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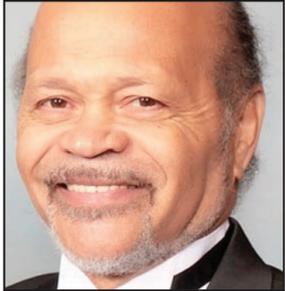


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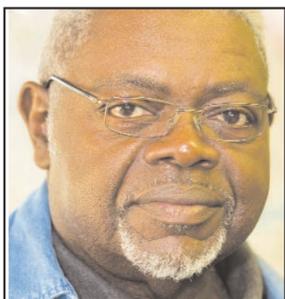
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A MAN NAMED PETE

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A few weeks ago, Brunswick County lost a man named Mr. Pete Stevenson. His life was an example for the young men coming up in this community today. He taught us how to live and make a living in today's world. Pete was one of the first Black commercial truck drivers in Brunswick County. From time to time, he would tell me, when we talked about how he could stop in at truck stops and buy gas, how he would go to the back and buy food but wasn't allowed to sleep at the truck stop. He was one of

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Obama, Holder push "fair maps"

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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Former President Barack Obama and his former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder aren't waiting for 2021 to push for fair voting redistricting maps to be drawn. They've created the "All On the Line" national campaign to start now to

organize against partisan gerrymandering, which is still legal, in order to "...restore fairness to our democracy and ensure that every American has an equal say in our government."

That point is especially crucial here in North Carolina, where the U.S. Supreme Court in June allowed partisan congressional gerrymandering by the Republican-led NC General Assembly to

stand, but the NC Supreme Court is still in the process of deciding whether legislative partisan redistricting violates the State's Constitution.

North Carolina is considered a "purple" state, and yet, because of Republican partisan gerrymandering, while Democrats voted to elected ore

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Sickled Life's founder meets Jordin Sparks

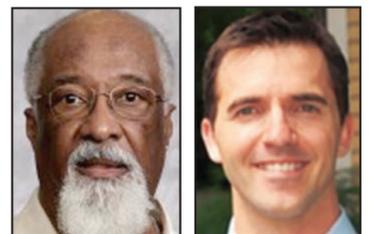
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Sickled Life's founder Bryan Ballard recently met American Idol's sixth season winner, Jordin Sparks. Jordin Sparks is a Grammy®-nominated singer, film and Broadway star. In 2018, she gained another title, Sickle Cell Advocate. Sparks' commitment to increasing awareness about sickle cell followed the loss of her stepsister, Bryanna, whom she reportedly had only known for a short period of time, to sickle cell

disease. Sparks joined forces with Novartis, a Swiss pharmaceutical corporation, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Inc. and other patient advocacy organizations, to help launch "Generation S."

Generation S promotes awareness of sickle cell and lends a voice to people touched by the disease using a storytelling platform. Bryan shared his story on JoinGenS.com and was one of five participants out of hundreds of submissions, chosen to meet

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Three-judge panel rules NC legislative redistricting unconstitutional

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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A three-judge panel, on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, ruled unanimously that North Carolina's legislative voting districts drawn in 2017 were 'unlawful partisan gerrymanders and struck them down as unconstitutional.

Twenty-eight North Carolina counties are affected in the State House, and 21 in the State Senate, by this ruling.

The court ordered that new maps be drawn by the Republican-led NC legislature before the 2020 elections, and, if a mapmaker outside of the

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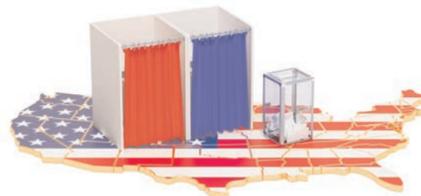
17 million voters purged nationwide between 2016 and 2018

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A Brennan Center analysis has found that at least 17 million voters were purged nationwide between 2016 and 2018, similar to the numbers discovered between 2014 and 2016.

Using data released by the Federal Election Assistance Commission, the Brennan Center found that counties with a history of voter discrimination have continued purging people from the rolls at high rates.

"This phenomenon began after the Supreme Court's 2013 ruling in *Shelby County v. Holder*, a decision that severely weakened the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965," the report states.



The Brennan Center's report authors said as the 2020 election cycle heats up, election administrators must be transparent about how they're deciding what names to remove from the rolls.

"Before the *Shelby County* decision, Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act required jurisdictions with a history of discrimination to submit pro-

posed changes in voting procedures to the Department of Justice or a federal court for approval, a process known as 'preclearance,'" the report's authors wrote.

The Brennan Center first identified this troubling voter purge trend in a major report released in July 2018.

As the nation heads toward the all-important 2020 election cycle, many said they're concerned with voter purging and the ever-present threat of voter disenfranchisement.

"Automatic voter registration is a great way to be sure that every eligible American is registered to vote," said Dr. Margaret Groarke, an associate professor of political science at

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"FAIR MAPS"

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of their own to office, skewed voting districts allowed Republicans to maintain legislative and congressional majorities.

"The [U.S.] Constitution requires the redistricting process to occur in 2021, no matter what," says Holder, "but, whether or not the maps are drawn fairly is yet to be determined, and it's up to us to hold our elected officials accountable in this process. We have a plan to create a bet-

ter, more fair, and more just democracy. The stakes could not be higher."

The Democratic former President agrees.

"The movement for fair maps will determine the course of progress on every issue we care about for the next decade," Obama said in a statement announcing a new free in-person organizing training initiative called "Redistricting U."

"We need to build this movement from the ground up right now," Obama maintained.

Obama and Holder came

together for the cause when their respective political organizations, Obama's Organizing for Action and Holder's "The National Redistricting Action Fund, merged to become the National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC), which, in turn, launched the "All On the Line" campaign.

According to the "Allontheline.org" website, Redistricting U sends "...dedicated trainers to cities across the country to train volunteers, give them the tools to impact the redistricting

process in their state, hear from them on how to best make change in their communities, and empower them to be leaders in the movement for fair maps."

Because the initiative was just announced last week, it is still too early to determine where in North Carolina the Redistricting U training is taking place, but there's little question that both Obama and Holder are very much aware of North Carolina's constant redistricting battles in the courts and have been keeping a keen eye on every ruling affecting North Carolina.

"The health of our democracy is not a given," warns Eric Holder, "and it's under attack. I say this not to be hyperbolic but to remind us all of what's at stake. The impacts of redistricting will be long-lasting. From progress in the fight for "common sense" gun protections to voting rights to access to health care, we have the chance to determine the direction of the next decade, but we must remain committed and diligent in our effort to create a fair and just democracy.

Editor's note: To learn more about Redistricting U, go to allontheline.org.

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Manhattan College in New York.

"Whether this prevents voter suppression is complicated by the fact that there are many ways that people suppress the vote," Groarke said.

"Key strategies today are over-inclusive voter purges, strict voter ID laws, and making threats that people with unpaid fines or warrants shouldn't come near the polls," she said.

"Automatic voter registration might counteract the effect of purges, but will do nothing to stop other strategies," Groarke said.

The Brennan Center report follows a Center for American Progress analysis

that examined how conservative lawmakers are suppressing the votes of people of color, young people, and those with disabilities.

From discriminatory voter ID laws in places such as North Dakota, South Carolina, and Michigan to failures to provide early polling places in a majority-black neighborhood in Texas and the freezing of more than 50,000 voter registrations in Georgia, voter suppression is rampant in 2018, according to the CAP report.

"Voter suppression is widespread again this year, and these efforts from conservative lawmakers largely target people of color, young people, and people with disabilities," Connor Maxwell, a research associate for Race and Ethnicity Policy at the

CAP, said in a news release.

"Despite these efforts, there are many steps people can take to ensure their vote counts on election day," Maxwell said.

Voting is a fundamental right for all U.S. citizens, "so we encourage everyone to double-check their voter registration; determine ahead of time whether you need to bring certain materials to the polls; and take advantage of the many voter assistance hotlines if you run into problems," said Danielle Root, a voting rights manager at the CAP.

In its report, The Brennan Center noted why voter purges could prove problematic.

"If a voter moves from Georgia to New York, they are no longer eligible to cast a ballot in the Peach State.

As such, they should be removed from Georgia's voter rolls," Brennan authors said, as an example.

The report continued:

"Similarly, voters who have passed away should be removed from the rolls. Reasonable vote list maintenance ensures voter rolls remain up to date. Problems arise when states remove voters who are still eligible to vote.

"States rely on faulty data that purport to show that a voter has moved to another state. Frequently, these data get people mixed up. In big states like California and Texas, multiple individuals can have the same name and date of birth, making it hard to be sure that the right voter is being purged when perfect data are unavailable.

"Troublingly, minority vot-

ers are more likely to share names than white voters, potentially exposing them to a greater risk of being purged and voters often don't realize they've been purged until they try to cast a ballot on Election Day - after it's already too late."

The Brennan Center's report authors said as the 2020 election cycle heats up, election administrators must be transparent about how they're deciding what names to remove from the rolls.

