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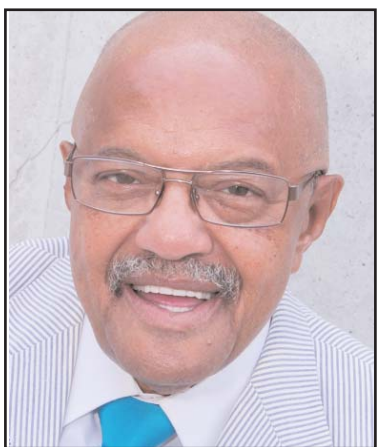
EBONEE SPEARS

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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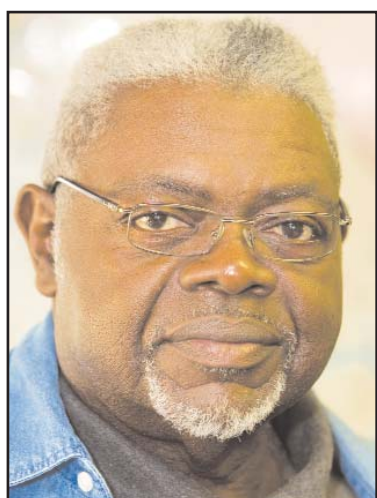
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GET VACCINATED NOW

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County and surrounding counties, please, please take the COVID-19 vaccine! It's not as though the shots are not available or that you don't have a chance or a ride! All of this is as near as your phone! Lean not on your own opinion! God has given doctors and scientists the ability to produce this shot. Even four different kinds of it are available. It's free! Don't let man tell you it's not real when people all around you are dying from this virus! It is

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REV. DR. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN



DENNIS GADDY

Court rules in favor of voting rights for parolees

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It was an elated Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman who shared the news in a statement Monday about a major voting rights court victory: "A three-judge Superior Court panel modified its preliminary injunction today in *CSI v. Moore*, the lawsuit challenging North Carolina's disenfranchisement of people living in communities across the State on felony probation, parole, or post-release supervision," Rev. Spearman said.

"Today's ruling allows all North Carolinians on community supervision for felony convictions to begin to register to vote and vote in North Carolina elections immediately," he continued. "During the trial last week, plaintiffs argued that the law discriminates against Black people in both its historical intent and its effect today, excluding them from full participation in our democracy. This ruling represents the largest expansion of voting rights in North Carolina since the Voting Rights Act of 1965 -- restoring voting rights to over 56,000 North Carolinians living in communities

across the State."

The immediate reaction was overwhelming from social justice advocates, especially in the Black community.

"This is an outstanding victory for those individuals, all citizens and mostly African Americans and other racial minorities, who have been prevented from voting for decades as a result of an unconstitutional application of the law," remarked Attorney Irving Joyner, chairman of the NC NAACP's Legal Redress Committee.

"The racial impact to this voter suppression is obvious, and now a significant segment of our population has been empowered to begin a full measure of political participation."

Attorney Joyner continued, "I expect the State to appeal this decision, but pray that they decide not to do so. North Carolina ought to be a state where we can have pride in the fact that all of our citizens can vote and fully participate in the political franchise."

As a former felon, Dennis Gaddy, the founder and executive director of Community Success Initiative, a nonprofit program for the formerly incarcerated and plaintiff in the case, shared what it felt like not to have the right to

vote, not to have a voice at the ballot box when he sorely wanted one.

"Fifty-six thousand people are now re enfranchised...where they will have a vote, and a say in their own lives," Gaddy told reporters during a Zoom press conference Monday, later adding that at least 22,000 more former felons are expected to be released in the coming year and will have the right to vote the moment that they are released.

Gaddy went on to tell how, after his release in 2005, he was unable to vote for seven years because he was on probation, meaning he was legally prohibited from voting for the nation's first Black president, Barack Obama, in 2008.

"I...was...devastated," Gaddy expressed, noting that from this day forth, CSI can counsel its formerly incarcerated clients that they automatically have the right to vote if they choose to exercise it.

Diana Powell, executive director of Justice Served, another Raleigh-based nonprofit community advocate, was also elated.

"I'm just so excited...can't wait to start spreading the good news, that history has been made in North Carolina," Ms. Powell said, smiling.



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Falsely blaming Blacks for COVID-19 spike

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As of August 15, 2021, Blacks comprised 22% (201,614) of all known COVID-19 cases in North Carolina, compared to Whites, who were reportedly 61% (565,444) of all coronavirus cases across our State, according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

So, here in the Old North State, where Governor Roy Cooper, a Democrat, strongly encourages citizens to wear protective masks, there's little evidence that African-Americans are the drivers of the new surge in COVID-19 cases. This is especially true with the more contagious Delta variant being a prominent factor.

That doesn't mean that unvaccinated Blacks are "out of the woods," but only that they, like other population groups, are still subject to infection, especially if unvaccinated.

Indeed, in 46 states, the rates of new COVID-19 cases are higher than in previous weeks, according to John Hopkins University. Yet there are Republican politicians who are more than willing to blame African-Americans for any rise in coronavirus cases.

"When I looked at that drone view of [Los Angeles], where it was almost a mile-long shoulder-to-shoulder of people and they're expressing, they're vocal...and now we're finding that's the easiest way to transmit to one another, the long periods of time next to one another," House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy told CNBC last year after a massive Black Lives Matter California protest of the George Floyd killing.

Later research proved McCarthy to be wrong in his assertion.

In July 2020, then Pres. Donald Trump blamed Black and brown people for a rise in cases in the nation's Sun Belt.

"There are likely a number of causes for the spike in infections," he said. "Cases started to rise among young Americans shortly after demonstrations, which you know very well about," Trump said after the BLM demonstrations. "We're also sharing

a 2,000-mile border with Mexico, as we know very well, and cases are surging in Mexico, unfortunately." Again, there was no subsequent supporting evidence.

Fast forward to just last week, when the political racial COVID-19 accusations continued. "The biggest group in most states are African Americans who have not been vaccinated," Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a Republican, falsely told Laura Ingraham on Fox News August 19, attempting to explain the Lone Star State's recent dramatic surge in coronavirus cases.

