

Keep on Keeping on

Several times during my lifetime I have had to step away from the present and just look at it for what it was. I have had several mishaps with my health over time and have persevered to the point that I have regained my strength and my tenacity for life. But this time has been different and unlike anything I have ever had to go through. It's at times like this that I can feel the love that my family and friends have for me and especially my husband. I have been in a wheelchair for over three months, totally dependent on him for food, baths, hair washings, going to the bathroom, getting up and down and just about anything and all things



Peggy's Take

needed. To make things worse, they did not find my femur break for two weeks so I hobbled around on a big broken bone much longer than I should have hobbled. As I was into this in about the third week, I forgot to lock my wheelchair wheels and as I sat back down, I hit the floor with a hard crash. As I went down my arms hit the cabinet pulls and I tore skin off my hands and arms and covered myself in bruises. Ok, yes, you are right at this point I just wanted to give up. I cried and told Roy, "I wish I could get a 'do-over'." I know this was ridiculous thoughts but at that point in time I was desperate. My

Nurse Practitioner arrested for obtaining a controlled substance by fraud/theft

Jackson – A nurse practitioner has been arrested as a result of an investigation into prescription drug fraud and theft. Following a complaint, Agents with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, with assistance from the Drug Enforcement Administration's Gulfport Tactical Diversion Unit, began investigating Nurse Practitioner Leslie Wilbourne, 46. At the time of the complaint, Wilbourne was practicing at Maxem Health Urgent Care in Gulfport and Pascagoula, MS. Wilbourne was reportedly prescribing Ambien, a Schedule IV controlled substance, to her adult children, mother, father, and friends. Wilbourne would then pick up the prescriptions for her personal use. Agents determined that Wilbourne has picked up over 146 prescriptions of Ambien, each con-



LESLIE WILBOURNE

taining 30 dosage units of 10 milligrams, over the last three years. On July 8, 2021, Wilbourne surrendered her Drug Enforcement Administration Registration to prescribe controlled substances and was arrested. Wilbourne was charged with Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud/Theft and was booked in the Harrison County Adult Detention Center under a \$7,500 bond.



Wicker raises alarm over abortion-related research

The money should not fund unethical science

President Biden ran for office as a unifier who would heal our nation's divisions, yet many of his policies continue to alienate millions of Americans. This is especially true with his abortion agenda, which is already one of the most aggressive on record. During his first weeks in office, President Biden opened up U.S. funding for pro-abortion causes overseas, began the process of financing abortion clinics here at home, appointed a radically pro-abortion Secretary of Health and Human Services, and pushed to expand the use of chemical abortions through telemedicine.

More recently, President daddy used to say, "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger." I just knew I needed to be stronger at that point in time.

I tell you my struggles to tell you that we can persevere. We can overcome some of the most horrendous happenings in our lives if we just have the determination to just keep on keeping on. I looked around me on the days that I felt sorry for myself and saw people in wheelchairs, for a lifetime, people missing legs, and other maladies, with their never being a change for them.

Well, I am here to tell you I am preserving! I have carried on with my summer vegetable freezing, (several bushels of butterbeans and peas, and 135 ears of sweet corn) cooking meals, going to see my new sweet baby granddaughter, and just about anything I needed to do, with a little help. I don't ask for your pity but I write this to you to say this – "NEVER GIVE UP". No matter what life throws at you keep on keeping on. COVID threw us a fast ball of fear. My husband and I survived, and we are stronger for it and are avid promoters of everybody

Biden has ushered in a wave of scientific research that disregards human life. In April, the Biden Administration lifted a ban on federal researchers using the bodies of aborted infants in lab experiments. This decision means taxpayers will now be funding experiments that for millions of Americans are morally indefensible – for example, implanting the cells of aborted babies into lab mice. Making matters worse, the Biden Administration disbanded the ethics board that oversaw and often vetoed these projects, meaning that decisions to fund unethical science will now be made in secret, away from public view.

Taxpayers Should Be Left Out of

taking the vaccine. Yes, I am weary and exhausted from my latest calamity, but I WILL PERSEVERE!

Here us another recipe I have made that is favorable for a 'wheelchair' bound MEME.

PINEAPPLE CAKE - 1 box yellow cake mix, 1 stick butter, 3 eggs, ¾ cup of pine-

Unethical Experiments

Since my first days in Congress, I have fought to protect the unborn and to prevent taxpayer dollars from supporting the practice of abortion. I have also helped pass legislation ensuring that tax dollars do not support research that results in the destruction of human life, including embryos. This fight is far from over, and I am now leading efforts in Congress to push back against the Biden Administration's abortion agenda.

Last month, I authored a letter calling on the Department of Health and Human Services to reverse its decisions to end the fetal tissue ethics board and to fund morally objectionable research. I urged the Administration instead to focus on ethical alternatives to human fetal tissue, such as adult stem cells, which have provided miraculous treatments for serious diseases. This letter was signed by 36 senators and 98 House members, reflecting broad consensus in

Congress.

I am deeply disappointed that President Biden has abandoned his longtime support for the Hyde Amendment, which prevents tax dollars from funding abortions. This provision has been in place during Democratic and Republican administrations for 45 straight years. Candidate Biden reversed his position only two years ago, reflecting growing pressure from the left wing of his party and the pro-abortion lobby. I am committed to protecting the Hyde Amendment in upcoming legislation. I have also reintroduced legislation that would make the Hyde Amendment permanent so that it is not repeatedly put at risk in the appropriations process.

Mississippi Leads the Nation Toward Ending Abortion

In 2018, Mississippi made history by enacting one of the strongest pro-life laws in America. This law reflected a goal put forward by then-Governor Phil Bryant: "to end abortion in Mississippi." The law has now made its way to the United States Supreme Court, where the case will be argued next year. This case is the most promising opportunity yet for challenging Roe v. Wade, the 1973 ruling that made abortion-on-demand the law of the land.

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