They must be diligent in their efforts to avoid erroneously purging voters, the report's authors said.

"And they should push for reforms like automatic voter registration and election day registration which keep voters' registration records up to date," the authors wrote.

SICKLED LIFE

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Sparks and help educate the public about sickle cell disease. The five participants also worked with a professional storyteller and film crew in their homes to share their experience. Each participant's story will premiere at a unique sickle cell awareness event taking place throughout the year, and then will be published on the Generation S Facebook page for the sickle cell community and others to view and share.

Participants and their immediate family members met Sparks in New York City to shoot a public service

announcement (PSA), which will air on television and radio in September as it is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

I asked Bryan how he felt about meeting Sparks, the other participants and his trip in general. He said, "The whole experience was AMAZING sickled from my first flight, my first time in New York, my first time being involved in a video production, and my first time spending an entire day with a celebrity. The whole experience was definitely a surreal moment. Meeting the other four participants and Jordin Sparks was so smooth. It honestly felt like we were all family. We all connected so well. At first, I was a little nervous

to meet Jordin, as most people would be meeting a celebrity, but once she came in the room that all changed. She is down to earth and super nice. I honestly felt like we had known each other for years. This whole experience was a major event in my life and means so much to me."

Sickled Life Inc. is an organization that Bryan founded in 2013. It began as a blood drive Bryan organized with the Red Cross as part of his high school senior project. His goal at the time was to help increase the blood supply for those suffering from sickle cell disease. Sickled Life was born from Bryan's desire to contribute to his community by provid-

ing support for others like himself and their families. Bryan and his family continue to provide support, but also work tirelessly on their campaign to increase sickle cell awareness locally and abroad. Bryan acknowledges that he would not have been able to make his vision a reality without the love, help, and continuous support of his team who have been by his side every step of the way.

Sickled Life is a non-profit organization that raises funds through t-shirt sales, raffles, donations, and its Sickled Life Annual Sickle Cell Walk. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor may contact Sickled Life at SickledLife@gmail.com. Donations are used

by Sickled Life to promote sickle cell awareness and are tax deductible.

Sickled Life's 5th Annual Sickle Cell Walk will be held on Saturday, September 14th from 10 AM - 2 PM at Hugh MacRae Park Shelter 6, 8140 Hugh MacRae Road, Wilmington North Carolina 28403. Participants may pre-register at <https://www.sickledlife.com/events/5th-annual-sickled-life-walk>. The first 60 pre-registrants will receive a gift bag, lunch, tickets for a chance to win prizes, other gifts and of course a Sickled Life T-shirt. All for \$21.00! Please join the Sickled Life family in their quest to spread awareness in our community and around the world.

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legislature is hired, that he be approved by the court first.

State lawmakers have until Sept. 18 to have new

maps for the State House and Senate drawn and submitted.

The court also ordered that the mapmaking process be done in "full public view." A special referee will be appointed by the court to oversee the process, and, if he rejects the lawmakers' map, he could redraw it himself.

State lawmakers may not use election or any partisan data in redrawing the redial legislative maps, the court ordered.

All three judges of the court who heard the lawsuit by Common Cause against the NC legislature, Alma Hinton, Paul Ridgeway and Joseph Crosswhite, agreed to strike down the current redistricting map, even though at least one of the judges is a Republican.

They also agreed in the 357-page ruling that the voting districts violated the State Constitution's Free Elections Clause, Equal Protection Clause, Freedom of Speech Clause and Freedom of Assembly Clause.

Furthermore, most importantly, the three-

judge panel is not allowing any appeal to delay the process they've outlined. In their order, the court "denies a stay of the remedial process."

Reaction from State lawmakers was swift Tuesday.

"This is a big step in making sure that every NC's vote matters, regardless of where you live," tweeted House Minority Leader Rep. Darren Jackson (D-Wake). "Now the North Carolina General Assembly has until Sept. 18 to draw maps that are fair. It is time 4 us to come together to draw new maps that represent the people of this State & allow 4 every voice to be heard."

"An appeal is likely," said Sen. Jeff Jackson, Democrat, but, if granted, it would go to the State Supreme Court, as this is a matter under the State Constitution."

Irving Joyner, professor of law at North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, said, "The decision rendered by the three judge panel in Common Cause, et al. v. David Lewis, et al. is a

tremendous victory for the people of North Carolina. Among other things, this court ruled that the North Carolina Constitution provides more protections for our citizens than do the federal constitution and statutes in voting rights matters. The General Assembly had already admitted that it drew legislative lines in order to obtain an advantage over Democrats and bragged about doing it. Now our State Court has determined that their actions were illegal and that they lied about it to the federal courts. This is a huge legal conclusion that will drastically change and enhance the voting rights protections that people should enjoy in this State. The sad thing is that this General Assembly has done so many evil things during the past eight years that it will require another decade in order for a properly elected General Assembly to repair the harms that have been inflicted in this State."

Joyner, who is also chair of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee, continued, "This decision will be

appealed to the North Carolina Supreme Court, but the General Assembly is now compelled to draw new legislative lines before the 2020 elections are conducted, and this court has declared that its order will not be stayed. We applaud Common Cause and the other plaintiffs for pressing forward with this challenge.

Professor Joyner added one more perspective specifically regarding African Americans.

"This decision, in conjunction with the NCNAACP's victory in the McCrory racial motivation and redistricting cases, also supports the proposition that the North Carolina Constitution gives more protections to racial minorities, who reside in this State than does the federal constitution. This is the meaning that African Americans, like Bishop John Walker Hood and Abraham Galloway, intended when they fought for and inserted an Equal Protection Clause in the 1865 North Carolina Constitution.

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Gov. Cooper declares state of emergency for Hurricane Dorian

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Governor Cooper has declared a State of Emergency for all 100 counties in the wake of Hurricane Dorian, which allows state resources to be mobilized and lets the state and local governments seek federal aid. He also signed two transportation waivers, one so that relief supplies and utility vehicles can move within the state, and another to help North Carolina farmers harvest and transport crops and livestock quickly.

To prepare, residents should be sure they:

- Have multiple ways to receive weather information from reliable sources,
- Know your evacuation routes and review your emergency plan,
- Stock an emergency supply kit, which should contain food, water, prescription medicines, charging cords, batteries, and other essentials to support your family for several days

- Make sure your insurance is up to date.

For more information on how to ensure your family is disaster ready, go to ReadyNC.org or download the free ReadyNC app, which features traffic, power outage and shelter information. Also, check to see if your local community offers an emergency alert service for its residents. Follow @NCEmergency on Twitter and Facebook for the latest information on Hurricane Dorian and how you can prepare.



AT PRESS TIME, HURRICANE DORIAN EXPECTED TO HIT NC COAST LATE WEDNESDAY.

REPORT:

North Carolinians with past convictions still subject to poll taxes

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Over 51,000 North Carolinians who've paid their debt to society for a past felony conviction still have their right to vote suppressed due to "modern day poll taxes," according to a recent report by the Civil Rights Clinic at Georgetown Law School and Campaign Legal Center.

"In 2019, at least 30 states continue to disenfranchise some of their citizens based on wealth," the report says. Historically, "...payment of a poll tax was a prerequisite to the registration for voting in a number of states (including North Carolina) until 1966 (as a part of Jim Crow laws)," according to Wikipedia. Passage of the 24th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution eliminated the poll tax in its original form for federal elections. However, now observers say that state governments have found a new way to keep the poor from exercising their right to vote.

The report, titled "Can't Pay, Can't Vote," notes that 48 out of 50 states, including North Carolina, require the payment of all due fines and fees associated with the completion of parole and/or probation for certain crimes. If those legal financial obligations are not satisfied to the state, the restoration of voting rights is denied.

According to the nonpartisan nonprofit "The Sentencing Project," in 2016, an estimated 51,845 North Carolinians fell into this category.

Currently, across the United States, an estimated six million former felons have been denied their right to vote because they can't pay their legal fines and fees associated with their convictions.

Moreover, given how the cost of court has simply skyrocketed over the past few decades, the Georgetown Law report notes that it can take years for ex-felons to pay off their legal fines and fees. If they can't pay the duration of their parole and, if they can't pay off their legal financial obligations, their voter disenfranchisement is permanent, says the report.

Furthermore, it should be no surprise to anyone that many of those affected are Black and Hispanic.

"Given the well documented racial disparities within the criminal justice system, these modern poll taxes, like poll taxes in the pre-Civil Rights era, are imposed disproportionately on people of color," the report says. "They also have a disproportionate impact on the poor. Not only does living in poverty dramatically increase an individual's risk of incarceration and, therefore, disenfranchisement, but a prior criminal conviction can often limit opportunities for employment and increase the risk of living in poverty post incarceration."

"Faced with limited economic resources and opportunities, formerly incarcerated individuals often struggle to keep up with, much less pay entirely, legal financial obligations resulting from their past convictions."

