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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

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Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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How will Trump's food stamp cuts affect N.C.?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Trump Administration made it final on Dec. 5, 2019.

As of April 2020, if you are a non-disabled food stamp recipient without children and are not gainfully employed even part-time, you will eventually be disqualified from receiving government aid.

Nearly 700,000 low-income American citizens are scheduled to be hit with the first of an oncoming three stage reality for the nearly 4 million who currently qualify for the federal Supplemental Nutrition

Assistance Program (SNAP).

Right now, able bodied, childless adults, ages 18-49 can only receive three months of SNAP benefits out of a 36 month period if they're not working at least 20 hours a week. States currently have the option of waiving that requirement.

However, as of April 2020, states could only waive the work requirement if a city or county has a 6% unemployment rate or higher, and those waivers, with the governor's support, are only good for one year. The Trump Administration

insists that the new program will move low income SNAP recipients "from welfare to work."

Critics counter that the change will simply impoverish more people and tighten the poverty vise around them.

So what will the impact here in North Carolina be?

Across the State, SNAP benefits are available to North Carolina families with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or roughly 1.2 million citizens as of last August. According to the online publica-

tion, The Center Square, as of last August, the number of North Carolinians not receiving food assistance has dropped over 5.6%, or 70,000 recipients, since August 2018. The Trump Administration had already warned that a 9% cut was forthcoming to the SNAP program by that time.

A report released in September by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation projected approximately 150,000 North Carolina SNAP

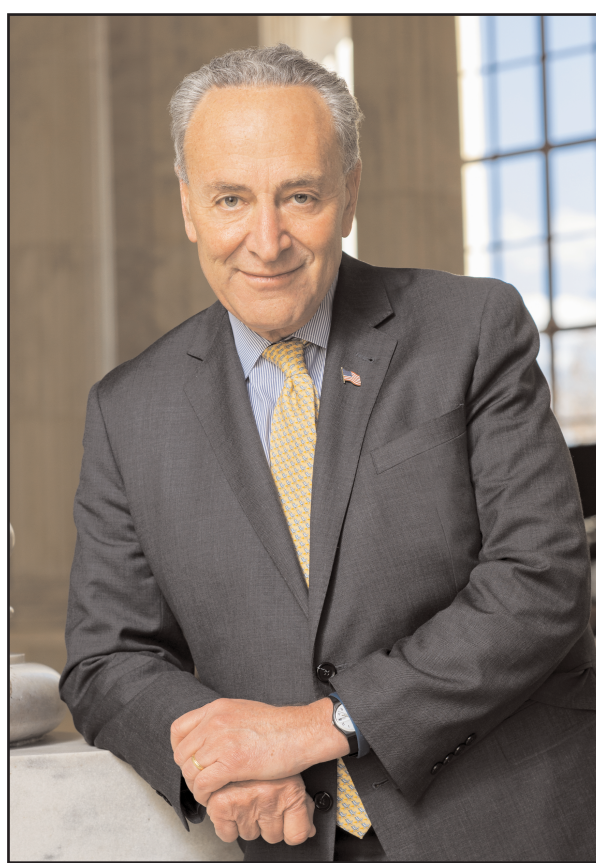


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Leader Schumer, in letter to Leader McConnell, puts forward structure for a fair and honest bipartisan impeachment trial in Senate

Schumer proposed-trial structure would require specific documents and testimony from four key witnesses.

Specifically, Schumer asks for testimony from Mick Mulvaney, John Bolton, Michael Duffey and Robert Blair; Schumer says Dems are open to hearing from additional witnesses with direct knowledge of admin's decisions related to the delay in security assistant funding to Ukraine and its requests for certain investigations to be announced by the Government of Ukraine, if the president's counsel or house managers wish to call such witnesses.



SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER



REP. ALMA ADAMS (D-NC-12)

Adams lauds Congress making FUTURE Act permanent

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

For almost two months, it looked as if the U.S. Senate was going to allow Rep. Alma Adams' FUTURE Act Bill, established in 2008, which reauthorizes "...\$255 million in critical funding for "Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) for the next two years, including \$85 million for HBCUs, to go the way of other measures passed by the U. S. House this term that crossed over to the Senate.

