as our nation's leader, in combatting the deadly and highly infectious virus? From urging people to go to church on Easter Sunday (he took it back), to telling states they can open for business before testing results are back, he has taken the nation's health into his hands and imperiled our collective health as a result. Not to mention his enthusiastic embrace of hydroxychloroquine, touting it in several press briefings as a "game-changer." The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has cautioned against the use of the drug except in a hospital setting or clinical trial. Did 45 ask for their advice? Or did he go to med school when none of us were looking?

During the daily briefings, I've been extremely impressed by Dr. Anthony Fauci, the blunt-talking director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. While he is not disagreeable, he is not afraid to openly disagree with 45. He's been leading NAIAD since 1984 and was instrumental in working on ways to contain the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The President seems so tone-deaf to Dr. Fauci's advice and the advice of Dr. Deborah Birx, the White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator. Previously, she served as the United States Global Coronavirus Response Coordinator. Watching her body language when 45 speaks suggests that she does not have to contradict him verbally to make her displeasure. When he ignores the advice of these medical experts, he endangers our health. According to the President, there has been sufficient testing. Most experts disagree.

He says that anyone who wants a test can get one. That's a bald-faced lie. Indeed Larry Hogan, the governor of Maryland, had to get 500,000 tests from South Korea because the federal government either didn't have them or would not distribute them.

Mr. Trump has missed no opportunity to praise himself for doing "a great job" in combatting the coronavirus. He has missed no opportunity to demean or condescend to the media. He has turned a severe world pandemic into a chance to bloviate, lie, and offer self-congratulations. I laugh to keep from screaming, even though since I'm sheltering in place, no one would hear me. While there is nothing funny about a virus that has, in just a couple of months, killed more than 50,000 people, some of the Trump remarks are amusing, amazing, and, ultimately, disgusting.

The White House attitude toward the states also endangers our health. Disaster relief funds include money for hospitals. It also has money available for the states. But through a murky set of rules, the states cannot use the funds for state operations, only for COVID-19 related expenses. How do we tell the difference, especially when state operations (including health operations) are strained by the virus? Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says the states can go bankrupt. These attitudes are hazardous to our health.

The President is not concerned with our physical health, but with his political health. That is why he has sparred with governors, the press, and others. That's why he has been opposed to mail ballots, even as he casts them himself. That's why he has approached a dire situation with bluster and braggadocio. That's why he has failed to wear a mask, failing to model the kind of behavior all of us, including his acolytes, should emulate.

Scientists are looking for a vaccination against the coronavirus. Our nation needs protection against our President.

CDC's Prescription: Individual Housing for People Experiencing Homelessness During COVID-19 and Beyond



National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty

Washington, DC –The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated their official guidance on COVID-19 to include sheltered homeless populations, stating, "Depending on resources and staff availability, non-group housing options (such as hotels/motels) that have individual rooms should be considered for the overflow, quarantine, and protective housing sites." The CDC's guidance for unsheltered populations already emphasizes that "Unless individual housing units are available, do not clear encampments during community spread of COVID-19." The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty (the Law Center) is grateful for the CDC's guidance, and hopes governments will use it as a baseline to build upon.

This new guidance comes as new stories of widespread asymptomatic spread at congregate homeless shelters in San Francisco,

Boston, Dallas, Los Angeles and other cities are emerging. The Law Center has pushed the effort to house people experiencing homelessness in hotels, motels, and/or RVs for the duration of the crisis, and to make sure they never have to return to the streets after the crisis is over.

"We call on hotel owners—and especially those who have been helped with our public dollars through the federal relief package—to act in the public good and make it easy for communities to follow the CDC guidance to quickly place people experiencing homelessness into their vacant rooms for the duration of the pandemic," stated Maria Foscarinis, Executive Director at the Law Center. "We also urge elected officials to use vacant federal, state, and local properties for emergency housing and as a space to help transition people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing after COVID-19."

