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## Outdoor summer concert series for seniors features a free performance by Ramona Collins



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Some of those in attendance didn't let masks stop them from dancing.



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Over 60 cars filled the parking lot.



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Ms. Collins' singing had people exiting their cars, and dancing in the parking lot.



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Minister Barry Willis and his fiancée, Dana Cumberland dance throughout the performance.



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Ramona Collins told her audience she was going to sing songs that reminded everyone about the good times from back in the day.

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN  
Journal Staff Writer

Recognizing the fact the coronavirus has limited, and in many cases stopped, the movement of seniors in Toledo, the J Frank Troy Senior Center and Warren AME Church jointly sponsored a free concert on Thursday, August 8. The event was held in the parking lot of the senior center, 545 Indiana Ave, which

it shares with the church.

Instead of chairs being lined next to each other, concert goers drove their cars into the parking lot, and safely enjoyed the concert given for free by Ramona Collins, local jazz legend.

Debra Jelk, chairperson of the Christian Education Department of the church, told The Toledo Journal that the event was all about honoring the seniors during

the challenging time of the pandemic.

"We wanted the seniors to get the opportunity to leave their homes and enjoy a free and safe concert by Ms. Collins," she said.

Further, free meals were delivered to the cars of all those in attendance.

A few of the songs Ms. Collins would perform were, "Just my Imagination," by the Temptations, "For the love of

you," by the Isley Brothers, and, "A lovely day," by Bill Withers.

"We're all seniors here today, so I want to perform songs that remind us of back in the day," she told her audience.

And after each song, the audience would honk their horns, instead of applaud. Several people, couldn't resist the temptation to dance, and

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# Don't let an undercount erase the ones you love.

Communities are as rich and diverse as their needs. That's why completing the 2020 Census matters. Every household counted contributes to their community's funding for critical public services like healthcare, special needs, and public transportation. Census takers are now visiting homes to help households respond to the 2020 Census. All census takers will be wearing masks and following local safety guidelines. This is your chance to make a change, don't miss it! **It's not too late.**

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Will it be harder studying at home then at school?



**Takayla Carter, 15**  
Central Catholic

It'll be harder studying at home. There are too many distractions at home; siblings, friends, phone. I'm more of a visual learner, and need the school environment.



**Kimberly Carter, 10**  
Pickett Elementary

It's easier at school. I work well at school. If I stay at home I'll be on my phone.



**Nyjah Carter, 12**  
Pickett Elementary

It's easier at school. At school the teacher helps you think. At home it's harder to think.



**Jordan Banks, 11**  
Imagine Clay

It's easier to learn at home. Corona is scary. At home, you can do your work when you want to, and eat when you want to.



**Ezra Womack, 13**  
Central Catholic

It's harder to learn at home. At home, you could finish your school work, and it'll get lost. At school, when you're finished with the work, you can turn it in right away. You just learn more at school. And you get to see your friends at school.



**Symmiah Banks, 5**  
Imagine Clay

School is better because it's funner. I can play and see my friends. I don't want to do school work at home.



**Synniah Banks, 9**  
Imagine Clay

Staying at home is easier. I don't like the corona. It's easier to do school work at home. I focus better at home.



**M'akayla Carter, 10**  
Pickett Elementary

I'm smart. I love math, science and art so I can study at home.

Ongoing Events

**Grace Community Center Free 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.

**Every Tuesday and Saturday**

**Toledo Masjid Al-Islam Through Tarbiyyatul Haqq Ministries Food Pantry**

Located at 722 E. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43608. Available Tues. 9-2 and Sat 11-3 every week. Free

**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

**Every Tuesday**

**Monroe Street Neighborhood Center's Free Food Pantry**

Open from 11:00am-1:00pm. Everyone is eligible to benefit from this service regardless of income or circumstance. No identification required, no appointments necessary. Protein, canned goods, fresh produce and baked goods are available. Items may vary weekly.

**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.*

**Mask Distribution for Toledo Residents**

Masks will be given away at the next two recycling events, in partnership with Engage Toledo and Code Enforcement. Distribution will take place on August 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each adults will be allowed to take three disposable masks free-of-charge.

**Longfellow Elementary School**  
**1955 West Laskey Rd. Toledo, Ohio 43613**  
**August 22, 2020, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Masks will be given out at one of three drive through mask giveaways at city parks. On Wednesday - August 12 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Masks will be available for anyone who drives through. Each adult will be allowed to take three disposable masks free-of-charge.

**Connecting Kids To Meals Continues To Feed Kids This Summer**

Connecting Kids to Meals has been feeding hungry, at-risk kids for more than 17 years. Some of the trusted partners where meals are served include schools, libraries, churches, community centers, parks, and other locations where children gather. Last year, about 540,000 nutritious meals were provided to kids during out-of-school time. To learn more, visit [ConnectingKidsToMeals.org](http://ConnectingKidsToMeals.org).

**Summer Park Programs**

The City of Toledo is proud to partner with Athletes Global, a global organization dedicated to helping youth, families, and communities by teaching leadership skills through educational, fitness, and sports programs.