On its conclusion, the Georgetown Law Report states, "The surest way to eliminate the impact of wealth on access to the ballot for people with convictions is to abolish felony disenfranchisement. However, states can take important steps short of that to ensure that wealth does not pose a barrier to the ballot box."

"This is because, in most states, current forms of post incarceration supervision are inextricably bound up with legal debt, such that rights restoration conditioned on completion of probation or parole is implicitly conditioned on ability to pay," the report continues. "Not only is automatic restoration easier to administer and on stronger constitutional footing, it is sound policy for everyone. Evidence suggests voting rights restoration improves re-entry and reduces recidivism. Also, states are slowly moving in this direction, with both Colorado and Nevada adopting automatic restoration statutes in 2019."

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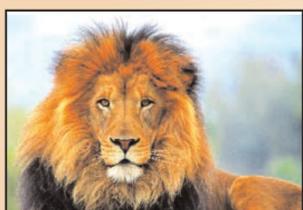
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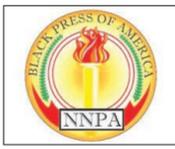
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2016 -2.0 is not good enough

It's déjà vu all over again. The defeat of the Democratic presidential candidate in 2016 was crushing, and many reasons have been given for why Hillary Clinton's bid for the White House went down in flames. Some people blame her failure to visit key states often enough. Others blame a lack of enthusiasm on the part of African American voters. And then there were the Russians, among many other things.

But four years after their humiliating defeat, many Democrats seem to be leaning towards agreeing that what they did in 2016 is good enough for 2020.

Enter Joe Biden, stage right, with a broad toothy grin and promises of moderation and electability.

The reaction of many African Americans to Joe Biden's appearance on the political horizon is a huge yawn of boredom.

What many white politicians and policymakers in the Democratic Party do not realize is that African Americans understand that Donald Trump is not the sole problem we face today. He is merely the symptom, not the disease. And the disease has festered for centuries, mutating from one epoch to another - through slavery, Reconstruction, the civil rights movement, down to today. It is not enough to just beat Trump.

Conservative and moderate Democrats stuck their heads in the sand after November 2016 and ignored the white supremacy dynamics that were in play during the election. They resolutely proclaimed that Trump rode into office on economic anxieties. Black folk have much more economic anxiety than whites but we did not vote for Trump. Trump rode into office on anxieties over the loss of white supremacy.

In 2008, what voters of color saw in Barack Obama was a step towards social justice and racial equality. What they saw in Hillary Clinton in 2016 was a privileged white woman who had once equated youth of color with animals and called them "super-predators."

Now Democrats are asking for a "do over" in 2020, serving up a moderate-to-conservative Democrat trailing a foul-smelling political history that we ignore at our own peril. If we unpack Joe Biden's political history, we find the following:

School Busing - In 1974, as a junior U.S. senator from Delaware, Joe Biden promised his white constituents that he would oppose desegregating schools by busing students. In the 1970s, it was clear that many school districts were segregated along racial lines because housing patterns were likewise segregated, and busing students was the most logical solution to achieve school integration. Biden did not care about the social injustice of segregated schools. He only wanted to satisfy his racially bigoted white constituents. Because of politicians like Joe Biden, school districts today are more segregated than they were in the 1970s. This is an argument backed by data. The National Center for Education Statistics' data show that the percentage of African American students attending majority white schools is down to 23 percent from a high of 44 percent in the 1980s. The current situation is equivalent to the integration level in 1969.

The Hyde Amendment - The original Hyde Amendment, passed in 1976, barred the use of federal funds to pay for an abortion except to save the life of the woman or if the pregnancy arose from incest or rape. Joe Biden voted for its adoption and has staunchly supported that law until recently, when he began his current presidential campaign. He insists that his decision to flip on this issue was not due to politics, but he has expressed no other reason that makes sense.

Anita Hill - When Clarence Thomas was nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1991, Joe Biden was the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Biden's aggressive questioning of Anita Hill, an African American law professor who accused Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment, appeared to many Americans to be inappropriate and hostile. Anita Hill told the Huffington Post Live that Joe Biden did a disservice to the American public when he refused to call other witnesses who could have corroborated Hill's characterization of Thomas' behavior as sexually inappropriate. And she asserted that this failure got in the way of bringing to the public a better understanding of sexual harassment. It took Joe Biden almost 18 years to offer an apology to Anita Hill after acknowledging that his actions during the Thomas hearings were "wrong." But this 2019 apology was so weak and disingenuous, Anita Hill refused to accept it.

The 1994 Crime Bill - Biden does not deny that he was the architect of the 1994 Crime Bill. But what he does deny, in the face of facts to the contrary, is that it led to mass incarceration in America. And the weight of that outcome was borne mostly by people of color. Attempting to execute a complicated two-step shuffle, Biden denies that the bill led to mass incarceration while at the same time trying to distance himself from responsibility for the impact of the bill. But his maneuvers have been met by sharp criticism from several other Democratic presidential candidates who believe he should accept responsibility for fostering such bad policy.

The road to Donald Trump was paved with politicians like Joe Biden, their big grins and folksy sayings masking an indifference to the suffering of people of color. You can find them at every level of government, professing not to be racist, but tolerating racism in local, state and federal policies. Politicians like these ask us to forget and forgive while they provide us with nothing but empty promises and disappointment. But there must be some accountability for politicians like Joe Biden because, while he is not the first of his kind, unless people of conscious act, he will not be the last.

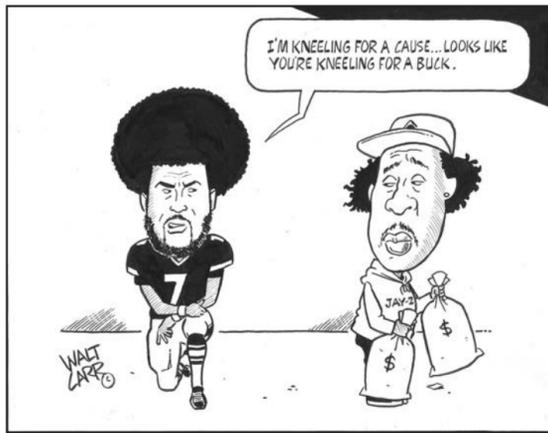
One way to bar the doors to elected office against politicians who shrug off their past trespasses and look to escape responsibility for causing human suffering is to borrow the three strikes rule

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YOUR VOICE

DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE A TUTORING PROGRAM?

Excerpt from my book "What We Blacks Need To Do". The Black church's role in education - If your church (you) are accused of being Christ like, is there enough evidence for a jury to find it (you) guilty? Most Black churches have a well-built exterior with unique design furniture, accessories and climate-controlled interior. It is a very expensive under-used consecrated building. It is used on Sunday, Bible study on

Wednesdays, weddings, and funerals. Some have a church hall with a full commercial size kitchen for serving and sometime selling dinners. The tables in the hall would be perfect for the neighborhoods children to do their homework on and receive tutoring. The kitchen can be used to serve our children a good tasty low-fat snack and to teach them how to cook simple food items. This would be a safe place for our children to spend quality time together without TV, games or cell phones. Being in their own neighborhood would eliminate

the need for transportation. The parents could walk to the church to pick the children up and the older children could walk the younger one's home. This would give the older children some responsibility and the younger ones a new friend. This would cut way down on bullying because all children would have a big brother and sister. The public-school system will never bring back praying in school, so if the churches do not accept any government grants, they can have prayer and read scripture in their Monday-Thursday after

school/ tutoring program. My namesake, St. James, said in James 2: 14 (paraphrased) If you proclaim faith, sing all five verses of gospel songs and pray long prayers, but never lift a finger to help someone, or give a ten dollars donation, you are worthless.

I close with two questions for you that only you can answer truthfully, is your church guilty or not guilty of being Christ like? What will you do to help save our children?

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Please bring school supplies

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The event promised to be one of those last-gasp of summer events that would raise a little money for a good cause. The young woman who called to tell me about it promised that I'd meet interesting people, enjoy excellent wines and that the cost of attending was modest. "We aren't charging anything this year," she said rather breezily. "But please bring school supplies." Her call wasn't the first call



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

that I've had asking for school supplies. And whether we are educators, parents of now-adult children, or others, we understand how important it is for young people to approach a new year with "new stuff." They should have pristine notebooks for the new subject matter. A supply of pens, folders, markers, pencils, and more. Some schools actually provide parents with a list of necessary supplies. The lists may include as many as 30 items and cost as much as three hundred dollars. Low-income parents can't even begin to meet the set of needs teachers' detail, not to mention the things their children clamor for.

Please bring school supplies. That plea speaks to the economic disparity that exists in

our country and to the many ways that individuals rush to help, if not close the gap. According to a study by the Economic Policy Institute (I serve on the Board), the teacher spends at least \$450 per year in school supplies. The overwhelming number of them won't be reimbursed. They pay for some things that school districts should pay for, and they pay for items to support their pupils. Teachers who work in high poverty areas spend about a hundred dollars a year more than those who spend in lower-poverty districts. But they all contribute, and even with their spending, people are asked to "bring school supplies."

