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MONICA AND DAMEON SHEPARD

Deputy, father who allegedly led White "mob" on Black family home file countersuit

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The White former New Hanover County Sheriff's deputy who allegedly led an armed White "mob" to a Black Pender County family's home in May 2020 has now filed a countersuit, along with his father, against that family, charging that they "...were exploited by greedy lawyers who preyed on racial sensitivities and falsified a story just to seek fame and fortune by committing racial extortion."

Jordan Kita, the ex-deputy who lost his job because of the incident, but escaped conviction when the case went to criminal court, has denied, through his attorneys, that race was a motivation in the May 2020 late night incident.

His lawyer, Woody White, demands that the Black family, Monica Shepard and her teenage son, Dameon, apologize to Kita and his father, or else face a defamation lawsuit.

The Shepards refused, feeling that they were the ones who had been originally violated.

"[The Shepards] were terrorized by Defendants' actions, which constitute trespass, assault, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent infliction of emotional distress, interference with civil rights...and violation of the right to fair housing," their Jan. 2021 lawsuit claimed.

However, in their countersuit, Jordan Kita and his father, Timothy, deny that they led an armed angry "White mob" to the Shepard's home, saying that they and a group of "concerned citizens," with assistance from the Pender County Sheriff's Office, were looking for Timothy Kita's adopted "mixed race" daughter, who "ran away from home" earlier that day.

In fact, despite Jordan Kita's appearance at

the Shepards' front door wearing his then New Hanover County Sheriff's deputy uniform, complete with visible holstered service weapon, and another of the accompanying searchers, Austin Wood, carrying a visible "firearm on his shoulder" or "some type of rifle" in front of the Shepard's property, in their countersuit, the Kitas admit that their group that night was "... involved in a "desperate search," that caused the Kitas and their search party "...to be under duress and the condition of their minds was one of stress and anxiety, ...solely motivated by their desire to find [the missing child]..."

The Kitas assert that their conduct that evening "would not have resulted in any injury to any ordinary person," despite later admitting being involved in a "desperate search," that caused the Kitas and their search party "...to be under duress and the condition of their minds was one of stress and anxiety...solely motivated by their desire to find [the missing child]..."

According to press accounts, the Kita search party late night "conduct" at the Shepard's home was loud enough to wake the neighbors, who promptly called the Pender County Sheriff's Dept.

The Kitas maintain that they were at the Shepard's house "a very short time."

They also deny being part of an "armed mob," and "...assert that there was implied permission for persons to approach [the Shepard's] home, and [they] posted no sign or notice forbidding entry to [their] property," warning of trespassing.

Legally, trespassing is to invoke once a property owner demands that you leave immediately and you don't, which the Shepards allege happened after 10 p. m. on that Sunday night, May 3, 2020.

Interestingly, the Kitas admit that Dameon

Shepard was "shouting" at them, yet they deny any "confrontation" with the Shepards several times in their countersuit, saying only that they had a "short conversation" with Monica Shepard before leaving to continue their search.

Denying any "confrontation" with Dameon Shepard, the first to answer the door, is critical to the Kitas countersuit, for it was his loud demands for Jordan Kita to get his foot out of the front door and go away that awakened his mother, Monica, and drew her to the disturbance at her home.

The Kitas maintain that all of their actions that evening were without racial malice or threat even though they also admit to looking for a Black teenager named "Josiyah," who they were erroneously told was harboring their young missing family member at the Shepards' Avendale neighborhood address, and whom they also erroneously accused Dameon Shepard of being initially upon arriving at the Shepards' home, according to the Shepards' lawsuit.

In their countersuit, the Kitas claim not to know the race of "Josiyah," even though Dameon Shepard claims Jordan Kita immediately accused him of being Josiyah upon his answering the door.

In fact, the Kitas' countersuit says very little about ever speaking to Dameon Shepard at all even though he was the first to answer the door upon the Kita "search group's" arrival and the first to insist that Jordan Kita allegedly stop trying to put his foot in the door as he demanded answers.

The Kitas claim that attorneys for the Shepards and the media are using race as an aggravating factor because of the "political climate."

As a result, the Kitas claim defamation and seek damages and punitive damages of at least \$25,000 and a trial by jury.

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FREED SLAVES ON JUNE 19, 1865

For African-Americans Juneteenth is 'Our Independence Day'

BY JEFFREY L. BONEY

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWSWIRE FROM HOUSTON FORWARD TIMES

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Juneteenth marks the day African-Americans in the state of Texas belatedly received word that President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation had freed the nation's slaves. Although President Abraham Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862, the state of Texas, as a part of the Confederacy, was resistant to the Emancipation Proclamation. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the state of Texas due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order in the state.

The Emancipation Proclamation had originally taken effect on January 1, 1863, but word didn't reach Texas until two months after Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant. That was more than two years after the actual Emancipation Proclamation was issued. On June 18, 1865, Union Major General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to deliver a decree concerning the emancipation of Africans held in slavery in the South. One of General Granger's first orders of business in Galveston as he stood on the shores of Galveston was to read General Order Number 3

to all the people of Texas, especially the slaves.

It read: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them, becomes that between employer and hired labor. The Freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts; and they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."

Upon receiving this news, many of these "newly-freed" slaves began making plans to move forward with a life post-slavery, even without having any specific place to go. Many of the "newly-freed" slaves left their respective plantations in order to experience what their first taste of freedom would be like. Because most of these "newly-freed" slaves were smart enough to know that if someone decided to renege on their legislative decision to allow them to remain free or decided to change their minds, they wanted to be long gone before anyone would ever think about taking away this new found freedom they were experiencing.

Many of the "newly-freed" slaves moved up north as their destination choice because it represented true freedom and had embraced the legal emancipation of slaves for years prior. Many other former slaves moved to neighboring states to Texas, such as Louisiana, Oklahoma

and Arkansas. Settling into these new areas as freedmen and freedwomen brought on new realities and the challenges of establishing a status of relevance for Blacks in this country.

And of course, Juneteenth became an important day for Blacks in this country and became a life-changing event for many Black families. Juneteenth eventually spread to Houston and to more than 26 other states, where it began to be celebrated annually. This year, President Joseph Biden declared June 19th a national holiday.

According to many Houston historians, civil rights activist and noted African American political consultant Rev. C. Anderson Davis, was the original author and sole drafter of the Juneteenth Proclamation, which in 1979, was used by Texas State Representative Al Edwards to sponsor House Bill 1016 to officially make June 19th (Juneteenth) a state holiday in Texas, the first official holiday in the nation for Black people. It is important to remember Juneteenth and the rich history that Black people have in this country. It is also important to remember many of our ancestors and the many important historical figures that played a major part in helping establish the freedoms and traditions we continue to appreciate year after year - such as celebrating Juneteenth.

People like General Gordon Granger and John Henry "Jack" Yates are important figures to remember, as well as ordinary people who have made an impact in our society. When it comes to African-Americans, Juneteenth is our Independence Day.

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



STATE BRIEFS



NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES SAYS "NO" UNLESS UNC TENURE IS GIVEN

[CHAPEL HILL] NY Times Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones will not take her new job at UNC Hussman School of

Journalism and Media on July 1st unless she is given tenure, according to a letter from her attorneys quoted in current press reports. That letter was shared with UNC - Chapel Hill Trustee Board members Tuesday afternoon. Depending on how the trustee board reacts, the next show to drop could be a promised discrimination lawsuit from Hannah-Jones. Sources close to the board said she is being denied due to her award winning work

on The 1619 Project.

REPUBLICANS DO NOT FUND STATE CAPITOL BLACK HISTORY PROJECT IN LATEST BUDGET PROPOSAL

[RALEIGH] Call it spite, but Republican budget writers area now refusing to fund \$2.5 million to the much heralded state capitol Black history project, meaning that unless the funding is forthcoming, there will be no monuments honor-

ing Black history on the state capitol grounds. The project has been in the planning for several years, and Gov. Cooper had the funding in his proposed budget. Head GOP Senate budget writer Senator Brent Jackson told the News and Observer that given the several confederate monuments have been taken down in recent years, "We felt like this was not the time to put something back up there of any type." Sen. Gladys Robinson,

Black Democrat from Guilford County said, "Really? That's an insult."

The funding could re-emerge when the final House and Senate budget is debated and passed in several weeks.

MCCRAE DOWLESS PLEADS GUILTY IN ABSENTEE BALLOT SCHEME

[GREENVILLE] The central figure in the 2018 Bladen County absentee ballot scandal that made national news pled

guilty Monday in federal court to two of four charges stemming from Social Security fraud.

