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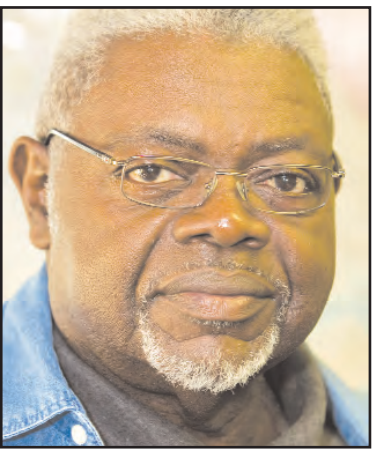
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BERNEST HEWETT

STAND UP FOR JUSTICE AND TRUTH

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I am a little upset with the views of the Republican Party and others who are trying to say that slavery was not a problem and that Black people should not be using it or race as an excuse. First of all, slavery did happen! Whites did take advantage of Blacks with free farm laborers, timber workers, horse laborers, etc. This is a fact! The people of the United States had a Constitution and the Bill of Rights by which to live but didn't follow them as they were written, and only the

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NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES

Black UNC students demand change after Hannah-Jones incident

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In the eyes of many observers, the image of UNC-Chapel Hill, in the aftermath of the Nikole Hannah-Jones tenure debacle, is in tatters. The question now is "How does UNC go forward being responsive to the needs of its Black students and Black faculty?"

The question is important because, as the oldest public university in the nation, UNC-Chapel Hill is supposed to be a beacon of free, informed thinking and research, where African-Americans from across the nation can come to learn to be become scholars like Nikole Hannah-Jones, as well as teach to produce the next generation of world changers.

Last week, after Hannah-Jones announced that she was rejecting the UNC Trustee Board's half-hearted offer of tenure after months of literally ignoring the fact that she had obviously been denied what previous scholars of her caliber automatically been given when recruited to teach at the journalism and media school. Black UNC students made it clear that they would be heard.

The "horrible way" Hannah-Jones says Black student demonstrators were treated by campus police at the June 30th emergency trustee board meeting, being pushed and grabbed, with none

of the administrators coming to their defense, cinched her decision to accept Howard University's generous offer to teach there.

If the university wants to redeem itself, Hannah-Jones told the Raleigh News and Observer afterward, it needs to apologize to its Black students for that harsh treatment during the tenure vote, come clean on why the trustees had ignored codifying Hannah-Jones' tenure in the offer she was made since last year, and change the process of how the mostly White male UNC System Board of Governors and the UNC-Chapel Hill Trustee Board are chosen so that both reflect the true demographics and racial and gender makeup of North Carolina and the school.

Both NC House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, Republicans, have already backhandedly dismissed changing the boards' selection process, saying change was not needed, even though both boards are comprised primarily of conservatives.

Reportedly, Black females comprise just 1.9% of all tenured faculty at UNC-Chapel, with tenured Black faculty just 5%, and Black students just 8% - a far cry from North Carolina's 22% Black population.

Hannah-Jones also wants the trustee board to agree to a list of demands from the Carolina Black Caucus in an effort to retain and recruit

Black faculty, many of whom have expressed a desire either to steer clear of, or leave UNC-Chapel Hill.

Per the Black student 54 point list of demands they want to see the trustee board agree to, it includes a permanent, fully funded monument to James Cates, a previous student stabbed to death on campus in 1970; removing campus police from Residence Hall move-in; establishment of an "anti-racist" alert of White supremacists on campus for Black student safety; no White supremacists, like members of the former Trump administration, being invited to speak or appear on campus, in an effort to "...to create a safer space" for Black students.

The list, supplied by the UNC Black Student Movement (BSM), makes clear that the demands should be approved and go into effect by this August, when the student body returns for the fall semester.

Black UNC students were particularly upset when right wing activists were seen carrying Confederate battle flags on campus last Saturday and planting smaller flags around the Unsung Founders Memorial, which was erected in 2005 to honor Blacks who helped to build the university.

The students accused UNC police of "loosing" known White supremacists to roam the campus freely, while Black students were pushed and shoved at the June 30th trustees' meeting.

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[RALEIGH] A national news magazine ranks the Raleigh-Durham area as the second best of the country in which to live. The latest edition of U.S. News and World Reports ranks Raleigh-Durham second behind Boulder, Colorado in terms of

quality of living, per the top 150 cities listed. Next in the Top 5 are Huntsville, Ala., Fayetteville, Ark. and Austin, Texas. Raleigh-Durham moved up from 11th last year. Other North Carolina cities on the Top 150 list are Charlotte at #20; Winston-Salem at #46; Asheville at #48 and Greensboro at #94.

PUBLIC SAFETY SECRETARY HOOKS WILL RETIRE AUGUST 1ST

[RALEIGH] After four and a half years, NC Public Safety Secretary Erik Hooks

has announced that he is retiring on August 1st. Before he took over the department, Sec. Hooks served 27 years with the State Bureau of investigation, becoming assistant director in 2005. "Thanks to the leadership of Erik Hooks, North Carolina is a safer, more prepared state," Gov. Roy Cooper said in a statement. "Under Secretary Hooks, the Department of Public Safety has put the safety of North Carolinians first, working to combat crime, respond to emergencies, including a once-in-a-generation pan-

demic, attract and retain quality staff and address inequities in the justice system. I've been fortunate to know Secretary Hooks for more than two decades, and while his leadership and counsel will be missed, I congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement."

APEX GETS FIRST BLACK FEMALE TOWN MANAGER

[APEX] The Western Wake County town of Apex got its first Black female town manger this week, amid a report that it's police depart-

ment is "deeply entrenched" with racism. Katy Crosby comes to the job from Toledo, Ohio, where she spent three years serving as chief of staff. Right now, Apex, like other similarly sized towns across the state, is experiencing rapid growth, and Crosby says she feels that her skillset makes her more than qualified to help continue down that path.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Why hasn't Dontae Sharpe been granted a pardon of innocence by now?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Next month will mark two years since Dontae Sharpe was finally released from prison after 26 years of being falsely convicted for a 1994 Greenville murder he did not commit. It has been documented in court how Sharpe, then 18, was framed by Greenville police who cajoled so-called witnesses to lie under oath and also misled the judge overseeing the case.

So there has been little question about Sharpe's innocence, and yet activists say Gov. Roy Cooper has inexplicably not granted Sharpe a pardon of innocence after an official acknowledgment by the State of North Carolina that Sharpe was unjustly convicted and imprisoned for 26 years. Gov. Roy Cooper was petitioned to grant a pardon of innocence in November of 2019.

Without that official designation, Sharpe is not eligible to collect the legislated \$50,000 per year, or \$750,000 maximum in State.

Sharpe, now 46, along with several supporters including Rev. Dr. William Barber, president of Repairers of the Breach and co-chair of the national Poor People's Campaign, went to the State Capitol last Friday to ask what the holdup is. What else does Gov. Cooper need to know or hear to grant Sharpe what he is rightfully entitled

to? "[Sharpe] represents the great tradition of Black men who have had to walk with their backs straight even when the system was trying to break them and bend them," Rev. Barber told those gathered.

