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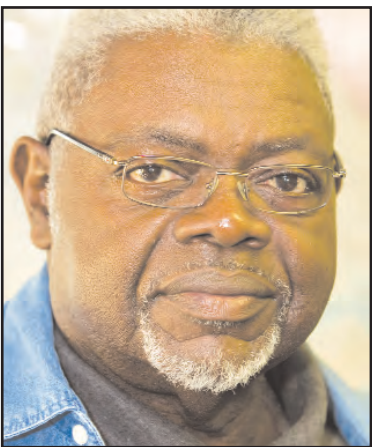
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"LOOK WHAT IT TOOK TO GET TENURE," HANNAH-JONES TOLD CBS THIS MORNING TUESDAY MORNING.

Hannah-Jones declines UNC-Chapel Hill's tenure offer

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Why did Pulitzer Prize winning *New York Times* journalist, Nikole Hannah-Jones, decline UNC-Chapel Hill's belated offer of tenure? "Look what it took to get tenure," Hannah-Jones told *CBS This Morning Tuesday* morning. She noted that every other professional journalist before her since 1980 at UNC-Chapel Hill that had been offered the prestigious position of Knight Chair in Race and Investigative Journalism had also been given lifetime job security (tenure).

"This is my alma mater. I love the university. The university has given me a lot. I wanted to give back. It was embarrassing to be the first person to be denied tenure," Hannah-Jones said, insisting that she "...didn't want this to become a public scandal" when she originally accepted a five-year offer without tenure earlier in the year after the UNC Trustee Board declined to take up her tenure offer last November and again in January.

The fact that negative political opposition became a major factor against Hannah-Jones' taking the job, in addition to her race and gender, is something, she says, she could not tolerate.

"To be [originally] denied [tenure], to have that vote occur on the last possible day, at the last possible moment, after threat of legal action, after protests, after it became a national scandal, is not something I want anymore," Hannah-Jones told CBS.

"Every person who comes up for tenure should be judged by the quality of their work," Hannah-Jones maintained.

Having passed through UNC-Chapel Hill's standard tenure process with glowing success, the trustee board was literally the last stage that needed to be cleared.

"These board members were political appointees who decided that I wasn't [qualified for tenure]," Hannah-Jones said, adding later

that it was "illegal discrimination."

The heralded Black journalist confirmed that she will instead take the Knight Chair in Race and Investigative Journalism at Howard University, considered the nation's premiere historically Black university, in addition to starting a journalism center there for serious students of the craft, teaching the principles of good professional journalism, but in the tradition of the Black Press.

According to *NC Policywatch*, which first broke the Hannah-Jones versus UNC story, she is raising at least \$25 million for the establishment of the center, which will not have a name for now.

In a statement from Howard University Tuesday, at least \$20 million has already been raised for the project.

Another reason Hannah-Jones turned thumbs down on UNC-Chapel Hill, even with the tenure vote last week, is that no one from the administration nor the trustee board reached out to speak to her, nor explain anything to her.

The UNC Trustee Board voted in a 9-4 decision on June 30 to grant Hannah-Jones the tenure for which no other scholar at the school has ever had to fight.

The decision came one day before Hannah-Jones was officially scheduled to begin working at the UNC Hussman School of Journalism and Media.

The Hannah-Jones victory is seen, not only as a win for Black females in academia on college campuses, but justice for free speech advocates in this current corrosive political atmosphere against the teaching of true American racial history.

By the time the 13-member UNC Trustee Board met again in an emergency session last week, it was clear that conservative politics had played a role in denying Hannah-Jones tenure because of her leadership on the controversial *NY Times'* award-winning 1619 Project, which retold the story of the founding of America, but this time through the prism of institutionalized

slavery.

A major donor to the UNC Hussman School, conservative publisher and alumnus, Walter Edward Hussman Jr., was revealed to have sent deriding emails to top UNC administrators about Hannah-Jones, questioning her journalistic professionalism.

It took threatened litigation by Hannah-Jones' attorneys and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, in addition to a mountain of national criticism that put UNC-Chapel Hill's academic and institutional reputation at risk, to finally coerce the UNC Trustee Board back to the table after it had refused take up the issue since last November.

Prior to the board vote, angry protestors disrupted the June 30th meeting, refusing to leave, not realizing that the board legally could not either publicly discuss or hold a vote on what was essentially a personnel issue without going into closed session.

That forced UNC police to physically remove students from the meeting place, and some viewing the proceedings online as criticizing law enforcement for being heavy-handed.

After the affirming 9-4 trustee board vote, Hannah-Jones issued a statement which read:

"*Today's outcome and the actions of the past month are about more than just me. This fight is about ensuring the journalistic and academic freedom of Black writers, researchers, teachers and students. We must ensure that our work is protected and able to proceed free from the risk of repercussions, and we are not there yet.*"

"She is a journalist's journalist, a teacher's teacher and a woman of substance with a voice of consequence," wrote Hussman School Dean Susan King.

Hannah-Jones told CBS that King was very supportive of her throughout the controversy, and one of the very few she told she was not accepting the position last weekend when she came down to North Carolina.

Observers say that this is not finished and that legal action from Nikole Hannah-Jones against UNC at Chapel Hill for discrimination still should be expected.

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RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL
CONSIDERING LOCAL
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[RALEIGH] The Raleigh
City council is considering
instituting its own version
of the CROWN Act, a
national movement to pre-
vent discrimination

against anyone because of
the appearance of their
hair. The Wake County
Commissioners passed a
CROWN Act in March.
Durham was the first city
in North Carolina to in-
stitute it. Fayetteville is
reportedly considering a
similar measure.

UNC-CH POLICE CHIEF
RESIGNS AFTER LESS
THAN TWO YEARS

[CHAPEL HILL] After
less than two years on the

job, UNC-Chapel Hill Police
Chief David Perry, who has
been on leave since last
May, has submitted his re-
signation to the university.
Perry did so June 30th in
the aftermath of video
released showing UNC offi-
cers pushing UNC student
supporters of Nikole
Hannah-Jones out of a
Board of Trustees meeting
to discuss her tenure. While
a national search goes on
for a replacement, Asst.
Chief Rahsheem Holland is

serving as acting chief.
Members of the Black
Student Movement oppose
Holland staying in that
position.

STATE LAWMAKERS
DECIDE TO DELETE
THEIR EMAILS AFTER
THREE YEARS

[RALEIGH] In an effort
to end saving emails for up
to ten years, state lawmak-
ers decide to delete their e-
mails after three years.
Still, observers say, the new

policy will be problematic
for pushing for greater
transparency from their
state leaders. The new
email retention policy will
also be a problem for those
relying on those emails as
evidence when filing law-
suits.

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CASH MICHAELS

Legal analysis of voting rights; Cosby decisions

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Last week the conservative
majority U. S. Supreme Court
handed down another major
blow to the voting rights of
citizens of color when, by a 6-
3 margin, it sided with
Arizona in effectively saying,
according to POLITICO, that
"...rules amounting to only a
modest imposition on voters
would not usually amount to a
violation of the [Voting Rights
Act]."

"The mere fact there is
some disparity in impact
does not necessarily mean
that a system is not equally
open or that it does not give
everyone an equal opportu-
nity to vote," wrote
Associate Justice Samuel
Alito for the conservative
majority. "The size of any
disparity matters. What are
at bottom very small differ-
ences should not be artifi-
cially magnified."

Most legal experts said
the decision will now make
it harder to challenge vot-
ing laws as discriminatory.

Professor Irving Joyner,
of North Carolina Central
University School of Law,
agrees.

