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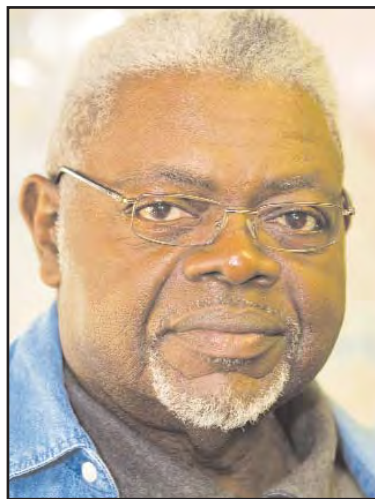
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BERNEST HEWETT

WAKE UP, AMERICA!

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We have been raised in a nation of hardships and lies. There's been the ugly institution of slavery, along with all the whippings, hangings, and other unbearable living conditions! We've had to provide free labor for farmers and, in industry, we've been the last hired and first fired! We've been the victims of unfair and unjust laws, but, through all this, God has blessed us to be able to prove our ability to do that which our oppressors could do. We have come through extreme times and have still made society realize

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NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR ROY COOPER

Gov. Cooper vetoes anti-riot bill and anti-critical race theory bill

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It should not have come as a surprise to any Republican state lawmaker that Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, was going to veto their most controversial legislation this term. Last week, Cooper vetoed House Bill 805 and House Bill 324. Both measures were seen by Democrats as Republican overreaches of First Amendment and educational freedoms, so much so that there is little chance of any Democrat joining GOP lawmakers in attempting to over ride Gov. Cooper's veto. As reported recently, HB 805, ratified by the Republican-majority N. C. House after winning approval in the GOP-led Senate, was purported to be a direct response to last summer's protests and calls for racial justice and police accountability, proponents said.

However, opponents, primarily Democrats, countered that it was an attempt to stifle peaceful protests. "The bill is a clear attempt to suppress free speech and the right to assemble," the progressive-leaning N. C. Justice Center said. "It also

leaves the definition of a "riot" intentionally vague, thus granting police and prosecutors immense power to target Black, brown, and indigenous communities. By standing up for racial justice, those communities will be most hurt by the subjective legislation."

"Interestingly, a federal judge in Florida last Thursday ruled that state's anti-riot law as unconstitutional as well, arguing that law's language too vague, "...[permitting] those in power to weaponize its enforcement against any group who wishes to express any message that the government disapproves of,"

Governor Roy Cooper agreed. "People who commit crimes during riots and at other times should be prosecuted and our laws provide for that, but this legislation is unnecessary and is intended to intimidate and deter people from exercising their constitutional rights to peacefully protest," said Cooper in a statement, explaining why he was vetoing the measure.

The Democratic governor also had sour grapes for the controversial HB324, which Republicans assured was an effort to prevent "indoctrination" by liberal teachers of stu-

dents about racism, sexism, and America's racist and sexist history.

Led by Black Republican N. C. Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, HB 324 mirrored similar so-called anti-Critical Race Theory laws in numerous other states.

"Republicans haven't uncovered indoctrination in our schools," said Democratic Senate leader, Dan Blue (D-Wake). "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." Again, Gov. Cooper and his veto were on the same page.

"The legislature should be focused on supporting teachers, helping students recover lost learning, and investing in our public schools," said the governor in a statement. "Instead, this bill pushes calculated, conspiracy-laden politics in public education."

Again, because Republicans do not have enough members in either the House or the Senate to constitute the required supermajority, the governor's veto of HB 324 is expected to stand. Thus far this term, Gov. Cooper has vetoed ten bills.



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they couldn't hold us down. Now some racist Whites have come up with another theory. That is, if they stop teachers from teaching the truth about how this racist system treated Blacks and other minorities in the past, they can say it's not true. If so, they can continue with the power that makes them superior to all others.

The teaching of Critical Race Theory is under attack like never before! Wake up, America! If we don't know from where we've come, we cannot know to where we are going.

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[RALEIGH] Ex-felons, who immediately registered to vote between August 23rd to September 3rd, shall remain registered until further court order, states the NC State Supreme Court.

On August 23, 2021, a North Carolina superior court expanded this earlier

decision and ordered that all felons on community supervision be permitted to register and vote. This would include people on felony probation, parole, or post-release supervision. However, on September 3, 2021, the North Carolina Court of Appeals ordered a halt to that decision while it is on appeal. Last Friday's decision from the N.C. Supreme Court affirms the halt put in place by the Court of Appeals, with one exception. The Supreme Court's order allows any felon on community supervision who registered between August 23 and September 3, 2021, to remain registered and vote until further order

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[WILMINGTON] The average Wilmingtonian has one more year of education than does the average. So says a study by HireAHelper, a group which studies educational attainment throughout the United States. The study shows Wilmington residents average 14.1 years of education, compared to 13.4 years for Americans on average. Overall, 26.2% of Wilmington residents' highest level of attainment is a bachelor's degree, and 15.7% attain a graduate or

professional degree. To find out more, go to <https://www.hireahelper.com/lifestyle/us-cities-with-the-highest-education-rates/>.

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POPULATION GROWTH

[WILMINGTON] Compare the Port City to elsewhere in the state, if not much of the nation, and you'll find that it's cheaper to live here than most anywhere else. But you may also find that the roads are now more crowded as a result. That finding and more is in a new study by Roofstock looking at the

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CASH MICHAELS

# Actor's death reminds of N.C.'s opioid crisis

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON  
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The untimely death of gifted actor Michael K. Williams, star of HBO's *Lovecraft Country* and *The Wire*, among other noteworthy productions, last week, according to authorities, apparently attributed to a drug overdose in his Brooklyn home, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, reminded all that the Black community has to struggle with two growing health challenges that threaten our everyday living.

It has been well documented that, even though, at press time, there was no official determination of what caused the Emmy nominated Williams' death, the actor's well documented drug use history, the paraphernalia, and heroin allegedly found on his kitchen table, pointed toward an apparent overdose of the deadly, and illegal opioid as the culprit.

Williams, 54, was always open about his drug abuse problems, something he suffered from since the age of 19. In 2012, he told *NJ.com* that he spent his earnings from *The Wire* on drugs. "I was playing with fire," he said. "It was just a matter of time before I got caught and my business ended up on the cover of a tabloid or I went to jail or worse, I ended up dead. When I look back on it now, I don't know how I didn't end up in a body bag."

It was February 2020 when Williams said at an event for former prisoners that his work in movies was a way to beat his habit. "This Hollywood thing that you see me in, I'm passing through because I believe this is where my passion, my purpose, are supposed to be."

Sadly, Williams' addiction may have eventually destroyed them both.

According to officials, there are thousands here in North Carolina who are in the same boat, and while opioid addiction is more prevalent among Whites, it is increasing among Black. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, an estimated 79% of drug overdose deaths involved opioids in 2018 in North Carolina. In 2019, "nearly five North

Carolinians died each day from unintentional opioid overdose. From 2000-2019, more than 16,500 North Carolinians lost their lives to unintentional opioid overdose," reports the N. C. Dept. of Health and Human Services' Opioid Action Plan Data Dashboard.

Think the opioid and COVID-19 crisis have nothing to do with each other? Think again!

According to North Carolina Public Radio, in a report out just last month, opioid overdose deaths in the State actually increased during the coronavirus lockdown, contributing to the fact that North Carolina had more opioid overdose deaths in 2020 than any other year on record. The most common, and overly prescribed opioid, is Oxycontin.

