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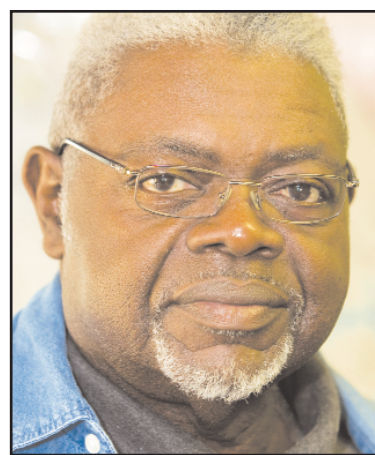
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Black History Makers mourn death of Secretary Colin Powell

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The first Black American ever to serve as U. S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell, 84, was lauded by other Black political pioneers for his leadership after his untimely death was announced Monday.

Vice President Kamala Harris, the first African-American ever to hold the office, said in a statement:

Secretary Colin Powell dedicated his life to defending our nation. As National Security Adviser, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Secretary of State, he was an independent thinker and a barrier breaker who inspired leaders in our military and throughout our nation.

Secretary Powell served our nation with courage, unwavering in his belief in its principles and its promise. The son of immigrants, Secretary Powell rose through the ranks of the United States Army. He was a decorated veteran and devoted patriot.

The legacy that he leaves behind on America's national security and on the leaders he mentored can be seen every day across our nation and the world.

Former President Barack Obama issued a statement saying:

Years ago, when he was asked to reflect on his own life, General Colin Powell described himself as "first and foremost a problem-solver." It was true, of course. But he was far more than that.

General Powell was an exemplary soldier and an exemplary patriot. He was at the center of some of the most consequential events of our lifetimes - serving two decorated tours in Vietnam; guiding U. S. strategy in the Gulf War; serving as National Security Advisor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Secretary of State; offering counsel to four presidents; and helping shape American foreign policy for decades. Everyone who worked with General Powell appreciated his clarity of thought, insistence on seeing all sides, and ability to execute. And although he'd be the first to acknowledge that he didn't get every call right, his actions reflected what he believed was best for America and the people he served.

Along the way, General Powell helped a generation of young people set their sights higher. He never denied the role that race played in his own life and in our society more broadly. But he also refused to accept that race would limit his dreams, and through his steady and principled leadership, helped pave the way for so many who would follow. It was the way Colin Powell saw the world - not as a starry-eyed idealist, but as someone with deep and abiding faith in this country and what it stands for - that made him such a central figure.

Also on Monday, from the current U. S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin, III, the first African-American in American history to hold that post:

I was informed earlier of the loss of Colin Powell and I want to express my deepest condolences to Alma, his wife, his son Michael, and the

entire Powell family.

The world lost one of the greatest leaders that we have ever witnessed. Alma lost a great husband, and the family lost a tremendous father. And I lost a tremendous personal friend and mentor. He has been my mentor for a number of years. He always made time for me and I could always go to him with tough issues. He always had great counsel.

We will certainly miss him. I feel as if I have a hole in my heart, just learning of this recently.

He was the first African-American chairman of the Joint Chiefs, first African-American Secretary of State and a man who was respected around the globe. Quite frankly, it is not possible to replace a Colin Powell. We will miss him.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and we are deeply, deeply saddened to learn of this.

According to Wikipedia, "Colin Luther Powell (April 1937 to October 2021) was an American politician, diplomat, statesman, and four-star general who served as the 65th U.S. Secretary of State from 2001 to 2005., and the first African-American to do so. Prior to the election of Barack Obama, as President in 2008, he and his successor, Condoleezza Rice were the highest-ranking African Americans in federal executive branch history (by virtue of the Secretary of State standing fourth in the presidential line of succession. He served as the 16th U.S. National Security Advisor from 1987 to 1989 and as the 12th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1989 to 1993."



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How Colin Powell's death shows value protecting your elders with COVID shot

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When it comes to the death of former U. S. Secretary of State Colin Powell earlier this week, due to complications from COVID-19, though his family assures that he was fully vaccinated, the anti-vaxxers have it all wrong. Indeed, Sec. Powell's death is a cautionary for other elderly members of the Black community as to why it is important to be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, health experts say, especially if you are between your 60's and 80's. However, Powell's death underlines a key lesson for how Black, Hispanic and other communities of color can better protect the eldest of their families. By minimizing the number of COVID-19 unvaccinated people around the elderly, you lessen the opportunity for the infection to hurt that elder family member, especially if he or she doesn't normally leave his or her abode.

That means, not only that all family members around

the elderly should be vaccinated, but that elder family members should be prioritized to better protect them, because they are most likely to be already suffering from a serious disease that is already compromising their immune systems (their ability to fight off serious infection).

Yes, Colin Powell, at age 84, died of complications from the coronavirus, says his family. And yes, Powell was fully vaccinated, his family confirms.

However, as was in the case of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who, at age 80, was hospitalized in Chicago a few weeks ago with complications from COVID-19, though fully vaccinated, Sec. Powell, because of his age, was vulnerable to what are known as "breakthrough" infections because of his underlying declining health. In Powell's case, he was already suffering from multiple myeloma (blood cancers), which can reduce the body's ability to fight off infections.

There is also one more difference between Sec. Powell, Rev. Jackson, and the average elder in a family of color: Powell and Jackson

traveled long distances more often, thus exposing them to varying degrees of infections, depending on what city they were in, even during the pandemic.

In her tribute to Sec. Powell, Vice Pres. Kamala Harris recalled just seeing, and speaking with him, at a recent official dinner, and Rev. Jackson had famously continued to take part in various protest marches across the nation until his recent hospitalization slowed him down.

According to an article in *The Wall Street Journal* from July 2, 2021, first, vaccines aren't 100% effective. Not everyone who is inoculated will respond in the same way. Those who are elderly or whose immune systems are faulty, damaged, or stressed by some other illness are less likely to mount a robust response than someone younger and fitter. COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective, but some people will still be vulnerable to the virus even after receiving their shots.

Second, the risk of dying from COVID-19 increases steeply with age. If a vaccine reduces an 80-year-old's risk of death from COVID-

19 by 95%, for instance, that 80-year-old's risk of death might still be greater than the risk faced by an unvaccinated 20 year old. Some chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, hypertension and lung disease are also associated with a higher risk of severe illness and death.

Third, as more of the population gets vaccinated, there are fewer unvaccinated people for the virus to infect. If the pool of vaccinated people is larger than the pool of unvaccinated people, then it is possible and, even likely, that breakthrough infections resulting in death in the older, vaccinated group would match or exceed deaths in the younger, unvaccinated group. Consider an imaginary country with 100% of people vaccinated, where the virus can still somehow spread. All COVID-19 deaths would be in vaccinated individuals.

To argue, as some have, that the COVID-19 vaccine did not adequately protect Colin Powell from dying is to argue that he had zero chance of dying in spite of the vaccine. A person suffering from cancer, dia-

betes, or a bad heart is still likely to die because of those maladies. If they catch coronavirus at an elder age, the likelihood of their dying is more probable because they are more vulnerable. However, if they are vaccinated, again, based on what their health condition is to start, along with their age, the likelihood of death is not as certain.

Thus, protecting the elderly as much as possible from possible COVID-19 infection, which includes making sure all in the same household or environment are fully vaccinated, is the best policy. As stated in *The Washington Post* Monday: It seems inevitable in this moment that Powell's death will prompt new indifference to the vaccine, as though his death somehow proves that the vaccines don't work. The lesson we should learn instead is that the vaccines work best when they work broadly and that, had Powell been protected both by the vaccine and by low rates of infection in his community, he might still be alive.

