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VOTERS TURN OUT, LINE UP ON FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING

EBR School Board Selects Interim Superintendent



The board also selected Associate Superintendent Adam Smith to act as interim superintendent until a replacement can be found.

BATON ROUGE, La. - The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board had a meeting Thursday night (Oct. 15), but it appears not much was decided upon.

This comes after the sudden departure of new superintendent, Leslie Brown, who stepped down recently for health reasons after just a couple of months on the job.

At the meeting, the school board discussed how it will conduct the search process for Brown's replacement. Previously, the board selected a consulting firm to undergo a year-long selection process.

The board also selected Associate Superintendent Adam Smith to act as interim superintendent until a replacement can be found.

At the meeting, there was a resolution to bring back four of the finalists for reconsideration, however, that resolution failed.

"However, there are some board members that felt as though they didn't want to go through with that. They wanted to go through with an entirely new search," said Darius Lanus, school board member.

Things are back to square one now, with no clear answer about how the board will proceed to select the next superintendent of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS).

A number of parents spoke out at the meeting

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Endorsements from Black Community Leadership



Sen. Kamala Harris

Former Vice President Joe Biden



Mayor Sharon Weston Broome



Cedric Richmond, 2nd Congressional District

"I've fought racism all my life and I'm fighting now. The Presidential choice is simple: it's truth versus a cloud of lies, and black dignity versus a return to racism. I choose truth, black dignity, and honest Joe Biden."

- Joe Delpit



Joe Delpit



W.T. Winfield



Yvonne Dorsey

BATON ROUGE, La. - Three of Baton Rouge's most prominent political and community leaders - Joe Delpit, W.T. Winfield, and Yvonne Dorsey Colomb - has announced their collective endorsement of Democrat Vice-President Joe Biden and US Senator Kamala Harris to become our nation's 46th Presidential team. The three also endorsed Cedric Richmond for re-election to Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, and Sharon Weston Broome

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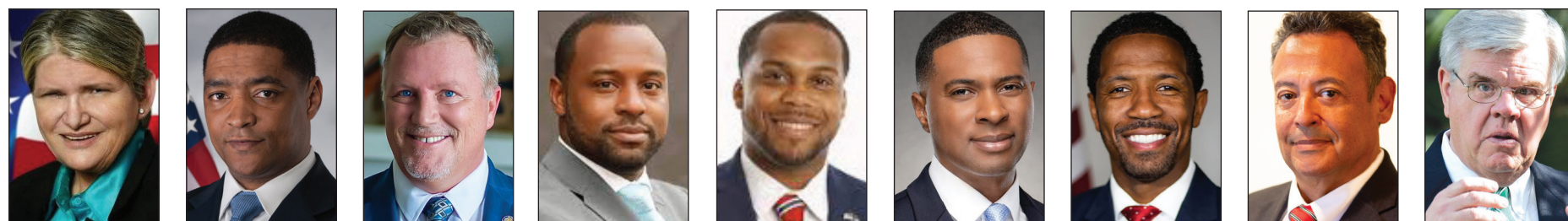
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La. Democrats Endorse Democratic Candidates for Congress, Public Service Commission



Lee Ann Dugas

Cedric Richmond

Rob Anderson

Braylon Harris

Kenny Houston

Martin Lemelle, Jr.

Dartanyon Williams

Allen Borne

Foster Campbell

BATON ROUGE, La. - Saturday, the Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana voted to endorse Democratic candidates for Congress and the Public Service Commission.

The DSCC endorsed the following candidates:

■ Lee Ann Dugas was en-

dorsed in the First Congressional District.

■ Congressman Cedric Richmond was endorsed on July 30 for the 2nd Congressional District.

■ Rob Anderson and Braylon Harris were endorsed in the Third Congressional District.

■ Kenny Houston was endorsed in the Fourth Congressional District.

■ Martin Lemelle, Jr. was endorsed in the Fifth Congressional District.

■ Dartanyon Williams was endorsed in the Sixth Congressional District.

■ Allen Borne was endorsed in Public Service Commission District One.

■ Foster Campbell was endorsed in Public Service Commission District Five.

"We're excited to endorse this slate of Democrats and work to

elect them this November," Katie Bernhardt, Chair of the Louisiana Democratic Party said. "I couldn't be prouder of these candidates connecting with their communities and running strong campaigns in every corner of the state.