Sharpe and his supporters delivered letters and petitions containing 17,000 signatures demanding a pardon of innocence for him to representatives of the governor.

"This pardon - I'm not begging for it, I'm not pleading for it. I'm just here to put Mr. Cooper and this whole system on notice that I'm going to keep right on talking. I'm going to keep doing what I'm doing, because there are more guys that I left in there behind me who are innocent," Sharpe said. "There are still so many [other innocent] people left in [prison]."

Sharpe says he wants to repay his mother for all of the money she spent helping him over the 26 years he was in prison, and he also wants to rebuild his life.



DONTAE SHARPE

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parts that would make them look right in doing their acts of bondage, hanging, whippings, rape and sometimes murder (Wilmington Massacre 1898, Cincinnati Riots 1909, etc.). All these are true and documented in history books. Now what this administration wants to do is not teach this to young children in school. If this was so wrong and it is what happened, then why is it so much of a problem to let children learn of this part of history in school? Why is it so much of a problem to let them what know these United States had as they grew into this nation, or maybe that there is a group of people still holding on to hatred, racism, social, economic, civil injustices, etc? These people don't want the teaching of real life to children in schools because it would show the mistakes of the past and some idea of how to avoid these mistakes as they move forward with the governing of the United States today.

We have to stand up for justice and truth so that we can free this nation of the barriers that separate us! Knowing the truth will set you free! There is no replacement for the truth, so we should not try to cover it up, or hide it from being taught in the school system. In that way, as children grow into adulthood and begin to make informed decisions about right or wrong, they will be better prepared to be part of the political arena. They will be well informed of these United States' actions and respond to race relations. They will better understand how today's society can still work to turn us away from racism and the mistakes we've made. When this is taught and understood there, hopefully there will be more equality and justice in decision making between the races.

How can I tell you about what's right or wrong if I learn only the wrong answers?

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Chapter of the NAACP.

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## OUR VOICE

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Texas Democrats are getting into 'Good Trouble'

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

One year after the death of the great civil rights icon John Lewis, a group of Texas Democratic lawmakers is following Lewis's lifelong call for people to make "good trouble" and "necessary trouble" to secure equality and justice for all. Congressional Democrats should bring the same level of commitment to resisting and overturning a new wave of voting restrictions that voting rights activist Stacey Abrams has labeled "Jim Crow 2.0."

Here's why dozens of Texas lawmakers were in Washington, D.C. last week:

Texas is the latest Republican-run state where legislators and the governor are trying to impose new voting restrictions—banning drive-through and 24-hour early voting, restricting distribution of absentee ballots, imposing new voter ID provisions—that they hope will make it harder for Democrats to win future elections. Their voter suppression laws are aimed at Black and brown voters and others more likely to support Democratic candidates.

Republican officials are also trying to make former President Donald Trump happy by giving credibility to his false claims that the 2020 election was stolen from him. They're using his lies about "election fraud" and "election integrity" to justify new restrictive voting rules.

In Texas, Republicans control the state House and Senate. And hard-right Gov. Gregg Abbott is eager to do Trump's bidding. Back in May, Texas Republicans tried to push their election bill through the House just before the close of the legislative session. Because the Texas House is required to have two-thirds of its members present to conduct official business, Democratic legislators stopped the bill from passing by walking out of the chamber.

But Gov. Abbott is so set on getting his new voting law that he ordered legislators to come back into session this month to push it through. To prevent the state's Republicans from forcing new voting restrictions into law, more than 50 Democratic legislators left the state.

Gov. Abbott and Republican Senate leaders have threatened lawmakers with arrest to try to force them to attend the session. And he has said he will keep calling special sessions until he gets his way. That's why the Texas legislators came to Washington, D.C. They brought an urgent message to members of Congress: the only way to protect voters from voter suppression at the state level is to pass national voting rights legislation.

The House of Representatives has previously passed the For the People Act, which would reverse many new voting restrictions and includes a number of priorities specifically outlined by John Lewis during his lifetime, and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which would help prevent future voter suppression efforts from taking effect. Both are essential to protect democracy and voting rights. But right now Senate Republicans are using the filibuster to block the For the People Act, and they could do the same to the VRA.

President Joe Biden has just made a strong speech in defense of voting rights. He denounced new voter suppression efforts. And he called for the Senate to pass the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

I am grateful that President Biden has called attention to the urgent need for congressional action. Now we need him to use his leadership to get voting rights legislation through the Senate. And if Republicans continue to block it using a filibuster, he must work with Senate leaders to break through that obstruction.

John Lewis nearly died in the struggle to pass the national Voting Rights Act. He dedicated his career in Congress to defending it. I am steeling myself for the disgust I will feel when Republican officials praise him on the anniversary of his death at the same time they are undermining the cause to which he devoted his life.

Texas Democrats are honoring John Lewis by making good and necessary trouble. It is time for Democrats in Washington, and any Republicans committed more to country than party, to do the same.

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## VISUAL VOICE



## MATTERS OF OPINION

### REALITY CHECK

## The 'Critical Race Theory' and the real deal in U.S. history

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I truly understand why most Whites and their "Black" allies are so angry with the Critical Race Theory approach to teaching American History. After all, for some 400 years they and their ancestors have gotten away with misinforming and often lying about that history in educational institutions throughout the country. For instance, from elementary to high school to three years in the U.S. military, I was never taught the real deal about this country's history, especially when it came to people of African descent.

My introduction to Black

History came when I was a 20 year-old freshman at Howard University. On the first day of class our history professor, Dr. Harold Lewis, said, "ALL of your lives you have mainly studied the history of people of European descent. In this class you will study the history of the rest of the people in the world."

Thus began my learning the true history of this country. For instance, I learned that 24 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, including Thomas Jefferson, were enslavers of African men, women and children. Despite this, they signed a document that stated: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness..." When reading this one can only conclude that Jefferson and his

cohorts didn't consider enslaved Africans as human beings.

Further along in the much-hallowed Declaration, the signers attacked the King of Great Britain with the following: "He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns and destroyed the lives of our people..." Which is exactly what proponents of the Critical Race Theory insists they did to African people. By the way, many, if not most, of the other 32 signers of the Declaration of Independence may not have been slave owners but they did provide the ships that transported African men, women and children to North and South America and the Caribbean. Thus, they benefited financially.

Black folks who celebrate historical days honoring enslavers of African people are ignoring what Amos N.

Wilson wrote in his book, "The Falsification of Afrikan Consciousness: Eurocentric History, Psychiatry and the Politics of White Supremacy"...The History of the oppressed, as written by the oppressor, shapes the consciousness and psychology of both oppressed and oppressor. It helps to legitimate the oppressive system and to maintain and imbalance of power and favor of the oppressor..."

We, as Black folks, will greatly benefit educationally, psychologically and financially if we celebrate and honor; among others, the warriors and events cited in Lerone Bennett Jr's book, "Great Moments in Black History: Wade in the Water."