The CDC also emphasizes that communities

should "plan for how to connect clients to housing opportunities after they have completed their stay in these temporary sites." Elevating conversations on housing services post-COVID-19 allows us to step back and think about the long-term solutions we need to end homelessness.

"Given what we now know about the aerosolization of COVID-19 and asymptomatic spread, it is inexcusable for communities not to be moving people into individual housing units as quickly as safely possible," said Eric Tars, legal director at the Law Center. "And to prevent the next wave of COVID-19, we need to make sure we are building the capacity so that once people are off the streets or out of shelters, there are permanent places for them to stay, and no one ever returns to the streets. Housing is healthcare, and both are human rights that need to be guaranteed to all, for all of our good."

The CDC Guidance is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html>

The Law Center's recommendations and other best practices from across the country are available here: <https://nlchp.org/coronavirus/>.



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COMING EVENTS

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We will have materials available for the special in the coming weeks at its PBS PressRoom page. On Friday at 9:00 p.m. ET (check local listings), as well as streaming on all station-branded PBS platforms, including PBS.org and the PBS Video App, available on iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, YouTube TV and Chromecast.

Area Office on Aging Postpones Its Senior Prom May 8th and May 19th Spring Fling Events
 The AOoA and Toledo Public Schools' Senior Prom event has been tentatively rescheduled for a date yet-to-be-determined in the fall at the same venue. Those who already purchased tickets for the sold out event have the following three options:

1. Hold onto their purchased ticket, which will be accepted on the rescheduled date.
2. Mail tickets to the following address along with the name and return address for the refund check to be mailed to you:
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 Attn: Fiscal Dept.
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3. **Donate the cash from their purchased ticket to the AOoA's Coronavirus Emergency Fund.**
 The AOoA's Spring Fling event has been tentatively rescheduled for a date yet-to-be-determined at the same venue. Organizations that have already purchased a booth for the event have the following three options:

1. Have their payment applied to a booth at the May 19th event.
2. Contact the AOoA at 419-382-0624 for a refund,

or
3. Donate the cash from their purchased booth to the AOoA's Coronavirus Emergency Fund.

May 13th and May 20th
Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers: Middle Stage Educational Program Offered Virtually
 The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will be presenting a two-part virtual educational program. During the educational workshops, caregivers and professionals will provide strategies on how to provide safe and effective care for your loved one. Each session is from 3:30- 5 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The free workshops, which are open to the public. To register for the programs, call 800.272.3900. Local staff is available during business hours at 419.537.1999.

June 7th
The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church Will Be Celebrating The 55th Pastoral Appreciation & The 70th Wedding Anniversary
 Rev. Dr. John E. & First Lady Mother Bernice Roberts Sunday at 10:50 AM and 3:30 PM. Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. John Williams, Pastor will be our afternoon guests. Please come help us celebrate the angel the Lord has given us!

BLACK HISTORY

May 10, 1775: Black patriots helped capture Fort Ticonderoga.

May 6, 1787: First black Masonic Lodge founded Prince Hall, Boston.

May 7, 1867: Ride-ins staged by black demonstrators to protest segregation on New Orleans street-cars.

May 9, 1899: John Albert Burr patented an improved blade for the lawn mower.

May 8, 1950: Jackie Robinson, first time an African American is featured on the cover of Life

May 12, 1958: Summit Meeting of National Negro Leaders called for stepped up campaign against discrimination and desegregation.

May 2, 1962: Dr. King is invited to join the protests in Birmingham, Ala., about the city's segregation system.

May 11, 1981: Hoyt J. Fuller (57), literary critic and editor of First World magazine and former editor of Black World, dies in Atlanta.

A Five-Step Mind-Set for Moving Forward



By W. Eric Croomes
Wire Writer

There are few people who were born with a silver spoon in their mouth. Most of us have come or are coming up the rough side of the mountain. We have had our share of disappointments, setbacks and letdowns. If your goals have not been achieved and your dreams have been shattered; if you have seen the downside of up far too many times, I want you to know you are in the right place for empowerment.