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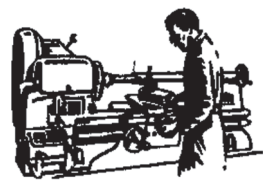
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Bill in La. House Would Prevent Schools, Employers From Requiring COVID-19 Vaccinations

BATON ROUGE, La. - Doctors are at least months away, by the best estimates, from having access to a COVID-19 vaccine but it's already become a topic of discussion by lawmakers at the Louisiana State Capitol.

The main debate is whether people should be required to be vaccinated.

Darin Adams, who owns Reggie's bar in Tigerland, knows the impacts of COVID-19 first hand.

"Both my parents had coronavirus, my father passed away from it and I still haven't gotten it. My children have had it, I haven't had it," Adams says.

Even though the coronavirus has been all around him he doesn't think anyone should be required to be vaccinated.

"Should be strictly a personal choice of whether you want to go or not. Same thing with the flu vaccine, they don't mandate we take the flu vaccine yet thousands of Americans die every year so it should be a choice," he says.

HB 49, proposed by Rep.



Danny McCormick (R - Oil City), is a bill before the House Health and Welfare Committee that would keep being vaccinated for the coronavirus a personal choice.

If the vaccine is proven to be more dangerous than COVID-19, the bill prohibits any school, college, or employer from requiring you to get it. The bill also provides a path for you to opt-out if you have a letter from your doctor citing medical objections, or if you have a religious or philosophical objection. Parents can also opt their chil-

dren out of being required to get the vaccine through a written objection to a school.

If you choose to opt-out, the bill prohibits any schools or employers from coercing you to get it or discriminating against you for not being vaccinated.

The bill was scheduled to be heard in the early afternoon of Tuesday, Oct. 6. The House adjourned for the day and the Health and Welfare Committee is expected to reconvene Tuesday evening to debate this measure.

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for re-election to the office of EBR Parish Mayor-President.

Joe Delpit said, "I've fought racism all my life and I'm fighting now. The Presidential choice is simple: it's truth versus a cloud of lies, and black dignity versus a return to racism. I choose truth, black dignity, and honest Joe Biden. This November, they'll try to keep you from voting, so vote absentee or vote early."

"Joe Biden's deep friendship and working partnership with Barack Obama proves to me that

his heart is right. He understands the painful problems that black families and our young people are facing, and his long career proves that he has the ability, wisdom and strength to lead us toward the light," said W. T. Winfield.

"Out of all the people President Obama could have chosen to be his Vice President, he picked Joe Biden. When the man I admire most in the world has chosen someone, I know everything I need to know. Biden's honesty, decency, experience in leadership, and love for our Lord are exactly what we need. Through our votes for Biden, the Lord will cast out Lucifer in

the Flesh from the White House," said state senator Yvonne Dorsey Colomb - Retired.

The group said they are endorsing Cedric Richmond because he has proven himself over his many years of service: eleven years in the Louisiana Legislature and five terms in the United States Congress. They note that during all of that time, his service has been honorable and Cedric has never lost focus on serving the people of our community. Cedric Richmond is also serving as co-chair of the

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A Breakdown of the Amendments on Your November Ballot

BATON ROUGE, La. - Election Day is just around the corner, and the first day of early voting is even closer.

Now that registration is over with, we want to help you understand what you are voting for, or against, when you cast your votes.

The Public Affairs Research Council, or PAR, has released an independent, non-partisan review so the community can better understand the amendments.

The following amendments and proposition are on the ballot for the November election:

■ Amendment 1 "Do you support an amendment declaring that, to protect human life, a right to abortion and the funding of abortion shall not be found in the Louisiana Constitution?"

■ Amendment 2 "Do you support an amendment to permit the presence or production of oil or gas to be included in the methodology used to determine the fair market value of an oil or gas well for the purpose of property assessment?"

■ Amendment 3 "Do you support an amendment to allow for the use of the Budget Stabilization Fund, also known as the Rainy-Day Fund, for state costs associated with a disaster declared

by the federal government?"

■ Amendment 4 "Do you support an amendment to limit the growth of the expenditure limit for the state general fund and dedicated funds and to remove the calculation of its growth factor from the Constitution?"