"The last time I checked, over 90 percent of them vote for Democrats in their major cities and major counties, so

it's up to the Democrats to get, just as it's up to Republicans to try to get, as many people vaccinated."

However, according to the Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Blacks there comprise 16.4% of coronavirus cases, as opposed to Whites accounting for 34.9% and Hispanics at 35.8%.

Blacks may be among the significantly unvaccinated in Texas, but they are not the highest, as Lt. Gov. Patrick contends. "There are likely a number of causes for the spike in infections. Cases started to rise among young Americans shortly after demonstrations, which you know very well about." He went on, "We're also shar-

ing a 2,000-mile border with Mexico, as we know very well, and cases are surging in Mexico, unfortunately."

Plus, U. S. Census figures from July show White unvaccinated Texans outnumber Black unvaccinated three to one.

Only 44% of Texans have been fully vaccinated, even in the midst of Gov. Gregg Abbott's ban on a mask wearing mandate, and, according to The Texas Tribune, unvaccinated status is higher among White Republicans in the state than African-Americans.

Despite the political and, some say, "racist" and inaccurate remarks about Blacks' comprising most new COVID-19 cases by

Republican politicians, the fact remains that those who remain unvaccinated in the African-American community run the risk of becoming infected and suffering dearly for it.

The unvaccinated point to recent news that civil rights leader The Rev. Jesse Jackson, 79, and his wife, Jacqueline, 77, reportedly have contracted COVID-19, despite having been vaccinated. They have been hospitalized. However, most doctors agree that contracting COVID-19 while vaccinated minimizes the most severe effects of the virus, unless there are other mitigating factors compromising one's immune system.



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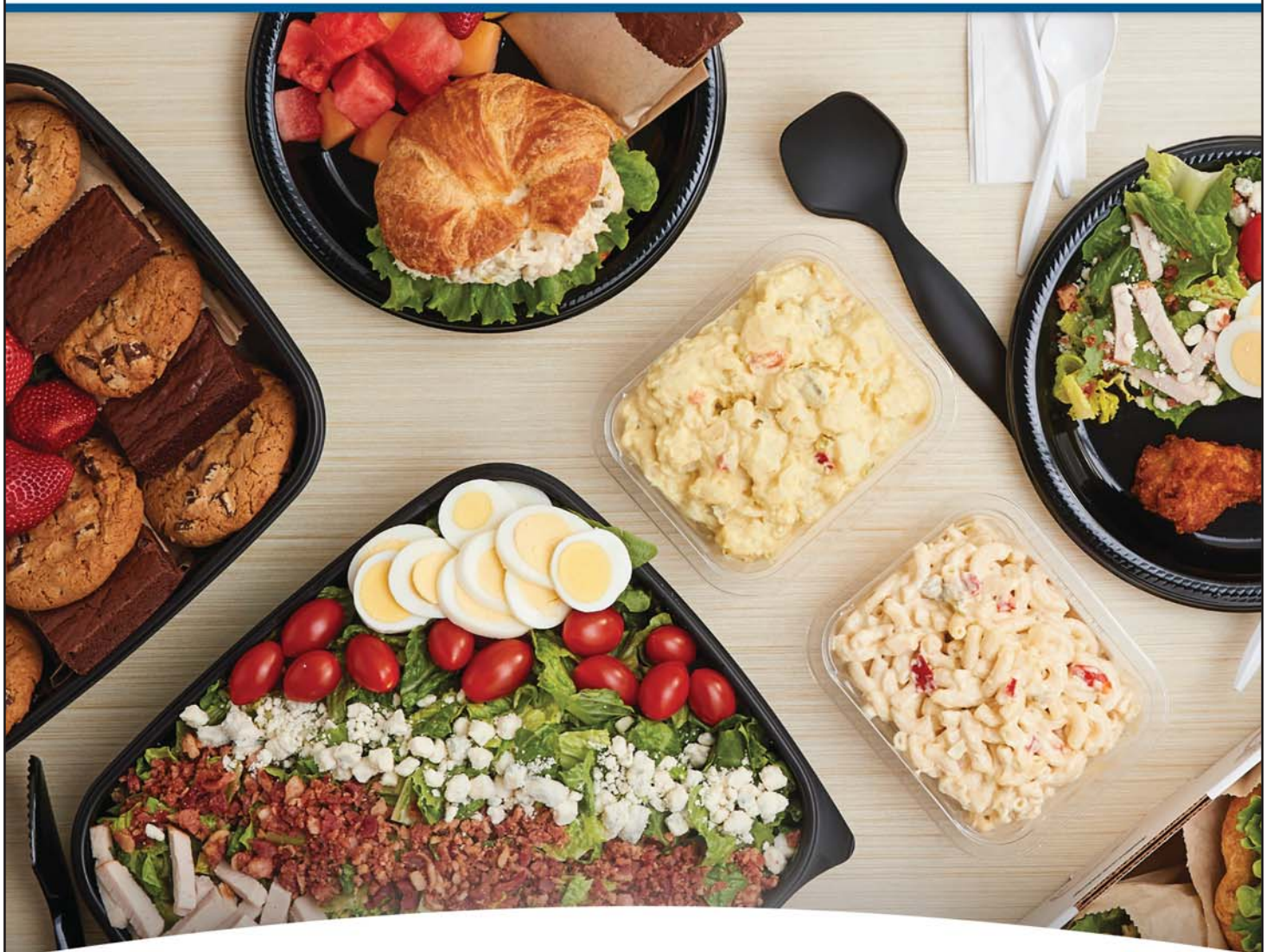
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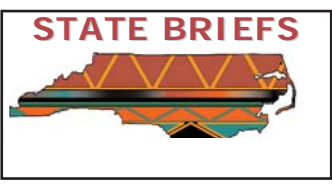


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ROBINSON RELEASES REPORT CLAIMING TEACHERS ARE "ABUSING" THEIR POSITIONS WITH CRT
 [RALEIGH] Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson released a report Tuesday claiming that some educators "are abus-

ing" their positions by indoctrinating students with ideas derived from critical race theory. The report comes months after the Black Republican formed a task force on the issue, and the state Senate is moving forward in passing a law, HB 324, against the teaching of critical race theory in North Carolina public schools. Democrats are confident that if the anti-CRT law is passed, Gov. Roy Cooper would veto it.