Minutes before h was scheduled to go on trial, McCrae Dowless copped a plea that also has him paying back up to \$14,000 in stolen disability payments. Sentencing is set for August 23rd.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Black men over 40, beware of prostate cancer

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If you're a Black male over the age of 40, this story could save your life.

This week, the public learned of the plight of a White actor who used to appear on the popular NBC-TV sitcom "Friends." The actor, James Michael Tyler, 59, who portrayed the character "Gunther," revealed that he is suffering from stage four prostate cancer, and is no longer able to walk.

"I've been dealing with that diagnosis for almost the past three years," Tyler told NBC's Today Show. "It's stage 4 [now], late-stage cancer, so eventually, it's gonna probably get me."

The cancer from James' enlarged prostate has created lesions in his body that have eaten away at his bones and spinal column, making him unable to ever walk again.

Ironically, it was on the Today Show where that program's iconic Black weatherman, Al Roker, 66, announced last November that he was taking a leave of absence to have necessary prostate cancer surgery because, during a routine health checkup that he almost skipped, it was detected that he had a "little aggressive" form of prostate cancer that, if caught early (by removing his enlarged prostate), could be neutralized.

"This one was kind of just a weird feeling that nobody can outwardly see anything different about me," Roker later said. "I looked in the mirror. There was nothing outwardly different, but I knew there was something intrinsically, inherently, internally different."

Roker's prostate cancer was indeed caught early, unlike James Michael Tyler's, and he has since returned to work as the nation's premiere weather forecaster.

Finally, there is a heretofore unidentified 65-year-old African-American male living here in North Carolina whom we'll call

"Jake." Just a few months ago, Jake found himself waking up with tremendous pain on his left side, and that pain would spread. He finally went to an orthopedic doctor to find out what was wrong. He had x-rays taken, but nothing was determined, so Jake was given medicine for the pain.

Soon after, Jake went in for a routine checkup with his primary physician, who discovered that he had lost a significant amount of weight since November 2020, his last visit. She had a blood test done, and specifically a PSA, or prostate specific antigen test.

"Prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, is a protein produced by normal, as well as malignant, cells of the prostate gland. The PSA test measures the level of PSA in a man's blood," according to the National Cancer Institute.

Though there is some current debate in the medical community, men (women do not have prostates) with PSA levels between 1.0 ng/ml and 4.0 ng/ml are generally believed to not have prostate cancer. Men with higher PSA levels are believed to be more at risk.

Jake's PSA level was over 2,000, and a subsequent biopsy at a local urologist confirmed the presence of prostate cancer.

But what was the source of the pain in Jake's side?

Late one Saturday evening, he recalls, Jake was watching television, and right before he went to bed, he felt his chest and back virtually explode in pain. Nothing he did or took could relieve it. His wife rushed him to the local emergency room, where a more precise MRI was taken.

The MRI revealed that deep lesions had taken hold of Jake's spine and bones, causing the tremendous pain he was suffering. A visit to an oncologist (cancer doctor) and full body scan confirmed it, and now Jake is under testament for stage four prostate cancer for the rest of his life.

He has to take a chemotherapy drug every

day that kills his testosterone (necessary to deplete cancer cells, doctors say), and receive two shots monthly to replenish his bones, in addition to taking daily calcium and Vitamin D supplements.

"I don't know how much longer I have to live, but I've accepted the fact that I probably won't see my 70th birthday," Jake now says.

The following is literally

true, though doctors admittedly don't know the reason Black men are more likely than other men to develop prostate cancer. Therefore, it is important that Black men, age 40 and over, routinely have a PSA test done annually. Early detection is the surest way to cure prostate cancer.

However, doctors have agreed, detecting it too late means that there is no cure.

Prostate cancer is more likely in older and non-Hispanic Black men. Average age for diagnosis is 65.

Other famous men have been diagnosed with prostate cancer: Golfer, Arnold Palmer (deceased), singer/activist, Harry Belafonte, South African President Nelson Mandela (deceased), and former U. S. Secretary of State Colin

Powell are examples.

Be safe, Black men! Have annual blood tests and make PSA testing a required part of the examination.

Until medical science finds a cure, prevention for Black men is the only cure for prostate cancer.

For more information, call the American Cancer Society's helpline at 800-227-2345.



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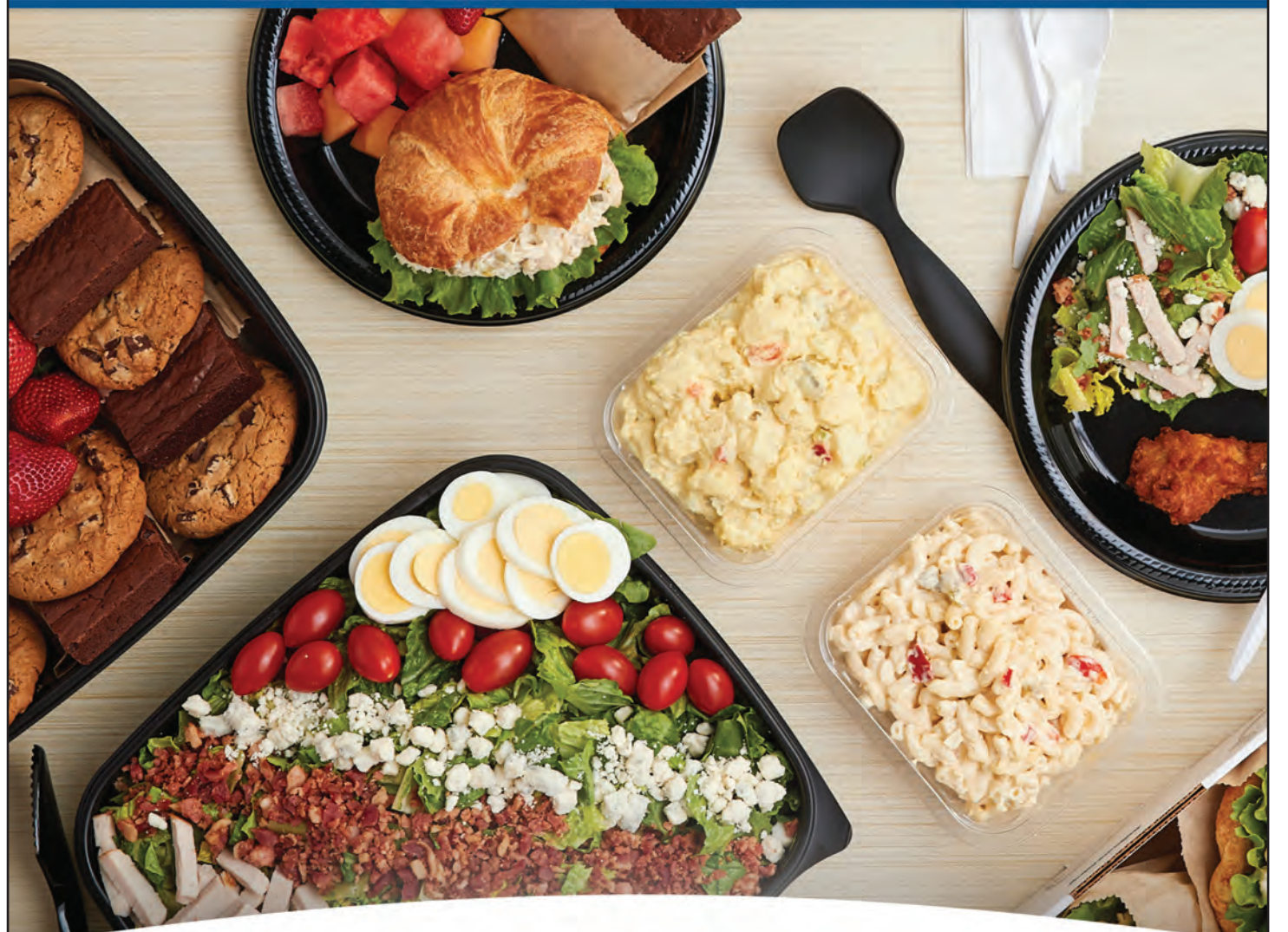
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GUEST EDITORIAL TO BE EQUAL

Three urgent steps to defend democracy from cynics and skeptics

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

The far-right attack on voting rights is fierce. And the unwillingness of some Senate Democrats to challenge rules that allow a Republican minority to block voting rights bills is making some question whether we can turn back the tide of voter suppression. As the Black Voters Matter Freedom Ride Bus Tour makes its way through Southern cities including Nashville, Atlanta, Columbia, Raleigh, and Richmond with the final stop in Washington, DC, we must redouble our efforts on three fronts on what we know will be a long road ahead to defend democracy from the cynics and the skeptics.

Yes, a long road. Democracy in the U.S. has always been a work in progress. It is always under attack. It must always be defended and strengthened.

