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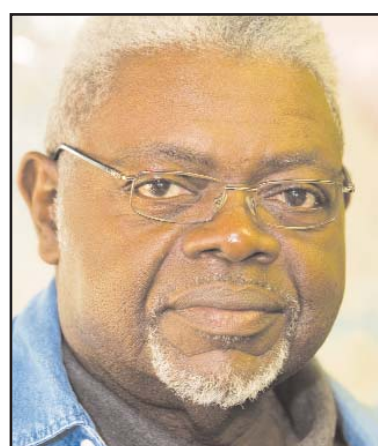
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BERNEST HEWETT

PUT MORE MONEY IN OUR SCHOOLS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The school shooting at New Hanover High School shows that we have to step up school procedures and policies. We have to put more money into the school systems. We need more hands-on administration in that there have to be more instructors. There has to be more attention to the SRO's that go around these students. There should be more people who have the ability to calm down overactive students and recognize bullying and gang activity when it starts. There needs to be special attention paid

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CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS

Adams joins Pressley blasting eviction moratorium ruling

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

U. S. Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) joined a letter, written last week by Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) to Congressional leadership, criticizing the U. S. Supreme Court for recently voting to end the eviction moratorium imposed by the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many renters in North Carolina, as Rep. Adams noted in an adjoining statement and across the nation are being kicked out of their apartments because they are unable to pay their rent because of the pandemic since 2020, and the CDC imposed a moratorium to stop landlords from evicting them. The U. S. Supreme Court effectively ended that eviction moratorium on August 27, 2021. Now Congresswoman Pressley, along with Rep. Adams and several other representatives, has lobbied both U. S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer to come up with a legislative solution that would extend the eviction moratorium,

especially with the new COVID-19 Delta variant sweeping the nation."

"I am disappointed in the Supreme Court's decision because it willfully ignores the 6.4 million households across the country that are behind on rent," said Congresswoman Alma Adams. "In my district, over 20,000 Mecklenburg County households are behind on rent, the highest number of households in the State of North Carolina."

In North Carolina, counties with their own rental assistance programs not affected by the Supreme Court decision include Guilford, New Hanover, Buncombe and Mecklenburg. Renters behind in their payments are encouraged to contact their local agencies.

Still, there are many North Carolina renters impacted by the U. S. Supreme Court decision. Adams' colleague, Rep. Pressley, further made the point. "The impending eviction crisis is a matter of public health and safety that demands an urgent legislative solution to prevent further harm and needless loss of human life," wrote Pressley. "Allowing an eviction crisis to take hold will only erase the gains we've made and put our recovery further out of reach."

Rep. Pressley continued, "Long before the

pandemic, evictions have been a systemic form of violence that disproportionately impacted Black and brown communities, especially Black women. Following decades of stagnant wages, skyrocketing costs of housing, health care and education, these same communities continue to bear the unequal burden of the compounding health and economic crises. Data collected from the Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey shows that Black, Latino, Asian, and indigenous households are more likely to report being behind on their rental payments."

"Currently, nearly 600,000 seniors and nearly 20 percent of seniors and senior renters who are people of color are behind on rent," Pressley noted. "What's more, communities with lower vaccination rates and higher COVID-19 cases tend to be the same as those with renters at heightened risk of eviction without an eviction moratorium." Rep. Pressley concluded, "If we do not act, this will undoubtedly lead to the increased spread of COVID-19, more deaths, and community wide trauma. We implore you to act with the urgency this moment demands and include an ambitious legislative solution to extend the eviction moratorium in a must-pass legislative vehicle."



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to gatherings in hallways, gyms and locker rooms. This sounds overwhelming, but these things need to be done before and after school and during class changes. The things to which students are exposed have changed their minds and attitudes. This is the cause of some of their actions inside and outside their homes. We must remember that each generation will be weaker and wiser than the one before it. We must persuade our elected officials to invest more money into the public school systems. When this is done, we must hire more qualified instructors. We must realize that, if there is a system with all White instructors, your system will be, more or less, a White system. Our students must be able to see a reasonable representation of both Black and White administrators, instructors, and other staff! They must be able to think and be treated with respect and not feel that, if they are just a number or, if they are treated as second class people, they can feel mistreated. Confrontations come from causes, not by accident. We must try to stop this type of behavior in schools and get a child educated on being a productive member of society and not a number in prison! Let's put more money into the operation of our school systems. Stop the violence before it starts!

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

Progressive Metro vs. Tale of Two Cities' forum

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sunday Aug 29, the National Black Leadership Caucus-New Hanover County Chapter hosted Mayor Bill Saffo, his challenger, former Mayor Harper Peterson, and five City Council candidates in a virtual forum.

Wilmington City Council hopefuls Clifford Barnett, Paul Lawler, Angie Ulmer, Luke Waddell, and Phillip White, offered similar perspectives for questioning facilitated by award-winning journalist, Cash Michaels.

Mayor Saffo's discussions touted his eighteen year leadership of progress and growth related to the creation of 30,000 jobs. Peterson disagreed significantly.

Adopting a mantra of, 'A Tale of Two Cities,' the former Mayor described disparities in neighborhood resources, housing and job opportunities.

Mayoral and Council candidates were questioned about their sentiments regarding the Wilmington BLM, Black Lives Matter movement, community fairness and disparities.

The referenced local BLM

Movement mirrored protests across the US in response to the Minneapolis killing of George Floyd by Policeman Derrick Chauvin.

Both mayoral candidates and Council hopefuls agreed that Black lives do matter.

The general consensus stated needs for listening to citizens, and resolving problematic disparities.

Though Luke Waddell said he favored, "equality for African Americans and everyone in general," he continued immediately, "We've got to get a hold on crime."

He also spoke about needs for waterfront safety, crime, Long Leaf Acres Park gun fire, and fears of people taking families to public spaces.

White questioned why Waddell's response about the BLM movement focused on crime and safety.

Councilman Barnett, a Black minister for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion denomination is seeking to be reelected.

He spoke of personal awareness of issues he and his three children face in overcoming disadvantages.

Councilman Barnett stressed his desire of working to assure that, "every person gets equal opportunities."

Where known problems

exist, Barnett said, "Water should be used on the house that is burning."

Angie Ulmer emphasized that she never thought there was any controversy linked to the term Black Lives Matter.

"When we implement certain policies for marginalized citizens, everybody moves up," she said and also cited LBGT inclusion needs.

Councilman Lawler who is seeking reelection reminisced about the call and response phrase coined by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, "I Am Somebody."

Everybody deserves the same respect, Lawler said.

He also suggested that shifting community conversations, and revamping committee participation, "beyond the usual suspects," will be helpful for Wilmington.

Waddell expressed a preference for city alliances with non-profits.

"The best ideas are not from City Hall," he said.

Other practical concepts emerged as Phillip White suggested covered bus shelters should be available before the choice rider neighborhood concept begins.

That issue was raised in response to Cash Michael's



FORMER
NC SENATOR
HARPER PETERSON



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BILL SAFFO

questioning about equity and fairness in the Port City. Mayor Saffo spoke of positive changes in Wilmington that have changed past behavior for high school graduates.

Decades ago people left Wilmington when they finished high school, he said and linked the changes in staying or returning to Wilmington to increased job opportunities, new and varied businesses and industries.

Peterson countered comparing the availability of a \$35 million waterfront park in a city with decaying neighborhoods, limited

available housing, and gentrification policies.

"People should be able to live in a community where the work," Peterson said.

Saffo argued that some of the things Peterson spoke of were not addressed successfully when he had opportunities as an elected member of the NC General Assembly.

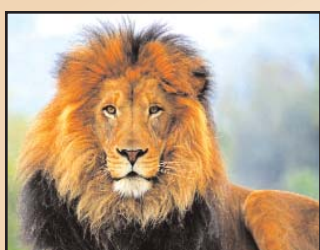
Sonya Patrick, of the NBLC stressed needs for protecting and exercising the right to vote in Municipal, and all elections.