Zumba Kids classes are high energy dance parties that incorporate fitness in a natural way. Children of all shapes, sizes, and abilities are welcome! Ages 8-13. Free Registration Required: [toledo.oh.gov/zumba](http://toledo.oh.gov/zumba)

- Savage Park: Aug. 14th, 12:30-1:30 p.m. - 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604

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- Navarre Park: Aug. 13th, 11:15-12:15 p.m. - 1001 White St., Toledo, Ohio 43605

- Wilson Park: Aug. 12th, 10-11 a.m., 600 E. Oakland St., Toledo, Ohio 43608
- Ottawa Park: Aug. 13th, 11:15-12:15 p.m., 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43606

**Now Thru Aug. 14th**

**Free Summer Children Lunch Program**

Food will be provided free to children Monday through Friday, Now to Aug. 14 through a partnership with the Children's Hunger Alliance for the City of Toledo's Children Feeding Program. (While supplies last. No need to pre-register.) Children's Hunger Alliance staff will be at the following parks, Monday through Friday:

- Wilson Park, 600 East Oakland St., Toledo, Ohio 43608, under the open air shelter, 11-11:45 a.m.
- Navarre Park, 1001 White St., Toledo, Ohio 43605, pool house/parking lot, 12:15-1 p.m.
- Savage Park, 650 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604, under the open air shelter, 1:30-2:15 p.m.
- Walbridge Park, 2761 Broadway, Toledo 43609, under the open air shelter, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- Ottawa Park, 2200 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo 43606, under the open air shelter, 12:15-1 p.m.

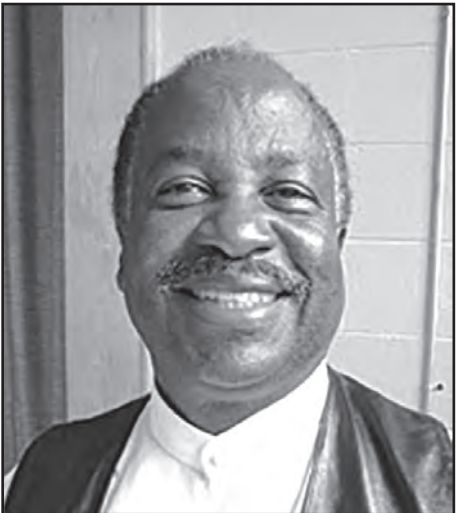
**Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling**

Acceptable items include electronic waste, but no televisions, CRT monitors, or appliances; 10 tires, on or off the rim, but no commercial tires; documents; houseware goods; clothing; toys; bulky items, and refuse. Latex paint will be accepted for \$1 per gallon. Representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau will also be present to inform residents about the importance of completing the census. Future Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Events are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:

- Aug. 22 at Longfellow Elementary School, 1955 West Laskey Rd.
- Sept. 12 at Good Shepherd Church, 3934 West Laskey Rd.
- Sept. 19 at the Toledo Zoo, Anthony Wayne Trail, parking lot, 2 Hippo Way (this event is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- Sept. 26 at Friendship Park, 2930 131st St.

For more information please call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or visit [www.toledo.oh.gov](http://www.toledo.oh.gov).

# “Oh, When Those Cotton Balls Get Rotten...”



By Lafe Tolliver,  
Attorney

Recognize the above partial piece from a song about cotton and how those old cotton fields back home can turn rotten?

Yeah, cotton balls do get rotten when they get wet and then it is hard to dry them out so they can be machined by the then, cotton gin.

So, recently you may have heard the august (?) senator from Arkansas, Tom Cotton (yes, that is his real last name) state that slavery was a “necessary evil” in the building of America but it (slavery) was on a path to extinction (Huh...?).

Tom Cotton was doing his usual cow-towing to Herr Trump and he lied or was grossly mistaken when he said the founding fathers uttered such a heinous remark.

For the record, there is no such remarks by any of the founding fathers as Tom Cotton tries to furiously walk back such racist drivel.

For an unrepentant historical revisionist, such as Senator Cotton, his view of Black people is harmful, vile; and clearly shows that Tom Cotton is woefully ignorant of American History.

Imagine even trying to get your mouth and lips to utter such doggerel and you, at the same time, are trying to sound like an intellectual. It just goes to show you that being a Harvard law grad is no guarantee of having any common sense or racial sensibilities.

For Tom Cotton, this is what slavery being, “a necessary evil” can easily connote:

[1] human trafficking for the good of the nascent US of A was acceptable because it was referring to black people, whom as we know, were not equal in humanity to white people.

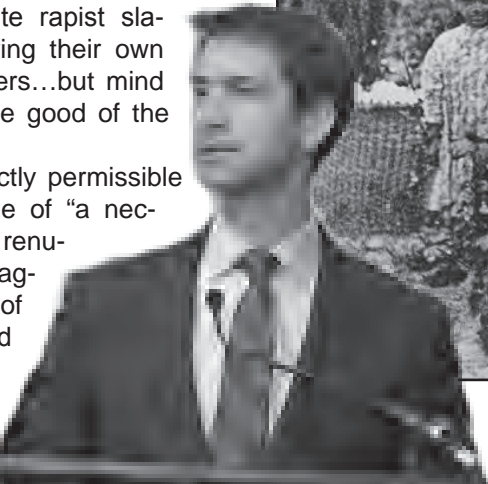
[2] rape of the female slave was permitted since a “necessary evil” covers a host of wrongs including white slavers raping black women and disregarding the progeny thereof. That means, white rapist slavers were enslaving their own sons and daughters...but mind you, it was for the good of the country!

[3] it was perfectly permissible under the doctrine of “a necessary evil” that remuneration or wages for millions of black people and over hundreds of years was denied because due to that free slave labor, the US of A was able to amass a critical amount of capital by which to become a world superpower.