Nowhere. Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn),

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FROM NNPA NEWSWIRE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer today put forward a structure for a fair and honest Senate impeachment trial, should articles of impeachment pass the House of Representatives and be delivered to the Senate. Leader Schumer's letter is the first move to establish a fair bipartisan process in the Senate. In the letter, Leader Schumer asks for specific documents and testimony from key witnesses that were all withheld in the House inquiry. Leader Schumer's proposed structure would ensure both sides are treated fairly in the trial and given opportunity for rebuttal during opening pre-

sentations.

Leader Schumer's letter also emphasizes that Senate Democrats and Republicans share the belief that the president deserves to have a fair and open trial process that allows both sides to present all of the evidence and adjudicate the case fairly. The letter also highlights the precedent set in the 1999 impeachment trial, and supported by all Republican senators at the time, that House impeachment managers be allowed to call witnesses.

Leader Schumer's proposal comes after the White House refused to present any exculpatory documents or witnesses to disprove the evidence revealed in House of Representatives impeachment inquiry, and as some Republican Senators have said they are open to

hearing from witnesses and analyzing any new evidence before rendering judgement in trial. The letter also comes after Senator McConnell announced that he was already attempting to corral Republican-only support for a Senate resolution defined by the president and his defense team, rather than one crafted and supported by a bipartisan majority of the Senate.

Specifically, Leader Schumer's proposal would, among other things, establish that the Senate:

*** Begin with pre-trial house-keeping measures adopted on Monday, January 6, 2020; swearing-in of the Chief Justice and Senators

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Bill Cosby denied appeal, but other avenues to freedom remain

Editor's Note: Bill Cosby, who in 2018 was convicted and sentenced to prison on aggravated indecent assault charges, has lost his bid for an appeal to the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

Zak Goldstein, an attorney who specializes in criminal defense appeals in Pennsylvania, told NNPA Newswire that the court's denial of Cosby isn't the last hurrah for the actor and comedian.

Goldstein, who does not represent Cosby, outlines what's next for Cosby

and his team.

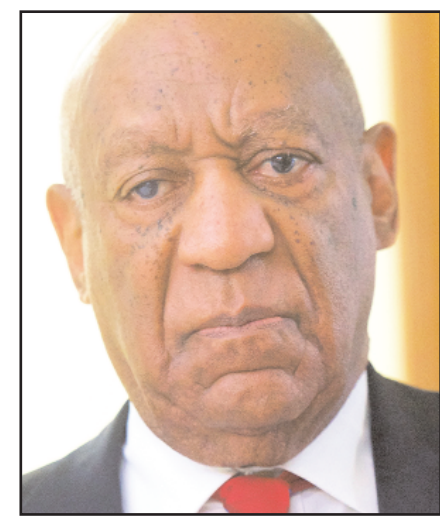
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Unfortunately, the majority of criminal appeals in Pennsylvania are denied by the Superior Court - meaning it is relatively rare for them to reverse a criminal defendant's conviction.

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ZAK GOLDSTEIN



BILL COSBY

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recipients could lose benefits, with about nine percent of those being children, and 15 percent being elderly.

The cut in SNAP benefits could amount to approximately \$59.00 a month, the report added.

According to Mathematica.org, eleven percent of 750,493 SNAP households in North Carolina, or 79,260, would lose benefits.

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occur on Tuesday, January 7, 2020; House Managers presentations begin on Thursday, January 9, 2020;

*** Provide 24 hours to each side for opening presentations and rebuttals and 16 hours for questioning by senators evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats;

*** Issue subpoenas for Robert Blair, Senior Advisor to the Acting White House Chief of Staff; Mick Mulvaney, Acting White House Chief of Staff; John Bolton, former National Security Advisor; and Michael Duffey, Associate Director for National Security, Office of Management and Budget to testify. All four of these witnesses were asked to testify in the House impeachment inquiry but did not appear;

*** Schumer's letter says that Democrats are open to hearing the testimony of additional witnesses having direct knowledge of the Administration's decisions related to the delay in security assistance funding to Ukraine and its requests for certain investigations to be announced by the government of Ukraine, if the President's Counsel or House Managers wish to call such witnesses.

*** Issue subpoenas for a specific, limited list of documents that will shed additional light on the Administration's decision making regarding the delay in security assistance funding to Ukraine and its requests for certain investigations to be announced by the government of Ukraine;

*** The documents will include communications between administration officials about the withholding of the Ukraine military assistance and its requests for certain investigations to be announced by the government of Ukraine.