The NAACP will host a future virtual Candidates Forum, Sept. 28, 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

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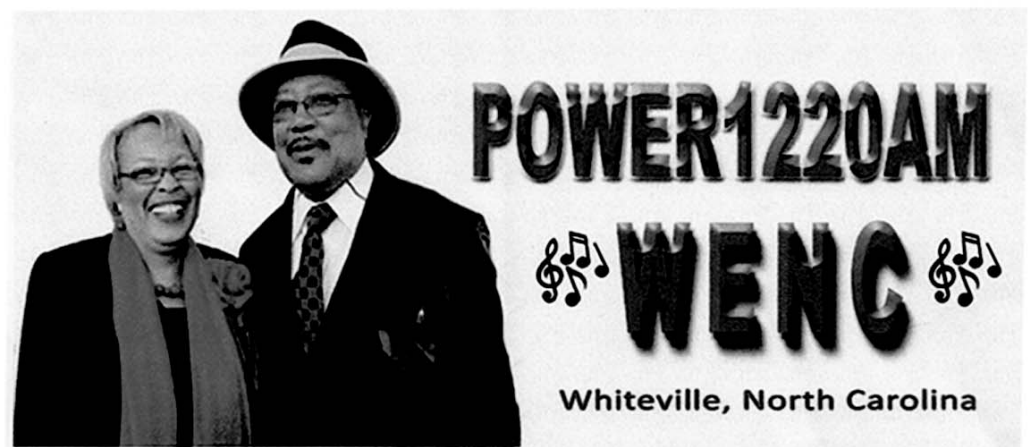


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NEARLY 30% OF WILMINGTON'S PEOPLE OF COLOR LIVE IN POVERTY, SAYS NEW REPORT

[WILMINGTON] 28.2% of Wilmington's communities of color, and 26.9% of its

children, live in poverty, according to Self, an online credit building company. Overall, 20.3% of Wilmington's total population live in poverty, or 24,076. 9,877 people of color live below the poverty level, and 5,791 children overall are considered poor. Self used the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey to determine these figures.

NEW HANOVER HIGH STUDENT SHOT, BUT IS RECOVERING

[WILMINGTON] A New Hanover High School student was shot Monday, but authorities say his injuries were not life threatening and he is expected to make a recovery. Chance Diablo, 15, is charged with bringing a weapon onto school grounds, assault with a deadly weapon, discharging a weapon on school grounds, assault with a

deadly weapon with intent to kill or inflict serious injury and attempted 1st degree murder. He initially ran away from the scene, but was later captured.

CONGRESSMAN MADISON CAWTHORNE TALKS "BLOODSHED" FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS

[MACON COUNTY] Conservative Republican Congressman Madison Cawthorne told a gathering

last Sunday that future elections could bring "bloodshed" as he maintained that the Nov. 2020 presidential elections were fraudulent. "As much as I am willing to defend our liberty at all costs, there's nothing that I would dread doing more than having to pick up arms against a fellow American. And the way that we can have recourse against that is if we all passionately demand that we have election security in all

50 states," a since deleted video showed Cawthorne telling the Macon County Republican Party during an event last Sunday. Cawthorne also stated that he was "actively working" to plan another rally at the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Blue blasts Robinson's task force report on CRT "indoctrination"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Democratic leader of the N. C. Senate has blasted Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson's Task Force on Accountability in the Classroom Report as displaying "anger and intolerance in the hearts of the people that submitted comments to the Task Force."

Senate Democratic Leader Dan Blue offered that assessment shortly before House Bill 324, the measure that would outlaw so-called racial indoctrination by teachers in North Carolina public schools, was passed last week in the State Senate by the Republican majority.

The bill was then sent back to the North Carolina House where Senate changes were reviewed and passed on Wednesday. The NC House had previously

passed its own version of the "anti-critical race theory" bill before sending it on to the Senate.

Most observers expect Governor Roy Cooper, a Democrat, to veto the final version ratified by the N. C. General Assembly.

Still, prior to the measure's Senate passage last week, Lt. Gov. Robinson, a Black Republican, held a press conference touting public submissions to his task force, alleging racial indoctrination by North Carolina teachers. Robinson alleged that the task force received "500+" submissions of "fear of retaliation, the sexualization of kids, critical race theory (CRT), White shaming, biased news media/or lesson plans, and shaming of certain political beliefs."

Robinson posted two pages for his task force report on Facebook, highlighting some of the comments sub-

mitted complaining about the alleged "indoctrination" by teachers.

"These are only some of the submissions we received, but the evidence is clear, the Republican lieutenant governor wrote. There is no doubt that indoctrination is taking place in our children's education, and this report proves just that," Robinson wrote at the end of the report.

But some in the press, and now, Senator Blue, who have seen the full report, counter Robinson's characterization as mostly false, noting that, of the hundreds of submissions, only a handful actually offer any evidence of what he's been alleging. "What I also saw in that report were teachers trying their best to reach kids and to do their jobs under tremendous stress and difficult circumstances," Sen. Blue wrote. "It sounds like those teach-

ers were well intentioned. It sounds like some of the parents were well intentioned too. It seems that both sides?even the task force itself -need to educate themselves a little. New experiences and new ideas are meant to challenge our perceptions. That's learning," Blue continued.

"While I see anger and distrust in this task force report, I don't see indoctrination, and I see Republicans trying to capitalize on that. Senate Leader, Phil Berger said that HB 324 is a response to the thousands of parents showing up at school board meetings."

"This is a case of selective hearing, as Republicans have turned a deaf ear to the thousands of educators and parents also calling for adequate funding of our schools," Sen. Blue continued. "I don't see indoctrination in our classrooms. I do



N.C. SENATOR DAN BLUE



N.C. LT. GOVERNOR MARK ROBINSON

see dilapidated buildings, overcrowded classrooms, outdated textbooks, teacher shortages, and underpaid staff and the unfulfilled court order in the Leandro case to fund our public schools so that every child can have a sound basic education, regardless of their

zip code." Sen. Blue continued, "Republicans haven't uncovered indoctrination in our schools. What they have done with this bill is distract the public and ourselves from the real work that we should be doing to improve our public schools."



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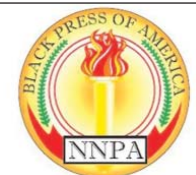
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GUEST EDITORIAL

TO BE EQUAL

As COVID threatens to disrupt yet another academic year, leaders make matters worse by playing politics with students' health and education

"We cannot return to the classroom and do things the same as they have always been done and expect to see a different outcome. Instead, we must use this critical moment in education to radically rethink how programs, policies, and opportunities are designed and fiercely commit to prioritizing the communities most impacted by the pandemic and distributing resources accordingly." — NWEA Center for School and Student Progress



Marc Morial

Across the country, students are embarking on what is certain to be a third consecutive academic year that is compromised or disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. While this is unfortunate for all students, it's especially dire for students of color and low-income students, who experienced the steepest setbacks as a result of interrupted instruction.

To make matters worse, students are being used as pawns by politicians more concerned with signifying partisan loyalty than with the health and education of public-school children. Twenty states have prohibited proof-of-vaccination requirements. At least eight states—Florida, Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Iowa, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Utah—have imposed bans on school districts requiring masks. Florida and Arizona have gone so far as to threaten to withhold funding from districts that impose mask mandates.

As U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona has pointed out, these policies represent discrimination against students who cannot attend school because of the risk to their health. The Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights is preparing to launch investigations in states block mask mandates—a move the National Urban League emphatically supports.

It's appropriate that Secretary Cardona recognizes pandemic-related educational disruption as a civil rights issue. As I testified earlier this year to the House Education and Labor Committee's Subcommittee on Early Childhood Elementary and Secondary Education, Black children are more likely than their White counterparts to lack the internet access and the devices necessary to receive adequate remote instruction. This "homework gap" affects one in three Black, Latino, and American Indian Alaska Native students.

The effects on inequality have been stark. Research released last month showed students in majority Black or Hispanic schools ended the school year six months behind where they normally would have been in math, compared with four months for white students. Students in low-income schools were seven months behind.

"Put simply, the students who could least afford to lose ground relative to other students are those who were the most impacted," wrote the authors of a similar report that reached the same conclusions.

The educational research organization NWEA, which produced the report, offered several policy recommendations to support students' health and well-being while at the same time expanding access to excellent educational opportunities. These include:

- Re-engage for all students, with a focus on historically underserved students.

- Continue to support access to remote learning technology for students and families.

- Attend to physical, social, and mental health needs of students and families.

- Measure student progress, rethink assessment systems, and use data to support recovery.

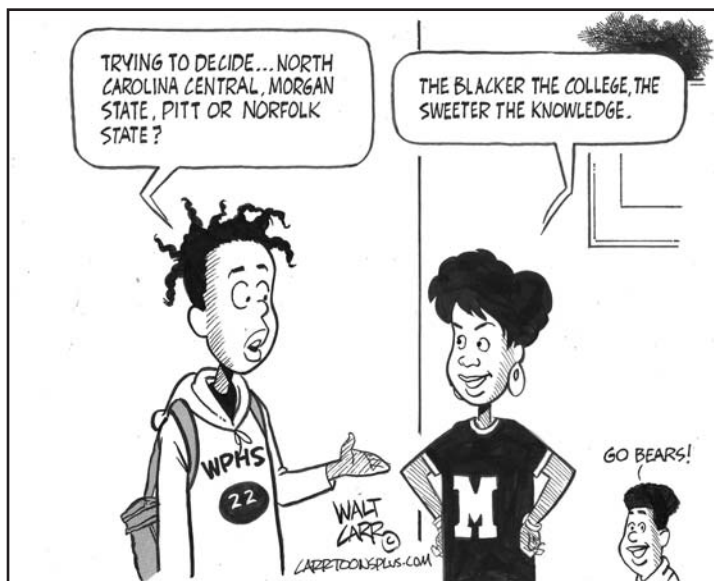
- Support and train teachers and leaders.