"Opiate addiction is a group of diseases that people call the diseases of despair," said Dr. Graham Snyder, Medical Director, WakeMed, in Raleigh to WUNC-FM, "meaning when things are bad, when unemployment, education, job uncertainty, food uncertainty, are bad, then those diseases get worse. You take people who are already struggling and say, 'Oh, by the way, now you're unemployed. You can't do the fun things you used to and everywhere you look, there's uncertainty.' That's a setup for an opioid crisis. And the numbers have gone up, but they're not skyrocketing yet," Dr. Snyder continued.

So how does that translate racially? In a new report issued just last week, "an increasing number of Black people in America are dying from opioid overdose deaths, compared with their White peers...." states *The Independent*. "The rate of opioid overdose deaths has been climbing for African-Americans faster than other groups, a study from the National Institute of Health's National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) found," *The Independent* added.

"The reasons for the disparity, according to the study's authors, are diverse. Because of stigmas and a lack of access to healthcare, Black people are both less likely to be prescribed opi-



MICHAEL K. WILLIAMS

oids in the first place for their pain and less likely to get lifesaving addiction treatment once they develop difficulties with the drugs."

"If you are Black American and you have an opioid use disorder, you are much less

likely to be prescribed medications for opioid use disorder," Dr. Nora Volko, head of NIDA, told *NPR*. "That's discrimination."

North Carolina wasn't part of NIDA's four-state study, but that doesn't mean

the results don't apply to areas like Wilmington, Greensboro, Charlotte-Mecklenburg and Asheville.

In 2016, according to the study, *The Opioid Crisis in America's Workforce* from Castlight Health, Wilmington, led the nation in opioid abuse at 11.6%.

In 2014, opioid addiction was reported as "spiking" in Guilford County, the third most populated in North Carolina. Heroin addiction was found to be particularly bad in Greensboro.

In 2017, *Axios Charlotte* reported that "...in the last decade, opioid-related deaths in the county have increased by 134 percent."

Furthermore, according to the Buncombe County Dept. of Health, Buncombe County experienced "...147% increase in overdose deaths from 2015-2017."

*Editor's Note - What is being done in North Carolina to combat the scourge of opioid drug addiction, especially in the Black community?*



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## OUR VOICE GUEST EDITORIAL

### Thank you, Black women

When California governor Gavin Newsom woke up on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, I hope he fell to his knees and said, "Thank you, God, thank you, Black women." To be sure, there are many others to thank, from the energized Chicana/Latina community to the Democrats who surged to the polls at the last minute. Some of the more prominent who thronged to his side were Black women, including Vice President Kamala Harris, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, California Board of Equalization member Malia Cohen. Others include grassroots women whose names you'll never know but whose work was invaluable. They had to get out the vote drives.

Street fairs. Voter awareness events in parks and playgrounds. They were determined that the recall effort would fail and even more determined when talk show host Larry Elder jumped into the race as the conservative favorite.

Those who worked for Governor Newsom weren't necessarily his biggest fans, but they appreciated all his work to develop a progressive agenda. They enjoyed his appointment of Dr. Shirley Weber as Secretary of State. They appreciated his support of Vice President Harris and President Biden. Despite his flaws and unforced errors, they appreciated his leadership on covid matters (like the French Laundry debacle). And they turned up and turned out, although with laggardness that put the outcome of the recall in doubt, especially in mid-August when Elder was polling very close to Newsom.

Democrats ought to be ashamed that things got that close. In a state that has twice as many Democrats as Republicans, there should never have been a question about the outcome of the vote. Frankly, there never should have been a recall election. But if Republicans can't get their way the old-fashioned way (by winning), they'll try the renegade way by stealing. So we were treated to allegation after allegation of voter fraud before a single ballot had been counted. We heard reports that some partisan poll-watchers were aggressively challenging voter signatures in the name of preventing fraud. Republicans have been able to gain all these advantages because Democrats, in a word, have been sleeping.

President Joe Biden would be the first to assert that Black women made a difference in the 2020 election. Women like LaTasha Brown, Melanie Campbell, Barbara Arnwine, and so many others crisscrossed the country, urging people to get out and vote. Sometimes it wasn't an easy case to make. President Biden has been in public office long enough to have a record that energizes some and causes others to cringe. Too many Black men (around one in six) believed the hype and voted for Trump. As hard as that is to understand, it is reasonable to note that Black people are not a monolith, and we don't vote in lockstep. That makes the Republican embrace of arch-conservative Larry Elder (he would have given reparations to slave owners) all the more cynical.

Some Republicans see Elder as the new face of conservatism. Others see him as a Black man who can hoodwink Black people into voting against their interests. One critic described him as "white supremacy in Blackface". She was kind.

Elder is coyly considering a gubernatorial run against Newsom in 2022. He may have some momentum, having garnered 46 percent of the votes to replace Newsom, but given that Californians soundly rejected the recall effort, will he have the numbers? His 46 percent of the 37 percent who voted in favor of the recall amounts to a paltry 14 percent or just one in seven votes. The California recall process distorts both the voting outcome and Elder's relative unimportance.

Still, Elder isn't going anywhere. The popular talk-radio host is likely to use his electoral experience to expand his audience and ratings. And with the help of Fox, he may multiply his base. There is little or nothing that Democrats can do about Larry Elder, but there is plenty that we can do about pushing a Democratic agenda. Democrats, just do your work. Organize, strategize, keep the momentum going. Stop thinking that you have to "play nice" with Republicans because they sure ain't playing nice with you. If you care about health care, education, clean air and water, economic justice, call it out. And if you care about the political space in which we live, say thank you to the Black women who helped make it happen.

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## VISUAL VOICE



## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Tragic loss of Michael K. Williams

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

On behalf of the leaders and members of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. Will be honoring Michael K. Williams on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at our 37th Annual Awards Ceremony. Our theme for this year is "Through It All, We're Still Standing." This theme was chosen because like other organizations, we have had many tragedies. The coronavirus has negatively impacted many of our families. Several of us have lost a parent or another close relative or friend. I am proud of our members who never stopped serving others.

As we planned and prepared for our 37th Annual Awards Ceremony, we chose to honor Michael K. Williams as one of two of our Dick Gregory Good Brother awards. Our other awardee in that category is B. Michael who is an extraordinary clothing designer. I knew him as the designer for my good friend Cicely Tyson who was among the many who left us in 2021. She was not just our friend, but a friend to many throughout the world.

Now, there is Michael K. Williams who was chosen to be one of our honorees, but he, too, was a friend to the world. Our hearts were heavy when we received the news of his passing a few days ago. Michael had pre-recorded his acceptance remarks and they were among his last words. His words were so touching that we'll share them with the world at our Awards Ceremony and I pray that his words will be as touching to someone as they were to me.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Our Awards Ceremony Chair, Dr. Theresa Buckson was one of Michael's friends and she said, "Michael will be honored with NCBW's Good Brother Award for his commitment to philanthropy, community involvement and his award-winning accomplishments as an actor." It is true that the good often die young. Michael was only 54 years old, working on so many

issues to better our community. His loss is a real tragedy. His loss is a wakeup call for all of us to pay attention and lend a hand to those who are showing signs of depression.

Michael was a kind person who exemplified community involvement and was an exceptional actor and activist. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and loved ones. He will be missed for the great work he did and the work he'd planned to do.

