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# Letter From the Editor

**Persistence** is one of the most powerful elements of success. Life will throw you curveballs and hurdles that will appear to be traps but are only part of the learning process to achieve your goals. Persistence is the ability to stay focused on your determined idea. Persistence is what keeps The City Connection Magazine published for our readers. Persistence is the discipline that heroes are made of. Persistence is what Reginald F. Lewis used to become the first Black American billionaire. I hope you enjoy this issue.

*Javone Johnson* Editor



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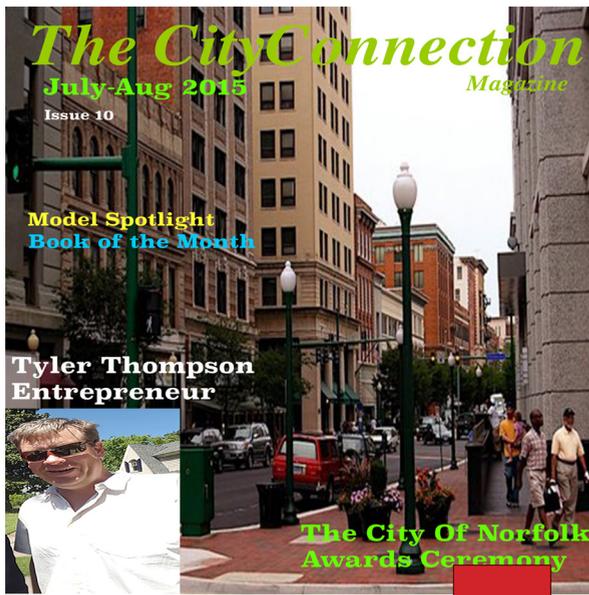


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And more .....

**T**he world is full of sin. On a day to day basis people commit sin several times with no second thought because it has become part of human nature. Most recently congress passed the law to allow gay marriage in every state. For some reason people seem to want to fight the idea of allowing same sex marriage, but why?

Many people on social media, since the passing of the law, have been making post on how same sex marriage is such a crime against religion and how it should not be allowed. People continuously keep defending their case by bringing up how the bible forbids the interaction of two individuals of the same sex. But if I am not mistaken there are several laws that go against the words of the bible. The average human on a day to day basis has a hard time just following the basic ten commandments that only ask for one not to: have no other gods, create yourself a carved image, take the name of the Lord your God, take a Sabbath day, go against one's father or mother, murder, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness, covet your neighbor.

On a regular basis people, unintentionally, commit sins as committing adultery, stealing, lying and going against their parents' wishes. People tend to commit these send because they find them necessary in life and in some cases the results of their sends make them happy. So why shun another for committing a sin when just as any other it produces their happiness. It should not matter the gender of the two individuals who are getting married, what should matter is if the two truly love one another and if one another's love is what makes them both happy. Honestly, how is Todd and Eric's or Kathy and Jane's marriage affecting anyone else's life? Two weeks ago both couples were living together happy and now today the two couples are still living happily together possibly even happier than a majority of heterosexual couples.

I bet in the case of many hetero couples if someone said they could not wed they would let their relationship go but to think that these same sex couples waiting so long and fought so hard for this moment their love must be true and their marriage well deserved. So from one sinner to the next congratulations and I only wish to find a love worth waiting and fighting for.



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# The 2015 City of Norfolk Employee Awards Ceremony

**The City of Norfolk** has provided jobs and resources for thousands upon thousands of people. It comes a time when those great people who make up the workforce which consist of office assistants, firemen, police officers, maintenance crews, custodians and more to get recognition for their outstanding service and achievements. The City Connection Magazine had the pleasure of documenting this memorable event which took place at Nauticus located in downtown Norfolk. Enjoy!







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# Tyler Thompson Entrepreneur

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Shown above: Tyler Thompson

**Javone Johnson:** What's moving What's moving !!!! The City Connection Magazine is now in your area bringing the spotlight to the entrepreneurial scene. Today I have a special guest with me by the name of Tyler Thompson a good friend of mine and the founder of sonic illumination entertainment which specializes in home entertainment.

**T**yler Thompson: well I started sonic illumination about 10 years ago because I kept getting fired from my jobs. And I always loved messing with home stereos, home electronics, sound I have been a music fan all my life. I got fired from my job my wife asked me why did I get fired from my jobs. So I just started doing what I loved. So I just jumped head feet first

**J**avone Johnson: So tell me where did you get your experience from?

**T**yler Thompson: I just always tinkered with them it's my passion always listening to music always helping friends set up sound systems. And I have always enjoyed it you know so I'm just chasing my passion.

**J**avone Johnson: So what are some of the brands you're familiar with?

**T**yler Thompson: you know I'm really big of bose right now I just worked out a commercial deal where I can represent their line ups I'm starting to go out for restaurants, coffee shops, golf course, light residential type scenarios. But my big one is call Sonos you may have seen it on one of the commercials during the super bowl. And it's a wireless whole house music system that ties into you computer network and you can access music from anywhere like rhapsody, pandora even the ones like sound cloud.

**J**avone Johnson: So what are some of your favorite types of installs?

**T**yler Thompson: The installs are the ones that clients say work your magic I just want my house to rock. And just let me go, I just like to build systems like they are the ones would put in my own house those are my favorite ones.