*** Allow for witnesses to testify and be examined for up to four hours by each side; and

*** Upon the conclusion of final arguments, the Senate will begin up to 24 hours of deliberations.

The full text of Leader Schumer's letter to Leader McConnell can be found here and below:

December 15, 2019 The Honorable Mitch McConnell

Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell:

In a short time, the House of Representatives is expected to approve Articles of Impeachment against President Donald J. Trump. In response to the House's action, as you have noted, our rules require the Senate to conduct a

trial to consider and vote on the Articles of Impeachment. This is an enormously weighty and solemn responsibility that was assigned to the Senate by the Framers of the Constitution. Senate Democrats believe strongly, and I trust Senate Republicans agree, that this trial must be one that is fair, that considers all of the relevant facts, and that exercises the Senate's "sole Power of Impeachment" under the Constitution with integrity and dignity. The trial must be one that not only hears all of the evidence and adjudicates the case fairly; it must also pass the fairness test with the

the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department [of Health and Human Services] shall not seek waivers to time limits established by federal law for food and nutrition benefits for able bodied adults without dependents required to fulfill work requirements to qualify for those benefits."

It is estimated that, at least, 100,000 eligible North Carolinians lost their SNAP benefits as a result.

NC Attorney General Josh Stein joined AG's from other

affected states in a protest letter to U. S. Agriculture Dept. secretary, Sonny Perdue, saying, "'Hunger makes doing the most basic things harder. It's harder for kids to learn, harder for adults to work, harder for seniors to stay healthy. These changes to our SNAP program would harm some of our most vulnerable neighbors. I urge the federal government to rescind this proposed rule, which is cruel and unnecessary."

According to Lindsay Haynes-Maslow, Ph. D, an

assistant professor and extension specialist at NC State University's Dept. of Agricultural and Human Sciences, "Some barriers include people whose disability applications have not been approved yet, veterans seeking jobs, youth aging out of the foster care system, and underemployed workers who want to work but cannot find more hours."

The Trump Administration says it will save over \$5 billion over the next five years with the planned cuts.

Senate by a vote of 100-0, and the second resolution, allowing House Managers to call witnesses, passed with the support of all Senate Republicans.

Specifically, I propose that pre-trial housekeeping measures be adopted on Monday, January 6, 2020; that the swearing-in of the Chief Justice and Senators occur on Tuesday, January 7, 2020; that after a period for preparation and submission of trial briefs, the House Managers be recognized on Thursday, January 9, 2020 to make their presentation for a period of not more than 24 hours, followed by the presentation by the President's coun-

sel, also for a period of not more than 24 hours.

In the trial of President Clinton, the House Managers were permitted to call witnesses, and it is clear that the Senate should hear testimony of witnesses in this trial as well. I propose, pursuant to our rules, that the Chief Justice on behalf of the Senate issue subpoenas for testimony by the following witnesses with direct knowledge of Administration decisions regarding the delay in security assistance funds to

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FIRED VANCE SRO CHARGED ONLY WITH MISDEMEANORS
 [HENDERSON] A former Vance County deputy recently fired for twice slamming a middle school student to the

ground twice on video will only be charged with three misdemeanors - assault on a child under 12; misdemeanor child abuse and failure to discharge duties. The former officer, Warren Durham, faces ninety days in jail. The Vance County district attorney announced Tuesday that he will not charge Durham with felonies because the injuries to the child did not warrant

such. According to state law, the child's injuries did not bring about the risk of death, extreme pain or disfigurement. The child's parents are not pleased with the light sentence.

CONGRESSMAN WALKER WILL RUN FOR U.S. SENATE IN 2022
 [GREENSBORO] Sixth District Congressman Mark

Walker has decided he will not challenge U.S. Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC) for reelection in 2020, and will instead wait until 2022 to run for U.S. Senator Richard Burr's seat when it becomes open. Burr has announced that he is not running for reelection. Walker decided not to run for reelection when his Sixth District was redrawn to lean Democrat. He says he has secured a 2022

endorsement from President Trump.

MCCRORY AHEAD IN POLL TO FACE GOVERNOR COOPER FOR 2020

[CHARLOTTE] Former Governor Pat McCrory has until this Friday at 12 noon to decide if he'll run to unseat current NC Governor Roy Cooper, the man who unseated him four

years ago. McCrory has made no announcement about his political future, but is expected to say something before the close of candidate filing Friday, especially since he is leading in the Civitas poll for the seat. McCrory served one term before Cooper unseated him.