Other honorees for the event will be Congresswomen Nikema Williams, Cori Bush and Marilyn Strickland who will receive NCBW's Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm Award. Others to be honored are District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser, NEA President Rebecca Pringle, Moderna Lead Researcher Dr. Kizzy Corbett, Black Voters Matter Fund and Black Voters Matter Capacity Building Institute Co-Founder LaTosha Brown, Fashion Designer Extraordinaire B. Michael and WNBA Vice-President and Co-Owner of the Atlanta Dream Renee Montgomery. Among entertainers for the

event are the Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr.—the only couple of Pop and Soul, Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye, Dr. Sonja Fuqua and Greater Works of Suitland, Maryland's Praise Team.

Tamika Mallory will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The 2021 NCBW Awards Ceremony will deliver a virtual experience following the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Weekend event. The organization was founded in 1984 by the late Dr. C. DeLores Tucker and first chaired by the late Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. NCBW is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit community service organization with chapters all across the country. It is the organization responsible for erecting a bust of Sojourner Truth in the United States Capitol making Sojourner the first Black woman so honored. Since that time, a memorial to Rosa Park has been added. With all the Federal holidays honoring men, it's time for one to honor a woman!

Dr. E. Faye Williams, National President and host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM 89.3 radio.

## VIRGINIA VOTERS' CHOICE:

### Forward with voting rights champ for governor or backward with team Trump

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Virginia's voters will pick the state's next governor in November. The choice couldn't be clearer, and neither could the national implications of this race in a bellwether state. Not only is the Virginia election a curtain-raiser for the midterm elections of 2022, it's also the biggest test so far of whether the Trumpified GOP can win major races.

The Democratic candidate, Terry McAuliffe, had a successful term as governor. The Republican candidate, Glenn Youngkin, is a super-wealthy businessman trying to buy his way into power. (Sound familiar?) On one issue after another, voters can contrast Youngkin's unproven claims with McAuliffe's proven record.

Take voting rights. During his 2014-2018 term, McAuliffe overcame Republican resistance and Jim Crow-era voting laws to restore voting rights to 173,000 Virginians.

What about Youngkin? He refused to acknowledge the legitimacy of President Joe Biden's victory for months—until after he won the GOP nomination—and has helped promote false right-wing claims about voter fraud that are being used by Republican legislators to justify restrictive voting laws around the country. Just last month, Youngkin spoke at an "elec-

tion integrity" rally organized by a Trump supporter who was outside the Capitol during the Jan. 6 insurrection. No wonder Trump has so enthusiastically endorsed Youngkin.

Youngkin promotes himself as if Virginia needs him as some kind of savior to pull the state out of the "ditch" he claims it is in.

The Washington Post's editorial board said Youngkin's claim is "flatly contradicted by a tsunami of evidence to the contrary." That sounds like a polite way of saying Youngkin is lying. The

state has a budget surplus, lower-than-average unemployment, and a AAA bond rating. This summer CNBC declared Virginia the top state in the country for business.

The real danger of the state dropping into a ditch comes from Youngkin himself. His desire to abolish the state's income tax would slash the state's ability to provide services to its residents.

When McAuliffe was governor, he was so successful at attracting economic development and generating new jobs that he was named "Public Official of the Year" by "Governing" magazine in

2017. The magazine honored McAuliffe "based on his success navigating an opposition legislature, creating new jobs, and persevering in restoring the civil rights of more than 168,000 Virginians." McAuliffe credited his team for helping him "build a stronger, more inclusive Virginia."

In his previous term as governor, McAuliffe also oversaw record spending on education and created the country's first workforce training program to help people without a college education get access to jobs in high demand. He is pledging to build on that track record by raising teacher pay above the national average, expanding access to preschool, and getting all students online.

Meanwhile, Youngkin's search for ways to fire up right-wing voters has led him down another divisive road paved by Trump. Youngkin has joined Trump, Fox News, and right-wing activists who are trying to stop schools from having honest conversations about racism in our history, culture, and institutions. They're hoping to inflame conservative white voters to drive up turnout, and Youngkin has made it the centerpiece of his campaign.

His dishonest comments about Virginia schools show us that he will say or do anything to get into power, no matter how much damage he does along the way. Youngkin

fails another test that is of vital importance to Virginians' health and economic future: dealing responsibly with the COVID-19 pandemic. Youngkin opposes vaccine mandates and doesn't think schools should require students to wear masks. He said he would follow the lead of Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, whose irresponsible policies have encouraged an upsurge in hospitalizations and deaths. McAuliffe knows that you can't rebuild the economy if the pandemic is allowed to ravage the workforce and disrupt our lives and jobs.

Virginia voters rejected Donald Trump twice and I believe they will reject Trump's pick for governor. McAuliffe, whose successful record as governor reflects his commitment to a Virginia that works better for everyone, deserves Virginians' votes, and the nation will be watching.

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.

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That lender will be asking you about every deposit over a certain amount that went into your bank account. They will ask where did the money come from, who gave it to you, and where they got it from?

Did they have it in a bank account before they gave it to you? How long did they have it in a bank account before they gave it to you? Do they have bank statements to prove they had it in the bank? What did you have to promise to get it, do you have to pay it back? Will they be willing to sign a letter saying they are giving it to you as a GIFT and not as a loan. Oh my, and it goes on and on. You will be asking yourself "WHY did I put that money in the bank!" I wish I was lying but these explanations got to be GOOD and all the money you have in

that account can be "SOURCED". Sourced is a banking term that means written proof of where it came from. If you can't prove where you got it from, you unfortunately likely will hear, "Application DENIED" if you need that money to buy a home. I know you might be wondering why it is so important where the money comes from for a down-payment, closing cost, etc when buying a home. Well, the reason it matters where the money comes from is because of laws concerning money laundering. Long gone are the days that the mob, drug lords, etc can bring a large paper bag

full of stacks after stacks of cash to purchase properties. Oh yes, it was a time back in the day you could, and I remember those days during my early career, but those days are long gone. The banking industry is now heavily regulated in the processing of loans.

Now we know everybody is not out here selling drugs to have a little extra change. Even monies for these good old neighborhood kitchen plates, cupcakes, banana puddings, freeze pops candy apples, etc being cash app into your bank account daily will be questioned if you are taking it in like that on a regular.

Oh my, just be mindful! Be SMART with that money, and make sure those accounts are right at least 2 months before you go to the bank. They will ask for 60 days of bank statements. If everything that went in over those last 60 days can be proven with a paper trail, you are fine.

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### Harmonic relationships

The basic principle of the universe is that of order. When order is extended over a time period, it becomes harmony. This universal harmony is like a great symphony in which all notes, vibrations, and sounds are being played at the same time, for all time.

Each entity, each person, each life form is a note, a vibration in that great universal sound. When your life is in order, your goals are attained, and your visions are realized. Your purpose is fulfilled, and you are in a complete harmonic relationship with the universe.

The note and vibration that is your life is in perfect harmony with the universe. When this perfect harmony is achieved, you become one with the universe, and upon death, leave your physical body at the proper level of consciousness to ascend to the next level of universal existence.

When your life is out of order, your goals are not being attained, nor is your vision realized. You are not in a complete harmonic relationship with the universe.

How do you know that your life is out of order?

You feel it. You are not

happy. You are not clear about where you are going. You fear the future, and suffer anxiety, stress, and a host of other unpleasant feelings.

How do you get your life in order?

You study the universal principles of the universe, and then align yourself with these principles.

The extent to which you align yourself with these universal principles determines the extent to which your harmonic relationship with the universe can move toward completion.