Men, you are poised to move forward! The Creator has already given you the tools for success. You have within you what the eminent professor Jan Christian Smuts called the 'power of self-direction'. This God-given power allows you to learn from your mistakes, rise above your circumstances and live victoriously. Are you ready to move forward?

You are empowered. You are enabled. Follow this simple five-step roadmap to think, live and move forward!

Step#1
Assume Responsibility for Where You Are

In the creation narrative, the Creator rouses Adam from his circumstances with a simple yet profound question, "Adam, where are you?" I believe God essentially does likewise with us at the dawn of each day we awaken; God asks us, "Where are you?"

Your answer invariably requires that you be brutally honest with yourself. Never mind where others believe you to be, where are you? What's working or not working? When you answer this question, do not attach judgment. Do not lament your circumstance. There are not too many people who are exactly where they want to be in life. Resolutely declare that the buck stops here! George Bernard Shaw writes, We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.

Step#2
Influence Do Not Control
Do a quick inventory of your life. Look back at the events and experiences you were able to control versus influence. I think you will agree that the happiest of moments came when you were able to influence rather than control events in your life. Here's the principle: What we invent can be controlled. What was invented outside of us can only be influenced.

You can control only one thing in life that matters: Your attitude. The sooner you learn that important distinction, the more rewarding life you will experience. Orison Swett Marden long ago wrote, The man who practices unselfishness will be an everlasting influence wherever he goes.

Step#3
Determine Where you Wish to Go

What is the life you imagine? What do you want? Where would you like to end up? See the end result and begin there. Do not allow yourself to be de-

finied by others. Most people are too often shaped by opinions. In effect, they are living their 'assigned' dream – the dream that others have designed for them. Don't let that be you! Time to dream on your own. Develop a vision for your life. Never mind what's happened behind you. It's time to get an idea of where you want to go. Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others, writes Jonathan Swift. There is value in culling ideas from others; do not be afraid to seek counsel. In the end, though, you must make the determination that is best for your life.

Step#4
Stop Waiting for the Calvary
The Calvary is not coming! Nobody is coming to rescue you. A huge mental cottage industry has been constructed in our community that we are simply to wait and wait and wait. Too often God is used as a crutch; we keep saying we are waiting on God. God is constantly asking 'what's your move?' I am reminded of Dr. Martin Luther King's seminal book at the height of the Civil Rights Movement, Why We Can't Wait. Develop your own personal declaration of 'why I can't wait!' Do not confuse the Creator's wisdom and providence for inactivity and the attitude of 'do nothing'. Stand up and a move forward like the conqueror you are! W. Clement Stone opined, Thinking will not overcome fear but action will.

Step#5
Keep Moving
What lies ahead? Look for potential roadblocks as well as victories. But be careful not to allow obstacles to become reasons for not moving. As one street sign puts, "Don't park here."
What do you have to do to get past the roadblocks? Make a plan. Execute it again and again and again. Retool it if need be. Re-launch and keep moving.

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The Creator has already given you the tools for success. You have within you what the eminent professor Jan Christian Smuts called the 'power of self-direction'. This God-given power allows you to learn from your mistakes, rise above your circumstances and live victoriously. Are you ready to move forward?
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Too many people become unnerved when they cannot see two steps ahead. But, as a headlight is designed to illuminate the next one hundred sixty feet, so must you trust your instinct and know that the path is always illuminated – even in our darkest hours.

In Luke 9:62, Jesus Christ admonishes, No man who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God.

We have inside of us everything we need to think, live and move forward in life! Pastor W. Eric Croomes is a motivational speaker and author. You can reach him at PastorCroomes@Outlook.com or on Facebook at Pastor W. Eric Croomes.

8-Year Old Rapper, Super Kennedy, Catches the Attention of Cardi B



Submitted

Fredericksburg, VA — Chart-topper Cardi B is taking notice of a young rapper in the making who hails from Fredericksburg. After Kennedy O'Neal recently dropped a remix to the chart topper's popular single, "Money," the hip hop queen quickly took notice and showed the young rising artist some social media love courtesy of Instagram.