JESSE JACKSON AND HIS WIFE ARE SAID TO BE RESPONDING WELL TO COVID-19 TREATMENTS
 [CHICAGO] NC A&T alumnus Rev. Jesse Jackson says that he's doing "fairly well" in a Chicago hospital after it was reported earlier this week that the 79-year-old civil rights leader contracted a breakthrough coronavirus infection, even after being fully vaccinated in January.

Reports say that Jacqueline Jackson, 77, who is also hospitalized separately, had not been vaccinated. She reportedly is on oxygen. Family members say she didn't get the shot because of a preexisting condition, though they would not disclose what it is. Most doctors say people with diabetes, cancer or high blood pressure should get the COVID-19 shot.

REP. BUTTERFIELD ON HOUSE PASSAGE OF JOHN LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ACT
 The U.S. House on Tuesday passed the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, though its future in the U.S. Senate isn't assured. Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), who voted for it, issued the following statement, in part - "Today, the House joins those generations of Americans who fought to

secure a Voting Rights Act that protects the fundamental right to vote for all Americans. H.R. 4's new preclearance formula will restore the heart of the Voting Rights Act, protect standards for voting access, and make the promise of democracy real for us all."

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

House amends police body cam law, but public still locked out

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The North Carolina State House last week voted to make changes to North Carolina's controversial police video cam and dash cam law but did little to make police videos of alleged brutality incidents more readily available to the public. The changes are part of the large Senate Bill 300, which passed in the State Senate in May and, having been debated, modified and passed in the House last week. The modified bill awaits passage by the Senate. If it becomes law, police body cam video footage would still be classified as not be part of the public record or personnel record.

In order for part or the entire video to be disclosed to a family member or North

Carolina licensed attorney, representing the family of a police brutality victim, a notarized form has to be submitted to the head of the law enforcement agency involved. Then, only by order of a court could it be disclosed.

However, the person to whom the video is disclosed shall not record or copy the video, the proposed law says, and the relevant portion regarding either death or injury shall not be edited or redacted.

In no more than three business days after the law enforcement agency has received the notarized request form, it should file a petition in a superior court where the video was made for its release to the family member or authorized representative.

The superior court has seven business days to issue an order of disclosure.

This law would become effective December 1, 2021.



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Kent Caldwell-Meeks on Building Your Legacy

As we gather to celebrate family reunions, we are reminded of the importance of legacy, especially after being separated from loved ones due to the pandemic. We may also be reminded of how important it is to build a financial legacy for our family today and into the next generation.

As Senior Managing Director for Wealth & Investment Management at Wells Fargo Advisors, I have a personal and professional understanding of the challenges Black families face trying to build wealth. Due to systemic inequality, some people in our communities have disproportionately lower incomes, less financial acumen and limited homeownership opportunities.

In fact, a recent Wells Fargo/Gallup poll stated that about one in six Black and African-American people reported that their current income equals their expenses. One in eight said that they are either drawing on their savings to make ends meet or falling into debt. This needs to change.

No matter your situation, you can create a wealth-building plan that helps you improve financial habits now and set clear goals for the future. Start with organizing your finances, finding ways to save and using that savings to grow your finances. Here are some key ways to build wealth:

Real Property Assets

Owning your personal residence and/or other real estate can be a great foundation for building wealth because it typically appreciates in value over time.

Retirement Plans

If your workplace offers a 401(k) or other savings plan, these are effective savings tools that are usually deducted from your salary automatically, so you don't even have to think about it.

Entrepreneurship

Starting a business of your own could also help you build financial stability for your family now, as well as create a legacy that generates wealth for the future.

Getting on the path to wealth-building can seem overwhelming, but taking those first steps can make all the difference. Here is some advice on how to get started:

- 1. Start now.** Don't put it off. The sooner you start, the longer your wealth has time to grow.
- 2. Do your homework.** Understand your financial situation. Seek out money management tools and resources. Research wealth-building opportunities.
- 3. Know your options.** Take advantage of 401(k) plans, education funds and other saving

opportunities offered within your workplace or union. You can also start a plan on your own.

4. Work with a trusted advisor. Find a professional you trust who can assess where you are now and help guide you on your path to financial growth.

So, as you reunite with family to celebrate your rich history, keep in mind the things you can do to help build wealth for their future. My team and I are committed to helping families in our community thrive and establish a lasting financial legacy.

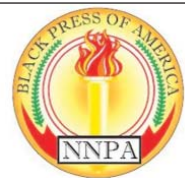
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POWER THOUGHTS FOR YOUR SUCCESS

The truth about success

Success is generally defined as a favorable or satisfactory outcome or result. Whatever you do in your life, you get results. Whether or not those results are the ones you desired, is your measure of success.

Success is often defined as the gaining of wealth, fame, rank and so on. However, in the most general terms, success is the continuous realization of the outcomes or results you desire.

On the physical level, success is often seen as specific material accomplishments—a particular type of car, home, status, or income level. But, once the car, home or other material possessions are obtained, there may be no further growth in understanding, wisdom, or consciousness.

People who operate on this material level of success often become consumed with maintaining those possessions that represent their success.

When success is understood on a spiritual level, it is seen as a progressive realization of a worthwhile purpose. You continue to grow and develop in all aspects.

On a spiritual level, success is the continuous unfolding of your purpose and destiny.

True success is the progressive, continuous effort of attaining your goals and realizing your vision. This process leads to your worthwhile purpose in life.

Success Must Be In Your Mind First

Success starts in your own mind. Constantly have a concept and vision in your mind of what success means to you.

"You become what you think about most of the time."

-Earl Nightingale

Be Constant In Your Efforts

Never take a break from your success journey. Do not stop for rest and reward too soon. When you stop at the first sign of success, you become stagnant, lazy, and begin to decline.

As your efforts begin to produce rewards and results, work even harder. Success and achievement come only through continuous work.

The only place that success comes before work is in the dictionary.

Get Away From The Crowd At The Bottom

One of the most difficult steps you will face on your success journey is getting away from the crowd at the bottom. There are many unsuccessful, mediocre people who have failed to recognize or act on their true potential. If you constantly associate with them, your success journey may be short-lived.

You must clear the deck to make room for new associations who will complement and enhance your success efforts.