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FUTURE ACT

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Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, stopped the measure from proceeding after it crossed over from the House, saying that he preferred "a long-term solution."

At first, Rep. Adams, who is Co-chair of the Congressional Bi-partisan HBCU Caucus and cosponsor of the bill, along with Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC-6), expressed concern over Sen. Alexander's action. However, ultimately, the Republican was able to garner enough support for the long-term solution he originally sought, passing a stronger version in the

Senate, and sending it back to the House, where Rep. Adams and others gladly ratified it last week, changes and all.

The amended FUTURE Act has been now sent over to the White House for Pres. Trump's approval.

"Know that when Congress makes a promise for [our students] future, we mean what we say," Rep. Adams said on the House floor before it ratified FUTURE Act 2.0., 319-96.

After the House passed the new measure, Rep. Adams thanked, "...all of the HBCU advocates who helped pass this bill; HBCU students, graduates, faculty, and staff; Divine Nine members...." and those "who sent tens of thousands of letters to Congress...."

Rep. Adams also thanked several Democratic candidates for President, who have "...released the most ambitious campaign plans for HBCUs in history."

"I'm glad the House passed Rep. Adams' FUTURE Act to permanently fund historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions. As President, I'll invest \$70 billion into these institutions to improve affordability, build new facilities, and support student success," said former Vice President Joe Biden.

"Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions play a central role in creating pathways to opportunity and empowering Black communi-

ties. It's because of their power that I'm here today," said Senator Cory Booker. "I'm proud to be working with Congresswoman Adams and my colleagues in the Senate to pass the FUTURE Act to ensure that these institutions are well funded, affordable, and continue uplifting Black and Brown Americans."

"I applaud the tireless efforts of Congresswoman Alma Adams, as well as her co-sponsors, in leading the House in passing the FUTURE Act, which provides dedicated funding to our nation's historically Black colleges and universities," said Mayor Pete Buttigieg. "For too long, HBCUs have built the Black middle class in this country with little support from our federal government.

They deserve to be supported, and it starts with critical legislation like the FUTURE Act. When I'm President, my administration will invest \$50 billion in historically Black colleges and universities to end disparities in critical professions and work to connect graduates with opportunities to serve in areas that need it most. It's not just the right thing to do. It's the smart thing to do to ensure a brighter, stronger future for this country."

Rep. Walker, whose wife got her nursing degree from Winston-Salem State University, also applauded the hard-fought-for victory.

"The legislation reauthorizes minority-serving institution (MSI) funding, including historically Black colleges

and universities (HBCUs), like North Carolina A&T State University, within the Higher Education Act permanently," his office said in a press release.

"In North Carolina, HBCUs are 16 percent of the four year institutions but enroll 45 percent of all Black undergraduates and award 43 percent of all Black bachelor's degrees in the state. North Carolina's ten HBCUs generate \$1.7 billion in total economic impact and 15,663 jobs for our local and regional economy"

Rep. Adams, in thanking her supporters, concluded by saying, "This is one of the proudest days of my career as your Congresswoman, and I'm honored to have you on my team."

COSBY

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tion or sentence.

In my experience, this seems to hold true whether the case was a high-profile case or not.

It happens, but the error committed by the trial court has to be significant AND preserved by the trial attorney, meaning the trial attorney must have made a timely objection at the time that the error occurred.

The case law directs the Superior Court to provide a great deal of deference to the rulings of the trial judge for most evidentiary issues.

For example, the issue of whether the other accusers who were not actually part of the case should have been allowed to testify is an issue where the Superior Court applies an "abuse of discretion standard."

This means that they will not review the issue for whether they would have admitted the evidence themselves if they were initially making the ruling, but instead they look at whether it was unreasonable for the trial

judge to make that ruling.

Unless the judge was clearly wrong, they are not going to reverse the conviction for that reason.

With respect to prior bad acts evidence, such as these other accusers, trial courts often let this type of evidence in where the Commonwealth can show that the allegations were similar or somewhat similar to the allegations in the current case, and the appellate courts usually approve of this.

It then becomes incredibly difficult to obtain a fair trial as this type of propensity evidence is overwhelmingly prejudicial.

This is particularly true in cases involving sex offenses. Most cases involving alleged sex crimes do not involve forensic evidence, and there are usually not any witnesses other than the complainant.