When the Constitution was written and ratified, "We, the people" didn't apply to most of the people. After a bloody civil war, the Constitution was amended so dramatically that historian Eric Foner has called it "the second founding." But without the political will to enforce those amendments, Reconstruction gave way to the brutality of Jim Crow, voter suppression, and legally enforced segregation. It took decades of struggle to defeat Jim Crow through Supreme Court rulings and passage of civil rights and voting rights laws.

Like the post-Civil War amendments, the victories of the civil rights movement changed history. But they didn't change human nature. They didn't bring an end to the struggle for justice and equality. Racism and discrimination took new forms and were institutionalized in new ways.

The flood of voter suppression laws being passed this year builds on an earlier wave of voter suppression that came after the Supreme Court's conservatives did away with key provisions of the Voting Rights Act. And all those laws are part of an even broader attack on genuine democracy that includes extreme racial and partisan redistricting and laws and court rulings that have allowed a flood of big money to overwhelm our election system.

This corruption of our democracy harms us in concrete ways. It keeps power in the hands of those who resist efforts to address the systemic inequities in our society and economy.

I understand why some people look at this corruption and the power devoted to upholding it and think there's just no way to defeat it. But our country's history, and specifically the history of Black people in America, is a history of struggle against impossible odds, a history of overcoming resistance and backlash.

We have proven that we can win when we fight strategically and make progress whenever we have the opportunity. Right now, with President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris in the White House, and Democrats holding majority power in the House and Senate, we have an opportunity we cannot afford to waste.

There are three urgently important steps Congress must take this year to defend voting rights and strengthen democracy. The late Rep. John Lewis, for decades the conscience of the Congress, had his heart and hands in all three of them.

The first is to pass the For the People Act. It would overturn new state voter suppression laws and eliminate the worst abuses of redistricting and big money in our elections. Lewis authored its voting rights provisions. It is urgently important to pass the For the People Act now to prevent massive voter suppression in the 2022 and 2024 elections.

The second is to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would protect against future voting rights abuses by restoring its enforcement mechanisms.

The third is to grant statehood to the District of Columbia and give its 700,000 residents full voting rights and voting representation in Congress. The District of Columbia has a higher percentage of Black residents than any other state, which makes their disenfranchisement a fundamental civil rights violation and a betrayal of basic democratic principles. John Lewis was a champion of D.C. statehood. He saw the disenfranchisement of D.C. citizens as a moral wrong.

The For the People Act, John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and D.C. statehood are a pro-democracy trinity. To keep faith with the voters who put them in power, especially Black voters, President Biden and congressional Democrats must seize the moment to turn back attacks on voting and democracy. And to honor the voting rights legacy of John Lewis, we must all continue to make our voices heard and make "good trouble" on behalf of voting rights and democracy.

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VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

Rebirth

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Some of my "vintage" or "experienced" readers may remember or actually saw the movie, *Birth of a Nation*. Not the 2016 Nate Parker version, I refer to the 1915 silent film, originally called *The Clansman*, by D. W. Griffith. In short, it glorified the KKK and denigrated civil and human rights for formerly enslaved persons using the "Black man, white woman" paradigm.

Although praised at its release, the original *Birth of a Nation* is now understood as a gross misrepresentation of reality and historical revisionism at its worst. What it did was give cover and justification for the racist social constructs of the ante-bellum South and the general acceptance of the theory and practice of white racial superiority in the nation.

Across the Potomac River in Virginia, a mere 31 miles as the crow flies, from Washington, DC, lies Loudoun County, VA. Loudoun is the fastest growing county in Virginia and is listed as the wealthiest county in the United States. By most measures, including the newness of housing and commercial structures, supporting infrastruc-

ture, and the quality of schools, Loudoun is a desirable place to live and raise a family.

One could reasonably believe that, given the academic and technical skills necessary to command the salaries necessary for the designation of wealthiest county in the nation, Loudoun is a well-educated and enlightened community. Since, by my definition, education is an on-going endeavor and enlightenment is the willingness to explore the full dimensions of the truth, calling Loudoun well-educated and enlightened is an arguable proposition.

Sadly, Loudoun, like many other social arenas, is currently embroiled in a controversy related to the teaching of "Critical Race Theory" in the Loudoun County Public Schools. The interim school superintendent asserts that CRT is not being taught, yet there is vigorous opposition to that type of instruction in the schools.

Opponents of CRT assert that it is anti-American and that it teaches students that America is racist, American culture is inherently bad, and that America's entire system must be radically altered to make it better.

Listening to a local DC radio news station, I heard a person identified as a Loudoun public school history teacher claim that CRT imposed feelings of guilt on white students and a sense of inferiority upon African American students.

It is open to argument, but my assessment of that teacher and others who protest against CRT is that "their" misunderstanding of historical truths and personal feelings of guilt inspire their opposition. My reality informs me that, just as America has made great accomplishments and led innovation to the benefit of the world, it has a history of violence, brutality, and ruthlessness that has been encoded in its genetic profile.

To reject the truth of CRT (America's racism) is to ignore and deny: The dispossession of Native America lands and the "Indian Wars" which eradicated generations of native people. The establishment of

"Indian Schools" which had the expressed purpose of destroying Native American language and culture. The brutal, 200+ year enslavement of Africans kidnapped from their homeland. The denial of full participation in the American lifestyle (Jim Crow Laws). The innumerable rapes, lynching, and murder of people of color. The "documented" systemic exclusion of people of color from educational, employment, and housing opportunities. The duplicitous pattern of policing in communities of color. A myriad of other racially inspired physical and emotional indignities and assaults. To those who oppose CRT, I say, I will not allow your embarrassment or guilt to erase the truths of our collective histories. I will not sit quietly while you ignore our past and continue with your opportunistic patterns of discrimination. My voice will ring loudly! As for your GUILT, GET OVER IT!!!

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online organization is driving real change on social justice issues. The analysis found that states with the most online conversations about social justice in 2020 also saw the most legislative action on police reform. In fact, the four states most mentioned in social justice conversations — Minnesota, Georgia, New York, and Washington, D.C. — saw 110 police reform measures introduced.

Overall, our report found that the names Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd were shared online nearly 50 million times from last June to September — making it clear that saying the names of the victims of racial injustice was essential for political action. In the coming weeks and months, we must say their names again as we remember their lives and the injustices they suffered. We must say their names during public demonstrations in city streets. We must say them on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and throughout the digital universe. And we must keep saying them until we achieve justice for them, their families, and the countless Black lives lost to racial violence.

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Say their names in the streets and online to achieve justice

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

The Black experience in America has always been a story of struggle. From the plantation to the project block, from Emmett Till to Ahmaud Arbery, and from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Minneapolis, Minnesota, we have constantly fought for equality and fair treatment under the law, only to have those same laws be used against us.

The past year has been particularly challenging -- with the names of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and others becoming indelibly etched into our collective memory and millions of people taking to the streets to protest these crimes against the Black community. As we prepare to celebrate Juneteenth, we must look back on all the events of the past year with clear eyes to examine both the tragedies and triumphs our community has witnessed.

There have been moments of hope that the system is finally edging toward equality, like the recent conviction of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin for murdering George Floyd by knelling on his neck for nine minutes while Floyd called out "I can't breathe." Chauvin's conviction and sentencing marks one of the few times in the painful history of Black people in American when law enforce-

ment was held accountable for the wanton acts of violence they perpetrate against our community. But for every conviction like Chauvin's, there is a long, tragic history of innocent Black men and women being murdered — their deaths generating little more than a passing mention on the local news and their killers going unpunished. From Medgar Evers to Breonna Taylor, our country's history is filled with these injustices that the powers-that-be try to sweep under the rug.

Floyd's death, which was captured in brutal clarity on a bystander's cellphone, along with those of Arbery, Taylor and so many more challenged the status quo of racial injustice like never before. Millions of Americans of every race, color and creed stood up, spoke out and made Black Lives Matter the largest social movement in country's history. Starting last summer, "Say Their Names" became a rallying cry for millions of Americans across the country tired of police brutality and racial injustice. From Minneapolis to Manhattan,

Atlanta to Los Angeles, we took to the streets of America's biggest cities and smallest towns under a blazing summer sun to voice our anger. All races, colors, and creeds marched on Washington D.C. to let leaders know that it was time to stop fanning the flames of racism and to declare that we would remember who was guilty.

We will continue to organize. We will continue to march. We will continue to "say their names" until their justice — not just for Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, but for every Black and Brown person in America who has experienced systemic racism, police brutality and political indifference to these injustices.

While our voices were seen on television sets and computer screens across the world, and we applauded the tireless work on the ground of leaders like Rev. Al Sharpton and National Action Network, our voices were also heard through our online activism — which for many was the only way to speak out during the COVID-19 pandemic — as we demanded politicians take notice and take action at both the state and local level.