Once you break away from the mediocre crowd, accept the temporary state of loneliness and prepare for your success.

Be Willing To Change Your Life Completely

You must be willing to change your life completely. Make your life congruent with, consistent with, and harmonic with your desired success.

Is there anything about the way you think or feel about yourself that will frustrate your success efforts? If so, handle it immediately. Do whatever it takes, for as long as it takes, to become the person that you must be, to accomplish your goals and realize your vision.

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Next week - "Nine Rules For Becoming A Success"

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RAINBOW COALITION

Why are a few Democrats blocking Biden's bold recovery agenda?

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

This is the week that will tell whether Washington will act to address the growing crises that threaten our democracy. Across the country, COVID-19 is spiking once more, as the Delta variant proves ever more contagious. Floods in the Northeast join flames in the Northwest, as extreme weather caused by climate change takes an ever-greater toll in lives and resources.

Our economy has only begun to recover from the COVID-19 recession, and it still does not work for most Americans. Low-income families struggle to find housing; young people are burdened with college debts; parents can't afford child care; the old find health care ever more unaffordable. Now comes the test. Will a handful of conservative Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives join Republicans in blocking the progress we need? Will they join Republicans in sabotaging the program of the Democratic president?

Will they spurn their own leaders in the House and the urging of the vast majority of their caucus? As I write this from my hospital bed, they are still claiming they will block the way. Here's the back story. The Senate — somewhat miraculously — has passed

both a bill to begin rebuilding our infrastructure with bipartisan support, and a budget resolution that would make a real impact on people's lives in a party-line vote. The former is modest — only \$550 billion in new money over 10 years, focused on roads, bridges and water systems.

To gain Republican support, it tends to balance the spending with revenues from accounting tricks, repurposing funds from other purposes and other gambits. The latter — the budget resolution — is bolder in vision, providing a child allowance for middle and low income families, major investment in quality day care and pre-K, a serious first step in investments to meet the climate crisis, and major improvements in Medicare to make health care more affordable.

The budget resolution bill is also bolder in scope, spending \$3.5 trillion over 10 years, balanced by revenues produced by asking the rich and the corporations to pay closer to their fair share in taxes. Not surprisingly, Republicans — who have pledged never to raise taxes on

the rich and even oppose empowering the IRS to collect the taxes they already owe — unanimously voted against it. Now the House must pass the budget resolution — again in the face of united Republican opposition.

That will then unleash the committees to detail the exact programs, negotiate various compromises, lay out the revenue side and pass a budget to be negotiated with the Senate. With Democrats enjoying only a three-vote margin in the House, that requires House Democrats to unite as Senate Democrats did (and as Republicans do in opposition). Yet, somehow, a handful of conservative Democrats have decided to get in the way. They demand that the House pass the smaller, bipartisan infrastructure bill immediately and say they won't vote for a budget resolution until it does.

Why? They say speed is necessary to pass the infrastructure bill, but that's just silly. The whole process will be done — if everyone stays on board — by October. They claim the triumph of bipartisanship is the way things should be done. But as the infrastructure bill showed, the only legislation able to gain Republican support will be too modest to make a real difference on climate and will do nothing to address the extreme inequality fos-

tered by our current rigged tax system.

The Democratic holdouts also claim they are worried about the "price tag" of the budget resolution — although that bill provides real revenue to balance the spending, while the infrastructure bill fails to do so. No, the only conclusion, other than that they craving media attention, is that these conservatives want less: less help for families, a weaker Medicare program, less action on the climate threat, less investment in kids from pre-K to college. At a time when the crises we face demand bold action, they prefer small. With extreme inequality undermining our economy and democracy, they cater to donors, not voters.

At a time when Republican obstruction forces Democratic unity if anything is to move, they prefer division. This week will tell. It is time for conservative Democrats to stop posturing and to start legislating, to stop dividing the party and to start getting with the program. One thing is clear: If they are successful in blocking Biden's agenda, they will surely lay the groundwork for Republican victories in 2022. If voters see that Democrats can't unite to get things done, they are likely to look for an alternative.

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



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The Party of Lincoln and remembering the New Orleans 1866 Massacre

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

When I hear today's Republicans refer to themselves as the Party of Lincoln, I have to stop and shake my head. Do Republicans really know what the Party of Abraham Lincoln actually stood for? The Republicans of 2021 and those from 1866 are not the same. In fact, they are polar opposites. The Republicans from 1866 were liberals who supported the cause of citizenship for freed slaves (Freedmen). They also supported the right for black men to vote. A right which was vehemently opposed by White Southerners who at the time were conservative Democrats.

In order to address the needs of the emancipated slaves, Congress established the Freedmen's Bureau. It was created to help former slaves in the workplace by insuring that they received fair wages and can freely choose their employers. Special courts were created to settle disputes between black workers and white employers. The Bureau provided food and medical aid to the former slaves while establishing schools which were attended by children and adults. These progressive efforts, which were meant to bring full citizenship to black persons, were supported by members of the Republican Party but hated by White Southerners and conservative Democrats. The resistance to the overall advancement of freedmen was made successful through special state laws referred to as black codes.

Giving freedmen the right to vote would mean a major shift in political power. A shift which the Republicans supported and the

conservative Democrats opposed. Giving freedmen the right to vote was a major step toward racial and economic equality. A step which Republicans embraced and conservative Democrats consistently attacked.

Last month on July 30th, many are unaware that it represented the anniversary date for the New Orleans massacre. As a nation, we should not continue to forget the events of that deadly day. Therefore, honor should be given to those who were killed, wounded and who took the political courage to stand for fairness and common decency. The massacre of 1866 started as a peaceful march. Black convention supporters and delegates were marching to the Mechanic Institute to attend the Louisiana Constitutional Convention.

The Republicans demanded that the Convention reconvene due to the Louisiana state legislature's passage of black codes and the unwillingness to extend the right to vote to black men. The Convention would have laid the foundation for a modified state government in Louisiana. A mob of ex-Confederates, white supremacists along with members of the New Orleans police force wanted to keep the delegates from attending the Convention and holding the meeting. As the march continued, shots were fired into the crowd, some blacks attempted to escape or surrender. Some of

those who surrendered were slaughtered on the spot. The mob rushed into the building and the attack continued. Others were dragged from the hall by the mob and were either killed, beaten or arrested. At least 37 people were killed and hundreds more were injured.

