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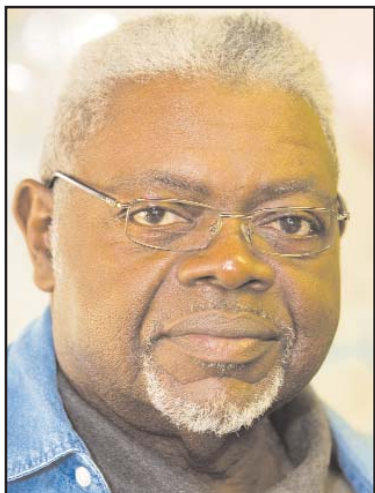
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BLACK ELECTED OFFICIALS MEET

BY BERNEST HEWETT
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During the week of August 13, the North Carolina Association of Black County Officials held their 114th Annual Conference at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Wilmington. Ninety-four of North Carolina's 100 counties were represented. There was a sense of pride everywhere between the attendees and their guests. This was a great event for elected officials of all parties, never making an issue of party affiliation but issues of the people of

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North Carolina's redistricting process begins with racial rules

BY CASH MICHAELS
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Now that results from the 2020 U. S. Census are in, redistricting committees in the North Carolina General Assembly have once again begun the process of redrawing the district population lines for the next decade to determine voting strength throughout North Carolina for local, legislative, and congressional elections.

Dramatic changes are already in the offing, as North Carolina's 13 congressional districts will be redrawn to make room for a 14th, especially since eleven of the current 13 are overpopulated beyond the required 746,711.

One of the most overpopulated voting districts is the 12th in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area and is represented by Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC) at 899,779, one of only two Black representatives from North Carolina.

Ironically, the population count in the other Black congressional district, the 1st, is short by 59,355. That district is represented by Representative G. K. Butterfield.

North Carolina's population in the past ten years has grown 9.5%, especially in the six county areas surrounding Raleigh and Charlotte, respectively.

North Carolina currently has eight Republican representatives and five

Democrats.

The use of past election results and party registration is disallowed, according to the new rules governing the process, as is any information about the racial composition of a proposed voting district.

That's a problem toward not constituting the districts fairly, say Black lawmakers like State Senator Dan Blue (D-Wake) and State Senator Ben Clark of Fayetteville. Concerned about complying with the 1965 Voting Rights Act and its mandate not to dilute Black voting rights, Democrats proposed guidelines for the use of Black population data per the districts but were essentially shot down by the GOP majority.

Since 2011, Republicans have been in control of both Houses of the Legislature and thus have been in control of the redistricting process. As a result, the fruit of their efforts, namely racially and partisan gerrymandering voting district maps - have been challenged in state and federal courts, with the majority of rulings catching the GOP trying to gain unconstitutional advantage more times than not by rigging the racial voting numbers.

Democrats maintain that the courts have ruled out the use of race as the primary factor in redrawing voting districts, but that doesn't mean it can't be a factor.

The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled in the past that, while racial gerrymandering or "stacking and packing" Blacks into districts is

unconstitutional, but partisan gerrymandering is not. Democrats, not trusting their Republican colleagues, are challenging them on every aspect of developing the process now, in order to get the best outcome of what normally turns out to be a one-sided affair where the ruling party (Republicans) use redistricting to gain even more political advantage for the next ten years and ultimately retain power.

Republicans, however, now vow to change that behavior.

"North Carolina has been the epicenter of redistricting lawsuits for decades," said Sen. Warren Daniel, R-Burke, co-chair of the Senate Redistricting Committee, in a statement. "It's time to put the last 30 years of litigation behind us and begin a new era of nonpartisan map drawing."

Even though Republicans rejected Democratic recommendations about the rules for drawing the maps, they insisted that the process will be "transparent," as maps will be drawn out in the open during committee sessions with a video camera streaming the process for North Carolina and world to see.

The deep concern among Democrats is that Republicans across the nation are well positioned with redistricting to take over the majority in the U. S. House during the 2022 midterm elections.

North Carolina is considered one of the key states to watch in that GOP effort.



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color's awareness of the
issues of today's society and
working with other elected
officials in ways that will
bring county governments
together and make our gov-
ernmental systems work
more efficiently for all. It was
the assembling of people
together, not separating us
from each other. It brought a
very good feeling to know
there were no negative emo-
tions or outbursts there.
People were working on
change and building a better
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I was the speaker for the
Scholarship and Recognition
Banquet Award on Friday.
The Jinwright Singers were
musical participants of the
program. It was an honor
and brought a proud feeling
to be a part of this conven-
tion, but I had only one
regret. Brunswick County
was not well represented. I
saw only one county commis-
sioner from Brunswick
County, and I have to respect
him for his attendance. This
was Mr. Frank Williams.
This lets me know that one
of our commissioners cares
enough to keep up with both
sides and keep an open mind.

Times are changing and
it's going to take Black and
White minds, work together
in a clear and honest way
to keep this government mov-
ing forward in a position of
greatness.

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



U.S. CENSUS BUREAU PHOTO

"The U.S. population is much more multiracial and more racially and ethnically diverse than what we measured in the past," said Nicholas Jones, Census Bureau director and senior advisor of race and ethnic research and outreach.

U.S. Grows Ever-more Diverse

Census Data Show a Multiracial, Urban and Older U.S.

BY MARK HEDIN

Special to the Trice Edney
News Wire from
Ethnic Media Services

The United States popula-
tion is more racially diverse
than ever and increasingly
urban, according to new
data collected in the 2020
Census. But overall popula-
tion growth in the country
has slowed, newly released
Census Bureau data show.

The Census Bureau
released on Aug. 12 the first
trove of narrowly focused
information gathered in the
2020 Census. It will immedi-
ately be put to use in the
redistricting process
whereby states and local
political jurisdictions re-
draw political boundaries
to create districts of equal
populations for upcoming
elections.

The information will also
be used in countless other
ways over the next decade,
for instance, to decide
where new schools or hospi-
tals are needed, or roads, or
where it might profit a busi-
ness to set up shop.

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Of the 331,449,281 people
enumerated in the 10-ques-

tion census form last year,
204.3 million identified
themselves or other house-
hold members as white.
There were another 31.1
million identified as mixed-
race - white and something
else - and 2.7 million
described as mixed race in
a combination that did not
include white.

The 204.3 million 'white
alone' population is 8.6%
less than it was the last
time everyone was counted,
in 2010.

The census questionnaire
data on ethnicity parsed the
population into the follow-
ing racial categories: White,
Asian, Black or African
American, American,
American Indian or Alaska
Native, Native Hawaiian or
Other Pacific Islander, and
Some Other Race. There
was a separate question
asking if the responding
household members were
Hispanic or Latino.

Once those questions were
answered, respondents
could further describe them-
selves by tribe or other ori-
gins within those six initial
categories.

Being Hispanic or Latino
is a matter of ethnicity,
according to the census, not
race. Sixty-two million peo-
ple in North America iden-
tified as being of Hispanic
or Latino origin, a 23 per-
cent increase, and then
chose a racial identification
in a separate question.

That growth was greater
than any other population's

except Asians, up 36%, to
24.6 million, including
those with mixed-race iden-
tifications.

Black Americans, includ-
ing mixed-race, now num-
ber 46.9 million, according
to the Census Bureau,
American Indian or Native
Alaskans are 9.7 million,
Native Hawaiian or Pacific
Islander 1.6 million.

Those choosing "some
other race" alone or in com-
bination were 15.1 percent
nationwide, led by New
Mexico at 32 percent,
California at 31.6 percent,
and Texas at 28.3 percent.
Nationwide, 10.2 percent
claimed "two or more
races," led by Hawaii, with
more than 25 percent so
identifying, followed by
New Mexico at 19.9 percent.

There are 22.7 million
more people in the United
States now than there were
when the last decennial
census was taken, in 2010,
enumerators found. But
that population growth of
22.7 million is the smallest
gain in the once-every-10-
years count since 1990, and
the smallest gain percent-
age since 1930.

Most of that growth

occurred in already-popu-
lous counties, the Census
Bureau reports. If a county
had less than 50,000 resi-
dents, it lost population.
Counties of 50,000 to 99,999
people gained an average of
4.1 percent more; counties
of more than 100,000 people
grew by 9.1 percent.

The top 10 most-populous
cities remained unchanged,
with New York at the top of
the list, followed by Los
Angeles, Chicago, Houston,
Phoenix, Philadelphia, San
Antonio, San Diego, Dallas
and San Jose.

The only change was that
now-5th place Phoenix and
6th-place Philadelphia
changed places. All of them
grew larger, as did metro
areas in general (8.7 percent),
while the more rural areas
declined by 2.8 percent.

Census Bureau statisti-
cians compiled a "diversity
index" that measured the
likelihood that two random-
ly chosen people would be
of different ethnicities.

