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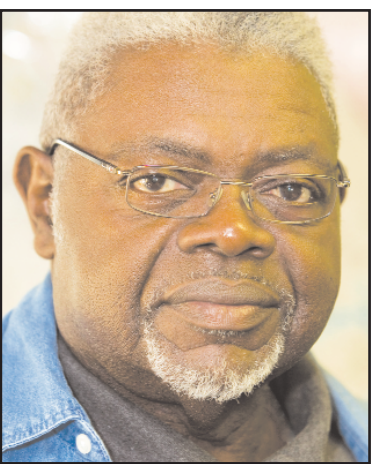
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FALSE INFORMATION CIRCULATING

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We are deceived on all sides by people who will shake our hands, swear by the Bible, even sit down to dinner with us, and then go out and try to take us down by any means they can. As I have stated before, it's time we have a talk about the problems we share as Black, White, and brown people. This week, I was informed that there is an opinion poll being circulated by some people and that, once one fills out a census form, he or she is ready to vote! Why has this false information surfaced and who would start this? One has to be registered at his or her county registration office with his or her name on the county register to show the address and district in which one lives in

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Could other North Carolina cities pass reparations for African Americans?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When the Western North Carolina city of Asheville passed a local resolution mandating reparations to its Black community, it was the shot heard around the world.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote, the Asheville City Council not only apologized for its role in enslaving Black people, who essentially built the Buncombe County city during the 1700-1800's through hard unpaid labor, but they also resolved to make investments to help area African-Americans to "...increase minority home ownership and access to other affordable housing, increase minority busi-

ness ownership, career opportunities, and strategies to grow equity and generational wealth, closing the gaps in health care, education, employment and pay, neighborhood safety and fairness within criminal justice," according to the ratified July 14 city resolution.

Afterward, one of the resolution's sponsors, Councilman Keith Young, said, "Hundreds of years of Black blood spilled that basically fills the cup we drink from today."

Based on published reports, there are a few other cities, such as Chicago and Evanston, Illinois that have passed some form of reparations measures. There are

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COUNCILMAN KEITH YOUNG



BLACK CAUCUS PRES. AND BLM LEADER SONYA PATRICK



CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

North Carolina remembers John Lewis

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BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

"...[T]hey're going to help redeem the soul of this nation....and maybe even save the planet."

Those were some of the last public words uttered by Congressman John Lewis (D-GA-5) a month ago during a joint town hall video with former President Barack Obama during the peaceful demonstrations inspired by the death of George Floyd.

The appearance was Rep. Lewis' heartfelt expression of respect to today's generation of freedom fighters, whom he felt emulated the same level of courage and commitment he displayed as a young disciple of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the

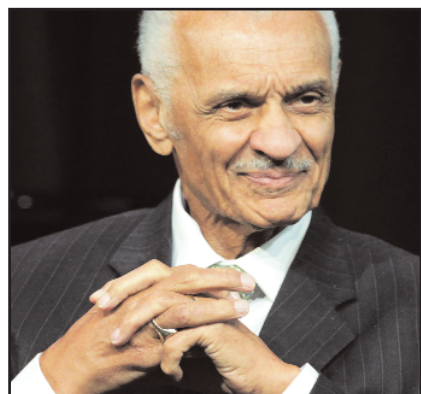
turbulent 1960's civil rights movement.

On Friday, July 17, 2020, Congressman John Lewis, 80, died. He had been suffering for several months from stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He had represented Georgia's Fifth Congressional District for over thirty years.

Among the tributes from leaders the world over were many from his friends and colleagues here in North Carolina, a state for whom the Alabama native had a deep love and respect.

"Congressman John Lewis was a hero whose lessons will echo for generations to come," said

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REV. C. T. VIVIAN

C.T. Vivian, remembering a civil rights icon who put his life on the line because He "loved," his people

BY HAMIL R. HARRIS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Rev. C.T. Vivian once said, "Leadership is found in the action to defeat that which would defeat you... You are made by the struggles you choose."

During the turbulent years of the

Civil Rights movement, it was Vivian's job, as director of affiliates for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to poke at racists and set up confrontations in hopes of shaming their actions on the national news.

And it was dangerous. "I almost got killed in St.

Augustine," said Vivian in an interview with this reporter for the Washington Post while He was being honored at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts that was spon-

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order to vote. When a census form is filled out, it allows the State of North Carolina to know how many people live in different areas of North Carolina, along with their race and ethnic backgrounds. Don't get it twisted! You have a duty to do both!

We must make a difference by our actions as American citizens. We must get fully involved in the political system. It is the way to our freedom that we have only partly been able to enjoy. We have made it this far by the grace of God, and, if we keep the faith and keep pushing, God will make a way! A ballot can be secured by mail by contacting the County Board of Elections and requesting an absentee ballot. This will make one eligible to vote from home. It's your choice! Stand your ground! Don't wait until the last minute or find an excuse not to vote! Your freedom is on the line!

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County NAACP.



“If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit.” --AN AFRICAN PROVERB

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also state legislatures, such as New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, considering legislation. California's State House reportedly passed legislation in June and has sent its measure onto its State Senate.

However, conspicuously, no other North Carolina town, city, or county is on the list for even considering reparations, despite their documented roles in enslaving people of African

descent. That was the case for Black slaves who were considered property, considered 20 percent of the known population in 1808 of what was then known as Greensborough. Years later, the Underground Railroad would transport Blacks from Guilford County to safe haven up North until slavery ended in 1865.

That was the case in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, where, according to D. A. Tompkins' History of Mecklenburg County, slavery was introduced there in 1764. By 1860, the slave pop-

ulation is estimated to have been roughly 6800 out of the total population of 17,000, and, during the Civil War, Mecklenburg slaves were "donated" to the Confederacy to help build fortifications in Eastern North Carolina and work on the Statesville Railroad.

Furthermore, a case can certainly be made for reparations in Wilmington, given the 1898 racial slaughter of Blacks by White supremacists, which resulted in a bloody and illegal grab for power, property, and governance. Sonya Patrick, head of

the New Hanover County Branch of the National Black Leadership Caucus and Black Lives Matter - Wilmington, says Asheville has certainly lit a spark that she hopes will light up the nation and the embattled Port City.

"The state of NC needs to take responsibility for the 1898 Massacre. A bill needs to be rendered to provide the following as a form of reparations: 1 - All students of low level schools be provided a free Wi-Fi and computer . 2 - Scholarships for all the descendants of the 1898 Massacre (which

can be proved by the census, legal documentation, for example certificates (birth and death). 3 - Compensation for the Black Press. 4 - Compensation for the churches and Black businesses that existed in 1898 and are still current. 5 - Compensation to victims of the descendants of stolen property," Patrick says.

She notes that the NC Democratic Party passed a resolution for reparations in 2014, and the State legislature ignored it.

"However, giving up is not an option," Patrick says.

LEWIS

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Governor Roy Cooper in a statement. "Let's all honor him by working to live up to his example."

Congressman Lewis was also very close to former Atlanta mayor, Bill Campbell, who was the first Black student to integrate the old Raleigh Public School System. The two were colleagues on the Atlanta City Council during the 1980's.

The Reverend Dr. William Barber, President, Repairers of the Breach, and Co-convenor, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival, said, "John Lewis challenged everyone, including [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.] and other elders in the Movement, through his unflinching commitment to freedom now. We cannot honor him without redoubling our efforts to revive

this democracy." The Reverend Barber had a message for Republicans who are expressing sorrow for the great civil rights champion:

"Congress, if you truly want to honor John Lewis, pass an omnibus bill that includes living wages, voting rights, and universal healthcare. As the Bible says in Matthew 23, "Don't just love the tombs of the prophet but truly love him and honor him by doing what he did all of his life."

Congressman Lewis' North Carolina colleagues would agree "America has lost its greatest living hero. Everything John Lewis did was in the service of Justice," said Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12). "It was an honor to make "good trouble" with John in the House, and I will miss my friend. My prayers are with his family and every seeker of justice who mourns him today.

Rep. G. K. Butterfield

echoed the sentiment "Courage, conviction, the "Conscience of Congress. Congressman John Lewis was an American hero who epitomized the true spirit of the Civil Rights Movement," said Butterfield of his friend in a statement. "From the streets of Selma to the Halls of Congress, an original Freedom Rider and a forever freedom fighter, John Lewis dedicated his life to the cause of justice and equality and will always be remembered for his humility and strength. His fervent passion and fearless conviction will forever be a reminder to never be afraid of getting into 'good trouble' for a good cause. John R. Lewis was a dear friend, and he will be deeply missed but never forgotten. He now belongs to the ages."

Fourth District Congressman David Price, another close friend of Rep. Lewis, said, "Congressman John Lewis' remarkable life-

rising from the Jim Crow South to courageous leadership in the Civil Rights movement to his service in the halls of Congress - is a uniquely American story, as he often said, but his love of our country was expressed in his lifelong determination that it redeem its failures and live up to its democratic promise. His moral clarity in the face of injustice hardened the power of everyday people to demand equality in the eyes of the law, a fair chance at a better life, and inclusion in the "beloved community."

Several North Carolina Republicans, like Representatives Greg Murphy, Virginia Foxx and Sen. Thom Tillis, also expressed their condolences to Rep. Lewis' family.

However, prominent Democrats in Congress challenged Republicans to truly honor Rep. Lewis by passing restoration of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which

was passed by the Democratic-controlled U. S. House but has been sitting on Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's desk without action.(R-KY).

"There's very little tangible evidence of this whole voter suppression nonsense that the Democrats are promoting," McConnell told the Wall Street Journal just last week.

N. C. Chief Justice Cherie Beasley knew Congressman Lewis and respected his work as a young civil rights activist, leader of the Shaw University-born Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and later congressman representing the Atlanta district.

"We must continue their work," she told WRAL-TV, also acknowledging the death of another disciple of Dr. King during the '60s movement, The Reverend C. T. Vivian, who died the same day as did Lewis.

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sored by the DC Choral Arts Society.