[4] the implementation of Jim Crow laws and thousands of lynchings, plantation tortures and the selling of family members was also covered under this “necessary evil” that Senator Cotton speaks of.

[5] the rise of the domestic terrorist groups, The KKK and the White Citizens Council were needed in order to ensure that this “necessary evil” held in bondage and fear those who were deemed as mere chattel and not people.

[6] the ongoing legacy of slavery resulting in segregation, discrimination and outright voter suppression was



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merely inconvenient collateral damage as a result of this “necessary evil”.

[7] the word, “necessary” bespeaks of being required for a cause or a purpose and for Senator Cotton, that stained and ugly purpose was to elevate white people as superior over black people and thereby to give them cover for racism, both blatant and subtle.

[8] the word “evil” bespeaks of a malignant heart and accompanying putrid thoughts that were not reined in by either the white slavers and the early colonial states that explicitly made

laws that tamped down any dissent from the oppressed.

[9] Senator Cotton, like so many delusional white people who are intentionally clueless about their history, wants to sound civil and rational about his words but when confronted with their abusive intents, he tries to retract

those words by saying, “I did not say that”!

[10] When Tom Cotton goes on to wax about the beautiful language in the Declaration of Independence, he, like so many ignorant white people, simply glosses over the stated words of “Liberty and Freedom for all” and curiously denies how those words can not apply to people in bondage.

The writers of the Declaration of Independence (all White) never intended for Native Americans or people of color to be deemed as being the equal benefactors of those words of liberty and freedom.

There was never a time that White America purposely set the early American democratic dinner table with placemats, chairs and forks and knives for black people and for them to drink out of the same water jug.

Never.  
It has always been a constant struggle to make White America strive to even attempt to live up to those liberating words in that empowering document.

So now we have another Senator issuing a lot of blather and gibberish about a subject that he knows not of and he wants to sound as if he is some fount of wisdom.

Slavery...a necessary evil. Think on that for five minutes.  
Lafe Tolliver, Attorney

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## We Don't Need Trump's Thugs in Chicago

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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - “Hitler had his Brown shirts and Mussoli-

ni had his Black shirts, now Donald Trump has his camouflage shirts.” Thus began a statement signed by 15 distinguished interdenominational religious leaders in Chicago that I joined, including ministers, priests, and rabbis.

Comparisons to Hitler are always explosive, but the comparison is apt. “Hitler’s bullyboys,” the statement continues, “operated on the fringes or outside of the law to violently intimidate Germany’s leftists and finally to exterminate Jews. Trump’s bully boys are operating on the fringes or outside the law to violently intimidate America’s progressives and people of color who are exercising their First Amendment right to protest racial injustice.”

Portland, Oregon, provides the model. Trump dispatched untrained, unidentified, camou-

flage-wearing, military-uniformed, no name-tagged bullyboys who are literally kidnapping protesters, stuffing them in unidentified vans, taking them to unknown locations without charges — and against the wishes of local law enforcement officers the mayor of Portland and the governor of Oregon.

Trump has announced that he will send similar teams to Chicago, New York, Detroit, Atlanta, Baltimore and other “liberal Democrat-run cities,” to use his phrase. The excuse is to defend federal property. The reality is that this is a cynical re-election ploy. As Portland shows, Trump’s gambit will spark a large, hostile reaction which he hopes to use to scare suburban voters into supporting this law-and-disorder  
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# Both the Economy and the Senate Stumble

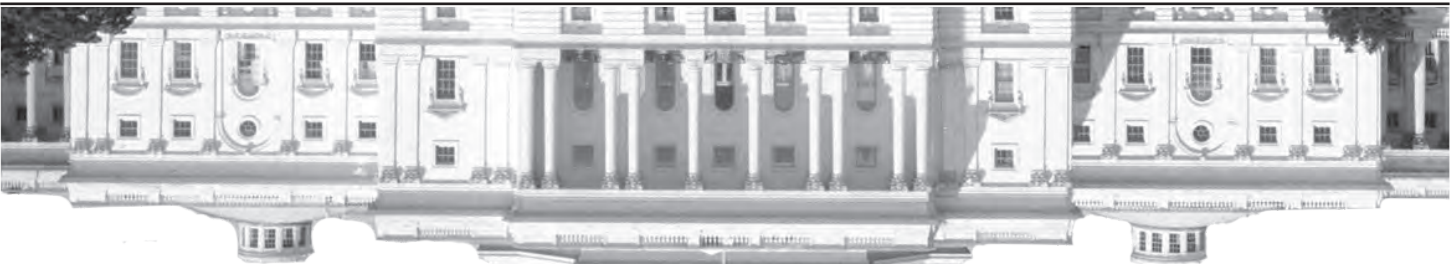


By Julianne Malveaux  
Wire Writer

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - On the same day we learned that the US economy contracted by 9.5 percent in the second quarter of this year, the United States Senate adjourned and went home, even though the economic contraction is the largest since growth data has been collected. They left without passing the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act. They left without continuing the \$600 per week emergency assistance for those out of work because of COVID-19. They left without meaningful action, although another 1.434 million people had filed unemployment claims, an announcement that was made the same day that they fled Washington. Hopefully, if they help constituent service hours in their home states, they will be greeted with resounding boos.