A new report released earlier this year by The 400 Foundation, The BLK+Cross and Marathon Strategies reveals how our new era of digital demonstrations and

online organization is driving real change on social justice issues. The analysis found that states with the most online conversations about social justice in 2020 also saw the most legislative action on police reform. In fact, the four states most mentioned in social justice conversations — Minnesota, Georgia, New York, and Washington, D.C. — saw 110 police reform measures introduced.

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Rev. Reginald Bachus is a former pastor at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem and the president of the 400 Foundation.

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Tell them you read it in THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

REALITY CHECK

Too many Black folks succumb to psychological warfare

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

In his must-read 1926 book, "The Miseducation of the Negro," Dr. Carter G. Woodson stated, "...Starting out after the Civil War, opponents of freedom and social justice decided to work out a program which would enslave the Negro's mind, in as much as the freedom of the body had to be conceded." That is psychological warfare.

and group interests in this country.

Examples of their successful psychological warfare are reflected in black folks who use black as an epithet, who believe in white standards of beauty and attractiveness, who consistently use the "N-word" when talking about our people,



A. Peter Bailey

who only have images of a white Jesus in their churches and homes, who relish being the only black person in an otherwise all white organization, school or neighborhood, who only have white art in their homes or apartments, who are dyed or bewigged

blondes, who believe that an all-black school or other institution is inherently inferior, who believe that striving for academic excellence is trying to be "white," who use the word "classical" only for European music, who smile with gratitude when a white person tells him or her "you are different from other Blacks," who wreak havoc in black neighborhoods, who say that a black person has "good" or "bad" hair, who believes that a black person romantically involved with or married to a white person has enhanced his or her social status, who believe that a degree from Harvard, Yale, Princeton or any other overwhelmingly white college or university automatically makes them superior to black folks with degrees from historically black colleges

and universities, whose buffoonish professional names carry on the demeaning tradition of Stepin' Fecht, Mantan Mooreland, and Scatman Crothers, and those who have built lucrative careers in the academic, journalistic, political and cultural arenas by, to the delight of white supremacists, consistently attacking other black folks.

Black folks guilty of the above are basically allies of those who falsely believe they are superior to us. Anyone wanting to know what can be done about this must read the writings of Brother Malcolm X, Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, and Dr. Frances Cress Welsing.

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SOLVING THE RACE ISSUE IN AMERICA

Will America descend into the everlasting fire? (The Cycle Repeats)

There is a new political reality in America. This new reality is an initiative by certain Americans to return to the past - the good old days of "white supremacy."

The Golden Rule of "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" has been replaced by the Rule of Gold - "he who has the gold rules."

There is a nationwide republican movement to create new educational curriculums that whitewash the truth of the racist history of America.

Recently, the republican Florida governor "said he intended to create civics curriculums without "unsanctioned narratives like critical race theory." Similarly, last week, the Idaho House passed a bill looking to prevent schools and universities from teaching critical race theory," the Associated Press reported.

The operative phrase in this revisionist agenda is "unsanctioned narratives." This new republican agenda is in effect "state sponsored education." The purpose is to hide the truth.

It is very un-American - against everything America claims to stand for.

This control of "unsanctioned narratives like critical race theory" is a state sanctioned attempt to cover up atrocities against black Americans such as "the Coup of 1898 in Wilmington, North Carolina, the destruction of Black Wall Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma, massacres at Ocoee and Rosewood Florida, and other crimes against humanity too numerous to list.

The recent Destruction of Black Wall Street Centennial revealed that the press, political and business leaders, together denied, diminished, and covered up the tragic events of 1921 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. History shows that the suppression of the facts and impact surrounding racist attacks on black Americans has been the norm rather than the exception.

These bills by republican legislators will give politicians and state governments the power to miseducate young Americans about the facts of our history. They will have the power to institutionalize and legitimize the suppression of truth about racism in America.

In the days of slavery, the slave master forbade teaching the slaves to read and write to hide the truth of their humanity. Today certain leaders forbid teaching all Americans "unsanctioned narratives like critical race theory" to hide the truth of our reality.

If certain American leaders continue to engage in revising and ignoring the truth of past and present systemic racism, we are doomed to repeat the errors and sins of the past.

To break the cycle of systemic racism and allow America to achieve its true greatness, a spiritual solution must take place.

First, we must acknowledge the truth - systemic racism has and continues to exist.

Second, we must pray together and ask forgiveness for the damage done.

Third, atonement must be made to rectify the damage done and make us whole.

Americans, black and white, must together undertake a spiritual solution to the issue of racism.

The alternative to this spiritual solution is described at page 161 of "Solving The Race Issue In America." (www.solvingtheraceissue.com)

"If America does not replace the Paradigm of Slavery with a Paradigm of Freedom and Justice, then, it is:

"...likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

-(Matthew 7:26, 27)"

It is time for Christians and all people of faith to stand up and say: enough is enough.

The Bible shows the way:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." - (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Only the truth will set us free!

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Learn more about Dr. H. J. Harris' book "Solving The Race Issue In America" and contact Dr. Harris at: www.solvingtheraceissue.com

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Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

Beyond race

My friend, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, is leading a march in D.C. with hundreds of Black, Brown, and White sisters and brothers I know from West Virginia and Kentucky, where I organized for Dr. King, John Lewis, Stokely Carmichael, C.T. Vivian, Ella Baker, Anne and Carl Braden, Fred Shuttlesworth, James Forman and Jim Farmer and many other friends who were called home, leaving me with a strange case of survivor's guilt.

Black and White farmers and workers in the south experienced.

In fact, no white person can point to her forefathers who suffered three - four centuries of slavery and Jim Crow. The economic basis of a Black-White populist coalition is bound to collapse when the white side of the coalition can step out of it with no penalties.

The media today is being forced to deal with the fact that all the main leaders of the March are home-grown moral fusionists from the W. Virginia and Kentucky. The targets are McConnell and Manchin. Both Senators, who have been playing games with the Media and with their Constituents. Rev. Barber has put them in the same area, all within the sound of his strong and brilliant organizing ideas. Both of them have been playing 'keep away' from the Reporters, who have been trying to pin them down.

For years, Rev. Barber has tried to get reporters and friends on Capitol Hill to quit using the dualistic language and thinking-Black and White Thinking some would call it. Either-or thinking. You have heard the old riddle



Al McSurely

Is it race or class? "Yes."

What if we thought in terms of three Voting Blocs? (1) Voters of Color-about 30-35%? (2) Racist Whites, about 35%? And Moral Fusion Voters about 35% and the fastest growing voting bloc in the country made up of people moving beyond skin color and are getting more and more comfortable with being anti-racism activists, with their siblings who are also moving beyond skin color who are gradually seeing themselves as members of the Human Race or as Members of God's Human Family!

Being Beyond Race has nothing to do with the ridiculous racist attack Mitch McConnell waged for eight long years against Pres. Obama after his inspirational election. McConnell I favorite Lie during those eight years that we were in a Post-Racism society. Most national reporters, unless they covered North Carolina's Moral Monday Movement like Joy Reid, have no idea what the Moral Monday Movement. Was experimenting with. We were training Moral Fusion Movement organizers with many skin colors, helping us see ourselves and our sisters and brothers through the Eyes of God- Beyond Race.

Today, we have the opportunity to watch the beginnings of the Third Reconstruction Movement in D.C. by going to the Repairers

of the Breach Website. Or you can go to Fusion Film latest Video. Like earlier democratic revolutions were not televised, this Transformation will not be televised! But it will be on one of those Websites. Support our Rev. Barber, our native son, who wins more people to Justice Jesus every week than any dollar-chasing distorted evangelist on tv today.

It may be time to hire some buses from Wilmington. Our kids will never forgive us, if we did not do this History with them!

Att. *McSurely worked in the Civil Rights Movement from 1960 to 1968, when his family's home was dynamited in Eastern Kentucky. Margaret Herring and he were charged with overthrowing the Government of Kentucky by building moral fusion alliances with Appalachian coal miners and Black voters. He became a lawyer after 15 years of apprenticeship to Bill Kunstler, Arthur Kinoy, and Morton Stavis while they fought off charges of sedition and contempt. He earned his law degree from NCCU Law School and has been suing racist institutions ever since. He has worked closely with his friend, Bishop William J. Barber II. Five years ago, he married O'Linda Watkins, President of Moore County NAACP Branch.*

Not jumping for Juneteenth

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

High props go to 94-year-old Opal Lee, the Texas woman determined to make Juneteenth a national holiday. Thanks to her efforts and those of others like Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), Juneteenth is now a federal holiday, the eleventh national holiday, and the first since Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday was made a holiday. For federal employees, it means a paid day off work. Some private employers will also make Juneteenth a paid day off. I chuckle at the irony of Klan members getting a paid day off work to commemorate Juneteenth. Perhaps that will help them with the concept that the South lost the Civil War!