Cordy Tindell Vivian, 95, died July 17 at his home in Atlanta. He closed his eyes on the same day that Rep. John Lewis, 80 , lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. It is almost ironic that both men would die of natural causes because of the battles they waged against racism and hate so long ago.

Former UN Ambassador said in an ABC TV interview that Vivian and Lewis were, "men of courage who risked death constantly. They came up with me and Martin Luther King and one thing that Martin King did before he died was to preach our funerals. It was like Richard Pryor, he had us laughing at the possibility of death."

But Young went onto say that what Vivian did was no laughing matter because many Civil Rights activist would make the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

On June 22, 1964, Vivian and other Civil Rights workers staged a "wade-in" on a segregated beach in St. Augustine, Florida. He said in a 2015 interview backstage at the Kennedy Center. He said after being confronted by an angry mob wielding clubs. "I almost drowned."

Three days earlier, a man poured what was thought to be acid into the pool at Monson Motor Lodge in St. Augustine after his group of Blacks and White protesters jumped in. These two incidents would focus national attention on St.

Augustine and helped to convince uncommitted members of Congress to sign the Voting Rights Act of 1964.

Vivian said the protest was all part of strategy that he and King's other aides learned from disciples of Mahatma Gandhi, an Indian activist about that used, "nonviolent direct action," to affect change.

"Martin King was the leader and without a doubt he had brought us a new method. Before [nonviolent direct action] nothing was happening," said Vivian, who during his acceptance speech at the Kennedy in 2015 had people laughing when he said, "We owe Alabama more than any place else. You have to go to the worst places to come up with the best stuff."

Vivian is a distinguished minister, author, and organizer. A leader in the Civil Rights Movement and friend to Martin Luther King, Jr., he participated in Freedom Rides and sit-ins across our country. Vivian also helped found numerous civil rights organizations, including Vision, the National Anti-Klan Network, and the Center for Democratic Renewal.

"Whether you are talking about Rep. John Lewis or Rev. C.T. Vivian, what is amazing is their lifelong consistency," Rev. Tony Lee, Pastor of the Community of Hope, in Temple Hills, Maryland. "Those guys went the distance even until their dying breath."

Lee, whose ministry is located just miles from the US Capitol, said " a few years ago Dr. Vivian was in his 90's and he was taking part in a campaign that I was part of called

Real Men vote. Even with John Lewis it wasn't about them but serving people."

Vivian was born in Boonville, Missouri. As a child he and his mother moved to Macomb, Illinois, where he attended Lincoln Grade School, Edison Junior High School and Macomb High School, graduating in 1942.

Vivian attended Western Illinois University in Macomb, where he worked as the sports editor for the school newspaper. He also served recreation director for the Carver Community Center in Peoria, Illinois. There, he participated in his first sit-in demonstrations, which successfully integrated Barton's Cafeteria in 1947.

Vivian studied at the American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1959, he met James Lawson, who was teaching Gandhi's nonviolent direct action strategy to the Nashville Student Movement.

Other Civil Rights activist learning from Lawson included Diane Nash, Bernard Lafayette, James Bevel, John Lewis who were students at Fisk University and Tennessee State University. They would go on to organize nonviolent sit-ins at lunch counters in Nashville.

On April 19, 1960 more than 4000 people took part in a demonstration at Nashville's City Hall, where Vivian and Diane Nash confronted Nashville Mayor Ben West who agreed in principle that racial discrimination was morally wrong.

As a result, Vivian and Nash took on major leadership roles

in both the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). In 1961, He participated in Freedom Rides and went on to work with Martin Luther King Jr. as the national director of affiliates for the SCLC.

In 1979 he co-founded, with Anne Braden, the Center for Democratic Renewal (initially as the National Anti-Klan Network), an organization where blacks and whites worked together in response to white supremacist activity.

In 1984 he served in Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign, as the national deputy director for clergy. In 1994 he helped to establish, and served on the board of Capitol City Bank and Trust Co., a black-owned Atlanta bank. He also served on the board of Every Church a Peace Church.

In 2008, Vivian founded and incorporated the C. T. Vivian Leadership Institute that developed the "Yes, We Care" campaign after the City of Atlanta turned the water off at Morris Brown College. He mobilized the Atlanta community and raised \$500,000 for Morris Brown.

"John Lewis and C.T. Vivian represented the heart for us," said Dr. Paula Matabane, a retired Howard University Professor and filmmaker who has moved back home to Atlanta.

"They exuded love and I will never forget I was 13 years old and Wyatt T Walker came to our church in Atlanta, Providence Baptist Church and I remember sitting there and realized that somebody

loved us enough to put their lives on the line."

Going forward Bishop Jamal Bryant, pastor of the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, "In C.T. Vivian's hour the church was leading the Civil Rights movement, today the church is supporting the movement which puts us in a different position."

"The first Civil Rights movement was birthed out of the church," Bryant said. "I think that the church is as strong as ever. Pastor Tony Lee is feeding thousands, Look what Pastor Huber Brown is doing in Baltimore with urban gardens. Look at Pastor Mike McBride giving out 100,000 items. They are working in silos and not in front of a camera."

In terms of the upcoming election, Bryant said "We have always done souls to the polls but there has been a paradigm shift because of Covid-19 in that we are pushing for early voting."

On August 8, 2013, President Barack Obama awarded Vivian the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The White House citation began by saying:

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Vivian also helped found numerous civil rights organizations, including Vision, the National Anti-Klan Network, and the Center for Democratic Renewal. In 2012, he returned to serve as interim President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. "



STATE BRIEFS



WAKE SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEMESTER WITH ONLINE LEARNING
[RALEIGH] After over 50% of parents indicated that

they preferred their children safely learning at home virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the state's largest public school system, Wake County Public Schools, decided to start the school year most of it enrolled students with virtual instruction, eventually transitioning to in-person learning in the class-

room later in the school year. Pre-kindergarten and special education students will begin their in-person instruction on Sept. 8th.

JUNETEENTH RECOGNIZED AS PAID HOLIDAY FOR GREENSBORO EMPLOYEES
[GREENSBORO] The

Greensboro City Council Tuesday evening unanimously approved making Juneteenth a paid holiday for employees, doing Wake County in doing the same several weeks ago. Juneteenth is the annual celebration of when slaves in Texas were informed two years after the fact that slavery had been abolished.

BLACK LIVES MATTER BILLBOARD PUT UP NEXT TO CONFEDERATE FLAG NEAR PITTSBORO
[PITTSBORO] Drivers along Highway 64 East Business used to seeing a giant Confederate battle flag blowing in the wind, are now shaking their heads at a new neighbor - a

paid billboard saying "BLACK LIVES MATTER." The billboard, which will be up for a year, was paid for by Recidivism Reduction Educational Program Services and Emancipate NC.

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However, Councilman Kevin Spears isn't having it.

"I don't like it," a perturbed Spears told *The Journal* Wednesday. "I don't like it at all."

"I think we were in a position to vote last night, and we should have voted last night. The information my fellow council members said they needed [to make a decision] I think was provided to us... [giving us] the ability to make the decision."

Instead, not only was an alternative ILM=BLM sign recommended by city staff, but Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Haynes joined Councilman

Charles Rivenbark in pushing for anything other than BLACK LIVES MATTER.

During a contentious virtual meeting Monday, Rivenbark, in fact, called BLACK LIVES MATTER "racist," opting instead for "ALL LIVES MATTER."

Spears and other activists in the community countered, saying all lives can't matter until Black lives matter, and Wilmington's racial history, especially since the 1898 race massacre, makes that clear.

Councilman Spears says there have been "a lot of messages" for, and against, the BLACK LIVES MATTER proposed mural. He added that a lot of influence for the postponement came from constituents who were opposed

to it. He agreed only because he knows that, on August 4, "something has to happen. It has to take place."

But Spears made clear that, unless the BLACK LIVES MATTER mural is on the table at the August 4 meeting, he will not be voting for any compromises.

"I say it now, and I'll say it for the next two weeks. My motion was for the art installation exactly as the proposal was stated to us," Councilman Spears told *The Journal*, BLACK LIVES MATTER spelled out [as] it is."

"At this point, I'm unwilling to compromise on what the message says."

Councilman Spears is not alone in that sentiment. Activists angrily denounced

the Council Tuesday night for failing to vote and seemingly posturing to water down the BLM message.

"I am very disappointed that this Council in this city has failed the people again," NHC NAACP Pres. Deborah Dicks Maxwell told *The Journal*. "First there had to be a compromise with no street mural and now opposition to the solution. Congratulations to the cities that were able to accomplish this task effortlessly. Councilman Rivenbark's comments were divisive, not the fact that recognition is needed to state Black Lives Matter. The county has recognized race as a health disparity. Yet the city keeps their head in the sand. A sad commentary for the city of 1898," Ms. Maxwell concluded.

Sonya Patrick, head of Black Lives Matter - Wilmington and the chair of the NHC Chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus, told *The Journal*, "Black Lives Matter murals are going up around the country as an art expression of social justice, humanity, not politics. We do not support the wordage ILM=BLM, if the mural cannot say BLACK LIVES MATTER, the local public officials should not count on Black votes in any elections."

Patrick continued, "It would be in bad taste if the Mayor and City Council voted against a Black Lives Matter mural at the home of the 1898 Massacre, the only government takeover in the history of this nation, killing unarmed Black citizens.

After over 120 years, there have been no reparations for this horrific tragedy. In 1898, the local government composed "The White Declaration of Independence." It is still relevant today in this racist system... After Wilmington City Councilman Charlie Rivenbark stated that the mural will be racist, she concluded, "The Black Caucus and BLM strongly believe that his statement had no merit and that ALL public officials should take a mandatory cultural competency course with implicit bias training. We feel this would help keep our public officials from being offensive, embarrassing, making national news when discussing racial issues."