Overall, in the United
States, that likelihood is
61.1 percent, up from 54.9
percent in 2010. In Texas,
Nevada, California, New
York, New Jersey,

Maryland, Hawaii and the
District of Columbia, the
percentage exceeded 65 per-
cent.

The likelihood that two
people chosen at random
would be of different eth-
nicities was lowest in
Maine (18.5 percent),
Vermont and West Virginia
(20.2 percent each), and
New Hampshire (23.6 per-
cent).

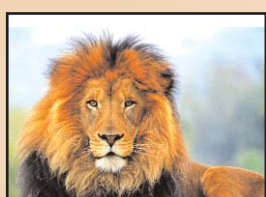
The U.S. population is
aging. Of respondents, 77.9
percent are 18 or older
(258.3 million), a 10.1 per-
cent increase from 2010.
The 73.1 million who aren't
yet 18, represents a 1.4 per-
cent decrease from 2010's
statistics.

The Census Bureau in
April released the state-by-
state population counts that
determine which states
gain or lose seats in the
House of Representatives.

In non-pandemic times,
census data has typically
been released a year after
"Census Day" - April 1 last
year - but, "as we all know,
the delivery has been
delayed," said James
Whitehorne, chief of the
census' redistricting and
voting rights data office.

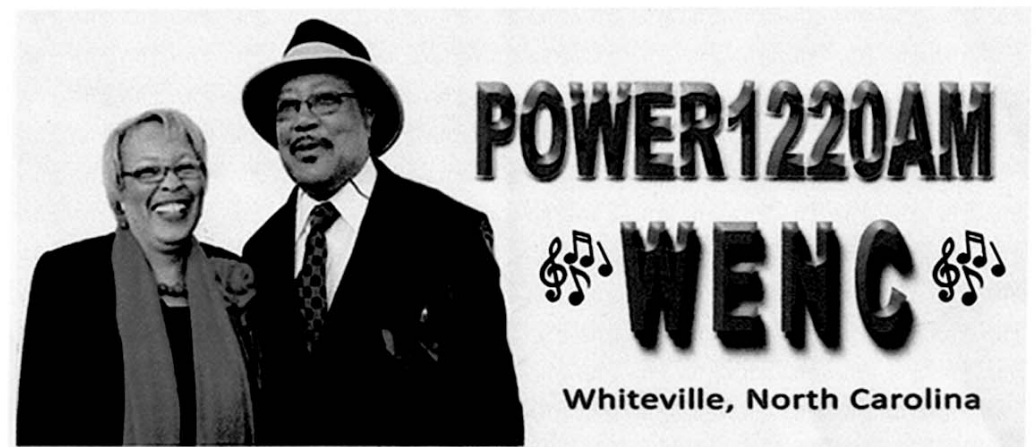
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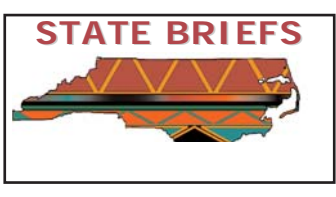
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NHC SCHOOLS CONSIDERING FINGERPRINTING SYSTEM
 [WILMINGTON] Report-

edly, North Carolina is one of only seven states in the nation that doesn't fingerprint school staff in order to determine who may have a history of sexually abusing minors. That may change now in NHC Public Schools as it is reportedly working with the NHC Sheriff's Department to implement the process. NHC Public

Schools already does background checks on staff and teachers.
REV. BARBER APPEALS FOUR-YEAR OLD CONVICTION
 [RALEIGH] Citing that his four-year-old trespassing conviction violated his First Amendment rights, Rev. Dr. William Barber, co-

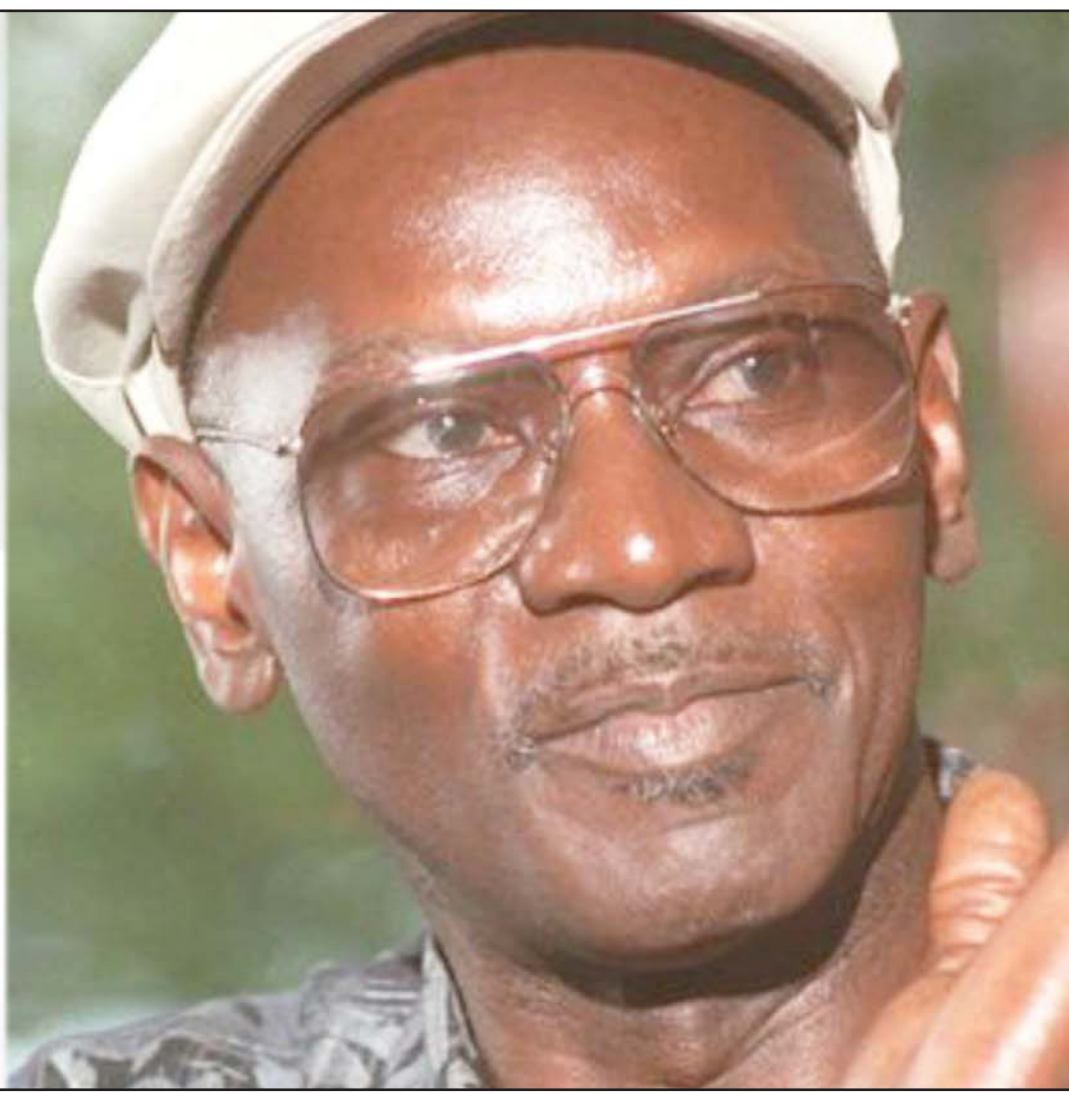
chair of the national Poor People's Campaign and former president of the NC NAACP, went before the N.C. Court of Appeals last week, along with his attorney, defending his right to protest when he led a 2017 demonstration on the N.C. General Assembly. Rev. Barber was indicted in May 2018.

N.C. HAS TEACHER SHORTAGE IN CORE AREAS
 [GREENSBORO] Even though North Carolina's licensed teachers' shortage remarkably held stable during the year-long pandemic, the state still has a shortfall of educators, primarily because of low pay and lack of respect, they say. The

shortage is particularly bad in the state's rural areas, where school systems aren't able to afford the signing bonuses and supplements that the larger urban systems can afford.
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DANIEL GREEN



JAMES JORDAN

NC NAACP leader believes convicted Jordan killer may be innocent

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The president of the NC NAACP believes that the convicted killer of James Jordan, father of NBA basketball legend and Wilmington native, Michael Jordan, may, in fact, be innocent and is supporting a filed petition for an evidentiary review by the North Carolina Court of Appeals in order to secure a new trial.

The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, president of the civil rights group, says he's convinced that Daniel Green, who was convicted in 1996 for the July 1993 murder of the elder Jordan, did not get a fair trial.

Green, who has been in prison for the past 28 years,

was serving a life plus-ten-year sentence, confessed to helping dispose of the body of James Jordan in a South Carolina river in July 1993 but has always denied fatally shooting Jordan, even though police said they found the alleged murder weapon and the NBA championship ring that Michael Jordan gave to his father at the home where then 18 year old Green lived in Lumberton.