**J**avone Johnson: what would you consider the biggest job you done thus far ?

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**T** Tyler Thompson : I don't really think the size of the job matter. That's just the biggest hitting you have 10000 job 20000 job 30000 job there all big job but that's your last job you're only as good as your last jobs here's pretty neat stuff that's gangbusters. A lil 200 dollar radio You can get that from target. There are some of my more fun projects building stuff people use everyday. It's not the quantity it's the quality

**J** avone Johnson: Have you ever done any marine installs ?

**T** Tyler Thompson: have had the opportunity but I didn't take it. I equate that more Parnell to the car installation. I like the medium houses but you know the houses around the neighborhood they call you up and say they want sound in the bathroom I like doing it.

**J** avone: what kind of advice would you give to a young entrepreneur?

**T** Tyler Thompson: Don't jump out the frying pan in the fire. Make sure it's something you really like if you do have a job I'll start building your business while someone is paying you Always think about the next thing.

**J** avone Johnson: Any words of encouragement?

**T** Tyler Thompson: Just do it.

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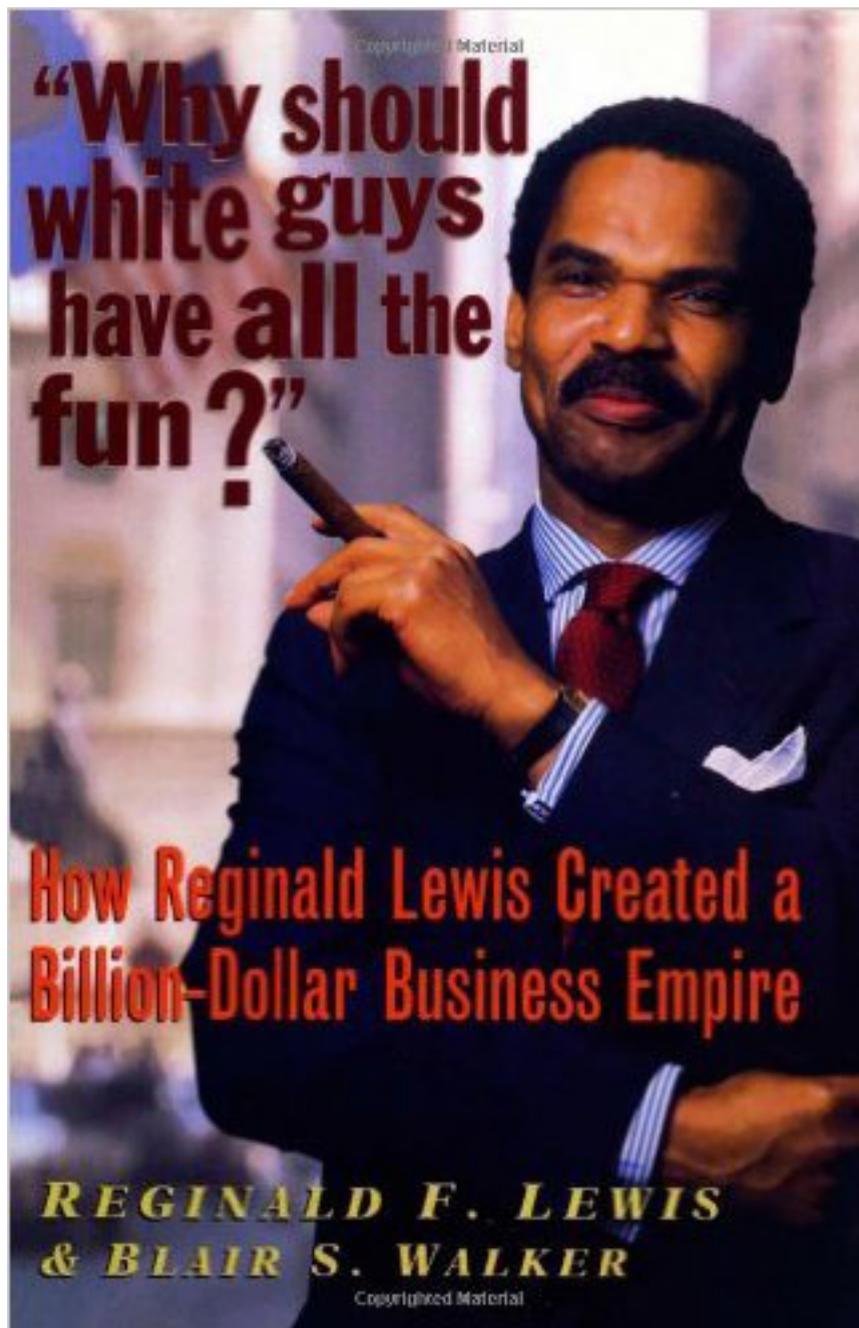
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**Reginald Lewis**, growing up in segregated Baltimore, attended parochial school, worked his way through college and Harvard Law and became a successful attorney and highly visible business executive, capping his career with the leveraged buyout of conglomerate Beatrice International Foods for \$985 billion in 1987. Reginald was without a doubt the first black billionaire however his life was cut short at the age of 50 years old due to his losing battle with brain cancer. This is a must read that will change your life forever.

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