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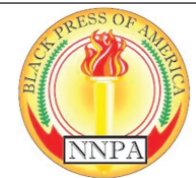
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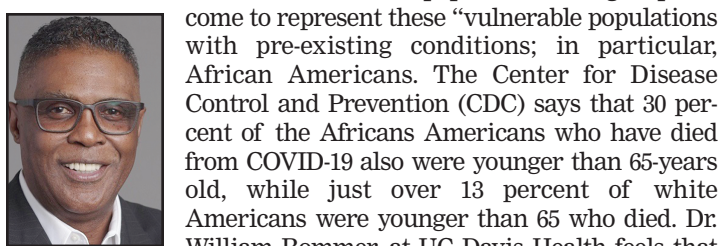
“Vulnerable populations”

“How a society treats its most vulnerable is always the measure of its humanity”

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The CDC stated early on in this pandemic that “vulnerable populations” need to take extra precautions in order to protect themselves, and their families from COVID-19. By now, we know that COVID-19 causes more serious illness in the elderly, especially those who have pre-existing conditions. I’m still trying to find an elderly person over the age of 80, without a pre-existing condition. The people who live in these facilities are, on average, probably over 80 and tend to be some of the frailest and sickest members of our society. It was established, as far back as 2002, in a study published in the Annals of Internal Medicine, which stated that nearly 82% of Medicare beneficiaries have at least one chronic condition, and 64% have multiple conditions. But, that’s another story, for another time.

For now, we need to consider the extent to which this whole notion of vulnerable populations. No group has come to represent these “vulnerable populations with pre-existing conditions; in particular, African Americans. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says that 30 percent of the Africans Americans who have died from COVID-19 also were younger than 65-years old, while just over 13 percent of white Americans were younger than 65 who died. Dr. William Bommer, at UC Davis Health feels that overall people with chronic (pre-existing) conditions are at a ten times higher risk from COVID infection than the general population. Think about it, just the fact that a person has high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes, heart disease, or some type of lung disease, not only makes them more likely to get infected with COVID-19, but also increases the odds of them getting admitted to a hospital, then to ICU or death. In fact, chronic conditions can almost double the chance that you will die, if you are infected with COVID-19.



Glenn Ellis

One study from the CDC reports that patients with an underlying health condition were six times more likely to end up in the hospital and 12 times more likely to die if they contracted COVID-19 than otherwise healthy people.

As reported by CBS News, “African Americans are more likely to work in jobs that can expose them to the virus, less likely to be able to take time off from work and more likely to be the sole breadwinner for their family. Such factors, a legacy of the country’s long history of racism and segregation, compounds the higher incidence of underlying health conditions among blacks that make COVID-19 deadlier for black, Latino and Native people.

Further risks come from the fact that African Americans are less likely than people working in the general workforce to work in the sorts of jobs that allow the option of working from home”.

Lost during all the frenzy around this pandemic, is the fact that the social determinants of health at play during this pandemic are an exacerbating factor for African Americans. A 2017 study in JAMA Internal Medicine showed that for African Americans, just by moving out of racially segregated neighborhoods, with its associated social determinants of health was linked to a drop-in blood pressure! Do you understand how critical this situation is?

Like it or not, we will be going back-and-forth with some form of shelter in place vs. re-opening for some time to come.

We see clearly, the testing for our communities are not anywhere close to being a priority in the eyes of officials; there has been no effort to ensure that African Americans are included in the clinical trials, especially considering what we know about the impact of the social determinants of health on drug efficacy in respective populations.

One of the biggest challenges awaiting us in this regard, is the question of “who gets the vaccine first? Will the conscience of this nation lead it to the acknowledge that there are upwards of 40 million Americans, who are at increased risk of every danger this virus poses: higher risk of infection; higher hospitalization; higher death; and should we be fortunate to survive, we are expected to recover in communities with decimated primary care systems that are not capable of providing the care so, badly needed, by a population wrought with “pre-existing” conditions that result in numerous complications, and a tougher road to recovery.


We must be extremely vigilant in how practice the necessary precautions and safety measures to protect ourselves. We’ve been shown that we can’t rely of press briefing, nightly news, or Facebook to make decisions. We have to use our sound judgement and use our collective voices to advocate and demand equitable protection and care, as citizens, as we all go through this pandemic.

I close with the powerful statement from Alan Elbaum in his essay, Black Lives in a Pandemic: Implications of Systemic Injustice for End-of-Life Care, “What are the ethical implications of racial health disparities when it comes to end-of-life care? Is there such a thing as a “good” or “dignified” death when African Americans are dying not merely of Covid-19 but of structural racism?”

Don’t shoot the messenger...I just deliver the facts...as is. Remember, I’m not a doctor. I just sound like one!

Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!
The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. I do not dispense medical advice or prescribe the use of any technique as a replacement form of treatment for physical, mental or medical problems by your doctor either directly or indirectly. Glenn Ellis, MPH is a Visiting Scholar at The National Bioethics Center at Tuskegee University and a Harvard Medical School Research Bioethics Fellow. He is author of Which Doctor? and Information is the Best Medicine. Ellis is an active media contributor on Health Equity and Medical Ethics. For more good health information visit: www.glennellis.com.

VISUAL VOICE




AMERICA LOST A GIANT!
REP. JOHN LEWIS
1940-2020

JOHN LEWIS'S CAREER WAS ONE OF UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO CIVIL RIGHTS AND EQUAL JUSTICE. ON THE FRONT LINE FROM HIS TEENAGE YEARS UNTIL HIS PASSING, HE WAS A CIVIL RIGHTS ICON. HE SURVIVED BEATINGS, ARRESTS AND JAIL BUT WAS RELENTLESS IN HIS PURSUIT OF VOTING RIGHTS FOR BLACK PEOPLE, ALWAYS REMINDING US THAT THERE WAS STILL WORK TO BE DONE. HIS LEGACY WILL LIVE ON.

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IF YOU REALLY MEAN IT, DAMMIT, STOP SHOOTING!

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YOUR VOICE

WHO ARE THE LEAST OF THESE?

We all know that 9 out of 10 people with “average intelligence” know what “Black Lives Matter” means but many pretend they do not. If you are tired of explaining the BLM to your non-black friends, co-workers, and to be completely honest a few fellow black people, try this. As a teacher, I answer them with a series of

questions, deductive reasoning, to help them come up with their own conclusion. If you put 4 men in a lineup, One White, Jewish, Asian, and Black, which one has always mattered the least yesterday and today in the USA? Who is the last hired but first fired? Which one started out working for less than minimum wages, work the hardest, and may never receive a raise? Who is suspected of stealing any time

something is missing? Who is sentenced to the most prison time for the smallest non-violent crime? Over 2,000 years ago, a white-collar tax collector gave up his top pay, license to steal, position to follow a dirt poor, but wise, righteous man. He was stepping out on FAITH even though he did not know what faith was at that time. His education went from pre-kindergarten to a PHD in love and happiness. After that

leader of leaders went back home to his Father, Matthew, now a teacher, preacher, and writer wrote a part of the world’s best-selling book about him. In chapter 25 verse 40 (paraphrased) Matthew said, “Whatever you do to the least of these my brother, you do also to me”. In other words, “Black Lives Matter.”

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MATTERS OF OPINION

Why do we need to be convinced?

(Via 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 H o w a r d , whether you have dark



Dr. E. Faye Williams

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.

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Adding fuel to the fire of our pandemics

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Nero, the Roman Emperor who legendarily fiddled while Rome burned is a symbol for an irresponsible, ineffective, and callous leader who shows indifference to people in crisis. The great Rome fire took place in the first century AD. The fiddle wasn’t invented until the eleventh century, so it is unlikely that the hedonistic emperor played the fiddle while his city was burning. More likely, he was engaged in some trivial or sybaritic act, regardless of the crisis.

Our 45th President puts Nero to shame. Our country is burning, with COVID cases rising, racial tensions rising. The President is pouring fuel on an already-flaming fire with his callous indifference, ineffective leadership, and irresponsible proclamations. He has so utterly failed to provide a national plan to combat corona that Republican governors have called him out. Notably, Maryland governor Larry Hogan, who chairs the National Governor’s Association, excoriated Mr. Trump in a July 16 Washington Post op-ed noting that our President seemed “more concerned about boost-

ing the stock market or his reelection plans.” That’s fiddling while Rome burns.

Forty-five fanned the flames of fear and uncertainty about

COVID 19 with false comments about the virus. First, he said it was going to go away, and that it was no more severe than the flu. Then he suggested a drug, hydroxychloroquine, that has proven to be ineffective. Then he “jokingly” suggested Lysol or bleach to cure the virus. He has prioritized the economy over human lives, urging governors to open their states up for commerce, even as the number of COVID cases has risen. Still, he and his Education Secretary are urging the full reopening of schools for full-time in-person instruction, even though the numbers suggest otherwise. They are saying they schools that fail to meet their demands will forfeit federal dollars—fuel to the fire.

Since the economy closed in late March, there has been plenty of time to develop a coordinated response to

COVID 19, develop a back-to-school plan, and get school districts the additional resources they need to serve our nation’s young people effectively. Instead, he says he is leaving it to the states, just like he left the acquisition of personal protective equipment to the states. Why doesn’t he do his job instead of playing golf?

Fiddling while Rome burns, the President and his daughter Ivanka, are auditioning as shills for Goya Foods. The President photographed in the Oval Office with an assortment of Goya Foods and a maniacal grin. The First daughter posted a picture of herself, holding a can of black beans. More than 135,000 people are dead, and the first family is hawking beans!

The President’s comments on both masks and race are incendiary. It is irresponsible to making face coverings a matter of individual choice while COVID infections are rising.

Politicizing masks causes tension among citizens who share public space. In Tulsa, Rev. Robert Turner has rallied outside xxx for reparations every Wednesday for the past two years. On July 15, a rabid anti-mask white mob surrounded him, poured water on him, called him “boy,” and

assaulted him. Confederate flag-loving Trump has empowered these racists to behave horribly.

And the President’s idiocy on the Confederate flag suggests he does not know history. His refusal to utter the words “Black Lives Matter” reminds us (but we already knew) that he doesn’t think Black Lives Matter. His request that NASCAR driver Bubba Wallace apologize for reacting when he found a noose in his area was spacious. His response to a CBS interviewer who asked him about Black people’s police shooting was to note that white people are shot by police, too. “More white people, by the way,” the deflector-in-Chief said. Black people are 2.8 times as likely to be killed as whites, but perhaps the President does not understand the concept of disproportionality.