Therefore, prosecutors have responded by pushing for rules which make it easier to obtain a conviction and defend a conviction in these types of cases.

By piling on with other unproven allegations, even where the defendant is not charged with those offenses, the prosecution increases its

chances of obtaining a conviction.

In my view, the case law which the Superior Court followed in this case does not adequately recognize the overwhelming, prejudicial effect of this type of evidence and the way in which it makes it incredibly difficult to obtain a fair trial on the actual allegations in question.

It is not surprising to me that the first trial, where only one "prior bad act" was allowed into evidence, resulted in a hung jury while the second trial, where more accusers were allowed to testify, resulted in a conviction.

This type of evidence is admitted in criminal trials every day throughout the state.

The thing that was really baffling to me in this case was that the ruling changed in the Commonwealth's favor after the first trial.

Mr. Cosby has a number of potential avenues through which he could continue to pursue his appeal. First, he could file an application for re-argument en banc.

The initial ruling by the Superior Court was made by a

panel of three judges.

The application for re-argument en banc asks the court to have a panel of nine judges review the case instead.

If the court votes to grant re-argument, then the opinion would be withdrawn, and a new briefing schedule would be set. Nine Superior Court judges would then consider the appeal.

His second option is to forego the application for re-argument and appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court by filing a Petition for Allowance of Appeal.

This would mean asking the Supreme Court to review the case. The PA Supreme Court does not have to accept an appeal.

Instead, they typically only review a case when there is some new issue for which there is no case law or where the case law has become outdated, when the Superior Court's ruling is clearly incorrect, or when there are conflicting opinions between panels of the Superior Court that cannot really be reconciled. The PA Supreme Court does not hear very many cases each year. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court,

however, has been relatively progressive on criminal issues recently.

Finally, with respect to a direct appeal, if re-argument and a Petition for Allowance of Appeal are unsuccessful, he could appeal to the United States Supreme Court if there was some federal issue involved that he would like to raise.

It is not too late to file a Post-Conviction Relief Act Petition and allege the ineffective assistance of counsel.

Generally, direct appeals come first, meaning that a defendant who is unhappy with the outcome would first ask the Superior Court and possibly the Supreme Court to overturn the conviction or sentence.

When that fails, the sentence becomes final, and a defendant can file a Post-Conviction Relief Act Petition (PCRA) and allege that the lawyer did something wrong.

A direct appeal deals with errors made by the judge, while a PCRA Petition alleges errors made by the trial and/or appellate attorney. You typically have one year from the date on which the sentence becomes

final to file a PCRA Petition.

The sentence does not become final until thirty days after the Superior Court affirms a conviction or ninety days after the PA Supreme Court affirms a conviction.

The direct appeal, if you are going to file one, has to come first as you cannot file one after litigating a PCRA if you have missed the deadline, and they cannot be litigated at the same time.

A PCRA Petition goes back to the trial judge who heard the case for an initial ruling. If the trial judge denies it, then there can be another round of appeals to the Superior Court and the Supreme Court.

If those are unsuccessful, a defendant can file a Habeas Petition in federal court again alleging ineffective assistance of counsel, but it is not easy to overturn a state court conviction in federal court.

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the government of Ukraine and the requests for certain investigations to be announced by the government of Ukraine:

Robert Blair, Senior Advisor to the Acting White House Chief of Staff; Mick Mulvaney, Acting White House Chief of Staff; John Bolton, former National Security Advisor; and Michael Duffey, Associate Director for National Security,

Office of Management and Budget. All four of these witnesses were asked to testify in the House impeachment inquiry but did not appear.

We would of course be open to hearing the testimony of additional witnesses having direct knowledge of the Administration's decisions regarding the delay in security assistance funds to the government of Ukraine and the requests for certain investigations to be announced by the government of Ukraine, if the President's counsel or House Managers identify such witnesses. In order to ensure that the trial can be completed within a reasonable period of time, I propose that the total time allotted to testimony by each witness be limited to not more than four hours for the House Managers and not more than

four hours for the President's counsel.

I also propose that the Senate issue subpoenas for a limited set of documents that we believe will shed additional light on the Administration's decision-making regarding the delay in security assistance funding to Ukraine and its requests for certain investigations to be announced by the government of Ukraine. This will be a narrowly drawn request limited to electronic communications, memoranda and related records of the relevant senior officials in the White House, Office of Management and Budget, and Department of State. Our understanding is that these records have already been collected by the White House counsel and counsel in the relevant agencies, so production in

response to the Senate subpoenas should be neither burdensome nor time-consuming.