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### RAINBOW COALITION

## The movement for justice will not be deterred

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

The right-wing majority on the Supreme Court just undercut the Voting Rights Act again. Having gutted the section that required pre-approval of state voting laws to protect the rights of minorities to vote in Shelby v. Holder, Republican appointed justices now have castrated the backup clause — Section 2 — which bans racial discrimination in election practices in Brnovich v. DNC.

The result will open the flood gates even further to the wave of partisan laws that Republicans are pushing in states across the country to suppress the votes of African Americans and other people of color. The right-wing justices continue their assault on the meaning and power of the Voting Rights Act, a triumph of the civil rights movement that Justice Elena Kagan,

writing in dissent, noted represents the "best in America."

The reaction against the civil rights movement continues. Every movement for equal justice under the law in this country has been met with a brutal reaction. When reformers tried to limit the spread of slavery into new states coming into the republic, the slave states seceded, launching the Civil War, the deadliest war in American history.

After losing the war, when the federal government began reconstruction to free the slaves and guarantee equal political and economic rights to all, the reaction was brutal, with lynching and terrorism — led by the Ku Klux Klan and others — spreading to suppress the newly freed slaves. In the end, segregation — America's version of apartheid — spread through the south and the hope of the civil rights amendments was crushed. Now, after the civil rights movement, the Voting Rights Act and the election of Barack Obama, the reaction has been fierce. Across the country, Republican legislators have sought to make it harder for African Americans

and other people of color to vote.

The long lines that mark inner-city voting sites are a graphic demonstration of the success of those efforts, for many people can't take the hours off from work to cast a ballot. In each era, the lawless reaction — and blatant violations of the Constitution — have been ratified by disgraceful decisions in the Supreme Court.

The court ratified segregation in Plessy v. Ferguson, inventing the doctrine of separate but equal — a concept that existed only in the judge's imaginations not in the realities of any of the former slave states. Voter suppression following the civil rights movement was ratified in Shelby v. Holder and now in Brnovich vs. the DNC, that have essentially gutted the Voting Rights Act, the crown jewel of the civil rights movement.

The so-called "conservative" justices on the Supreme Court are rewriting the laws passed by Congress to serve their own partisan purposes. Now the excuse is to limit voter fraud, even though there is no evidence of such

fraud other than in the ravings of partisan politicians. This struggle will continue. Clearly Republicans across the country have decided that rather than seeking to win the votes of African Americans and other peoples of color, they would rather pass measures to suppress their vote — from discriminatory changes in voting practices, to gerrymandering of districts, to (most dangerously) empowering Republican legislatures to overturn the results of an election. Once more people of conscience must stand up and organize to protect the right to vote and to counter those who would suppress it.

Once more, rightwing justices have written another shameful chapter of judicial ignominy that must simply be overturned. Once more Congress must act to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to counter the brazen efforts of the court's right wing to neuter it. Once more, those standing in the way of equality under the law will find that the movement for justice will not be deterred.

*Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.*

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## Once upon a time

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Once upon a time there was a country called the United States of America. In the history of humankind, it was a relative newcomer.

The United States (US) was hypocritically established under a set of principles and laws that, upon their face, were worthy, but impractical to implement given the mind-set of many of its citizens. Even the author of its most important documents, who exalted the God-given freedoms of MEN, enslaved men, women, and children, and ignored the rights of white women.

Essential to its Declaration of Independence the US affirmed, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." These were empty words for enslaved persons. Comprising 25% of the US and a third of the Southern population, their dehumanization was codified in the Constitution as three-

fifths human. They were denied rights given by God and, for most, the only man-given right was the right to work for free - no life beyond enslavement, no liberty, and no pursuit of happiness.

Nearly 90 years after declaring independence and 150 years before that, the US established itself as world economic power on the backs of enslaved persons. Even after the emancipation, extra-legal maneuvers allowed former slaveowners to re-enslave formerly enslaved in a status that recreated systemic slavery.

At a snail's pace, social consciousness, mass guilt, and economic necessities eased the difficulty in the progression toward achieving various social amenities. In every US war, enslaved persons and their progeny were allowed to fight and die for national interests. In percentages no less than whites, Black "citi-

zens" made productive contributions to the national good.

For their entirety in the US, Blacks and other "citizens" of color learned about the value of the vote. After all, the US was a democracy operating on the premise of "majority rule." Although they were locked out of the voting process by extra-legal procedures like counting beans or bubbles in a bar of soap, or by the indifference of futility and frustration, they witnessed and took note of the power and influence that others derived from voting.

Taking note led to action, and Blacks and other citizens of color began to pursue an equal measure of participation and reward. It looked like their efforts would bear fruit until an Orange Ogre appeared spouting "Grievance Politics." This Orange Ogre convinced a small, but active group that their lives were being unfairly imposed upon by people of color, or folks who spoke a different language, or folks seeking a better life in the US.

The Orange Ogre convinced his followers that the remedy to their frustration of seeing others enjoying the

fruits of the US was to reject the principles of democracy which had shaped it and brought any greatness it had achieved. Under his tutelage, they developed alternate realities where truth and facts do not matter. He taught that the undemocratic theft of elections and the unfair retention of power were means to a positive end. And the world would, once again, be the great place for those not cursed with abundant melanin.

This fairy tale is far too similar to our own reality. It's not amusing or frivolous. We are at a historic crossroad and our children's future is in the balance. Whether straight facts or fairy tales, you must understand the significance of the problem. Our voice and our right to vote are being challenged into oblivion. YOU must accept a sense of urgency that is proportional to the threat. You must beware of that "GREAT" place to which the Orange Ogre wants to return.

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Dr. E. Faye Williams

## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

### Does the GOP know what big government is?

As the supporters of the former president continue their assault on American democracy, we hear them decrying the "radical left" for its belief in "big government." (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/07/07/trumps-gop-embraces-big-government-big-tech-critical-race-theory-coronavirus-restrictions/>) During the pandemic, thanks to how the former president politicized the raging virus, hundreds of thousands of people died, but hundreds of thousands more put themselves and others at risk because they refused to wear a mask.

Being told by the government to wear masks, they said, represented the "worst" of big government and infringed upon their rights as American citizens. Some of the GOP lawmakers have clearly said that being "forced" to wear masks is identical to the oppression wielded by Hitler when he made Jewish people wear the Star of David. During the Holocaust (<https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/21/politics/marjorie-taylor-greene-mask-mandates-holocaust/index.html>), completely ignoring the fact that while masks are meant to keep people alive and uninfected, the Stars of David marked Jewish people for certain death.

And so the GOP has riled itself up in its fervor to get rid of President Joe Biden because they believe he stole the election, and has resorted to opposing his proposed major pieces of legislation, including the infrastructure bill and the voting rights bill, saying, among other things, that these laws are antithetical to the principles of Democracy - which they do not like or respect.