Since the President refuses to develop a national plan to address the corona pandemic, even as the death toll increases, deaths increase, let him hawk beans. He is far more adept at that task than he is at running the country.

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REALITY CHECK

When John Lewis met Brother Malcolm X in Kenya

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In his book, Malcolm X: The FBI Files, Clayborne Carson wrote about an October 1964 first time meeting between Brother Malcolm and John Lewis while both were traveling in Africa.

that the American civil rights groups had too long neglected. He pointed out (and our experience bears him correct) that the African leaders and people are strongly behind the Freedom Movement in this country; that they are willing to do all they can to support, encourage and sustain the Movement, but they will not tolerate factionalism and support particular groups or organizations within the Movement as a whole.



A. Peter Bailey

After they secured a meeting with Brother Malcolm, Carson recalls Lewis as saying "...He felt that the presence of SNCC in Africa was very important and that this was a significant and crucial aspect of the 'human rights struggle'

Afro-American before the General Assembly of the United Nations and hold the United States in violation of the Human Rights Charter. The question was at that time (and ultimately was evident) that support from the civil rights voices in this country was not forthcoming and the American black community was too plinted (sic) to attempt such a move without looking like (complete) asses and embarrassing (our) most valuable allies.

On February 21st 1965 the Sunday he was assassinated, Brother Malcolm told several of us who were backstage with him, that he had accepted an invitation to speak at a SNCC rally in Jackson, Mississippi during the upcoming week. I strongly believe that invitation resulted from his meeting with John Lewis in Kenya.

John Lewis, in the 1960s, was not an "American" hero as cited repeatedly by cable news hosts and their guests. He was an African American warrior who, in the 1960s, put his life on the line in the ongoing war against white supremacist terrorists; especially in the former Confederate states of America.

During that time the lives of John Lewis and other warriors were as much in danger as those of soldiers who were fighting in the Vietnam War. That's what we should teach our children.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

What Rev. CT Vivian and Rep. John Lewis taught us

It was shattering to the spirits of many people that two beloved and powerful figures of the Civil Rights Movement died on the same day. I woke up on Friday morning hearing that CT Vivian - a personal friend and on whom I am writing a book - had passed. I was in shocked, sad mourning all day on Friday...and then on Friday evening near midnight, I saw the news that Lewis had passed.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

Two giants, two figures of strength, courage, integrity, and commitment left us on the same day and the pain was absolutely numbing.

The tributes have been many for Lewis; Vivian has been mentioned almost as an afterthought, it has seemed, and Lewis deserves every ounce of praise he is getting.

But I kept thinking about Rev. Vivian, this slight man with a toughness few ever saw, and I think about he taught me that it is OK to be angry. Both he and Lewis put their anger into action and suffered immensely for it, but I talked with Vivian and I heard with my own ears what that anger sounded like.

In this society, white people expect black people - and any oppressed group - to just be quiet and accept the treatment they receive, but Vivian taught me directly - and Lewis, indirectly - that it is OK to be angry.

It is the height of arrogance and ignorance for white people to ask black people, "why are you so angry?" As I have watched white people crying and whining about wearing masks - not to save themselves as much as to protect other people - I have felt the anger bubble within me that I have carried as a black woman in this country for a long time. How can they be so selfish? I ask myself. So, "the law" has mandated that they wear masks, but they are acting like the spoiled American citizens that they are. Oppressed people have learned to follow laws even as they work against them; these gun-toting white folks are showing how weak-minded being privileged has made them.

I have also watched how guns are being used, displayed and purchased during this pandemic of racism and disease. How can they be so gung-ho about protecting their Second Amendment rights but not care about First Amendment rights as well? The federal administration is clamping down on the right of peaceful assembly - a First Amendment right - while adamantly protecting the Second Amendment. And these same people are unconcerned about the work being done to suppress the vote of African Americans - the right to vote being another right of American citizens.

It all makes me angry, but Rev. Vivian and Rep. Lewis and so many others fought to make this country honor its written, Constitutional commitment to freedom and justice - which included the right to vote. And it was their anger at the bodacious audacity of this country to deny the right to vote to African Americans which fueled their work.

Both men were grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is something about reading the words of Jesus; one cannot read them and be the same. Their groundedness rooted them in the soil of justice and from there, they grew. I have since come to understand and am writing about the difference between being a "Christian" and being "religious," the latter category one to which many white Evangelicals belong. In that type of religion, the words of Jesus are ignored, preempted in importance by the words of Paul.

Being rooted in Christianity, however, specifically in the words of Jesus, produces a righteous anger; "eloquent rage," as author Brittany Cooper says in her book of the same title. "There is no way you can read Jesus and not be angry at how people are treated," Rev. Vivian said to me in one of our sessions, and he added, anger flashing in his eyes, "...and you cannot be a Christian and be racist!"

I am going to stop trying to be like the majority culture wants us to be - to be "content" with how we as black people or the way any oppressed group - is treated. We don't have to like what you are doing and have done to us for over 400 years. We see in your whining about being made to wear masks that you are sensitive about having your rights abridged and bothered. What both Rev. Vivian and Rep. Lewis taught me is that people do not have to accept their oppression, and in memory of them, I hope we continue to fight against it.

I heard on one of the moment of tribute to Lewis yesterday something he recently said, knowing he was close to death. "We must not let this thing die. We must not let this movement die like ours did."

We hear you, Rev. Lewis. We hear you. Rev. Dr. Susan K Smith is nearing completion of a book, "On the Shores of America: Two Nations, Two Gods" and in November, her book, "Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul" will be released by Whitaker House Publishers. To inquire about booking her, contact cassady2euca@icloud.com.

TO BE EQUAL

Our children's lives are too precious to risk reopening schools without a safety plan

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Common sense and intelligence can still determine what we do, even in this crazy environment. We're not going to use our children as guinea pigs." - New York Governor Andrew Cuomo

Of the many questions the deadly coronavirus pandemic has forced the nation to confront, the question of whether to reopen schools is one of the toughest.

priority. But the Trump administration keeps ignoring the "safely" part.

It's true that children seem less susceptible to infection, but scientists aren't sure why.

Children under 19 represent 22 percent of the population, but only 5 percent of coronavirus cases. And 90 percent of children who contracted the virus experienced mild or non-existent symptoms.

But children with underlying conditions such as diabetes, congenital heart disease, seizures and obesity are at higher risk for serious symptoms. And far too little is known about a rare but serious complication of the virus known as multi-symptom inflammatory disease, or the role children might play in spreading the virus to adults.

Rather than devise a comprehensive plan do deal with

the risks, the Trump administration wants to ignore them. The Centers for Disease Control has issued guidelines for schools, but both President Trump and Vice President Pence have urged school districts not to follow them and have even pressured the CDC to change them.

The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, an influential committee of scientists and educators, this week issued a report that stressed the urgency for younger children to attend school in person. But the committee recommended safety guidelines even more stringent than the CDC's, experts went further than guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, calling for surgical masks to be worn by all teachers and staff members during school hours, and for cloth face coverings to be worn by all students, including those in elementary school.

According to an alarming report by the Washington

Post, "White House officials hope Americans will grow numb to the escalating death toll and learn to accept tens of thousands of new cases a day."

Simply put: we will not.

President Trump himself has pointed toward the experiences of countries like Germany, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, where reopened schools have not led to major outbreaks. But the virus is under far better control in Europe than it is in the United States. The U.S. has set new records for daily infections seven times in the span of 11 days. In the past two weeks, more than 692,000 new cases were reported in the U.S. The European Union, with a third more residents, reported about one-twelfth as many cases.

We desperately need to send children back to school. And we desperately need to reopen our economy. But we can't do either until we bring the virus under control.

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Marc Morial

DA 5 Bloods and America abroad

I get an ache in my heart every time someone who learns that I am a Vietnam veteran, says "Thank you for your service."

Even before I returned to the United States from my combat tour in Vietnam, I had decided that we were fighting an unjust war. More than 50 years later, watching Spike Lee's "Da 5 Bloods" set off my internal alarm bells, warning against African Americans blindly participating in U.S. foreign policy.

Lee's latest movie is an excellent commentary on some of the complexities of the Vietnam war for African Americans, which he boils down to a single line spoken by a central character: "We fought in an immoral war that wasn't ours... for rights that wasn't ours."

I am a big fan of Spike Lee, and Da 5 Bloods is among his best work, but the film points out how Black folk were victims of America's foreign policy while understating our complicity in it. I do not fault Lee for this because this war was too broad in its social and political ramifications to fit into a single movie. But it omits two lessons Black folk should have learned from this painful bloodbath.

First, the American War in Vietnam was an attempt to maintain white supremacy in Southeast Asia. U.S. involvement in that part of the world did not ramp up until after the Vietnamese had forced out their former colonial masters - the French.

Having abandoned Vietnam to Japanese invaders during World War II, France returned at the end of that

war and demanded - with an outrageous sense of entitlement bourne of white supremacy - that it be allowed to continue its rule. The bloodied and proud Vietnamese, who had engineered their own resistance to the Japanese, were having none of it.

After the Vietnamese rid themselves of the French in 1954 at the cost of many more lives, the United States - in its role as the Chicken Little of anti-communism - raised the alarm that the sky was falling. Self-proclaimed "foreign policy experts" in the United States warned that Southeast Asian countries would fall like dominos if communists were allowed to gain control of all of Vietnam. North Korea had securely established itself as a communist nation a decade earlier and foreign policy advisors in Washington reasoned that preventing the spread of communism was in America's national interest.

When we make a critical examination of Vietnam today, we see a trading partner of the United States and a respected member of the global community. We see economic and social progress under a communist government that exposes the lies of American demagogues who, foaming-at-the-mouth, protested the rise of communism.

In the late 1950s and early

1960, with Blacks being murdered with impunity and denied basic constitutional rights in America, the U.S. government chose instead to focus on the "rights" of people half a world away. But "freedom" was not what Washington was seeking to establish in Southeast Asia; it was "compliance." The United States wanted to bend that part of the world to its will - a world order based upon white supremacy.