"I was so excited and surprised when Cardi B saw my remix to her song. I worked so hard on it, and for someone of her talent and caliber to react so positively to it, it means a lot. I'm a big fan of hers," Kennedy said.

Kennedy's "Money" remix attracted Cardi B's attention after the Insta-

gram account for FroBabies, which has more than 772,000 followers and focuses on empowering children of color, posted a video clip of the 8-year-old's music video with the caption "Super Kennedy does a remix to Cardi B's 'Money.' She is teaching kids to save and invest." It wasn't long before Cardi B responded to the post with "I loveeee it."

"I really do like Cardi B. She is opinionated and voices her views, in spite of unpopular opinions of others. I admire that and do the same thing in my music. When it comes to saving at a young age and financial responsibility, I go by what I have learned from my parents. My goal is to get the message out to kids that Saving and Investing is Awe-

some!" Kennedy said. Kennedy first entered that national spotlight after appearing on Good Morning America in 2018 to talk about the release of her debut book, The Adventures Of Super Kennedy: Saving & Investing! Just like her latest single, the book teaches kids the importance of financial re-sponsibility and saving at a young age.

But it's not just Cardi B or "GMA" who've taken notice of Kennedy's "financial movement"—so has Kaavia Union Wade who has more than 1.1 million followers on Instagram. She is the daughter of NBA Legend Dwyane Wade and his wife, actress Gabrielle Union.

"I love dancing to 'Piggy Bank' Keep it up!" she wrote on a recent Instagram post.

"I am grateful and really appreciate the exposure that Cardi B, GMA, Kaavia and even the lo-cal media have brought to my work," Kennedy said. "The more kids that understand the importance of saving and investing at a young age, the more financially secure they will be as adults."

To learn more, visit www.superkennedy.com

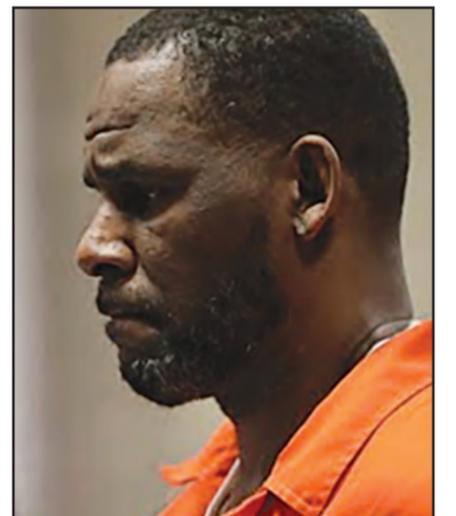
Judge Denies R. Kelly's 2nd Attempt to Get Released From Prison Because of COVID-19 Risk

Nationwide — For the second time, a judge has ordered that R. Kelly should remain in prison despite his requests to be released on bail due to the coronavirus pandemic.

U.S. District Judge Ann M. Donnelly acknowledged Kelly's first claims that the conditions at the Metropolitan Correctional Center have worsened since the spread of the coronavirus. However, she noted that, based on provided evidence, the singer is not uniquely at risk to contract the virus.

Kelly then argued in his second attempt that he is not a flight risk as he said he showed up for scheduled court appearances. The judge still denied it as Kelly is facing additional charges for allegedly tampering with witnesses.

"Given the pandemic, where the judicial system's oversight capabilities are curtailed, these measures simply are not viable — they cannot ensure that a defendant with a history, incentive and opportunity to interfere with potential witnesses will not do so," Donnelly said.



Meanwhile, authorities said that an inmate on the same floor Kelly is jailed has recently been taken to the hospital due to COVID-19. The judge's decision still did not change despite that.

Kelly has been in the Metropolitan Correctional Center before he faces trial on obstruction of justice, racketeering and child pornography charges in New York. He is also facing several sex crime charges in Chicago and Minnesota.