Most of us have the heart to help young students, especially

those whose families are struggling, especially those who may not have a new notebook but for charity. But we have to connect the heart to serve to activism that ensures that no child is inadequately supplied when she returns to school this fall. As commendable as the plea for school supplies, they must be accompanied by plea for structural shifts. Why is education the most easily cut item in our federal, state, or local budget? Why are we so satisfied that a plea for donated school supplies will be met? And why are we more confident in well-meaning charity than with an economic struc-

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Calls for justice for a Black immigrant

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In an article, titled "A Clarion Call for Racial Justice Reaches the Highest Level," Rev. Jesse Jackson brought to light "the story of an immigrant, an internationally praised economist, and a whistleblower that exposed a \$16 billion fraud against American taxpayers all wrapped in one person."

The immigrant is Dr. Yonas Biru, an Ethiopian national, who's waited for justice for a very long time. An unusually mixed group of people have come to the aid of Dr. Biru. They range from the far left to the far right politically and philosophically, as well as a racially mixed group of people. This group gives hope to what our US Congress could be like if they'd go beyond party labels to resolve problems we face.

Dr. Biru has become a national hero for a broad swath of people, but he remains a victim of what one conservative supporter

called a "legalized racial discrimination case."

Rev. Jackson presented the story as an "epitome of the most dehumanizing issue of race and intelligence." Dr. Biru was a Deputy Global Manager at the World Bank. He was praised for "managing one of the most critical programs the World Bank has ever managed" and for leading research endeavors that produced "legacy-setting methodological innovations."

His performance record raised a red flag with some senior executives who realized his high rating would qualify him to become Global Manager. When he applied for the position, they wrote his performance rating had the unintended consequence of feeding into his megalomaniacal view of his performance and the resultant sense of entitlement to the position.

A 73-page report by Sen. Chris Van Hollen revealed that Dr. Biru's record was "retroactively downgraded" to inaccurately reflect his actual performance record. Culprits deemed the record "too good to be true for a black man." Every project that was deemed "legacy setting," which he was credited

for "initiating, managing and delivering," was retroactively retracted. His Deputy Global Manager title and role was denied under oath. The brazen criminal act involved redacting his title and leadership role from the Bank's publications and websites, crediting his accomplishments to white managers.

Dr. Biru also happened to be a whistleblower after he exposed his superiors who fabricated fraudulent economic data to make Africa and Asia look poorer than they were.

With a feigned report that claimed "The Developing World Is Poorer Than We Thought," the Bank portrayed the two continents as paupers in desperate need of international aid. They used the fabricated data to siphon off \$16 billion from American taxpayers.

Dr. Biru's whistleblower case bought him prime real estate in the conservative orbit. The first person who demanded "to hold the World Bank accountable" was Dr. Ben Carson!

Subsequently, a group of 32 conservative organizations wrote a letter to the current President, pleading with him to ensure "Biru is fully redressed."

Several Republicans such as Ken Cuccinelli, Acting Director of Citizenship and Immigration Services asked the Trump administration to intervene with a sense of urgency. He wrote an op-ed in the Washington Examiner which led World Bank President, David Malpass, to agree to restore Dr. Biru's official record. His Chief of Staff wrote to Dr. Biru's advocates, promising to redress the injustice. Sadly, someone stopped the process in its tracks. No action has been taken to date.

Others whose interventions have borne no fruit include 26 US legislators, the US Departments of Treasury and State, current Dean of the World Bank's Board and two former US Board members.

Recently, 20 African American religious leaders pleaded with President Trump to intervene in the interest of "justice and humanity." With his record on immigrants, the question is: Will he respond and how?

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from Biden's 1994 Crime Bill. According to the Department of Justice's Criminal Resource Manual,

the three strikes law was created to take violent criminals off the streets by giving them enhanced punishments. Since Joe Biden wrote a bill that supported the idea that a three strikes rule would bring an end to bad behavior, perhaps that

concept should be applied to him.

Opposition to school busing - Strike One.

The Hyde Amendment - Strike Two.

Anita Hill's treatment - Strike Three.

And for good measure: The 1994 Crime Bill - Strike Four.

Joe, you're out, go home. Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

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ture that would serve every child well.

Teachers are among the least well-compensated, but the hardest working contributors to our society. They earn at least 21 percent less than folks who are similarly qualified as they are, mainly because the public does not value teachers as much as we once did. Last year teachers in West Virginia, Oklahoma, Arizona, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Colorado went on strike, and also garnered national publici-

ty for their plight. Cover stories included accounts of teachers who were working additional jobs to make ends meet. And too many states report teacher shortages because the occupation, with low pay and big hassles, isn't as attractive as it once was.

Collecting school supplies will help some students, but I think it makes teaching challenging and less attractive. While teachers may enjoy the support of the community with donated school supplies, what does this support mean in terms of relationships and realistic pay? Who wants to be associated with an occupation so marginally regarded that

supporters have to pan-handle for the tools of their trade?

On the one hand, then, I applaud Courtney Jones, the elementary school teacher from Tyler, Texas who launched a #clearthelists campaign to encourage people to help teacher pay for school supplies. On the other hand, I'd be much more enthusiastic about a #educationfirst campaign that urged legislators to prioritize education in budgets.

It's nice to send school supplies. I bought a bag of notebooks and pens and dropped them in the box at the front door, which was overflowing with donations from others. There were notebooks and

pads, pens, and markers. There were gift cards and lunch boxes, and more. The table was overflowing with community generosity. Why can't we be as generous in pursuing a public policy that provides an equal and quality education for all of our students, and economic equality for their parents? Please bring pencils and school supplies and a passion for justice!

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
When being White isn't enough

As the tragic story of yet another mass killing carried out by a young, white male, it occurred to me that these white men are feeling the frustration of the reality of their not being white enough to fully participate in the American dream.

The shooter in the most recent shooting in Texas had reportedly lost his job. While we don't know the motive, it is not hard to imagine that his job loss made him angry. If he was among the white people in this country who believe that "their" jobs are being taken by others - immigrants, both documented and undocumented, he was most likely doubly angry. In his mind, it was "their" fault that he was unemployed.

White supremacy in this country has made it all too easy for white people to blame their misfortunes on others. In their minds - an idea which was planted there intentionally by the framers and supporters of white supremacist thought - no matter how poor, how criminal, how unqualified and uneducated they are, one thing is certain: they are white, and are therefore entitled to special treatment based solely on their whiteness.

Reports are indicating that this man's firing, however, was not the reason for his rampage. "When he showed up to work," said a Texas law enforcement representative, "he was already enraged."

What was he enraged about? Was he enraged because he felt too many of "them" are in his way of getting a good job? Was it the fact that immigrants - both documented and undocumented - are good workers, earn their pay and seem to be benefiting from too much which he considers to be "his"? What was he enraged about? What are any of these white men who take it upon themselves to kill innocent and unarmed people, enraged about?

The powers that be have done a good job of sowing seeds of division between whites and all other ethnicities. They have planted the idea into white minds that no matter what, they are white and are therefore better than and deserving of more - than anybody else.

They have been duped. The truth is that the wealthy white don't care any more for poor white people than they care for any other group. They realize, though, that they have to keep the seeds of division fertilized and watered, and the result is a group of young white men who believe they are the victims of discrimination.

Interestingly, it is not black or brown people who commit these mass murders. There is street violence in poor black and brown communities, caused, at least partly by deep frustration at not having employment or even a chance of it; they are also frustrated because there is no component of this society which cares for them as individual human beings. They are frustrated because they know from experience that their cries go unheard, as do their needs. They know they can expect no support from law enforcement or the legal system. Yes, they are angry.

But the orchestrators of tyranny don't care about anger of the masses - be they white or black or brown. What the powers in control want is to remain in control; they will manipulate any situation, any group of people, any emotional angst in order to keep what they have and attain more.

The mass shooters are victims of white supremacy and greed. They take their anger out on large groups of people while black and brown people take their anger out on people in their own communities. Unemployed and underemployed white people have had it; they realize that their whiteness has not given them the kind of lives they have been taught to believe they deserve, and somewhere, deep inside, they know their chances of attaining "the American dream" that they think is owed them will never become a reality.

That being the case, these mass shootings will continue, and the powers that be will continue to smile and smirk, seeing evidence that their strategy of keeping poor people, white, black, brown, and immigrant, at odds with each other is working. Better that we fight amongst ourselves and kill each other than upset their intention of staying in power.

Rev. Dr. Susan K Smith is nearing completion of a book, "On the Shores of America: Two Nations, Two Gods" and in November, her book, "Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul" will be released by Whitaker House Publishers. To inquire about booking her, contact cassady2euca@icloud.com.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

Do Black kids deserve this treatment in school?

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

Laughing at the humiliation and degradation of a young and impressionable Black boy is intolerable but having that type of behavior displayed by the people directly responsible for the education and development of that young Black child is even more despicable.

Better yet, what if it was your child?