- Move from restarting to reimagining accountability and school improvement.

None of these goals are served by endangering the health and safety of students and their families with anti-mask and anti-vaccine policies, or by inviting even more learning interruption by withholding school funding. These misguided, politically-motivated and racially-discriminatory policies can only serve to widen the already-alarming racial achievement gaps. The National Urban League and our network of 91 affiliates across the country stand ready to work with states and school districts on policies that uplift all students and expand educational opportunities for everyone.

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

VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

President Biden: You must do more to protect voting rights

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I was proud to work hard for the election of President Joe Biden. And I was proud to protest outside the Biden White House on Aug. 24. Along with other voting rights activists, including our co-organizers at the League of Women Voters, I called on President Biden to do more to protect voting rights under attack from Republican state legislators all across the country.

President Biden knows what the problem is. He needs to do more to solve it.

We all know how Republicans have responded to President Biden beating former President Donald Trump: by trying to rig future elections in Republicans' favor. In state after state, they have used Trump's false claims of voter fraud to justify new laws that make it harder for some people to vote. President Biden has correctly called this a threat to our democracy.

President Biden has called on Congress to pass the For the People Act, which would overturn many of the new restrictions and keep billions from buying our elections. And he has called on Congress to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would give the Justice Department the power to prevent future discriminatory voting changes from taking

effect.

President Biden now needs to back up those words with stronger actions. Senate Republicans have already used filibuster rules to block the For the People Act. Now Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell is getting ready to use the filibuster to block the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act as well.

Senators using filibusters to protect state voter suppression laws takes us back 60 years. In fact, I just saw a guy who works for a big right-wing think tank complain that these federal voting rights bills are "an invasion of state sovereignty."

Well. Early in my career, I worked for a crusading Black community newspaper in Mississippi. A paper that survived multiple fire bombings. I think about that ugly history when I hear the phrase "state sovereignty" used to defend restrictions on voting.

As I told MSNBC's Rachel Maddow after the White House protest, I fear that President Biden believes he is called to be an FDR for this moment, when he is actually called to be the LBJ of this moment. When President Johnson was faced with intense opposition to federal

civil rights and voting rights laws, he used every bit of his persuasive power and knowledge of the Senate to overcome those obstacles.

Like President Johnson, President Biden is a master of the Senate. We have seen him build support for an infrastructure bill. Rebuilding roads and bridges is important. But not as important as saving our democracy.

When they had the power, Senate Republicans changed filibuster rules so that Trump could pack the Supreme Court. Those rules are not sacred. They are not in the Constitution. They can be changed, and they must be changed to prevent Republicans from doing Trump's bidding once more and blocking voting rights protections. Senate leaders have not yet built the support to make that change happen.

President Biden must publicly call on Senate Democrats to do what they need to do—remove the filibuster as an obstacle to voting rights protections. That is why I stood at the White House fence with League of Women Voters CEO Virginia Kase-Solomon and all of the organization heads, faith leaders and young elected officials o demand that Biden do his job.

At the White House we were blessed by the presence of prophetic religious voices who reminded us that we are part of an honorable history and sacred struggle for voting rights.

Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner of the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism invoked the names of murdered civil rights activists Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner, "two young white Jewish men and a young Black Christian man who gave their lives for the right to vote."

Rev. Timothy McDonald, co-chair of People For the American Way's board, also grounded our protest in the history of voting rights struggles. "This fight is not a new fight," he said. Rev. McDonald promised, "We will come back again and again and again, until justice rolls down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

And our allies across the country are building a broad direct-action campaign with a profoundly moral purpose. Mr. President, it is time to show faith with the voters who put you in office. It is time to lead.

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

Pro-Life should really mean Pro Life

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Belhaven is a small rural town located along the coast of eastern North Carolina. This majority-African American community has a median income which is three times less than the state median. Many of its approximately 1,700 residents lack health insurance. From 2005 to 2017, Adam O'Neal served as the town's Republican elected mayor in this largely Democratic community. And like so many rural communities around the nation, in 2015 Belhaven experienced the closure of its one and only hospital which served over 20,000 people throughout a two county area. The 65-year old hospital closed in part to the decision of the governor and state legislature to reject the expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare.

Last year, rural hospital closures hit a record high with 20 closed in 2020. Throughout the United States, 136 rural hospitals have closed since 2010, according to the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. Over the past decade, the state of

Texas leads the nation with 21 rural hospital closures. The COVID-19 pandemic is now producing even more financial pressure and further threatening the ability of rural hospitals to maintain health-care services.

Even with the backdrop of struggling hospitals, lawmakers such as Texas governor Greg Abbott previously failed to give hospital relief by following recommendations by federal health officials. Those recommendations would have reduced the surge of new patient hospitalizations. Most of those individuals now being hospitalized are unvaccinated. Many hospitals are exceeding their capacity and stretching their staff beyond limits.

Ironically, many state governors and legislators who reject mandating vaccines and the wearing of masks actually call themselves "pro-life". For these lawmakers and their ardent supporters, "pro-life" is conditional and

tied to only one issue, abortion. When you look up the definition of "pro-life" it refers to the right to life and advocating the legal protection of human embryos and fetuses. This limited version of "pro-life" is driven more by ideology and culture. Which explains why many people vote solely on the issue of abortion. Pro-life should really mean the protection of all life by having the unconditional quality of being humane to all people in all situations. Meaning when you hear that 634,250 individuals in the U.S. died of COVID-19, you encourage people to get vaccinated as a means of protecting life and limiting further deaths. If you were truly pro-life then one should promote mask wearing in public indoor spaces and urge universal masking in schools. If you were truly pro-life then you would fully understand that black lives matter. And lastly, if you were truly pro-life you would follow the example of the former mayor Adam O'Neal.

Six days after the closure of the Belhaven hospital, a local resident unable to make it to the nearest hospital by heli-

copter, died of a heart attack. As a result, the Republican mayor made an unpopular pro-life decision which was beyond the issue of abortion. He took a 15-day, 273 mile walk to Washington DC to draw attention to the failure of Republican leaders in his state to accept the Medicaid funding the hospital needed in order to remain operational.

"If the governor and the legislature don't want to accept Medicaid expansion, they need to come up with another program to assure that rural hospitals don't close," O'Neal said. Otherwise, he continued, "they're allowing people to die to prove a point. That is wrong, and I'm not going to be a party to that."

Pro-life is more than ideology. It means at times you put aside race, economic class and blind party loyalty in order to unconditionally protect and preserve all lives.

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!

For Whites only

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

There's no doubt that events like the recent earthquake in Haiti and its associated devastation and loss of life, and the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban occupy center-stage in the minds of many. Both events are worthy of such consideration, but they must share a position of significance with the deliberate destruction of voting rights currently and potentially affecting millions of Americans. Although Republican politicians seem hell-bent on redesigning VOTER RIGHTS as being "For Whites Only," this is not a battle that we are willing to lose.

Increasingly, fewer numbers of people still live who actually remember the 'FOR WHITES ONLY' signs posted in public spaces which "shielded whites from contact and interaction with people of color (POC), and which served to restrict POC from the courtesies and amenities of life. By honoring icons like Mother Rosa Parks, John Lewis, and Dr. King, we will not forget their bold resistance to Jim Crow Laws which imposed segregation

throughout the greater society. Existing far beyond the immediate segregation was an entire way of life supported and maintained by abhorrent laws which assigned social and legal superiority to Whites and relegated POC to a permanent status of social and legal inferiority.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

These exclusions were designed to dehumanize POC in their physical activities and to strip away any self-esteem they may have had. Like Pavlov's Dog who when stimulated by a bell would salivate, the accepted social order established a certain (ab)normalcy in interracial relationships which found the response of many POC in support of their own inferiority. My friend, Dick Gregory, would say, "In the South, it didn't matter how close you got, just don't get uppity. And in the North, it didn't matter if you got uppity, just don't get too close." However different these two

realities, they were accepted social contracts which supported a self-fulfilling superior-inferior relationship.

These exclusions also protected whites from having to share one of their most prized and cherished commodities--the vote.

As time and circumstance would have it, the rigid structure of that social order began to erode. The white guilt of having to watch television and see POC savagely brutalized for seeking equities fundamental to their citizenship led to a loosening of the restrictions to voting. This was objectionable to many, but their sense of numerical superiority gave them the assurance that, although threatened, their power would remain intact. That is, until the 2008 Presidential Election and subsequent elections, thereafter.