The economic bad news is staggering. According to the Census, more than a third of all low-income households did not have enough food in July. The number was higher for Black and Brown families, at about 40 percent. Hundreds of thousands of businesses have closed – with more than 40 percent of black-owned businesses being shuttered, some permanently. And there is still no coronavirus vaccine.

One is expected sometime in 2021. Until then, the economy will continue to be a mess, and the Senate is taking a break. They took off Friday, July 31, and reconvened on



Tuesday, August 4. But in the face of an emergency, they might have foregone a long weekend to pass the HEROES Act in some form or another. That's the rub, though. Republicans think the \$3 trillion relief is too much. They don't want unemployed people to get a federal subsidy of \$600 per week. They want people to waive their right to sue employers. They don't think the federal government should help reopen schools.

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an orderly election is such a distraction.

The challenge is that the economy is likely to worsen before it gets better, and the coronavirus deaths, already at more than 160,000, are expected to grow. Cities and states will continue to have budget challenges. Too many children will learn little since distance learning requires technology that many poor house-

holds lack. Too many people will go hungry. And our "leadership" engages in bombastic and divisive rhetoric. Every reference to the "China virus" is racist and vituperative. Vintage Donald Trump!

These times are replete with contradictions. While the Senate does not want to pass the HEROES Act, it intends to restore the tax deduction for business lunches. Guess who benefits from that? Undoubtedly not the working poor. Concern for the poor is nearly non-existent, even though the poor, especially the Black and Brown poor, bear the brunt of the coronavirus.

Republicans tend to respond to recession, and one way to fight recession is to pump money into the economy. But their fear that a few poor people will get their hands on "extra" money is greater than their fear of economic recession. The economy is stumbling, and so is the Senate. And thanks to the recalcitrant Senate, too many Americans are stumbling, hungry, and broke. Things will inevitably get worse before they get better. November can't come soon enough.

And rather than sit down with Democrats and work toward a compromise, they stumbled home.

While too many people are hungry, broke, and out of work, the Senate is short on solutions, mainly because the Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell refuses to work amicably with the House of Representatives, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. And if the economic bad news is not enough, the political news is equally dire. The President has gone on a mindless rampage, suggesting that elections should be postponed because he does not believe that mail ballots are secure. Thankfully, the usually spineless Republicans pushed back hard with even McConnell asserting that there will be an election on November 3, 2020. This President considers the economy his strong suit, but with the economy stumbling, he needs to create some distraction. His resistance to having

# We Don't Need Trump's Thugs in Chicago

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president.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has warned Trump not to try this in Chicago. "[N]o troops, no agents that are coming in outside of our knowledge, notification, and control that are violating people's constitutional rights." Lightfoot told CNN's Jake Tapper on Sunday during an appearance on "State of the Union." "We can't just allow anyone to come into Chicago, play police in our streets, in our neighborhoods, when they don't know the first thing about our city. That's a recipe for disaster. And that's what you're seeing playing out in Portland on a nightly basis."

We support her resistance — and the opposition expressed by the Pentagon, members of Congress, former U.S. military officials, historians and constitutional scholars — to Trump's effrontery.

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Chicago has no gun shop and no gun range. The guns come from out-

side of Chicago, generally across the border from Indiana. We need common sense regulations on guns to stop the pipeline into Chicago. Trump could help because it is Republicans and the gun lobby that stands in the way.

Real federal assistance wouldn't be dispatching bullyboys to terrorize citizens exercising their First Amendment rights. It would help with jobs and training for the young. It would help with rent and mortgage forgiveness during the pandemic lockdown when people can't work. If Trump and Senate Republicans don't act immediately, literally millions will be on the verge of eviction.

We need real investment in our schools, so the savage inequality with suburban schools can be reduced. We need health care to be a right, not a privilege, and at the very least for the federal government to cover all medical expenses related to COVID-19. In a pandemic, we all have a stake in ensuring that the sick can afford to get the treatment they need.

Our sons and daughters volunteer to serve in the military. When Vladimir Putin puts a bounty on the heads of our soldiers, we need Trump to defend them, not to ignore the attack.

Trump scorns real assistance to cities. He scorns meeting with our elected leaders before announcing that he plans to dispatch his thugs to our city. And he disgraces our democracy with this cynical and dangerous campaign ploy.

Black Lives Matter Chicago and other organizations are going to court to get an injunction to prohibit Trump's agents from "interfering in or otherwise policing lawful and peaceful assemblies and protests" in Chicago.

The religious leaders who issued the statement pledged that if Trump dispatched bullyboys to Chicago without the permission of the mayor, they would be met with a "massive, disciplined, nonviolent ... march of resistance." We will not let the president trample our Constitution, suppress our rights, and terrorize our citizens with impunity.

# San Francisco Court Orders Black Landlord to Forfeit Her \$4M House to White Tenant



Ms. Kihagi and the \$4Mill property she was forced to relinquish.

*Submitted*

(Black News) - In one of the most outrageous judgments ever, a San Francisco court has ruled that a Black landlord, Anne Kihagi, should give her \$4 million building to a white tenant.

The reason behind the court's decision was that the landlord had displaced the tenant so that her sister could move in. The displacement might seem unfair, but it is completely legal.

The San Francisco law allows a landlord to recover possession of a rented unit for either the owner or the owner's close relative to occupy. This means that a landlord has the right to evict a tenant so that a close relative can move in.

This was precisely the case in Ms. Kihagi's building. But apparently, this law is only for white landlords and does not apply to blacks.