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- One candidate attended the January 6th failed coup, had domestic charges. Pulled a gun out on peaceful BLM protestors. (JU)
- One candidate voted against the BLM signs twice and against the removal of the confederate statue twice. (CR)

It is rumored that their first order of business, if elected, is to get rid of black leaders including, Chief of Police.

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STATE BRIEFS



NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES DISCUSSES 1619 PROJECT AT UNC-W NOV. 2
 [WILMINGTON] Pulitzer Prize winning NY Times journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones will be appearing at UNC-Wilmington to discuss her

controversial 1619 Project on Nov. 2 at 7:30 as part of the annual Writers Week event. The appearance is ironic given that Hannah-Jones turned down a belated tenure offer several months ago from the UNC Board of Trustees after it as revealed that conservative political influence kept her from receiving it months earlier from teaching at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Journalism.

GRAVE OF 1898 MASSACRE VICTIM DISCOVERED OF RANKIN STREET
 [WILMINGTON] After 123 years, one of the first graves of a Black 1998 race massacre victim has been discovered off Rankin Street in an unmarked grave in Pine Forest Cemetery off Rankin Street. The discovery of the body of Joshua Halsey was made by the nonprofit Third Person Project. The 1898 Commemorative Foundation

will give Halsey a formal funeral on Nov. 6th. The public is invited to attend.
FEDERAL COURT RULE THAT UNC-CHAPEL HILL CAN CONTINUE TO USE RACE IN ADMISSIONS POLICY
 [CHAPEL HILL] A federal judge has ruled that UNC-Chapel Hill does not discriminate in the use of race of its undergraduate admissions policy, and may continue to do

so. The decision was made after a trial which ended most a year ago in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District in Winston-Salem. "While no student can or should be admitted to this University, or any other, based solely on race, because race is so interwoven in every aspect of the lived experience of minority students, to ignore it, reduce its importance and measure it only by statistical models... misses important context to

include obscuring racial barriers and obstacles that have been faced, overcome and are yet to be overcome," Judge Loretta Biggs wrote in her opinion.
 The decision will be appealed to the Fourth U.S. Circuit of Appeals, vows the plaintiffs in the case, Students for Fair Admissions.
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New NC Voters Project

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In the world of GOTV (Get Out The Vote), no name in modern times shines brighter than Stacey Abrams, of Georgia.

Abrams, a former Georgia State Representative and Democratic candidate for governor in 2018, founded a voters' rights nonprofit group called the New Georgia Project, which in turn pushed a number of voter registration efforts in order to increase Georgia's voter rolls, particularly in Black and other diverse communities.

Just prior to the 2020 presidential elections, Abrams founded yet another nonprofit known as Fair Fight, which not only registered new voters, but educated them on the pressing issues. The results - 800,000 new Georgia voters were brought to the process; Democrat Joe Biden won the traditionally conservative "red state" over incumbent Republican Donald Trump; and, even more importantly, two Democrats, The Reverend Raphael Warnock and Jon Osoff, unseated two Republican incumbents to give Pres. Biden the 50 Democrats he needs to get any of his agenda done.

Dr. Aimy Steele agrees that there is much to be learned from Stacey Abram's king-

maker success in Georgia, and she is hoping that some of that "Black Girl Magic" will "rub off" right here in North Carolina in time for the 2022 elections.

Last week, Dr. Steele and her team kicked off "The New North Carolina Project (NNCP)," an ambitious effort, modeled after the Abrams' effort in Georgia, to register more than 100,000 eligible voters of color for the 2022 midterm elections, increase early voter turnout by 50 percent, and register 90 percent of North Carolina's eligible voters by 2030, and the key to the NNCP's projected success, Executive Director Steele says is field organizing, something that wasn't done very well by Democrats in 2020. "I think the best way to do that is to invest in communities of color, insure that these communities thrive by organizing long-term infrastructure," Steele told MSNBC October 15. "We plan to really engage people from communities of color in the work [of organizing] their communities, hire and train them, and really educate them on really exercising their power, and their right to vote," Dr. Steele continued. "No longer is it OK to just assume that these groups of color are monolithic and are going to vote a certain way. We really have to get out there and organize."

So who is Aimy Steele, and why doe she want to take this

massive undertaking on? The Texas native is a former Spanish teacher, K-12 school principal, mother of five and pastor's wife of 21 years who, as a child, moved to North Carolina in 1993 from Japan (her father was in the Army). She graduated high school and attended UNC-Chapel Hill three years before transferring to UNC-Charlotte.

In 2018, Steele came within less than 2,000 votes from unseating a Republican incumbent for NC House

District 82. In 2020, Steele lost another close race for the State House, representing Concord.

Steele's key mission, she says, is creating #voters for life. According to the NNCP website, despite North Carolina's record breaking voter turnout for the November 2020 elections, "...large fractions of eligible voters of all races and ethnicities did not vote, including more than half of eligible LatinX and indigenous vot-

ers, more than forty percent of Asian-American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) voters, and a third of Black voters. In fact, nearly one million eligible voters of color did not vote (in North Carolina) in 2020."

Per the 2020 North Carolina elections analysts' report that Democrats let their guard down by not going door to door to canvass neighborhoods, especially in rural areas, because o the COVID-19 pandemic. However, Republicans did, in addition

to promoting early voting and mail-in balloting. The 2020 result was a GOP bloodbath of Democratic candidates, except for incumbents, Gov. Roy Cooper and State Attorney General Josh Stein.

Steele doesn't want to see communities of color count themselves out of important elections again. Thus, the New North Carolina Project.

"We're here to build a year round community organizing infrastructure," she assured the News and Observer.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

The peculiarly silent pandemic of gun violence in the Black community

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

In his recent book, *A Peculiar Indifference: The Neglected Toll of Violence on Black America*, Elliot Currie highlights the disproportionate impact community violence has on the African American community. Shockingly, according to Currie, from the years 2000-2018 over 162,000 African Americans died violent deaths. Of that total, 139,000 were Black men – with 85% of those killed, dying by gun violence. This stark reality is underscored by an analysis of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) 2019 gun mortality data, which found that young Black males ages 15 to 34 are the most disproportionately impacted. Despite making up just two percent of the population, they accounted for 37 percent of all gun homicides in 2019—a rate of firearm homicide that is 20 times higher than white males of the same age group.



Fatimah Loren Dreier

Elliot’s selection of the term “peculiar indifference” is apropos – it was first coined in 1899 by scholar and activist W.E.B. DuBois in his groundbreaking book, *The Philadelphia Negro*—considered by some to be the first sociological study in America. DuBois argued: “The most difficult social problem in the matter of Negro health is the peculiar attitude of the nation toward the well-being of the race. There have, for instance, been few other cases in the history of civilized people where human suffering has been viewed with such peculiar indifference.”

If DuBois were alive today—when more Black Americans are dying from violence in the streets of this country than in its foreign wars—he might offer a searing assertion that America has largely normalized the pandemic of Black death.

Sadly, it took the COVID-19 pandemic, and its disproportionate impact on Black and Brown Americans, to unveil another, more insidious epidemic—the crisis of gun violence—which has for too long been ignored while taking a brutal toll on our communities.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, gun violence has soared in our communities—in some places to record highs in the past year; when our nation saw over 21,570 homicides and experienced the largest annual jump in homicides in the nation’s history.

In Chicago alone, thirty thousand people have been shot over the past decade, and the city has already surpassed 500 murders this year and is on pace to reach the highest number of homicides in a single year since the end of the crack era in 1996, when nearly 800 were murdered.