Laws for voting rights, they say, are to be implemented by the states; the federal government has no role, but they ignore the part of the United States Constitution which says that in certain cases, the federal government has the right and the obligation to step in to protect the voting rights of American citizens. Article 1, Section 4 of the First Amendment says:

The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of choosing Senators.

In other words, the federal government is granted the right and the duty to prescribe conditions for the right to vote when it is necessary, which has always been the case in this country as concerns the right of Black people to vote. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was supposed to be the end of the struggle of Black people to vote, but white supremacists have never stopped their quest to keep the number of Black voters under their thumb. The GOP has known for literally years that when Black people turn out to vote, white candidates stand a greater chance of losing elections.

Paul Weyrich, the so-called "father of the right wing movement and the co-founder of the Heritage Foundation, Moral Majority, and other right-wing groups, spoke for the GOP when he said:

"I don't want everybody to vote. Elections are not won by a majority of the people. They never have been from the beginning of our country and they are not now. As a matter of fact, our leverage in the elections quite candidly goes up as the voting populace goes down." (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GBAsFwPglw>)

But the outcry of the GOP is not only centering on voting rights. They are also criticizing and putting into place laws that will prevent schools, colleges and universities from teaching what they are calling "Critical Race Theory." They are terrified, it seems, of something which they clearly do not understand, making their terror all the worse, but what is at the heart of their fear is a desire that their children not be made to feel guilty about what white people have done in this country.

Tim Snyder, a scholar who studies authoritarianism and author of books including *On Tyranny*, wrote that what the GOP is doing in criticizing the teaching of Black history is an attack on history - which is, in the end, an attack on democracy. What, he says, authoritarians governments seek to do in controlling what people can read or be taught is designed to protect their positions; what white people in America are doing, he said, in working to prevent anything about racism being taught to their children, is protecting their feelings. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/29/magazine/memory-laws.html>)

Opponents say that teaching about race is divisive and hateful, and that they don't want their children to feel guilty or ashamed. (<https://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-news-critical-race-theory-20210612-xrvywxwjezcmzsfouxnb74m-story.html>) To that end, state lawmakers in several states have issued or are issuing laws that prevent teachers from teaching about race. In some states, refusal to adhere to the law will result in termination and has already in one case reported over the weekend. ([https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sullivan-county-teacher-facing-termination-at-school-board-meeting-tuesday-supporters-to-gather/?fbclid=IwAR0aHnfA0uLLZOURfgz4iHKZ\\_oI0x9PDbbCq\\_NscoMKR5qg9g1\\_yge-pRFOxc](https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sullivan-county-teacher-facing-termination-at-school-board-meeting-tuesday-supporters-to-gather/?fbclid=IwAR0aHnfA0uLLZOURfgz4iHKZ_oI0x9PDbbCq_NscoMKR5qg9g1_yge-pRFOxc))

This intrusion into what people can and cannot teach, even though, and the work to suppress the right to vote, is nothing less than big government - wielded by states with silence from the federal government. In both the areas of teaching on race and voter rights, people are being told by the government what they are allowed to do, but the reality of what they are doing is not being verbalized or expressed.

The federal government is supposed to step in, if I understand the Constitution correctly, when there is an overarching need, such as in requiring masks to help save the lives of people. State governments are "big" in that they have millions of people under their control; these state-sponsored laws represent "big government" on the state level, and needs to be checked.

This used to be "the land of the free and the home of the brave." At this point, it seems like it is neither, as the lawmakers in so many states strong-arm the rights of all people by seeking to protect the interests of the few. "Big government" on the state level or federal level is bad when it suppresses the rights and liberty of the people. At this point, "big government" on the federal level is trying to save the economy and the lives of all Americans, but "big government" on the state level is working hard to take this country back to where it was following the Civil War, and toward a totalitarian state where the rights of all of us are or will be controlled by a very few.

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## Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

Under normal circumstances, the Democratic Party does not get involved in primary elections

This column strongly endorsed former Chief Justice Cheri Beasley four months ago for North Carolina's next U.S. Senator. I wrote the Chief had Paid her Dues. She was ready to bring her tough grace to the Halls of the United States Senate, which needs her presence now.

I wrote the column while listening to opening arguments in the trial of the depraved cop who used his knee to murder Fayetteville native, George Floyd.

The Bible commands us to Do Justice. Justice is a verb. It is a process of truth-seeking and grace. Cheri Beasley's first name for the past eight years has been Justice. The purpose of each day of her professional life since she moved to Floyd's hometown in the 1990's to be a Public Defender representing poor people who couldn't afford a lawyer. In 1999, Beasley became a District Court Judge for ten years; a member of the NC Court of Appeals for four years; and then she served as Justice Beasley for eight years on the N.C. Supreme Court, the highest court in our state.

The past few years, she was Chief Justice, responsible for dozens of administrative duties to keep our the one hundred 100 County courthouses running smoothly across the State. She helped wire the state's justice system. And she made thousands of friends in the process. Think about it. When she is Senator Beasley and she gets a call from someone in Sylva, let's say, she can call the Judge in the Jackson County courthouse, and talk on a first name basis.

Justice Beasley and her primary opponents are completing the first four months of what could stretch out to be a campaign at least twice as long as normal. But these times are not Normal. Allow me to present my evidence of

this assertion.reality.

1. Like Barack Obama, a brilliantly prepared lawyer from Illinois, we are blessed with the best prepared Senate candidate North Carolina has seen in decades.

2. Richard Burr, who she will replace, has brought shame to his personal reputation and to the State of North Carolina. He is fighting off a federal criminal investigation into his unusual stock purchases, days after he got inside information about the virulent Covid-19 virus in early 2020. The many crimes committed in Washington since then is the only reason Burr's troubles with the law are not front page news.

3. Thom Tillis, who knew the phony Republican Party's store-front PAC that paid for mailers and ads FOR a Black candidate running against a White candidate in the Democratic primary, is still the target of the Federal Election Commission and the Senate Ethics Committee. The Republican Party has shown it has no inhibitions from involving itself in Democratic Party politics, especially when race is involved.

4. North Carolina has been disgraced by Senators Burr and Tillis., and Wwe need a Senator with a higher educational and moral standards. Consider the Which brings to mind the twelve-year period we were represented by two women.; Senators Elizabeth Dole and Kay Hagan.

5. Hagan, was a lawyer-banker from the Triad. She caught the wave of Barack Obama's inspirational cam-

aign in 2008. North Carolina's Black voters went to the polls in droves, helping Hagan beat her Republican opponent, Dole, by 362,000 votes. The total turnout was 4.272 million! When Hagan's first six-year term was up, the Republicans put together a national campaign against the Black President, even though President Obama was not on the ballot. North Carolina's Black turnout dropped like a stone. Total turnout dropped from 4.27 million to 2.9 million. Thom Tillis, a man who easily passed the tests of the ultraright Koch billionaires when Tillis rammed through Black Voter Suppression Bills (later thrown out by the courts), had unlimited funds to attack Hagan, defeating her by less than 50,000 votes.