In 2014, Ms. Kihagi purchased an impressive building for \$2.5 million.

Using some of the money she managed for her younger sister, she also made some investments.

Ms. Kihagi, now a landlord, could assist her younger sister. So, she did what any loving big sister would do. She decided to give one of the units in the building to her younger sister to live in.

To do this, she had to evict one of the tenants. Remember, this was within her rights as a landlord. After removing the tenant, her younger sister moved into the unit in 2016.

Ms. Kihagi's sister, after moving in, had her partner move in with her. They also had a child while living in that unit. Meanwhile, Ms. Kihagi had also refurbished the building, making its value increase to a whopping \$4 million.

This was the status of things until the

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# Ramona Collins Concert



Volunteers, at Warren AME Church, prepare, and then deliver meals to concert attendees.



India Crump, left and Christeana Woodard helped deliver meals to people's cars.

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exited their cars, and safely danced in the parking lot.

"I'm here tonight with my fiancé, Dana, to enjoy the atmosphere and the music," said Minister Barry Willis. "After being locked in the house for

so long, because of the coronavirus, it feels good to get out and enjoy the weather."

"I think this was a great idea," Dana Cumberland said. "We're able to comfortably practice social distancing, while enjoying this concert; it feels good to be out of the house."



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# Toledo residents receive free masks from City of Toledo at Smith Park

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN  
Journal Staff Writer

At approximately 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, the City of Toledo's, Department of Neighborhoods began distributing free disposable face masks to the residence of the Smith Park area, which faces Fernwood Ave. in the west side of Toledo.

Cars began pulling into the parking lot, where volunteers would ask them, "How many people are living in your home;" that way, the volunteers could give out enough masks to those in a home.



PHOTO CREDIT / TOLEDO JOURNAL  
Anita Madison, right, explains to Gloria Richardson how important it is to complete the census.

Instead of driving, some people walked up to the park, a few with their children, to pick up their face masks.

Monica L. Smith, neighborhood navigator, for the Department of Neighborhoods, told The Toledo Journal they had 5000 masks on hand which were donated by Fiat Chrysler.

"A lot of people still don't have face coverings, so we're attempting to help those people protect themselves," she said.

Michael Hutcherson, and LaToya Barber were with their children when they received their masks.

"We're getting masks to make sure we're protected from the virus. This is really a scary time, so we're making sure we're safe," Mr. Hutcherson said.

Ms. Barber said, "Besides being protected, we want to make sure we have extra masks."

She said her children don't have a problem with wearing face covering. In fact, she said, "They see it as a type of game; they love it."

Accompanying the Department of Neighborhoods was the Ohio Unity Coalition. Their mission was to register people to vote, and get people to fill out the 2020 Census.

Anita Madison, Toledo coordinator for the Ohio Unity Coalition



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LaToya Barber and Michael Hutcherson, along with their children, received enough masks for their family.

was explaining to people the importance of completing the census.

"Filling out the census determines who how much money a given area gets from the government. In fact, nothing can be mentioned that isn't affected by the census; that's how important it is," she said.



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Monica Smith and Michael Lankey safely distributed masks as people drove up.



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Monica Smith and Michael Lankey safely distributed masks as people drove up.

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# Bishop T.I., Prophetess A'Rita Winfree honored at 17th Pastoral Anniversary



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Bishop T.I. and Prophetess A'Rita Winfree being honored at their 17th Pastoral celebration.

By: Journal Staff Writer

The members of Faith Ministries International, 11 Richards Rd, hosted the 17th Pastoral Anniversary of Bishop T.I. and Prophetess A'Rita Winfree on Friday, August 7.

"Celebrating our leaders who exemplify living in truth," taken from the Hebrews chapter of the Bible, was the theme of the celebration.

Remarks from the congregation, praise dancing, and special tributes were a few things that made up the itinerary for the evening.

In a write up for The Toledo Journal, Evangelist, Sharon Johnson shared her story on how she met Bishop Winfree, and how she became a member of the church.

In August of 2003, her son-in-law became gravely ill and was rushed to the hospital. Evangelist Johnson said the doctor informed the family her son-in-law

might night survive. At the time, she didn't have a church home because she had left her former church due to the passing of her leadership.

While at the hospital, she said a friend from her old church recommend that her Pastor visit Evangelist Johnson and her family at the hospital; which she graciously accepted.

Evangelist Johnson said when that Pastor, who happen to be Pastor T.I. Winfree, arrived, she noticed he arrived in his work clothes and looked very tired.

"He didn't let the fact he had been working all day interfere with his kindness," she said. "He listened to all the details, and stayed with us through the night, praying, and counseling us."



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Their son, Antonio Winfree performed a moving praise dance for the celebration.

That Friday, which was August 8, her son-in-law passed away. On Sunday, August 10, Evangelist Johnson, and her family joined, what was known at the time, The Body of Christ Ministries, which would ultimately become Faith Ministries International

"We love and appreciate our leadership and what they've done for us over the years. They exemplify the works of the Body of Christ," Evangelist Johnson said.

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Defining death and being able to diagnose it correctly have always been major concerns of both physicians and lay persons alike. Until the last few decades, however, it was basically pretty simple. Once heartbeat and respiration had irreversibly ceased, a person was considered dead. Now, thanks to our sophisticated equipment and transplant surgery, we are in the midst of trying to refine our definition of death.

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# Why Do We Need to Be Convinced?