In Baltimore, there have been over 200 murders a year since 1979, and over 300 annually since 2015. In Philadelphia this year, homicides have already passed the 400 mark.

Furthermore, just like soldiers returning from war zones, those who live in communities with high levels of violence often face untreated PTSD and related issues due to the intergenerational trauma inflicted by a nation that has for too long ignored their plight.

This is utterly unacceptable.

The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (the HAVI) has been working for over a decade to create a network of hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs) and a professional workforce of violence intervention specialists, who intervene with violently injured patients to help them get back on their feet and prevent reinjury and retaliation. This is an evidence-informed practice that is operational in cities like Baltimore, Oakland, New York, Detroit, Milwaukee, and Chicago.

It’s a complementary strategy supported by an overwhelming majority of Americans—and by many in law enforcement as well as those calling for police reforms—because it has been proven to work, despite inconsistent and inadequate funding over the years. We know that if implemented effectively and properly funded as part of an overall community violence intervention ecosystem, adequately, these programs have the power to dramatically reduce the epidemic of gun violence.

It’s an idea positioned to receive \$5 Billion from the federal government over the next 8 years—the type of support that can create transformative change for our peacekeepers—if Congress passes the Build Back Better Act. This legislation is critically important to our communities because it not only expands opportunities and provides jobs and support for the least of these, but also funds peace through billions of dollars for violence intervention programs like HVIPs.

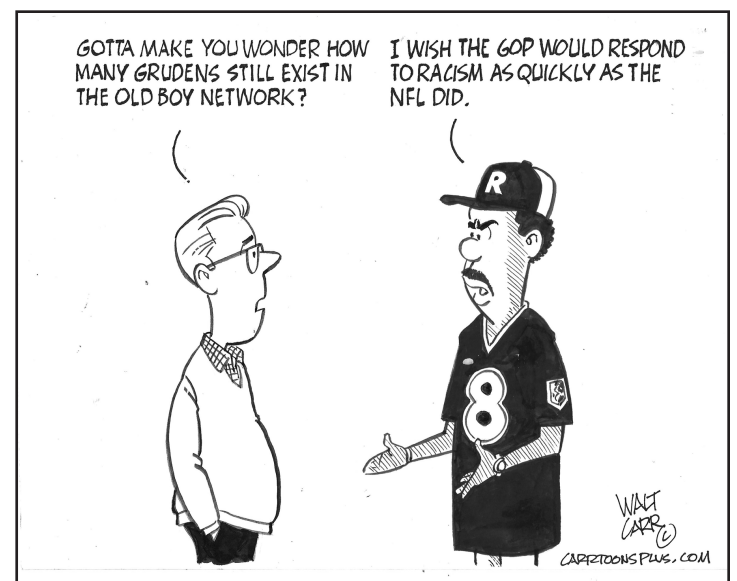
It is essential to recognize that as a society, we must address the root causes of violence—specifically, the systemic neglect and racism that has created conditions that lead to violence in our communities. But while we work toward this long-term goal, we need to first stop the bleeding before repairing the wound.

We must ring the alarm and form a chorus of voices crying out that thousands of Black and Brown people murdered every year is not acceptable, and it is past time we treat it like the public health pandemic it is.

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The HAVI is a national organization working to build a network of hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs), which provide services for victims of violent crime while they are recovering from their injuries to reduce the likelihood that they commit gun violence or are victimized in the future. Currently, the HAVI works in over 85 cities across the country to develop and implement HVIPs, which are crucial resources in addressing the gun violence crisis that is disrupting health ecosystems in communities nationwide. Learn more about our work at THEHAVI.ORG.

VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

How can Black folks manage inflation?

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Between COVID-19 economic challenges, supply-side glitches, pent-up demand (people are finally shopping again), and more, prices are percolating upward in most uncomfortable ways.

In Los Angeles, gas prices are hitting north of \$4.50, in some cases nearly \$5.00 a gallon. In some places, the shelves are bare, and staples like milk and bread are at least 5 percent higher than they once were.

Inflation is here. It is real. It isn’t retreating, at least not anytime soon.

When prices rise, we get inflation. Economists often describe it as “too much money chasing too few goods: That means there are just a dozen hot toys, and folks start making deals to get the hot toys from somewhere. Other folks, then, either have o “wait their turn,” conspire to pay more, or go without.

While you can go without hot toys, you can’t go without milk, cheese, or chicken. Instead, you watch helplessly while prices rise and increasing prices take you out of the mix.

Prices rose by more than 5 percent from a year ago.

It might be good news for

Social Security recipients, except that their larger check must pay the higher prices that come with inflation. Inflation and Social Security increase have hit a 13-year record high of 5.4 percent; economists predict that inflation will drop only slightly in 2022, to four percent, and then tick down a bit to 3.4 percent. In other words, inflation will be with us for a while.

You don’t need economic analysis to explore this. All you have to do is walk through the empty shelves at the supermarket, the rising gas prices, the many ways people are cutting and pasting their lives to conform with the “new” economic rules. Some of the rules are powerful – balance your work and your lifestyle, and some make no sense.

How ever you interpret the rules, the metric has changed. People are asking questions about quality of life with the same vigor that they once asked about compensation. And some are willing to walk away from great offers that don’t acknowledge their chal-

lenges.

One of the new economic realities, though, is the ways inflation affects our lives. The effects are not uniform, and they have a differential impact on people based on their socioeconomic status. People at the bottom absorb the inflation hit more acutely than those at the top. A five percent increase in the cost of a gallon of milk hits harder for someone who earns \$30,000 a year (or \$15 an hour) than for someone who earns \$100,000 a year. At the bottom, people are making survival decisions. At the top, the few cents more one is paying for milk is nothing more than a nuisance.

What’s race got to do with it? Black people experience more poverty, spend more time at the periphery, are more frequently unemployed (even as some speak of labor shortages), and more economically distressed. While all Black folk aren’t poor or distressed, the number of us who are suggests that inflation will disproportionately affect Black folks. If inflation is here to stay, we can predict a further widening of the wealth gap and more economic challenges for Black folks.

The issue of workplace flexibility has ramifications as well. Many in the

middle/professional class have been told they can work remotely for the rest of the year and even into 2022.

Technology has made it possible for people to shorten (or even eliminate) their commute, thus saving money on gas, clothing, and more. Meanwhile, technology has not made life easier for someone who must report to work in person, the checkout clerk, the wait staff, the bus driver, the nurse. These folks are dealing with inflation on two fronts, both in terms of their expenses to go to work and the expenses they incur to survive at home.

Black folks will manage inflation the way we always have – with grit and resilience. But inflation is as much a Black issue as the infrastructure bill is. We are on a train that is moving forward, even if, in the words of Dr. Bernard Anderson (University of Pennsylvania), who mentored me, we are riding in the caboose. Inflation hits us harder the poorer we are. And it won’t get better until we have better domestic public policy.

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A politician’s shameless bigotry

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

There’s an old saying about bullies: they can dish it out, but they can’t take it.

Witness North Carolina Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson. He abuses his position of authority to insult and demean people. But when he gets criticized for making harmful comments, he whines that he’s the real victim.

People For the American Way’s Right Wing Watch recently began reporting on Robinson’s cruel and offensive comments. This summer, Robinson told one audience that Christians must take control of public schools because “there’s no reason anybody anywhere in America should be teaching any child about transgenderism, homosexuality, any of that filth.” In another speech, Robinson mocked transgender people and denounced the transgender rights movements as “demonic” and “full of the spirit of antichrist.”