In addition, I propose that as in 1999 there be a period of not more than 16 hours equally divided for Senators' questions to the House Managers and President's counsel, and a period of not more than 6 hours equally divided between the House Managers and President's counsel for final arguments. Finally, I propose that there be a period of not more than 24 hours for deliberations by Senators followed by votes on the Articles of Impeachment.

We believe all of this should be considered in one resolution. The issue of witnesses and documents, which are the most important issues facing us, should be decided before we move forward with any part of

the trial.

We believe this proposal, which is set forth in greater detail in the accompanying document, will allow for a trial in which all of the facts can be considered fully and fairly, and in which final votes can be taken within a reasonable period of time, without any unnecessary delay. Conducting the trial according to this plan will also allow the public to have confidence in the process and will demonstrate that the Senate can put aside partisan concerns and fulfill its constitutional duty.

I look forward to discussing this plan with you and to working with you to ensure that the Senate can rise to this critically important occasion.

Sincerely,
 Charles E. Schumer

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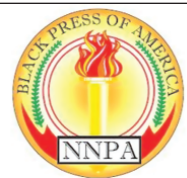
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He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness.

While He was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends deserted Him. He was turned over to His enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had, His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as the "One Solitary Life." --Author Unknown--

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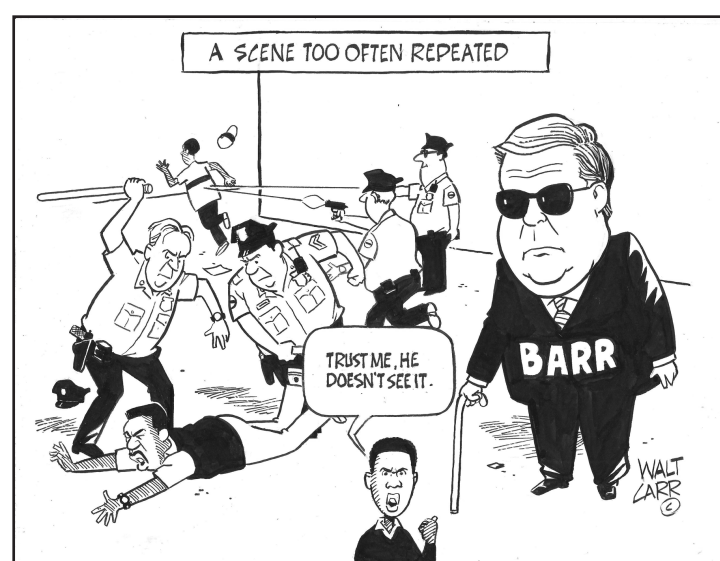
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TRUMP'S corruption includes, stealing money from his own fake charity, taking money he collected in a fundraiser for veterans, taking money from housing and school buildings from active duty military to waste on his wall and putting children in animal cages. The U.S. gives billions every year in foreign aid to over 195 countries and the only country TRUMP accuses of corruption is Ukraine. Rudy Giuliani helped him because he also hates Joe Biden. When Rudy was running for

president (2008) Joe Biden destroyed his support in one sentence. Biden said there are only three things in Rudy campaign speeches, a noun, verb and 911. After watching a movie about Ebenezer Scrooge, I had a dream. A president met St. Peter at the gate. St. Peter look at his record and reported to GOD. GOD asked St. Peter how did he treat my people especially the least of them? How much did he give to charity? St. Peter said, once the Salvation Army was collecting and he dropped a dime in the red ket-

tle and reported it as \$10,000 on (Schedule A, charitable contributions) on his Income tax return. GOD told St. Peter "give him his dime back and tell him to go to "HELL". Who do you think that president was???

Please register, vote and share this message. This is an excerpt from my book "What We Blacks Need To Do" by James J. Hankins. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!!

**James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC**

MATTERS OF OPINION

REALITY CHECK

Black folks should zip lips about impeaching No. 45

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In the late 1960s six young Black dudes, including myself, had a life-changing opportunity to meet with and learn from a brilliant African professor who expanded our knowledge in the field of propaganda analysis. He told us that every movie, television and radio program, book, song, newspaper or magazine article, no matter how innocent it appeared to be, had a message. He would take us to movies, especially those in which Black folks were included. We then analyzed them when getting together at our monthly meetings.