1866 shows us we have to be watchful and vigilant in regards to today's state laws. The motives behind these laws can often appear innocent and harmless, but at times they are driven by the desire to maintain political, social and economic dominance. In response to the 2020 presidential election, over 400 voter suppression type bills were introduced in Republican controlled state legislatures throughout the nation. These restrictive measures are not intended to protect election integrity as they may claim, but the overall goal is to strategically keep targeted groups from achieving political power and political equality. The election reforms vary from state to state, but the new Georgia law forbidding volunteers from giving food and water to voters standing in line undermines basic common decency. Many voters during the 2020 primary stood in lines for three hours or more. This law is considered a misdemeanor which is punishable with up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

It's a cruel strategy, but it can be successful by making a difference in a razor thin election. This particular law needs to be highlighted. It shows the degree of desperation by those who see the potential of the black vote and its unwanted threat in future elections. As a result, we give honor and respect to those who died in 1866 by rejecting these restrictive measures and

continuing high voter turnout at all costs.

1866 shows us that we have to have an unwavering response to repressive laws which prevents the rightful sharing of political power. The Republicans and their supporters did not accept state laws which were morally wrong. The national outrage and backlash to the Memphis and New Orleans massacres cannot be overlooked. During the 1866 midterm elections, voters made a political statement by giving Radical progressive Republicans victories in winning the U.S. House and Senate. In other words, common decency ultimately prevailed.

The massacres were also a motivating factor in gaining the necessary support for the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Amendment, which would have been unlikely without Republican control of both chambers, granted citizenship to all persons born in the United States including former enslaved people. This was a major blow to the conservative Democratic agenda.

Can the same be done in 2022?

Can voter suppression laws backfire and be a motivating factor in next year's midterm elections? Common decency is on the ballot and it has never been a partisan issue. Therefore, will people who believe in what the true Party of Lincoln stood for, which is equality and voting rights, make a political statement in 2022 where fairness and common decency prevails?

David W. Marshall is the founder of the faith-based organization, TRB: The Reconciled Body, and author of the book "God Bless Our Divided America".



David W. Marshall

Tucker named Deputy A.D. for Seahawks

WILMINGTON, North Carolina - Tiffany D. Tucker, who has served as Senior Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator at UNCW since January of 2019, has been named Deputy Athletic Director, Director of Athletics Jimmy Bass announced on Thursday.

"Tiffany is a superstar in college athletics," said Bass. "She's a wonderful human being who brought an unmatched work ethic to UNCW. She is well-respected by Seahawk student-athletes, coaches and staff as well as her peers throughout campus for her love of this great university. Her work on the CAA level has made our league better."

A former basketball standout at North Carolina and collegiate women's basketball coach, Tucker has established a legacy as a seasoned athletic administrator with extensive experience in the college athletics realm.

"I would like to thank Chancellor (Jose) Sartarelli and Jimmy Bass for their leadership and commitment to UNCW Athletics," said Tucker.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to continue to impact our students, coaches and staff, we make a great team! I am fortunate to be a part of something so special and work with such passionate people."

A native of Petersburg, Va., Tucker joined the Seahawk staff after serving as Deputy Director of Athletics for Internal Operations and Senior Woman Administrator at S.C. State. She previously gained athletic administration experience at Elizabeth City State, Hampton and S.C. State and coached basketball at Allegheny (Pa.) College, Radford, Francis Marion and Claffin.

Since her arrival in Wilmington, Tucker has played a key role in the overall operations of the department during challenging times. She has led important searches for the program's Head Men's Basketball Coach, Head Volleyball Coach, Director of Sports Performance and Senior Associate AD for Internal Operations.

On campus, she was a member of the search committee for a new Vice Chancellor of

Student Affairs and currently serves on the Community Engagement & Applied Learning Advisory Board, Emergency Planning Committee, eSports Steering Committee and Innovation and Economic Prosperity Universities Program Committee.

Tucker is a participant in the UNC System Executive Leadership Institute's second cohort. The program is designed to build the next generation of top leadership from within the UNC System. The 10-month program provides an overall view of the UNC System, its operations and future leadership opportunities. The institute develops leadership skills by sharing best practices and forming partnerships among participants and their institutions. Members benefit from executive coaching on an individual level and in a team setting.

In February of 2021, Tucker organized the National Girls & Women in Sports Day Leadership Summit to celebrate the successes and achievements of female athletes. The special virtual pro-

gram featured a one-on-one interview with Patti Phillips, chief executive officer of Women Leaders in College Sports and highlighted five industry experts in the areas of business, philanthropy, journalism, wellness and athletics.

Last March, Tucker was appointed to a four-year term on the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee. She holds membership on a committee of 13 members who are responsible for providing guidance to member schools on experimental and permanent rules implementations for the sport.

Tucker has also been active in the leadership of the Colonial Athletic Association. She serves as chair of the CAA Family: United for Change Committee. The committee is developing a strategic direction for the conference, and will provide an opportunity for institutions to share resources related to anti-racism and social justice efforts. Among the goals will be engaging student-athletes, coaches, staff and alumni in conference-wide initiatives that will help enact meaningful change.

Tucker is a 2018 graduate of the NCAA-sponsored Dr. Charles Whitcomb Leadership Institute. She serves on the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association (MOAA) Membership Committee and the Women Leaders in College Sports Education and Professional Development Committee.



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TIFFANY D. TUCKER

Tucker was selected by the United States Olympic Committee to participate in the Ethnic Minority Women in Coaching Leadership Program in Colorado Springs in 2015. She is also a 2008 graduate of the National Association for Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators, now Women Leaders in College Sports Institute for Administrative Advancement (NACWAA/HERS), 2017 graduate of the Leadership Enhancement Institute and 2021 graduate of the Executive

Institute.

In addition, Tucker is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and Women Leaders in College Sports.

A graduate of Matoaca High School, Tucker was inducted as a MHS legend in September of 2017. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy at North Carolina in 2005 and completed a Master's of Science Degree in Sport Administration from Hampton in 2017.



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

STIP Project B-5624

Wilmington - The public is invited to a hearing 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.