Fortunately, a lot of people have called Robinson out. North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper called Robinson’s comments “abhorrent.” The White House called them “repugnant and offensive.” Multiple state legislators

have called on him to resign.

Robinson should be ashamed of himself. But he’s not. He is puffed up with pride about promoting bigotry. He is promising to “double down.” And that’s dangerous. Robinson’s comments send a message to students and everyone else that trans people are not worthy of being treated with respect or dignity.

Robinson’s comments are part of a long and ugly history of politicians smearing LGBTQ people as threats to children. Those smears promote hatred and violence. Deadly violence against transgender people, especially Black trans women, has been on the rise in recent years.

Robinson’s attacks are also part of a broader right-wing campaign to demonize public schools for teaching about racism and promoting acceptance of LGBTQ students. Robinson says schools are teaching students “how to hate America” and “how to go to Hell.”

He has defended himself by claiming that inappropriate materials are being

“forced” on children in classrooms, but his charges don’t hold up to scrutiny. Some of the books that he complains about are reportedly not being taught in classrooms but are available in some high school libraries.

More importantly, Robinson claims to oppose “indoctrination” in public schools. But in his remarks to right-wing political activists in September, he said that school shootings would be prevented if public schools taught students, “Jesus Christ is the way and the light, and only through him can you receive salvation.”

In fact, Robinson has a message for the millions of Americans who are not Christians: they don’t belong. At a gathering of religious-right political activists in September, Robinson declared that the United States is and always will be a Christian nation. He added, “If you don’t like it, I’ll buy your plane, train, or automobile ticket right up out of here. You can go to some place that’s not a Christian nation.”

I am a Christian. I revere the role the Black church has played in moving the U.S. toward justice. I am proud to be working side by side with religious leaders who are bringing their moral authori-

ty and prophetic voices to the struggle to defend voting rights. I was proud to be arrested alongside these leaders recently as we demonstrated at the White House.

But I don’t want public schools to teach religious doctrine. And I don’t want public officials misusing religion as an excuse for using cruelty to divide us.

Like a lot of politicians, Robinson clearly has a very high opinion of himself. At a political conference in September, he compared himself to Jesus Christ and John the Baptist. He also made it clear that he would like to be North Carolina’s next governor. That’s the last thing the people of North Carolina need.

A politician who uses their office to promote bigotry doesn’t deserve to hold office.

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.

Tell them you read it in THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Should Jon Gruden's intolerance be an extra warning to Black parents?

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Sometimes I simply get tired of watching and reading the news. A lot of us do. And while I must stay informed and up to date, a temporary mental break is always welcomed. Sports becomes that outlet for me, particularly professional football.

It is nice to be able to watch and enjoy a game without having to think about the latest political drama or the next act of social injustice. Monday night was different. During the NFL's Monday Night Football broadcast, it was announced that Jon Gruden resigned as head coach of the Las Vegas Raiders. Racism once again rose its ugly head and now a well-known Super Bowl winning coach is out of football because of it.

For a period of seven years, Gruden sent racist, homophobic, and misogynistic emails to a high-ranking football executive with the Washington Football Team. His written words are evidence of what is truly in his heart. They also reflect his character as a man. It places a human face and name on what we already knew, the fact that racism is part of every American institution. My first thought was to acknowledge that Jon Gruden is not the only one who shares these types of views. He was

the one who got caught.

I also wondered about the shock, anger, and disappointment many of his past and current players are expressing. I thought about the basic player / coach relationship. Coaches are more than just sports instructors. They are given a level of respect due to the positions of trust they hold. There are many told and untold stories of how coaches inspire and mold young lives. The foundation of the player / coach relationship is not sports. It is a relationship which is built on the basic trust and respect between two individuals. A coach has no credibility without this foundation.

Good coaches are examples of good character. They can be an athlete's source of strength and encouragement regarding their physical, mental, social, and academic development. Often, coaches are seen as the father figure missing in the lives of young men and women. The positive influence coaches have on players at the professional level doesn't compare to the wide-ranging motivation a college coach can have on the student-athlete.



David W. Marshall

College players fresh out of high school are still in the formative stages of life. Therefore, their future success in sports and life in general can often be traced back to an empathetic college coach. Relationships such as John Thompson / Allen Iverson, John Wooden / Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Eddie Robinson / Doug Williams come to mind. While there are many Jon Grudens throughout professional football, the same is true throughout the college ranks.

Chris Doyle was a former University of Iowa strength and conditioning coach who was later hired by the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars. He resigned almost immediately after being named assistant coach. It was discovered that Doyle left the Iowa football staff after several current and former players described how the coach promoted a culture of bullying and racism. The Fritz Pollard Alliance released a statement which said, "Doyle's departure from the University of Iowa reflected a tenure riddled with poor judgement and mistreatment of Black players. His conduct should be as disqualifying for the NFL as it was for the University of Iowa."

Consider how a culture of mistreatment was allowed by Chris Doyle. Then compare that to the culture former NFL players Deion Sanders

(Jackson State) and Eddie George (Tennessee State) are establishing at their respective universities. For those reasons, I've become an even bigger believer in the value of HBCU's. The Jon Gruden and Chris Doyle episodes are not representative of all college and professional coaches and programs. But they do open a certain line of questioning when it comes to the black athlete's decision concerning their choice of schools and coaches.

A football player coming out of college into the NFL has limited input regarding which professional team he plays for. The team chooses the player rather than the player choosing the team. For a high school athlete and their parents, it is the opposite. The player chooses the team (school). And when he does, he also chooses his coach. With our current social climate, the NFL's hiring practices are under increased scrutiny. Black students and their parents should also increase their scrutiny when it comes to selecting college coaches. Trust and respect go both ways.

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Them that's got shall get

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Recently, most of us have been consumed with conversations surrounding the budget plan that President Joe Biden campaigned on - "Build Back Better." His is a much-needed plan that will cut taxes and lower costs for working families, create much needed jobs, and address income inequality. His proposal centers on restructured tax codes which oblige the wealthy to pay their fair share.

Although the potential outcomes of President Biden's plan are ambitious, it seemed so simple that even the 1% would accept a serious effort to lower the costs of housing, healthcare, higher education, prescription drugs, and childcare. Even if they had to learn to live on a few dollars less, who could complain about contributing to the "general welfare" in proportion to the benefits this country affords them? Obviously, the 1 percent could! For them, earning more money than can be spent in a lifetime is not enough. They resist the sacrifice of a small portion that would benefit us all.

Undoubtedly, the need for reform exists. The singular or combined impact of those limiting circumstances severely affects the potential for improved quality of life and/or upward social mobility. Too often, the cost of childcare is equal to or greater than the earning potential of an indigent parent leaving the choice as "Do I work to pay childcare, or do I care for my child?" President Biden's

plan offers that no middle-class family would pay more than 7 percent of their income for quality childcare up to age 5. Working families most in need of childcare would pay nothing. Universal pre-school would increase the potential for social success.

Unlike the past, a high school diploma no longer guarantees a middle-class lifestyle. Without a near-miracle, there is no "good" job to be found without post-high school studies. Under the Biden Plan, students would universally qualify for tuition for two years of community college studies. Additionally, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities, and other minority-serving institutions have historically operated on shoestring budgets. The President's Plan includes strategies to strengthen completion and retention rates at these institutions which serve low-income students. Appearances suggest that some of the wealthier members of Congress need assistance with their "higher education" since they don't seem to understand the relationship between education and the achievement of personal success. They most certainly are NOT using their education wisely!