■ Amendment 5 "Do you support an amendment to authorize local governments to enter into cooperative endeavor ad valorem tax exemption agreements with new or expanding manufacturing establishments for payments in lieu of taxes?"

■ Amendment 6 "Do you support an amendment to increase the maximum amount of income a person may receive and still qualify for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption?"

■ Amendment 7 "Do you support an amendment to create the Louisiana Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund to preserve the money that remains unclaimed by its owner or owners?"

Proposition Shall sports wagering activities and operations be permitted in the parish of _____?

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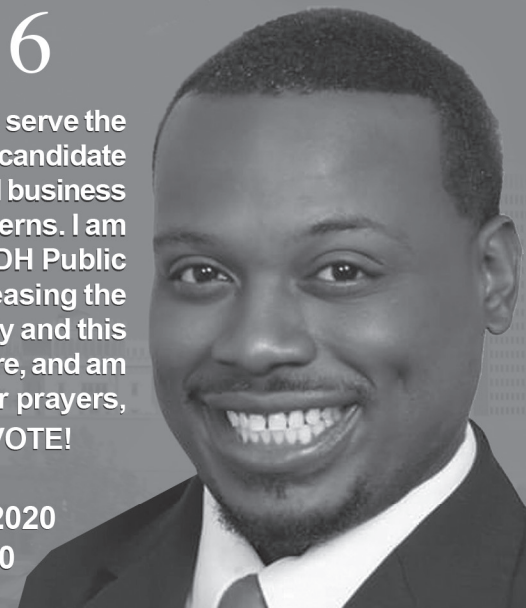
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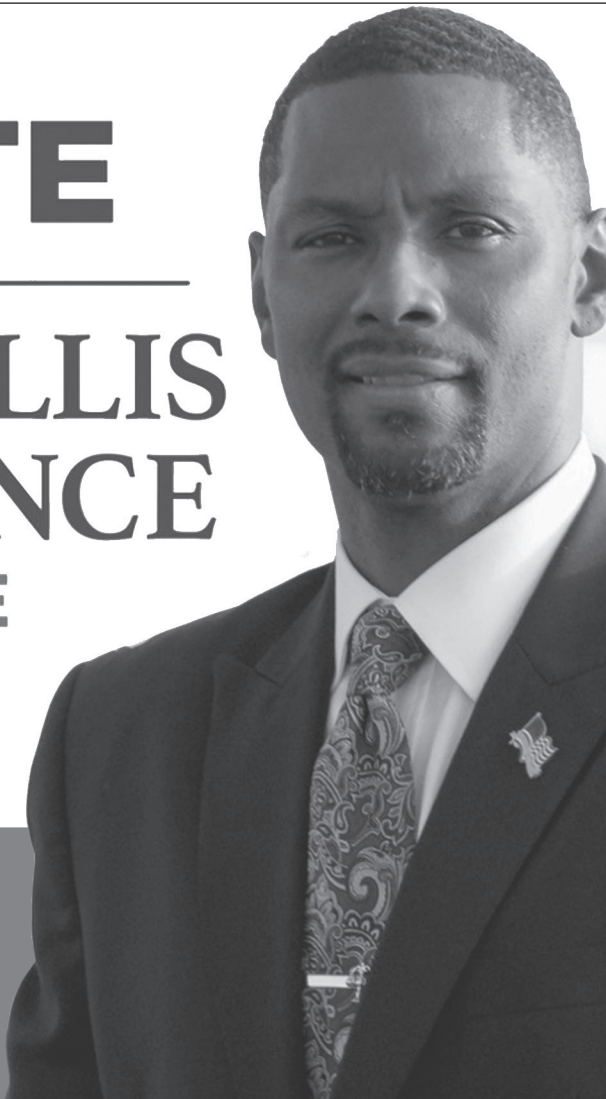
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BATON ROUGE, La. — Voters in Baton Rouge lined up and wrapped around buildings Friday to cast their votes.

At the new early voting at Forest Park, established once officials determined the existing Coursey Boulevard location would not be able to meet proper social distancing guidelines, voters pitched lawn chairs and braced a mid-October cold front, waiting over an hour before polls opened at 8 a.m.

The U.S. presidential election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3.

The following are important dates for Louisiana residents who wish to vote in the presidential election:

■ Friday, Oct. 16 through Tuesday, Oct. 27 - Early voting for the presidential election will be held in Louisiana from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., excluding Sunday, Oct. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 25.