6. The Pandemic killed millions of people before their time in 2020, and shut down any face-to-face campaigning, the mother's milk of politics., and Covid-19 its effects will be debatedare still being debated by know-nothings and public health experts for years.

7. A delusional president encouraged violent state militia groups, and one-third of the nation who watched tv and face-book posts which came from Midnight Daily BIG LIE put out by Trumpism operatives.

### These Are Not Normal Circumstances

Democratic Party officials have a tough job in Normal Circumstances. They have an impossible job in the present circumstances. They have to set up and run primary elections, to get a sense of who Party voters prefer to represent the Democratic Party in the General Election.

Because of the Abnormal cCircumstances we face, what should be a 2-3 month process has been stretched

to a 14-15 month process!

Democratic primary candidates need to have U-N-I-T-E on their sSpeed dDials. Surely Party officials have come up with ways of limiting primary candidates who participate in free television debates and interviews to those leading in polls, fundraising, etc. The same factors can be usedcan come up with s in encouragingome suggestions for leading candidates to (a) not spend all their money running against each other; and (b) talkmeet with each other every couple of weeks, as the fast-moving news cycle changes the playing field radically, every now and then to reminding each other what Democrats stand for, and what the other party smain enemy stands for.

The minute we know who the Democratic Senate Nominee is, the transformation to we can become THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY and FRIENDS takes place. Not a minute is wasted going after to defeat the the Republican Big Bucks Far Right Candidate.

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



Al McSurely



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

**--AN AFRICAN PROVERB**

## Arboretum seeks community bonding

BY BEVERLY SMALLS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A successful Juneteenth festival that drew diverse attendees is part of a New Hanover County Arboretum's 2021 focus designed to highlight and introduce black businesses.

According to Carolyn Thomas of the agency's Friends board, the benefit of expanding contacts during a February and March initiative worked perfectly.

During Black History and Women's History months, signage in Arboretum public and cyber spaces provided names and contact information of local African American entrepreneurial endeavors.

"Relationship building is what we need to do," Thomas said.

The Friends of the Arboretum have often sought

members of the local black community to visit the botanical showcase, serve on the board, and participate in classes and special events.

The Friends were delighted to have a volunteer coordinator, Adrienne Arrington who aided the production and finalizing of the Juneteenth celebration.

Another volunteer, Jasmine Henry, a Wilmington Housing Authority employee documented a headcount of 500 for one of the region's most popular events.

Henry will also assist administrative staff in scheduling on site personal development classes/workshops for housing residents.

Carolyn Thomas began her relationship with the Arboretum during the early 1990s by attending gardening related classes.

The agency's multi-sensory activities for children also

benefitted family and friends. Currently her Friends' board main goal is fundraising.

The recent Juneteenth event also helped local vendors and small business owners financially. Most were African-American.

Some ran out of supplies to sell, she said.

A future focus will be cultivating corporate relationships and sponsors for the Arboretum's general financial well being.

An African-American long-term agency staff member is Danyce Dicks. Arboretum employees and the Friends group plan to continue relationship building throughout the year, especially with black area residents.

Arrington has been tapped to plan and coordinate an on-site 2022 Juneteenth commemoration.



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VENDOR DISPLAY AT JUNETEENTH EVENT



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## Duke Vice Provost has local connections



JOHN V. BROWN, JR.

BY BEVERLY SMALLS  
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In 2019 Duke University President Vincent E. Price and a planning group determined that a part-time Vice Provost for the Arts should become a full-time strategic planning position.

A national search was done, and John V. Brown Jr., son of a Wilmington native Barbara (Hall) Brown, and John Brown Sr. will become Duke University's first.

An accomplished bassist, academician and UNC Chapel Hill Law School graduate, Brown Jr. has been associated with the Duke teaching staff for approximately twenty years.

When John Legend spoke for the May 2nd commencement and received an honorary doctorate he acknowledged appreciation for Brown hosting him, the proud mother said.

When her son was a toddler, she noticed that he'd beat rhythmic tunes on the grocery store conveyor while it moved items.

As a schoolteacher, pianist and church musician, Barbara Brown also modeled a long-term love and appreciation of music.

She was choir musician at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Riegleswood for fifty years, and played fourteen years for the congregation of Rehoboth African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Clarkton.

Though the son who was born in Fayetteville was often with her for services,

and took piano lessons from her, that was not a preference.

"He began studying and playing bass when he was nine years old. By age thirteen he had begun playing with the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra," Barbara Brown said.

While attending UNC Greensboro the bassist began performing with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra.

Brown Jr. is an accomplished jazz musician.

He is the great nephew of Johnny (Julia) Bibbs, and has performed in the local region at Thalian Hall, Wrightsville Beach, Topsail Ocean City Jazz Festival and UNCW.

During his academic career he taught and performed at UNC Chapel Hill, North Carolina Central University, and Guilford College.

As Duke Vice Provost Brown will help navigate the curricular, instructional, research and community related initiatives for performing and visual arts departments.

"There isn't a part of our lives without art," the celebrated composer said during an interview for "Duke Today."

He has performed for President Barack Obama, Marsalis family members, and with the Elvin Jones band.

Brown suggests he views music as being good for these times, "in dire need of hope and healing."

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**Frank James Speller**

Mr. Frank James Speller was born in Bertie County, Windsor, North Carolina, on January 9, 1940 to the late Mr. Johnnie Speller and Mrs. Annie Thelma Smallwood. He departed this life on June 21, 2021 at his home. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Mrs. Norma Jean Speller, three brothers, Brady, Luther, Joseph and one sister Catherine Speller Cherry and one son, Carl Easterling.

Frank grew up on a farm and acquired his green thumb as a child. After completing his education, he later married, in 1959, the late Mrs. Bennett Jean Lee and from that union were two children. He moved his family to New York City in 1964 where he worked as a foreman in building materials and carpentry. Over the years he obtained the status of a Master Carpenter.

He later met and married Norma Jean Easterling in 1982. After retirement in 2002, he and his wife Norma Jean relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina. He committed his life to Christ in 2005, a servant and active member of Wilmington Central Church of Christ. He was dutiful in many roles with honor and dignity. No one was a stranger and he always extended a hand. Frank's radiant, and jovial personality with others was the same quality of his finished woodwork in life. He was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather and nicknamed by his children, "Daddy Frank."

He leaves to cherish his memories, two brothers, Ermine Speller (Poor Boy), Stephen Smallwood, a blended family of children, Derrick "Damiyr" Speller (Islah) of Wilmington, NC, Sabrina Speller Myles (Terrence) of Burtonville, MD, Pamela Easterling Petty (Lennie), Tommy Easterling of Tacoma, Washington, 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).*

**Ernest Henry**

Mr. Ernest Henry was born July 2, 1946 and transitioned on July 6, 2021. Funeral Services were held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

After high school, he valiantly served his country in the United States Navy with honorable discharge. Two of the vessels on which he served were the USS Cacapon and the USS Kearsarge.

Preceding him in transition was his first wife Charlotte Davis Henry, his mother Alice Henry, two sisters Margaret Henry Hill and Virginia Henry.