Congresswoman Cori Bush recently slept outside the U.S. Capitol to draw attention to the crisis of homelessness and increasing housing costs. Regrettably, we are forced to stand witness to increasing numbers of people sleeping on the streets - not because they choose to - because increasing costs reduce the availability of affordable housing. Over 10 million renters are paying over one-half of their earnings for rent. Even then, many of the buildings in which they live and for which they pay so much are substandard, needing rehabilitation or re-building!

Under "Build Back Better", nearly 40 million households would realize assistance for ending child poverty. This program includes workforce training, the development of clean energy and other jobs, tax cuts for childless workers and investments in teachers and schools. Most importantly, it includes expanded healthcare benefits.

While most Democrats seem to understand, most Republicans only understand when benefits work for "Them That's Got" already. There is no end to their desire to help large corporations and the wealthy, or sink billions of dollars into endless, destructive wars.. They demonstrate their "Christian Compassion" by allowing almost anything else to take priority over assisting the less fortunate of God's children!

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Old White Civil Rights Lawyer; But Not Tired Yet This old white Civil Rights Lawyer learned a lot from Juneteenth this year!

The Capel Family of Moore County has given much to the Cape Fear River Valley from Fayetteville to Chapel Hill-Durham. Best known for its basketball stars who tore up the Moore County Schools for two generations, then at Duke and Chapel Hill, and then as Assistant and head coaches in the NBA and the NCAA, the Capels have learned to look directly into the eyes of death, taxes, and racism- three certainties people of color face-and never blink.

In 1962 Felton J. Capel's plowed his own money into building a multi-racial park for his family, friends, and less well-off kids and their families to enjoy life. He had taken seriously Lord's Prayer of Faith: Thy Will be Done ON EARTH as it is in Heaven. He was a good businessman, and a kind philanthropist. He built Cardinal Park with a lake for kids and their families to have a safe place to swim and enjoy each other, in the middle of the tightly segregated Moore County, eight years after the NAACP had convinced nine old White Justices that Jim Crow Must Go in the historic Brown v.(all) School Boards case.

By 1962, the student sit-in and freedom ride movements, both of which had deep roots in North Carolina, started to crack the Jim Crow system. New organizations-with strong Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist leaders-emerged throughout the South. Felton Capel's vision of an inter-racial park that hosted family reunions, celebrations, school outings, weddings, baptisms, and other holy and sacred gatherings by diverse communities and cultures became a well-known gathering place for thousands of Black and inter-racial families on the North South Highways, that run by it: Routes 1 and 15-501.

On Juneteenth, 2021 however; 61 years of wonderful family gatherings were attacked by an Army Reserve Major who drove his 4 x 4 pickup truck through the large multi-racial group of Juneteenth celebrants, flipping his middle finger at them and calling them the "n-word." He then drove his truck out the historic Cardinal Park entrance up to his house, within shooting distance. The celebrants could hear someone shooting several rounds from the direction of his house, which caused great

fear among them. While they were still talking about what they had experienced, Langford drove his pickup into Cardinal Park a second time, angrily flipped his middle finger at the celebrants a second time, and then tossed Trump bumper stickers on the Cardinal Park grounds. Mitch Capel, the owner-director of the Park, called the Moore County Sheriff and reported the dangerous situation that was developing, just as Langford exited the Park. While waiting for deputies to arrive, Mr. Capel went to the Park's concession area with Ms. Stephanie Ferguson, the Park's event planner. They saw the Park's Security Guard trying to talk with Langford at the Park's front gate. Langford was screaming and waving his arms at the Guard. Ferguson and Capel walked to the Gate, and Lankford said, "You people don't even know your own history". Mitch Capel, a professional historian, known worldwide for his repertoire of Black story-telling artistry, looked Langford directly in the eye and asked, "What would you like to know?" Langford arrogantly repeated, "You don't even know what June 19th means." Cardinal Park Asst. Manager Reggie Brower told Langford to leave the premises. Langford said, "I don't have to leave. I'm on public property." Capel corrected him, saying, "You are on private property. You are trespassing and littering."

Langford sheepishly repeated, "You all don't know your history" while turning toward his pickup. His final words were, "We could have had an intelligent conversation." Ms. Ferguson pointed out, "No we couldn't. You were driving around flipping your middle finger at us" Lankford began suspecting he was not the smartest person in the group and went into a victim mode. He barked that the Cardinal Park people were "taping him" and they were "racist as XXX" using the two most popular cuss words. He climbed into his pickup, put the gearshift into Reverse, and slammed into the Cardinal Park's historic gateposts three times, before driving off.

Local Law Enforcement

Response: Shortly after his departure, Moore Co. Deputy Evan Frye arrived and Mitch Capel told Frye about the events described above, and the tag number from Silverado. Frye drove to Langford's nearby house, and minutes later returned with Maj. Lankford's full name. Mitch Capel googled his name and found an Associated Press story published near Juneteenth, five years earlier, coming out of Raeford, NC. It reported a

36-year-old Army Reserve Major from Fayetteville "had left bacon at a Mosque and brandished a handgun while threatening to kill Muslims," according to N.C. authorities. He made death threats against members of the mosque, located 20 miles SW of Fayetteville. "He told people at the mosque he would kill and bury them behind the mosque." This story, five months into the Trump Administration, reported Lankford was charged with ethnic intimidation; assault with a deadly weapon; going armed to the terror of the public; stalking; and disorderly conduct by Hoke County law enforcement.

Lessons Learned: Before Maj. Langford's crude interruption five years later at Cardinal Park I knew Juneteenth marked the day a U.S. Army General announced to enslaved Africans in Texas that President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 applied to them, a couple of years after the fact. Despite the delay, the Good News was universally celebrated. Thousands of courageous Black historians and teachers have kept Juneteenth alive for 8-score years. Recent national events that lifted the consciousness of millions of younger people of all colors to this important historical event, thereby promising to make this holy-day even more popular-a direct retort to the racist-right's effort to re-write history, deleting the anti-slavery and anti-Jim Crow struggles that are still being waged.

The racist-right have chosen school boards as the most vulnerable county-elected group to try to capture, to use as a base for their effort to delete slavery and Jim Crow periods of American history. Not only do they want their own facts and their own history, they want to disempower the tremendous sacrifices of Africans and African Americans in leading the anti-

racism Movement and patiently bringing their white friends along with them. It is not coincidence that on July 4th, two weeks after his actions at Cardinal Park, Langford's nearby property was the source of several rounds of gunfire. Again, Cardinal Park's customers and staff feared for their lives. Again the Sheriff was called. This time Dep. Frye, with a second deputy, told the Cardinal Park staff they had not yet arrested Langford, but were "going to get him today." The Cardinal Park owner and staff had asked the Moore County NAACP for help. We referred the case to the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Relations Service-The Peacemakers (See earlier column)-which led to a powerful Community Forum on Racial Intolerance at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in mid-October. Brownson is the same church that helped make Cardinal Park's Juneteenth event successful- until it was corrupted.

The U.S. DOJ's Civil Rights Division is working overtime to counter the Big Lies that racist-political movements are based on. As November 10, 1898 - a day that will live in infamy in Wilmington-we must be on high alert. Harriet Tubman David Walker, the Capel family and millions of courageous people of color have looked directly into lying racists' eyes, fortified by their sense of humor, grace, good fun, the law, the great Holy Books, and Faith. Stay strong and safe. And Keep the Faith. -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.

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CFCC's Cyber Crime Technology and Information Technology Programs receive certified Ethical Hacker Certification from EC-Council

Wilmington, NC – Cape Fear Community College's Cyber Crime Technology and Information Technology programs recently received designation from the International Council of E-commerce Consultants (EC-Council) as Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) programs.