■ Friday, Oct. 30 at 4:30 p.m. - The deadline to request an absentee by mail ballot. You can request an absentee by mail ballot online through our by clicking here or in writing through your Registrar of Voters Office (other than military and overseas voters)

■ Monday, Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m. - The deadline for a Registrar of Voters to receive a voted mail ballot (other than military and overseas voters)

Voters turned out in force at polling locations in Northwest Louisiana on the first day of early voting Friday, some lining up as much as an hour before the polls opened.

In Caddo, where there is only one polling location available in a parish of more than 230,000, some said they had been in line since 6 a.m. Another voter in line said she had been there since 7:30 a.m. She was just getting to the door of the Caddo Registrar of Voters office on Marshall Street in Shreveport by 12 p.m.

Bossier and De Soto Parish have added polling locations. Others have moved to locations that allow for compliance with social distancing guidelines.

In Bossier, voters lined up Fri-

day morning outside the Bossier Parish Library History Center, a secondary polling location set up for early voting in the presidential election in addition to the Bossier Parish Clerk of Court's office at the courthouse in Benton.

There, the line seemed to move along once polls opened. Some said they were in and out in 30 minutes. But the wait became longer as the line continued to grow throughout the course of the day. Still, those who found themselves standing in line to cast their ballots appeared to be patient and willing to wait. Some of those we talked to said it was worth the wait.

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For complete list of Early Voting Locations visit <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/earlyvoting>

For more information on voter registration and voting in Louisiana, visit the Louisiana Secretary of State's website.

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Millennial Park Louisiana's First Container Park

The city of Baton Rouge is thriving with talented business owners that want to give back to the communities.

The Southern University and A&M College Business school have a Master's Program geared towards making strides in the business world. The SU Master Business Administration Association (SUM-BASA) has launched an initiative that will highlight Black-owned businesses in the city. The association's consulting service will feed into the community service project to give free resources to companies to help their revenue. Vice President Marcus Anderson kicked off the initiative by granting access to these resources with the organization's first client, Cameron Jackson.

25-year-old business owner of the shipping containers food court, Millennial Park, grew up with a business mindset and a desire to help those in need. His grandfather, Clarence 'CJ' Jackson, owned and ran a barbershop on Florida Blvd in Baton Rouge. His parents also taught him about generational wealth; his mother is an established realtor in the city. His mother purchased rental properties under his and his siblings' names, so when they turned 18, they could have money to secure their futures.

When he was in the third grade, Cameron's parents moved the family to Houston, Texas, for better job opportunities. But Cameron never forgot his hometown. Traveling back to the state every summer, Baton Rouge was always in the future entrepreneur's heart.

After graduating from high school in Texas, Cameron went to Liberty University in Virginia for two years and then transferred to Coastal Carolina University. There he played Safety on the school's football team. His mother even helped him in the real estate business, advising him on properties



Millennial Park attendees

and land to build. However, it wasn't until a trip to Jamaica with his mother that Cameron figured out his purpose.

On the way to see the waterfalls on the island, Cameron and his mother drove up hills and saw shipping containers lined on the roads. They were cut open and had a grill in them. "I was like that's so weird," Cameron recalled. "But then I was like, that's so cool that a third world country is using shipping containers as a business." When he returned to the U.S., Cameron's father showed him pictures of a shipping container in cities like Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Cameron thought, "I could do this."

Cameron was finishing up his last semester at the university when he returned from Jamaica. He conversed with his father, stating that his last classes to graduate cost \$13,000. His father pointed out, "\$13,000 sounds like the price for a shipping container." Cameron knew at that moment what he had to do. "I can always finish school," The business owner recalled, admitting his plans to finish his degree at Southern University and A&M College. "My purpose was bigger than that."

And so, blessed with the land that his grandfather CJ gifted to him, Cameron bought a red shipping container. He was so excited about the purchase that he decided

to purchase another one. He remembered, "Thinking back, I had no idea what I was about to start." It wasn't an easy start to establish the brand. He received a lot of push back getting the business started. He said, "I had the permit office giving me the runaround, telling me things I have to do that I didn't need. Thankfully, a woman saw this and saw that race was an issue. She helped me and told me exactly what I needed to do. She helped me out." For him, being young and Black was a drawback for opening his business. But it was also his momentum to push forward.