If one ignores the rhetoric and examines America's actions towards Africa, Asia and South America, the evidence is clear that white supremacy has driven U.S. foreign policy throughout its post-World War II history.

Secondly, African Americans have been complicit in U.S. aggressions towards people of color around the world. Handicapped by the blindfold of anti-communist rhetoric, Black folk have too often been enablers in America's efforts to keep whiteness perched upon its global pedestal. Even those of us who knew that Washington's anti-Communist zeal made no sense, particularly as it related to Africa and South America, did not make the connection between U.S. foreign policy and white supremacy.

It was not the rise of communism that these demagogues feared; it was the loss of white privilege around the world. In the 1960s, the newly emergent African nations were being successfully oppressed by a network of political, economic and military resources that put a lid

on any threat to white supremacy from the "Dark Continent." But with the rise of the People's Republic of China and the defeat of the French in Vietnam, the white supremacy lid was coming off of Asia.

Revisiting the American War in Vietnam, we see one aspect of America's attempt to maintain global domination by white supremacy and we see our complicity in this effort. It is not enough for Black folk to plead innocence as draftees just trying to make it back to the "World" alive. We must own our part in the oppression of others.

Attempts to deny our complicity in spreading misery around the globe in support of white supremacy is not unlike Confederate sympathizers refusing to acknowledge that the underlying cause of the Civil War was the preservation of slavery, not the noble South.

As Confederate statues finally come tumbling down, African Americans are asking, "Why has it taken so long? There was no just cause. There was no noble South." By that same measure, we must ask ourselves, "What was the true cause and where was the nobility of America's involvement in Vietnam?"

Not only must we ask ourselves these questions about Vietnam, we must continue to ask these types of questions about all of America's foreign policies.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

New series: Working families are WINNING

I'm excited about what is happening right now that is giving the working families an upper hand towards home-ownership. So many good things are happening for 1st-time buyers. From new 100% financing programs to \$30,000 down payment funds, to New crowd-funding allowed so friends, family, even strangers can contribute to any needed home-buying funds, to Free appraisals for Veterans, to only providing a 1-week F/T paystub to qualify after being out of work from the pandemic, and MORE. I stay constantly looking for these

types of perks because all the help families can get is so needed. In the wake of COVID, the lenders got tighter than tight and a lot of 1st-time programs shut down. They are finally returning and with a few new ones as well. Over the next few weeks, I will unpack these perks a little more so you can see why I'm so excited. Several banks have USDA, VA loans which have always been 100%,

Brenda Dixon

which means no money down to purchase the home. If the home is \$180,000, they will lend you \$180,000. Well, both loans are government-backed but have different criteria to qualify. Traditionally, you would have to have a 640+ middle score to get a USDA loan and most banks want at least that score for VA but there are a few banks that will lend with less which is great news. Also, since COVID, there have been other banks that relaunched or launched their own in-house loan that is not government-backed but is also 100% financing. The credit scores required will vary from bank

to bank. Just know that for all of the families that are sick of renting. Sick of throwing away money month after month, year after year, it's never been a better time than now to position yourself. Stay tuned for more details on all of these great programs and 'GET IN FORMATION'. Your family deserves this.

Until next week, share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to reach out for a free game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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Birthday blessings come true



BETTY MCQUEEN WATERMAN

Last year, July 11, 2019, a dream came true for Betty McQueen Waterman. She had asked the Lord to bless her to see her 80th birthday and received eighty birthday cards. Surprisingly and with bountiful blessings, she received 327 birthday cards

and acknowledgements.

This year on July 11, 2020 she became 81 years old and would like to thank everyone for making her dream come true.

All praises to God for allowing her to share this celebration.

Douglass Academy ready to open on-campus and on-line!

Wilmington, NC - Douglass Academy is excited to announce that its full classical curriculum will be available for either on-campus or on-line attendance when students return on August 6, 2020. The success of the condensed live, face-to-face on-line delivery last spring and its demand from parents prompted the expansion of the live on-line offering to encompass the full curriculum for all the upcoming year. Douglass Academy shares its on-line program with the three sister schools in the family of charter schools managed by The Roger Bacon Academy - Columbus Charter School in Whiteville, Charter Day School in Leland, and South Brunswick Charter School in Southport. Chromebooks and accessories will be available to loan to each student attending on-line.

To ensure a smooth transition to the start of their educational journey, all kindergarten students will be on-campus except in the case of a doctor's note, at which point an on-line option will be provided. Each kindergarten student is guaranteed a spot on-campus. First and second grade students have separate on-line or on-campus classes with a dedicated teacher. On-line and on-campus students in grades 3-8 are taught concurrently. The teacher addresses on-campus students physically,

and on-line students via live internet Zoom and Google Classroom. All students receive the same teacher instruction and see the same displays of maps, texts, math problems, etc. When the teacher asks a student a question, that student can be at school or at home.

Vivica Graham, a Douglass Academy parent, explained, "Douglas Academy's online learning was a great experience for my family. Mrs. Sauls and Ms. Dalton were great with making it exciting for our girls and were able to keep them engaged throughout the entire process. Also, if we had any questions, they were answered immediately."

April Thornbury, a parent at South Brunswick Charter School, a sister school sharing the same on-line program, remarked, "The online campus was tremendous, and very well organized. I trust South Brunswick Charter School to find not only a solution, but the appropriate matrix to ensure our children are educated and accountable for their education in an environment that is safe and responsible."

Another South Brunswick Charter School parent, Sara Kordbacheh-Ball, said "We greatly appreciated all of the support we received from South Brunswick Charter School when we transitioned to on-line

learning, which enabled us to continue our daughter's education during these unprecedented times. Ava was still able to receive daily instruction from her teachers via zoom. She was able to still feel connected to her teachers and classmates, and that gave her something to look forward to every day!"

"On-line learning at Columbus Charter School was a great experience for my children!" said Cara Smeigh, a parent at sister school Columbus Charter School. She continued, "My children maintained a daily routine, interacted with their teachers and classmates in live sessions, and felt part of a learning community. I appreciate the strong efforts teachers made to keep the classes exciting and engaging each day. I am so thankful for the emphasis that Columbus Charter School places on academics and character development on-campus or on-line. Consistency, structure, and love are keys to children's success and I trust Columbus Charter School to provide that for my children in any situation!"

"When we had to transition to on-line learning in April, everything was so organized and user-friendly. The amount of work that went into all of that did not go unnoticed." commented Tiffanie Siuta of sister school Charter Day School. She

continued, "Charter Day School has been a great fit for us. Their high expectations for students and fun learning environment keeps us returning each year. The teachers and administrators truly have the students' best interests at heart and do whatever it takes to ensure their safety. We are so thankful for Charter Day School. Teachers and administration take time to listen to questions/concerns and respond with solutions in a timely manner. We can't say enough about Charter Day School, it's staff, or the campus!"

Braxton Pendergrass-Lighty, a Douglass Academy student, exclaimed, "I enjoyed virtual learning because I was still able to see my teachers and friends! It felt just like the classroom!"

Parents can expect the same high safety standards for their children on campus including implementation of all required safety precautions as outlined in the NCDHHS StrongSchools NC Public Health Toolkit. Per Governor Cooper's mandate, masks will be required for all staff and students in grades K-8 during transitions or whenever 6-foot distancing cannot be assured. All classrooms have been set up to provide proper 6-foot distancing between students to allow mask breaks when consistent distancing can be assured.

CFCC to launch teacher preparation programs this fall

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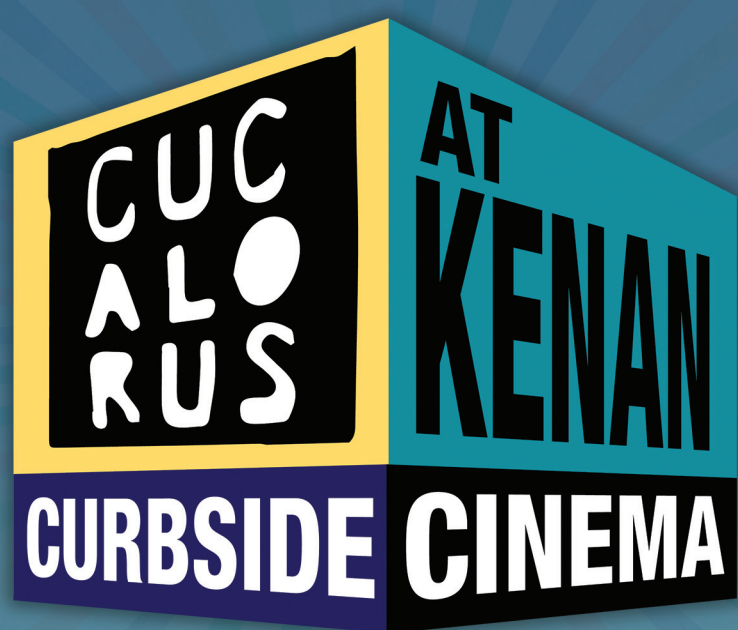
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Sylvia Renee Wilson

Sylvia Renee Wilson died July 8, 2020. Funeral service will be held 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Shytonia Williams; her mother, Lillia Wilson; sisters, Ronetta Davis (Julian), Frances Wilson, and Sylvia Wilson; one brother, Timothy Wilson (Gwendolyn); a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Gerald Murray

Gerald Murray died July 12, 2020. Funeral services were held 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Gerald, AKA "Rooney" was born on February 23, 1948 to Essie May-Kelly Murray and Eddie James Murray. He completed his education at Williston Senior High School. Gerald leaves to cherish his memory: his stepdaughters, Tina Murphy and Shaniya Adams; granddaughter, Shante Murphy; great-granddaughter, Za'nya Murphy; six brothers; five sisters; a very special sister, Deborah Murray Talley; a very special friend, Thelma Mason and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Robert Lee "Hun" Grady