Majority of NFL First Round Picks Have Black Agents

By Stacy M. Brown
 NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

Three years ago, The Undeclared featured Adisa Bakari, a former Division I-AA football player and founder of The Sports & Entertainment Group, a Washington, D.C.-based sports agency that represents some of the top athletes in the NFL and professional boxing.

After three seasons and realizing that a playing career wasn't in the cards, Bakari mapped out a successful plan to represent athletes.

For African American sports agents like Bakari, the NFL represents a unique opportunity to represent athletes of color.

The most recent demographics show that 70 percent of the NFL's approximately 1,700 players are black.

Over three days, beginning Thursday, April 23, about 256 young men were selected by NFL teams in the 2020 draft. What's more, the Washington Post reported that for the first time in NFL history, more than half of the players selected in the first round of the draft were represented by Black agents.

It is the first round that guarantees the new college graduates million-dollar contracts and generation-altering wealth.



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People look at a young Black kid and think, 'What can he really do for me?' I still get that to this day, to be honest with you, and I've been in the business for a while. I think you have a lot of players now who feel they don't have to go with the status quo.

Seventeen of the 32 selections Thursday night counted African Americans among their representatives. (More than one agent represents some players.) The scattered remote locations did nothing to diminish the significance of the milestone for a group of elite, mostly under-40, African American agents.

They all say they've dealt with what they describe as implicit bias when making their pitches to families of all colors.

"I don't think families entertained

having an African American agent for a long time," agent David Mulugheta, who led the list with four first-rounders, told the Post.

"People look at a young Black kid and think, 'What can he really do for me?' I still get that to this day, to be honest with you, and I've been in the business for a while. I think you have a lot of players now who feel they don't have to go with the status quo."

The newspaper broke down the agents in their selections (agents and the players):

- David Mulugeta – Isaiah Simmons, Jordan Love, A.J. Terrell, K'Lavon Chaisson
- Demarius Bilbo – Chase Young, Jeff Okudah, Mekhi Becton
- Tory Dandy – CeeDee Lamb, Cesar Ruiz
- Nicole Lynn – Jedrick Wills
- Rocky Arceneaux – Clyde Edwards
- Brian Overstreet – Jeff Gladney
- Stanley Wiltz – Patrick Queen
- Tracy Latrigue – Damon Arnette
- Jovan Barnes – Henry Ruggs III
- Charles Fisher – C.J. Henderson
- John Thornton – Andrew Thomas

All the contacted agents pointed to the late Eugene Parker as the "godfather" of Black agents who inspired many to pursue careers in the field, the Post noted. Parker, who died in 2016 at age 60, represented Hines Ward, Emmitt Smith, and Walter Jones, among others, and is often described as the first Black "super agent."

"Eugene set the tone for all Black agents," Lynn said.

Mulugheta added that "seeing him told a lot of people that you don't need to be an athlete to stay involved in sports. Growing up, I never saw a Black agent, so that wasn't something I saw as possible, but once I was leaving college, that's when I found out about Eugene Parker."

Check Engine Light On? Could Be A Faulty O2 Sensor

Submitted

(Car Care Council) - According to the annual CarMD® Vehicle Health Index™ one of the most common check engine light repairs is replacing the oxygen sensor. This relatively minor repair can be costly if neglected, leading to as much as 40 percent lower fuel efficiency, causing further damage to your vehicle's exhaust system and adversely impacting the environment.

"Vehicles with faulty oxygen sensors typically seem to drive and handle well, but the malfunction can dramatically decrease fuel efficiency and lead to costlier repairs if ignored," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "A faulty oxygen sensor means your vehicle is emitting more pollutants and if the check engine light is illuminated, it may not pass vehicle emissions testing in those states requiring it for vehicle registration."

A vehicle's oxygen sensors are mounted in the exhaust system; they monitor the catalytic converter's operation and the level of oxygen in exhaust gases to maintain efficient engine operation. The best way to prevent an oxygen sensor failure is to follow a regular service schedule, including routine oil changes.