Well, one family is having to deal with the aftermath of what allegedly happened to their 13-year-old son, Juelz Trice, back on May 17th that has left the community up in arms.

The emotional, mental and physical scars that Juelz has had to overcome since the alleged incident involving three White Pearland Independent School District (ISD) employees, has left him



Photo of Juelz Trice's scalp after Sharpie was used on his head by three White Pearland ISD employees

feeling embarrassed, distraught and the subject of online bullying.



Jeffrey L. Boney

Juelz's family recently filed a federal Civil Rights lawsuit against Pearland ISD, along with the School Discipline Clerk, Helen Day; the Assistant Principal at the time, Tony Barcelona; and a teacher, Jeanette Peterson, at the school that young Juelz attended.

According to the lawsuit, on April 16, 2019, Juelz, who is referred to as 'J.T.' in the federal lawsuit, was a 7th grader at Berry Miller Junior High School in Pearland, Texas. At the time of the alleged incident, Juelz had just gotten a "fade" haircut with a design line in his head. For those not familiar, a fade haircut is common and popular amongst many African American youth. Juelz's fade haircut did not depict or represent anything violent, gang-related, obscene or otherwise offensive or inappropriate in any manner, as it relates to somehow violating the school policy that was on the books. The lawsuit continues by stating that on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, Juelz arrived at school by bus in a timely manner at about 8:20 am and immediately went to the cafeteria for breakfast. Tony Barcelona, who was the Assistant Principal at the time, and who is a White male, approached Juelz and told him to go to the office because he was allegedly "out of dress code" according to the school's policy.

Juelz had never been informed that he had been "out of dress code" before, according to the lawsuit, so he did as he was told and went to the office. He waited for approximately twenty minutes before Assistant Principal Barcelona finally showed up. According to the lawsuit, Assistant Principal Barcelona further instructed Juelz to go to the office of Discipline Clerk Helen Day, who is a White female.

For the record, a discipline clerk in Pearland ISD is, as the title suggests, is stated as a person who is supposedly knowledgeable about the discipline policies in Pearland ISD and who is charged with their enforcement, including hairstyles in the dress code.

The lawsuit continues to describe what happened next. According to the law-

suit, Juelz walked into Discipline Clerk Day's office, where she showed him a copy of the Pearland ISD dress code and told him that he was in violation of the dress code regarding hairstyles. After a short while, Assistant Principal Barcelona came to Discipline Clerk Day's office to address the situation.

In the presence of Discipline Clerk Day, Assistant Principal Barcelona informed Juelz that he would receive In-School Suspension as a form of punishment for an indeterminate length of time. For the record, In-School Suspension requires that a student stay in one room all school day, where they cannot go to classes, thereby, straining their academic success. In addition to that, any school discipline received by a student can affect their extracurricular activity participation, to which Juelz, who is an active track participant, would have been affected.

Assistant Principal Barcelona gave Juelz another option, however, which was to have the fade haircut line design he had on his scalp immediately colored with a permanent marker, otherwise known as a Sharpie pen.

According to the lawsuit, in Juelz's mind, this was intended to somehow cover up the line design. The lawsuit claims that neither Assistant Principal Barcelona, nor Discipline Clerk Day, informed Juelz that he could appeal the proposed suspension, appeal the potential scalp coloring or have a meeting or hearing about the matter to resolve the issue. The lawsuit also states that Juelz was not informed that he could contact his parents for their advice on the matter.

According to Juelz's parents - Ms. Washington and Mr. Trice - no one made any attempt to contact either of them, although their phone numbers were on file and readily accessible. The lawsuit also states that no hearings or meetings were ever proposed or set up by any Pearland ISD employee to address the matter.

As Juelz had never been in trouble before, and because he did not want to be suspended or get in trouble with his parents by having a first-time suspension appear on his school record and possibly be removed from the track program, he made the decision, under great duress, to immediately choose coloring his scalp with the Sharpie as the best course of action to take.

After this forced decision, it was then, according to the lawsuit, that Discipline Clerk Day handed Juelz a jet-black Sharpie permanent marker in full view of Assistant Principal Barcelona.

Juelz claims in the lawsuit that after a few minutes, with Assistant Principal Barcelona overseeing, Discipline Clerk Day took the jet-black Sharpie from him and started coloring his scalp without his consent. The lawsuit goes on to say that as Discipline Clerk Day was blackening Juelz's scalp, a schoolteacher, Jeanette Peterson, who is also White, just so happened to be passing by the office, and was asked to continue blackening Juelz's scalp with the Sharpie without his consent. Peterson agreed and continued on with the humiliation of young Juelz.

One of the most troubling parts of the lawsuit, is where it states at times during the coloring of Juelz's scalp, that Assistant Principal Barcelona, Discipline Clerk Day and schoolteacher Peterson were laughing at what these White adults in positions of legal authority in Pearland ISD were doing to him. To conclude the details in the lawsuit, it states that after they finished with their humiliation and demeaning actions of blackening Juelz's scalp, Discipline Clerk Day sent him to Miller Moment, which is study hall, because their actions caused him to miss the entirety of his Spanish class. As he continued throughout his day, the lawsuit claims that students noticed the jet-black coloring on Juelz's scalp, which generated tons of talk around the school. Some students even criticized him and made fun of him, according to the lawsuit, and social media posts with memes followed which caused Juelz tons of mental anguish.

After several attempts by the parents and their lawyer to resolve the issues with no response from Pearland ISD, the plaintiffs filed this federal lawsuit. According to the family's lawyer, civil rights attorney Randall Kallinen, Pearland ISD changed their dress code hairstyle policy after the incident, and to make matters worse, Assistant Principal Barcelona has been promoted to head principal where Juelz is now a student in the eighth grade.

"Despite this extremely shameful behavior and history of racial discrimination, the Pearland ISD has doubled down and now installed Tony

Barcelona as head principal of the Berry Miller Junior High School, kept Day and Peterson in their current positions, and refused to meet with Juelz's parents to discuss their behavior or any training of Pearland ISD employees," said Kallinen.

In a statement, Pearland ISD stated that the practice administered by the three White Pearland ISD employees was not one condoned by the district and stated that it did not align with appropriate measures for dealing with dress code violations.

After the incident Pearland ISD Board of Trustees member Mikael Floyd stated, "It's no secret that racism, whether intentional or not, has crept into the code. The administration has made it clear that they are aware of the Board's stance that provisions which are rooted in cultural or racial inequalities must be changed, and anything less will be unacceptable in my opinion."

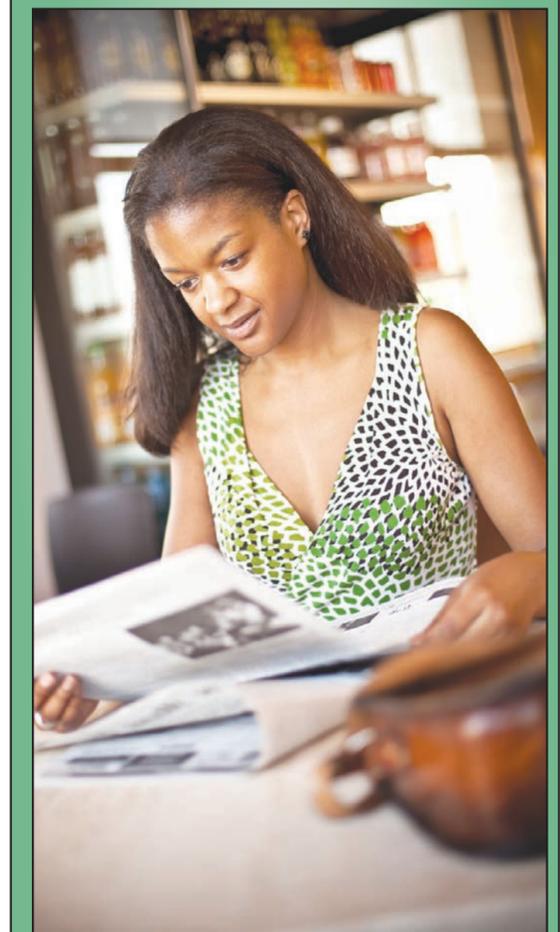
This is a troubling pattern that has continued in Pearland ISD. According to a 2015 study by the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Civil Rights, they found that while there were more than twice as many White students (38.6%) than African American students (15.9%) enrolled in Pearland ISD, the two groups made up equal portions of students who received In-School Suspensions (30.4%). In other words, African American students were suspended 143% more often than White students.

Juelz seems to be one of those recurring Black victims in Pearland ISD, based on the details surrounding this incident and spelled out in this federal lawsuit. The real question is, however, how many more Black students will become victims of these same Pearland ISD employees, who remain in positions to impact their lives and futures?

In the meantime, the lawsuit seeks an unspecified amount in compensatory damages. This case will be an interesting one to continue to follow.