40, the Senate's reparations bill.

Juneteenth reminds me of justice and equality denied. Those Galveston enslaved people didn't find out they were free until nearly two and a half years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Their exploiters were the beneficiaries of thousands of hours of free labor. They intended to game the system and exploit Black people for as long as they could. Fast forward. The exploiters are still gaming the system with prison labor, substandard wages, and other forms of economic injustice. It will take something more than a holiday to right those wrongs.

If Juneteenth goes the same way other American "holidays" do, it will be commercialized. Consider Dr. King's birthday and the sales that holiday motivates. I cringe to think what might be sold to commemorate Juneteenth, but capitalism is the mother of exploitation, so I'm sure the evilly creative will come up with something. No, I'm not jumping for Juneteenth.

President Biden gets credit for signing this legislation, just as he gets credit for going

to Tulsa at the hundredth commemoration of the destruction of Black Wall Street. While both these things are primarily symbolic, these are symbolic gestures that he did not have to make. If Biden doesn't "get" race and racism (and honestly, what white person does), he's spent enough time with Senior Advisor Cedric Richmond and Vice President Kamala Harris to communicate his affinity for Black people and his commitment to some progress. It's up to us, now, to push him on what needs to happen next.

We aren't likely to get the John Lewis Voting Rights Act passed unless the filibuster is eliminated. Still, President Biden has shillyshalled about getting rid of the filibuster, and West Virginia's DINO (Democrat in Name Only) Senator Joe Manchin is no help. He says he values bipartisanship, but he seems to appreciate nothing more than the attention he gets by "negotiating" with recalcitrant Republicans who love the former president more than they value justice. Sure, they voted unanimously to make Juneteenth a federal holiday. Still, several in Congress voted against it, and several others voted to withhold the Congressional Medal of Honor from the capitol police officers who bravely defended them on January 6. Some of them still adhere to the big lie that the previous won the election. But they voted to make

Juneteenth a holiday. I'm not jumping.

Juneteenth represents more than symbolic progress, though. While most of white America had never heard of Juneteenth, now they have. They now have the opportunity to reflect on our nation's history in ways they haven't reflected on it before. Annually, there will be a flurry of newspaper articles and television specials focusing on Juneteenth. The ignorant can change the channel or flip the pages of their newspapers, but commemorating Juneteenth begins the process of fully embracing our flawed history.

So while I won't jump, I'll pause for a minute to thank the Juneteenth warriors who made this holiday happen. And I'll ask President Biden not to rest on his laurels. We need the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to be passed yesterday, and by whatever means necessary. Melvin van Peebles wrote a play in the 1970s, *Ain't Supposed to Die A Natural Death*. One of the lines that stuck with me through these many years is from a woman folks assume is suicidal because she is standing on a ledge. She says, "I ain't leaping. I'm just learning". That's how I feel about the Juneteenth holiday, not leaping for joy but leaning in gratitude and progress.

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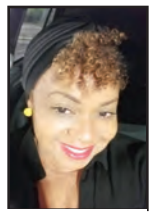
Real estate vs. student loan debt

Help is HERE. As of June 17, 2021, the sunshine got much brighter for families that have outstanding student loan debt.

This is an extremely exciting time for families that have been turned down or significantly impacted on approval amount due to student loan debt. Before this new FHA loan change, outstanding student loans were given a 1% rule, which gave one more hurdle to jump to obtain homeownership.

The 1% rule was that if your loans were on deferment, or if they were income-based payments, then the lender would calculate a "non-existent" payment against your debt/ratio. Using this non-existent payment greatly reduced how

much the lender would give the borrower to purchase a home if they gave them approval at all. For example, if you owed \$60,000 in student debt, and had



Brenda Dixon

an income-based payment of \$20, the bank did not calculate the \$20 against you, they calculated \$600. If you owed \$60,000 in student debt and had zero payment due to being on deferment, the bank did not calculate zero, they calculated \$600. That is because they know sooner or later you will have to start paying on this debt. A \$600 "payment" calculated

against your buying power reduces the home you can buy by \$50-60,000. That's the difference from a \$250,000 approval down to a \$190K-200K approval letter. That is a huge difference in the area you can buy in, and the size of the home, and the condition of the home. Did you know of these stats for African American families with student loan debt? A recent study shows "Black and African American bachelor's degree holders have an average of \$52,000 in student loan debt. Black and African American student borrowers are the most likely to struggle financially due to student loan debt. That 40% of Black graduates have student loan debt from graduate school while 22% of White college graduates have gradu-

ate school debt. Over 50% of Black student borrowers report their net worth is less than they owe in student loan debt." All of these findings are disturbing, but not a surprise to me because I run into this over and over when families come to me to start the homebuying process. That is why I got so excited about this new rule. Let me break this down in several ways to make sure you understand the impact this will have. Omar Washington of Movement Mortgage shared this clip note of the new FHA ruling: "Here's how I interpret that guideline change: If the payment reports as \$0 with an IBR plan or on the credit report - Use .5% of the balance. If the payment reports

as anything above \$0, IBR plan or on the credit report - Use that payment. If the loan has been fully forgiven. We'd need documentation confirming that it's fully forgiven, and we exclude the payment completely. If the borrower can provide documentation from the loan servicer confirming what the actual monthly payment is - We can use that payment. All of this is still MUCH better than the previous 1% default payment that was required. ??????"

This is so great; some are asking should they come out of deferment now and ask the loan servicer for an income-based payment? My answer to that is: "That is your call to make, but if I personally owed student loan debt and

was trying to buy a home, I would get on an income-based payment for any amount over zero (even if it's \$4) so the lender will use that \$4 instead of the .5%. That is the REAL win from this new rule. Everyone will need either an income-based payment or regular payment once this COVID deferment is over anyways, so make sure that payment is NOT ZERO.

Until next time, share this article with at least 3 people, and tell them to reach out for their free gameplan to be homeownership ready within the next 18 months or less.

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Cape Fear Community College awarded Department of Labor Grant

\$3.9+ Million Pathway to Home Grant Award is largest in CFCC history

Wilmington, NC – Cape Fear Community College has been awarded a nearly \$4 million grant to provide educational services for area prisoners and those recently released from incarceration. The Pathway Home Project will serve approximately 400 participants as they transition from incarceration to productive citizenship.

"We want to meet students wherever they are and help them take the next positive step," said CFCC President Jim Morton. "We are so grateful to have been awarded this grant because this program will help members of our community make pos-

itive changes that will impact their families and our entire community when they are released. This project will help stop the cycle of recidivism in the Cape Fear region."

The Pathway Home Project will be a collaborative community effort involving agencies in New Hanover and Pender counties that already serve this population. The grant will allow these agencies to join forces with Cape Fear Community College to provide a continuum of training and support services to individuals before and immediately following release from incarceration. CFCC will offer training

services and collaborate with transitional housing and case management services to create a streamlined approach that will support incarcerated individuals as they transition home and build sustainable, independent, and productive lifestyles.

One of the non-profits partnering with Cape Fear Community College on this initiative is Leading Into New Communities, Inc. (LINC). For over 20 years, LINC has provided reentry services for incarcerated people.

"Our partnership with LINC is critical to the success of the Pathway Home Project," said Erica Talbert,

Associate Vice President of Economic and Workforce Training at CFCC. "Their experience in this field will help us position the grant resources exactly where they need to be to make the most impact. Their partnership in this effort will help us build upon the great work they have done for the past two decades and to expand services to those who need it most."