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

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Termites cost Americans billions of dollars in repairs every year. No home is immune to their damage, and if you don't have termite prevention in place, you likely will find yourself footing the bill for repairs down the road. If you are already a homeowner, the best practice is to catch any activity early. Better yet, protect your home against costly termite damage at all by getting it treated before any activity starts, and then get it checked yearly.

There are several termite treatment options based on particular needs and budgets. These are the different types of treatments you can get: Traditional liquid termite treatment that puts protection around the perimeter; Injections that can be applied directly to the colony nesting areas; Trelona bait stations around the perimeter of the home, or Bora-Care treatments for new constructions that treat the wood used to build the home. If you are an inspir-

ing homebuyer, when you get a property under contract, you should also get a termite inspection. This type of inspection is called a WDIR (Wood-destroying Inspection Report). It's an optional inspection, just like a home inspection is an option, but in my book, if I'm going to pay over \$100,000 on anything, not finding out exactly what I'm buying is not an option to me. The only exception on the WDIR being optional is if you are doing a VA Loan. The lender will make this a mandatory inspection, and you have to turn in the report. It is typically a rule that the Veteran can not pay the fee for this inspection, but there are 9 States that are exempt from this rule. In either case, regardless of who pays for it, the lender wants the report, and it has to say "No Active Activity"



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was found. If that report says anything other than that, you will have some problems. The lender will require that the home is free of any infestation. That means that the home has to be treated, and a new WDIR form is filled out to show all is clear. Yes, you would want to negotiate and ask the seller to pay for the treatment, but they don't have to agree to that. The seller would be smart to agree because it possibly could derail the entire sale if they do not.

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Edward Earl Watson

Edward Earl Watson was born on February 10, 1956 in Wilmington, NC, to the late Walter Henderson and Katie Watson. The youngest of four children Earl peacefully transitioned into eternal rest on Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

Earl was educated in the Wilmington, NC public school system, graduating from New Hanover High School in 1975. Earl relocated to Oxon Hill, Maryland in 1979, working for Lincoln Mercury in Alexandria, VA. Earl was also a Transportation Driver for Drug Fair Stores and Coca Cola Company. Over the last 27 years, Earl has been a dedicated employee working for BK Miller Company, Inc. as a Transportation Driver. In

1985, Earl met the beautiful Cheryl L. Beck and in 1992 they married and to this union they were blessed with two children., Jasmine and Jaumall Watson of Hyattsville, MD. Earl had two sons from a previous relationships, Anthony Nixon and Edward Earl Watson, Jr. and one stepson, Joseph Jones. Earl was a man who would do anything for anybody, but he was also a no-nonsense type of person. Known for his beautiful "everything is going to be alright" smile, he was also a fun-loving guy who loved to tell jokes whether they were the truth or not. He enjoyed his profession of driving tractor trailers and while on the road he enjoyed listening to conversations on Talk Radio. On the weekends Earl would get the urge to take a spirit of the moment trip sending is Boo in a rush to pack an overnight bag for an exciting weekend wherever they may end up. He enjoyed watching basketball and football as he was huge fan of both. Earl also loved to dress and wear hats. His outfits would match from head o toe including the hat. Earl loved family time during the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas. He enjoyed the laughter and fun when the house would be busting at the seams with family and friends making beautiful holiday memories. Most

enjoyable of all, he loved to see the joy it brought his Boo when she would open her ifs of love from him on Christmas Day. Two things Earl did not enjoy doing was flying and cruising, but he enjoyed driving is family on vacations wherever they went. They would stop in different locations to shop, enjoy the scenery, the people, the food, stay overnight and travel on to the next destination. He was a man full of all types of surprises, but the one memorable attribute about Earl was that he enjoyed making others happy. If he was able to help someone in any way, that was joy to his heart. The smile in their hearts would put a smile in his heart.

In addition to his parents, Earl was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Watson; one sister, Eartha Watson and one brother-in-law, Bobby beck, Jr.

Earl leaves behind to cherish his memories: his lovely wife, Cheryl B. Watson; a blended family of five children; six grandchildren; one sister, Katie Moore (Alton) of Wilmington, NC; his father-in-law, Bobby Beck, Sr. of Alexandria, VA; mother-in-law, Gertrude Beck of capitol Heights, MD; sister-in-law, Belinda Porter (Dave) of King George, VA and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Romona Jane Nixon
Romona Jane Nixon died August 12, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Romona, (affectionately called "Mona"), daughter of William and Gladys Nixon was born May 12, 1958 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Mona was educated in the New Hanover County School System and graduated from John T. Hoggard High School in 1976. She furthered her education by attending Cape Fear Community College. She graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Mona was a woman of great faith, always putting her trust in God's Word. She joined St. Andrew AME Zion Church at an early age where she was a devoted and dedicated member. She wore "many hats" at the church while performing faithful service to God. Mona served as Director of Christian Education, President of the Combined Choirs, Director of the Children's Choir, spear-headed Vacation Bible School, served as the Pastor's Steward, was a member of the Usher Board and chaired a countless number of programs to raise funds in support of the church. Mona was a life-member of the WHOMS (Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society). Mona was employed with the North Carolina State Port. Her last position with the Port was as a Container Gate Coordinator. She worked in that capacity for almost 20 years. Mona also worked for several years at Rose's Department Store prior to obtaining employment with the State Port. Mona's joy was her only child, Demarcus Nixon and her two grandchildren, Jeremiah and Mikayla. She often spoke about how blessed she was to have a son who was so good to her; who showered her with love and showed concern for her well-being. She was pleased that Marcus is also a wonderful father to his two children and he and Tashel are raising them up to know the Lord. As Mona would say, "God is good" Mona also devoted her time and energy as a care-giver for her uncle Rev. Aaron Moore. She lovingly provided support, a caring ear and lots of patience. Mona visited with her mother, Gladys Nixon, EVERY day! She made sure her mother had all the supplies needed to make those delicious freezes that keep all of Wilmington happy. Her love for God, her zest for life, her kind gentle ways, her beautiful smile and giving spirit will forever be cherished in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Nixon; sisters, Geraldine Moore and Linda Brown; brother, James Nixon; brother-in-law, James Nixon; aunt, Anna Moore; uncle, Herbert Moore and a beloved nephew, Steven Brown. Mona leaves the following to cherish her memories: son, Demarcus Nixon; grandchildren, Jeremiah and Mikayla; mother, Gladys Nixon; brother, Willie Nixon (Linda); uncle, Rev. Aaron Moore; aunt, Willie Faye Moore; nephews Kevin Nixon and James Nixon, Jr.; nieces, Janetta Nixon, Tiara Pollard (Robert), Maretha Lewis (Reggie), and Sabrina Spencer; sister-in-law, Swandella Nixon; grand-nieces,