Before he knew it, Cameron opened Millennial Park amid the coronavirus outbreak.

Currently, three containers are open: Royal Taste of Jamaica, Memphis Mack BBQ, and Jive Turkey. He plans to have a total of 12 containers in the park, with them stacked on top of each other and creating a second level of shipping containers. Cameron also has purchased land around the corner from Millennial Park, with plans to bring local produce in the area. His business being in a food desert in midtown, Cameron wanted to bring healthy options to the community, especially to the kids. "You can't get fresh fruit, fresh vegetables in this area," Cameron pointed out. "These are key things for kids to develop. Especially with COVID-

19 going on, they can't get these things. If they're not getting it from a store that's from around here, then they aren't getting it. Opening up a produce stand right here on North Street and North Acadian Street will be beneficial."

Besides the shipping containers, Cameron wants to make a difference in young kids' minds. He recently partnered with Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) to launch a free library in Millennial Park. Cameron will also spend Saturdays to teach kids about entrepreneurship and have different business owners to talk with them.

The young entrepreneur isn't slowing down anytime soon, wanting to grow and establish wealth in mid-city and other states. He envisions Millennial Parks in significant cities, expanding in communities similar to Baton Rouge mid-city. He commented, "I want to transform communities into successes."

Today, Cameron sees himself as a younger version of his 84-year-old grandfather. Owning multiple businesses and being a stable figure in the community. He lifts the youth and wants to see them making a difference in their areas and establishing their generational wealth. "Believe in yourself," he advised them. "Don't care what others say, and don't let it hinder you from your success."

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too, expressing their frustration with the process.

"This is a hot mess in this school district. I think we really need to look within so we can find the leadership that will take us where we need to go," said one mother.

Many parents and community members simply wanted to see Smith given the job full-time.

"Every time I've had a concern, I have been able to call Mr. Smith. Every single time, he has heard the voices of educators and parents alike. He has been faithful to this district," one parent said.

However, a majority of board members voted to restart the search process. All previous candidates will have to reapply.

"The idea of having to go through additional interviews, to go through conversations with the community, the people who work for the district, that's too much. It's already October. We have two breaks ahead of us right now for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and so time is of the essence," said Angela Reams-Brown with the East Baton Rouge Federation of Teachers and Support Workers.

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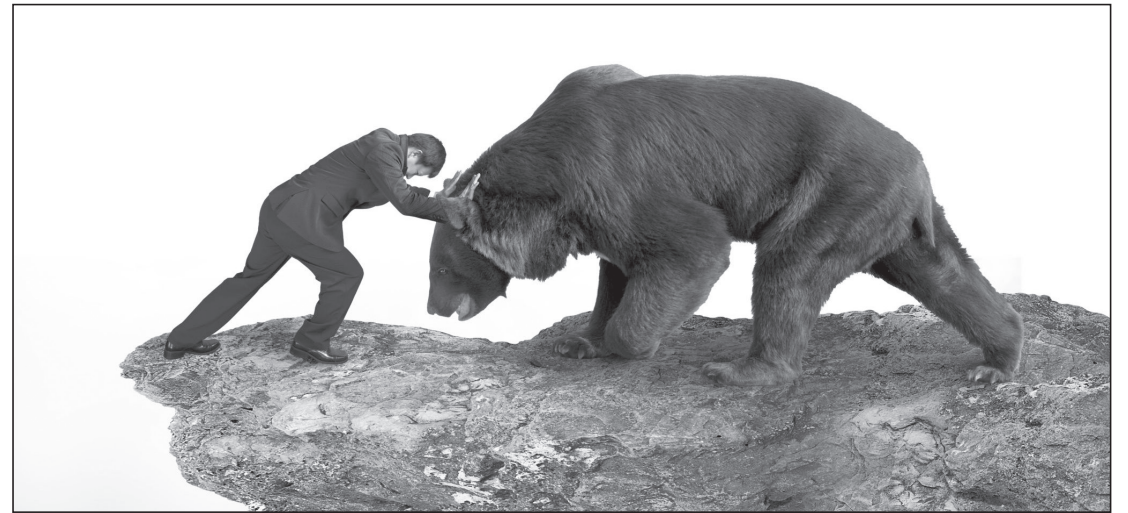
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In these end times, fear is running rampant. We see it all around us. One of the biggest challenges to anyone living in a world dominated by this emotion is preventing it from becoming a debilitating influence. If we aren't grounded in biblical truths on this issue, we could easily panic; however, God's Word gives us an eternal perspective that's overwhelmingly peaceful and good.