The certification course is in place at CFCC and will be offered to Cyber Crime Technology and Information Technology students beginning in the 2022 Spring semester.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a favorable job growth outlook for

cybersecurity consultants. With an increased demand for information security, certification as a Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) is essential for employers seeking candidates to protect a company's digital assets.

"Cyber Crime and Information Technology stu-

dents with this credential will be highly sought after by Fortune 500 companies and are eligible for more than 20 job roles in the information security industry," said Cyber Crime Technology Program Director Greg Vandergriff. "It is one of the most sought-

after entry-level certifications in the security field."

"We are thrilled to offer this certification to our students," said CFCC President Jim Morton. "I appreciate the faculty members who went the extra mile to pursue this designation. The CEH certification will help

our graduates prepare for their careers and enhance their eligibility for future employment."

For more information about the CFCC Cyber Crime Technology program, visit <https://cfcc.edu/cyber-crime-technology/>

Finding spiritual shelter from mental health struggles

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Keith Thompson was alone again with his thoughts, and, as usual, it wasn't good.

Recently divorced, drowning in debt and facing a fourth back surgery for chronic pain, the 48-year-old trucker no longer cared whether he lived or died.

Such mental and emotional distress haunts millions. A recent government survey showed a doubling since 2019 in the proportion of Americans reporting anxiety or depressive disorder symptoms.

The pandemic increased the number turning to unhealthy coping mechanisms, such as alcohol and substance abuse.

That's what Thompson had tried since his teenage years as he battled depression and self-hatred.

Then an unexpected phone call changed everything for the Hebron, Ohio, resident.

Just days before his surgery, Thompson spoke to one of Jehovah's Witnesses, a group known for their public preaching but now pivoting to phone calling and letter writing to share their Bible message during the pandemic.

It was a wake-up call for Thompson.

"I tried it my way for some 40 years, and look where it got me," he said. "I thought I'd try God's way for a change."

After his surgery, Thompson

started studying the Bible in earnest.

His instructor became his confidant and mentor, helping him use Bible principles to work through his intense negative feelings.

Thompson then began to help others by sharing in the ministry alongside the Witnesses.

"I got to the point where I felt, 'I want to be alive,'" he said, "like I had done something worthwhile."

Amid the pandemic, he became one of Jehovah's Witnesses and made it his life's work to reach out to comfort others with the Bible's message of hope, love, and forgiveness that helped change his life, even studying the Bible with a man dealing with his own addiction and mental health issues.

Thompson's transformation is no isolated phenomenon. Faith and the support of a congregation have helped many others turn the corner in their recovery.

"While the Bible does not indicate that spirituality cures medical problems, many have derived comfort and strength from what the Bible teaches and the practical guidance it provides," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses.

Hope, support, and positive coping skills aid mental health – whether these are built up by

professional or faith-based sources, noted Lawrence Onoda, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist based in Mission Hills, California.

Even those with serious mental health conditions may find some aspects of religious participation help them cope with their symptoms, he said.

As one of the some 8 million in the United States who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Gloria Acosta knew she needed comfort even if there is no cure.

While an arduous journey towards sobriety through a veterans' program helped her get stabilized and settled in her own apartment in Los Angeles, her journey stopped short of providing peace of mind.

"There was this constant fear," recalled the 68-year-old.

"I nailed the windows shut, put extra locks on the door, kept the blinds closed."

Then one Saturday, a ray of sunshine knocked at her door.

It was Elizabeth, a 12-year-old in yellow ruffles, whose innocence and boundless enthusiasm for the Bible message she was sharing disarmed Acosta.

Acosta started studying the Bible with Elizabeth, accompanied by others in the girl's congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

After years of fighting for her life on the streets, the faith Acosta was gaining, and the



As one of the some 8 million in the United States who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Gloria Acosta knew she needed comfort even if there is no cure./Courtesy Jehovah's Witnesses

warm support of fellow believers gradually had an emotionally healing effect on her.

"I started feeling safe in my own surroundings," said Acosta.

"I felt happy, which I had never felt before."

Since becoming one of Jehovah's Witnesses in August 2020, she's removed all the extra locks on her doors.

Warm sunlight floods through her windows as she sits at her desk to join congregation meetings on a virtual platform since the pandemic started.

While her PTSD still causes sleepless nights, she expressed feeling at peace with God and herself. "I don't have to be all those things that I thought I had to be to survive in life," she said. "I can just be Gloria."

The Hardrick family, of Westland, Michigan, also fought through survival mode for years as they struggled with both homelessness and cancer.

They stayed in a claustrophobic hotel room where drug deals and prostitution awaited just outside the door.

Leaving his wife, weak from chemotherapy and radiation treatments, there with his son shrouded Willie Hardrick in overwhelming anxiety every day as he headed to work.

"I was feeling defeated and useless—like I couldn't do anything for my family," he said.

Taking the advice of his Bible teacher to pray every day would calm him, though. Hardrick kept up with his Bible studies and got baptized during the pandemic. While his family eventually found a place to call their own, their anxieties weren't over.

Hardrick soon got his own diagnosis of cancer spreading through his body.

"The congregation has helped me keep my sanity," said Hardrick, recalling the

meals, rides to the hospital and other practical assistance he received from fellow worshippers.

Even more than that congregation support system, the hope from the Scriptures is what his wife, Angela, said helps her through what can feel like a hopeless situation.

"I remind myself every single day that – no matter how bad things go – I have to look forward to the future: No more sickness, no more homelessness," she said, referring to Bible teachings about a future free from suffering. "And with a brotherhood and their love that is so strong, you can overcome anything."

More information on the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses, including resources for coping with mental illness and emotional distress, can be found on their official website, www.jw.org.

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Mary Elizabeth Corbett

Mary Elizabeth Corbett was born February 8, 1937, in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late William Burnett and Jettie R. Burnett. She entered into eternal rest on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

She was a student in the New Hanover County Schools and was a graduate of the Williston High School, Class of 1955.

She met and married her husband, James Corbett in 1956 and shared their life together for 65 years before her passing. To this union, they were blessed with two children.

She joined Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church at an early age. After completion of high school, she worked as a secretary in the office at Williston Elementary School. While at Mt. Olive Church, she served as a Sunday School teacher for many years and was a faithful usher until her health declined.

Throughout her years of life, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will surely be missed by all who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a loving husband, James Corbett; two sons, David Corbett (Joyce), and James Corbett, Jr.; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two great great-grandchildren; one brother, William Burnett (Lillian); one sister, Carrie Faison (Ernest); one brother-in-law, Raymond Corbett (Gretchen); four sisters-in-law, Velma Burnett, Hertha Corbett, Mary Alice (James Lee) and Mildred Corbett; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and close friends.

Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com

IN MEMORIAM:

Colin Powell remembered as a ‘Good Man,’ and ‘Great American’

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Colin Powell has died from complications from Covid-19, his family members have confirmed.

The first Black US secretary of state was 84.

“General Colin L. Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, passed away this morning due to complications from Covid 19,” the former General’s family wrote on Facebook.

“We have lost a remarkable and loving husband, father, grandfather and a great American,” the family wrote.

They reported that Powell had been fully vaccinated.

Powell became the first Black national security adviser during the end of Ronald Reagan’s presidency.

He also counted as the youngest and first African American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President George H.W. Bush.

Powell was thrust into the global spotlight after leading the United States to victory during the Gulf War, with many even considering him as a presidential candidate.