Unlike the past nine years of the annual CarMD report, costly catalytic converter replacement edged out O2 sensor replacement as the most common check engine light repair. Catalytic converters do not typically fail unless maintenance and other repairs are ignored or the vehicle is older. Average vehicle age has increased from 10.6 years to 11.7 years over the past decade, contributing to this outcome.



"It is important that car owners check the reason

for an illuminated check engine light without delay and make necessary maintenance to avoid more costly repairs, like catalytic converter replacement, down the road," said White. "If you find your vehicle needs service, call your trusted local repair shop as automotive repair is considered an essential service."

The Car Care Council's popular Car Care Guide features helpful information about the check engine light. Available in English and Spanish, a free printed copy of the 80-page Car Care Guide can be ordered by visiting www.carcare.org/car-care-guide.

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Jenai Hicklin, Survivor

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now died in the United States with confirmed cases nearing one million. Demographic data has showed that across the nation black people are disproportionately contracting and dying from Covid-19. In the state of Ohio and Lucas County respectively, both Governor Mike DeWine and Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz have acknowledged this disturbing trend.

Ms. Hicklin said that she personally knows four African-American people in Toledo including two friends that have died after contracting the virus.

"It's unfortunate at this point in time that with so much

that has happened our people are not getting it. But because this happened to me, I'm going to keep letting you all know how serious this is because I don't want to bury anybody else," Ms. Hicklin said. "It almost feels like it's becoming a conspiracy that has happened on purpose because a lot of brown and black people have died."

Ms. Hicklin continued, "This isn't anything to play with. Please, please, please wear your masks and get disposable gloves. And disposable means throw them away. Don't cross contaminate. Don't go to Walmart wear the gloves and them turnaround and then use those same gloves to drive your car home."

While in recovery, Ms. Hicklin says God has placed her on assignment. She is currently posting daily inspiration on her public Facebook page, and speaking out about her experience and the gravity of the coronavirus epidemic for individuals and minority communities.

When asked to encapsulate her message to brown and black people in one statement, she said, "Please let your life be worth something to you."

"My son is my pastor and I worship in Detroit at New Bethel Baptist Church (on 2nd Sundays). I do Bible study at the Sparrows Nest on the 3rd Monday's and I fed the homeless on 1st / 4th Sundays," Ms. Hicklin added.

TARTA Thanks Community for Supporting Issue 3

By Laura Koprowski
TARTA Chief Communications and Customer Experience Officer

Lucas County voters sent a strong message of support to the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA), as they approved the renewal of a 10-year, 1 mill property tax set to begin in 2021. Final, unofficial

results from the Lucas County Board of Elections, show the issue passed with 66.46% percent of the vote.

"The ballot results demonstrate our community knows the importance of public transit and TARTA especially during a crisis," expressed Board President Daniel Woodcock.

"On behalf of the board, employees and riders of our system, thank you

to the Lucas County community for its support of Issue 3. We will serve Northwest Ohio through COVID and beyond."

The renewal funding allows the continuance of critical public transit service and access including: Fixed Route Service, TARPS Paratransit, Call-A-Ride and Express Service.

TARTA is also currently exploring a

more sustainable and equitable funding structure to address growing mobility needs of Northwest Ohio residents, businesses and communities. Increased local funding would allow TARTA to restore Sunday service, increase service frequency and hours for second and third shift workers, and introduce new technology features to enhance the customer experience.

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MAY 11 @ 6 P.M.

Staying Connected: LGBTQ Resources Beyond COVID-19

Panelists



Elijah Jones
Mental Health Recovery Services Board

Sheena Barnes
Director of Equality Toledo

Nick Komives
Toledo City Council Member

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To uphold the mission of serving our community, applicants must meet the following requirements for all TARTA positions:

- A background worthy of public trust; a background check free from infractions and driver's license suspensions
- High School Diploma/GED
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- 2 years driving experience (any vehicle)
- Minimum of 2 years valid driver's license
- Safe driving record (less than 2 points)
- Legally able to work in the United States



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