God loves us, and it isn't His will for us to be tormented by terror. For those who don't know this, the future can look scary, but God's perfect love is much stronger than fear. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:18, 19). Believing how He feels about us is the first step in facing our fears and conquering them.

Turning on the television floods us with bad news that disturbs our spirits. The underlying message is that evil is advancing onward and will overtake us. This may be true for the world, but not for those who trust in God and His promises of protection. "You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you" (Psalm 91:5-7, NKJV). He won't let evil touch His children.

God has a plan for each of our lives, and it's always good. When we study His Word, we see strong



encouragement in the midst of whatever situation we're in. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV). God said this to His people during a time when they were exiled and fearful about their future. This promise was true then, and it's just as true now.

Fear isn't from God, but from the devil. Our enemy uses it to destroy our faith in God's love and make us doubt that what He promised will come to pass for us. If

we've been born again, what we received from God is more powerful than what the devil tries to give us. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). A sound mind is one that thinks in line with God's thoughts, and isn't paralyzed with fear.

We aren't helpless against whatever comes our way. When Jesus received all authority from the Father, He in turn gave it to us. We now have authority over fear, sickness, and everything else that threatens the world. "Behold, I

give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19). We mustn't be afraid to use this tremendous power.

What we constantly think about will manifest itself in our lives, for good or bad. Our thoughts are an open door to reality; we can't allow fear to take over and limit the full, satisfying lives God wants us to have. Focusing on His promises—not on what's going on around us—empowers us to banish fear in whatever form it presents itself.

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Praise & Worship Recording Artist TODD GALBERTH Soars to No. 1

Todd Galberth is not content with the 75 million streams his self-penned anthems such as "Lord, You Are Good," "For My Good" and "I'm Getting Ready" (as recorded by Tasha Cobbs Leonard & Nicki Minaj) have earned him over the last four years.

The rising star and praise and worship leader is destined to add several more millions of streams to his career tally with an exciting new



track, "Better Than Good" (Stella's Boy Music), which debuts at No. 1 on Billboard's Gospel Digital Songs Sales chart for the week ending October 17, 2020. The track is available on all digital service platforms. Link: <https://smarturl.it/BetterThanGood>

Galberth laughs that his friends have said the new song should complete his trilogy of "good" songs.

"They said I can't use the word good anymore," he jokes. "I was working on the next album and wanted a good upbeat corporate song. I went to Todd Dulaney's live recording in Chicago and he had a lot of great songs and I was inspired. I started looking back at my life and I started humming this melody and it all came at once. Good came up again."

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Mayor Broome Announces a Community Farm at Capitol High School

BATON ROUGE, La. – Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome announced Wednesday the groundbreaking of a half-acre school garden at Capitol High School.

The garden is a result of the collaboration of Geaux Get Healthy, a program out of the Mayor's Healthy City Initiative, and the Baton Roots community farm. This collaboration will implement community farms at Capitol High School, Glen Oaks High School, and Scotlandville High School.

"The program aims to empower youth and improve food access by introducing farming directly into the community rather than having to rely solely on sourcing grocery stores in food deserts throughout Baton Rouge.

In addition to horticulture lessons, students engaged in the Hustle and Grow program will learn healthy eating habits and how to cook the produce grown on the farm.

LEADERS from page 3

Joe Biden for President campaign.

The three leaders endorsed Sharon Weston Broome in the EBR Parish Mayor-President's race. They lauded her calm leadership safely guiding the city through more than a few turbulent moments over the past four years. "Now we need her and appreciate her more than ever," said Yvonne Colomb. Joe Delpit said, "She's proven her capability many times over and we know that she understands our community's needs." W. T. Winfield stated, "As a strong woman of God, Sharon is exactly the right person to lead our city today."

Joe Delpit played an early role in Baton Rouge's civil rights movement. In 1968 he became the first black elected to the EBR Metro Council (then called the City-Parish Council). He served in the Louisiana State Legislature for 16 years where he became the first black member to be elected Speaker Pro Tempore. A former president of the Baton Rouge chapter of the NAACP, Delpit is a prominent entrepreneur and owner of The Chicken Shack.