“Laura and I are deeply saddened by the death of Colin Powell. He was a great public servant, starting with his time as a soldier during Vietnam. Many Presidents relied on General Powell’s counsel and experience,” former President George W. Bush stated.

“He was National Security Adviser under President Reagan, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under my father and President Clinton, and Secretary of State during my Administration.”

Bush continued: “He was such a favorite of Presidents that he earned the Presidential Medal of Freedom – twice. He was highly respected at home and abroad.

“And most important, Colin was a family man and a friend. Laura and I send Alma and their children our sincere condolences as they remember the life of a great man.”

National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., said the Black Press of America will fondly remember General Powell’s contributions.

“We pause to express our profound condolences to the family of The Honorable Colin Powell,” Dr. Chavis remarked. “Secretary Powell was America’s military gen-

eral and, at the same time, the nation’s conscience as U.S. Secretary of State.”

He continued: “We in the African American community mourn his passing and rededicate ourselves to ensure that the legacy of Colin Powell will live on.”

General Powell had a reputation for generating bipartisan support, being a trusted military adviser, and putting country over party, added Spencer Overton, the president of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

“General Powell was a true leader and a man of many firsts – the first Black U.S. Secretary of State and the youngest officer appointed chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” Overton reflected.

“We will remember General Powell’s commitment to public service and Black communities. General Powell was a friend of the Joint Center and participated in various events.

“He always remembered where he came from and tried to ensure that opportunities would remain open to others – as evidenced by his support of affirmative action and other programs designed to facilitate economic mobility and the full participation of Americans from all backgrounds.

“His memory will live on as a testament to the importance of working across party lines for Black communities. Our thoughts and prayers go out to General Powell’s entire family, including his wife Alma Powell and son Michael K. Powell, a former FCC Chair, who served as the initial chair of the Joint Center’s National Advisory Committee of its Media and Technology Institute.”

President Joe Biden remembered Powell as the son of immigrants, born in New York City, raised in Harlem and the South Bronx, and as a graduate of the City College of New York.

Powell believed in the promise of America because he lived it, President Biden asserted, noting that the general devoted much of his life to making that promise a reality for so many others.

“As a Senator, I worked closely with him when he served as National Security Advisor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and as Secretary of State. Over our many years working together – even in disagreement – Colin was always someone who gave you his best and treated you with respect,” the President reflected.

“Colin embodied the high-



“Colin embodied the highest ideals of both warrior and diplomat. He was committed to our nation’s strength and security above all. Having fought in wars, he understood better than anyone that military might alone was not enough to maintain our peace and prosperity,” said President Biden. (Photo: Mark Mahoney / Dream in Color Photography / NNPA)

est ideals of both warrior and diplomat. He was committed to our nation’s strength and security above all. Having fought in wars, he understood better than anyone that military might alone was not enough to maintain our peace and prosperity,” President Biden declared.

“From his front-seat view of history, advising presidents and shaping our

nation’s policies, Colin led with his personal commitment to the democratic values that make our country strong. Time and again, he put country before self, before party, before all else – in uniform and out – and it earned him the universal respect of the American people.”

Above all, President Biden said General Powell was a

friend. “I am forever grateful for his support of my candidacy for president and for our shared battle for the soul of the nation. I will miss being able to call on his wisdom in the future,” the President continued.

“Colin Powell was a good man. He will be remembered as one of our great Americans.”

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"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."
Proverbs 25:25

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Stories of modern-day miracles, home town heroes, and good people who are doing good things, are a refreshing change from the majority of news that sells the most or gets the highest ratings.

News about murder, mayhem, crime and corruption

seem to get more coverage most of the time. On the other hand, trouble, scandal, tragedy and trauma get even more air time than good Samaritans and every day role models, who are seeking nothing more than another opportunity to serve their community.

On many occasions, bad news travels much faster than good news. So, let's

pause for the cause, and make mention of some good news! Psalm 107:8 says, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men." When we speak of the Love and goodness of God and the sweetness of Jesus, we are giving glory and honor to the name of the Lord and witnessing to an unbelieving world that God is real!

The devil gets too much press and too much attention. When news reports are rehearsed on the air from morning til night, day after day it can be depressing for some folks. Nevertheless, and

in spite of the mess, we still have good news to tell.

The major source of Good News in the world today is found in the Word of God. In spite of who is sitting in the oval office, God is still on the throne. Jesus is Lord of all. There are answers to be found for every situation or problem we may have in that great Book of Life, the B-I-B-L-E! For those who are sick, Isaiah 53:5 is the place to find good news. It states, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." For those who are

wearied of life and need somewhere to turn, good news for them can be found in Matthew 11:28, where Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." For those who are lost in their sins and want to start all over again, their good news is found in the person of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Read Matthew 18:11, "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." John 3:16-17 states, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God

sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." That is Good News!!! Tell Somebody!!!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper. Pastor of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She has a heart for women's ministry, starting with young women and girls ages 12 - 18, and also branching out to women of all ages. Her life's mission includes the desire to rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and save the lost all in the name of Jesus to the glory of God the Father.



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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Choose celebrity over humility if you dare

Here lately, I've come to clearly understand that some things that serve us well in the natural world oftentimes work against us in the spiritual one. It is an ironic realization one must make upon their own personal faith walk. Independence, ego, self-reliance, never say die attitude, talent, drive — these and other human characteristics, including just plain determination — give us a sense of accomplishment that, if we're not careful, will seduce us into believing it's all about us.

We even admire and envy those whose lifestyle we would otherwise condemn simply because we deem them special, gifted, geniuses or simply famous. At times, we forgive their otherwise despicable behavior because he or she is "special." We honor and celebrate their individuality and subconsciously strive to be like them rather than trying

to achieve the same distinction by emulating the only one really worthy of trying to copy, my Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Please hear my point before you turn me off.

In order to honestly accept the reality of faith, I believe we must become naked in those things that God expects and adores submission, selflessness, humility, reverence, charity, love and more. We all know the world to be a cruel place for people who demonstrate these qualities. The world can be lethal for those it views as submissive and passive and humble.

History is full of pacifists and peace lovers who have been tortured, victimized and yes even assassinated. Become an advocate for peace and justice and watch yourself become a target of greed and injustice. Many of us don't want to be associated with those we deem unwilling or unable to fend for themselves. It's just a fact of the world in which we live.

Now the bible teaches us that through Christ, faith takes us to a level of conviction and purpose that supersedes everything we think we understand about this world.

Pride and ego then become dangerous to our very existence, spiritually speaking. Determination and drive without spiritual purpose invites suicide. Self-reliance, by itself, becomes nothing more than human folly.

We exist at the pleasure of the Master of this universe and perish in the ignorance of this. We are, I am God's child. He made me and should He choose to, He can take me out. I do understand though, that His love for me is so great that even on my best day, I cannot comprehend it. I have nothing to

compare it to. I only hope to return His love in some small way by being obedient to His Word.

That effort, that code of conduct and behavior, that adherence to the values of Christ, is all that matters. The bible says, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" Matthew 16:26. Kind of gives new meaning to striving to get ahead, doesn't it? Forgive me if I ponder and pray on this for a while.

May God bless and keep you always.

Power Thoughts For Your Success

Twelve ways to improve your self-image- Part 2 of 2

1. Be honest with yourself.
2. Develop your imagination.
3. Be able to relax.
4. Have that winning feeling.
5. Cultivate good habits.
6. Aim to be happy.
7. Unmask.

A mask is a personality trait that you create and project to the world. Its purpose is to hide the real you. Masks are symbols of insecurity and self-doubt. They are often the result of someone else's expectations for you.