The basic premise of voting is that politicians express their beliefs and core values to the masses in hopes of convincing a majority of voters to support the beliefs and values they espouse. The power of the vote dictates the direction of the nation. The handwriting was on the wall. The Republican message was/is

no longer appealing to most Americans and, already, White America is wielding less power. Demographers are predicting that the nation will become a majority minority country around the year 2030. In practical terms, this means that whites will no longer arbitrarily dictate how power is shared or controlled in this nation.

If not understandable, the expected white response to these revelations is a concentrated effort to make voting "For Whites Only" once again. The number of jelly-beans in a jar or the number of bubbles in a bar of soap will no longer be the measure of a voter's qualification. This time they're just planning on highway robbery. They alone will decide on the validity of votes and use race or political designation as the measure of whether a vote is "good" or not.

Ultimately, passage of HRI and HR4 are the only remedies to overcome this disrespect of our vote and humanity.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Lament for America

Angry white men are America's version of the Taliban. And they are out to destroy this country.

They mean it.

Lt. Col. Stu Scheller, fired from the Marine Corps who publicly criticized the commander-in-chief, said that he and his friends will "take the whole f---ing system down." (<https://www.rawstory.com/marine-threatens-bring-system-down/>)



Rev. Susan K. Smith

He is just one of the many white men - supported by many white women - who are so angry that they are boldly threatening violence. They are angry about a range of issues, including what they believe to be the stolen election, proposed or active or planned mask mandates to fight the spread of COVID, the presence of immigrants in this country - and more.

The America of today is not the America they believe was intended by the Founding Fathers. They believe that this country was created by white men for white men.

The romantic verbiage that indicates that this is the "land of the free and the home of the brave," or that there is "liberty and justice for all," is just that. Verbiage. The myth of the success of America's pluralistic government is just that - a myth. Far too many white people are insulted and thus, angry, because they believe this country has too many people who are not "real" Americans.

They want America's "open door" to be slammed shut and bolted. And they want to help make that happen.

It saddens me to see these very angry men exhibit their violence in public places, with little to no push back from the police. (<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uac=8&ved=2ahUKEwjS0eXU0NjyAHUaC0KHewqCNUQwsgBgeQIBhAB&url=https%3A%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DxRVfID0sOI8&usg=AOvVaw2XgCbNZH0JBQORFS1qVYTS>)

Is that because there are many angry white men on police forces as well, and they sympathize with what they perceive as the takeover of this country by "undesirables?"

There have been so many threats of coming violence, and this country dare not ignore it. The violence is and will be physical and legal, as judges and legal systems pass laws which are violent in that they threaten the rights of all Americans - especially those who are of African descent.

America's racism has always been a cancer; its primary site was its heart, carefully created and protected in its racism by the Founding Fathers. Too many people in this country, too many systems, have refused over the years to acknowledge the humanity and the right of African Americans to enjoy the "liberty and justice for all" espoused in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Too many believe that this country should be taken down, and too many are willing to participate in whatever violence is necessary to make that a reality.

America's racism has never been a secret. Even the creators of Nazi Germany studied America's race laws and copied some of them to use in their own project to eliminate people they thought were not worthy of being alive.

As an ordained minister, I struggle with it all, wondering why God has not stopped radical American "Christian" Radicalism, but it seems that one has to want to change in the same way that an addict has to want to be rid of an addiction.

America is addicted to racial hatred, and for that reason, a lament for the ideals that everyone has spouted over the generations needs to be written.

America has not yet, and seemingly never will - become the country we have romanticized it to be.

Copyright Susan K Smith. Please consider purchasing my latest book, *With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution, and Racism in America*.

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the debt. Tamika Mallory, with her inspired leadership, reminds us to hold those we voted for accountable.

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Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet Dancing with the Taliban

Zbigniew Brzezinski, Pres. Jimmy Carter's National Security Advisor, did not mince words. He believed in straight talk. Here's an edited version of a 1998 interview he did with the Paris news magazine, Le Nouvel Observateur.



Al McSurely

Question: The former CIA director Robert Gates wrote the CIA aided the Mujahiddin in Afghanistan six months before the Soviet intervention. You were the national security advisor to President Carter. You therefore played a key role in this affair. Is this correct?

Brzezinski: Yes. According to the official version of history, the CIA aid to the Mujahiddin began during 1980, after the Soviet army invaded Afghanistan on Christmas Eve 1979. Pres. Carter had approved CIA aid on the eve of July 4, 1979. I wrote him saying, in my opinion, this aid will induce a Soviet military intervention.

Q: When the Soviets justified their intervention by asserting they intended to fight against secret US involvement in Afghanistan, nobody believed them. However, there was an element of truth in this. You don't regret any of this today?

Brzezinski: Regret what? That secret operation was an excellent idea. It had the effect of drawing the Russians into

the Afghan trap. And you want me to regret it? The day the Soviets crossed the border, I wrote to President Carter, essentially: "We now have the opportunity of giving to the USSR its Vietnam war." For almost 10 years, Moscow had to carry on a war that was unsustainable, a conflict that demoralized and finally broke up the Soviet empire.

Q: And you don't regret supporting Islamic fundamentalism, which has given arms and advice to future terrorists?

Brzezinski: Which is more important in world history? The Taliban or the collapse of the Soviet empire? Some agitated Moslems? Or the liberation of Central Europe and the end of the cold war?

Q: "Some agitated Moslems?" the magazine interviewer objected. "But it has been said and repeated that Islamic fundamentalism represents a world menace today?"

Brzezinski: Nonsense! It has been said the West has a global policy in regard to Islam. That is stupid. There is no global Islam. Look at Islam

rationally. It is the largest religion in the world with 1.5 billion followers. What unites fundamentalist Saudi Arabia, moderate Morocco, militarist Pakistan, pro-Western Egypt, or secularist Central Asia is nothing more than what unites many countries that call themselves Christian.

Timeline of August 23 - 31- Kabul, Afghanistan

On Monday, August 23, Pres. Biden sent his CIA Director, William Burns, to otto Kabul to talk with Abdul Ghani Baradar, the founder of the Islamic Taliban who has become the chief spokesperson for the Taliban Government, responsible for administration of civil services for 44 million people in a nation which is as multi-ethnic as the United States. Mr. Burns and Mr. Baradar talked at length about the future of Mr. Baradar's new government. They apparently talked about the UN, wbank accounts in European Banks, Humanitarian Groups, Recognition by other nation, and the power of Western media.

Three day later, an ISIS cultist, whose leaders are probably known to both

Burns and Baradar, blew himself up near the Kabul airport gate, killing 13 U.S. service men, and wounding scores more. The ISIS cultist

killed and wounded many more of his Afghani neighbors.

The world blinked. When she opened her eyes, it seemed as if the blood of our precious young troops and our Afghani neighbors had shed their sacrificial blood to allow more of us to hear the heavenly music of grace for the necessary dancing still to come.

Let us hope for, Let us Pray for, Music, Truth, and Grace during this transformational period. Al McSurely

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.

The new multiracial America

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

So you are sitting on a park bench, just enjoying the weather. What is the likelihood that the next person that walks by you is of a different race than you? In 2010 the probability of a different race person walking by was 54.9 percent in 2010, and it rose to 61.1 percent by 2020. We are more likely to see people who are different than us in the classroom, the boardroom or the sidewalk, and from what we are seeing these days, our nation is not ready for this change.

The 2020 Census data, released a few weeks ago, reinforce what we already knew. The white population, still our nation's largest, is dwindling, down by 8.6 percent from a decade ago. The Latino population, which includes people of any race (yes, there are Black Latinos) rose by 23 percent. It is the fastest growing population in the country. The Black population rocks steady at around 13 percent. And the population that identifies itself as "multiracial" has grown by a factor of three.

The increase in the multiracial population, which was 9 million in 2010 and

grew to 33.8 million by 2020, reflects two things. First, the rate of racial intermarriage has increased, leading to an increase of mixed-race children. Equally importantly, the number of people who are willing to self-identify as mixed race has increased. People who once hid their mixed race identity, or felt pressured to choose one identity or the other, now feel free to embrace the totality of their identity.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

The increase in the number of people who choose to identify as multiracial is both a blessing and an illusion. It's a blessing because the accursed "one drop" rule was an oppressive way of managing racial classification. But the new multiculturalism is an illusion because it should not inspire "fear of a Black planet." As Richard Alba writes in his book, *The Great Demographic Illusion: Majority, Minority and the Expanding American Mainstream* (Princeton

University Press 2020), everybody brown ain't down. In other words, many who identify as multiracial take on the identity and politics of their white parent, not their Latino or Asian parent. They embrace their multiracial identity, but not necessarily multiracial politics.