"The old saying that bad
facts make bad law applies
to this challenge," Joyner,
who is also a practicing
civil rights attorney and

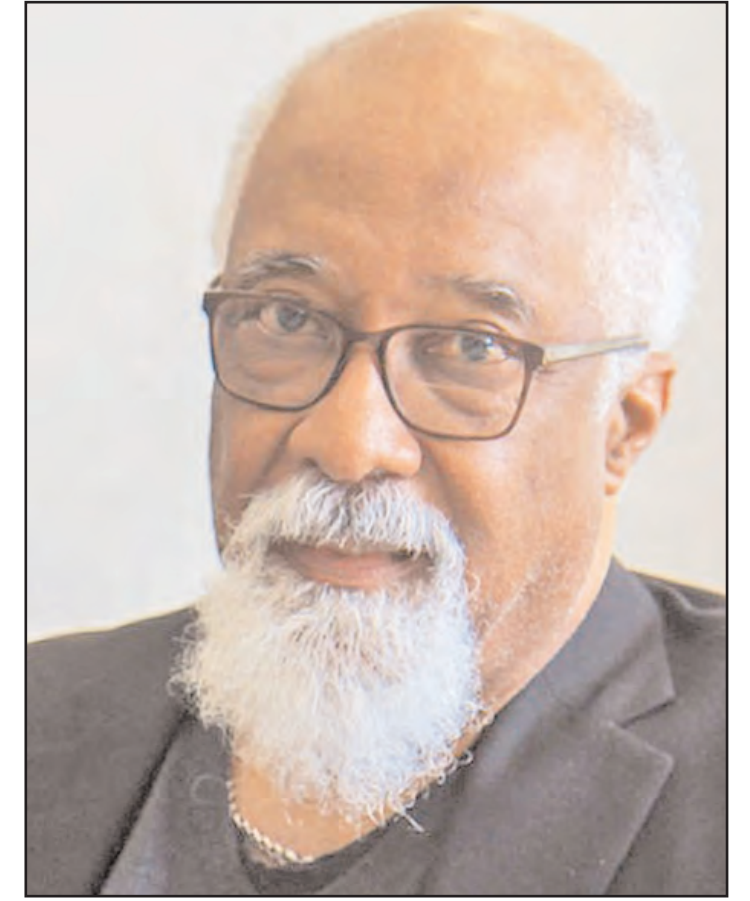


BILL COSBY

head of the NC NAACP's
Legal Redress Committee,
says.

"The voter-rights-related
issue has to do with out-of-
precinct voting. Typically, on
Election Day, voters must
vote in the precinct in which
they are assigned. That is
also the law in North
Carolina. The evidence
showed that this requirement

would only impact a very
small number of people. This
allowed the [U. S. Supreme
Court to rule, for the first
time, that a small racial dis-
parity or impact does not vio-
late the Voting Rights Act.
What is a small disparity is
not defined, but it now impos-
es a new legal and factual
burden on [VRA] Section 2
claims and you must now



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establish the existence of
more than a small disparity
in order to prove this chal-
lenge. The racial disparity in
Arizona was 1%. Depending
on the political race, a 1% dis-
parity can have a major
impact on election success,
but this decision now adds a
new unknown standard to
the burden of proving a suffi-
cient discriminatory impact
by an act of the Legislature."

In other words, if a man-
dated act of the state legis-
lature causes even a small
percentage drop of Black
voting in any particular
election, it will be much
harder to challenge that act
now under the High Court
Arizona ruling.

The Reverend Dr. T.
Anthony Spearman, presi-
dent of the NC NAACP,
issued a tough statement, say-
ing the 6-3 decision
"...endorsed the ugly extrem-
ist strain within that has
wormed its way into the once
proud Republican Party.

In another headline mak-
ing ruling last week, this
time by the Pennsylvania
Supreme Court, the 2018
sexual assault conviction of
entertainer, Bill Cosby, was
vacated because the prosecu-
tor who brought the case
was bound by the prior
agreement of a previous
prosecutor not to try Cosby
in exchange for his admit-
ting in a civil deposition
that he, in fact, sexually
assaulted one of the 60
women who accused him.

Cosby, 83, was released
from prison after saving
almost 3 years of his 3 to 10
year sentence.

Attorney Irv Joyner
agrees with most legal
experts that the reversal of
Cosby's conviction had
absolutely nothing to do
with the so-called #Me Too
Movement.

"At the outset of the origi-

nal charges against Cosby,
the then elected prosecutor
struck a deal with Cosby,
which provided him with a
type of immunity from
prosecution if he would
participate in a deposition
in a civil suit which this
accuser had brought
against him. Cosby agreed
to this deposition based on
this agreement. Cosby and
any other person may not
be forced to give self-
incriminating testimony,
but, as a result of this
agreement, he provided tes-
timony which incriminated
him."

"On this point, the law is
clear that when the [origi-
nal]prosecutor offered not
to prosecute Cosby in
return for the deposition
testimony, the State of
Pennsylvania was barred
from ever renegeing on that
deal," Joyner continues.
"The newly elected prosecu-
tor violated the law when he
decided to renege on this
agreement."

The
Pennsylvania Supreme
Court decision said that
when the State enters an
agreement with a person
and obtains its end of the
bargain, a later elected pros-
ecutor cannot breach that
agreement."

"The
Supreme Court's opinion
did not analyze the merits
of the sexual assault case
against Bill Cosby," Prof.
Joyner continued. "It sim-
ply stated that the prosecu-
tor knowingly violated
Pennsylvania law when he
made the decision to prose-
cute Cosby after he had
already been given immu-
nity from that prosecution."

Cosby may not be retried
in criminal court in this
case, and the Pennsylvania
statute of limitations has
virtually run out on the
other sexual abuse allega-
tions by other women.



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Bill Cosby with his legal team and associates after release from prison June 30.

Cosby's release spurs anger, puzzlement and jubilation

BY BARRINGTON M. SALMON

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - To the surprise of many, comedian, entertainer and actor Bill Cosby walked out of a Pennsylvania prison on June 30 after spending three years behind bars for sexual assault after a jury found him guilty of drugging and sexually assaulting former basketball player Andrea Constand.

Cosby is free because the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned his 2018 sexual assault conviction and ordered him released from prison immediately. The judges' actions revolve around a deal a prosecutor cut in 2005 promising not to charge Cosby based on testimony that he gave in a civil suit brought by Constand. Other district attorneys chose to ignore that agreement and brought criminal charges against Cosby based on that testimonial evidence. Doing that violated Cosby's due process, the justices said.

The decision triggered a firestorm of anger, disgust, derision, sadness and frustration from Cosby's victims, members and supporters of the #MeToo movement, women's rights and other advocates.

Fabienne Sylvia Josaphat-Merritt said news of Cosby's release produced a muddle of emotions.

"I've been thinking about and observing the fallout and I stand by my original position: disappointment," said Josaphat-Merritt, a Miami-based writer and poet. "People are using other words. He admitted what he did. It must be horrific that this person is back among them. He abused his power, adulation and fame...I'm extremely frustrated that he walks away on a technicality. He still gets to keep his fortune, his life. I would like to have a conversation with those people who enabled him to do this."

One woman, who said she was sexually molested by a relative when she was a child, said she feels triggered and conflicted.

"He was our TV dad who always visited Howard University," she recalled. "I would see him when I was a young student at Howard, and he would shake my hand a certain way and I pulled away because it triggered me. He likes a certain 'type.' I knew I was that type, but I knew well enough to leave it alone. I adored him because he told our story. He was inspiration and aspirational. I hoped maybe one day, I would create a show like his and be great at it."

The woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity and who works in the entertainment industry, said she harbors no doubts about his guilt. "I really don't care what other people think and say. I enjoyed his work. But like R. Kelly, whose music I don't listen to, I haven't watched anything with Cosby in it, in 20 years. That's sad."

Journalist and author Stacy Brown, who covered both Cosby trials, applauded the ruling because in his mind, "They broke all the rules."

"When prosecutors and judges do it, it's very dangerous, especially for Black men," said Brown, who has been a working journalist for 25 years. "By any stretch of the imagination, this wasn't a fair trial. They made the right decision. Going forward, they will hold prosecutors and judges to

account."

Brown said he spoke briefly to Cosby after his release, and said the 83-year-old continues to strenuously assert his innocence.

"He still maintains 100 percent that he didn't do this, that he's innocent," said Brown, a national correspondent for Black Press USA and senior writer for *The Washington Informer* and the *Baltimore Times*. "He was pushing that the truth needs to be told, that he was doing a lot of mentoring with Man UP, helping those without the means, money or reputation getting the type of representation they deserve. He plans to go back onstage."

Brown said once comedian Hannibal Buress joked about the irony of Cosby being "America's Dad," sternly lecture people how to live but being accused of rape and sexual misconduct, that opened the floodgates.