A subsequent look at the evidence in the Green case has raised serious questions about his conviction, like the lack of blood evidence in the car in which Jordan was supposedly shot or linkage between the .38 caliber gun found and the bullet that killed Jordan.

Both pieces of evidence

were inconclusive. Green was primarily convicted by the testimony of his childhood friend, co-defendant, Larry Demery.

Demery, who was also convicted for the Jordan murder, reportedly, now says that Green was not the one who pulled the trigger.

Green and his attorney, Chris Mumma, executive director of the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence, filed his latest appeal with the court on July 30, 2021.

"I'm hopeful about the appeal," Green told WRAL-TV, which produced a documentary entitled Moment of Truth, questioning the original 1993 investigation that charged Green and the subsequent trial that convicted and sentenced him.

The Raleigh television station also produced an accompanying podcast entitled, Follow the Truth, about the case.

It was upon viewing the documentary and then speaking to people whom he knew about the Green case, that NC NAACP Pres. Spearman decided to publicly get behind the effort to help Daniel Green petition for an evidentiary appellate hearing in hopes of securing a new trial.

"The NC NAACP has closely monitored developments in Mr. Green's case, and supports his efforts to obtain an evidentiary hearing to review the issues raised in his petition," Rev. Dr. Spearman said. "These claims and the lower courts' failure to review them have



REV. DR. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN

seriously undermined public confidence in the investigation that identified Mr. Green as the person who shot Mr. Jordan."

Spearman added, "...the circumstances surrounding [Green's] conviction are

concerning, even bizarre, and warrant a closer look! The NC NAACP supports Daniel Green's efforts to seek appellate review of this most recent order denying him an evidentiary hearing!"

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RAINBOW COALITION

Time for democracy to work

The right to vote is fundamental to a democracy. Today in America, however, that right is under partisan attack across the country. If it is to be defended, nonpartisan reforms must pass across a partisan divide.

The question now is whether Democrats will join together to protect the right to vote from the assault it faces from Republicans at every level of government. That assault is clear and unrelenting. Right-wing justices on the Supreme Court — appointed by Republican presidents — have systematically undermined the right to vote — gutting the Voting Rights Act, opening the door to unlimited and secret money from corporations and the super-rich, and enabling partisan gerrymandering free of judicial review. At the state level, Republican operatives and politicians have echoed Donald Trump's Big Lie about the 2020 election — a lie refuted by Trump's own attorney general, by Trump-appointed judges and by Republican election officials.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

They have all used fictitious delusions about fraud as an excuse to pass a bevy of laws to make voting harder in states that they control. Thus far, 18 Republican-controlled states have passed laws to limit access to the ballot box, or, even more dangerously, to undercut an independent, nonpartisan counting of the ballots cast.

And at the national level, Republicans in the Senate have joined at the hip to block efforts to reform election laws to protect free and fair elections. They have used the filibuster to block the ability of the majority to act. The reality is indisputable. One party — the party supported by a minority of the American people — is seeking to make it harder to vote.

One party supported by a growing majority is seeking to make voting easier. That isn't new. After the Civil War, the 14th and 15th Amendments, which guaranteed freed slaves the right to vote and to equal protection under the laws, were only passed over the bitter partisan opposition of Southern Democrats. Modern-day Republicans are now following in the footsteps of the plantation Democrats of the Old South, who enacted the Jim Crow laws that suppressed the Black vote for decades.

Are today's Democrats prepared to protect the right to vote against their efforts? On August 16, the population data from the recent census will be released to the states. This will trigger a flurry of redistricting with Republicans intent on partisan gerrymandering that could give them enough rigged seats to win the House. Two Democratic senators — West Virginia's Joe Manchin and Arizona's Krysten Sinema — argue that they will oppose suspending or repealing the filibuster to pass voter reforms because they should be passed on a bipartisan basis.

"The right to vote is fundamental to our American democracy and protecting that right should not be about party or politics," wrote Manchin, adding that "protecting this right ... should never be done in a partisan manner." Surely, it would be preferable to pass reforms with the support of both parties, but it is impossible when one party is all in on voter suppression. The Democratic leadership plans to give Manchin the chance to enlist Republican support for the modest election reforms that Manchin backs.

There is no sign that he can gain anything close to the 10 Republican votes needed to overcome a filibuster. Delay is a loser's game. It is time for Democrats to act, and for Manchin and Sinema to face reality. Congress must pass reforms to outlaw partisan gerrymandering and protect access to the ballot box before it is too late. That will require suspending or repealing the filibuster and ending the ability of the minority to frustrate the will of the majority. It's time for our democracy to work — this time to protect itself.

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

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TO BE EQUAL

Documentary film on Dick Gregory sets the record straight on activist comedian's legacy

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

"I chose to be an agitator. The next time you put your underwear in the washing machine, take the agitator out, and all you're going to end up with are some dirty, wet drawers." — Dick Gregory

In the four years since we lost comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory, his powerful voice has been missed amid the recent broadening and intensifying movement for racial justice and equity. As the nation marked the 56th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act this week, few remembered Gregory as someone who put not only his career but his very life on the line in support of voting rights. He was among the thousands arrested during the iconic Birmingham Campaign of 1963 that flooded America's newspapers and televisions with violent images of protestors being attacked with firehoses and police dogs. That fall, he spoke for hours in Selma, rallying hundreds of Black residents to line up at the voter registration office on "Freedom Day."



Marc Morial

Only Dick Gregory sets the record straight on Gregory's legacy. I'm honored to be involved in several events surrounding the film's screening at the Martha's Vineyard African-American Film Festival this week:

On Wednesday, I'll take part in a panel discussion on Critical Race Theory, The Intersection of Race, Culture & Creativity, along with the Rev. Dante R. Quick, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, and Adrienne C. Smith, Senior

Partner and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer at FleishmanHillard.

Thursday morning, at 10am Eastern Time, is a special Martha's Vineyard edition of ReMARC's Live, when I'll be joined by the festival's co-founders Stephanie Taveras-Rance and Floyd A.B. Rance III.

Then, following the film's 8pm screening, I'll be leading a conversation with the director, Andre Gaines. The release of the documentary and the discussions around it are especially meaningful to me. Dick Gregory was both a personal friend and a strong supporter of the Urban League Movement. He was a guest at my wedding, and spent two weeks campaigning for me in New Orleans neighborhoods during my 1994 runoff campaign for Mayor. He was a frequent speaker at Urban League events. The film recounts how Gregory's stand-up comedy career took off after a bravura performance before an audience of white southerners at the Chicago Playboy Club ... and how he sacrificed it all to

dedicate himself to the Civil Rights Movement. My predecessor at the National Urban League, Whitney M. Young, Jr., felt that Gregory, with his biting satire mocking racism and segregation, could accomplish more for the cause of racial justice onstage than in the streets. Gregory's response: "When America goes to war, she don't send her comedians."

He was arrested dozens of times, often beaten, and shot at least once. His body became an instrument for protest, as he endured hunger strikes over the Vietnam War, the Equal Rights Amendment, police brutality, apartheid, nuclear power, prison reform, drug abuse and Native American rights. The One and Only Dick Gregory comes at a moment when the rights for which Gregory fought and bled face a threat more serious than any in more than half a century. Gregory sacrificed fame, fortune and physical safety to secure these rights. We honor his legacy by defending them.

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

Making good trouble

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Rep. John Lewis, the civil rights icon who died last year, liked to tell activists that building a better world depended on people being willing to make "good trouble." Rep. Cori Bush has just given us an example of effective troublemaking that should inspire us to action.

Rep. Bush is in her first term as a member of Congress representing St. Louis, Missouri. She didn't come with a typical resume of prestigious college and law school degrees and previous political jobs. Bush got into politics protesting police killings of unarmed Black men. Because her work was seen and respected in her community, she beat the odds and beat a long-time member of Congress.

Bush has experienced eviction herself. She knows how disruptive and dangerous it can be. So she wasn't going to stay quiet when Biden administration officials and congressional leaders were ready to let a COVID-19 moratorium on evictions expire and put millions of families at risk.

The temporary eviction ban was put in place by the Centers for Disease Control last September as a public health measure. Millions of families fell behind on rent

because of the economic turmoil caused by the pandemic. The CDC knew that forcing those families out of their homes and into shelters or onto the streets in the middle of a pandemic would cost lives.

That original moratorium expired on July 31. It made no sense to kick people out of their homes just when the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus was pushing the pandemic into another deadly phase.

But the Supreme Court's right-wing justices had signaled their disapproval for the moratorium. So the White House and congressional leaders played a bit of last-minute hot potato before Congress left town for its August recess without taking action to protect the families at risk of homelessness.