Many of the young people whose multiracialism is partly Black do "get" Black issues and speak up for them. Some, though, are conflicted and want to see "both sides". In the face of the outrageous police killings of Black men and women, there are no two sides, but some who identify with their white parents are not as ready as others to take a strong stand.

Still young voices are driving our reality. On August 28, young Tamika Mallory called the "Good Trouble" Rally that drew thousands to the Lincoln Memorial on the 58th Anniversary of the March on Washington. In the tradition of Dr. King, who was but 34 when he delivered the "I Have A Dream Speech", Mallory called people out and took them to task. She asserted her leadership role and said she would take it, come what may. More importantly, she told Democrats to do their job, do their work, end

the filibuster, and implement the voting rights agenda. She is powerful, fierce, and surrounded by a multiracial team that supports her.

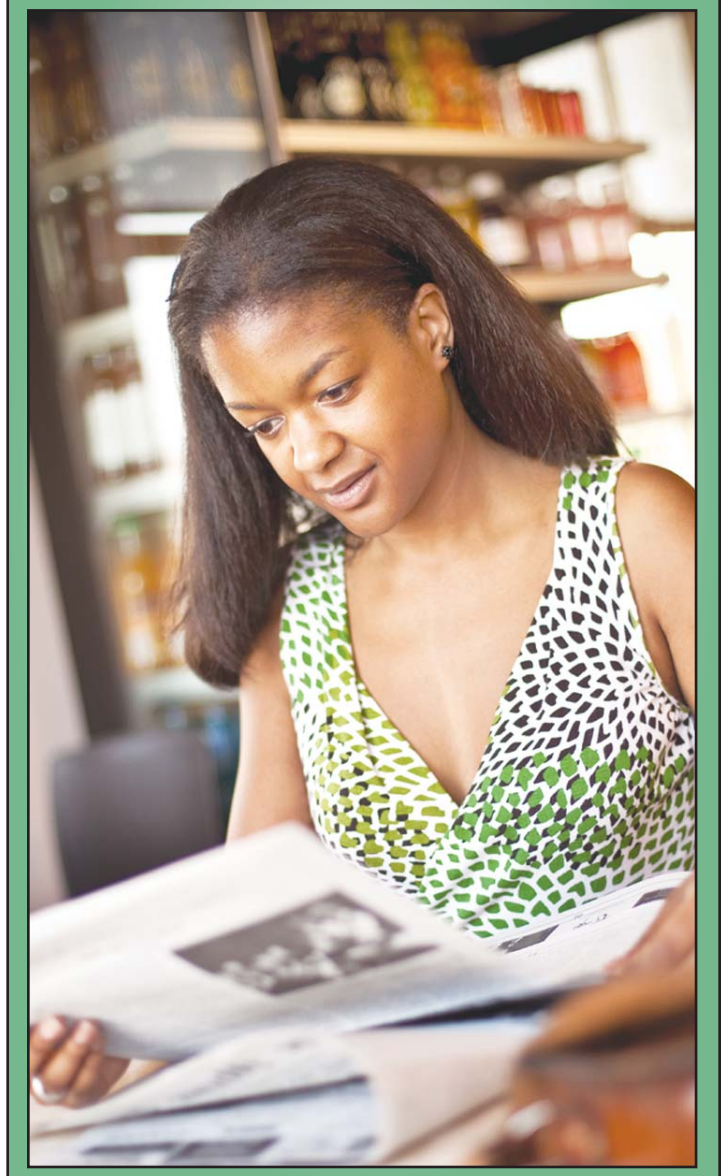
This is the future of our nation. Young, bold, bodacious, multiracial energy. There are too many who would throw back to the past, too many who would deny the demographics, too many who are frightened about what comes next, who insist on humming, singing and swaying plaintively, "We Shall Overcome". In this multiracial world, there will be less singing and swaying, and more demanding.

But those of us who watch the demographics know that numbers don't mean solidarity, and that we will have to work to get the coalitions that we want. And we must also know that no matter how the demographics shift, our nation still owes Black folks. "We have come to the nation's capital to cash a check", thundered Martin Luther King, Jr. "And the check has been marked insufficient funds". The funds are still insufficient, and the debt is no less pressing. Shifting demographics don't cancel

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THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



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Pre-foreclosure, help is available.

Being in this situation is very unsettling, and I know it is a difficult time. I want you to know that you still have time to save or leave your home with some money in your pocket, and your credit spared from a foreclosure being on it.

Last week the Legal Aid of Lower Cape Fear did a presentation on this subject and this is what they shared: "If you are in need of foreclosure-related guidance, please contact Legal Aid of NC at 1-866-219-5262 or legalaidnc.org.

Also please be aware that the moratorium for foreclosures ends this month. What does this mean? Financial institu-

tions can begin foreclosure proceedings for those who are behind on their mortgage next month. Talk with your financial institution as soon as possible. Speak with them about your options. One option could be asking for forbearance. Forbearances are authorized by law right now.

Brenda Dixon

What is forbearance? Forbearance is when your mortgage servicer, that's the company that sends your mort-

gage statement and manages your loan, or lender allows you to pause or reduce your payments for a limited period of time. Forbearance does not erase what you owe. You'll have to repay any missed or reduced payments in the future.

If you choose to, a forbearance can last for up to 18 months. While you are in forbearance, you do not pay interest, you do not pay any principal, and there is no adverse credit reporting. Forbearance is something that can be done as a last option.

So, since I have to pay the money back if I choose to participate in a forbearance-what are my options? 1. You

can choose a lump sum repayment 2. You can choose a repayment plan over a short period of time 3. A partial claim can be enforced for government-type loans, ex. VA, FHA, USDA, etc. We encourage you to speak with your mortgage company. Another source of information is the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (consumerfinance.gov). There are some good videos that you can watch. Also, the American Rescue Plan has a Housing Assistance Fund. This fund is available for 1. People who earn no more than 150% of the Area Median Income OR \$79,900 for a family of 4, whichever is greater than 3. Struggling due to Covid. Funding will be targeted to those who are at or below 100% area median income, African American, Hispanic, Asian Pacific

Islander, and/or Native American. You can find out more information or apply at the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency website. In closing, if you receive a foreclosure notice, we encourage you to reply promptly and contact the Legal Aid of NC at legalaidnc.org or 1-866-219-5262." All of this was very great information and I know it will help many save their home. I also know that some will not be able to save their home because if your income has changed to the point that you can not show that you can make future payments, then restructuring a loan will not be an option. For those families, I want you to know that all is not lost for you. You paid on that home when times were better, and since today's housing inventory is so low, you can sell your home, and get top dollar for it, no matter its current condition.

I want you to know that if

you have to give up your home, you deserve to give it up and take your equity with you. If you or someone you know is out of options, tell them to reach out to me for a no-cost, no-obligation evaluation of their home so they will know how much they can sell it for, and walk away with what they deserve, the money that they labored into that home. Keep your head up. This is a season, but another season, a brighter and happier season will come again.

Until next week, share this article with everyone you know. These resources are lifelines for now and the future. Also, for anyone needing guidance, tell them to reach out for a no-cost financial game plan to become a 1st-time homeowner in the next 18 months, or less.

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University of North Carolina Wilmington partners with UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy to train future pharmacists

UNCW is collaborating with the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy in a shared commitment to train the future public health workforce.

The two universities are creating an Early Assurance Program, offering an automatic interview with the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program admissions committee for qualifying UNCW students. UNCW will verify that interested students meet the participation qualifications identified by the two schools and provide processes and resources to support interested students.

"Each of our universities is committed to engaging with our communities to improve the health of North Carolinians, so this is a natural partnership that will help strengthen health care across our great state," said Angela Kashuba, dean of the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

"We are excited to be working with UNC Wilmington," added Betsy Sleath, regional associate dean for Eastern NC at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. "They have fantastic students who are interested in health

careers. Through this partnership, we hope to identify and recruit students from Wilmington and the surrounding counties who are interested in pharmacy, with the hope that these students will eventually go back and care for their local communities."

Throughout the program, participating students will be required to meet with a School of Pharmacy advisor at least once each semester prior to joining the School; participate in a program seminar series; and meet prerequisite coursework/grade requirements. The School of Pharmacy's admissions committee will be responsible for the final selection and notification of the candidates admitted to the school's Pharm.D. program.

"Regional and state health concerns, in particular, cannot be addressed by single institutions working in isolation," said James J. Winebrake, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNCW. "This partnership brings together expertise and assets from UNCW and the Eshelman School of Pharmacy to create enriching learning experiences for our students. We are looking forward to seeing the impacts this part-

nership will bring to the region and the state."