The way that you align yourself with the principles is to study, implement, and master them. The better you get, the more complete your harmonic relationship with the universe.

Once you are on the path, there is an endless cycle of growth, illumination, and elevation to the next level to be mastered.

Seven Basic Harmonic Relationships.

1. The first harmonic relationship is the relationship between you and God-the generic Universal Intelligence, Consciousness, Force, and Source that is common to all religions and cultures. Self with Source.

2. The second harmonic relationship is the relationship between you and yourself. Self with Self.

3. The third harmonic relationship is the relationship between you and other people. Self with Others.

4. The fourth harmonic relationship is the relationship between you and your powers. Self with Energy.

5. The fifth harmonic relationship is the relationship between you and your objectives. Self with Objectives.

6. The sixth harmonic relationship is the relationship between you and that which you achieve. Self with Results.

7. The seventh harmonic relationship is the relationship between you and your life purpose. Self with Purpose.

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# NNPA honors Dr. Ebony Hilton with National Leadership Award

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR  
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From the onset of the global pandemic about 18 months ago, Dr. Ebony Hilton emerged as a leader and a powerful voice of reason.

Critical Care Anesthesiologist doctor at the University of Virginia and founder of GoodStock Consulting, LLC, Dr. Hilton has loudly denounced quick re-openings, anti-vaxxers, and reckless gatherings during the pandemic.

Through her Twitter account, which has an ever-growing list of followers, and her appearances with the Black Press and major media outlets like MSNBC and CNN to provide a reality check for people around the globe.

"If we could stop saying we 'may be at the peak of Delta and Covid,' that'd be great," Dr. Hilton railed in a recent Twitter post.

"As if we're anywhere near vaccination rates needed locally, nationally, and globally to prevent the next variant. It's this rhetoric that has people walking around bare-faced in the middle of Florida," she demanded.

It's because of her bold and courageous stand and tireless work that Dr. Hilton will receive the 2021 National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) National Leadership Award for excellence and innovative leadership in Black America.

Dr. James Hildreth, Sens. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.), Congresswoman Cori Bush (D-Missouri), and Olympic record-setter Allyson Felix also will receive National Leadership Awards from the NNPA, the trade association of more than 230 African American-owned newspapers and media companies.

It's free to register for the ceremony, which takes place virtually at [www.virtuallnnpa2021.com](http://www.virtuallnnpa2021.com).

"I cannot begin to tell you how honored I am to be considered," Dr. Hilton said of the NNPA honor.

"I have to be honest. It's difficult to think of my efforts as worthy when there is so much left to do. One thing I can promise is to continue trying my best and showing up in hopes of truly deserving this prestigious recognition," Dr. Hilton stated.

Dr. Hilton received her M.D. from the Medical

University of South Carolina (MUSC) in 2008.

She remained at MUSC to complete her Residency in Anesthesia, followed by a Fellowship in Critical Care Medicine.

In 2013 Dr. Hilton made history as the first African American Female anesthesiologist since the hospital's opening in 1824.

Throughout her tenure at MUSC, Dr. Hilton's passions have centered on exploring the issue of health disparities, particularly as it pertains to race, and bridging the gap between physicians and the communities they serve.

According to Dr. Hilton's official biography, her works have led to her integration into the medical school curriculum, serving as a clinical instructor for fourth-year medical students in Intern 101.

She traveled the globe to participate in numerous medical mission trips via Project Madaktari Bugando Medical Center in Mwanza, Tanzania.

As a practicing physician at the University of Virginia - Charlottesville, Dr. Hilton has continued advocating for underserved and marginalized populations.

Her efforts have received



On Tuesday, September 14, Dr. Hilton will appear on the NNPA's live morning breaking news program, "Let It Be Known."

recognition from the National Medical Association and the National Minority Quality Forum as one of the top 40 under 40 Leaders in Health Care award recipients.

In addition to pioneering medicine, Dr. Hilton is a chil-

dren's book author of the Ava Series, a public speaker, and a community activist.

On Tuesday, September 14, Dr. Hilton will appear on the NNPA's live morning breaking news program, "Let It Be Known."

It will mark her second

appearance on the program this year, which airs weekdays at 7:30 a.m. EST on many of the social media channels of the Black Press of America, including [YouTube.com/c/BlackPressUSATV](https://www.youtube.com/c/BlackPressUSATV), Facebook/BlackPressUSA, and on Twitter @BlackPressUSA.



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**Antron Lamont Thomas**

Antron Lamont Thomas, affectionately known as "Head," was born on January 23, 1976 to Alfred Leroy Thomas and Shirley Starks Thomas in Wilmington, North Carolina.

He received his education in the New Hanover County School system and graduated in 1994 from New Hanover High School.

Lamont was an avid sports fan and loved all things New York; the Knicks, Giants and Yankees were his favorite teams.

Lamont met the love of his life, Sonya, while they were working at Cape Fear Dupont in Leland. They would send the next nineteen years together traveling, with Khalil and Keyera. Lamont was truly a family man who enjoyed spending time with and spoiling their children. Besides traveling with his family, he loved spending time with his other family and friends and would always take time out to spend time checking in with his father, whom he affectionately called "Pops." It was nothing for Lamont to take a quick trip to check on his family regardless of their location. He will truly be missed by all who loved and knew him.

He was preceded in death by two uncles, Henry Starks, Jr. and Jury Thomas.

He is survived by Fiance' Sonya Hampton, children Khalil Hampton, Keyera Hampton, parents Shirley Thomas, Alfred "Pops" Thomas (Loretta), sisters Patrice Thomas (Esco), Kaila Thomas, Candace McAllister, Shaela Evans, aunts Cynthia McQueen, Delphine Starks, Renee McDuffie, Lila McDuffie (Richmond), uncles Ricardo Thomas (Rosalyn), Frankie Starks (Adelle), Irving Starks, Sr. (Julia), John Thomas (Linda), Antonio Thomas, Johnny Starks, Sr. (Shirley), brothers-in-law Elwood Freeman (Debra), Samuel Hampton (Michelle), Hollie Hampton (Jackie), sisters-in-law Anne Kinlaw, Theresa Mobley, Linda Ingraham (George), Donna Goodwin, nieces Destanee Woods, Treasure Woods, Sania Seales, nephews DeAndre Thomas, Zachaeus Murphy, Band of Brethren Omar Miller, Larry Thomas, Travis Lee, Sr., Daryl Richardson, Bruce Everett, Devin Everett, Day One's Antwan McCoy, Gary Moore, Zack Brown, Corey Evans, special friends Ron Devone, Trot Nixon, God-children Aminah McCrae, Travis Lee, Jr. and Zack Brown. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).*

**Phyllis Annette Livingstone**

Phyllis Annette Livingstone, of Hampstead, North Carolina,

by way of Brooklyn, New York, was born September 4, 1955, to the late William L. Redd and Rev. Carrie M. Redd. She was called home on September 1, 2021 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, North Carolina.

She is celebrated for her tireless work ethic beginning as a childcare worker, and a fierce school bus driver for handicapped and wheelchair bound children in Brooklyn, New York. After relocating back home to Hampstead, North Carolina, to care for her aging mother, her journey led her to becoming a Certified Nurse's Assistant/Med Tech and completing her Associates Degree at Cape Fear Tech, Wilmington, North Carolina.

If you were blessed to know her or be in her presence, you knew she loved hard and deeply. Her first love was in God, followed by her love of community and serving others, as her work career exemplifies. But, her most cherished and most obvious love was for her family and friends.