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New Hanover County

A **Candidate Forum** featuring ten Wilmington Council candidates and two Wilmington Mayor candidates will be held Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the MLK Center, 401 South Eighth Street, Wilmington. If you have a question for the candidates you would like to have considered at the forum, please email nhcnaacp@gmail.com. The public is cordially invited to hear the candidates before early voting begins October 16, 2019. The Candidate Forum is sponsored by the New Hanover NAACP, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Wilmington NC Chapter of Links, Inc. and the Southeastern NC Pan Hellenic Council. For more information, contact the New Hanover NAACP at 910-508-9414.

Community Briefs

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Hurricane Dorian edition

For my (SEVEN) families currently under contract that are due to close on their homes within the next 45 days or less....

"Dear Get Those Deed Families... You are days from closing on your 1st home so I know this storm threat is very unsettling ... Here are a few details so you'll know what to expect and what happens next: With Real Estate, Once the State of Emergency has been declared, All Residential real estate transactions are put on pause at this point... It stops because no insurance company will issue new policies with treats of damaging weather. We are all still praying but if we get it, and if any damages to home occur, the current owner's insurance company will pay for damages. However,

you still retain the right to continue the sale or to cancel the contract if damages are too severe for your comfort. The contract has a clause that protects you if the condition of home changes after a signed contract... If you decide to cancel the contract, all DD fee and Earnest deposits paid will be returned to you and we are back on the hunt for another home....

Brenda Dixon

LET'S KEEP PRAYING!! I will definitely keep you posted as I keep in close contact with the agent of the seller inquiring about the condition of your soon to be home.... Also

PLEASE do not do anything to jeopardize your loan. Keep paying ALL BILLS on your credit report on time and do not spend any of your money needed for closing unless it's an absolute necessity to survive this storm."

For EVERYONE ELSE: Whether planning on staying or leaving, no matter if currently Owning or Renting your home: "If in doubt of your homeowner's and Renter's insurance coverage, call your carrier NOW. .Knowing everything is in place or not for your coverage will definitely dictate your moves differently vs. not knowing. Another Tip: Make sure your freezer and refrigerator cleanups are LESS messy if we lose power for several days: "Put everything in the

refrigerator and freezer into a few thick trash bags and leave them in the cold refrigerator/freezer If the power is lost, the foods gathered together in a trash bag will make for an easier swoop in disposing of spoiled good, plus it will help the foods stay cooler longer as well. My prayers are with you, your families and all of us.

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Pirate Promise Agreement signed between CFCC and ECU

Wilmington, NC – On Tuesday, August 27, 2019, East Carolina University Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach and Cape Fear Community College President Jim Morton signed the Pirate Promise Agreement at Cape Fear Community College. This co-admission agreement is designed to advance transfer student access and success through a collaborative baccalaureate degree.

The agreement guarantees Cape Fear Community College students admission to East Carolina University based on the following criteria:

The student is enrolled in an Early College, Career and College Promise program, or is in his/her first year of enrollment prior to applying for the Pirate Promise

The student has completed the Pirate Promise application. The student is committed to a full-time status (a minimum of 12 semester hours) at CFCC unless the student is enrolled in an Early College or Career and College Promise program.

The student completes degree requirements for an Associate in Science, Associate



CFCC President Jim Morton and East Carolina University Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach.

in Arts, Associate in Fine Arts, Associate in Engineering, Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education, or an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) for the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology or a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management programs.

The student must submit an ECU admissions application, provide supplemental documents, and meet admissions requirements as stated in the

ECU Undergraduate Catalog.

Students enrolled in Pirate Promise will benefit from guaranteed admission, joint academic advising, financial aid counseling and scholarship opportunities, a waived ECU application fee, access to ECU libraries and transit, and more.

"We are excited to strengthen our partnership with ECU and to improve our co-admissions process," said Jim Morton, CFCC president. "This a wonderful commit-

ment from ECU. Students who successfully complete this program will be guaranteed admission."

"Cape Fear Community College has a great reputation throughout the state," said Interim Chancellor Dan Gerlach. "ECU will be a great next step for graduates of Cape Fear Community College."

More information about the Pirate Promise program can be found at <http://cfcc.edu/advising2/pirate-promise/>

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Michael Jacobs

Michael Leroy Jacobs son of the late Willie and Margaret Jacobs was born on December 6, 1950 in Wilmington, NC. He transitioned from this life on August 22, 2019. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 30, 2019 at Faith Temple COGIC. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Michael gave his life to the Lord at a very early age being raised in Union Missionary Baptist Church. Later in life he rededicated his life to the Lord and joined Faith Temple Church of God In Christ with his family. Michael worshipped at New Covenant Holiness Church in the latter part of his life. Due to illness it was a struggle to get to church on Sunday but he prayed and diligently pressed his way to the house of prayer.

Michael was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School. He was an exceptional athlete and his special sport was baseball. He excelled as an athlete beyond high school playing minor league baseball.

After graduating he was employed at Timme Corporation. Following that employment, he was then employed by the City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation. He dedicated his service to all the children of Wilmington as Athletic Director of the MLK Center (8th Street Center). He was a firm and no-nonsense coach (didn't take no mess)! Michael was also an official referee of many sports. Playing sports was his passion and teaching and developing children in sports was his purpose.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by his siblings, Clara Fisher, Jerry Jacobs and Mary "Fritz" Pryor.

He leaves to rejoice in his memory: seven children, Tiffany N. Jacobs of Charlotte, NC; LaTowana McClendon (Pastor Omari) of Jacksonville, NC; Yolanda Edwards of Wilmington, NC; Michele Jacobs of District Heights MD; Courtney McAllister of Greensboro, NC; Michelle M. Jacobs and Michael Jacobs, Jr. both of Wilmington; six grandchildren; his siblings, Hezekiah "Bug" Johnson (Barbara), Larry "PooPoo" Jacobs, LaVonda "Cookie", Williams (Clayton); sisters-in-law, Daisy Jacobs and Johnnie Mae Jacobs; uncle, Alexander Jacobs and aunt, Ethel Hill of Wilmington, NC a special friend,

Bernadette Allen; step-children, Tamikah Allen, Shamikah Allen, Donald Brunson, Shadonald Brunson, Julia Allen and Kadeem Allen; like a brother to the family, Freddie Taylor; a very special life-long friend, Stephanie Moore and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Gregory S. Clemmons, II

Gregory S. Clemmons, II, age 26, of Navassa, passed away Friday, August 23, 2019. A celebration of Gregory's was held on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church. Interment followed in King Memorial Garden Cemetery.

He is survived by his father, Gregory S. Clemmons (Letitia) of the home; mother, Beverly Cameron (Anthony) of Leland; sister, Tiauna Clemmons of Charlotte, NC; nephew, Cameron Clemmons Glover of Charlotte, NC; grandfather, George W. Clemmons; grandmother, Vina King Benton and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Sylvia R. Walker

Sylvia R. Walker, age 43, of Bluffton, SC, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 1, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Msgr. Brian M. Walker of Bluffton, SC; children, Asia Walker of Greenville, NC, Yasmine Walker of Mesa, AZ, Rahmel Walker (Ashley) of Dallas, TX and Brianne Lanea Walker of Charlotte, NC; siblings, Kathy Streets of Wilmington, NC, Barbara Streets of Syracuse, NY, Sylvester Cherry (Nakia) of San Angelo, TX, Shawn Jones of Fayetteville, NC and Mary Jones of Lumberton, NC and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

In memoriam: Baxter Leach, a soldier for labor

1968 Memphis Sanitation worker Baxter Leach mourned as 'an honorable man'

**BY DR. SYBIL C. MITCHELL
SPECIAL TO THE NEW
TRI-STATE DEFENDER**

Baxter Richard Leach used his voice to cry out for the respect and dignity of sanitation workers oppressed by unsanitary and unsafe working conditions and racist attitudes. It all came to a head on Feb. 1, 1968 when two friends and colleagues were crushed to death in a malfunctioning compactor on their truck.

Mr. Leach and fellow sanitation workers rose up and in unison shouted to the world, "I AM A MAN." They marched against the powers that be, earning a hard-won victory in a fight that brought Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Memphis, where he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

On Tuesday (Aug. 27), Mr. Leach died after what longtime friend Calvin Taylor said was a bout with cancer. He was 79.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at *The New Tri-State Defender's* press time Wednesday night.

"Mr. Leach was very devoted to his local and to AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees), to his community, and to his family," said Gail Tyree, director of Local 1733.

"We are going to miss him tremendously. He was an honorable man, a good man who shared his story with young people every opportunity he got. Mr. Leach knew that it was important for them to understand the great history of our 1733 and this city. And so he

continued to reach out over the years, across the generations."

Henry Leach, his youngest brother, recalled the night the National Civil Rights Museum honored the sanitation workers with its prestigious Freedom Award.

"We were all there that night," Leach said. "It was like being on television or being on Broadway somewhere. Everybody who lives out of town came in for the presentation. My brother was so proud of receiving the award, and we were so proud of him. I am so happy he was still here to experience that night. That was a highlight of all our lives."