Rep. Bush grabbed a sleeping bag and camped out on the steps of the U.S. Capitol for several days to shame people into action. You can be sure that many of her colleagues didn't like being put on the spot as they went on vacation. Some of them anonymously criticized her

tactics. Her hometown paper said she was ignoring "political reality." Her right-wing critics ranged from dismissive to abusive.

But it worked. Bush's troublemaking meant that public officials could not just deflect attention from the crisis that was about to engulf thousands of families. And the White House worked with the CDC to extend protection against eviction for the vast majority of people at risk.

The new moratorium is being challenged in court, and it will expire in October. But it is buying time for families at risk. It is giving local officials a chance to get money into the hands of people who need it.

Bush's good troublemaking also brought needed attention to the fact that Congress had approved \$46.5 billion to help renters and their landlords, but some states and counties hadn't distributed a penny of it even months after they got the money.

When I saw people criticizing Rep. Bush for her tactics, I thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from a Birmingham jail. He wrote that he had almost concluded that a greater stumbling block to the freedom movement than the KKK was the white moderate more devoted to "order" than justice, who constantly says, "I agree with

you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action."

Rep. Bush saw that families behind on rent were facing a crisis point. Our democracy is also facing a crisis point. In state after state, where Republicans are in control, they are imposing new barriers to voting as they try to prolong and expand their hold on power. They want the power to resist progress on racial equity, access to health care, and all the other issues that motivated people to turn out and vote for Joe Biden.

We can't let them win. Voting rights activists across the country are organizing. They're looking for people to help them make good trouble. When that opportunity comes your way, think of John Lewis and Cori Bush. And answer the call.

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Ben Jealous

Message to Michael

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Mike Pompeo, I read your thoughts about America being "the greatest nation and greatest force for good on the planet, and it is up to us to keep it that way." Obviously, you've never lived as a Black person, so with a few adjustments in your thinking, I could agree with you. If only you'd said America is the greatest nation and the greatest force for good on the planet for white people, I could agree with you. Understand that other people who're not white haven't had it as good as you have.

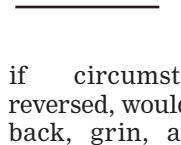
Imagine you were Black, Brown, Red, or Yellow. Do you think you'd have enjoyed the historic brutality of white people? Suppose this was the native land of your ancestors and suddenly your land was stolen, your people were killed, treaties were dishonored, and your people were forced to live on undesirable land with few resources and fewer prospects for a prosperous future. Would you have enjoyed that?

Suppose you'd been placed in concentration camps, or

your family worked the fields raising fruits and vegetables for the masses while being paid less than minimum wage? Imagine your infant children being rounded up in their young adulthood and deported to a country where they'd never lived and where they had no social or minimal cultural connection.

Think about it. All of these things were done to non-white people by white people like you. White people like you became the beneficiaries of their labor and their deprivation. Truthfully, if circumstances were reversed, would you really sit back, grin, and be happy about people of color prospering while your people were lynched, brutally beaten/killed by the police without consequences, relegated to the back of the bus, or to jobs below minimum wage? Would you really be happy forgetting the cruelty that has existed for years and con-

Dr. E. Faye Williams



tinues under the veil of social order? Seriously, if your white people had been denied education, denied decent housing, denied decent jobs--denied just about everything you would ever have hoped for, would you be shouting from rooftops how great America is, and that you don't want to hear anything about Critical Race Theory or the truth thereof? You mean you really wouldn't care that, with few exceptions, your community didn't have decent healthcare or grocery stores or good schools? Knowing your current elevated lifestyle, I find it difficult to believe that, under the oppressive circumstances previously described, you wouldn't have wanted equal rights, safe streets, fair police protection, fair voting rights, and the opportunity to succeed on the basis of your personal merit. Truth is sometimes hard to take, but if things had been reversed, I believe you would be found in the street yelling "White Lives Matter," "White Voters Matter," "I'm white and I'm proud!" In reality, you ARE white

and were born with all the associated privileges. My observations inform me that even poor whites understand the privilege their color offers them.

Too often, the inability to understand leads one to falsely believe their privilege derives from being smarter or more deserving. That wrong-thinking will lead, as it has seemingly led you, to become an undeserving, self-serving, uncaring, ignorant white man who knows the truth, but who can't contend with the discomfort of acknowledging the truth. Your greatest fear is losing undeserved white privilege and having the rest of us treated like the beings God made us.

If you could just imagine what equality would be like, I am sure you would not have written that muddled article you wrote for CAVPAC. Critical Race Theory is about truth-telling and it's obvious that people like you know little about TRUTH!

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

America's dirty laundry is in full view

Republican politicians are gleeful, it seems, as the debacle in Afghanistan unfolds before our very eyes, as the Delta variant of COVID-19 continues to cause hundreds of thousands of people to get sick and, worse, die, and as states pass laws to curtail the ability of Black people to vote in upcoming elections.

Their disrespect and disregard for the law is astounding, given the fact that they have always said that they were supporters of law and order and touted the mantra that America goes by "the rule of law."

But what we saw during the previous administration is not only a disrespect for the law, but blatant arrogance as lawmakers ignored subpoenas issued to find out what was going on in that administration that was illegal, immoral, or both.

We saw during the January 6th insurrection scores of people who were themselves members of "law enforcement," and of the military. We saw these people disregard the law and the United States Constitution as they stormed the capitol building, intent on stopping the certification of the outcome of the 2020 election - and we saw them beat police officers who were there doing their job.

Their disrespect of the law - and of police officers - was highlighted for me this week as I listened to a podcast where Cecil Rhambo, a candidate for sheriff in Los Angeles, described the reality of some police departments being populated by white gang members. I was not surprised, because I have long

thought that too many police officers took those jobs in order to legally kill and harass people - including and especially Black people, but to hear this political candidate talk about it was sobering. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMM22wTCCYQ>)

Republicans, I am sure, are aware of this, but ignore it. Their goal is to stop the browning of America and to keep people "in their place." But the hypocrisy is as staggering as it is troubling. White Republicans are so afraid of losing their power that they have lost their moral compass; all that matters is holding onto power, no matter what. If they have to rig and set up the infrastructure to steal elections, they are showing us that they will do it.

They slyly jump on and criticize those who say "defund the police," meaning that Black and Brown people are tired of being criminalized, unjustly targeted, harassed and brutalized by police, but at the same time they are silent as some politicians call for the "defunding" of hospitals, public schools, colleges and universities, and private businesses that are trying to curb the spread of COVID-19 by requiring that people inside their walls wear masks.

This weekend we saw footage of a man who threatened city officials with violence if the city did not back off from requiring people to wear masks. And we all saw angry parents attack medical representatives who tried to explain the benefits of having children wear masks as the Delta variant continues to wreak havoc. (<https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/567374-parents-surround-physicians-advocating-for-masks-in-schools-we-know-who>)

Not only are we seeing the blatant disrespect for the law by Republicans, but also a fairly disregard for human life. The "pro-life" people are silent as unvaccinated people - including children - continue to contract COVID-19. What about their commitment to life? If they do not care about school children getting sick and dying from a virus infection that could have been mitigated by taking a vaccine, what is life to them, really?

I am surprised that these values-touting politicians have lost their tongues and voices, and that their commitment to police is so fake. Everything that they are, and everything that they stand for, has been dumped in the middle of this struggling nation. It is not clear how we get clear of this mess that we are in, but one thing is sure: The sheet has been pulled off of the imposters of justice. What we do with what we have learned and are still learning will be critical as we move forward and if this country survives the attack on democracy. I hope and pray that politicians, legislators, organizers, and the media will recognize that the America we grew used to is gone and is under attack - and that they will move forward in their work accordingly.

The gated community of white supremacy and raw, corrupt power has been breached, and that is a dangerous, yet present reality.

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Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet Memories of John Lewis

I love the fact millions of people--young, old, Black, Brown, Bi-racial, European, Asian, and "Others"-- have recently been introduced to John Lewis through one of his favorite sayings: "Let's Make Some Good Trouble." Let's Make some Necessary Trouble.

I met John Lewis on August 28, 1963. I had been working with CORE--the Congress of Racial Equality--which James Farmer and other non-violent anti-racists had spun off from the Fellowship of Reconciliation in the late 1950's when its members risked their lives in bus trips throughout the South. These Freedom Rides introduced John Lewis to the Moral Dimensions of Non-Violent Direct Action. The long term aim was to put a stake in the heart of Jim Crow in the South, after the NAACP's Brown v. Board victory in 1954.

John Lewis was 23 years old; I was 27 at the March for Jobs and Justice and the speeches of the major civil rights groups. John was the chair of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) that was formed three years earlier at Shaw University in Raleigh. His job that day was to represent SNCC and CORE, since our leader, Jim Farmer was in prison in Mississippi.