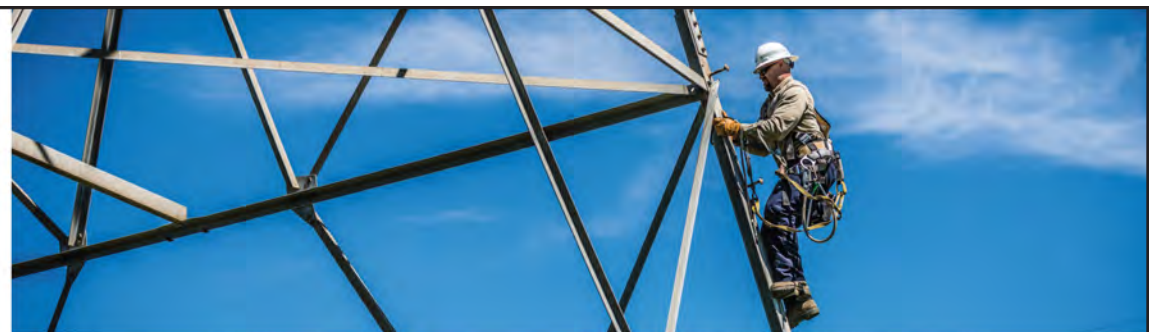
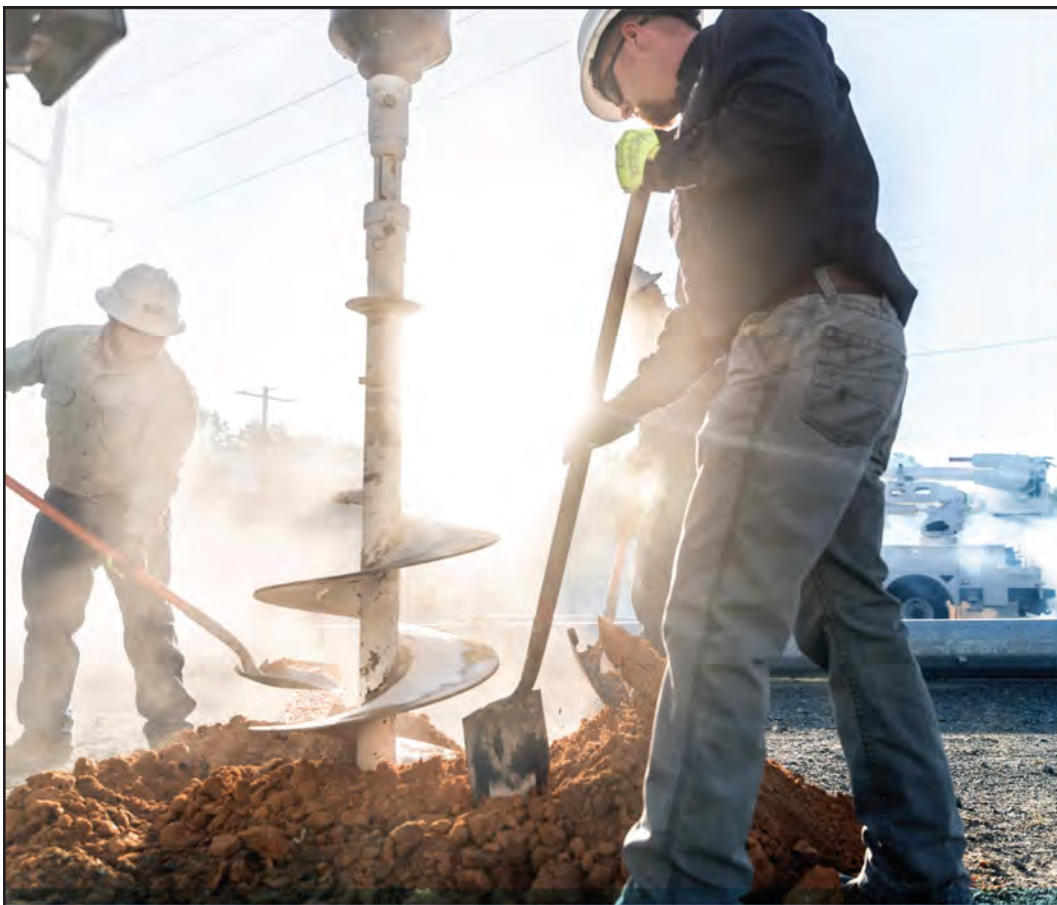
LINC and CFCC will collaborate to ensure successful reentry and provide the counseling and skills training necessary for individuals to become self-sufficient.

Frankie Roberts, Executive Director of LINC, is excited about the opportunities the

Pathway Home Project will provide. "Our work is about turning setbacks into comebacks," said Roberts. "Our partnership with CFCC means we can change lives through training that helps individuals earn credentials that qualify them for high-demand jobs. This partnership exemplifies what true collaboration looks like. Together with Cape Fear Community College, we are a dream team! With so many people coming out of prison during and after the pandemic, more people need this help than ever. Wilmington has a service-oriented economy, so many people who have been incarcerated come to our

area to get entry-level jobs. Pathway Home will help people train for sustainable careers they can really enjoy."

"This effort is supported by state and local law enforcement agencies, the Cape Fear Workforce Development Board/NC Works, and area employers T.A. Woods, Premier Electrical Staffing, and David Porter Trucking. Many hours went into this grant application, and we are grateful to all who endorsed our efforts and helped make this grant award possible," said Morton. "Together, we will create a pathway to success for those whose options have been severely limited."

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Alexander Bland

Mr. Alexander Bland went to rest in the arms of the Lord on May 26, 2021 in Forestville, Maryland. Born July 3, 1958 in Wilmington, North Carolina, he was the only child of Ruth Izola Martin and Joe Bland, Jr., who predeceased him.

Alex attended the public schools of New Hanover County and graduated from Hoggard High School in 1976. He continued his education at North Carolina Central University. While in college, he decided to enter the military, joining the US Army in 1981. After serving his country in the Armed Forces, he continued his career in civil service, taking a position in the field of Information Technology with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Alex was preparing for retirement at the time of his passing.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his aunt, Linda Carter, his cousins, Gwendolyn Carter, Reshaud Carter, Jamius Carter Newkirk, Tina Carter, Lynee Carter, Christian Robinson, Christina Carter, Deshon Carter, Shon Carter, Tanya West, Barbara Johnson, a special cousin and matriarch of the family, Dorthea Johnson, a special childhood friend, Wayne Douglas, special friends, Dawn Tebo Matlock, Jarvis Newsom, special co-workers, Chaka Khan, Brad Kenston, Renee Williams, Thyrane George "Prince" and Kenneth Shaw. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Charliebelle Delores Johnson

Charliebelle Delores Johnson was born January 2, 1949 to Charlie and Suzie Emma Johnson and departed this life Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Charliebelle attended Williston High School and received her high school diploma at the Job Corps in 1968.

She moved to St. Louis, Missouri in 1970. After leaving Sr. Louis in 1971, she settled in Harlem, New York and later moved to Brooklyn, New York where in 1993 she graduated from the School of Hair and Design, and in 1995, graduated from Pace University.

She retired from the New York City Sheriff's Department in 2006 and returned to Wilmington, North Carolina.

She was an active member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church until her passing. She was president of the

Pastor's Aide Ministry, a member of the Isabelle Nixon Missionary Circle, a participant in Sunday School and active in Bible Study.

She volunteered many hours at the 13th Street House Outreach for Women.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings Nicholas Little, Walter Johnson and her son Kenneth Johnson.

Left to cherish her memories are her children Prince James Johnson and LaTeaisha Johnson's siblings Willie Johnson and Daisy Jacobs; and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Tameka Olease Berry

Tameka Olease Berry died June 12, 2021. Graveside service was held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Tameka was born July 4, 1975 in Wilmington, NC to Elsie Berry and Donald Richardson. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from New Hanover High School in the Class of 1993. She was a member of Gregory Congregational UCC. Tameka will be dearly remembered for her love and devotion for her family. Many people will remember her for her beautiful soul and sweet spirit. She was always so full of laughter and love. When given the choice in life to sit it out or dance, she chose to dance.

She is survived by: her daughter and two sons; Barbara Burns who she loved as a daughter; mother, Elsie Berry; father, Donald Richardson; siblings, Marshall Berry, Shakeria Richardson, Pharen Lopez and Husband; a special aunt, Jenny Berry; special friend, Ms. Brenda; a loving friend, Lee Johnson; a loving array of close aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Liwun Simon

Liwun Simon died June 15, 2021. Graveside service was held on Sunday, June 20, 2021 at the Pollock Cemetery.

Liwun "Paco" was born on December 27, 1978 at St. Luke Hospital in New York City. He was educated in the public schools of New York City and later continued his education at Laney High School, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Liwun leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Glenda (Robert) Joseph; father, Andrew (Michelle) Holmes; brother, Rashawn

Simon; sisters, Thelma and Erica Washington; aunts, Barbara (Wyonne) Greene, Vanessa (Rome) Hines; uncles, Gregory Simon, Mark Simon, Eric (Lorraine) Simon, Willie Simon, Jr. and Michael Simon; favorite nephews, Dreyon, Tyshaun, Daveon and niece, Tavia; and love from the family to all of his brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, known and unknown. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Keidell Nixon

Keidell Nixon died June 15, 2021. Graveside service was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at the Fogle Family Cemetery, Delco, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

John Henry Taylor

John Henry Taylor died June 8, 2021 in Florida. Funeral service was held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in the Masonboro Cemetery.