The partnership will involve UNCW's College of Health and Human Services and the College of Arts and Sciences. Officials are developing processes to track students to ensure they meet the requirements, said Chris Lantz, associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Health and Human Services.

"Students who express interest in participating in this agreement will receive support from UNCW and UNC-CH," said Lantz. "The agreement provides structure and gives our students a clear pathway. The real beneficiary of this is the population we serve in the health care workforce. We are putting high-quality students into degree programs that are of great value."

Students will be admitted to the ESOP PharmD program through this partnership beginning in spring 2022. Interested UNCW students should contact Sheri Shaw, assistant dean for student success in the College of Health and Human Services, at shaws@uncw.edu for more information.

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Dennis "Pipe" Nixon

Dennis "Pipe" Nixon died August 22, 2021. Graveside service was held on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at the Pollock Cemetery.

Dennis Anthony Nixon, son of the late Mary Jane Nixon and Otto Jacobs was born on August 9, 1958 in Wilmington, North Carolina. "Pipe" as he was affectionately called was educated in the new Hanover County Public School System. He enjoyed playing many sports but he thrived on two; playing Sandlot Football with the Jervay Team during the famous Turkey Bowl Games on Thanksgiving Day and playing softball with the men in the Sea Breeze Community. Dennis was a member of Old Scotts Hill AME Church. He was employed with the International Longshoremen Local 1426 in the Roderick Atwood Gang #1. He loved his work and enjoyed the fellowship of his coworkers. He will be greatly missed.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife, Linda Cheryl Nixon; children, Imani Nixon, Dennis "Tony" Nixon, Fabain Williams and Demetrious Williams; grandchildren, Artez Williams and Brooke Williams; great-grandchild, Artez "Deuce" Williams; sisters, Adnita Sidbury and Fannie Mae Clayton; brothers, Don (Diane) Nixon, Victor Nixon and Michael (Vernessa) Nixon; one uncle, Alvin (Margaret) Nixon; sister-in-law, Wanda Williams of New Jersey; brother-in-law, Henri Williams of Wilmington, NC; godmother, Geraldine Galloway; other relatives and many friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

LaKecher McFadden

LaKecher McFadden died August 20, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at Love Grove Community Park.

LaKecher was born to Sarah McFadden and the late David Singletary on September 24, 1976. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Handy and Rozenia McFadden; her aunt, Candus Brown and her cousin, Lauren Brown. Her family moved to Wilmington wee LaKecher attended New Hanover High School and graduated in 1993. Furthering her education, she became a Certified Nurse's Assistant in 1999. Because she loved styling hair, she became a licensed Cosmetologist in 2001. Doing hair and attending school, LaKecher received her Associate Degree in Applied Science in 2013 and Ittro to Medical Assistant in 2016. In her early childhood, LaKecher expressed a passionate interest in knowing God. She was a member of Victory In Jesus Ministries of Whiteville, NC where she and her son Derien were very active. LaKecher has indeed left a legacy.

Her memories will be cherished by: her sons, Derrick Jones and Derien McFadden; her mother, Sarah McFadden; brother, Byron McFadden all of Wilmington, NC; her sisters, China Harrison of Turberville, SC, Daisy Burgess of Gable, SC and Shakiyaa Burgess of Kingstree, SC; brothers, David Harrison of Turberville, SC and Travis Jones of Germany; aunts, Doris Anderson (Willie) of Lake City, SC and Monisha Robinson of Wilmington, NC; uncles, Walter Singletary of Lake City, SC, Stanley

McFadden of Kingstree, SC, Handy McFadden of Lake City, SC, Rodney McFadden of Beulaville, SC and Derwin McFadden of Wilmington, NC; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Jonathan Pennington

Jonathan Pennington died August 21, 2021. Graveside service was held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the Mitchell Evans Cemetery, Bolivia, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Henry King, Jr.

Henry King, Jr. died August 26, 2021. A memorial service was held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Terrence Hamby

Terrence Hamby died August 27, 2021. Graveside service will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is from 6-8:00 P.M. on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Shirley Lewis

Shirley Lewis died August 28, 2021. A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Lucious Dickey

Lucious Dickey died August 28, 2021. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial is at 12:00 noon at the Wilmington National Cemetery. Visitation is 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Noah Formey, Jr.

Noah Formey, Jr. died August 29, 2021. Service will be 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at Bethel AME Church, Navassa. Visitation will be 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Gladys H. King

Gladys H. King, age 70, of Charlotte, passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

A celebration of Ms. King's life was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 587 Brick Landing Rd., Charlotte, NC 28470. Interment followed at Angela Faye Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her children, Brian King, Yolanda King and Tasheka Bines (Darrick) all of Charlotte; siblings, Quincy Blue (Gwendolyn), John McNeil, Sandra McNeil, Lasalle McNeil (Kathy) all of Charlotte, James O. McNeil (Marilyn) of Florence, SC, Ronnie S. McNeil (Deborah) of Wilmington, Trina McNeil of Bolivia, Tommy McNeil (Melissa) of Douglasville, GA and Selena Johnson (Christopher) of Calabash, 3 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Willie Gibbs, Jr.

Willie Gibbs, Jr., age 68, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, August 5, 2021. A celebration of Mr. Gibbs' life was held on Friday, August 13, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his siblings, Sylvia Gibbs, Chandra D. Gibbs, Kimberly C. Bell and Jeffrey W. Gibbs all of Wilmington and James R. Gibbs of Jacksonville. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Don C. Small

Don C. Small, age 49, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, August 6, 2021. A public viewing was held on Friday August 20, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his father, Thaddus Small of the home and sister, Alarice Y. Small of Wilmington and a host of cousins and other relatives. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Mildred Johnson Blake

Our beloved mother, grandmother, cousin, and friend transitioned to her heavenly home on August 8, 2021.

Mildred Ann was born May 4, 1949 in Wilmington, NC to James and Louise Hassell Johnson. She was the grand-daughter of A.M.E.Z. Presiding Elder and Mrs. E.S. Hassell of Wilmington. In 1966, she graduated from Williston Senior High School, and graduated from Virginia Union University in 1970. While in college, she was inducted into the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and participated in many other school organizations. She received her Masters Licensed Clinical Social Worker Degree from University of Pennsylvania.

After graduate school, Mildred stayed in Philadelphia to help people of the inner city with disabilities and mental health issues. She later returned to Wilmington, NC to serve her local community and work at New Hanover Memorial Hospital (NHMH). Mildred Ann became the first African American Director of the Social Work Department for NHMH, where she retired on June 5, 2014, after 30 years of service.

Mildred will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, graceful mannerisms, and her classy style.

Mildred Ann leaves to cherish her only son, Ashley Blake and granddaughter, Princess Ashley Blake Jones to carry on her legacy. She also leaves many cousins, a host of childhood friends, her cherished Williston classmates and friends at St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church, where she was an active member. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Cleo M. Johnson

Cleo M. Johnson, age 88, of Bolivia, passed away Friday, August 13, 2021. A celebration of Mrs. Johnson's life was held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 2586 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia, NC 28422. Interment followed at Piney Grove Community Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her husband, James W. Johnson, Sr. of the home; children, Della Randolph (David) of Greensboro, Cornelia Johnson of Wilmington and Cynthia Johnson of Fayetteville, 6 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Deacon King W. Moore

Deacon King W. Moore, age 92, of Leland, passed away Monday, August 16, 2021. A celebration of Deacon Moore's life was conducted on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home Chapel, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment followed at Murrill Family Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Mary Moore of the home; children, Robert Moore (Annette), Calvin Moore (Angelyn), Ronnie Moore (Gwendolyn) and Dale Moore all of Leland and Darlene Heath (Wendell) of Durham; siblings, Clayton Moore, Glather Robbins and Sadie Richburg all of Leland, 9 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Tameka T. Goodwin

Tameka T. Goodwin, age 39, of Southport, passed away Monday, August 16, 2021.