The original copy of his speech was seen as too militant by the Bayard Rustin and the other March organizers.

John's original speech blasted President Kennedy and his Attorney General-Brother, Robert Kennedy, for not using the Government's full power to protect the non-violent SNCC and CORE organizers in the deep South. When some of the old-timers read John's speech, they met with him and told him he had to tone it down. John felt strongly that he should paint a picture of the violent racist groups that ruled the south at night in their white sheets and in



Al McSurely

the day from their courthouse jobs. Robert Kennedy had confidential informants in the Klan and the Courthouses, but still they were allowed to beat, jail, and assassinate SNCC and CORE field secretaries. The CORE leader, Jim Farmer, was locked up in a southern prison, and John wanted to talk about that.

Now! That has always been John's favorite word. Now! Listen to the toned down speech John gave on August 28, 1963. You can find it on the internet.

John came up with "Good Trouble" and "Necessary Trouble" sayings much later, after the Racist Republican-Tea Party groups had insinuated themselves into Mr. Lincoln's Party, with Richard

Nixon in the late 1960's. One of the tricks of Tricky Dick was to set up false dichotomies--false choices--to prevent our generation's from completing our historical duty--to build a broad popular Movement to dismantle the systems of slavery and Jim Crow in the South.

My friend John loved to challenge false dichotomies. . . false choices. He loved putting Good and Trouble into the same phrase. Let me close by examining John Lewis'challenging these false choices with a little quiz:

1. What do we want? Justice or Truth? Answer: Yes!
2. When do we want it? Now! (John's favorite word!) Or it is obviously a long struggle to build a multi-racial grass roots movement? Answer: Yes
3. In 1963 at the March on Washington, was Rev. John Lewis or Rev. Martin Luther King the most effective Prophet? Yes
4. In John Lewis' congressional years and he challenged his colleagues to take up their generational duty, which was more powerful-- "Necessary Trouble or Good Trouble?" Yes
5. When my friend, Rev. Dr. William Barber II, says this is a Movement, Not a Moment, which is it? Yes
6. Is it a Movement of Truth or a Moment of Justice? Yes
7. Which are the best verses of the Anthem of the Civil Rights Movement? We Shall Overcome or We Are Not Afraid? Yes
8. Is it Race or Class? Yes
9. Is our Legislation Target Voting Rights or End the Filibuster? Yes
10. Which is more necessary? Getting your head cracked open on the Pettus Bridge or Meeting with LBJ in the White House to figure out how to get the VRA passed? Yes

My favorite dichotomy is learning in silence, as opposed to having someone teaching with word noises. As if people don't learn in silence. Let's think about John Lewis in silent for a minute. Then let us work to pass every law that has his name a

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.

Dear white people-Please don't lose your minds

White people, don't take it personally and don't lose your minds, but the numbers are in and the numbers don't lie.

For the first time in the history of the U.S. census, the non-Hispanic white population has fallen. With their numbers dropping from 63.7% in 2010 to 57.8% in 2020, white Americans are estimated to become a minority by 2045, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

This shift in numbers need not be perceived as a bad thing by white people or anyone else because demographic shifts are not a reflection of merit. While many white people will certainly be cool with these declining numbers, others may not welcome the opportunity to join the community of minorities. They will see this diminution of their percentage of the population as an existential threat.

The long-enforced social order that has afforded white people the lion's share of the values available to the American community has been dependent upon the ability to visit violence upon anyone who challenged that order. Much like the lion's ability to remain at the top of the food

chain because of its sharp claws and teeth and aggressive nature, Because of its capacity for violence and aggressive nature, Western society has kept white people at the top of the socio-economic heap.

Despite violence being at the foundation of white privilege in America, the notions of majority rule and the rule of law were used to hide the race-based inequities inflicted upon people of color for centuries. It was a very simple formula for justifying the maintenance of power by white people. In a democracy, numerical superiority guarantees dominance. The shorthand version of this reality is "majority rule." With white people in the majority, the principles of democracy guaranteed that they made the rules, which codified white privilege into laws in many instances. White privilege necessitated the maintenance of democracy and the rule of law.

Prior to the Civil War, the rule of law dictated that

enslaved African Americans were chattel, property of the people who enslaved them. If any of these enslaved individuals escaped their bondage, the rule of law required that they be returned to their enslavers. And until the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed in 1868, "[the Negro] had no rights which the white man was bound to respect," according to U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger B. Taney in his decision handed down in the landmark Dred Scott case. Descendants of Africa were not deemed to be deserving of respect.

This logic was born out of a world view of Western culture that was thousands of years in the making and twisted during the last five centuries into its current manifestation.

Western political structure was based upon notions of meritocracy stretching back beyond ancient Greece to the time of the pharaohs of Egypt. Meritocracy dictated that those deemed deserving by society should make its rules and regulate the allocation of its benefits.

After the collapse of the ancient world, religion was the general measure of merit, as the faithful were doing God's

will. Christians, Muslims and Jews all claimed the path of righteousness as theirs and theirs alone, and enslaving pagans was justifiable on the grounds of religion.

During the Renaissance in Europe, as the enslaved began to convert to Christianity, it became difficult to justify enslavement based upon the lack of Christian values. At this point, religion gave way to race as the justification for the enslavement of people of color and numerous inferiorities were ascribed to them as justification for the continuation of their enslavement.

Even after the American Civil War and passage of the 14th Amendment, African Americans and other people of color were relegated to a lower status in this country, entitled only to those crumbs of life and liberty that white Americans deemed to allow them. The rule of law democratically enacted and enforced by the political majority was a bulwark against any loss of privilege by white people.

On the other hand, when superior numbers fade, so does the utility of democracy. Then democracy is scrapped for expediency.

In the wake of the rise of

Black political power during Reconstruction, the Ku Klux Klan and extreme violence arose to enforce a new unwritten rule of law - a law of white supremacy at any cost. And as always, the justification for violence against people of color was that they were a threat.

The shrinking of the white majority in America has agitated a certain portion of the population that sees a threat in the rising tide of black and brown people. They realize that if the demographic trends continue, they no longer can rely on their superiority in numbers to guarantee them advantages in life.

A great deal of rhetoric is being espoused by white alarmists denying that their raising a red flag signaling the loss of numerical superiority in America has anything to do with white privilege. But just as Confederate lovers claim the Civil War was about state's rights without specifying that the right the states were primarily fighting for was the right to own slaves, these demographic alarmists do not reveal that the increasing percentages of people of color threatens white dominance. Historians today tell us that the Germans who followed

Adolph Hitler believed they were facing an existential crisis and had to fight for their very existence. Additionally, Hitler offered the majority population identifiable minorities as scapegoats. Germany's descent into Nazism did not work out well for Germany or the world at large, and it was thought to be common knowledge around the globe that such desperate attempts to maintain cultural or ethnic dominance were bad ideas.

The rest of the country, and indeed, the rest of the world are watching tensely to see if that restive portion of America's white population further loses its grip on reality and strikes out in fear with destructive consequences. But the global community will not tolerate a hateful America motivated by grievance politics and behaving like a schoolyard bully to maintain the status quo. Even if America is not able to prevent its own descent into authoritarianism, the community of nations will not stand for it.

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Local Hill School for Learning Disabilities celebrates

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Wilmington's Hill School that provides education services for students with learning differences will celebrate ten years during a special October event.

In conjunction with Dyslexia Awareness Month the academic institution will host, "Oyster Roast and Ten Year Toast," at UNC

Wilmington Watson School Of Education.

The evening event scheduled for October 8, from 6:30 to 10:30 pm will highlight dyslexia, student needs, and Hill School operations and services.

Executive Director, Susan Mixon Harrell is also considering the expansion of services for more students.

In August 2010 Hill School originated through an initia-

tive in Saint James Parish for six students with learning differences.

Tremendous school growth for a decade now has the population at fifty-two in a separate suburban location at 3333 Jaeckle Drive.

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The mission is to educate

and empower students.

Learning differences are typically linked to self esteem and confidence problems from past traditional school classroom experiences, according to the Director.

Hill School seeks to eliminate those negative effects.

In NC educational researchers document that eighty percent of students with learning disabilities are

dyslexic.

The school's October Dyslexia Awareness Month activities will focus on the disorder that manifests with problematic abilities to read, or differentiate and interpret the uses of letters and symbols.