John was born on June 6, 1933 in Wilmington, NC to the late Lewis and Minnie Taylor. He grew up and was educated in Wilmington, NC, graduating from Williston Industrial High School. He moved to Jacksonville, FL after graduating and worked at NAPA Auto Parts Distribution Center where he retired. He was a member of Pius Catholic Church and attended faithfully until his health failed.

John Henry is survived by one daughter, Ethel Walker's step-daughter, Regina Caldwell; three special nieces, Betty Jackson, Lynn Taylor and Marvelia Jackson; three special nephews, Charles "Buddy" Taylor, Paul Taylor and William Bordeaux; special friends, Thomas Walters, Darnell Mote, William King and Della McDowell; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Jeanette Sellers

Jeanette Sellers died June 15, 2021. Funeral service was held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Jeanette will be forever remembered by her children, Dorothea Murrill (Darryl) of Charlotte, NC, Donald Meade o Canton, Ohio, Demetrius (Tonya) Meade of Salisbury, NC, Yolanda Meade Byrd of Salisbury, NC and Ken (Martin) Faison (Tylisha) of Charlotte, NC; sisters, Edith Sellers, Sandra Bethune and Vanessa Hughes; numerous grandchildren, special prides and joys, nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

James Robbins

James Robbins died April 1, 2020. Memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Church of Saint Peter the Fisherman Church; 314 S. Carolina Avenue, Wilmington, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ella Mae Robbins

Ella Mae Robbins died June 20, 2021. Funeral services will be held 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Salvation and Deliverance Church; 4402 Northwest Road NE, Leland, NC. Burial will follow in the Robins Family Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*



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TELL SOMEBODY

Hebrews 10: 24-25, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Jesus personally established the church while he was on earth to unite Christians as a spiritual family. Matthew 16:18. The word church means "called out ones". The church is made up of people who have been called out (I Peter 2:9) to follow Jesus.....

Church, as we know it, is a body of baptized believers who join for several reasons among which, are for

Fellowship; Worship; and Service. (Let's Go To Church)

Fellowship is a very important reason to go to church, as we see practiced in the early church. And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. When the people began to praise the Lord in different languages, and declare the wonderful works of God; to prevent further confusion or misunderstanding, Peter stood boldly and began to provoke the people to exercise their faith in Jesus Christ through love and good works! He then stood up with the eleven disciples and began to preach and teach Jesus Christ and him crucified." (Let's Go To Church)

"Then they that gladly received his word were bap-

tized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:41-42



Sylvia Hooper

It is through fellowship in the local church, that the believers receive care, protection and development. The typical result of faithful fellowship is spiritual growth and maturity. (Let's Go To Church)

A primary reason for going to church is to worship! John

4:23-24 states, "But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshiper shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." When we come into His house and gather in His name, it is to worship! (Let's Go To Church)

In the local church, there are many opportunities for serving the Lord.

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that tea-

cheth, on teaching. Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness." Romans 6:5-8

Opportunities to serve may vary according to local assembly, but may include serving as Sunday School teachers; nursery workers; choir participants; church musicians; ushers; greeters; children's ministries; administrative support groups to include, internet and social media; maintenance inside and outside grounds keeping. Etc.

God has given his children gifts, talents, and several abilities to equip us to serve him with a spirit of excellence and to edify his church.

When the Spirit of the Lord comes upon our hearts, let us say what David said in Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." In other words, Let's Go To Church!!!

Tell Somebody!!!!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper. Pastor of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She has a heart for women's ministry, starting with young women and girls ages 12 - 18, and also branching out to women of all ages. Her life's mission includes the desire to rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and save the lost all in the name of Jesus to the glory of God the Father.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

What is Prayer? It's you talking to God and God talking to you

There are hundreds of definitions that attempt to define or describe the meaning of prayer. Words mean different things to different people, so what prayer means to one person, may mean something different to someone else. I have heard and was taught from my childhood that prayer is the sincere desire of the heart. This is a very simple definition and sounds good. But this does not adequately define prayer. There are people, who are sincere in their praying just as I was yet they knew nothing about the fundamentals of prayer because they were never taught. Therefore they receive no answer and really expected none and were perfectly satisfied, because no one else was receiving anything either. There prayer life was no different than prayers that are being prayed to false gods or things rather than the God of the Bible. The Bible describes this as: Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away (2 Timothy 3:5).

In a class at Zoe college I took a course on prayer taught by Paul Zink he defined prayer as "your will submitted to the will of God, based on our authority in Him activated by faith which produces the desires of our heart." Notice what is being said in this definition: prayer is your will (the power of choice, desire, choosing or

deciding upon a course of action); submitted to the will of God (which is the word of God), based on our authority in Him (Jesus; the Word of God); activated (to set in motion, make active; to create or organize); by faith ("being the proof of things we do not see"; "perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses"); which produces the desires of one's heart.

I have several personal workable definitions I will use in these sessions repetitively based solely on the word of God and they are: 1. Prayer is an educational procedure intended to stimulate learning through experiencing the reality of the promises of God in our personal lives and circumstances.

Psalms 55:16-17. "As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice."

Zech. 13:9. "They shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, it is my people: and they shall say, the Lord is my God."

2. Prayer is the outgrowth or offshoot of the word of God in the lives of His people, which means prayer derives its existence or origin not from religion but from the word of God. John 15:7. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

3. Prayer is a relationship function, something closely related to another thing (the word) or person (God) and is

depends on it or Him for their existence, value or significant. Prayer is closely related to the word of God and depends on it (the word) for its existence, value or significant.

For example, I am a Fullwood, or a son of the late



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

W i l l i e Fullwood my dad and B e r t h a Fullwood my mom and I was born into this family through relationship.

Therefore, I was closely related to my parents and was dependent on them for my existence, value, and significant (life, food, clothing, shelter, education and a loving environment).

I am a child of God (a Christian) through a relationship, with God the Father and through Jesus Christ His Son and I was born again of the spirit into this relationship.

John 3:3, 5-6. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Vs.5-6. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not

What is prayer?

that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

1 Peter 1:23. 23Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Prayer is a product of the Word, which means relating to, govern by and acquired through practice of the word of God, the word of God is the essential nature of prayer. Jesus said that, "The seed is the Word of God" and "they are spirit, and they are life". Prayer as a product of the word of God is a spiritual matter, it belongs to our spirit man or innermost being. I am a spiritual being I live in a physical body and I have a soul that is the medium between two. The soul (medium) occupies a position between two extremes (spirit man and flesh man), as an intermediate course of action. The apostle Paul describes these two extremes: Gal. 5:16-17. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Watchman Nee, in his book The Spiritual Man says: "Because what the man is depends on how his soul is. His soul represents him and expresses his individuality. It is the organ of man free will, the organ in which spirit and body are completely merged. If man's soul wills to obey God, it will allow the spirit to rule over the man as order by God. The soul if it chooses, also can suppress the spirit (man spirit) and take some other delight as lord of the man".

Prayer as a spiritual matter gives us the ability to have communion and fellowship with God the Father through His son Jesus Christ, because we have been born again of the Spirit of God. Jesus said: "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth".

How can we with a physical

body have communion and fellowship with God, Who is a Spirit being, it is through the medium of the soul that the spirit makes this connection so I can have interactions with God. This means that we are so closely bound together that we have a mutual relationship with God that whatever God has we have also, Prayer make this a reality in our lives.

Therefore, God has authorized us to pray and He has obligated Himself to answer our prayers. He did it after the counsel of His own will. When we pray, we are authorizing God to be involved in our circumstances. Circumstance is defined as a fact or event (trouble, sickness, or anything that's a reality in your life) that must be considered along with another fact or event (God answer prayer); a condition or fact that determines or must be considered in the determining of a course of action (prayer).

Jeremiah 33:2-3. Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Prayer is a design of God so that man would have a way to have communion and fellowship with Him. Before the fall of man in the garden, in his state of innocence, they had communion or fellowship with God every day. In the cool of the evening God came walking in the garden. Verse 8, implies that God came regular into the garden to fellowship with Adam and Eve face to face, because they were made in His image and likeness. But when sin entered the garden through disobedience, the fellowship was broken because sin cannot stand in the presence of a holy and just God. Therefore, God designed a covering and a way for man to continue to approach and have fellowship with Him. Adam lost the greatest experience of his life, the face to face fellow-

ship and communion with God. Therefore God taught Adam how he should approach: with a blood sacrifice as a substitute for their sin. Adam also taught his sons how they should approach God, too, with a blood sacrifice, which was type of prayer. Genesis chapter 4:3-7. "And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.

The apostle Paul gives these instructions to Timothy his son in the gospel in his absence so he could continue his development and growth and mature in the Lord as a young pastor: 1Timothy 4:13-16. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

These verses contains the principles of the word of God to regulate your Christians life, Prayer the outgrowth word of God, faith as a product of the word, the law of love, the law of the Spirit, the law of giving and the law of meditation. Remember prayer is the outgrowth of the word of God, which means the act or process of growing out of. Father, in the name of Jesus, give us the desire to learn how to pray as you instructed your disciples how to pray. Amen.