A celebration of Tameka's life was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at St. James AME Zion Church, 407 E. West St., Southport, NC 28461.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her son, Jasiah Gurganious of the home; brothers, Michael Goodwin (Angie) and Bryan Goodwin (Tanya) both of Southport and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Joseph E. Dykes

Joseph E. Dykes, age 88, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, August 19, 2021. A

memorial service will be held via Zoom on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Mary Dykes of the home; children, Deborah Hoskins of Philadelphia, PA, Jennifer Dykes of Chapel Hill, Joel Dykes (Regina) of Wilmington, Belinda Shuford (Edward) of Walkertown, Ryan Dykes (Ayet) of Wilmington and Matthew Dykes (Samantha) of Raleigh; bonus sons, RJ Dykes of Chapel Hill and Joel Jamison of Philadelphia, PA; siblings, Leona Hopewell of Atlanta, GA and Harold Dykes of Philadelphia, PA, 17 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Jake J. Moore, III

Jake J. Moore, III, age 80, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, August 21, 2021. A celebration of Mr. Moore's life was held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A viewing will be held one (1) hour prior to the service.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his son, Jake A. Palmer of Selma; sister, Helen D. James of Wilmington; nephews, James Moore of Rocky Point and Daniel James of Boston, MA; nieces, Pamela Armstrong (David) of Rocky Point, Pearly Moody (Leroy) of Decatur, GA, Paula James and Helen L. James both of Wilmington and a host of grandchildren, other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Michael L. Buckhanan

Michael L. Buckhanan, age 36, of Bolivia, passed away Sunday, August 22, 2021. A celebration of Michael's life was held on Friday, August 27, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 1705 Southport Supply Rd. SE, Bolivia, NC 28422. Interment followed at Zion Hill Church Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his mother, Maureen B. Moore (Eddie) of the home; father, Michael L. Clemmons (Twalla) of Wilmington; paternal grandmother, Catherine Clemmons of Southport; siblings, Amanda Clemmons, Jeremy Buckhanan and Brandy Moore all of Bolivia, Anthony Clemmons (Cherelle) and Canaan Clemmons both of Wilmington and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Juanita H. Davis-Ross

Juanita H. Davis-Ross, age 95, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, August 28, 2021. Public viewing 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 1311 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington, NC.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her daughter, Juanita D. Jones; grandchildren, Emerson T. Whitted of Castle Hayne, Edwin L. Whitted of Raleigh, Darin T. Jones (Ashley) of Wilmington and Edna N. Jones-Houge (Matthew) of Huntersville; great-grandchildren, M'Kem Whitted of Cary and Zoey V. Jones of Wilmington and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

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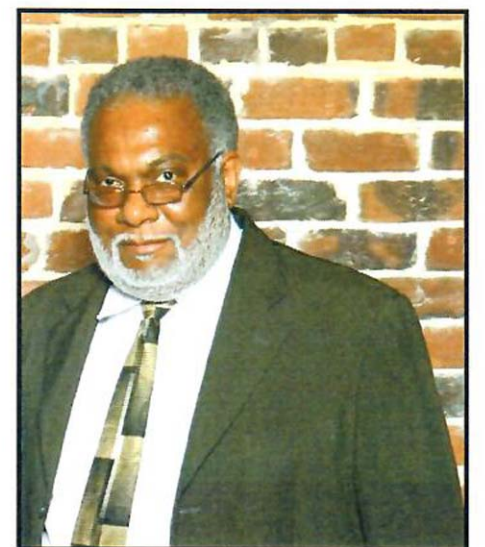


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TELL SOMEBODY

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58

Labor - Work for wages
Stedfast - Unchanging, loyal, constant
Unmoveable - Incapable of being moved
Abounding - To be plentiful in amount
Vain - To no avail

As the Labor Day holiday is approaching, the celebration of the value and dignity of work should never end. Help Wanted signs are displayed in so many places, there is work to be done. Willing workers are needed

everywhere. To many Americans young and old, Labor Day signals the official end of summer vacations, and the beginning of a new school year. Many families have gathered for the last picnic of the summer or the season's final trip to the beach.

The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate is measured on a monthly basis in the United States. In July 2021, the national unemployment rate was at 5.4 percent. Millions of Americans enjoy the dignity of having a job, going to work, and earning a living! Workers in the job market have the expectancy that there is a payday coming as a result of their work in the labor force.

In God's economy, there is no unemployment crises.

"Your labor is not in vain"



Sylvia Hooper

There is enough work to do for all of us, whether you are a preacher in the pulpit, an evangelist in the field, or a person passing out tracts. We must remember, that our labor is not in vain!

Jesus said in John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: for the night cometh, when no man can work."

There is a promised reward for those who labor in His vineyard. His reward for the soul winner is mentioned in Daniel 12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

His reward for being a faithful servant is promised in Matthew 10:42,

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." His reward for those who do good is promised in Ephesians 6:8.

"Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free." Your labor is not in vain!

In Acts 20:24, we see Apostle Paul, who refused to be intimidated by the sufferings and threats of personal harm to himself. He refused to give up, to quit, or to turn around. His heart was fixed and his mind was made up. He was fully persuaded that God was going to bless him for his obedience to his call to minister. He said, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." He was steadfast, he was unmoveable, and he continued to abound in the work of the

Lord, because he knew this one thing...."His labor was not in vain! Be encouraged likewise. Tell Somebody!!!

Prayer: Help me to be about my Father's business, and recommit to work while it is day, knowing that my labor is not in vain in the Lord.

In Jesus's Name. Amen
"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

Talking back To God

God spoke it, but you won't believe it, causing division and a wedge to develop. You've caused a separation from God. Doubt (unbelief) neutralizes our faith. This also causes faith to be ineffective (not having the result that is needed nor desired).

Many times, unaware, we begin to argue with God. God as our Father proclaims his word of deliverance to us and our minute intellect begins to question the Creator. God speaks and we say, "but"? We've got to say the last word, though our last word doesn't mean very much, of course, unless it's in agreement with God's word. Can two walk together, except they be in agreement?

Amos 3:3 Can you and I really say that we are walking with God when we aren't agreeing with God?

How many of you have experienced a child talking back to parents? Think back on what your response was. It was that someone hasn't done a good job of disciplin-

ing. Many of you perhaps thought that that child needs an old fashion spanking.

The question becomes, why is that child not responding in a more positive manner to instruction given by the adult. Why isn't the situation a more harmonious one, where an authority figure speaks and the child submits. There is obviously disagreement or at least a misunderstanding of roles to be played here.

The behavior must be corrected or there will be no positive response of agreement to the response expected. The two must act in agreement. If a gap continues it causes division in all areas of life. Division has trampled on respect.

The child now doesn't take you seriously and if there are threats or consequences for actions that are not carried through, that problem deepens.

However, that same child, once properly disciplined, and knowing the role that each participant must and should play, reacts in a dif-

ferent and more desirable way. The child will, now, boast on, "what my Dad said", or "my Mom said" or even, "My mom and my Dad knows."

For as much as this shows a break down in the family structure, it is so typical of what happens to the family in the Kingdom of God. There seems to be a misunderstanding of roles in our relationship to the Father, the God of heaven.

Let's just Stop Talking Back to God. But, rather, agree together, that we may receive our desired outcome.

Scripture: A Kingdom Divided Against Itself, Cannot Stand. Mat 12:15 and Luke 3:24, 26.

You may ask, what kingdom? The Kingdom of God of whose Kingdom You Are. In a kingdom, there is a king and the king has subjects. And it's a Monarchy - meaning one man rule. His word is law and not to be questioned. Who is our king? We all agree that God is. It is he who governs. Who are His subjects? We all agree: we

are those whom he governs. We know that in a kingship, whatever the king says, we do. Remember the story of Jesus's first miracle of turning water into wine. Mary said, whatever He says, do it. There was no questioning, just obeying (trusting). There was no talking back to God. Those men may not have known the principal of (standing in agreement with God), they just agreed and acted. They found out that it worked. Again, a kingdom divided against itself cannot and will not stand.

God, through his word that is alive and active, proclaims his power of the resurrection and the shed blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, that by my strips, ye were healed, and that all things are possible to him that believes. You say, but it may not be his will for me. Can you really believe the word for others and not for yourself? God's word is, "if you will praise me, I will bless you". You say, "I don't feel anything." But you forget that praise is due him because of who he is-not

because of your feeling. Praise him because you love him with the love that he gives. Agape love that doesn't deal with feelings. Just give back to him the seed of love he's planted into your spirit. He says bring the sacrifice of praise. You say people will say I'm pretending. I don't want to look flakey. But God says praise is comely, meaning it's attractive and beautiful. God inhabits your praise, gets right in it and refreshes and renews. Agree with God; don't miss out on anything that he offers in the kingdom. It's for his subjects. He says, greater things will you do because I go to the Father. 2 Chronicles 15:2, If you seek him, he will be found of you and James 4:8 shouts out, "Draw nigh to him and he will draw nigh to you. All that is mine is thine. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you can ask what you will and it shall be given to you."

Not being careful with the words that we say, will give place to the enemy! But Romans declares, "And being

fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform." James 1:19 says, Therefore, my beloved, be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath. Take hold to what the word says and plant it in your spirit man (that part of you recreated to accept the word without doubt or question). As people of God, we must come into agreement by pulling down strong wholes or anything that will exalt itself against God's knowledge: Agree!

When Satan says no, subdue him by the power of the word. You know what the word says. The song echoes, "Whose report do you believe? We will believe the report of the Lord. His report says I'm healed and filled, His report says I'm free, His report says, victory." Agree!