"You had a new district attorney in 2014-15 and there were three or four women who said 'he did this to me in the '60's and '70's and (attorney) Gloria Allred invited all the women with any accusations,'" he said. "With a \$100 million pot, everyone came out. It turns out some of them never had contact with him. I'm not friends with the man or buddy-buddy, but I don't know if there are incidents involving 60 women."

Brown called what he saw during the trial "dubious," as evidenced by reporters huddling together to compare notes; the judge's refusal to remove a juror who told other jurors they might as well go home because Cosby was guilty; the DA's racially insensitive comments; and women telling vastly different stories while on the stand.

"It was a perfect setup and reports coming out of the courtroom is what people stand with," said Brown, author of "Aftermath: Michael Jackson's Dysfunctional Family and the Legacy of the King of Pop," and "Blind Faith: The Miraculous Journey of Lula Hardaway, Stevie Wonder's Mother". "I would tell people to read the 2005 deposition. He never said he was guilty. I'm not defending the guy. His actions were deplorable. He cheated on his wife who orchestrated his defense and legal team for the supreme court case. He did have to pay for his indiscretions - for cheating on his wife. This is not a commentary on who was victimized. It's about what's right."

Veteran media personality Madelyne Woods said she didn't expect justice to act in Cosby's favor but said she's satisfied with the outcome.

"This was an act of justice. The prosecutor was overzealous. In fact, it seemed like a personally driven prosecution," said Woods, who anchored BET Newsbriefs hosted Video LP. "In my opinion it was a dirty trial. To take a popular Black person, defame him and to flout procedure isn't justice served."

Woods said she is not questioning the women or their integrity and opted not to say if she thought Cosby is guilty of the crimes he's accused of.

"I want to see a more thorough investigation of the event, but I don't expect that to happen," she said of the case that sent Cosby to prison.

As she watches the furor, the anger, recriminations and the furious back-and-forth between

supporters, Woods said she's been thinking a good deal about the way men should carry themselves when they are intimate or trying to get intimate with a woman.

"There is a simple lesson here for any man who wants

to and has an opportunity to have sex with a woman, especially the clods who try to rationalize criminal behavior by saying 'She was asking for it' or 'she came on to me' or 'did you see what she had on?'" Woods said, reflecting

her Facebook post. "The lesson is that it's really easy to avoid a whole lot of legal trouble and personal anguish if you remember that it's up to YOU to help a woman be what you define as a so called 'lady,' even when she doesn't

act like one."

Woods concludes, "You can just say no ... to yourself. That's called self-regulation. That's called integrity. That's called living right. Learn to self-regulate. And just say no. To yourself."



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GUEST EDITORIAL

This anthem does not speak for me

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Frances Scott Key, author of the Star-Spangled Banner, our "National Anthem" was a died in the wool racist. He opined that "Negroes" were a "distinct and inferior race." He was a slaveholder from a family of slaveholders who influenced the odious seventh President Andrew Jackson to appoint Roger Taney, the author of the Dred Scott decision ("Blacks have no rights that whites are bound to respect") to the Supreme Court.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Aspects of the "National Anthem" are derivative to Black people. Key disagreed that the formerly enslaved who fought with the British in the War of 1812 should receive their freedom due to their service. The British kept their word, settling formerly enslaved Blacks in the British Caribbean on land they provided them. How, then, does the raving of a racist become our nation's national anthem, taught in every school, played at every athletic event and assembly, and designed to stir patriotic strings when we hear it?

When I hear the words, "land of the free, home of the brave," I think, "land of the thief, home of the slave." As early as 1836, abolitionists were mocking the song, taking that offensive line and recasting it as "the land of the free, home of the oppressed." When you delve into the lyrics, Key's utter contempt for Black people, especially those formerly enslaved people who claimed their freedom by fighting with the Brits, was apparent. But the Daughters of the Confederacy (surprise, surprise) were among those who thought this slave-deriding song should be our national anthem. In doing so, they ensured that generations of school-children would never learn the truth about the hypocrisy of their country, fighting for freedom against the Brits while also fighting for the right to deny others freedom.

When Gwen Berry, the African American athlete who has qualified for the 2020 Olympics, turned her back on the American flag while the troublesome national anthem was playing, she invited criticism for her actions and the paradox of the African American reality in this nation. Berry said, "the anthem doesn't speak for me," and giving voice to the ambivalence that so many African American people feel about this nation. We are disgusted by the injustice and hypocrisy woven into every fabric of our lives, even as we experience and enjoy aspects of progress and opportunity that distinguish our lives from those of our enslaved foremothers and fathers. She turned her back and covered her face with a t-shirt that said "activist athlete" in the spirit of Frederick Douglas, who famously asked what the Fourth of You Lie could mean to the Negro.

Generations have been taught the Star-Spangled Banner without understanding its author or the meaning of its lyrics. That the Daughters of the Confederacy championed it ought to say enough. Since their inception in 1894, those women have been determined to embrace the Southern "Lost Cause." Historically openly racist, they endorsed the Ku Klux Klan at their 1919 convention. They have supported or funded the erection of statues and memorials to Confederate leaders. They have never refuted their racist views, although they have had many opportunities to do so in contemporary times. Their headquarters in Richmond, the cradle of the confederacy, was damaged by fire last year as people protested the massacre of George Floyd at the knee of Derek Chauvin. Their ideology ought to be equally incinerated.

While many opposed the national anthem, Woodrow Wilson, whose own racial views were questionable, embraced the anthem. Still, it was not made official until the passage of HR 14 in 1929. Before that, America the Beautiful (oh beautiful, for gracious skies) was considered the national anthem. The Ray Charles rendition, and his struggles to sing it in Georgia, are more impactful emblems of "America" than the lyrics of a slaveholder could ever be.

Gwen Berry said the anthem did not speak for her, but it still seems to speak for so many of our fellow citizens who mindlessly sing racist lyrics penned by a slaveholding man. As long as this is our international calling card, so long as this is the music that accompanies our athletic victories, we tell our Black athletes that they are valued for their athleticism, but not for their lives and for the injustices they experience. To force someone to stand up and listen to that nonsense is to shove patriotism down the throats of those who feel somewhat less than patriotic. It is entirely possible to excel in one's sport and look askance at American hypocrisy.

Gwen Berry is one of a long line of activist athletes. She deserves applause, not approbation. She says the Star-Spangled Banner doesn't speak for her. It doesn't speak for me either.

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VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

TO BE EQUAL

Stimulus aid to cities presents an opportunity to fight crime with summer jobs

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The Harlem Youth Action Project was a city-funded attempt to keep some of the smarter kids off the street ... the next time I saw Jet magazine there I was, all the way in the top left-hand corner of a news photo, leaning over Dr. King with my trusty tape recorder in my hand, looking for the last word. I was anything but a Power Memorial junior; I was starting to feel like what I thought of as a man." — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Violent crimes and murders dropped by 60%, the unemployment rate was cut in half, and New Orleans' poverty rate fell dramatically.

Today the nation finds itself facing another rise in violent crime. We're also faced with another opportunity to reduce not only the crime rate, but the unemployment and poverty rates, too.

The Biden Administration has recognized the importance of summer jobs for youth in combating a rising crime rate. In its Comprehensive Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gun Crime and Ensure Public Safety released just over a week ago, the Administration noted that young people are disproportionately likely to be involved in gun violence, either as perpetrators or victims. Youth employment programs, including summer jobs programs, can reduce their involvement in violence by as much as 45%.

That's why cities across the nation have an obligation to use the funding they received through the American Rescue Plan to create summer jobs.

Of the \$350 billion directed to state and local governments, more than \$45 billion is directly targeted to metropolitan city governments where violent crime is most serious.

One study cited by the Biden Administration showed that the violent crime arrests dropped dramatically among students who took part in Chicago's "One Summer Chicago Plus." The program offered an 8-week summer job at minimum wage, an adult job mentor, and for some youth, a cognitive behavioral therapy-based curriculum.

The researchers wrote: "Summer jobs programs can reduce a hugely socially costly outcome at a relatively low cost; we estimate that so we estimate that social benefits are likely to justify program costs, and may outweigh them by as much as 11 to 1."

A Brookings Institution study of Boston's Summer Youth Employment Program found a 35 percent reduction in arrests among participants.