Robert Lee "Hun" Grady died July 13, 2020. Graveside services were held Sunday, July 17, 2020 at Summerville AME Zion Church Cemetery. Robert, son of the late James Grady, Sr. and Gertrude Robinson Grady was born in Leland, NC on April 24, 1942. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charlie "Pen" Grady and James Grady, Jr.; two sisters, Hazel Grady and Doris Grady Hooper. Robert "Hun" graduated from Lincoln High School. He attended James Sprunt Community College and received a certificate in art. His fine art work was shared with family and friends. Art is not what you see but what you make others see. He was an employee of Royster Fertilizer Factory. He leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife, Marie Grady of Stockbridge, GA; one daughter, Dominique Muhammad Grady (Sheikh) of Richmond, VA;

four sons, Robert Jerome Grady of Stockbridge, GA, Gerald William Grady of Atlanta, GA, Corey Fields of Riegelwood, NC and Robert Tyree McKoy of Bolton, NC; 17 grandchildren; one brother-in-law, James C. Hooper of Leland, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Parmalee McClammy

Parmalee McClammy died July 17, 2020. Graveside service was on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at Edgecombe Community Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Magalene Roberts

Magalene Roberts died July 17, 2020. Funeral service were held Thursday, July 23, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Carlton "Smitty" Smith

Carlton "Smitty" Smith died July 17, 2020. Funeral services will be held 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2020. Visitation will be 30 minutes prior to the service on Saturday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Betty Sellars

Belthy "Betty" Dekine Sellars, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, July 4, 2020. A graveside service was held on Friday, July 10, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her children, Shaki Dekine of the home and Toni Dekine Toby (Kenya) of Hampstead; grandchildren, Airman First Class Jerjuan Boone of Oklahoma County, OK, Jaylen Dekine of Wilmington, Jakai Dekine of Wilmington and Shakia Dekine of Hinesville, GA and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Lawrence H. Collins

On Thursday, July 9, 2020, Lawrence H. Collins, of Southport, peacefully

passed away at the age of 92.

He was born on April 19, 1928, in Buffalo, NY. He was predeceased by his mother Madeline M. Collins, his loving wife Lillian M. Collins, and his son Lester Collins. He grew up in Corning, NY, and later moved to New Haven, CT before moving to Elmira, NY where he lived until moving with his daughter due to illness. He worked at the A&P plant until they closed.

He is survived by his daughters Beverly J. McCormick of Carlisle, PA, and Barbara A. Bell of Southport, NC with whom he resides. He also has eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Ellen N. Ramsland

Ellen N. Ramsland, age 71, of Leland (formerly of Long Island, NY) passed away on Monday, July 13, 2020. A memorial service celebrating the life of Mrs. Ramsland was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her husband, Stephen Ramsland of the home; children, Rebecca Ellen McGhee (Fred) of Newnan, GA, Stephen Edward Ramsland, Jr. (Jennifer) of Wilmington and Jennifer Jeleniewski (Tim) of Raleigh; siblings, Patrick Powers (Gina), Robert Powers (Laura) and Raymond Powers (Dina) all of New York and Sheila Pilz (Steve) of Florida, 7 grandchildren and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Morris L. Neal

Morris Levern Neal, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, July 13, 2020. A graveside service was held Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Tabernacle Believers Holiness Church Cemetery in Riegelwood, NC.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Adrene V. Neal of Raleigh; children, Ricardo Young (Jennifer) of

Greensboro, Adrene Neal Peacock (Brian) of Raleigh and Melissa Neal McLean (Albert) of Greensboro; siblings, Dean Graham (Adrienne) of Stone Mountain, GA, William Neal of Wilmington, Vivian Neal Phillips of Vallejo, CA, Cassandra Neal Burke of Ellenwood, GA, 5 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Garland D. Wilson

Garland D. Wilson, age 65, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, July 16, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Wilson's life was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his siblings, Elsie Wilson Clark, Warren Wilson (Brenda) and Jarvis Wilson all of Wilmington, Marvin Wilson of Leland and Terry Mallette of Winston Salem; aunts, Frances McCloud of Bishopville, SC, Mary Alice Champagne of Orange, NJ and Sarah Lewis (Bobby) of Roselle, NJ, and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Mary Alice Moore

Mary Alice Moore, age 66, of Onslow County (formerly of Wilmington), passed away Monday, July 20, 2020. Public viewing will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 o.m. on Friday, July 24, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. (NO LINGERING/GATHERING). A celebration of Ms. Moore's life will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 25, at Davis Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Ronald C. Mapson

Ronald Carl Mapson, age 67 of Navassa, passed away Monday, July 20, 2020.

Public viewing will be held from 3:00 - 5:00 PM on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

A celebration of Mr. Mapson's life will be conducted at 12:00 p.m., Sunday, July 26, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow in Meares Cemetery in Navassa. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*



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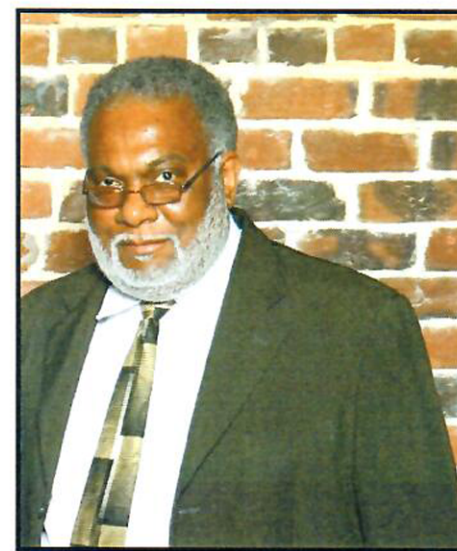
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and are not, and hast found them liars:

And has borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.



Sylvia Hooper

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

John was in the Spirit on the Lord's day. He was on the isle of Patmos where he was exiled for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. Jesus told John to write the things he had seen and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.

Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write.(Verse 2) I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles,

The Book of Revelation was not written to the seven churches which were in Asia. The words were given to the angel of the churches to prepare them for the coming of the Lord. Jesus had left his servants know that he was coming back for a church without spot or wrinkle. He was coming back for a glorious church. He was coming back for a ready church!

The message to the church at Ephesus let them know that the Lord was walking in the midst of the church and he knew everything that was going on. He told the church at Ephesus, that he knew of their works (accomplish-

ments); he knew their labor (productive activities); he knew their patience (perseverance and diligence); He knew their intolerance towards them that were evil. They even tested them that said they were apostles, and found them to be liars. Jesus knew of their support and hard work done in his name. He knew they had not fainted (lacked courage). Jesus' s everlasting love and care for the church is undeniable, unmistakable and apparent, because of the fact that he bought and paid for the church with his own precious blood.

He let the church know they were not ready for his return and that he had somewhat against them because they had left their first love. He told them to remember (keep in mind) from where they were fallen and to repent. He also told them they needed to do their first works. He repeated his words and declared, unless you repent (feel sorrow for past sin or conduct enough to change one's life for the better;) I will remove thy candlestick. (The candlesticks were the churches)

This message to the church still stands to our present day congregation. We are living in

the last days and the coming of our Lord Jesus is drawing nearer than when we first believed, and yet so many of his servants are not ready for his return. They are not ready to repent.

Not ready to repent means not ready to change opinions, decisions, course of actions. It also means not Godly sorry and therefore not sorry enough to quit, cease, desist! Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

A church without love is not a church at all. Jesus said you have left (abandoned) your first love. God is love, and Jesus Christ is God's manifested love to this world. How can the church survive if we have left our first love? How will the world know that we are his disciples without his love? The church is the Light of the world. (Matthew 5:14) Without his love, the church has no light! The world seems to grow darker day by day! We are the salt of the earth. (Matthew 5:13) Without savor, salt has no effectiveness. It is good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men.

You have been so busy doing the work of the Lord, you

have left your first priority, which is your love for Christ. You still love him. He is no longer first.

Indicators You are leaving or already Left First Love....

- 1.You love someone else more than the Lord.
- 2>Your soul does not long for fellowship in God's word and prayer
3. Your thoughts in leisure do not honor God.
- 4.You make excuses for doing things that displease the Lord.
- 5.You do not willingly or cheerfully give to God's work.
6. You cease to treat people as you would treat the Lord.
- 7.You view Christs commands as restrictions to your happiness, rather than expressions of his love.
- 8.You strive for affirmation from the world instead of approval from God.
- 9.You fail to make Christ known because fear of rejection.
10. You refuse to give up an activity that offends a weaker brother.
11. You are Complacent to sinful conditions around you..
12. You are Unwilling to forgive your offenders.

Remember from where you

have fallen and get back up again. God is still calling you. Your work is not done. It's not too late. He loves you too much to leave you alone. Church, it is time to get up, stand up, look up, and speak up! He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the church! Tell Somebody!!!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

“Always Rejoice1” Convention of Jehovah’s Witnesses moves to streaming platform

BY STACY M. BROWN
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR CORRESPONDENT

For more than 100 years, the annual convention of Jehovah's Witnesses packed venues like the old Memorial Stadium in Baltimore, Yankee Stadium in New York, and Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the religious organization's Governing Body canceled the annual gatherings and, for the first time, moved the event to a virtual platform.

Congregations, families, and guests can now view the convention titled, "Always Rejoice!" during July and August on the organization's website, www.jw.org.

"The convention will continue to teach us that joy is a quality of the heart. It is something that we have inside even when things around us maybe crumpling," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "This message for our community is absolutely vital."

Hendriks added that the

two Christian principles that guided the Witnesses' historic decision to cancel their annual convention are respect for the sanctity of life and love of neighbor.

"As much as we long to meet together, life is far too precious to put at risk," Hendriks stated. "Life trumps a place, and a building. Life transcends our desire to meet together. Life is paramount and we recognize that even if one life was taken because of a public meeting, that would be one life too many. We love our brothers, and we love our communities so when you think of carrying the virus, that is contrary to love of neighbor. The principles that move us to knock on doors and talk to our neighbors about the gospel and to invite people to our public gatherings, are the very principles we used to stop the convention and hold it virtually."

In 2019, more than 14 million people in 240 lands attended conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses, including roughly 2 million in the United States.

"Our worship is centered on our mutual love for our

God and for each other, irrespective of where we are physically," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "This year's convention program underscores the unity of our international family and the joy that people can have against a backdrop of stress and despair."

The conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are usually held over three days – Friday through Sunday, with a morning and afternoon session each day.

Witness officials said they would release the program on their website in six installments, each corresponding to a morning or afternoon session. Many congregations and families have already viewed the first convention session, which debuted July 11.

The final weekend of the virtual event takes place August 29 and August 30.

Hendriks noted that this year's program explores questions that include, what contributes to finding and sustaining joy? How can you cultivate joy in the family? How can you remain joyful in



Those interested in viewing the convention can contact their local congregation or access the program on www.jw.org, available under the "Library" tab.

difficult times?

A key feature of the program is a Bible-based drama that considers Nehemiah's life and how he helped the ancient nation of Israel find joy in their worship of God.

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www.jw.org, available under the "Library" tab.

There is no charge for viewing the convention, sign-ups, or email addresses also aren't required.

Each year many who are not Jehovah's Witnesses attend the annual conventions, Hendriks said, adding that there are more than 8.6

million active Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide. Yet, the 2019 conferences had a peak attendance of more than 14 million.

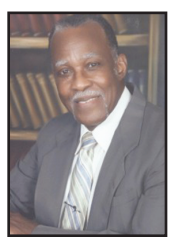
"With the program available online in hundreds of languages, this may be the most attended convention of Jehovah's Witnesses to date," Hendriks stated.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Where will we go from here? -Part 2

That will be determined by the GPS you are using as your guide system, The Bible is our physical road map given by God to man to follow until His Son would come and provide a way for man to come to God and be saved, healed and delivered. Proverbs 14:12 (KJV) "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death". Life is the same way you must program your destination based upon where you are! According to the Bible, which is our spiritual road map, we all began our life journey from the same place, position, or source. Let's turn now again to the teaching of the infallible Word of God which is the fountainhead of all spiritual truth and the revelation of the complete will of God for man. Isaiah 35:7-9 (KJV) 8 "And a highway shall be there, and a Way, and it shall be called The Way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. 9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there": John 14:4-6 (KJV) 4" And

whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. 5Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me". Jesus Christ, Mediator: the way to God is through Jesus Christ Himself. This is a critical verse, for Jesus said that no man could reach God unless he



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

approached God through Jesus Himself. Notice, Jesus' claim to the deity: "I Am" Jesus made three phenomenal claims.

"There is a difference between pointing the way to a particular place and taking someone by the hand and leading him there. The person who guides a person to their destination becomes the way himself. Jesus Christ not only points out and tells a person how to walk through life and how to reach God, but He also shows the person the way. Therefore, He is the Way Note the repetition of the word "way".

There is a difference between telling someone about the truth and living the truth before them. The one who lives the truth becomes the truth.

1. Jesus Christ is the Embodiment of truth (John 14:6). He is the picture of truth. God not only talks to a man about Himself, but God also shows a man what He is like in the person of Jesus Christ. Man can look at Jesus Christ and see a perfect picture of the truth of God.

"Jesus Christ is the Communicator of truth. He—His Person and His Life—makes things clear: He reveals the ultimate source and meaning and end of all things. He reveals the truth of man himself and the world surrounding man. He shows man the right way to the truth, and He enables man to choose the right way to the truth".

"There is a difference between telling someone about life and living life. The one who lives in the one who possesses life, and the more perfect one lives, the more life one possesses. Jesus Christ lived perfectly; therefore, He possesses life perfectly. He is the Life: the very embodiment, energy, force, and source of life itself". (POBC).

(John 1:4)"In him was life; and the life was the light of men".(John 10:10)"I come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly".(John 10:10)"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live".

If the Bible is our road map and Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, then the Holy Spirit is our spiritual GPS. John 14:15-17, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16And I will pray for the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; 17Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. V.26, 26But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you". The Church is operating independently of the Holy Spirit!

John 15:26,26 "But when the Comforter comes, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from

the Father, he shall testify of me": John 16:12-15,12 "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you".

"The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ and only Christ. Note that the Spirit "receives" of Christ and shows (declares) it to believers. This means that He receives and declares... only what Christ is. • only what Christ did. • only what Christ said.

The Holy Spirit was sent in Jesus' name to proclaim Jesus alone. He, the Spirit of Truth, leads believers to Christ, who alone is the Truth. He did not come to proclaim a movement and message of His own, but to proclaim the movement and message of Christ. You can't miss heaven if you guided by the Holy Spirit (GPS).

Romans 8:14-17 (KJV) "For

as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together". In my conclusion, The political system, or the government, the civil rights movement, religious groups, and others do not have the answer for the Black Community. The church has abandoned the Word of God and the Holy Spirit and has chosen mere men who are blind, and "if the blind lead the blind they both shall fall into the ditch". Father, I pray in the Name of Jesus that the Black Community and the Black Church, will look unto the hills from which cometh our Help. Amen.

Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.



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THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Princell Hair named President & CEO of the Black News Channel

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

Tallahassee, Florida — Princell Hair joins The Black News Channel (BNC) as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the nation's first and only 24-hour news network culturally specific to the diverse views of the Black community, it was announced today by Chairman and interim CEO, J.C. Watts. With the announcement of a new CEO, Watts will return to his role as Chairman. Hair's appointment is effective immediately.

Hair brings a unique background in diverse platforms including general management, experience leading a national news network, a regional sports business and several local television news departments. He has reimagined programming lineups in his career discovering new, engaging talent, enhancing linear audience reach and vastly growing digital user engagement.

Hair grew up in South Florida and started his career there in local news and rose to Vice President of News for the

CBS Television Stations group, before becoming the first and only African-American to lead CNN-US as Executive Vice President and General Manager, achieving major ratings growth during key news events including the Democratic and Republican National Conventions plus CNN's Election Night in America 2004. He joined Comcast in 2008 supervising news operations and talent for the Comcast regional sports networks. In 2012, Hair was named Senior Vice President of News and Talent for the NBC Sports Group. He was promoted in 2016 to Senior Vice President and General Manager of NBC Sports Boston, leading the regional sports network to audience growth across all platforms as well as generating several of the network's most profitable years in its history.

"Princell's experience as a news and sports executive is unmatched for its breadth and success. As a programmer he will bring energy and fresh thinking to the Black News Channel," said BNC

Chairman, J.C. Watts. "We are delighted to welcome him and excited to see him build on the foundation we have laid with the launch of the Black News Channel."

"I am grateful to Chairman Watts and the Board of Directors for this opportunity," said Hair. "I'm thrilled to return to daily newsgathering and compelling storytelling at the only 24-hour cable news channel aimed specifically at African Americans and other people of color; as the world responds to a pandemic, systemic racism and an economic crisis, all of which disproportionately impact the Black audience. I'm equally excited to join and support the talented team of journalists and staff across BNC's platforms as the high stakes 2020 Presidential Race enters the red zone."

Hair received his Masters degree in Business Administration from the Goizueta Business School at Emory University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Journalism from Florida International University in Miami, Florida.

He is a member of National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and the National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA).

About BNC

Black News Channel is an independent network that is minority owned and operated, and the nation's only provider of 24/7 cable news programming dedicated to covering the unique perspective of African American communities. BNC provides access to information and educational programming to meet the specific needs of this growing and dynamic community that is a major consumer of subscription television services. BNC provides an authentic, new voice that represents African Americans in mainstream media and fosters political, economic, and social discourse; the network is one voice representing the many voices of African Americans. BNC's programming illuminates truth about the unique challenges facing urban communities and helps close the "image gap" that exists today between the negative black



PRINCELL HAIR

stereotypes perpetuated by our enterprising African mainstream media news and American communities.

The 'Conscience of the Congress', U. S. Rep. John Lewis, dies at 80

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - He was the son of a sharecropper who came to be known as the "conscience of the Congress" and has been described by a list of other heroic terms: From the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who called him the "founding father of American Democracy" to President Barack Obama's description saying Congressman John Lewis' "life is a lesson in the fierce urgency of now."

Even President Donald Trump, whose inauguration was skipped in protest by the Congressman who also voted for Trump's impeachment, has expressed "respect for the memory and longstanding public service of Representative John Lewis, of Georgia" as he ordered all U. S. flags to be flown at half-mast in his honor.

Perhaps best known in his final years as one who engaged in "good trouble, necessary trouble" - his best description of himself - Lewis died of pancreatic cancer July 17. He was 80. Civil rights leaders, dignitaries, his constituents and the millions of lives he touched poured out their memories and paid their respects this week.

"Although there were times when the movement left John, John never left the movement," said fellow Congressman James Clyburn (D-S.C.), Democratic majority whip, who worked with Lewis in the struggle for 27 years. "John continued his quest for equality right up to the bitter end. Just last month, he visited the Black Lives Matter plaza in Washington D.C., as if to pass the torch. He and I had talked about the current iteration of the movement - its intensity, its diversity. We felt that a sustaining movement for 'liberty and justice for all' had finally arrived."

And that's how he wanted to be remembered - for the impact that his leadership for racial justice had on America and the world - both Black

and White.

"The United States and the world have lost one of the great public leaders of our time...I and everyone who cares about and works for justice will miss him," said Douglas W. Elmendorf, dean of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

"Representative Lewis fought his entire life for civil rights and against anti-Black racism. He fought with stirring moral clarity: He stressed that all people deserve freedom and justice, and for 60 years, he spoke out again and again when people in this country and others were denied their basic human rights. He fought with remarkable personal courage: He was repeatedly beaten, harassed, arrested, jailed, and attacked, but he kept seeking ways to make a difference through 'good trouble, necessary trouble,' as he called it."

Although he was the youngest to speak at the March on Washington, August 28, 1963, Lewis is perhaps best known for his leadership on "Bloody Sunday", March 7, 1965. That was the day when Georgia state troopers brutally assaulted him and others as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which he chaired, crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge, marching from Selma to Montgomery.

That moment, widely televised, led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act the same year after President Lyndon B. Johnson - touch by the violence - borrowed from the words of the civil rights anthem, "We Shall Overcome."

Lewis died on the same day as the Rev. C. T. Vivian, 95, also a foot soldier of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Vivian died at home in Atlanta of natural causes.