Baxter Leach was born Sept. 21, 1939 in Schlater, Miss. He often repeated a line he learned from his father: "Son, work hard and always keep at least a dollar in your pocket." In 1960, he moved to Memphis, where he worked several jobs until he found employment in 1961 with the City of Memphis Sanitation Department.

After the strike was settled, Mr. Leach and the other sanitation workers continued to be honored for their courage and history-making stand. He has been featured and interviewed by many newspapers, magazines and television and radio stations. His leadership and good citizenship netted numerous awards and honors.

The documentary, "I AM A MAN: A LESSON IN LIFE," features Mr. Leach and he's a noteworthy figure in the National Civil Rights Museum.

In 1984, Mr. Leach and his wife, Jimmie Leach, opened

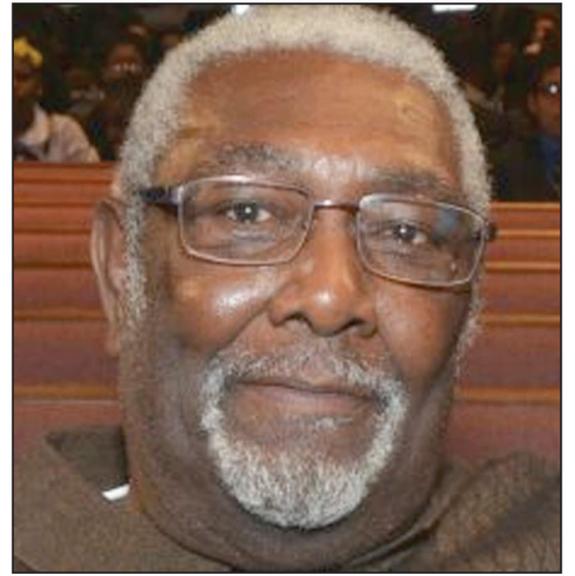


Photo: Tyrone P. Easley

Baxter Leach was one of the 1968 Sanitation Workers whose strike drew Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Memphis.

Melanie's, a soul food restaurant that served the Mid-South for 28 years until it was destroyed in a fire. In its wake came Ms. Girlee's," another soul food restaurant.

Mr. Leach would often share with friends and family that his most memorable event was being welcomed to the White House and inducted into the White House Hall of Fame by Barack Obama, the first African American elected President of the United States.

After 44 years of service, Mr. Leach retired from the City of Memphis. He continued to be

an avid speaker at many schools, universities and churches until his five-year battle with cancer prevented him, according to his brother, Henry.

Among the many expressions of sympathy from across the country was this online message that the national office of AFSCME posted to the Local 1733 Facebook page:

"The AFSCME family extends our condolences to the Leach family, and the entire Memphis Community. Baxter Leach was a soldier for labor, and he will be missed."

In Loving Memory Of



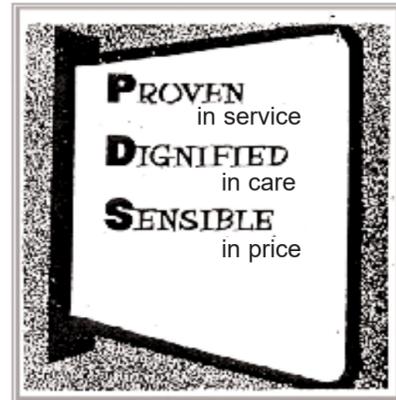
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Mount Olive AME Church Social Action Auxiliary will sponsor a musical program on Saturday, September 14th at 3:00 p.m. The program will feature seven musical groups and two liturgical dance groups. For additional information contact George Hill at 910-231-3496 or Rev. Tony Mills at tmills0701@icloud.com.

St. Stephen AME Church will hold their Scholarship Banquet on Saturday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Empowerment Center. The guest speaker will be Tony Carter. For more information contact the church at 910-762-9829.



Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will hold their Annual Ushers Anniversary on Sunday, September 8th at 3:00 p.m. Reverend Terrell Bryant, Lake's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Atkinson, NC choir ushers and congregation will be the special guest to render service.

All ushers are asked to please dress in your usher's attire.

Moore's Chapel AMEZ Church, 1492 Village Rd. will hold their Pastor's appreciation Service on September 8th at 3:00 p.m. The guest will be Rev. Patricia Freemond and her church family of St. Phillip AME Church, Wilmington, NC.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

SENIOR MOMENTS

Why do we pray?

Dear fellow seniors,

There is a problem on my mind which has been with me for seventy five years but I have never mentioned it before.

We had just finished dinner and went into the living room for family prayer. My dad asked the

Lord for a few more days of sunshine so that we could finish picking our cotton. But I wanted to go to school. So I went into the bedroom and prayed for rain. My mother heard me and she yelled out, "You're a bad girl, sister. Why do you come in here and pray against your dad?" I offered to take it back but my mother said, "Don't bother!

The Lord don't have to listen to you, nor your daddy. He already know what to do." If my mother right, why do we pray? That question has been on my mind for more years than I can count. But I've never mentioned it before.

We are constantly asking for blessings for ourselves and for others. But if the Lord already knows what to do he is not influenced by our prayers. Besides when there is a war going on both sides are praying.

So what are we teaching our children about prayer? Are we communicating or just talking? Surely someone has asked this before, either in the home, in the church or in school. So we need to think about it, just in case.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

Atty. Gwendolyn Waddell Burrell Women's Day Speaker at St. Mark's Episcopal Church



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ATTORNEY GWENDOLYN BURRELL

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The Episcopal Church Women of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Grace Street, will celebrate Women's Day. The theme will be "Women leading all of us in the Spirit of Christ." The guest speaker will be Attorney Gwendolyn Waddell Burrell. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Criminal Justice and a graduate of the North Carolina Central University School of Law. She had a private law practice for seven years before being appointed a North Carolina Assistant Attorney General. Among other positions she held in North Carolina State government was Deputy Director of the Governor's Crime Commission. She later served as Executive Director of

this Commission in the Purdue Administration.

After retiring from many years of working on different levels of law and justice, Mrs. Burrell spends her time spreading the Good News that God is a Healer as she delivers God's message of faith and healing. She is the author of the book, Life, Hope, and Healing...Surviving a Cancer Diagnosis. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated and serves on the Board of Directors for Hope Abounds, a non-profit serving cancer patients.

Attorney Burrell is married to retired Captain Gary Burrell. They have two brilliant sons, Jordan and Gordan, a beautiful daughter-in-law, Meagan and a darling granddaughter Mackenzie.

St. Mark's invites you to join them on Women's Day, September 15th, to hear this dynamic speaker. A reception will follow the program in the Jackson Hall.

TELL SOMEBODY

"The common salvation"

Common - characterized by lack of privilege or status Salvation- deliverance from the power and effects of sin

"Beloved when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3

When Jude, the brother of James wrote an epistle to the early church, he made mention of the "common salvation", made possible, through the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

He provoked the church to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and not to be deceived by false teachers who had crept into the churches, trying to twist and taint the true word of God.

It is still needful today more than ever before, to exhort the saints, to contend for that simple child like faith, that believe the Word, because God said it. Salvation is not for a select

few, as some would suppose, or assume, but has been extended to all nations. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:19

Evangelism is a tool that God uses to promote common salvation because it benefits the common man. The everyday man, the guy next door, the woman on the corner, the mailman, the doctor, lawyer, the high school principal, the street sweeper, the door keeper, the janitor or the judge... , no one is exempt, the whole world is loved by God. It is the common salvation!

Salvation, is the Gift of God, from God. John 3:16 says, "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." God is not a respecter of persons, and his gift is to all of us. His gift is to the common man, whether he be rich or poor. His gift is to all mankind.

Salvation is made possible for all men. Luke 3:6, "And all flesh shall see the salvation of God." It is the will of God that all men be saved. "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." I Timothy 2:4. Acts 2:21, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

When Apostle Paul wrote an epistle to Titus, the young pastor in Crete, he made mention of the common faith which has the capacity to reach all men. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly righteously, and godly, in this present world." Titus 2:11,12. It is by faith, that we become candidates to receive the common salvation. ("For we walk by faith, not by sight:) II Cor.5:7

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Hebrews 2:3,

Prayer

Lord give us the faith to believe the Common Salvation. Give me the courage to achieve the Common Salvation. Grant us the strength to receive the Common Salvation! In Jesus' Name. Amen. Tell Somebody!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

God is calling us back to Himself, for His purpose for such a time as this

We must see ourselves through the lens of the Bible and hear the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the Pages of the Word of God! "He that hath an ear let Him hear what the Spirit says to the church" (the people).

2Chron. 7:14, (KJV) 14 "If my (black) people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land".

Hosea 4:6-7, (KJV) 6 "My (black) people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. 7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame".

For example look at what is taking place in the major black cities across America: the black on black homicide rate unprecedented, thousands of babies murder every day and last but not least over 75 percent of children born is outside of marriage, is their cause factor here. We are look for a political solution and there is none, they all have failed. Here is the answer the

gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believe. The answer is not religion, being a Baptists, Methodist, Pentecostal, but as Jesus said to Nicodemus "You must be born again of the Spirit".