More importantly, the effects

appear to be lasting. These programs do more than keep young people occupied; they teach valuable social and emotional skills that can alter the course of a young person's life.

Youth who participated in Boston's program showed improved attitudes toward their communities. They were more likely to report that they had a lot to contribute, and that they felt connected to their neighborhood. They also were more likely to report knowing how to manage their emotions, how to ask for help when they needed it, and how to constructively resolve conflict with a peer.

Boston has already announced that it will use American Rescue Plan funds to expand the Mayor's Summer Youth Program.

As the nation emerges from the economic crisis created by the COVID-19 pandemic, it's crucial that we avoid past patterns and practices that created the economic despair that contributes to violent crime. Summer jobs for youth are a proven solution.

Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.



Marc Morial

When I was sworn in as Mayor of New Orleans in 1994, I was taking the helm of a city that led the nation in violent crime. Although I had many bold and ambitious plans for the city, confronting violent crime had to my first priority.

A major component of my anti-crime agenda involved summer jobs for teenagers, which not only would give young people an alternative to criminal activity, but also provide income to families in need.

With a lot of hard work, our program was successful.

The insurrection and the lost cause

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

A violent insurrection engulfed the U.S. Capitol just six months ago. One United States Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick died and other Capitol police are still healing. Investigators are still going through video and social media documenting the attempt to disrupt congressional affirmation of President Joe Biden's victory. Just six months ago. But many Republican leaders are already trying to rewrite the history of that day and what led up to it.

Some are downplaying the seriousness of the attack on Congress. They portray the invasion as a tourist outing. Some far-right activists are trying to shift blame away from the Trump supporters who were clearly responsible for inciting and carrying out the attack.

The people spreading lies about the Capitol insurrection are the spiritual heirs to the Daughters of the Confederacy. They are the ideological descendants of those who spent decades lying to the American public about slavery and the Civil War.

Promoters of pro-Confederacy propaganda known as "Lost Cause" ideology had a purpose. They wanted people to view the defense of slavery and the "southern way of life" as a noble cause. They wanted to create justifications for the

brutally enforced segregation and subjugation of Black people during the Jim Crow era. They created and promoted in textbooks and media a false version of history. And they used that false version of history to keep a grip on power that they did not deserve to hold.

Republicans who deny or downplay the insurrectionists' attempt to overturn the presidential election are creating their own Lost Cause ideology. They are trying to portray Stop the Steal activists and insurrectionists as patriots pursuing a noble cause—the defense of "election integrity" and the "purity of the ballot box."

What we have here is layer upon layer of lies.

Trump's claim that his victory was stolen by Black and brown voters in corrupt cities was the lie that fueled insurrectionists' rage. It was repeated endlessly on right-wing media. It is still repeated by Trump and his supporters to portray President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris as illegitimate.

The stolen-election lie is being used to justify new voter suppression laws aimed at preventing future Democratic wins. It is a lie that Trumpists will use to

mobilize white right-wing voters in 2022 and 2024.

Lies about the Jan. 6 insurrection began while it was still under way. Right-wing figures claimed without evidence that the attack was not led by Trump supporters but by unnamed leftists. Some claim that it was all planned by Trump's "deep state" enemies in the FBI.

And now we have an added layer: the frantic campaign against "critical race theory." The manufactured panic about critical race theory demonstrates why right-wing funders spent billions of dollars over the past few decades building an infrastructure of political and media networks. Think tanks, media outlets, political organizations, religious-right groups, AstroTurf operations, and Republican politicians have all swung into action, sounding alarms about the supposedly dire threat of students, soldiers, and employees learning to think critically about the racism in our country's past and our institutions.

They are recycling the red scare propaganda used against Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights activists, warning of Marxist infiltration and indoctrination in schools, businesses, government agencies, and even the military. Conservatives who until the past few months proclaimed themselves champions of free speech and academic freedom have turned on a

dime and are supporting laws banning teaching or discussing racism in the classroom.

The campaign against critical race theory is designed to scare white parents and other Americans into fearing the growing presence of Black and brown people in positions of influence and power. It is designed to inflame fears and provoke fearful people into action to "protect" themselves and their loved ones. It is designed to bury our understanding of history in an effort to control the future. Its perpetrators are playing with fire.

We cannot successfully face our future by lying about our past, ignoring the realities of the present, or outlawing the truth. Our path forward must be as a multiracial, multiethnic, religiously diverse democratic society united by a shared commitment to the principles of equality, fairness, opportunity, and justice for all.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.



Ben Jealous

THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!

"When a school child remains unchallenged, he or she will shut down and lose interest in learning altogether".--BESSIE HOGAN

D.C. Council plans to consider overhauling Juvenile Justice System

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)

With the backdrop of a published report noting that the overwhelming majority of 16- and 17-year-olds charged as adults in the District are Black, Washington, D.C., Council has moved to take up a proposal by Attorney General Karl Racine to overhaul the way juveniles face justice.

Councilmembers plan to consider legislation that would prohibit prosecutors from charging juveniles as adults without a judge's permission and offer other forms of rehabilitation than prison.

"Children should be treated like children, including 16- and 17-year-olds, notwithstanding the seriousness of their alleged offense," Racine told NPR.

The outlet reported that the proposed legislation would apply to teens charged

with murder, first-degree sexual abuse, and armed robbery, among other crimes.

"Currently, the lead federal prosecutor in D.C. can file those kinds of cases directly in adult court — without any say from a judge — even if those defendants ultimately plead guilty to lesser charges," according to NPR.

Stacy Brown

D.C. has no federal prisons of its own, so young people convicted as adults can spend years in other states at great distances from their families.

The D.C. attorney general told NPR that the majority of underaged defendants charged as adults return home to the District before

they are 21, but without the benefit of access to educational programs, vocational training and mentoring they could have received if their cases had been handled in the family courts.

"The adult system doesn't work that way," Racine said. "Federal Bureau of Prisons people will tell you the adult system is not made for kids."

NPR cited the impact a new law would have on Charlie Curtis, a District resident charged with armed robbery and sent to adult court at 16.

Curtis said he had problems reading and writing back then, let alone asking the court to appoint him a lawyer. After his conviction, he spent years in a federal prison in New Jersey.

"It's a little bit of everything," Curtis told the outlet. "A little scary, a little nervous, you got to grow up real fast. You're not in the high school gym no more."

Curtis returned home when he was 22.

The process in D.C. right now, because the U.S. Attorney's Office does not exercise discretion often in terms of keeping kids down in juvenile court, is more of a sledgehammer," Eduardo Ferrer, the policy director at the Georgetown Juvenile Justice Initiative, told NPR.

He said the research demonstrates that charging young people in the adult system decreases public safety by making them more likely to break the law in the future.

Most charging decisions in these cases in D.C. are made within a half a day, without the benefit of a more comprehensive review of the facts of the case and the teenager's background, he said.

"What we really need is a scalpel," Ferrer determined.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

When I was a child

When I was a child, growing up and attending integrated schools, we were taught "America songs." That's not what they called them; it is what I have grown to call them.

We were taught, along with the lesson that police officers were good and our friends, songs including, "I Like It Here," "America," and "My Country 'Tis of Thee," among others.

I sang them loudly and with passion, as did my white classmates. I can still remember the words of one of my favorites:

*I like the United States of America,
I like the way we all live without fear!
I like to vote for my choice, speak my mind, raise my voice
Yes, I like it here!*

*I like the United States of America,
And I am thankful each day of the year!
For I can do as I please, 'cause I'm free as the breeze
Yes, I like it here!*

It was a fun song to sing, and comforting, as comforting as was the notion of the police being our friend. As a child, comfort was important. It was reassuring. We needed to feel safe and having police as our friend in a country where we were free provided the greatest comfort of all.

My level of comfort increased as I learned about the structure of our government. With the three branches of government, we were assured that we would never descend into anarchy (they didn't use that word, but we understood.) Our system of checks and balances was as protective as were the police. We were safe.

We didn't learn, though, that the freedoms outlined in the Bill of Rights, or that the words "we the people" did not, were never intended to, and would never include us as little black children. We didn't learn about the Middle Passage and the inhumane treatment Africans received in this country on that trip and once they got into this country.