Surviving Ernest are his two sons, Ernest Kevin Henry and Kenneth Earl Henry, his wife Barbara Davis Henry and her two daughters Jacki and Ebony

and her granddaughter Christina, a brother Thomas Dow, his grandchildren, nieces and nephews. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).*

**Juanita Lacewell**

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

Mrs. Juanita Dudley Lacewell was born July 6, 1930 to the late Katherine and Harry Dudley, in Wilmington, N.C. She entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, after a brief stay. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

She was preceded in death by one brother (Aaron).

Juanita attended and graduated from Williston Industrial High School in 1947. After graduation she pursued a career at Newell's Department Store in Wrightsville Beach as a sales clerk and manager. She worked there for forty two years before she retired. After which, along with her husband Buster, they took care of small children for working parents. They both were very fond of all the children they kept.

Juanita joined Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church at a very young age. She sung in the Senior Choir along with her mother for over thirty years. She was also the president of the Missionary department and the chairperson of the Culinary department of the church. She really enjoyed preparing the delicious dishes served on homecoming day. Her special dish was crab casserole and deviled crabs. She was very devoted in all of her endeavors until her health began to fail.

She was married to the late Alvin Lacewell, Jr. of Masonboro Sound for over 30 years.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: one daughter, Elaine Bellamy (John), two grandchildren Curtis Bellamy, Laurin Tomlin (DeWayne), one great grandson, Xavier Tomlin, five sisters-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).*

**Linda D. Hill**

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

A celebration of Mrs. Hill's life was held on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Interment will follow at Angela Faye Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her husband, Raymond A. Hill of the home; children, Eric P. Hill and Ericka Hill both of Shallotte; siblings, Willie H. Hill of Shallotte, Norman Hill (Christina) of Seattle, WA and Lois Hill of Shallotte, 8 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).*

**Mary A. Harrison**

God in His infinite wisdom saw the load was getting heavy and told His beloved daughter to come and rest. On Sunday, July 26, 1953, Mary Young Harrison, was born to the late James and Susie James Young. On Monday, July 5, 2021, God dispatched a host of Angels to New Hanover Regional Medical Center to escort our beautiful mother, sister, aunt and friend home. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church. Interment followed in Hall Family Cemetery.

Mary was also preceded in death by her siblings, Della McMillian, James Marshall Young and Robert Young; special nieces and nephews that she helped raise, Dell Kevin Young, Barbara Ann McMillian Simpson and Mary Yvonne McMillian Wise. At an early age, Mary saw a need for a covering over her life and she accepted Jesus as her personal Savior. Mother Mary Harrison was an active member at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church where she served on the Mother's Ministry, Usher Ministry, Sunday School Department, Food Service Committee, Women Department and as a Greeter until her health begin to fail.

Mary received her education in the Brunswick County School System.

Mother Mary Harrison leaves to cherish her memories are her children: John Anthony (Tony) Harrison (Devonia), Alice Renee Harrison-Hines (Gregory), Ella Teresa Harrison and Connie Rozina Harrison; 10 grandchildren, Antoine Sr (Tasheka) Quinton Sr, Briana, LaTasha, Deonta, Antoinette, Keon, Devyn, Teonna and Mya; great grandchildren, Jad-amis, Eleyisia, Antoine, Jr, Nashyra, Quinton Jr, Zy'Mir, Azari-on, Xavier, Avanni, Zmyria, Shamir and Heaven; siblings An-nie McMillian (James) of Leland, NC, Alvin Young (Hortense) of Somerset, NJ and Raymond Young (Patricia) of Leland, NC; Special nieces and nephews that she helped raise, Gay-la Galloway, Willie McMillian Jr and Ricky McMillian; one aunt, Bessie Young; a longtime friend, Julius Brown; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave,*

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**Tracy A. Love**

Tracy A. Love was born on Aug 9, 1934 in Cleveland, OH. He passed away quietly surrounded by his family at home on July 8, 2021.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 24th at 10:00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Wilmington, NC.

Tracy is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, LaRuth Love; children, Tracy Love, Jr (Marlyne), Gabrielle Love, Morgan Love (Rachel) Tiffany Johns, LaRonda Taylor; Natalie McReynolds and Wrona McReynolds; sister, Janice Love-Stroud, 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Tracy was raised in Geneva, OH and attended the Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio where he received a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree. Tracy was an avid golfer, jazz pianist and had many friends.

Tracy's final interment will be held for the family in Geneva, OH at Evergreen Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on July 31, 2021 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Fleming & Billman Funeral Home in Geneva, OH.

Donations can be sent "In memory of Tracy Love" to Ohio Northern University, Dimension Award Scholarship Fund, Ohio Northern Univ. Office of Advancement, 525 South Main St, Ada, OH 45810. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).*

**Keidell Marquis Nixon**

Keidell Marquis Nixon died June 15, 2021. Graveside service was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at the Fogle Family Cemetery, Delco, NC.

Keidell was born March 23, 1998 to Jamila Abeni Fogle and Keith Nixon in Bronx, NY. He was preceded in death by his mother in 2011. He was educated in the Columbus County School System, graduating from East Columbus High School with the Class of 2016. He was a participant of the ROTC at East Columbus and upon graduating, joined the US Army. Upon returning home from the military Keidell was gainfully employed, with his last place of employment being Manager of Domino Pizza o Delco. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Kathy Mae Clarkson**

Kathy Mae Clarkson died June 16, 2021. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Kathy, affectionately known as "Peggy" was born January 14, 1957, to Ethel Pearce Vann and Austin Clarkson, Sr. She was educated in New Hanover County and graduated in the Class of 1974 from John T. Hoggard High School. She later furthered her education at Cape Fear Technical Institute and Shaw University, earning her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She has worked with Allied Security for over 20 years until her untimely death. Peggy loved cooking and baking and didn't mind feeding you if you were hungry. To know Peggy was to love her and she will be truly missed.

She is preceded in death by

both parents and her sister, Joyce Barnhill.

To cherish her memories: daughter, Tiffany (Derrick) Clarkson-Byers of Winston Salem, NC; son, Kenneth Austin McMillian of Winston Salem, NC; four grandchildren, Chris, Zymire, Pierce and London; two sisters, Ina Foy and Carolyn (Jessie) Thomas of the city; two brothers, Warren Clarkson and Nathan Smith of the city; adopted brother, Roniel (Toboo) Harrison and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including Pastor and Mrs. Porter and special and devoted sisters-in-law, Maria Clarkson, Sandra Davis and Lynda Harrison. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**James Robbins**

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

**Evangelist Ella Robbins**

Evangelist Ella Knox Robbins died June 20, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Salvation and Deliverance Family Worship Center, Leland, NC.