The following are excerpts from his congressional web page bio:

Often called "one of the most courageous persons the

Civil Rights Movement ever produced," John Lewis has dedicated his life to protecting human rights, securing civil liberties, and building what he calls "The Beloved Community" in America. His dedication to the highest ethical standards and moral principles has won him the admiration of many of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the United States Congress.

He was born the son of sharecroppers on February 21, 1940, outside of Troy, Alabama. He grew up on his family's farm and attended segregated public schools in Pike County, Alabama. As a young boy, he was inspired by the activism surrounding the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the words of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., which he heard on radio broadcasts. In those pivotal moments, he made a decision to become a part of the Civil Rights Movement. Ever since then, he has remained at the vanguard of progressive social movements and the human rights struggle in the United States.

As a student at Fisk University, John Lewis organized sit-in demonstrations at segregated lunch counters in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1961, he volunteered to participate in the Freedom Rides, which challenged segregation at interstate bus terminals across the South. Lewis risked his life on those Rides many times by simply sitting in seats reserved for white patrons. He was also beaten severely by angry mobs and arrested by police for challenging the injustice of Jim Crow segregation in the South.

During the height of the Movement, from 1963 to 1966, Lewis was named Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which he helped form. SNCC was largely responsible for organizing student activism in the Movement, including sit-ins and other activities.



U. S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) stands with DC Mayor Muriel Bowser on Black Lives Matter Plaza during protests sparked by the police killing of George Floyd. PHOTO: Khalid Aji-Allah

While still a young man, John Lewis became a nationally recognized leader. By 1963, he was dubbed one of the Big Six leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. At the age of 23, he was an architect of and a keynote speaker at the historic March on Washington in August 1963.

In 1964, John Lewis coordinated SNCC efforts to organize voter registration drives and community action programs during the Mississippi Freedom Summer. The following year, Lewis helped spearhead one of the most seminal moments of the Civil Rights Movement. Hosea Williams, another notable Civil Rights leader, and John Lewis led over 600 peaceful, orderly protestors across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965. They intended to march from Selma to Montgomery to demonstrate the need for voting rights in the state. The marchers were attacked by Alabama state troopers in a brutal confrontation that became known as "Bloody Sunday." News broadcasts and photographs revealing

the senseless cruelty of the segregated South helped hasten the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Despite more than 40 arrests, physical attacks and serious injuries, John Lewis remained a devoted advocate of the philosophy of nonviolence. After leaving SNCC in 1966, he continued his commitment to the Civil Rights Movement as Associate Director of the Field Foundation and his participation in the Southern Regional Council's voter registration programs. Lewis went on to become the Director of the Voter Education Project (VEP). Under his leadership, the VEP transformed the nation's political climate by adding nearly four million minorities to the voter rolls.

In 1981, he was elected to the Atlanta City Council. While serving on the Council, he was an advocate for ethics in government and neighborhood preservation. He was elected to Congress in November 1986 and has served as U.S. Representative of Georgia's Fifth

Congressional District since then. He is Senior Chief Deputy Whip for the Democratic Party in leadership in the House, a member of the House Ways & Means Committee, and Chairman of its Subcommittee on Oversight.

John Lewis holds a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Fisk University, and he is a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, both in Nashville, Tennessee. He has been awarded over 50 honorary degrees from prestigious colleges and universities throughout the United States, including Harvard University, Brown University, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Duke University, Morehouse College, Clark-Atlanta University, Howard University, Brandeis University, Columbia University, Fisk University, and Troy State University.

His biography, published in 1998, is entitled *Walking With The Wind: A Memoir of the Movement*. He is survived by one son, John Miles.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the Superior Court Before the Clerk New Hanover County File Number: 20-SP-226

CHARLOTTE NOEL FOX, Administrator CTA for the Estate of REBECCA McMILLAN, Petitioner, vs. WILLIAM McMILLAN, JR., RHONDA McMILLAN ALLEN, LEROY LAWRENCE, HILDA SINGLETON, CHARLES DONTÉ MELBERT, KELLIE MELBERT, KATRENA BOYKIN, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF REBECCA McMILLAN, Respondents.

To Leroy Lawrence, Hilda Singleton, Charles Donte Melbert, Kellie Melbert, Unknown Heirs of Rebecca McMillan, and Unknown Heirs of Charles Melbert, Jr.:

TAKE NOTICE that a special proceeding seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

A Petition for Possession, Custody and Control of Real Property and Sale of Real Property by Private Sale to Pay Debts of Rebecca McMillan. The real property sought to be sold is described as follows:

"All of Lot 46 in Section 1 of Walnut Hills Subdivision as the same is shown on map of Section 1 of said subdivision recorded in Map Book 12 at Page 18 in the office of the Register of Deed of New Hanover County"

Also being identified as Tax Parcel ID # R02420-004-004-000

Address: 7 Diamond Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28429.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S § 28-A-13-3, Petitioner seeks to take possession, custody and control of said real property and sell the real property at a private sale in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 29A of the North Carolina General Statutes and to apply the proceeds of the sale of the real property; first, to the satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and the costs of administration; and after satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and costs of administration, distribute to the heirs.

You are required to file a written response by Wednesday, August 19, 2020, and upon your failure to do so any order entered by the Court shall be binding as if you were personally before the Court and any payment or distribution made by the Administrator CTA under orders of the Court shall have the effect of fully discharging such personal representative and any sureties on the personal representative's official bond to the full extent of such payment or distribution as ordered.

This, the 9th day of July, 2020.

CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC
Charlotte Noel Fox
N.C. State Bar No. 32678
Administrator CTA of the Estate of Rebecca McMillan
701 Market Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Telephone: (910) 815-0085
Facsimile: (910) 815-1095

July 9, 16, 23, 2020

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 27th day of May, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **JAMES W. CHAPMAN a/k/a JIM CHAPMAN**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Ann H. Chapman, at 8816 Sawmill Creek Lane - Wilmington, NC 28411, on or before the **30th day of September, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 26th day of June, 2020.

ANN H. CHAPMAN, EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

July 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 1st day of June, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **PAUL DEMURO**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Anne Z. DeMuro, at 1201 Futch Creek Road, Wilmington, NC 28411, on or before the **30th day of September, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 26th day of June, 2020.

ANNE Z. DEMURO, EXECUTOR
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Lofton Merrit Irving**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of July, 2020

Tiffany Irving, Administrator
Po Box 10161
Wilmington, NC 28404

July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of **Robert D. Moore III** (New Hanover County File No. 20 E 613) late of 1107 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 201 N. Front Street Suite 408, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **16th day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of July, 2020.

CASON CRUMMIE LAW FIRM, PLLC
Attorney for Monita M. Ozment
20 I N. Front Street Suite 408
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Conrad Francis Carrano**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of July, 2020

Carmela Carrano, Administratrix
5630 Old Garden Rd. Apt 104
Wilmington, NC 28403

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of **Perlie Henry Davis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of July, 2020

Russell Davis, Jr., Administrator CTA
3202 Graylyn Terrace
Wilmington, NC 28411

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Linda Louise Kuharcik (20-E-625)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 2, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of July, 2020.

Katherine K. Russell
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Louise Price Formisano (20-E-418)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 9, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of July, 2020.

Lori G. Formisano
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carol Lucy Cohen (20-E-681)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 9, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of July, 2020.

Ronald Cohen
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Tracy Johnna Williams**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of July, 2020

Valerie D. Williams, Executrix
4006 Live Oak Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27604

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2020

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NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Charles J. Paone**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 23rd day of July, 2020.

M. Jane Paone, Executrix of the Estate of Charles J. Paone
8528 Bald Eagle Lane
Wilmington, NC 28411
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Sandra W. Cooper**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of July, 2020

Angela Cooper McGuire, Executrix
109 Superior Ct.
Hampstead, NC 28443

July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the General Court of Justice --Superior Court Division 20 CVS949

ELANDA J. GORE, Plaintiff, v. ROBERT W. GRAY, JR., Defendant.

To Robert W. Gray, Jr.: Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action.

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: damages arising from motor vehicular negligence. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from the first running of this notice, exclusive of such date, which was Thursday, July 9, 2020, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 9th day of July, 2020

July 9, 16, 23, 2020

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Board will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 3pm. As a precaution during the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Sec. 4.31 of SB 704 (S.L. 2020-3), the meeting will be conducted remotely. Audio, and video, if any, of the meeting will be streamed live from the 5th Floor Harrelson Conference Room of the CresCom Bank Building at 115 N. 3rd St., Wilmington, NC. The live remote meeting will be accessible starting at 3pm on July 29th online, <https://zoom.us> or by phone, 312-626-6799, with meeting ID# 984 7693 2128 and password 893393. Public comments may be submitted in advance by emailing wmpo@wilmingtonnc.gov or by leaving a message at (910) 341-3258 before 5pm on June 23, 2020. Public comments will be played or read aloud by staff during the meeting. Per the adopted Public Participation Plan, public comments shall be limited to 3 minutes each. Mike Kozlosky Executive Director Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

July 23, 2020

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE OLLIE MARIE TEACHEY HATCHER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 20 E 0753

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Ollie Marie Teachey Hatcher** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Ollie Marie Teachey Hatcher to present them to the undersigned on or before **October 23, 2020**, that being three (3) months from the first date of publication of this Notice or same shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of July, 2020.

Melanie Hatcher Philip
Executrix of the Estate of Ollie Marie Teachey Hatcher
c/o Stephen E. Culbreth
CULBRETH LAW FIRM
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July 23, 30, August 6, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE FILE NO. 20-CVD-1040

CATHERINE D. LEWIS, Plaintiff, vs. KIMBERLY HENDERSON and UNKNOWN FATHER, Defendants.

TO: Unknown Father

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are summoned and notified to answer the complaint, which has been filed regarding child custody for the listed Plaintiff.

You are to file this with the Clerk of Superior Court of the county named above a written answer within forty days after the first date of publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer upon the Plaintiff.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than the 1st day of September, 2020 which is 40 days after the first publication of this notice and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 23rd day of July, 2020.

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