We didn't learn about how slavery destroyed the Black family, or how Black women were raped by white men, while Black men were lynched even on the suggestion that he might have raped a white woman.

We didn't learn about how Black people participated in every war, from the Revolutionary War through the Korean War. We didn't learn about how Black men fought in those wars but were relegated back to their status of being second-class citizens in this country, just because they were Black. We didn't learn how white people resented them wearing their uniforms and how many of them were lynched while in uniform. And we didn't learn how the Black GIs were denied post-war benefits, like loans for housing, education, and business.

We just did not know because none of it was taught to us. We learned that Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves, and that made us like him because we regarded him as a "good" white man who treated Black people right, but we didn't learn that he didn't free all enslaved people, nor did we learn that he never believed that Black people were equal to white people and that he was a big proponent of sending Black people back to Africa.

We didn't learn how white people - many in law enforcement and former military people - participated in state-sanctioned violence against Black people, where Black people were not only lynched but their communities decimated - and in some cases, bombed - by these angry white people.

We didn't learn that so many white people were mad because they resented the progress Black people made in spite of legal, paralegal, and illegal measures, laws, and policies put into place.

There was so much we did not learn. We didn't learn about how the Greenwood community of Tulsa, OK, was destroyed by yet another group of angry white people, and Juneteenth didn't exist in our history lessons.

We, the Black and the white children, were given a white-washed, sanitized history of these United States. As we grew, we realized how entrenched white supremacy was in this country; we learned from experience how racist people were, including our classmates, who had been taught to hate Black people because of the color of their skin.

If the truth be told, June 19th, 1865, the day Army Major General Gordon Granger read General Order #3 which said all slaves were free was the true "independence day" for Black people, but it was not a day, nor was it intended to be, when African Americans would be allowed the full rights of American citizenship.

White violence against Black people - too often if not always participated in by law enforcement officers and members of the military - continued with Black people seldom getting justice in the courts - be they state, federal, or the U.S. Supreme Court. The goal of the white power structure has been to keep Black people "in their place," and they have sought to attain that goal by any means necessary, with the assistance of the media and the church.

So, on this Fourth of July holiday, I cringed when the fireworks started. I refused to break out the grill and "celebrate" a holiday which is clearly precious to our white friends, but is a reminder that this country about which we were taught as children to sing, has not ever and will not ever extend to Black people - and other minorities - the freedom to be free - in spite of the glorious and powerful words of the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the Preamble.

For Black people, the words to "I Like It Here" are a reminder that we cannot "do as we please 'cause we're free as the breeze."

"America songs" notwithstanding, we are not even close to being free...to be free.

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Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

When a delusional cult leader's prophecy fails, what do the cult members do?

Before I became a civil rights lawyer, I was an Assistant Professor of Social Psychology at Antioch University's three 'outposts' it set up in the 1970's in Washington, D.C. I was the only white faculty member at the undergraduate college; there were many white lawyers at the Antioch School of Law (now the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) Law School) and a couple at Antioch's Master's Program for D.C. teachers, across Vermont Avenue from where I taught.

I introduced the new science of Social Psychology with the classic book *When Prophecy Fails: A Social and Psychological Study of a Modern Group That Predicted the Destruction of the World.* It was written by three pioneers of Social Psychology—Leon Festinger, Henry Riecken, and Stanley Schacter. Their book came out in 1956, after the social revolution created by the NAACP's dismantling of Jim Crow in general and, particularly, in every segregated school system in the south, the main social system where adolescents meet and most love lives begin.

Today we are faced with the question of how to deal with a Cult of White Nationalism and Neo-Fascism, and according to June 2021 polls, a third of the people who cling to their whiteness cling to their right to bully and scapegoat practically anyone who will let them get away with it. Rather than admit their prophecy failed and their Cult Leader was dead wrong, they insist in violently proselytizing the failed lies they had made a part of their belief system.

Ms. Dorothy Martin had gathered a small group of believers to her delusional prophecies in Chicago in the mid 1950's. An enterprising editor of a mainline Chicago newspaper sent a reporter to do a story which the paper published with the headline: "Prophecy from Planet. Clarion Call to City: Flee That Flood. It'll Swamp us on Dec. 21"

Drs. Festinger, Riecken and Schacter read it and decided to test a theory they had developed about how people behave after a firmly held belief has proven to nr

false. They joined Ms. Martin's cult and gathered data to measure how she and her followers would behave before December 20, at Midnight on December 20, and after Midnight, if they survived the Flood..

Ms. Martin told her followers she had received messages from the planet "Clarion" that Chicago, parts of the U.S., Canada,

Central America, and Europe would be flooded on December 21, 1954. Her prophecy gained followers when Dr. Charles Laughead threw his support behind her. True believers began quitting their jobs (or were fired), they stopped attending school; they broke up friendships with non-believers; they made gifts of money and articles they owned; and made public preparations to be ready to get on the flying saucer that would save them from the flood.

Midnight December 20
When my night classes for the working students at Antioch studied the textbook, I would go to the blackboard and write Midnight December 20, The Moment of Truth. If we were really into the experiment, we would get someone to ring a bell 12 times with our eyes closed, and ask, what are you going to do if you look like a damn fool believing this mess?

Back in Chicago Ms. Martin told the group at her home that she had received a message that the flying saucer would pick them up at 1:30 am, after midnight. Many committed believers had removed all metallic items, including zippers, bra straps and other metallic objects, which were not allowed on the flying saucer. At 12:05 am, December 21, no visitors had appeared. But someone noticed another clock in the room that read 11:55. Everyone agreed it's not yet midnight. At 12:10 am the second clock struck midnight and no visitor appeared. Everyone was silent. The flood was supposed to come within 7 hours. At 4:00 am most of the group remained most remain, silent. The few

efforts to explain the prophecy's failure have failed. Ms. Martin cries.

At 4:45 am Ms. Martin gets a message that she gives to the Believers that "God o Earth has decided to spare the planet from destruction. The flood has been called off: "The little group, sitting all night long, had spread so much light that God had saved the world from destruction."

Cult Policy Toward Publicity Reversed

Ms. Martin and her believers who, to most people who knew about her prophecies, looked like fools, suddenly reversed their attitude toward the press. Before their prophecy of flying saucers and massive floods proved delusional, the cultists became more and more secretive and suspicious of new adherents. Only true believers who had demonstrated they were willing to sacrifice for the cult were permitted in their meetings as the moment of truth approached. (The research team had been accepted as part of the wave that came in when the first newspaper article came out.) But in the weeks before December 20, Ms. Martin and her adherents had become more secretive, and checked any new visitors out carefully.

The research team had theorized that the most committed cult members would double down on publicity when the Prophecy Failed. On the afternoon of the day no visitors appeared, December 21, Ms. Martin called the press and gave interviews. By December 24, her new 'public relations' offensive publicized The New Prophecy: spacemen would land in a flying saucer and pick them up soon. They cult adherents sang Christmas Carols at an outdoors 'news conference' attracting scores of "unruly spectators." Police were needed to "control the mob" and Ms. Martin's neighbors were said to have had enough of her delusions. On December 26 she was threatened with arrest and involuntary commitment. She departed Chicago, but continued to hold out her 'gift' of channeling messages to the other side, until she joined her friends in 1992.

What can we learn from this study that might be

applied to the last ditch "doubling down" of the KKK-neonazi cultist running around loose within a critical mass of today's Republican Party?

The Black Press was born challenging the doubling down of false prophecies and prophets. Well-trained white militias planned and executed an attack similar to the attack on the US Capitol on January 6, 2021. The domestic terrorists burned down the Manly Brothers expensive newspaper building and destroyed their expensive equipment at the Daily Record in Wilmington on November 10, 1898, screaming the Record and the Fusion Movement it helped form and lead had stolen the election from the minority racist group-The Fusion Electorate + the Black Electorate maintained a clear majority over the Racist block. But the racist block was well armed, backed by Pres. McKinley, and unreconstructed slavers, and the Red Shirt domestic terrorist group murdered every Black man on the streets, and dumped their bodies into the Cape Fear River until it was bloody red. Not one white finger was raised against the slaughter! Not one penny was paid in restitution!

We need a protracted Movement of Truth. Restore the Wilmington Journal. Complete the Transformational Third Reconstruction.

Att. MSurely 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.