Ella was born on October 8, 1950 to the late Daniel L. and Sadie Bryant Knox. She attended Brunswick County Schools and graduated from Lincoln High School. Ella was employed with the Brunswick County School System from

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## TELL SOMEBODY

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

One of the most important decisions a church member may have to face is deciding whether or not to leave his/her church home. It can be a painful and gut wrenching decision, or it can be a simple act of obedience to the leading of the Lord. It has been said, "Some were sent! Some just went!" Some reasons are legitimate, understanding, and un avoidable... and some are not. The policy of most churches are, whosoever will, let him come, or let him go! If a church refuses to allow you

freedom to leave, it may not be a true church. The decision is yours to make, and in the end, you are going to be accountable to God. Whatever your reason for leaving, if you follow Proverbs 3:5,6, you won't go wrong. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path." Don't be too hasty to make that move. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14

If you prayed before you joined, and the Spirit of the Lord led you to become a member, then make sure you hear the Spirit again, before you

## Before you leave a church

leave! Trouble, trials, and tribulation are not always legitimate reasons to leave a church. "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience. And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; " Romans 5:3-5



Sylvia Hooper

Leader enough to tell him in person or send an official letter of resignation. If he officially

fellowshipped you into the church, allow him to officially release you from the membership role. God is a God of order, and He does things decently and in order!

Before You Leave: Remember God's Divine Command

"But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even into his habitation shall ye seek, and thither shalt thou come." Deu. 12:5

Remember to Love His House

; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."

Remember Jesus Christ is

the Head of the Church

"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." Ephesians 4:15

Remember the Blessings Pronounced Upon

"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee."

Psalm 84:4

The House of the Lord is A Refuge in Times of Trouble

"And it came to pass when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord."

Isaiah 37:1

The Example of Christ in the House of the Lord/Sanctuary

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read." Luke 4:16

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

## Made to cause positive change

I think that you and I would agree that rain and wind are forces that have position of power, damaging power. Yet wind and rain are necessities for life. It's power to a degree, can also be controlled and used to sustain life. Power doesn't have to be allowed to run wild and rampant (unchecked or undisciplined). It can be harnessed to a degree. It's so needed at different levels that it compels men of knowledge to seek ways of placing it under control:

It is life to all human existence, plants and animals as well. It serves as a recreational source and relaxation as a sound to hear and trickle. Clean water is a must for humans and some animals. It serves as a means of travel-

ing by water rather than land. We can say that water commands respect because of its demand. It is a definite energy resource given by God with purpose. The question then can be asked, how can another human being possessing the same innate qualities as another human, define who you are? Only God himself has already defined you. "You are love with an everlasting love." God says that.

God has placed families in the Earth. They have the greater purpose. God commanded and gave man control over all that He created. What an awesome God and the love and purpose for creation can only be defined as such. Fathers, too, are created to be in position of power and authority. They were cre-

ated by God to have dominion over the earth. It was handed to him as a command from the God that created him in his own image and breathed into his nostrils and he became a living, breathing soul himself.

Power was given to man along with a mandate. He was to replenish the earth and have dominion (charge over it). In other words, take care of (overcome, bring under control).

We, too, should strive to imitate our Father. We should strive to imitate our example in/of Jesus Christ.

We are His people and endowed with power to use as those that love Christ and are determined to take our gifting to the purpose for which they were given.

What has God through his

Son Jesus equipped you and I with? Because he knows that there is warfare in the Earth; he has equipped us well. All of His people are unique and different, but yet alike as well. All have the ability to walk in the fullness of Christ because the challenge is tailored to unique abilities: no more than we can handle through our God. All have been given a talent that fits into the fabric of his mercy and grace.

We all have the ability to create, to make choices and decisions, to procreate (like ourselves), power to reason, and the power of memory.

All powers of character or personality were given for purpose: the main purpose is to have communication with the God that loves us and will actually prepare a place for

us so that where he is, we can be also.

What do we need to do at this point and time? God is ready to perform his word by you believing it and speaking and receiving it so that you can see it manifested in your life.

We have in many ways lost our position. It, however, has been totally restored through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's

Son. Humanities enemy, Satan, doesn't want us to know that God loves us more than we can ever know.

We are reclaiming our rightful inheritance to the kingdom. It is for those who are willing to make an exchange from your ways to his righteousness. Let's reconnect to the God that created you out of love. He has

the only plan to give you your reserved space in his Kingdom. He has already paid for it for you, so that you don't have to pay for it. There is no prestige, ethnicity nor race discrimination with God. Those problems have already been resolved or eradicated.

Jesus is the answer to any of the above information. Reach out to him to receive his wonderful promises. You can ask for him and he is waiting and ready to receive you. Find a local church that can feed your spirit and God will reward you with his love.

Mrs. Thelma Fullwood is currently First Lady of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.

## OBITUARIES

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which she retired. Ella was a faithful member of Salvation and Deliverance Family Worship Center where she served as an Evangelist and was loved by so many. Her wisdom and love for Jesus was always front and center. She loved the Lord! She was quick to tell of the goodness of Jesus! Evangelist Robbins could cook right along with the best chefs. She would get in that kitchen and have everyone licking their fingers! She didn't give away her recipes, she only told you what to put in the food and don't keep calling her asking the same questions! She would say, "if you're not going to cook it right, then leave it alone!" Evangelist Robbins married Donnie Terrell Knox (Cynthia Miller Knox) and Illaha Kaleema Robbins along with 5 siblings, Maxine, Margie, Mae, Junior, Carolyn and Pernell.

She leaves to cherish her memory: six children, Donna Holland (Maurice), Tosha Robbins, Ayo Robbins, Malika Perkins, Immin Robbins, Jameel Robins; five siblings, Beulah Jackson (AC), James Knox (Debra), Sherman Knox, Nathaniel Knox and Yolonda Knox Perkins; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a very special cousin, Mrs. Shirleen Bryant and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Baby Aya Kamil Truell-Hall

Baby Aya Kamil Truell-Hall, age six months, died on June 19, 2021. Baby Aya, daughter of Kadeem Hall and Shaniqua Truell was born on December 4, 2020. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Rory Smith

Rory Smith died June 20, 2021. Private Visitation Only was held on June 26, 2021. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Marie Boone Shaw

Marie Boone Shaw died June 24, 2021. Graveside service was held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Mrs. Shaw, 101, of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home was the wife of Mortician Willie L. Shaw, Jr. who preceded her in death. Although Mrs. Shaw had no children of her own, she thrived on assisting in the rearing of so many. She loved the funeral business and it bought much happiness to her during her lifetime. It was a joy just for her to answer the phone, "Shaw's Funeral Home". The way she said it will never be duplicated. Mrs. Shaw enjoyed being in the mist and helped so many people. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by everyone, especially her John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home Staff. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Wilbert Harris Brown

Wilbert Harris Brown died June 25, 2021. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at the Pollock Cemetery.