For more details about Hill School and the, "Oyster Roast and Ten Year Toast," contact Harrell,director@hillsschoolofwilmington.org

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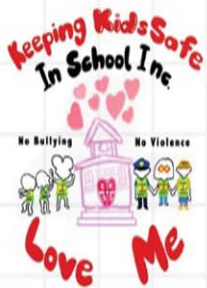
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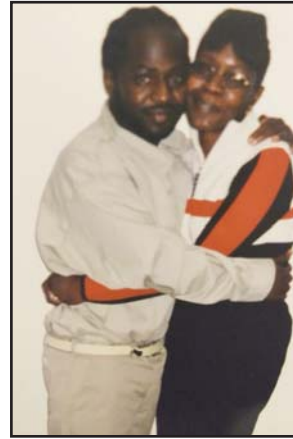
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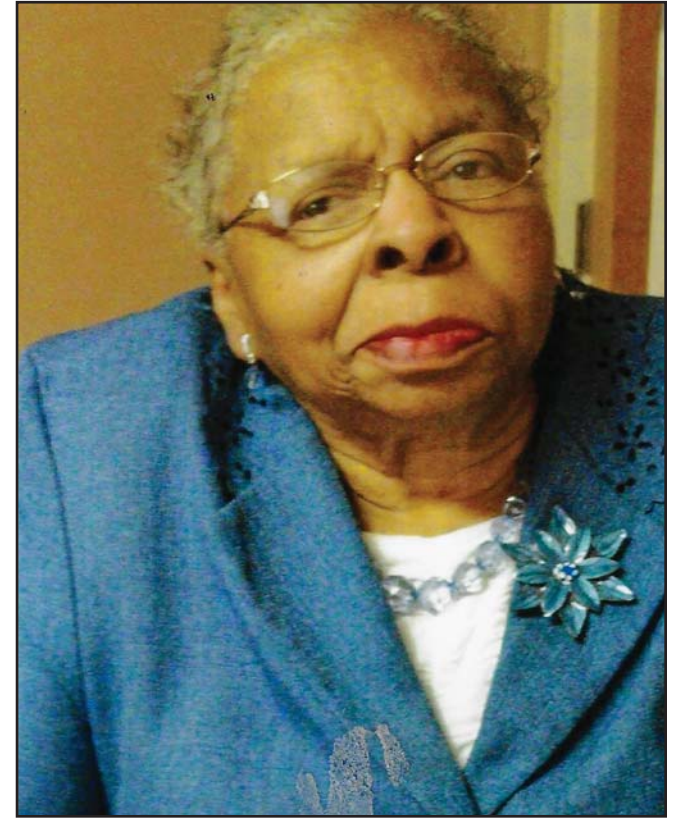


Dolly E. Holmes
Sunrise: August 24, 1956
Sunset: June 3, 2009

It hasn't been the same around here since you've been gone. I really miss hearing your laugh and seeing your smiling face. Today is the day I miss you the most because it's your birthday, the day you were brought into this world. I hope the angels are celebrating with you in Heaven and making you feel loved.

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Annie Marie Brinkley
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Lady Bug, when I think of all of our times together over the years and the great influence you had /have in my life, I feel blessed to have had a woman like you as my Mother.

I could not ask for a better Mother and best friend. Thank you for all the joy you brought me and the many sacrifices you made for me to give me a better life.

You added so much Sunshine to My Life. I know you've heard this before because I've always told you, but I never get tired of telling you how wonderful you are.

My Dear Lady Bug, you showed me how to love by loving, how to give by giving, when I fell down you picked me up, wiped my tears and eased my pain. You were my first sweetheart, you gave me my first "princess ring."

You walked with me and my dreams every step in time and your belief in me has taught me what love really means.

One of the nicest things about us was the closeness we shared.

Time may bring many changes in our lives but through the years, some things last and grow even more precious- like the special joy of having you for My Mother. Death cannot diminish the important ways you touched my life and grief cannot take away the happiness and love we shared.

I Miss You every day but I'm always remembering with Love and Pride what a loving Mother You've Always been. I know my sorrow will fade in time, but My Love for You Remains Forever.

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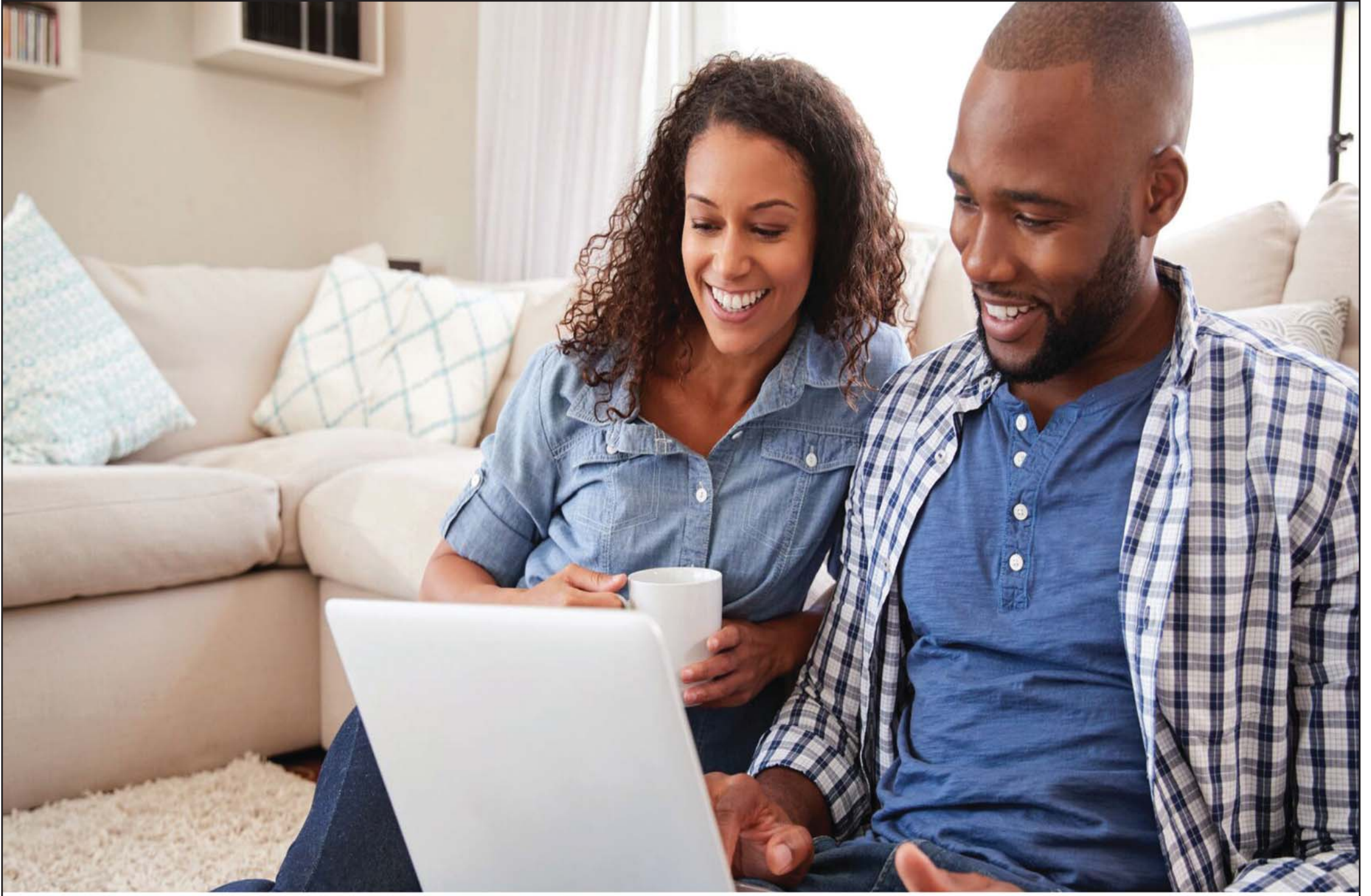


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Reginald Gore

Reginald Gore died August 09, 2021. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Reginald Samuel Gore, son of the late Dorothy Williams Gore and Sammie Lee Gore was born on November 29, 1960, at James Walker Hospital, Wilmington, North Carolina. Reggie was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School in the Class of 1981. Reggie spent several years working along-side his father and older brother as a long-shoreman with ILA Local 1426. He was also a member of the group known as "The Chocolate Block" and the famous "Death Valley" Sandlot Football Team. He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Kenneth Gore.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, Shakieta (Rhomiel) Bethea; grandchildren, Tatyana Melvin, Dominic, Jalen and Jordyn Bethea; brothers: Henry (Fonda) Williams and Darryl Hansley; sister, Angela "Niecy" Gore-Jones; aunts, Maxie Sinkler and Beverly Ann Mays; uncle, McKinley "Sunny" Mays; nieces, Eboni

(Trey) Crumpler and Latoya Thompson; nephews, James "A.J." Jones, Jurrell Jones and Tyrrel Gore; great-nieces, Semiya Thompson, Skyler Crumpler, Arya Holleman and Addyson and Ayva Gore; great-nephews, Sehmir Tindall, Jurrell "CJ" Jones and Damarius Gore; a host of other relatives and friends. A *Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*.

David Moore

David Moore died August 9, 2021. Graveside services were held on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Graham Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery.