**"If the lions do not write their own history,
then the hunters will
get all the credit."**

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Watch your back....

The old saying is you got to have eyes in the front, and eyes in the back because if you are not looking after yourself, who will.

That has never been truer than when you are out apartment hunting. This past week a young lady reached out to me stating "I was referred to you by someone to receive help with getting my first apartment." I responded "Hello, I'm sorry that your friend did not know that I only can help individuals own homes.

However, congrats, and much success on flying the nest, and getting your own space. The advice I can give you is to not go out and fill out a lot of rental applications. That is because they all charge applications fees and every time a new application is made, they pull your credit, and your scores drop. All apartments have their own minimum acceptable credit scores, and steady income guidelines to approve these applications. So ask them upfront what is their minimum credit scores, and

income requirements before you pay that application fee.



Brenda Dixon

If they say, "oh it's a case by case determination", they lying, lol." Let me tell you that this is all of New Hanover County and beyond. These apartment buildings are making a killing off of those application fees, knowing they will turn the majority of the

applications down. I have heard of some applications fees being \$100.

That takes one of the mysteries out of why some complexes keep a APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED sign out front all the time, even in times of full vacancy. Yes, of course, they say they do it because they never know what tenant will put in a notice to vacate at any time and they need to keep a pipeline of applications for this purpose. Yes, that sounds logical and may be true, but adding your coins to

their already thick bank account is not necessary. Ask them as many questions as you can prior to doing that application. Check your credit scores on credit karma, myfico.com, or sometimes you can get from your online banking. If you know your scores are already low, like below 600's, don't harm yourself more with these multiple pulls. Renting is just for a season anyway, your ultimate goal is to own. So, do your best to watch your back, and do whatever work is necessary to pull your

credit scores up, and increase your income as well. Most of these apartments want you to make monthly at least 2-3 times more than the rental amount.

Until next week, share this information with at least 3 people, and tell them to reach out for their free game plan to become homeownership ready in the next 18 months or less.

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Leaning into discomfort: Campus initiative gets tough exploring racial dialogue

BY CAROLINE CROPP
UNCW CONTENT

Communication Specialist Inclusion and Diversity Learning Development Specialist Kimberly McLaughlin-Smith has been putting her "skin in the game" her entire career. In spring 2020, shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic and the death of George Floyd, she invited all self-identified women on campus to join her in an open dialogue about race, not knowing at the time how timely this move would be.

Approximately 50 women responded to the call and the campus initiative Skin in the Game was created. Since then participants have been "leaning into the discomfort" of open racial dialogue. McLaughlin-Smith said there are now about 30 in the group because the conversations do get intense.

While the focus of the collective is race, SIG founder McLaughlin-Smith says the group's name is more reflective of investing time and effort, going beyond the superficial and getting skin-deep. "How deep are you in the day? How much skin are you putting in the game? Are you afraid to scrape your knee or the knee of another SIG sister?" are the questions posed to explore the issues.

"If I don't do anything else in my career as a diversity professional, I've done this," McLaughlin-Smith said of

establishing SIG. "This is legacy material. Based on the hard work and commitment of the SIG Collective this group can live well beyond me and my time here. It's the perfect vessel for my work as a DEI practitioner and for the great minds of the UNCW employees who work so hard to give this initiative life on our campus."

The epiphany moment for SIG member Monica Chase, student success advisor in the College of Health and Human Services, occurred with the question "When was the first time you had a teacher who was the same race as you?"

"I've never thought of that because I've always had white teachers," she said. "Then hearing people of color's experience that it wasn't until their sophomore year of college. I'm sure there are so many more things I don't think about."

Chase's and other member's reflective collections will be shared through a video at NCORE 2021, a comprehensive national forum on issues of race and ethnicity in American higher education that will take place in virtual format June 7-11.

UNCW graduate assistant Christopher Bailey '23 is working with McLaughlin-Smith to facilitate a men's SIG program in the fall. "We are preparing to have similar results that the women's cohort has produced by using their successful blueprint, which is built upon in-depth discussions on 'race' in an effort to become more



UNCW staff and Skin in the Game members (l-r): April Farr, executive assistant, Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion; Kimberly McLaughlin-Smith, Skin in the Game founder and diversity and inclusion specialist, Human Resources; and Audry Nunnally, facilities coordinator, Institutional Research and Planning

engaged and understanding humans for the UNCW campus," he said.

In addition, Jess Gorgas, residence coordinator (Housing and Residence Life), Naamah Noble, student records coordinator (Office of

the Registrar), Chase and former university colleague Mel Newcity are working to bring the SIG model to the UNCW student population in the form of "ThirsTEA: Let's Steep Together." The goal is to gather a collective to

engage in conversations around trust, microaggressions, intersectionality, allyship and other topics related to racial equity.

"SIG became a place to land where we could all feel comfortable enough to be authen-

tic even in the ongoing challenges of this past year," said Gorgas. "Our hope is that this experience fosters a sense of solidarity, racial healing and community with cross-cultural and cross-racial connections among students."

Decorated Airman Ret. Col George London still soars

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The true meaning of independence for George London Jr. came at a soaring price as he proved himself during the 1960s in the United States Air Force.

A middle class African-American family from Wilmington's South Sixth St neighborhood link to unparalleled military history as their son became one of the country's earliest specialized top rank airmen.

In a seventy-five year history, George London Jr. became the ninth of only twenty-nine black test pilots in America.

The son of the late George London Sr. and wife, Eula faced harsh insults as he overheard slurs, and suffered mistreatment during a long uphill successful professional journey.

As two white 2nd Lieutenants walked by and called him and a friend the "N Word," London entered a base building for a dream position - instructor of supersonic jet pilot training.

"I ended up being their instructor," London said of the pair.

"I did everything to get them through the class successfully. At the end of the training I let them know I had heard what they called me."

That acknowledgement actually led to one of them becoming a long term acquaintance on friendly terms.

London's family values, and his late 1950s and early 1960s

era matriculation at Williston Junior and Senior High schools prepared him for a Jim Crow segregated lifestyle that could be offset by faith, determination, and excellence.

"One of my favorite schoolteachers was the late Mr. Carter Newsome," the Ret. Col said.

The drafting classes taught by Newsome captivated London's love of designing things.

"Williston always won multiple first and second place trophies in NC high school drafting competitions," he said.

Though his earliest interests were in architectural disciplines, he chose a major course of study in mechanical engineering at North Carolina A&T College (University).

London had enlisted in the US Airforce immediately after graduating from Williston in 1963.

In 1969 he graduated from A&T at the top of his class.

"George always had every ingredient to be successful," London's younger brother Odell said.

"He is the type of person who could stumble upstairs with a glass full of water and never spill a drop," he concluded with a chuckle.

The subject of a military film, "Paving The Way," the Ret. Col London also earned a Master's degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

"I did not have a background in trigonometry and calculus like many others,"



AIRMEN WALLS, LONDON AND MILLER

London said regarding college and special air force course work.

He persevered and excelled at many levels.

Whenever a bigoted officer with higher rank would try to minimize or lie about his technical skills, another white officer of high rank would step up and state a different fact.

"George London is one of the best pilots I've ever worked with," he said referring to how honest men refuted racists' behaviors.

After retirement the decorated Airman opened a flight school in Maryland.

He said he enjoys training youth, especially African Americans who become

pilots.

One eighteen year old with the assistance of parents recently purchased one of his small aircrafts.

In 2020 London also retired from teaching Math, Physics, and Cyber Security at McNamara High School.

A family man, he and wife, Lenette's four adult children

have not pursued military careers. Their professions focus on the sciences, or governmental affairs, he said.

In addition to the film, "Paving The Way," The Colonel George London Story," on YouTube, the Airman is also featured in the April edition of Military Times News.

RECYCLE *THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL*
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Rodney J. Richardson

Rodney J. Richardson, age 53, of Carrollton, GA (formerly of Riegelwood), passed away Thursday, June 24, 2021.

A celebration of Rodney's life was held on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at New Light Pentecostal Bible Ministry.

On Monday, December 18, 1967, entering into the world was Rodney James Richardson. He was born in Brooklyn, NY and as a child, relocated to Riegelwood, NC with his family in 1973.