By *E. Faye Williams*  
*Wire Writer*  
(*TriceEdneyWire.com*) — Jane Elliott said, “If we didn’t have all those years when Black lives didn’t matter, we wouldn’t have to have a Black Lives Matter Movement now.” Questioning whether we should support Black Lives Matter is like questioning

the Civil Rights Movement that brought us thus far or like working against voter suppression because we think one vote won’t make a difference or whether we should support Black businesses or deposit our money with a Black Bank or support Black elected officials who are working overtime against great odds to just keep our heads above water! Isn’t the answer obvious? Don’t these questioners understand how we got to where we are today? Don’t they understand the sacrifices so many of our people made to bring us out of slavery, through Jim Crow, through segregation and so much more? If we knew our history we would not have to be convinced of the necessity to do business with each other and to be the first in line to vote on everything from dog catcher to President.

If you’re a Black person, I don’t care how much money you have, where you live or work, who your non-Black friends are, whether you attended Harvard or Howard, whether you have dark skin or light skin, to those 35-40 percent who still support the current person in the White House and any number of his cronies who are Senators, Governors, House Members, state and local officials, you’re still a nigger. I didn’t intend to say “the N word.” They don’t call you the N word. They call you just what they’re thinking, We must stop acting like saying the N word somehow softens the blow of what they mean when they call you nigger. Whichever paper prints my article and chooses to put n....r, that’s on you. We’ve already done too much explaining and excusing the behavior of our so-called

allies of another race or culture. Those allies we see in the street now aren’t the people we’ve known and worked with all of our lives. They’re mostly young people who have no fear of treating you like the human being you are. Many of them already have Black spouses and Black babies and truly want a world of equality for them. Where’re those so-called allies we’ve worked with for years on what they cared about? We often worked with some of them because often they were just the lesser of two evils—but we helped them to get what they wanted. Where are they when it comes to what we care about? Well, have you been looking at these polls in the Presidential race where a majority of certain white people still plan to vote for #45 after all he has done not only to insult you, but to make life

difficult for them? When #45 gets ready to disrespect us, he doesn’t leave some of them out. It’s clear he doesn’t even care about those poor whites who support him. If another white person tries to tell me about how much #45 has done for this country, how much he’s done for Black people, so they’re going to vote for him, I’m no longer interested in anything else they have to say. They need not ever ask me to give my vote to anything they think is important if I don’t see it as important to my community. Why does any Black person have to wonder for whom they’ll vote this year? Just compare the records of the candidates on things that should matter to you, and you shouldn’t have to be still thinking about for whom you should vote for any office.

## Ask Rusty – Can My Mother Get Benefits from Common Law Marriage?

*Submitted*  
**Dear Rusty:** My 71-year-old mother has a very small Social Security income. It is not enough to find her housing. I am working to file for increased VA benefits, as she is a veteran. Her partner of 21 years (common law spouse) has passed away, and we have an appointment next week to apply for spousal benefits. First question: We have the option of applying for her partner’s SS benefits, and we are completing the form SSA-753 statement regarding marriage. Is there anything else I should have to be prepared for the appointment? Second question: My mother and father were married for 27 years before they divorced. I was going to request filing for his benefits as it is easier to prove than a common law relationship. Is there anything else you could

recommend being prepared for the appointment? Signed: Concerned Daughter  
**Dear Concerned Daughter:** Whether your mother will be able to collect a survivor benefit from her “common law” spouse will depend upon the state in which their relationship was established. Social Security’s rules specify that for their relationship to be recognized as a “marriage” for Social Security benefit purposes, it must have been established in a U.S. State which recognizes “common law” marriage. And only a small number of U.S. states currently do. For clarity, it is only required that the relationship be established in a State which recognizes “common law” marriage. If their relationship started in a state which recognizes it, and they subsequently moved to and

resided in another state which doesn’t, SS will recognize that relationship as a valid marriage and your mother will be entitled to survivor benefits based upon the deceased’s SS record (100% of the deceased’s benefit amount). States which currently recognize “common law” marriage are Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah, plus the District of Columbia. A number of other States previously recognized common law marriage but have since stopped doing so. If the relationship was established in a state which, at the time, recognized common law marriage, Social Security will also recognize the marriage. Various U.S. states have, over the years, changed their laws regarding common law marriage, and Social Security will evaluate your mother’s

eligibility for survivor benefits based upon where and when the common law relationship was established. They will be looking for proof of the marriage relationship, such as joint bank account statements, joint asset ownership records (e.g., a car registered in both names, joint home ownership, etc.) and it would be good to have multiple forms of such proof available. They may also require a copy of the death certificate for her common law spouse and, obviously, his Social Security number. Regarding your mother’s other alternative for benefits from her marriage to your father, if your mother and father were married for 27 years, she may be eligible for a spousal benefit from your father as his ex-spouse. If your father is still living, and if she isn’t eligible for an SS survivor benefit from her common law relationship (SS doesn’t recognize her

common law marriage), your mother may still be eligible for as much as 50% of what your father’s SS benefit was at his full retirement age (FRA), plus any COLA increases given since his benefits started. Spouse benefits from a living ex-spouse are not as much as the survivor benefit from a current spouse – the survivor benefit is up to 100% of what the deceased spouse was receiving at death; the benefit from a living ex-spouse is up to 50% of the ex-spouse’s FRA benefit amount (if that is more than your mother is eligible for on her own SS record). Of course, if your father is deceased, your mother would be eligible for a survivor benefit on his record, which would be equal to 100% of the benefit amount your father was receiving at his death.