David Glenn Moore, son of Willie Mae Brown and Ralph Bowen, Jr. was born December 21, 1970 in Bladen County, North Carolina. David gave God his heart at a young age and joined Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from New Hanover High School. David was a loving son, father, brother and friend. David loved his children and spent time with them. David was preceded in death by two brothers, Marcell Bowen and Ricoreo Bowen.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: four sons,

Diamonte, Montel and Isaiah of Durham, NC and Jeremiah of Dunn, NC; his loving mother, Willie Mae Brown (David) of Wilmington, NC; his father, Ralph Bowen (Rena) of Atkinson, NC; one sister, Helen Daniels of Castle Hayne, NC; two brothers, Kim Murphy (Debra) and James Tyrone Murphy (Brenda) all of Atkinson, NC; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. A *Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*.

Elizabeth MacRae

Elizabeth MacRae died August 10, 2021. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. A *Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*.

Romona Nixon

Romona Nixon died August 12, 2021. Funeral service will be 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be from, 6-8:00 P.M. on Friday at the funeral home. A *Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*.

Leroy Bunting, Jr.

Leroy Bunting, Jr. died August 15, 2021. A memorial service will be held at a later date. A *Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*.

Theresa Broughton Harris

Ms. Theresa Broughton Harris, daughter of the late Abraham and Christina Broughton, departed her life at 10:00 a.m. in the morning of August 4, 2021, at Cypress Pointe Rehabilitation Center, Wilmington, North Carolina. Theresa, known to most as "Rosebud," was born in Charleston, South Carolina.

Theresa was educated in the public school system of Charleston, taking her first job with the Charleston Naval Base during World War II.

In the earlier years, Rosebud would marry twice, becoming widowed to Dan Pierson and Sam Brown. From her homeport in Charleston, Rosebud kept in close contact with family members that settled in varying parts of the United States with extended visits.

"We were always so excited to see our Aunt Rosebud when she came to town," says a niece. "We looked forward to all the good cooking and fun times that came with each visit." Rosebud did not have children of her own, but for a host of nephews and nieces, she was like a warm loving mother. Later, she moved to Springfield, Massachusetts where she worked in the employment of the Plotkin family for some years.

She would eventually move to Wilmington, North Carolina where she met and married Willie J. "Bill" Harris, settling into a nice, retired lifestyle. She was a loving member of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church family for over 30 plus years.

Rosebud is preceded in death by her husband, Willie J. Harris, step-daughter Ann Melvin, her parents, Christina "Tina" and Abraham Broughton, brothers Abraham, Jr., Charles, Nathaniel. Sisters, Sue, Mary, Mariah, and Elena. She is survived by her brother, Willie Broughton (Francis), step-daughter Gail Quirk (James), step-grandson Clifford Melvin (Jeanice), great-granddaughter Victoria and a host of step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Ursula Denise Whitfield

Ms. Ursula Denise Whitfield, affectionately known as "Peaches" by family and friends was born to the late Lena Dreher and the late James Green on February 27, 1973. She departed this life on August 4, 2021 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Peaches received her formal education in New Hanover County, graduating from New Hanover High School.

Growing up she was a fun and loving person who enjoyed going to church, listening to gospel music, visiting friends

in the nursing home and just helping anyone that she could.

She worked at several nursing homes until her health failed. Ursula was a go getter. She was a giving person who would give you her last. She didn't let her health stop her. She strived to make a difference in the lives of many, including her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a step-brother, James Dreher, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two loving sons whom she loved dearly, Devyn and Sharrod, her loving stepdad James Dreher; one sister Christie and one brother

James, three step-sisters Tanya, Ayala and Yolanda, aunts Linda, Doris and Neasy, uncles Donnelle and Terry, special cousins, Deborah, Jessie, Raymond, Jackie and Tiffany, God-daughters Briana and Tytiana, her dear and closest friends to her heart, Sharrod, Felicia, Pam and Wanda Faye, special friends from Taylor Homes, Rose Marie, Tyrone, Matthew, Julia and a host of other 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.*

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T is for the THOUGHTFUL WAY you were always giving of yourself and the way your true inner beauty shows through all you do. You were always there for us and truly cared.
N is for never TIRING from the duties and responsibilities of a mother and our mother.
S is for the STRENGTH you showed us and we learned from the example.
I is for your INSEPARABLE ways which we will always remember with joy and gratitude.
M is for the MOUNTAIN of LOVE you gave to all of us.
M is for the MANNERISMS that you bestowed in all of our lives.
O is for being OPEN with your HEART.
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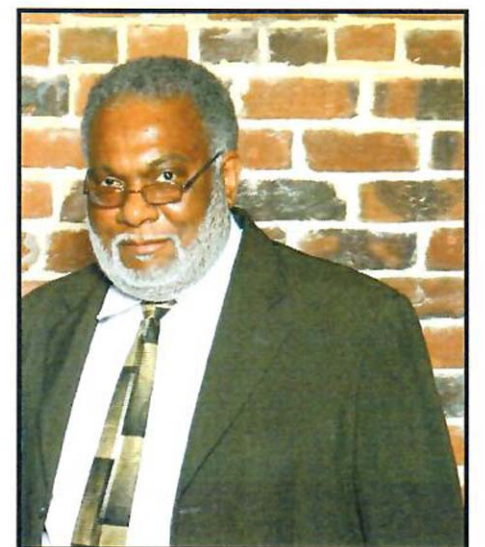
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Matthew 22:37-38, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment."

Heart: Seat of emotions; Center of feelings

"God's Got My Back!" a familiar phrase, a local colloquialism. For many, it's another way of saying, that God is good all the time, and He is making a way for me! They could also mean, that God is my keeper and my covering. God is my fortress and my strength, He is a very present

help in the time of trouble. God's got my back and that means he will never leave me nor forsake me!

Oh yes, "God's Got My Back!" Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life... The angels of the Lord are encamped all around me. The Lord is my light and my salvation, therefore, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? "God's got my back!" God wants your heart.

Yes, God's got your back, and because He is a God of relationship, God wants your heart!!! Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search

"God wants your heart"

the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to the fruit of his doings."

The heart controls the affections, the emotions, the behaviors and the beliefs. Matthew 6:21 says, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The emotions of joy, sorrow, and merriment take place in the



Sylvia Hooper

heart.

The heart is also the place where faith works or fails to work. Mark 11:23, refers to the

presence of doubt in the heart. Romans 10:10, speaks of belief in the heart, and Hebrews 3:12 speaks of unbelief in the heart.

I Samuel 16:7 says, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." God knows our heart, and that is the truth! He knows when we are sincere, and God knows when we are insincere. He knows when we are half hearted or double minded, and He knows when we are totally surrendered to His will and to His way. This is reflected in the statement made in Luke 6:46. "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" This point of knowing is also expressed in Matthew 15:8, "This people

draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." God wants your heart.

God wants your heart! This is true for every Believer in Christ Jesus. II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Yes, many of our brothers and sisters may say, God's got my back! But can you say with the same intensity and sincerity, that God's got my heart!!!! God wants your heart!!!!

Heavenly Father, in the

Name of JESUS, I give my heart to you. I lay my life before you. Have your way in my heart and let your will be done in my life." Amen, 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

Living and walking in the present tense principles of the word of God

Living and walking in the present tense principles of the word of God (present tense, means it exists in the now)! Part 1

Romans 8:1, (KJV) There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. I Peter 1:12, (KJV) Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

Let's define the term principle: it is a basic truth, or law, a fixed or predetermined mode of action. A basis, or essential quality or element determining intrinsic nature or characteristic behavior. Intrinsic means of, or pertaining to the essential nature of a thing; inherent in other words, it's the stuff between the peeling that makes the thing what it is (oranges or bananas).

Principles are laws that are constant or invariable ("We walk by faith not by sight", "Let us also walk in the Spirit", "And walk in love", "Let us walk by the same rule". These are laws that govern our spiritual life in Christ Jesus!

The universe is governed by principles or what we call

natural laws, the universe is not a product of chance but a design of God the Creator, and in it, we have law and order. For, example the earth rotates on its axis around the sun, it orbits around the sun is about 66,000, mph. It takes about one year or 365 days for the earth to travel around the sun.

Some laws govern the rise and fall of the tide (surface) of the oceans, seas, and bays, rivers connected with them, caused by the attraction of the moon and sun. The tide occurs twice each period of 24 hours and 51 minutes and people want you and I think that it's happening by chance. No wonder the Bible says "the fool hath said in his heart there is no God".

There are physical laws that govern the function of the human body, such as food, water, and oxygen, which are a necessity for the development and growth of the human body. The body is also made up of several major systems, principles, or laws. Each system or law has its special job, but all the systems work together to keep the body alive and functioning properly.