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Things parents should know sending their kids back to school

BY BREONNA RANDALL
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For the first time since March 2020, millions of students, pre-kindergarten to high school seniors, will be attending in-person classes. Aside from attending class, they will be also participating in extracurricular activities, like sports, music and clubs. Parents have many concerns and questions. Howard University News Service reached out to five physicians for answers, Dr. Hadie Shariat, pediatrician, Howard University Hospital; Dr. Katherine Hager, Infectious Disease Fellow, Howard University Hospital; Dr. Catherine Marshall, pediatrician at Balboa Pediatrics; Dr. Andrea Goings, pediatrician, Baby Doc House Calls, and Dr. Stacey Eadie, pediatrician at her own private practice, Peds in a Pod.

Should I get my child vaccinated?

The unanimous opinion among our doctors was if your child can get vaccinated, they should. The only

thing that has proven to be effective so far in fighting COVID-19 is the vaccine, they said. While a tiny fraction of people has died from the vaccine, more than 600,000 have died from the disease. Children under the age of 12 cannot be vaccinated, though pharmaceutical companies are working on a vaccine for them.

What if my child is too young for the vaccine?

In this case, the doctors advise, your child should stay away from unvaccinated adults, stay away from crowded indoor places, always wear a mask and keep practicing social distancing and good hygiene. Also always remember to keep up with your local safety guidelines. Guidelines and prevalence of coronavirus are different in different cities and states. Residents may need to be more careful in some locales.

What kind of mask should my child wear and how many do they need?

The readily available blue and white surgical masks are the best option for students of all ages. They will protect

your child if they are wearing them properly. The mask should cover their nose and their mouth. If the mask falls to the ground or gets wet either by sneezing into it or from water, they should be discarded, and a new mask put in place. Younger children should carry about a half a dozen surgical masks with them a day.

Students in grades 9-12 should not need to change theirs as often. They may only need to have about three. For older children doubling up by wearing a surgical mask and a cloth mask on top throughout their school day is the best option.

If your child is most comfortable wearing only a cloth mask, that is fine, but remember it needs to be cleaned daily, never wait more than a day to clean or rotate your child's cloth mask. N-95 masks are said to be the best option, but only if they have been fit tested by a doctor to a child's face. Children with disabilities who are not able to wear a mask all day should wear a shield.



Children, especially younger children, seem to always have a sniffle or runny nose. However, in today's climate, it's better to be safe than sorry.

What should be on my back-to-school shopping list?

You should buy everything that you would already get but more. Make sure your

child has more than enough supplies, so they won't need to ask their classmates to share. Young children like to chew on their pens and sharing those supplies could increase the spread of germs. Aside from masks, you may want to add new items like hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.

What are some school habits my child needs to break and new ones they should include?

The number one habit that children of all ages need to break is sharing. They should not share toys, school supplies, food, drinks or anything else. It won't be easy to get young children to unlearn "sharing is caring," but it is very important that they try their best.

Other habits that students need to break is any unnecessary touching. Hugging or kissing other students is a no-no. Students have been away from their friends for a very long time, and they may want to show physical affection towards each other when they reunite but it is very important that they don't as much as possible.

They should also use disinfectant wipes to clean their desks between classes and the handles and locks to their lockers. Finally, most schools do not have automatic sinks or dryers. So, students should consider using paper towels to turn handles off and on and opening doors after washing their

hands for at least 20 seconds.

Are there warning signs that my child may have been exposed to the coronavirus?

Children, especially younger children, seem to always have a sniffle or runny nose. However, in today's climate, it's better to be safe than sorry. Every day after you child comes home, spend two minutes with your child and let them tell you about their day without asking any specific questions. In that time, they may tell you if they shared toys or snacks with anyone that they shouldn't have. If your child is having a cough or runny nose, yes it could be allergies or a common cold, but do not risk the safety of your family and others. Keep your children home and quarantine them until they can take a Covid-19 test at a medical facility, not an at home rapid test. A two-year old may get sick and have just a runny nose or sore throat from the disease, but if they infect their grandmother, for example, she could end up in the hospital on a ventilator.

Are extracurricular activities okay for my child to participate in?

There is nothing wrong with your child returning to their extracurricular activities, just as long as these activities are supervised and are following all Center for Disease Control and Prevention and local health guidelines.



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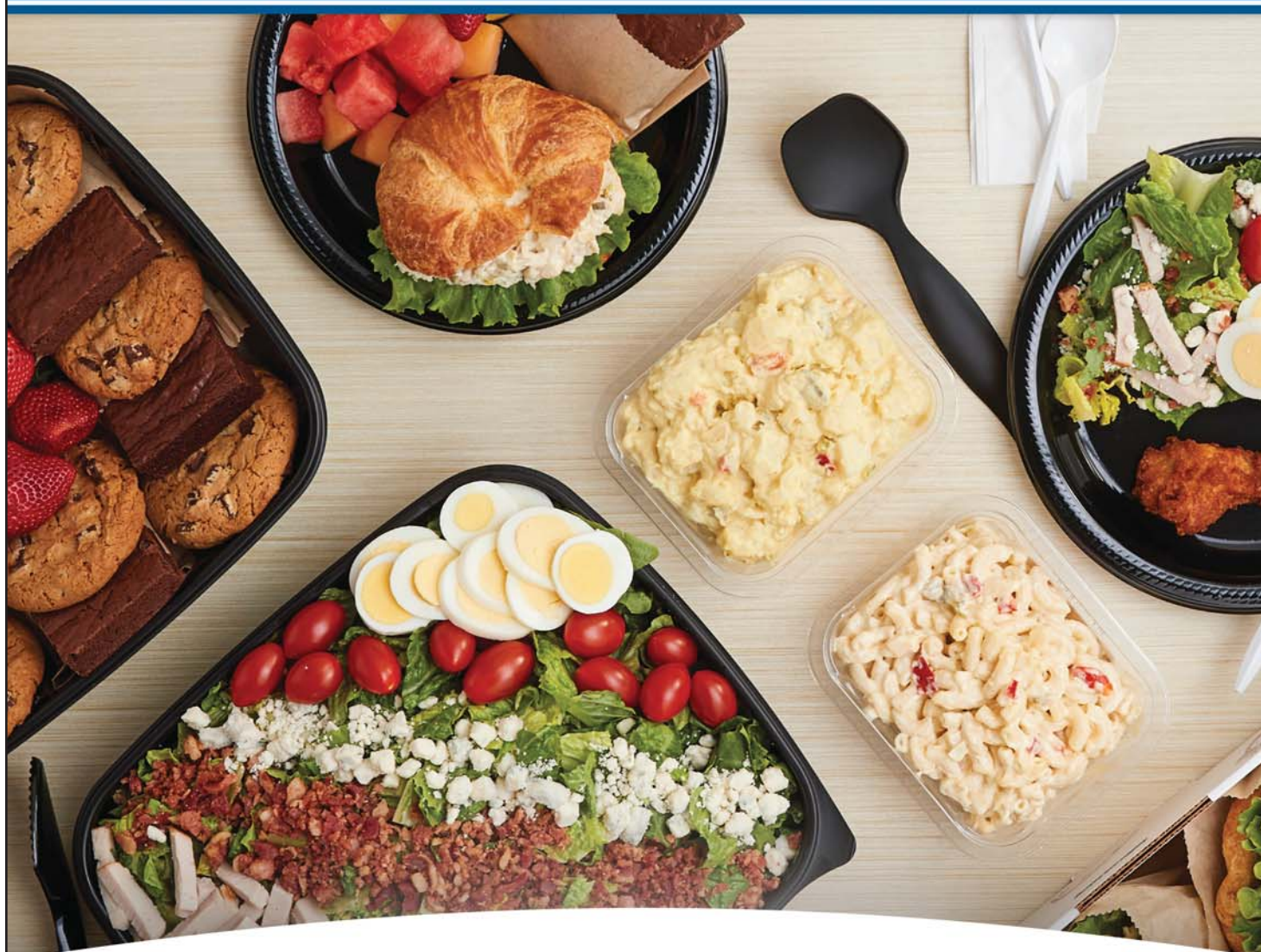
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Dennis Michael Rasmussen
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August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 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
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August 26, September 2, 9, 2021

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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 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 of said decedent 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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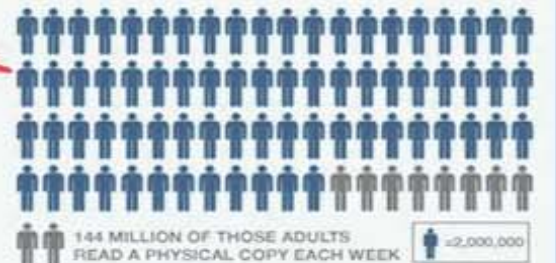
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