## Court Ordered Forfeit of \$4M San Francisco House

*Continued from page 6.*  
City Attorney connived with the tenants to bring malicious cases against Ms. Kihagi. They teamed up with a group of attorneys to take her down. It’s important to note that the City Attorney, Dennis Herrera, had in 2015 threatened to drive Ms. Kihagi out of the City. And seeing an opportunity, he grabbed it with both hands. Therefore, despite all the evidence that Ms. Kihagi’s younger sister had been

living in the building, the City Attorney claimed that she had never moved in. They managed to convince a white jury that the notice of eviction was a sham notice. As a result of these claims and accusations, the San Francisco court ruled that Ms. Kihagi should give the entire five-unit building to the evicted white tenant. Isn’t it ludicrous? The tenant will take control of the entire building, with rental income from four other units, for supposedly being

displaced so that the landlord’s sister could move in. The court didn’t consider giving the unit back to the tenant or awarding her a sum of money. The court gave her the ENTIRE BUILDING. And so even though Ms. Kihagi could buy the tenant a condo for \$800k, the court decided to give the tenant the \$4 million building. This same court that ruled that Ms. Kihagi’s younger sister never moved into the building, also ordered that

she be evicted from that same building. How contradictory are these rulings? And how can the court be allowed to get away with such a blatant display of injustice? The case is currently on Appeal as it should be. But why have the people who know about this case kept their heads down? Why has nobody spoken up? Should the law be used as a means of abuse? A tool for the City Attorney to carry out his grievances against Ms.

Kihagi. Does the law not apply to a hard-working black immigrant family? Where is the justice for this strong Black woman? She is in every respect as American as her white counterparts. Should she not be allowed the same privileges? These are questions that will be answered in a coming series. For information on Anna Kihagi, please go to AnneKihagiSF.com

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August 12, 1891: Lillian Evans, world famous opera star and a founder of the National Negro Opera company, born.

August 18, 1963: James Meredith, first African American to Graduate from the University of Mississippi

August 16, 1987: Historian Charles H. Wesley dies.

August 17, 1990: Pearl Bailey, Jazz vocalist, dies at 72..

The first black president of the United States Olympic Committee was Dr. LeRoy T. Walker. He was also the first African-American to coach a US team.

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Ernie Banks signed with the Chicago Cubs in 1953, making him the Cubs' first African-American player. In 1958 and 1959 he was awarded the MVP award.

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Arthur Ashe was the first black male to win a NCAA tennis Championship, the first to win a Grand Slam Title, and the first to represent the US in the Davis Cup

Florence Griffith Joyner also known as "Flo JO" was



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Armed with trash bags and face coverings, the children were prepared for their job.

# Children move to beautify neighborhood

By JURRY TAALIB-DEEN  
Journal Staff Writer

About 25 children ranging from five to 18 years old, began racing each other in picking up trash at Wilson Park, located on the north side of Toledo. It was Saturday, August 8.

“Jordan is doing too much. She’s always trying to get more garbage than anyone else,” was the only heard complaint of the day.

The motivating factor to getting children to pick up garbage on a Saturday morning was Montrice Casey, coordinator at the City Park League, CPL.

The CPL is a mentoring program that actively engages young people to better themselves in social, academic & financial realms. Further, the CPL’s trademark venue is a summer basketball league that takes place at City Park, which borders the streets City Park and Nebraska. In this league, people of all ages play. Even area high schools have their basketball team



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The younger children raced each other in picking up trash.

“This program shows kids how to make honest money. It also shows them how to be on time for work, as well as taking pride in keeping their community clean,” he said.

Jordan Cowson, the one some of the other children said was, “getting all the trash and she’s doing too much,” attributes her drive to be excellent at everything she does, to her mother.

“I do a lot of work with my mom and she pushes me to always do good,” she said. “I rush to pick up trash in hopes it’ll motivate the younger children to do the same.”

Jordan is a Certified Nurses Aid, and has plans on becoming a Registered Nurse, and ultimately a doctor.



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The teens amongst the group, helped motivate the younger children and made sure they were safe.

play, in order to better their skills.

“This beautification project started five years ago,” he told The Toledo Journal. “We started out cleaning the park and neighborhood around City Park, but recently decided to venture to other parts of town.”

Another motivating factor to getting the children to get up at 8 a.m. on a Saturday, for 10 weeks, starting June 20 and running until August 15, is the fact their paid to pick up the trash. Three dollars for a half bag of trash, and five dollars for a full bag, Mr. Casey said.

He added that the payment scale was

developed after having discussions with another community activist, and friend Dedra Brown.

“They learn workforce skills such as filling out a time card, social skills, and financial literacy,” Mr. Casey said.

“I love what Mr. Casey has done,” said Chuck Carter, who was volunteering to help keep the children safe, and organized.