Let's examine the spiritual laws that govern the kingdom of God: John 3:3-7 (KJV)

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered,

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

1. Jesus gave the source of the new birth. It was being born of water, even of the Spirit (see

2. Jesus repeated the importance of being born again. Note what John 3:3 says: a man "can never see" (grasp, understand, know, experience) the Kingdom of God; John 3:5 says a man "can never enter" (gain entrance to) the Kingdom of God.

3. Jesus gave the nature of the new birth. It is spiritual, not physical and material (see note-. The flesh cannot bridge the gap between flesh and spirit. The flesh is only flesh; it has no power to be born again, to become spirit

4. Jesus re-emphasized the

absolute necessity of the new birth. "Ye must be born again." The word "must" (dei) means an absolute necessity, an imperative.

5. Jesus illustrated the point by picturing the wind. The Spirit of God works just like the wind. We may not know how the wind works, but we can see the effects. It is the same with the Spirit of God: we may not know how He works, but we can see the effects of His working." (POSB-C)

John 1:12-13, (KJV) "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God"

1 Peter 1:23 (KJV) 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever:

Believers (black and white) are to love one another because they have been born again by the Word of God. All believers have been spiritually born again and spiritually remade. They have been spiritually created into new men and new women, created anew by God to be brothers and sisters to one another and to love one another. Note two points. 1. First, believers are not born again by corruptible seed,

that is, not by the seed of a mere man who is corruptible. If we were born again by the work of some man, we would still be corruptible. 2. Second, believers are born again by the incorruptible seed, by the Word of God itself. God spoke and convicted us and led us to repent of our sins and turn to Him. It may have happened when we were reading God's Word or thinking about God or when we were listening to some preacher proclaim God's Word. It does not matter when or how we were born again. What matters is that it has happened. When we turned from sin to God, God spoke the Word and quickened our spirits, making them alive to Him and His Word. (POSB-C)

1 John 4:7-13 (KJV) 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not God, he that loveth not God; for God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one

another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. Vs. 4:19-21 (KJV) 19 We love him because he first loved us. 20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. 1 John 3:14-15 "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him". This is one of the saddest commentaries on the Christian church in America, Black and White. Father, in the name of Jesus, help us to come to the knowledge of the truth that is being conveyed to us in Your Word, that the sin of Racism cannot enter the kingdom of God, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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COVID vaccine booster shots will start in September

BY STACY M. BROWN
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Top health officials and medical experts joined on Wednesday, August 18, to announce that booster shots of the Covid-19 vaccine will be available beginning on September 20.

The officials said the boosters are still pending authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci, and COVID Health Equity Task Force Chair Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith counted among the experts and officials to issue a news release about the additional shots.

"We are prepared to offer booster shots for all Americans beginning the week of September 20 and starting eight months after an individual's second dose," the officials wrote.

"At that time, the individuals who were fully vaccinated earliest in the vaccination rollout, including many health care providers, nursing home residents, and other seniors, will likely be eligible for a booster."

The statement continued: "We would also begin efforts to deliver booster shots directly to residents of long-term care facilities at that time, given the distribution of vaccines to this population early in the vaccine rollout and the continued increased risk that COVID-19 poses to them."

The announcement arrives as the virus continues a rapid

spread throughout the country, with hotspots identified in Florida, Mississippi, Texas, Oregon, and other states.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it plans to send a trailer mortgage to San Antonio, Texas because bodies are beginning to pile there.

In South Carolina, the Pickens County School District closed schools and converted to remote learning after a dramatic Covid outbreak.

During the first week of school in El Paso, Texas, health officials reported 309 active Covid cases in children. That number rose the second week to 373, and ultimately it climbed this week to 501.

Vaccines still have not been authorized for children under 12.

Authorized Covid-19 vac-

cines are "remarkably effective in reducing the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant," health officials stated.

The officials continued that "current protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death could diminish in the months ahead, especially among those who are at higher risk or were vaccinated during the earlier phases of the vaccination rollout. For that reason, we conclude that a booster shot will be needed to maximize vaccine-induced protection and prolong its durability."

The initial booster doses will be for the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines.

Still, health officials said shots would likely be neces-



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sary for individuals who received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

"Administration of the J&J vaccine did not begin in the U.S. until March 2021, and we expect more data on J&J in the next few weeks," the

officials wrote. "We continue to expand efforts to increase the supply of vaccines globally for other countries, "building further on the more than 600 million doses we have already committed to donating globally."

Vaccine effectiveness declines overall, remains strong in preventing hospitalization

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In a blunt – perhaps troubling – assessment about the need for a third vaccine shot, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said the agency examined numerous cohorts through the end of July, and early August, and three points are now clear:

"First, vaccine-induced protection against SARS-CoV-2 infection begins to decrease over time. Second, vaccine effectiveness against severe disease, hospitalization, and death remains relatively high. And third, vaccine effectiveness is generally decreased against the delta variant."

Dr. Walensky's com-

ments come as health officials and medical experts connected to the Biden-Harris administration announced that booster shots would commence September 20.

The statement also arrives the same day as the CDC published its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, reinforced the notion that vaccines alone can't stop the pandemic.

Safety precautions like wearing masks must coincide with "a layered approach centered on vaccination," Researchers at the New York State Department of Health and the University at Albany School of Public Health wrote in a new study of vaccine effectiveness across New York state.

Another report that collected data from the Mayo Clinic discovered a 42 per-

cent drop in the Pfizer vaccine's effectiveness against the delta variant.

The study found the Moderna vaccine proved about 76 percent effective against delta.

Overall, the CDC found effectiveness against infection declined for those living in nursing homes.

The CDC said the vaccine's effectiveness against delta in nursing homes dropped from 75 percent in March through May to 53 percent in June and July.

Officials stressed that vaccines remain highly-effective against hospitalizations.

"Additional doses of COVID-19 vaccine might be considered for nursing home and long-term care facility residents," the researchers concluded.

Still another analyst



"Safety precautions like wearing masks must coincide with "a layered approach centered on vaccination," (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)


published by the CDC noted that patients at 21 hospitals in 18 states found sustained protection against hospitalization. In addition, the study revealed that effectiveness remained at 86 percent,

despite the uptick in cases caused by delta.

The effectiveness for adults without compromised immune systems also held steady at 90 percent.

"We are concerned that the current strong protec-

tion against severe infection, hospitalization, and death could decrease in the months ahead, especially among those who are at higher risk or who were vaccinated earlier," Dr. Walensky declared.



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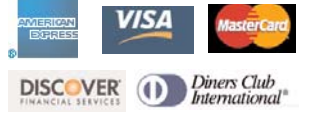
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July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

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Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Sheryl Ann Hoeffle (21-E-1166)**, 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 **November 19, 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 19th day of August, 2021.

Patricia Hoeffle
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 19, 26 September 2, 9, 2021

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Board will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 3pm. Pursuant to §4.31 of SB 704 (S.L. 2020 3), the meeting will also be conducted remotely from the 6th Floor Training Conference Room at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC. Members of the public who cannot attend in-person can access the live meeting online at www.zoom.us/join or by phone by dialing 312-626-6799 and entering Meeting ID 917 8988 5982 and Passcode 464328. A public comment period will be held. Those who cannot attend in person may submit comments in advance by emailing wmpo@wilmingtonnc.gov or by leaving a message at (910) 341-3258 before 5pm on August 24th. Public comments received by email or by phone will be played or read aloud by staff during the meeting. Per the adopted Public Participation Plan, public comments shall be limited to 3 minutes each.

Mike Kozlosky,
Executive Director,
Wilmington Urban Area
Metropolitan
Organization
Planning

August 19, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Robert N. Huffman, 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 12th day of November, 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 12th day of August, 2021

Mary Margret McClain, Executor
2212 Lynnwood Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Dorothy Mills Hewett-Hobbs (21-E-1149)**, 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 **November 12, 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 12th day of August, 2021.

Terry A. Moore
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 12, 19, September 2, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Walter Joseph Lennon (21-E-1151)**, late of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts 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 **November 12, 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 9th day of July, 2021.

Derek Ryan
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 34**

**IN THE MATTER OF: T.S.P.
(DOB: 4/15/2015)**

**TO: RESPONDENT:
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HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA TO ALISON NAYLOR**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following August 5, 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 and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR September 27, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of August, 2021.

Jill Cairo
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co.
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Sources:
Across Platforms, 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2013)
The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2013 (NAA.org, April 5, 2013)
2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

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STIP Project B-5624

Wilmington - The public is invited to a hearing on Aug. 31 with the N.C. Department of Transportation this month to discuss the proposed amendment of the Green Swamp Preserve State Dedicated Nature Preserve located in Brunswick County.

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

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

The formal presentation will begin at **7 p.m. Aug. 31, 2021**. Interested people can attend as shown below:

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People may also submit comments by phone (984-205-6615 project code 8026); email (Green-Swamp-Preserve@publicinput.com); or mail at the address shown below by **September 3, 2021**.

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

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

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