When you wear a mask to create a facade to please someone else, it is at the expense of suppressing the real you.

Remove the mask of someone else's expectations and stop deceiving yourself.

If the mask remains, you cannot get to the underlying circumstances that caused you to create it. Neither can you get to that part of yourself that you need to change and improve your self-image.

The moment you remove the mask, you feel as though a great weight has been lifted.

For the first time in a long time, you can see the person behind the mask and begin the



Dr. Herbert Harris

Work of discovering the real you.

8. Have compassion.

You must be sensitive to the needs of others and be willing to give assistance.

As you progress along your success journey, you can acquire a greater sensitivity and a greater responsibility to the plight and condition of others. This human sensitivity puts you in harmony with your Creator and elevates the quality of your own being.

According to Genesis 1:28, we have dominion over every living thing on the earth.

This godlike dominion implies that it is our duty to be sensitive to and respond to the needs of others. This does not just apply to human beings, but to all things which live upon the earth.

So, you must have compassion for, and be sensitive to the plight and needs of all living things—people, animals, plants, and the environment.

9. Grow from your mistakes.

No one has ever succeeded without making mistakes. If you are making mistakes, at least you know that you are trying.

Mistakes are life-lessons in wisdom.

Often, you learn more from your mistakes and failures than from your successes.

You determine what works in a particular situation by learning what does not work

and then trying again. One who has never made a mistake has probably never made a discovery.

Let your mistakes, through intelligent analysis and corrective actions, become markers showing the way on your journey to improve your life.

Nothing beats failure like success.

10. Acknowledge your weaknesses.

Any weakness or personal shortcoming that is not acknowledged cannot be overcome.

Refusing to acknowledge your weaknesses causes rationalization and deception, and therefore perpetuates that very condition.

11. Be Yourself.

People who pretend to be someone or something other than themselves never discover who they really are.

When you try to be someone else, you become separated

from your true self. If you are separated from your true self, your energies are diluted. Your personal magnetism is diminished.

When you are true to yourself, you are in harmony with yourself, with other people, and with the world around you.

12. Never stop growing.

Life is a constant orchestration of growth through adversity and challenge.

The moment you reject the growth principle of life, you accept the static principle of death. The only way to attain the good health, wealth, happiness, and prosperity you seek and deserve is to grow into these qualities and attributes.

To maintain them, you must continue to grow in knowledge, understanding, and consciousness.

Improving and developing your self-image into a positive, most effective tool, is the best first step you can take on build-

ing the new you.

It is upon your newly developed self-image that the foundation for the mansion of your dreams is built.

If this foundation is based on doubt, fear, and negativity, your mansion cannot stand.

If it is built on truth, courage, compassion, self-confidence, and faith, your mansion stands on solid ground and it will stand forever.

Next week — "How To Change Your Life"

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 21-E-1415

Barry S. Cobb, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Melvin R. Cobb, Jr.**, late of late of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of the decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned Executor, Barry S. Cobb, on or before **December 31, 2021** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 30th day of September, 2021.

Barry S. Cobb, Executor
5305 Thaxton Place
Raleigh NC 27612
(919)801-0945.

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Betty Bray Covil (21-E-1254)**, 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 **January 7, 2022** 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 7th day of October, 2021.

Robert Bryan Sasser, Co-Executor
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tammy Covil Winslo, Co-Executrix
c/o Culbreth Law Firm
Po Box 446
Wilmington, NC 28402

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Rosemary Gerdes (21-E-1435)**, 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 **January 7, 2022** 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 7th day of October, 2021.

David M. Gerdes
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Robert Perry Midgett**, 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 **7th day of January, 2022**, 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 7th day of October, 2021

Jeanette Midgett, Administrator
119 Willows Bay Drive
Rocky Point, NC 28457

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS NEW COUNTY ESTATE FILE NO.: 21E1511

All persons, firms or corporations having claims against, **James Gullet Smith** deceased late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before **January 21, 2022** or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of October 2021.

Dale Bryant Riggs
c/o Renee Williamson Bloodworth
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 129
Atkinson, NC 28421

October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Michael Jerome Sampson**, 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 **7th day of January, 2022**, 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 7th day of October, 2021

Jacqueline Davis, Administrator
216 Lasalle St.
Wilmington, NC 28411

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS NEW COUNTY ESTATE FILE NO.: 21E1513

All persons, firms or corporations having claims against, **Adella Marilyn Horrell** deceased late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before **January 21, 2022** or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of October 2021.

Benjamin Arden Horrell
Rosilyn Horrell Renn
c/o Renee Williamson Bloodworth
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 129
Atkinson, NC 28421

October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 20 JT 150

IN THE MATTER OF: V.S.W (DOB: 08/14/2020)

TO: RESPONDENTS: REBECCA SHOCKEY, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, AND JOSEPH WALLACE, BIOLOGICAL FATHER, OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO REBECCA SHOCKEY

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following October 21, 2021, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Alexis Perkins was previously appointed to represent Victoria Smith, and she can be reached at PO Box 2560, Wilmington, NC 28402 or (910) 343-5400.

Attorney Brandon Pettjohn was previously appointed to represent Joseph Shockey and he can be reached at PO Box 962, Wilmington, NC 28402 or (877) 886-1522.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR November 1, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, via Web-Ex, at the Office of Juvenile Clerks, 138 North 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 18th day of October, 2021.

Karen F. Richards
Staff Attorney - New Hanover County Department of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3526

October 21, 28, November 4, 2021

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Beverly Joy Owens**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned, care of their attorney, on or before **December 31, 2021** (which date is at least three (3) months from the first publication of this notice), or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned, care of their attorney.

This the 30th day of September, 2021.

Hannah Joyce Hildreth, Administrator of the Estate of Beverly Joy Owens, Deceased
c/o Randall S. Hoose, Jr.
Atlantic Coast Law
314 Walnut Street, Suite 100
Wilmington, NC 28401-4160

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Wanda Gail Basyden**, 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 **14th day of January, 2022**, 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 14th day of October, 2021

Angelo Basyden, Administrator
108 Progress Dr.
Burgaw, NC 28425

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Tina Teresa Johnson**, 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 **14th day of January, 2022**, 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 14th day of October, 2021

Earline R. Johnson, Administrator
1510-B Cameron Ct.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Tina Darrell Ray Robinson**, 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 14th day of January, 2022, 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 14th day of October, 2021

Tandy N. Robinson Davis, Administrator
1433 Branch Row
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Bonnie G. Callahan, having qualified on the 13th day of September, 2021, as Personal Representative of the estate of **Mavis J. Green (2021-E-1344)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said that they must present them to the undersigned at Graves May PLLC, c/o Attorney Kevin T. May, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **13th day of January, 2022**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of October, 2021

Bonnie G. Callahan, Personal Representative Estate of David F. Walker
Kevin T. May
GRAVES MAY PLLC
5700 Oleander DR.
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Daniel Pesackis**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned, care of their attorney, on or before **January 18, 2022** (which date is at least three (3) months from the first publication of this notice), or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned, care of their attorney.

This the 14th day of October, 2021.

Donna Scarangella, Executor of the Estate of Daniel Pesackis, Deceased
c/o Randall S. Hoose, Jr.
Atlantic Coast Law
314 Walnut Street, Suite 100
Wilmington, NC 28401-4160

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NEW COUNTY ESTATE FILE NO.: 21E1512

All persons, firms or corporations having claims against, **Benjamin Hayes Horrell** deceased late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before **January 21, 2022** or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of October 2021.

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