Wilbert, son of the late Ethel Brown was born on July 2, 1961 in Wilmington, NC. He was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. He leaves to cherish his memory: one daughter, Nichelle McIver; three sons, Raquish S. Brown, Wilbert R. Brown and Tupac S. Brown; five grandchildren, all of Wilmington, NC; two very special sisters, Vernell Lloyd and Elaine McIntyre (John); two brothers, Abdull Akvar and James Nixon; two sisters, Amy Lesine (William) and Georgina Nixon of Wilmington, NC; one aunt, Doretha McIntyre of Brooklyn,

NY; two special nieces, Charese McIntyre and Shana McIntyre; one special nephew, Nakia Brown; three very special friends, Jamie, James and Reggie; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Tony Jackson

Tony Jackson died June 25, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

The sun rose for Tony Lamar Jackson on July 2, 1960. Tony was a son, brother, uncle, inspiration influencer and friend to many. He lived his life on earth out loud and full. His mission ere is complete. Tony had an appetite for life and definitely food. Tony was sincere I sharing what was in his mind, raw and uncut. Also with a tender heart, he would offer a perspective giving hope and inspiration to those with limited vision to recognize their own potential. Tony was born with cerebral palsy, but never saw his condition as a handicap. Tony played his position as Very Capable. His calendar was full of travel with his gospel group, invitations to breakfast, lunch and dinner with family and friends that would stop by and pick him up or just jotting around town. Tony traveled all over the country sharing his gift of song. A true pitch baritone, bass vocalist, he sang with the New Revivals over the past 10 years. He has also shared his talent with several other gospel groups. He loved to sing. He loved offering praise and celebration in every church he stepped in. Tony was the son of Grady Carlathia Brown-Johnson and Charles Fredrick Jackson. They both transitioned and surely await the arrival of their first baby boy again. Tony was raised by his grandparents, the loving and nurturing Margie Carlista Brown who always called Tony "Lover Boy". His grandfather was Eugene "Boot" Brown.

Both grandparents have transitioned on to glory as well.

His memory has left behind a tremendous league of family: brothers, Vincent Dwayne Jackson and fiancé, Cynthia Pacheca of Fayetteville, NC and Daryll Tindel of Philadelphia, PA; sisters, Madison Carlista-Rashad and husband, Cedric Rashad of Mexico and Anita Faye Jackson of Atlanta, GA; a special nephew, Emanuel Davon Jackson; nieces, Tegella Nicole Jackson, Tatiana SeVon Jones, Cydney Lee, Nia Lee and Mya Lee; special friends, Charles Springer, Diane Springer and Pearl Ray Benjamin; special caregivers, Leah Springer and Cymmy Leach; his beloved music group, Angelia Melodies, Heavenly Host, Salt of the Earth and New Revival; many other relatives and wonderful friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Baby Itachi Bozeman

Baby Itachi Bozeman died June 30, 2021 A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Keith Napolitano

Keith Napolitano died June 25, 2021. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Jahon Bemboom

Jahon Bemboom died June 28, 2021. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Mary Pearlene Holmes

Mary Pearlene Holmes died July 5, 2021. Funeral service was held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Mary was born in New Hanover County, North Carolina to the late Moses Sr. And Lucy Mae Holmes on March 14, 1949. Mary attended Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was a faithful and loyal member until she left Wilmington. She loved

life, having fun and making people laugh. She never met a stranger and to know her was to love her. She will be greatly missed by all that experienced her kindness, her beautiful smile and her unique sense of humor.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by two brothers, James Holmes and Raymond Holmes and one sister, Doris Ann Brown.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her son, Michael Holmes (Sonya) of Brevard, NC; a granddaughter, Brittany Cameron of Brevard, NC; four sisters, Mae Lee Wilson, Joyce Toaster (Ronnie), Sandra Roland (Lenwood) and Wanda Holmes Foy (Earl) all of Wilmington, NC; three brothers, Moses Holmes, Jr. (Mattie), Leroy Holmes and Willie Holmes, all of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

## Reverend Leroy Bunting

Reverend Leroy Bunting died July 7, 2021. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church; 4925 New Centre Drive; Wilmington, NC 28403.

Leroy "Big Man" Bunting was born on July 16, 1944 to the late Early and Beulah Bunting. Leroy was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1962. Later, he attended Shaw University and received a degree in Theology. He was licensed in 1977 by Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Leroy was employed with the General Electric Company from which he retired after many years. Leroy was well-known since childhood for his love of sports, especially baseball. Being an avid lover of sports, the Los Angeles Dodgers was his favorite team. From time to time, he would fire the entire team but would quickly rehire them back. When you remem-

ber Leroy, think of the good, kind, generous, smart and loving person he was and most of all remember he loved God from the bottom of his heart. A dedicated servant of our Lord and Savior, Leroy was the pastor of Temple of Praise Christian Church, in Wilmington, NC.

In addition to his parents, Leroy was preceded in death by his son, Tyrone Bunting; step-daughter, Michelle Summers; four brothers, Harry L. Bunting, David N. Bunting, James E. Bunting and Ronald L. Bunting.

He is survived by his wife, Sadie Bunting; three sons, Leroy Jerome Bunting (Anita), Michael Bunting (Anna) and Leroy Bunting (Iesha); step-son, Ronnie Mitchell; two step-daughters, Adria Summers (Clevor) and Sherri Mitchell (Tracy); twenty grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; his siblings, Catherine Bunting, Lucille B. Taylor, Juanita Bennett (Melvin) and Robert Bunting (Emma); his sisters-in-law, Doris Peters, Geraldine Singleton and Rose Williams; his beloved Temple of Praise Christian Church Family; other relatives and friends, including his buddies, Clark, Howard, Dr. Gee, King, Jinks, Crummy and Bobby. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Rosa Davis

Rosa Davis died July 10, 2021. Graveside service will be 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021 at Oleander Gardens. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Ethel Magnolia Corbett

Ethel Magnolia Corbett died July 11, 2021. Funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church; 4925 New Centre Drive; Wilmington, NC 28403. Visitation will be 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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This the 1st day of July, 2021  
Morris Jackson Permenter,  
Executrix  
3106 Joy Place  
Wilmington, NC 28409

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

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.  
Kennedyville, MD 21645

July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
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  
5140 Carolina Beach Rd. Lot 31  
Wilmington, NC 28412

July 8, 15, 22, 2021

### LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF:  
RODERICK VONZELL ALLEN**

The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Roderick Vonzell Allen**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of July, 2021

Natoshia Tameka Allen, Administratrix  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420  
Fax No: 910-762-4176

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF:  
NORMAN LEE TOLIVER**

The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Norman Lee Toliver**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of July, 2021

Gale Griffin Hall, Administratrix  
Terry B. Richardson  
Attorney for the Estate  
209 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420  
Fax No: 910-762-4176

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF:  
GEORGE WILLIS HILL**

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **George Willis Hill**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of July, 2021

Payton Elizabeth Freeman, Executor  
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July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jill M. Gillespie**, 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 19th 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 15th day of July, 2021

Wanda Hunt, Executrix  
704 Samuel Chase Lane  
Melbourn, FL 32904

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

### LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
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.

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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](http://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:

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People may also submit comments by phone (984-205-6615 project code 3697), email ([Juniper-Creek-Complex@publicinput.com](mailto: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](mailto:pdwilson1@ncdot.gov) as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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