Phyllis had an enduring and uncompromising love for her boys, Brad and Randolph, and regardless of circumstance, they were always the "Three Musketeers." That love permeated through to her grandchildren, as well as a special kind of love for her nieces and nephews. That special love, particularly for her nieces, affected communities and individuals around the world in such a way, she will always affectionately be known as "Aunt Phyllis."

As a longstanding and committed member of Saint John AME Church, she was able to grow and nurture a deep devotion to her Lord, the fellowship of the church, and her Pastor Rev. Strickland.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Richard Warren, two sons, Brad L. Redd of Raleigh, NC and Randolph E. Livingstone, II of Baltimore, MD; eight grandchildren, Michael, Ah-mesha, Prince, Madison, Mason, Randolph, III, Malin and Roy-al; five step-children and nine step-grandchildren, three brothers, Kenneth Mills (Sonja) of Rocky Mount, NC; Lawrence Mills of Wilmington, NC and William Redd, Jr., (Sonja) of Wilmington, NC; two sisters-in-law, Doretha Nixon of Hamstead, NC and Hattie Nixon of Brooklyn, NY and a host of other relatives and special friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).*

**Ember Alexandra Peterson "KoKo"**

Ember Alexandra Peterson "KoKo" died August 19, 2021. Funeral service was held on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at New Beginning Christian

Church; 3120 Alex Trask Drive.

Ember, daughter of Debra Lawson and George Peterson Jr., was born on February 9, 1987, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Ember grew up in the church. Attending church with family was an essential part of her life since childhood. Her grandmother - Emma, affectionately known as her "NaNa" taught her to pray at a very early age. She enjoyed singing in the choir and attending bible study. She was active in the youth department ministry at Tabernacle and Deliverance Church. Ember spent most of her life in Wilmington and was educated in New Hanover County School system. She relocated to Maryland where she attended Paint Branch High School and studied Retail Management & Culinary Arts. Upon her return to Wilmington, she graduated from E. A. Laney High School. Ember's passion for cooking led her to Cape Fear Community College where she honed her culinary arts skills. She later took a position in hospitality services and was employed by Burlington Stores, Inc. Ember brought joy and life to all she did; she was a loving daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She will be fondly remembered for many things - her vivid personality, lively humor, and caregiving spirit. She loved and adored children. When in their presence, you could see the joy radiating from her eyes. She wanted nothing more for them than to have a wonderful time. But perhaps nothing more than her deeply compassionate heart, making her ever willing to come to the aid of others. Above all else, she always said "Mommy, I love you!" after every conversation with her mother. It is one of her most endearing expressions that will be forever missed by her mother. Ember's life was a living example of a bible verse, Ephesians 4:32 - "And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ".

She was predeceased by her grandparents, Alexander Davis; Emma Estelle Smith; Lillie Mae Peterson and George Edward Peterson Sr. To celebrate the memory of her life

Ember leaves her mother, Debra Lawson; father, George Edward Peterson Jr. (Malinda); siblings, Christopher Lawson; Duan Richardson; Michele Gray; Nieces, Tahjaya Elmore; Latoddia Elmore; special great-aunt, Dorothy A. Newkirk; treasured aunts and uncles, Michael Smith; Ronald Smith (Felita); Cynthia Wise (Todd); Elizabeth Leget; cousins, Brittany; Dontae and Anne; a host of special cousins and other relatives. Ember's laughter, love and life enriched everyone she encountered. She will be exceedingly missed, for she was greatly loved. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Noah Formey, Jr.**

Noah Formey, Jr. died August 29, 2021. Graveside service was held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Northwest Cemetery.

Noah, son of the late Noah Formey, Sr. and Juanita Parker Formey was born on November 13, 1942 in Leland, North Carolina. Noah was educated in New York attending Boys and Girls High School in Brooklyn, New York. Following high school Noah enlisted in the US Army, serving in the Airborne Division.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his children: Noah Formey, Scot Formey, Andre Formey, Alexander J. Formey, Melody Formey and Krystina Janae Lucas; his siblings, Louis Parker; Luetta Parker; Barbara Robinson, Drue Robinson, Evelina Robinson and Harry Robinson; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Jimmie Lee Small, Jr.**

Jimmie Lee Small, Jr. died September 6, 2021. Graveside service was held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the St. Thomas Cemetery.

Jimmie was born December 29, 1945 in Brunswick County, North Carolina. He graduated from Lincoln High School in the Class of 1964. Jimmie was a member of Blackwell AME Zion Church. His hobbies included cooking, baking, watching westerns and he was a devoted Pittsburgh Steelers fan. Jimmie retired from New Hanover County Community

Action, Inc. as head Custodian where he worked for over 20 years. He was preceded in death by his son, his parents, and several sisters and brothers. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the love of his life.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Glenda of 48 years; his children, Jimmie Jr., (Tameka) and Marchetta; his grandchildren, Jim'Mina and Kierra Small of Leland, NC; great-grands, Harmonie, Chloe, and Kayson of Leland, NC; sisters, Angela Barnhill of Wilmington, NC and Debra and Oreda Waddell of Leland, NC; brothers, Johnnie Small of Leland, NC and Gilbert Waddell of Wilmington, NC; brothers-in-law, Robert Hall (Tanitia) of Newark, NJ and Geno Grady (Tracey) of Wilmington, NC; sister-in-law, Sheron Grady of Wilmington, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Wallace Randolph**

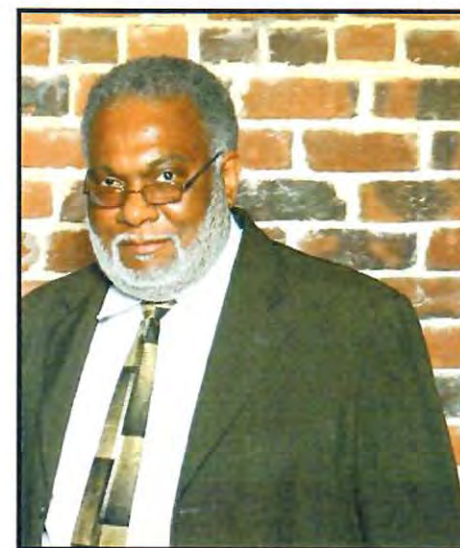
Wallace Randolph died September 7, 2021. Graveside service was held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at the Piney Grove Community Cemetery, Bolivia, NC.

Wallace, a resident of the Brunswick Rehabilitative Health Center in Ash, NC was born on September 11, 1946, the fourth child of 14 siblings, born to this parents Richard and Letsie Randolph who preceded him in death. God called him home just 3 days before his birthday. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Billy

Ray, Norris, MacArthur and Norwood Randolph and sister, Lola Randolph Miller. Wallace graduated from Brunswick County Training School in Southport, NC in 1954. He worked on a couple of jobs in North Carolina before heading to Newport News to work as an A-1 Welder at the Newport News Shipbuilders and Dry Dock Company. He worked there over 10 years before he experienced a tragedy that left him disabled. God was truly in his life. The doctors did not believe he could walk again. However, thank God, after a year of therapy, he walked for years before losing muscle strength that contributed to his not being strong enough to stand up long enough to gain the strength to walk. Wallace was a member of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist in Bolivia, NC where he attended regularly and served as Superintendent of the Sunday School and sang in the choir until his health no longer allowed him to do so.