He graduated from Acme Delco Jr. & Sr. High Class of 1985. He briefly resided in Houston, Texas eventually making his home in Carrollton, Georgia. He was proceeded in death by his parents, Mary and Jesse Richardson and former wife, Christina Yeoman.

He gave his life to Christ at an early age. Rodney was an extraordinary man with the sweetest spirit. A mighty man of God who spoke unapologetically His Word and eventually was elevated to Elder. Rodney had a passion for delivering The Word and ministering individually to those seeking salvation. He was a humble and gentle man who would give his last to help someone in need. His laughter was infectious! He was a loving brother, husband, father, and grandfather. He also was a hard worker delivering and stocking ice cream for Maola, until he had to retire early after being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Even after this diagnosis, he still remained the same loving man refusing to allow this illness to keep him from walking in the Anointing he was called to. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends. Please be comforted in knowing that he fought a good fight, finished his course, kept the faith, henceforth there laid for him is a Crown of righteousness that the Lord, the Righteous Judge shall give!

Cherishing his memory is his sister, Renee Richardson; cousin, Bobby Blanks (Dionne) who was more like a little brother; niece, Sierra Richardson who was more like a daughter, all residing in Raleigh, NC; sisters-in-law, Pamela Willis, Poinsettia Willis and Brenda Joyner of Navassa, NC; brother-in-law, Anthony Willis also residing in Navassa, NC; daughters, Shawanna Harris and Rashaunda Yeoman residing in Kennesaw and Dallas, GA respectively and NeKesh Benjamin (Victor) from Wilmington, NC; sons, Shavell Swain (Latoya) and Shamar Yeoman, both from Wilmington, NC; twelve

grandchildren with one he had a special relationship with, Malaysha Willis; four great-grandchildren; a long-time friend, Richard Watson from Navassa, NC and a host of cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Carol Pearsall

Carol Viola Gordon Pearsall of Wilmington, NC, the daughter of the late Nathaniel Gordon and Mary Lou Strawther Gordon of St. Albans, West Virginia, was called to her heavenly home on Thursday, June 24, 2021. A memorial service celebrating the life of Ms. Pearsall was held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

Carol was born on December 24, 1940, the youngest of six children. Four of her siblings preceded her in death.

Carol accepted the Lord at a young age while attending St. Paul Baptist Church in St. Albans. Upon moving to Wilmington, NC, she became a longtime member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Albert L. Gee.

Carol graduated from St. Albans High School in 1958 and later upon moving to North Carolina she attended and graduated from Miller Motte Business College, where she received her degree.

Carol loved to fellowship with her church family and was a devoted member who cherished Bible Study and Sunday School. She was also an active member of the Outreach Committee.

Outside of church, "Mom" loved passing time reading, doing crossword puzzles, watching British Mysteries, Jeopardy and her all-time favorite, watching the Golf Channel.

In 1961, she married Bernice Pearsall and spent the early years of their marriage in Magnolia, North Carolina. Bernice preceded her in death in 1984. Throughout their marriage they had five children; one child, Phillip Kristin preceded them in death. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Kathleen Y. Pearsall, Cynthia Lehman, Bernice (Terry) Pearsall, Jr. and Richard (Patricia) Pearsall all of Wilmington, NC; four grandchildren, Christopher (Talia) Pearsall, Brianna (Michael) Scott, "RJ" (Kara) Pearsall, Jr. and

Sierra Lehman; six great-grandchildren, Kristasia, Chrishon, Jemel and Quashawn Pearsall, and Ava and Avery Scott; one great-great-granddaughter, Serenity Pearsall; her one surviving sibling, Mrs. Bobbi Jean Cheatham of Edmond, OK; many special nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Carol was blessed with a special family friend, Linwood Ballard; a long-time neighbor and friend, Linda Ward; her church friends, Shirley King, Adele Jackson and Fannie Allen; a special niece, JoAnne Hall; her long-time friend and co-worker, Helen Bradley and family friend of 45 years, Mrs. Margie Swinson. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com*

Inez S. Overton

Inez Green Shannon Overton, age 82, of Wilmington, passed away on Friday, June 25, 2021 at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Virginia.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Interment will follow at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Ernest Henry

Ernest Henry, age 75, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

A celebration of Mr. Henry's life will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 12, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. A viewing will be held one (1) hour prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Charlotte Davis Henry; mother, Alice Henry and sisters, Margaret Henry Hill and Virginia Henry.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Barbara Davis Henry; sons, Ernest Kevin Henry and Kenneth Earl Henry; daughters, Jacki and Ebony (granddaughter, Christina); brother, Thomas Dow; special nieces, Cheryl and Barbara and a host of other grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and

friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Juanita Lacewell

Juanita Lacewell, age 91, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Services are pending and will be announced. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Linda D. Hill

Linda D. Hill, age 65, of Shallotte, passed away Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

Services are pending and will be announced. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

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"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." Hebrews 10:24, 25

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Proverbs 4:7 One of the most important decisions facing new or relocated members of the Body of Christ is finding a church home! This is important because you want to find a spiritual covering where you can grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. There are some sug-

gestions one might consider, before making that important decision to join a church.

Before You Join a Church

1. Pray for God's direction!
"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil." Proverbs 3:5,6,7

Don't allow someone to talk you into joining a specific church. You must be persuaded by your own mind that this is the place God wants you to call "home".

2. Look and Listen Before you Leap!

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God." Romans 5:14. Listen for the inner voice of

"Before you join a church"

the Lord leading you to join and look to see signs of the Holy Spirit moving within and upon the congregation. Get an understanding of the doctrine and ordinances of this church to be sure you are in agreement. Find out how is this church is connected and serving the community.

Are they answering the Great Commission of Christ? Matthew 28:19 You may want to attend a mid-week bible study in addition to Sunday morning worship to be sure you will be properly "fed and nourished" in the Word of God.



Sylvia Hooper

3. "Perfect Church" Reality Check!
"Through wisdom is a house builded: and by understanding it is established." Proverbs 24:3
You need to understand there is no such thing as a perfect church! We serve a perfect God, who works through imperfect people, his wonders to perform his perfect will in an imperfect world!

4. Choose Your Pastor Wisely!
"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15 Inquire about the reputation of the leadership and look for a leader you are not ashamed to follow. Find out what his vision is and ask how you can support as a member of this

congregation. You also want to walk in obedience to what God has called you to do as you support what God has called your pastor to do.

5. Plan to Stay!
"Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58

Try to avoid church hopping, which is sometimes a sign of spiritual immaturity. You will never get the victory, if you run away from every battle you face. Sometimes, you need to Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord with you, while you hold your peace, and let the Lord fight your battle! "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." Psalm

92:13 Staying in one place for a season, will teach you to: Follow peace with all men and to live holy. (Hebrews 12:14)

Grow spiritually in grace and in knowledge (II Peter 3:18)

Walk by faith, and not by sight (II Cor. 5:7)

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

Bible study notes for MRDRC Tuesday evening class taught from POSB-C Pt.1

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV) "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

(AMPC) "I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy [devoted, consecrated] and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may

prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]."

(12:1-2) Introduction: the believer is to be devoted to God. Everything he is and has is to be dedicated to the worship and service of God. Anything less than total devotion is short of God's glory: it is sin. Therefore, when discussing the believer's relationship to God, Scripture is strong in its exhortation. 1. Present your bodies to God (v.1). 2. Be not conformed to this world (v.2).

3. Be transformed (v.2). Therefore, in light of the mercies of God, of all this that God has done for us, we must devote ourselves to God. We must dedicate and commit ourselves to Him.

Note the words "I beseech you" which means-implore you, urge you, beg you-devote yourselves to God. Note a significant point: what is about to be said is not being said to the world, that is, to the lost. It is being directed to brothers in Christ: "I beseech you there-

fore, brethren mean's people born of the same womb (spirit).

If there is an exhortation in Scripture that must be heeded by Christian believers, it is the exhortation of these two verses (that demands change).

1. The believer is to present his body as a living sacrifice to God. Note three facts.

God demands the believer's body. God is not only interested in man's spirit; He is vitally interested in man's body. His interest could not be any stronger nor made any clearer.

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20). How were we bought with a price?

"b. The believer is to present his body to God. The dedication...

ing sacrifice is to be made right now while the body is living."