Hosea 6:1-3, (KJV) "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day

he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. 3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth".

Isaiah 1:18-19 (KJV) 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Here is something that was given to me a couple weeks ago and I want to share a por-

tion of it with you this week.

By Lanny Swaim, "Prophetic Word for African American Christians,

"Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Isaiah 66:8"

We all know the story of Joseph. How he was sold into slavery by his own brothers and separated from his father and family at the young age of seventeen. Then in Egypt he was unjustly accused and thrown into prison. But through it all (thirteen years) God was with him, maturing him while preparing and positioning him to become the number two man to the most powerful king on earth at that time. And that promotion came suddenly. In one day Joseph went from being a prisoner that had been a slave, to being a powerful ruler of the great nation of Egypt.

Because of the position that God placed him in, he was able to save Egypt and the entire region from famine, including his father and the brothers that had sold him into slavery.

As a result, his father and brothers came to live in Egypt, prospering in their temporary home. That is, until a different Pharaoh came to power and became

fearful of this people that he perceived to be a powerful threat to Egypt.

We also know the story of how God raised up Moses to deliver this people from Pharaoh, at the great expense to Pharaoh and the Egyptians. The Israelites had travailed in Egypt as slaves, until in one night they birthed a great and wealthy nation, when Moses led them into the wilderness and eventually to the Promised Land.

And this wasn't the last time God plundered the Egyptians to save his chosen people. When tiny Israel won the Six Day War against a much larger, opposing military machine in 1967, they sent the Egyptians walking home across the desert, minus their weapons." (To be continued next week.)

Israel is undeniably important to God. Just think about it.

This victory was already set by God. Purpose was in His mind throughout the ages. Preparation made for the coming of the Jesus. You are in this plan of salvation: to the Jews first and then to you and I, the Gentiles. Amen!

Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.



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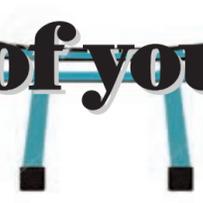



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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Kenneth Albert James**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of November, 2019**, 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 22nd day of August, 2019

Rema Wynette James,
Administratrix
4250 Wilshire Blvd Apt 204
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2019

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Ruth Keeno Relos**, deceased, of 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 **2nd day of December, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 29th day of August, 2019.

Allison Relos Rankin, Executrix of the Estate of Ruth Keeno Relos
7 N. 8th Street
Carolina Beach, NC 28428
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
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August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2019

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Catherine Lowe**, 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 **29th day of November, 2019**, 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 22nd day of August, 2019

Harvey M. Lowe, Jr., Administrator
4605 Fairview Dr.
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August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2019

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Let Notice be hereby given to Amber Spivey and Nicolas B Reyes last known of New Hanover County, NC

of a hearing on the issue of Permanent Custody to be held November 4, 2019 at 9:30am, New Hanover District Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington NC 28401, courtroom 300 before the Honorable Jeffrey E Noecker.

August 29, September 5, 12, 2019

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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THE UNDERSIGNED, Krista F. West Boone, having qualified on the 12th day of June, 2019, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Michael Glenn West (16-E-1147)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **25th day of November, 2019**, 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 will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 22nd day of August, 2019.

Krista F. West Boone
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ESTATE OF Michael Glenn West
David E. Anderson
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9111 Market St, Ste A
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August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Virginia Agnes Boutwell (19-E-924)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, 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 **November 22, 2019** 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 20th day of August, 2019

Dawn Ruth Biondi, Administrator of the Estate of Virginia Agnes Boutwell
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August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
FILE NO. 18 CVD 3346
ORDER FOR PERMANENT
CHILD CUSTODY**

**CRYSTAL G. WOLFE
vs.
VIRGINIA BLAIR WOLFE
and
UNKNOWN FATHER**

**TO:
RESPONDENT, AN
UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL
FATHER OF J. HEWETT, A
CAUCASIAN CHILD BORN IN
WILMINGTON, NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA ON NOVEMBER 1,
2017.**

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: ORDER FOR PERMANENT CHILD CUSTODY

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following SEPTEMBER 5, 2019, 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.

This the 5th day of September, 2019.

Emily C. Jones, Attorney for Plaintiff
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September 5, 12, 19, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
OF
SOURCE MUNITIONS, LLC**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SOURCE MUNITIONS, LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company ("LLC"), was voluntarily dissolved by act of the Members on the 28th day of August, 2019.

All creditors of and all claimants against the LLC are required to present their respective claims and demands immediately to the corporation so that it can proceed to collect its assets, convey and dispose of its properties, pay, satisfy, and discharge its liabilities and obligations, and do all other acts required to liquidate its business and affairs.

With respect to all claims, please take notice of the following:

1. Claims must be in writing and include the name of the claimant, the amount of the claim, and a short summary of the basis for the claim.
2. Claims should be mailed to the LLC at:
P.O. Box 2156
Carolina Beach, NC 28428.
3. A claim against the LLC will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within five (5) years after the publication of this Notice.

This the 28th day of August, 2019.

SOURCE MUNITIONS, LLC

By:
Darren Alkins, Manager

Attorney for the LLC:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, NC 28405
Phone (910) 256-3364

September 5, 2019

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
OF
ACCESS AMMO, LLC**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ACCESS AMMO, LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company ("LLC"), was voluntarily dissolved by act of the Members on the 28th day of August, 2019.

All creditors of and all claimants against the LLC are required to present their respective claims and demands immediately to the corporation so that it can proceed to collect its assets, convey and dispose of its properties, pay, satisfy, and discharge its liabilities and obligations, and do all other acts required to liquidate its business and affairs.

With respect to all claims, please take notice of the following:

1. Claims must be in writing and include the name of the claimant, the amount of the claim, and a short summary of the basis for the claim.
2. Claims should be mailed to the LLC at:
P.O. Box 2156
Carolina Beach, NC 28428.
3. A claim against the LLC will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within five (5) years after the publication of this Notice.

This the 28th day of August, 2019.

ACCESS AMMO, LLC

By:
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September 5, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Genevie S. Smith**, 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 **5th day of December, 2019**, 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 25th day of July, 2019

Charlie Olen Smith, Jr., Executor
4288 Penderlea Hwy
Watha, NC 28478

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
In the General Court of
Justice Superior Court
Division
File No.: 19 CVS 1060**

**WAYNE DICKSON, Plaintiff
v.
JOHNNY REX BELL, Defendant**

To Johnny Rex bell: 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: damages arising from motor vehicle negligence. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from the running of this notice, exclusive of such date, which was August 22, 2019 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 22nd day of August, 2019.

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August 22, 29, September 5, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
JONES COUNTY
THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
19 CVD 787**

**JENNIFER ST. HILAIRE,
PLAINTIFF
v.
TRAVIS CRAWFORD,
DEFENDANT**

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: Absolute Divorce

You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than forty(40) days after August 29, 2019, the first date of publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 29th day of August, 2019

Jennifer St. Hilarire
1586 Murray Circle
Kinston, NC 28501

August 29, September 5, 12, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk
New Hanover County File
Number: 19-SP-505**

CHARLOTTE NOEL FOX, Administrator for the Estate of VICTORIA BAILEY LILES, Petitioner, vs. SANDRA MCGINNIS STOTT, GEORGE LILES STOTT, JANET B. WINFREE, WILLIAM H. BAILEY, WANDA CUNNINGHAM, MANDA MINEHAN, DEANA HARRISON, and WILLIAM HAROLD BAILEY, JR., Respondents.

To William Harold Bailey, Jr.:

TAKE NOTICE that a special proceeding seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

A Petition for Sale of Real Property by Private Sale to Pay Debts of Victoria Bailey Liles. The real property sought to be sold is described as follows:

"Being all of Lot 826 of the Extension of Oleander as the same is shown on map thereof recorded in the Registry of New Hanover County in Map book 6, at page 2."

Being the same property conveyed by deed from The Oleander Company to Josephine B. Liles, Inc., which deed is recorded in the New Hanover County Registry in Book 606 at Page 465.

Also being identified as Tax Parcel ID #R05513-002-002-000

Address: 1157 Forest Hills Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S § 28-A-13-3, Petitioner seeks to sell the real property at a private sale in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 29A of the North Carolina General Statutes and to apply the proceeds of the sale of the real property; first, to the satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and the costs of administration; and after satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and costs of administration, distribute to the heirs.

You are required to file a written response by Wednesday, October 2, 2019, and upon your failure to do so any order entered by the Court shall be binding as if you were personally before the Court and any payment or distribution made by the Administrator under orders of the Court shall have the effect of fully discharging such personal representative and any sureties on the personal representative's official bond to the full extent of such payment or distribution as ordered.

This, the 20th day of August, 2019.

CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC
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August 22, 29, September 5, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 19 JT 205**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
C. D. E. (DOB: 06-25-2019)**

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE, CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following September 3rd, 2019 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 ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR October 21st, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in courtroom 100 of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of September, 2019.

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