Wallace leaves to mourn: three brothers, Glen (Rosa) and Richard I. Leon (Dianne) all of Bolivia, NC and Darius Randolph of Ypsilanti, MI; six sisters, Nora Crawford (Chip), Adna Swinford (James) and LaTanya Randolph, all of Cincinnati, OH; Naomi Randolph of Shallotte, NC, Phoebe Jordan (Jackson, Sr.) of Castle Hayne, NC, Eushama Goliday (Darrell) of Oxon Hill, MD and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H.*

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On the Revolution not being televised

In 1970, Gil Scott-Heron performed a work entitled, "The Revolution Will Not be Televised," and while the piece came out on the heels of the Civil Rights Movement of the 60s, Scott-Heron later explained revolution is about change and that "the first change that takes place is in your mind."

As Right-Wing extremists continue to threaten violence to protect their rights, and as so many people refuse to see what is happening to the very structure of this country, it is clear that there is not enough change happening in the minds of Americans.

We are stuck. We are stuck in our legacy of white supremacy, sexism, classism and bigotry on many levels. Politicians like Mitch McConnell and President Biden are stuck; McConnell in his belief in and practice of domination politics, and Biden in his belief that bipar-

tisanship is something that still exists - if it ever did.

Institutions, including the church, are stuck as well, stuck in the idea that "church" is a building, a place one goes to as opposed to being a way of living. White Nationalists are stuck in their belief that Jesus sanctions their bigotry and hatred, and others who call themselves Christian still do not get it that the foundation of Christianity is the Great Commandment - that we love God first with all our hearts, and that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We are all stuck; if a revolution is taking place, it is not obvious.

Change is difficult, no matter when it happens or why. We get used to being where we have always been, even when we know moving will make our lives and the lives of the people we love better. We remain stuck in our tendency to serve and honor

human beings rather than God - even though we use the name of God to justify our actions. We don't know what loving our neighbor as ourselves will ultimately look like and cost us, but we do not want to know.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

I recently watched a movie about the horrific experience of Richard Jewel, the security officer who discovered a bomb in Centennial Olympic Park in 1996 and, even as he notified law enforcement, ushered many people away from the bomb's location - only to be later accused of planting the bomb himself.

He was a young white man, overweight, and apparently had no swag of the sort that

people respect and want to emulate. He had a checkered past - as we all do - and his past was used by ambitious journalists to spread the lie that he, in fact, was the culprit who planted the bomb.

It turned out that it was a man named Eric Rudolph who had planted that bomb and others, a white man as well who hated the government and ascribed to conspiracy theories. The most striking thing about this movie (and I do not know how accurate this is) is that Rudolph, who had a community of white nationalists supporting him because he had bombed abortion clinics as well. The white nationalist community of which he was a part had a deep hatred of abortion clinics and for people "killing babies," but what the movie brought out was that they also had a deep love for their families. When Rudolph first made his way to a specific white nationalist community, they embraced him, but a bomb

specialist representing the ATF who also knew the white nationalist community told the FBI that the way to catch Rudolph was to let them know that Rudolph had planted the bomb at Centennial Olympic Park as well. That would make them angry because members of their families had been at the park on that day.

What was depicted in the movie was a revolution that was not televised. The white nationalists teamed up with the federal government to catch Rudolph. Within both these groups, a change of mind had to happen so they could act upon their common goals and interests - for the FBI to catch and stop a serial bomber and for the white nationalist community, to protect their families.

America needs a revolution, but not one with guns with "both sides," whatever they are, working to kill each other. No, the revolution that needs to happen is in the minds of peo-

ple who have adhered to and continue to cling to ways of thinking, moving, and acting that have not served this country or its citizens well.

At the end of the day, a true revolution in this country would be where people with opposing political, religious, and ideological beliefs came together to work for the common good, as opposed to staying in their camps allowing the rich and powerful to become more rich and more powerful at the expense of all of us.

That is a revolution which would not be televised or supported by corporations and many institutions in this country. They maintain their power by feeding us spoonfuls of rhetoric that only make us more angry and anxious.

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More than a Dozen Democrats are spending millions in the Party's 18-Month Primary, which will come in handy in October 2022 to defeat the Trump-Puppet. In Exceptional Times the Party Needs a Delta Covid-19 Exception.

By Civil Rights Lawyer Al McSurely

September 3, 2021: The highly respected Public Policy Polling summarized its survey of 700 likely Democratic NC Primary Voters. It was conducted on two days, August 31-September 1, 2021. It has a Margin of Error of plus or minus 3.7%. Half the interviews were by telephone; half by text message. And it pitted the two leading candidates, state Senator Jeff Jackson against former Chief Justice Cheri Beasley in a head-to-head matchup.

Jackson and Beasley had about the same Favorable/Unfavorable ratings. Jackson had a 35% Favorable to 7% Unfavorable rating; Beasley had a 36% Favorable to 6% Unfavorable.

The survey's design is, I believe, helpful to Democratic Party leaders who feel the Delta Covid-19 outbreak that is decimating North Carolina from August at least through October. Gov. Cooper, the Democratic Party nominal leader, a group of Party Elders, a sampling of the rising generation of successful political leaders and candidates, need to be convened to draft, circulate, and agree on a Unity Memo of Understanding. It would be fitting to issue the UMOU (or whatever) on Dr. King's Birthday, in Mid-January 2022.

The PPP Survey results provide some objective data

that those responsible for the Party's unity, growth, direction and funding for the general election and down-ballot elections. It gives guidance

how likely Party activists and opinion influencers, particularly among the younger generation, many of whom are voting for the first or second time

since the George Floyd Transformation. A Party that fights Covid Effectively must be the Party that fights those who think Covid is a joke, a political issue. Now is the time for all good women and men to come to the aid of their party.

Two elements are absolutely necessary to defeat the

unlimited cash the hate-filled campaign Trump's Candidate will wage against us a year from now. We cannot match their blood-drenched money, but we can surely out number them in campaign workers and voters, if we all come together

After 700 Likely Democratic Voters Heard More about Jackson and Beasley

The PPP survey informed a scientifically selected sample of 700 Likely Democratic Party voters that state Senator Jackson was a Veteran, former assistant district attorney, and a Captain in the National Guard, who advocate honesty and decency even if voters can't agree on issues.

The PPP survey told the same sampling that Beasley had served as the NC Supreme Court Chief Justice, and she advocates

protecting voting rights, raising minimum wages, and making health care more affordable.

With this additional information, 53% of the 700 voters who participated said they were for Beasley, 23% for Jackson, and 23% undecided.

A similarly designed test which the Democratic Party contracted with PPP to repeat in, say, three months, would be helpful, I believe, in the Party's drafting the Unity-Memo of Understanding. The Purpose is to Unify the Party as early as possible, and to focus all money and Messaging against the Covid-Trivializers in the Trump Camp.

Let Gov. Cooper and other key Democratic Party leaders know what you think about Spending our Hard-earned money to fight the Forces of Hate, not on each other. Al

McSurely, Old Civil Rights Lawyer, Carthage, NC.

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.

RAINBOW COALITION

There is no longer serious doubt Global Warming is real — Now what do we do about it?

Record fires in Oregon and California. Floods in Houston and New York. Deadly winter storms in Texas. Droughts across much of the west. Flash floods in England and Germany. Blinding dust storms in China. One hundred year cyclones devastate Fiji and Indonesia. Deadly droughts across sub-Saharan Africa. Wildfires in Greece and Italy.