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



NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE GREEN SWAMP PRESERVE STATE DEDICATED NATURE PRESERVE TO ACCOMMODATE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON N.C. 211 IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

STIP Project B-5624

Wilmington - The public is invited to a hearing with the N.C. Department of Transportation this month to discuss the proposed amendment of the Green Swamp Preserve State Dedicated Nature Preserve located in Brunswick County.

The proposed project, State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. B-5624, is needed to replace a structurally deficient bridge. This amendment of the Dedicated Nature Preserve is needed to facilitate the replacement of Bridge No. 57 over Driving Creek on N.C. 211 (Green Swamp Road). The amendment would provide 0.447 acre of Permanent Drainage Easement and 0.099 acre for a Temporary Construction Easement. Approximately 0.4569 total acre of right-of-way is needed for replacement of the bridge.

Project details, including maps of the proposal, can be found on the NCDOT project web page: (www.publicinput.com/Green-Swamp-Preserve).

The formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m. June 28, 2021. Interested people can attend as shown below:

- Monday, Jun 28, 2021 7:00 PM (EDT)
From computer, tablet or smartphone
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/236010845>
- By Phone: United States: +1 (571) 317-3112 Access Code: 236-010-845
- One-touch: tel:+15713173112,,236010845#

People may also submit comments by phone (984-205-6615 project code 8026), email (Green-Swamp-Preserve@publicinput.com) or mail at the address shown below by July 28, 2021.

For more information, contact David Stutts, P.E., Project Engineer, NCDOT Structures Management Unit using the phone and email listed above.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled people who wish to participate in this virtual hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Diane Wilson, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center in Raleigh; 919-707-6073; or pdwilson1@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Those who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior by calling 1-800-481-6494.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 20 CVD 3989

BONNIE HARRIS, Plaintiff, Vs. JOHNATHAN HARVEY GARRIS, Defendant.

TO: JOHNATHAN HARVEY GARRIS
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
4874 Grinders Way NE
Leland, Brunswick County, NC 28451
and:
507 Grace Street, New Hanover County, North Carolina 28401

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: ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date, the first date being, June 10, 2021. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 10th day of June, 2021.

Cape Fear Family Law
Melodi R. Hayes
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3807 Peachtree Avenue, Suite 103
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NC State Bar No. 15889

June 10, 17, 24, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 21 JA 65

IN THE MATTER OF: L.J.

TO: AMBER DAWN BASS AND CLIFTON NICHOLAS JENKINS, RESPONDENT-PARENTS OF L.J. born on April 20, 2021 in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

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:

Adjudication of Juvenile Petition filed on April 27, 2021 alleging that L.J. is a neglected Juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, June 10, 2021, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Amber Dawn Bass has been assigned Attorney Lyana Hunter. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 343-5423, 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Clifton Nicholas Jenkins has been assigned Attorney Mark Ihnat. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 769-6884, 314 Walnut Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATORY HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the New Hanover County Courthouse located at 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 10th day of June, 2021.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3512
(910) 798-3772 * fax

June 10, 17, 24, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Bettie Ellington Teague**, 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 **3rd day of September, 2021**, 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 3rd day of June, 2021

Gregg Steven Teague, Executor
615 Kelly Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409

June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Marilyn Gause Jenkins**, 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 **3rd day of September, 2021**, 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 3rd day of June, 2021

Daniel C. Moss, Executor
125 Hargrove Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Board will be held on Wednesday June 30, 2021 at 3pm. Pursuant to §4.31 of SB 704 (S.L. 2020 3), the meeting will be conducted remotely from Wilmington Convention Center, 10 Convention Center Drive, Wilmington, NC. The public can access the live meeting online at <https://www.zoom.us/join> or by phone by dialing 301-715-8592 and entering meeting ID 822 4635 7878. 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 29th. 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

June 24, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the Superior Court File # 21 CVD 1642

James Herbert Leonard, Jr., Plaintiff,

V.

Jamelle Stafford Leonard, Defendant

To: Jamelle Stafford Leonard

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: absolute divorce

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 June 24, 2021. and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 24th day of June, 2021.

James Herbert Leonard Jr.
201 Sunn Aire Ct. Apt. C
Wilmington, NC 28405

June 24, July 1, 8, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 16 JT 137

IN THE MATTER OF: A.G.C.

TO: RESPONDENT-FATHER, ALFREDO COBOS PEREZ, legal father of male minor child born on April 12, 2014 in New Hanover County, North Carolina conceived with the child's mother, Elizabeth Martinez.

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: Termination of all parental rights you have to A.G.C.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, June 10, 2021, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Attorney Ryan Feinberg has been assigned to represent you. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 200-2916, 3600 South College Street, Suite E305, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 10th day of June, 2021.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3512
(910) 798-7833 * fax

June 10, 17, 24, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 21 JT 88

IN THE MATTER OF: E.A.B. (DOB: 03-03-21)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE, CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following JUNE 22, 2021 which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR August 9, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in courtroom 100 of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 10th day of June, 2021.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel. #: (910) 795-0230
Fax #: (910) 401-1485

June 17, 24, July 1, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of **Mary Ella Dowling**, 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 **3rd day of September, 2021**, 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 3rd day of June, 2021

James R. Dowling, Executor
11 Winfield Davis Dr.
Coram, NY 11727

June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Rena Swindell Foster**, 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 **10th day of September, 2021**, 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 10th day of June, 2021
Priscilla Ann Moore, Executor
9154 Arden Road NE
Leland, NC 28451

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Benjamin Roland Midgett**, 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 **10th day of September, 2021**, 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 10th day of June, 2021
Ann Elizabeth Bennett, Executrix
562 Long Leaf Acres Drive
Leland, NC 28405

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021

RE-BID INVITATION FOR BIDS SOLICITATION NO.: RFY19.01 HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA

SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AT SOLOMON TOWERS BUILDING

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below. Bids will be publicly opened and recorded immediately thereafter at the Central Office, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

- Pre-Bid Conference and Site Tour will be held: June 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., beginning at the Central Office.
- Bid Opening: Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
- Specifications/Plans will be available for pickup beginning Friday, June 18th at the Central Office.
- Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 or
- Download Project Manual from our WHA website at www.wha.net
- Questions; E-mail to Ms. Burns no later than Monday, July 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. to cburns@wha.net
- Point of contact Ms. Chauntrell Burns

The WHA does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

June 24, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Bertha T. Forden**, 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 **10th day of September, 2021**, 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 10th day of June, 2021

Wanda Forden, Administratrix
2333 5th Ave. #5B
New York, NY 10037

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Richard Wayne Cathey, III**, 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 **10th day of September, 2021**, 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 10th day of June, 2021
Claresa Bigham Cathey,
Administratrix
4177 Lake Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 15 JT 166

IN THE MATTER OF: J.D.H.G.

TO: RESPONDENT-FATHER, CARNACION MONTIEL also known as CARNACION MONTIEL, putative father of male minor child born on April 12, 2014 in New Hanover County, North Carolina conceived with the child's mother, Reina Hernandez Gonzalez.

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:

Termination of all parental rights you have to J.D.H.G.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, June 24, 2021, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Attorney Addison Palanza has been assigned to represent you. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 769-6884, 314 Walnut Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 24th day of June, 2021.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3512
(910) 798-7833 * fax

June 24, July 1, 8, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Wendy A. Peterson**, 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 **17th day of September, 2021**, 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 17th day of June, 2021

June A. Clarke, Executrix
4228 Province Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 19th day of October, 2020, as Administrator Of The Estate Of **James Walter Clark**, deceased, of Columbus County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the decedent or said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **September 10, 2021**, a date that is three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. Please direct all claims to the attention of Tiffany Madison Clark, Estate Of James Walter Clark, 5252 Pleasant Plains Church Road, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. All persons indebted to said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment thereto.

This the 2nd day of June, 2021.

TIFFANY MADISON CLARK,
Administrator
Of The Estate Of James Walter Clark
5252 Pleasant Plains Church Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
T. SCOTT SESSIONS, Attorney For
The Estate Of James Walter Clark
The McGougan Law Firm
130 Jefferson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the Superior Court File # 19 CVS 661

Zachary Chavis, Plaintiff,

V.

James M. Davis and Jason K. Eason, Defendants

To: Jason K. Eason

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 in excess of \$10,000 for 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 June 24, 2021. and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 24th day of June, 2021.

Elizaveta Korotkova
RODZICK LAW GROUP, PLLC
Attorney for the Plaintiff
2309 S. 17th Street
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