Juliana, A'Vani and Kimora; grand-nephews, Malachi and Darius; a host of other family members, cousins, friends and many, many others who loved her. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

LaTanya Champ-Wheeler

LaTanya Champ-Wheeler died August 18, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Latanya, daughter of the late James and Emma Champ was born on August 31, 1965 in Brooklyn, New York. Latanya was educated in the Atlantic County School System graduating from Buena Regional High School in 1982, in Buena, New Jersey. In New Jersey, Latanya attended and was raised in Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Newtonville, New Jersey. She was married to Fred Wheeler. Prior to her illness she was a chef at the nursing home. Latanya devoted her life to helping her family and friends. Following the death of her parents she raised her nephew Kashif Camp. She was spontaneous, adventurous, and loved fashions. Most of her free time was spent doing what she loved, caring for others. Everyone knew if they needed a favor they could always depend on Tanya. She had the answer to every problem.

Latanya leaves to cherish fond memories: her husband, Fred Wheeler; nephew that she raised, Kashif Champ; two brothers, Patrick (Judith) Champ and Robert (Terika) Skeete; three sisters, Desiree (David) Crummy, Theresa Skeete and Janine Wilkerson; godchildren, Shantee and Ky'Ava Bozier; other relatives and friends, including two special friends, Brenda Canty and Vanessa McMillian. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Preston Josey, Jr.

Preston Josey, Jr. died August 18, 2021. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Preston, son of Virginia Scarborough Mitchell and the late Preston Josey was born on October 22, 1964 in New York City. Preston moved to Wilmington, North Carolina in 1970. He was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System and attended John T. Hoggard High School. At Hoggard Preston played football. He attended First Baptist Missionary Church. He was employed in the construction field. Preston was a wonderful son, brother and friend who will be greatly missed. In addition to his father, Preston was also preceded in death by two brothers, Herbert Josey and Willie Josey and one sister, Ida Mae Josey. He leaves to cherish fond memories: his mother, Virginia Scarborough Mitchell; one sister, Cynthia Faison; two brothers, Lendell Josey and Christopher Josey; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Barry Kenion

Barry Kenion died August 16, 2021. Graveside service was held on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at Duplin Memorial Gardens.

Barry, age 66, was born October 22, 1954 at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn,

New York. He was the beloved son of John Thomas and Henrietta Kenion who both preceded him in death. Barry departed his earthly life on August 16, 2021 at New York Congregational Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Brooklyn, New York. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence McMillan and nephew, Mark Anthony Kenion II "Ant". His education began at Elementary Public School 28; was furthered at William McKinley Junior High School, both in Brooklyn. He graduated high school from Wallace Rose Hill in Teachey, North Carolina in 1974. His studies continued at James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville, North Carolina and at the Burrough of Manhattan College/CUNY. Barry had a zest for reading, learning, artistry and exploring work opportunities, so he was additionally trained and worked as a Pharmacy Technician; with Career and Educational Consultants in Microsoft 2000 and Office Skills; BCLS Medical Billing and Coding and in Phlebotomy / Medical Terminology. Barry found his most involved work as a Direct Support Professional in April 2008 with the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. It is there that he worked until his health failed him. Barry united in matrimony with, wife, Angela Morgan in 1994 at their church in Brooklyn, New York where they also worshiped until the church and pastor re-located to Atlanta Georgia.

Barry leaves loving family and friends to mourn: wife: Angela Morgan Kenion of Brooklyn, NY; siblings, Mark "Anthony" Kenion (Becky) and Della Kenion all of Wilmington, NC; nephews and nieces, Sena McMillan (Alonzo) of Queens, NY, Londell McMillan of New York, NY, Lemont Kenion (Toni) of Rolesville, NC, John Kenion of Mebane, NC, Antwoine Alvarez (Marquita) of Clayton, NC and Nhandi Kenion of Durham, NC; and a host of other relatives, friends, and co-workers. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Elizabeth MacRae

Elizabeth MacRae died August 10, 2021. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Dennis "Pipe" Nixon

Dennis "Pipe" Nixon died August 22, 2021. Graveside service will be 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at the Pollock Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ember "KoKo" Peterson

Ember "KoKo" Peterson died August 19, 2021. Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m.. on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at New Beginning Christian Church; 3120 Alex Trask Drive. Visitation will be from 6-8:00 P.M. on Wednesday at the funeral home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lakecher McFadden

Lakecher McFadden died August 20, 2021. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.



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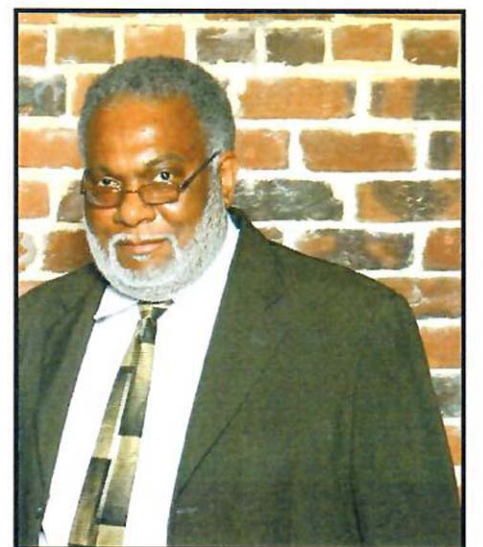
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TELL SOMEBODY

"And 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" Matthew 22: 37,38

Mind - The part of an individual that feels, perceives, thinks, wills, and reasons

God wants our heart, which in turn affects the mind and influences the thoughts that we have. "The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity." Psalm 94:11 "And again, the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain." I Cor. 3:20 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens

are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8

When our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ gave the command in Matthew 22nd. Chapter, that we love the Lord thy God with (specifically speaking) the mind, he took the opportunity to talk about "True Religion". He knew the mind of the Pharisees, who were trying to tempt him with their religious questions. Jesus discerned the spirit behind the questions asked, by persons who had a form of godliness, but denied the true power of God. They were puffed up in pride, because they served God religiously, but had no relationship with God, and therefore knew nothing about True Love.