The year is not over yet, but in the United States and across the world, the toll in lives and destruction is growing in storms of biblical proportion. The poorest peoples and the poorest nations are most at risk, but no one is insulated against the impact. The wealthy on Lake Tahoe are evacuated in the face of unprecedented wildfires. Texan oilmen struggle when record winter storms shut down the electric system. Wall Street bankers are hit with floods sweeping through subways and streets.

As the storms increase, food supplies and prices will be hit.

Millions will be displaced. There is no longer any doubt about the reality of global warming, the dangers of it, or the causes of it. Republicans who for years scorned the reality of global warming — Donald Trump dubbed it a "Chinese hoax" — now accept that it is real. Corrupted scientists paid by oil companies that argued the crisis wasn't man-made, now quietly reverse their opinions. Now the only question is: what will we do in the face of what the United Nations warns is literally an existential threat?

We can't undo what we have done, but we can alter how bad the future becomes. We can move to sustainable and efficient energy systems, make production and housing and transport more energy efficient, replant forests, invent new ways to generate or save energy, or more. In its last authoritative report, the UN issued what it called a "code red for humanity." The change must take place over the next decade or we will seed calamities too horrible to imagine.

Already this year, the town Lytton, British Columbia, in Canada was erased by a hit so extreme — temperatures reached 121 degrees — that it literally went up in smoke and was reduced to ashes.

And yet, we keep putting

more and more carbon in the atmosphere. Like addicts on drugs, we know we are killing ourselves but can't resist the high. Feeding deadly drug addictions — from heroin to crack to fentanyl — are multi-trillion-dollar enterprises, some corporate, some gangs, all criminal. They have the power not only to slake the thirst of the addicted, but to corrupt the guardians — the police on the street, the politicians in the suites, the CEOs in the boardrooms.

Can we summon up the awareness, the moral courage,

and the popular demand to meet this clear, present and growing threat to our lives? Over the next few weeks, Congress will face yet one more skirmish in this struggle between the blind and the aware, the corrupt and the alarmed, the powers that be and the powers that must be. Democrats in the House and Senate are now working to draft and to pass the core elements of Joe Biden's Build Back Better Plan.

Central to that are the first major investments in addressing climate change — mass transit, electric cars, rebuilding housing, solar and wind energy, an end to fossil fuel subsidies, modernizing the electric grid, creating a civilian climate corps that can enlist the energy of the young to retrofit houses and plant trees and much more. Republicans no longer deny the existence of the threat and admit that it is manmade in origin.

Now they argue that it is too costly to do anything about it. They raise alarms that developing new energy and electric

cars and retrofitting homes will somehow hurt jobs and the economy, when in fact, the transition to sustainable energy will be a source of new demand, new invention and new jobs and growth. Moreover, the U.S. would surely benefit if it became the leader in the new green technologies that surely will drive growth markets across the world. Plus, with their leaders convinced they will benefit politically if Biden fails, Republicans have lined up unanimously to oppose the Biden plan. So, making progress on climate demands completely on Democrats.

With the Senate split 50-50 between the two parties, and Republicans unanimously opposed, Democrats must vote unanimously so Vice President Harris can break the tie to pass a budget bill that would contain the first major investments in dealing with climate change. That won't be easy. Despite popular support for reforms, big interests are mobilized against change led by Big Oil, the coal barons, and companies hooked

on fossil fuels, the deadly crack of our time. An army of lobbyists has descended on Washington.

Deep-pocket donors are calling in their chips. When a politician like Sen. Joe Manchin (D-West Virginia) says he needs "greater clarity," and won't support the Biden plan, particularly its measures designed to accelerate the transition to renewable energy by utility companies, he isn't confused; he is compromised. The legislative process — the ugly sausage-making of the Congress — is confusing, secret and arcane. It seldom generates headlines or attention. But right now — in the next few weeks — this Congress will decide if we take the first steps to address a threat already taking a rising toll in lives and destruction. The interests invested in stopping change are mobilized. The only hope is that we the people rise up to demand the change that is desperately needed.

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

OBITUARIES

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Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Darryle Wheeler-Williamson

Darryle Wheeler-Williamson died August 30, 2021. Graveside service was held on Friday, September 10, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Darryle, son of the late Frankie Mallette Wheeler and James Lewis Wheeler, Sr. was born on October 25, 1946 in Wilmington, North Carolina. On August 31, 2021, Darryle transitioned into eternity at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Darryle was an entertainer. He loved to perform. There was never a dull moment with him. If there was a DJ and a microphone, there was a show. Everyone loved him. He never liked to see anyone down or upset. Darryle always had an encouraging word to pick you up. He would always say, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." His quick wit and soulful pep talks bore witness to this statement. Darryle joined the US Air Force. Anyone who knew him, knew he took pride in serving his country. After serving two tours in Vietnam, he returned home with his entire platoon intact, a feat very few were privy to. More than music, more than America, more than life, Darryle loved his

wife, his baby doll, his Cynthia. No matter what, his main goal was to ensure she smiled at least once daily. There was nothing he wouldn't do for her and vice versa. Family was and even in death, remains everything to him. He did everything in his power to provide for and protect them. Darryle didn't have friends. Everyone was family to him. Darryle was loved immensely and will be missed tremendously. Last, but certainly not least, he will forever live through us. So shall it be written and so shall it be done. Soldier, job well done, defense rest.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Cynthia Williamson; two daughters, Tanisha and Eureka; one son, Perry Lee; five grandchild-

ren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, James Lewis Wheeler, Jr. (Lottie) and Franklin Elliot Wheeler; two sisters, Cheryl (Lamar) Delogth and Jackie (Albert) Robbins; brothers-in-law, Clifton McDonald, Dexter McDonald and Anthony McDonald; sisters-in-law, Doris McDonald, Gerry McDonald and Veronica McDonald; goddaughter, Azzic Pate; and a host of other family members and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

L'Donna Aiken

L'Donna Aiken died September 5, 2021. Services were held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Love Grove Park.

L'Donna, known as Donnie was born on August 5, 1977 to Gwendolyn McMillian and the late James Deputy, Jr. of Wilmington, NC. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Antonio Deputy; grandfather, David McMillian, Sr.; grandmother, Marie Barmore; and her cousin, Tori Simmons. L'Donna was a mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and a friend to so many and will be greatly missed.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, Darius Deputy and Jamal Aiken of the city; daughters, Kashia Aiken p.m. on Friday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Larry DeGrant Wright Larry DeGrant Wright

died September 10, 2021. Funeral services will be 1:00 P.M. Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Freedom Way Ministries, 1952 Dawson Street. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is from 6-8:00 P.M. on Wednesday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Michael Ellis

Michael Ellis did on September 10, 2021. Funeral service will be held 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday also. (30 minutes prior to the service) A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

# National survey finds people of color struggle amidst work, family duties to get vaccinated

## 57% of unvaccinated said no one discussed getting vaccinated with them

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As vaccination rates against COVID-19 steadily climb across the country, an alarmingly high percentage of people of color are unable to get vaccinated because of job restrictions or family obligations, according to a nationwide poll released today by Made to Save.

Forty-eight percent of unvaccinated respondents said their jobs did not allow time off to get vaccinated or their childcare responsibilities made it difficult to leave home.

"Ever since the pandemic began, it has taken an unequal toll on communities of color, something made worse by the fact so many workers were unable to get paid time off to get vaccinated," said Chris Wyant, executive director of the Made to Save Campaign.