• A living sacrifice means that the body sacrifices its own desires and lives for God. The body lives a holy, righteous, pure, clean, and moral life for God. The body does not pollute, dirty, nor contaminate itself with the sins and corruptions of the world: neither the lust of the flesh, nor the lust of the eyes, nor the pride of life. The believer's body is sacrificed for God and dedicated to live as He commands."

• A living sacrifice means that the body lives for God by serving God. It means that the body sacrifices and gives up its own ambitions and desires, and it serves God while upon this earth. The body gives itself to the work of proclaiming the love of God and of ministering to a world reeling in desperate needs. The body sacrifices itself to serve God and Him alone. The body is dedicated to God as a living sacrifice." (POSB-C)

In summary, Gal. 2:20, (KJV) 20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:

• is not to be made to self: living as one wishes; doing one's own thing.

• is not to be made to others: living for family, wife, husband, child, parent, mistress, companion, sexual partner, or employer.

• is not to be to something else: houses, lands, property, money, cars, possessions, profession, recreation, retirement, luxury, power, recognition, fame.

The body is to be offered to God and to God alone. God demands the body, demands that it be presented to Him. God wants the body to be sacrificially living for Him."

"The believer is to present his body to God as a living sacrifice. Note the believer's offering of his body is to be sacrificial. The offering and sacrifice of the believer is to be his body: he is to offer his body as a living sacrifice."

• A living sacrifice means a sacrifice of a person's body wherever the body is. A particular place is not needed. The sacrifice of the body is a living sacrifice; it can be made while the body is living right where it is. And the offering of a liv-

ing sacrifice is to be made right now while the body is living."

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and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

"We who are believer are to dedicate our body to God as a living sacrifice in the home, church, school, colleges, universities, office, plant, field, restaurant, club, plane, car or bus. No matter where the believer's body is, his body is to be sacrificed for God. Sacrificing to God is not something that is transacted in a church. Sacrificing to God is transacted in every act of the human body. The world, that is, the whole universe, is the sanctuary of God; and the believer's body is the temple of God. Therefore, every act of the believer's body is to be an act of service to God". Father, in the name of Jesus help us to be an example for you in this sinful World, by being the light of the world and salt of the earth. Amen.

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

Bible study notes

Congresswoman Norton leads Bipartisan Group seeking to protect women drivers

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Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) has joined two of her House of Representatives colleagues in filing bipartisan legislation to improve the federal government's vehicle safety testing practices, specifically those involving the use of crash test dummies.

The Furthering Advanced and Inclusive Research for Crash Tests Act would order a comprehensive Government Accountability Office (GAO) study of current federal vehicle safety tests and how those tests impact the safety of all drivers and passengers.

Co-authored by Congressman Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) and Congresswoman Kathy Castor (D-FL), the measure requires a GAO evaluation of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) failure to use crash test dummies that represent the driving public, especially women, while assessing vehicle safety through its 5-star safety rating program.

Congresswoman Norton provided statistics to show that current tests fail to use crash test dummies representing women, especially in the driver's seat, even though

research suggests that women have a higher likelihood of being killed or significantly injured in a car crash.

"Alarming, 8,500 women were killed in car crashes in the U.S. in 2018, with 61 percent of the women being in the driver's seat," the Congresswoman noted.

The total number of traffic crashes in the District of Columbia have steadily been on the rise since 2013 with the highest number of crashes occurring in 2016 at 26,525, after which the total number of crashes remained relatively steady, according to the most recent D.C. Traffic Safety Report.

The bipartisan legislation would also require the GAO to compare NHTSA's practices to other safety rating programs, such as in Europe, and evaluate options for strengthening the agency's vehicle safety testing to reduce gender-based disparities in car crash outcomes.

The bill requires NHTSA to submit an interim report to Congress explaining what new advanced crash test dummies it is currently studying for potential use in its 5-star safety rating program.

In the Senate, companion legislation has already been filed by Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI), who serves as Chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Surface

Transportation, and Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE).

The Peters-Fischer legislation has been included as part of the Senate Commerce Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill.

"When a vehicle has met or exceeded national safety standards- consumers should have every confidence the product has truly earned a safety seal of approval of the U.S. government," Congressman Bilirakis wrote in a statement.

"I was startled to learn of allegations related to the gender inequality of auto safety tests. I think of my wife, my mother, my sister-in-law—and all the women in my life who have made what they believed to be informed purchases for their family automobiles."

Congressman Bilirakis continued:

"I guarantee you none of them are aware of any gender disparity in the testing of the cars they purchase. The idea that physiological differences between men and women can impact crash safety is pretty intuitive.

"It seems logical to me that the required safety tests should reflect current demographic information regarding gender driving patterns: meaning that the number of female drivers and the vehicles they want to drive should be used to determine how frequently female



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crash dummies are used in safety tests. This important legislation will modernize the tests being used and improve safety for all drivers."

The NHTSA is failing in its mission, and it tragically costs thousands of lives every year, Congresswoman Castor added.

"Women are almost 75 percent more likely than men to die or receive a serious injury when they are involved in an automobile

crash, and it's time we modernize tests and save lives," she continued.

"Millions of American women get behind the wheel of a car every day, and we must swiftly act to correct the inequalities in current tests and improve standards, so that female drivers are as safe as their male counterparts. This bill is a good first step to ensuring women are safe in cars and holding NHTSA accountable."

Congresswoman Norton

asserted that women had achieved equality on the road when it comes to driving.

Still, when it comes to safety testing to keep them safe while driving, they are nowhere near achieving equality.

"Crash test standards are so antiquated that we must update these standards now, especially as more people return to their daily commute in the next few months," Congresswoman Norton declared.

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Johnnie Wilson Permenter, Jr.**, 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 **1st day of October, 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 1st day of July, 2021
Morris Jackson Permenter,
Executrix
3106 Joy Place
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July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Pasquale Patrick DiGiuseppe (21-E-913)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 1, 2021** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 1st day of July, 2021.

Patricia C. DiGiuseppe
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Joyce W. Heunemann**, 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 **8th day of October, 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 8th day of July, 2021
Tracey D. Beres, Executrix
11948 Augustine Herman Hwy.
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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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In the Superior Court
File # 21 CVD 967**

**Jose R. De Jesus, Plaintiff,
V.
Jonnie M. De Jesus,
Defendant**

To: Jonnie M. De Jesus

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 July 8, 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 8th day of July, 2021.

Jose R. De Jesus
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**James Herbert Leonard, Jr.,
Plaintiff,
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**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

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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In the Superior Court
File # 21 CVD 962**

**David S. McIntyre, Plaintiff,
V.
Kristie Gibson, Defendant**

To: Kristie Gibson

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 July 1, 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 1st day of July, 2021.

David S. McIntyre
3904 Tiffany Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 1, 8, 15, 2021

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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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
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June 24, July 1, 8, 2021

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**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.
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June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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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
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Attorney for the Plaintiff
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**NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSAL
TO AMEND THE JUNIPER CREEK COMPLEX STATE DEDICATED
NATURE PRESERVE TO ACCOMMODATE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON
MAKATOKA ROAD IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

STIP Project B-4439

Wilmington - The public is invited to a hearing with the N.C. Department of Transportation in July to discuss the proposed amendment of the Juniper Creek Complex, State Dedicated Nature Preserve, located in Brunswick County.

The proposed project, State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. B-4439, is needed to replace a structurally deficient bridge. This amendment of the Dedicated Nature Preserve is needed to facilitate the replacement of Bridge No. 100 over Muddy Branch on Makatoka Road (S.R. 1342). The amendment would provide a total of 0.005 acre of Permanent Drainage Easement and 0.158 acre for a Temporary Construction Easement. Approximately 0.009 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/Juniper-Creek-Complex).

The formal presentation will begin at **7 p.m. July 22, 2021**. Interested people can attend as shown below:

- Thursday, July 22, 2021 7:00 PM (EDT)
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People may also submit comments by phone (984-205-6615 project code 3697), email (Juniper-Creek-Complex@publicinput.com) or mail at the address shown below by **July 28, 2021**.

For more information, contact Derek Pielech, P.E., Project Engineer, Bridge Program Manager, Highway Division 3, 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. Aquellas personas no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrian recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

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