When they asked him,

"God wants your mind"

"Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus answered them with the simple Truth of the pre-eminence of loving God.

In order to fully serve God, one must truly love God! The spirit of the Pharisee is alive and well in the land today, when there are those who dare to say they are servants of the Lord, but do not fully love him with the heart, mind, or the soul.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phillipians 2:5. Loving God with all our

mind involves giving God access to our mind and our thoughts. When one has been "Born Again" (John 3:3-7), there is a definite change in the way our mind works. Romans 12:2 states, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established." God wants to use His people for His glory, and when we allow him to work in our minds, he will do a work in our minds and regulate our thoughts and desires. Glory to God!

When we first came to Christ, some of our minds were sin sick, twisted and

confused. Frankly speaking, many of us were mentally unstable, quite obvious from the self destructive decisions and poor choices we made, but now have a healing testimony of having a sound mind, which was rewarded because we sought the Lord with all of our heart! II Timothy 1:7

In the beginning of our walk with Christ, some of us struggled with being stubborn and unwilling to answer the Call of God. But now, after being drawn to God with lovingkindness, Jesus Christ has given his servants a willing mind. One of the greatest blessings one can receive from loving the Lord with the mind is having peace! Where there used to be turmoil and confusion, there now abides perfect

peace. Jesus is a wonder! He is true to his word. He cannot fail. He cannot lie. If you trust and never doubt, He will surely bring you out! "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." 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

Luke 8:11, Now the parable is this: The Seed is the Word of God!

I Kings 8:56. 56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. I want to paraphrase this verse, not one word, not one iota has failed of all your good promises that God has promised by the mouth of His servants and His Son Jesus Christ. The seed of the word God is full of potential or harvest (save, heal, deliver, or blessings). The requirements for the blessing are described also in Psalm 37:3-4 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. 4, Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give the desires of thine heart.

What is it you want? What are the desires of your heart? What do you have to sow? The thing you have that's small and insignificant can be a point of contact to receive a blessing from the Lord! 2 Kings 4:2-3. 2 Elisha said to

her, What shall I do for you? Tell me, what have you [of sale value] in the house? She said, Your handmaid has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.

3 Then he said, Go around and borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels-and not a few. We have an answer, we have a Word from the Lord: Ephesians 3:20. 20 Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do super-abundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]-

Phillipians 4:19. 19 And my God will liberally supply fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:32. 32 He who did not withhold or spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all [other] things?

2 Peter 2:2-4. 2 May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all neces-

sary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

4 By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

Natural seed is a product of

the spiritual seed that God spoke into existence in Genesis 1:11-12. Natural seeds possess a bundle of power, ability, or potential that can be activated through sowing or planting in or on soil so that it can germinate.

The seed, which is the Word of God, has superiority, predominance, or supremacy over all other seeds because it is spirit and supernatural.

Seed is defined as a source or beginning; germ. The source of anything!

A germ is defined as a small organic structure or cell from which a new organism may develop. Something that may serve as the basis of further growth or development!

The seed, which is the Word of God, when sowed in the heart of a person and he receives and believes it in his heart, it will germinate in the soil of the heart; sprout, first the blade, then the stalk, then the ear and then the full ear of corn.

God's Word is the supernatural seed that will produce supernatural things in our lives and circumstances. The circumstance is defined as a fact or event, that must be

considered along with another fact or event in determining a course of action.

We must not allow our circumstances to control or defeat us as believers.

Faith is supernatural potentiality in seed form; faith is the supernatural currency of the kingdom of God, for the transaction of goods and services.

The seed which is the Word of God; which is spirit and life is alive and full of power: it is the supernatural seed that cross-pollinates all other seeds or fertilizes it, causing it to produce after its kind; superabundance. For, example the widow in 1 Kings 17:12-17, it was the word of God that cross-pollinated her circumstances and produce a superabundance from the one small cake she sowed.

V.15, And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. 16, And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

In Genesis 26, there was a famine in the land and the

Lord appeared to Isaac and said, do not go down to Egypt but stay in the land and I will be with thee and bless thee. Isaac obeyed the Word from the Lord, that cross-pollinated his circumstances (famine): verse 12, Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. 13, And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: 14, For he had possession of herds, and great store of servants; and the Philistines envied him. The circumstances don't matter when you have faith in God. God's word which is a supernatural seed can produce in your life or circumstances whatever you need when you have faith in God. Father, in the name of Jesus we ask that you bless every person that receives your Word in their heart and practice it. Amen

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This the 5th day of August, 2021.

Scott Parker Myers
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701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 5, 12, 19, 26 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Francine Deborah Nagy Thornton (21-E-932)**, 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 5, 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.

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701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

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Patricia Wingfield
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August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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This the 19th day of August, 2021.

Patricia Hoefle
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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 OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 21 JA 95

IN THE MATTER OF: T.S.

TO: JOHN CHARLES SANDERS, RESPONDENT-PARENT OF T.S. born on October 08, 2003 in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
Adjudication of Juvenile Petition filed on June 02, 2021 alleging that T.S. is a Dependent Juvenile.
You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, August 26, 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.
John Charles Sanders has been assigned Attorney Brandon Pettijohn. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 409-6231, 205 North 5th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATORY HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the New Hanover County Courthouse located at 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401, or may occur via Webex at a time to be determined.

This the 26TH day of August, 2021.

Regina Floyd-Davis, Senior Attorney
New Hanover County Department of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615 Phone
(910) 798-7833 Fax

This the 26TH day of August, 2021.

August 26, September 2, 9, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

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 Craig & 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
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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: ANY UNKNOWN-FATHER OF MALE CHILD BORN IN NEW 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. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3511
(910) 798-3772 * fax

August 5, 12, 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 **Alice E. Kennedy**, 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 26th 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.

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William A. Kennedy, Executor
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