W. T. Winfield, a trained engineer, served 12 years on the Metro Council, four years on the East Baton Rouge Port Commission, 12 years on the East Baton Rouge Planning & Zoning Commission, and two years on the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board. He is also chairman of the Capitol High School Alumni Association.

Yvonne Colomb served more than fourteen years in the Louisiana House, where she was elected Speaker Pro Tempore, followed by twelve years in the Louisiana Senate for District 14. For many of those years, Yvonne was the sole voice representing Baton Rouge during the state budgeting process. Oftentimes it was her argument alone that protected Southern University against constant attempts at merger and defunding.

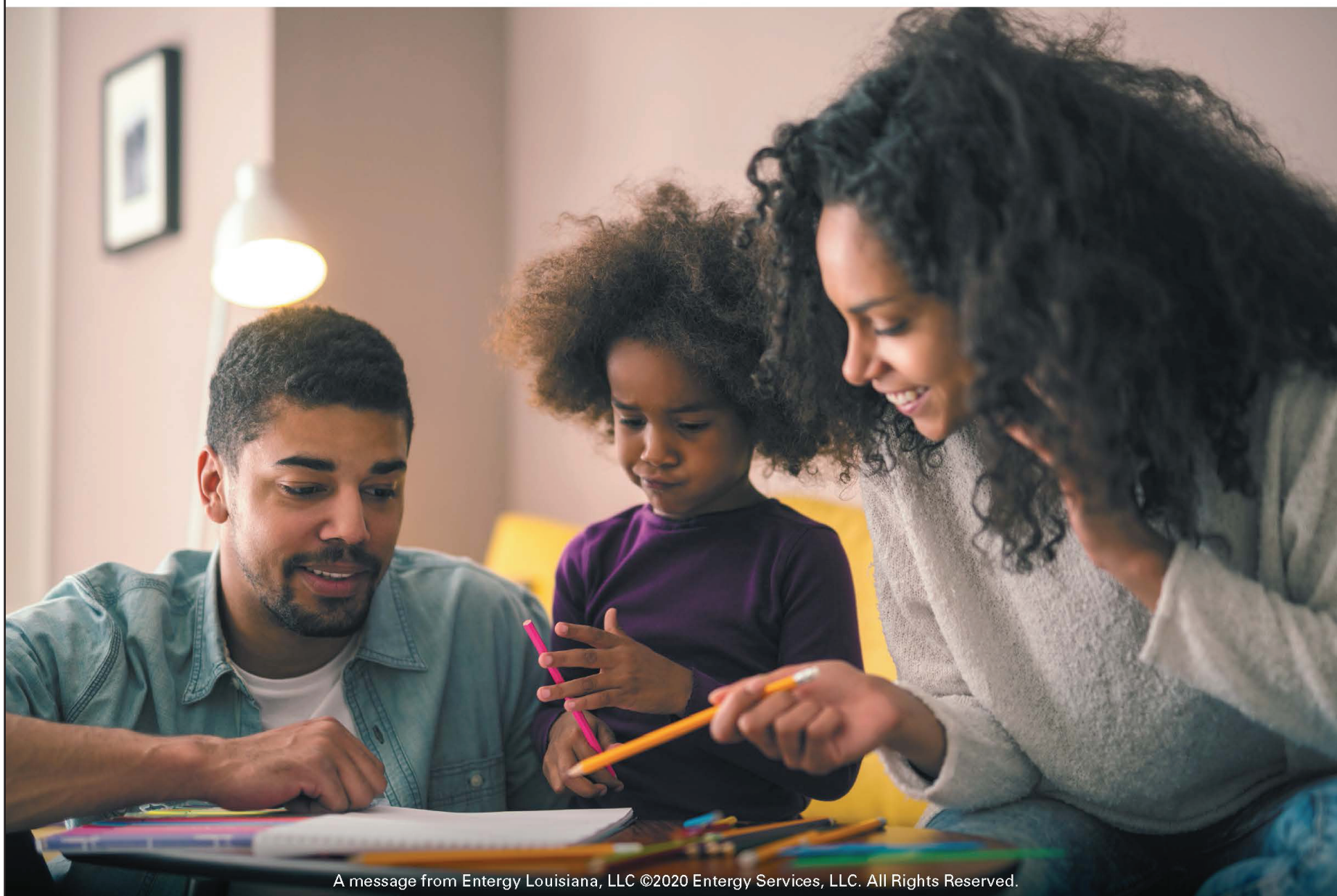
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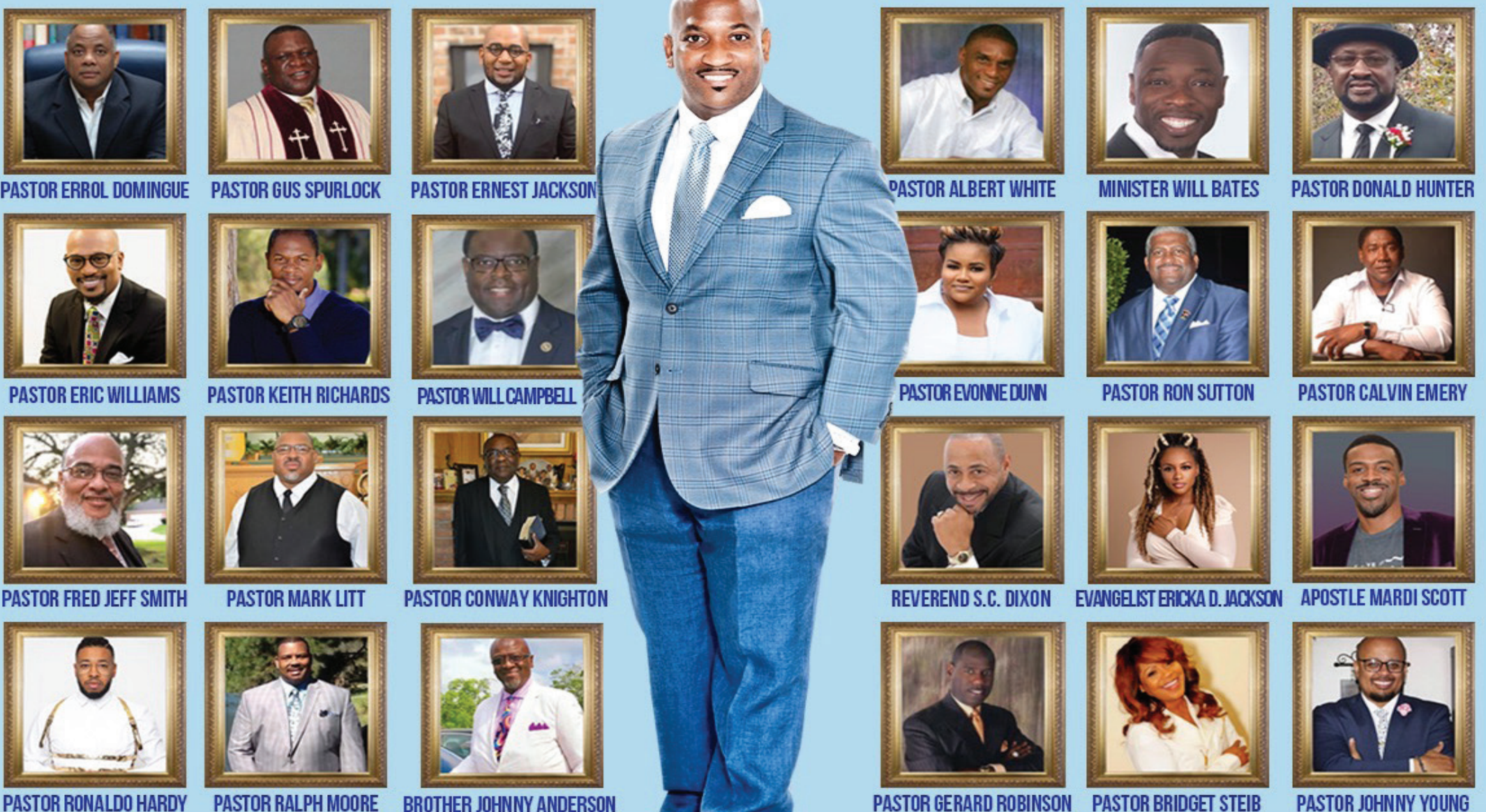
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