"While the new federal vaccine requirements for workplaces will go a long way to protect workers of color, there is so much more their employers can do to make it easier for them to get vaccinated."

The survey also revealed that 57 percent of people who are unvaccinated had not been approached by a friend or family member to encourage them to get a shot. This presents an opportunity, as such conversations were

reported to be effective by 30 percent of respondents who are vaccinated.

Other notable survey findings include:

- An individual's doctor is the most trusted source of information about the vaccines (75 percent);

- As a protective measure, 52 percent report wearing a mask most of the time outside their homes, and 43 percent limit their time at indoor settings like grocery stores; and

- The most commonly cited reason for not being vaccinated was a lack of data (32 percent), followed by waiting for FDA full approval (24 percent) and it was not required by an employer (18 percent). The FDA fully approved Pfizer's vaccine on Aug. 23, a week after the poll ended.

Made to Save commissioned YouGov to conduct a survey of 1,505 adults from Aug. 2-16, which had a 3.4 percent margin of error.

Respondents self-reported their race or ethnicity, of which 42 percent identified as Black and 29 percent as Latino. For complete poll results, click here.

**ABOUT MADE TO SAVE**  
Made to Save is a national public education campaign rooted in grassroots organizing. Our goal is to build trust in the COVID-19 vaccines and increase access in communities who have been hit the hardest by this pandemic. Learn more at [www.madetosave.org](http://www.madetosave.org).



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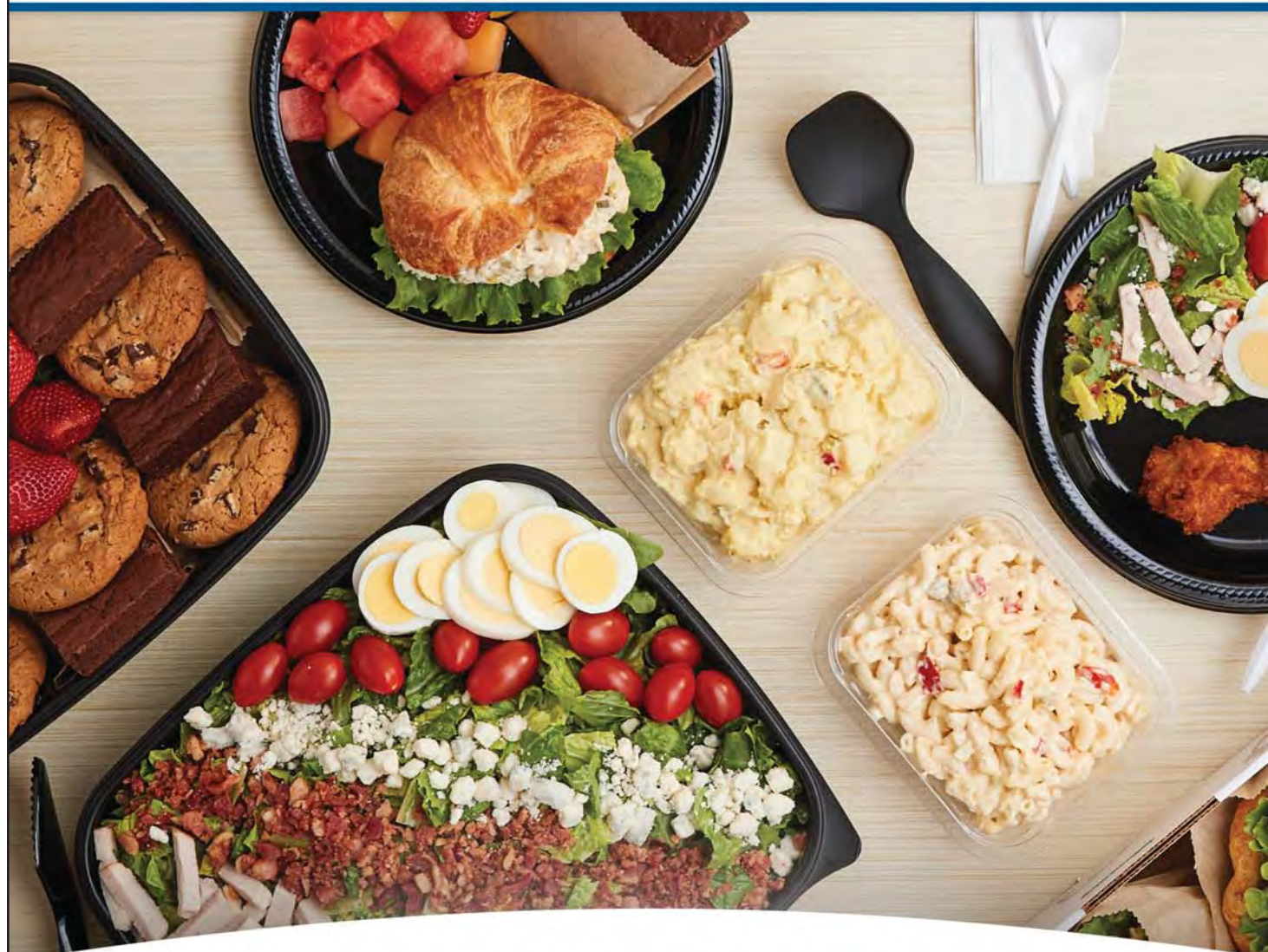
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## Coastal Horizons announces expansion of opioid treatment program to Brunswick County

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"This daily medication program provides more frequent access to nursing staff, counselors, peers and prescribers to assist with recovery - with the goal being to improve access to evidence-based care and medications, and to decrease transportation and financial barriers for Brunswick County residents," said House.

Coastal Horizons is the largest private non-profit human service organization in the region. Coastal Horizons Center provides a continuum of professional services to promote healthier lives, stronger families, and safer communities. These include substance use, mental health, crisis intervention, family preservation, school-based health, primary care, justice, and veteran services. For additional information about Brunswick OTP, please call (910)754-4515.

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This the 2nd day of September, 2021.

Dennis Michael Rasmussen  
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Judy Ann Wolf  
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September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 2021

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Sharon Smith Coble**, 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 **16th day of December, 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 16th day of September, 2021

Paul Graham Coble, Jr.,  
Administrator  
109 Tara Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28409

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Gale Mary Corcimiglia**, 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 **16th day of December, 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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Teresa L. Pierce, Administratrix  
2137 Willow Creek  
Leland, NC 28451

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Clea A. Williamson**, 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 **16th day of December, 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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### EMPLOYMENT

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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 20 JA 12

IN THE MATTER OF: Z.F.

TO: **ROLANDO ALEXANDER TORRES, RESPONDENT-PARENT OF Z.F. born on January 12, 2020 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 November 14, 2020, alleging that Z.F. is a Dependent Juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, September 16, 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.

ROLANDO ALEXANDER TORRES has been assigned Attorney Meghan Schultz. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 251-6088, 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

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This the 16th day of September 2021.

Regina Floyd-Davis, Senior Attorney  
New Hanover County Department of Social Services  
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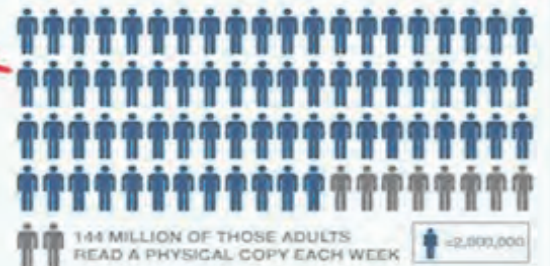
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