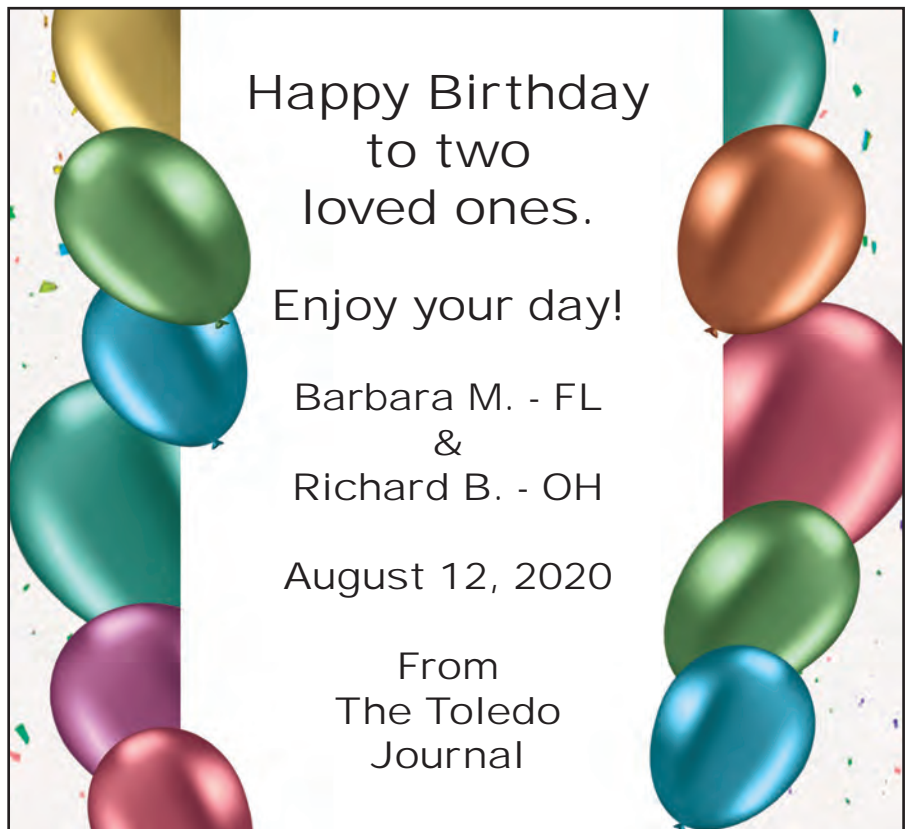
After they finished cleaning the park, and before venturing into the neighborhood, the children had the opportunity to talk with two Toledo Police Department officers, and learn about and pet Hugo the dog, a member of the police department’s K-9 unit.

Following, they were served breakfast by The Old News Boys.



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Montrice Casey, coordinator for the City Park League, gives last minute instructions to the children.



# Human Relations Commission Social Justice Committee Virtual Youth Town Hall

*Submitted*

The Kapszukiewicz administration urges Toledoans to attend the Human Relations Commission Social Justice Committee virtual town hall on promoting wellness for youth of color. The event will begin at 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14 at facebook.com/ToledoHRC. There will be an open discussion and an opportunity for viewers to ask questions about wellness and access to wellness for youth of color. The moderator will be Elijah Jones. The panelists include Dee Washington, Harbor Prevention Education Manager; Adrienne Elhai, The Cullen Center; Kesha Jackson, MSW, LSW, Catalyst for Change, and Cecil Holston, RFS Behavioral Health. More information can be found at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/723256744580119/>.

# TARTA Announces Fall Schedule Effective Aug. 16

*Submitted*

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) is announcing fall schedule changes to its service to take effect Aug. 16, 2020. The following TARTA routes will be discontinued due to low ridership:

- #10 Rossford Call-A-Ride
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Low ridership on these routes is attributed to the coronavirus pandemic which is impacting employment and work hours. In addition, local, state and federal health and safety guidelines advising to only use public transit for essential trips is also impacting TARTA's ridership.

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There are no schedule changes to TARTA's paratransit service, Toledo Area Regional Paratransit Service (TARPS). TARTA will also continue to follow its COVID-19 Rider Safety Guidelines which include requiring passengers to wear a facial covering and no fare collection. For a complete list of the Rider Safety Guidelines, visit [tarta.com/coronavirus](http://tarta.com/coronavirus).



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# Rep. Hicks-Hudson responds to Friday Night shake-up at the U.S. Postal Service

## Calls on U.S. Postmaster General to address postal delays in Lucas County and across country

*Submitted*

State Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson (D-Toledo) today responded to disturbing news of mail delays, hiring freezes, and questionable management changes at the U.S. Postal Service. She recently sent a letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy urging the United States Postal Service (USPS) to address postal delays in Lucas County. Nearly 100 Lucas County residents expressed to Hicks-Hudson that they had been experiencing postal delays that result in late bill payments and other disruptions to their lives.

Said Rep. Hicks-Hudson: "I am fighting for people to have continued, timely access to essential postal services. It is a lifeline to everything from their medication to their ballots. There is more disturbing news every day of attacks on the United State Postal Service. It started with rumors that mail was stacking up at local distribution centers. Next, I heard from over 100 constituents and neighbors that their mail was delayed. Now, the President and his million-dollar donor and new Postmaster General Louis DeJoy are removing experienced postal operations employees from their posts while the Postal Service faces an enormous challenge with the upcoming election and an expected record number of absentee ballots. We must not let the Postal Service be sabotaged from within."

In her letter, Hicks-Hudson also noted her concern that these postal delays may hamper vote-by-mail efforts for the November election, especially if ballots do not arrive to voters in a timely fashion or are not returned to the Boards of Election in time to be counted.

The letter asks the Postmaster General to reevaluate current mail services and to adequately staff and equip mail distribution centers to allow postal carriers to effectively complete their routes.



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