A. Peter Bailey

One of his teaching tools was a book, *The Political World of American Zionism*. Knowing that anti-Semitism is a force below the surface in this country, the author told American Jews that they were times when it was strategically important to let a Christian be the most visible public advocate for Israel in the U.S. Congress. Thus, for many years, Israel's most ardent public advocate was Senator Henry Jackson of Washington State, not Jewish Senators Jacob Javits of New York and Abe Ribicoff of Connecticut.

The current ongoing goal of the Democratic party to impeach Number 45 (aka Donald J. Trump) reminds me of the wise advice given to the Jewish community in the aforementioned book. I am proposing that Black politicians, civil rights leaders, broadcast and print correspondents and commentators

cease insisting that Number 45 should be impeached. Every time one of them does such, Number 45 and his Trumpettes document it for future campaign use.

Throughout suburban, small city, small town and rural America, they won't show a pro-impeachment White person. All they will show in their political commercials and ads are Black folks demanding that Number 45 be impeached. The response of Whites in those places will be "Those N-words are trying to get rid of your president. Who do they think they are?"

It's time for us Black folks to realize that the often patronizing Whites we deal with in urban areas such as Washington, DC, New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, even Atlanta; etc. are not, by any means, the majority of Whites in this

country. Number 45 is very much aware of this. That's why he rarely campaigns in such places. He sticks to places where he knows ads and commercials featuring Black folks calling for his impeachment is a significant political plus for him. We have to be equally smart in the political arena. That is if getting Number 45 out of the White House is really as important as Black politicians, civil rights leaders, journalists, etc. consistently insist.

Perhaps the best course of action should have been for Black people who had any dirt on Number 45 - and there is plenty - to have given it quietly to Nancy Pelosi.

A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is *Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher*, can be reached at apeterb@verizon.net.

No one is above the law?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

It makes me sad to watch impeachment hearings against Donald Trump. I think about how much some people have done to make this country great. For many Americans, the country has never come close to being great, so to have Trump and his supporters run around with caps that say "Make America Great Again" is such an insult to those of us who've been cheated, who've had their land stolen, whose relatives have been lynched, who've never had a fair chance in life to enjoy even the basics of life.

I have watched hour after hour of testimony that tells us shameful things about those who're elected or appointed to serve our country. The more I watch, the worse I feel about the future of our country. I



Dr. E. Faye Williams

wonder what it is that causes people like Senators Lindsay Graham and Ted Cruz, as well as Representatives Doug Collins, Jim Jordan, Matt Gaetz, Louie Gohmert and a few others to show such disdain for the truth. The loyalty to the Republican Party instead of to our country is shameful. The name calling by the so-called leader of the free world is outrageous. When their children and grandchildren look at their performance years from now, what will they think? Will they disavow their fathers, grandfathers and a few mothers and grandmothers like Debbie Lesko and Martha Roby?

I look at hard working people who do their jobs, who tell the truth, who try to make this a better world for their families and for all, and they have to listen to Republican garbage hour after hour making a spectacle of themselves with their clownish behavior.

Our elections are sacred—especially for those who for so long have been denied those fair rights. Just a few days ago only one Republican

voted to restore the Voting Rights Act. We have a president who questions every institution that we have worked hard to make America live up to her promises to all, a president who so easily threatens our national security, who obstructs Congress from doing its job and who takes joy in abusing his power. He violates his own oath of office while choosing to support Russia. He even rubs it in our faces by twice bringing Russian officials to the people's White House! He's referred to the FBI as scum! He called on the Russians to find Senator Hillary Clinton's e-mails.

Trump is again trying to cheat his way back into office after embarrassing us around the world with his lewd behavior. He's compromised our security so many times. He has seriously diminished our standing in the world, and yet, Members of Congress can argue to allow him to continue his abuse of power. His childish and autocratic behavior deserve impeachment and removal from office. Yet,

Senator Graham tells us he's not even going to look at the evidence! When Senator John McCain was alive, he kept Graham within the realm of respectability, but now, most of us are seeing a very different person.

So much evidence has piled up to give the American people reasons for getting this man and a lot of his supporters out of office. There can be no plausible reason for Republicans to behave as they are behaving when everyday they witness such egregious behavior. It's okay to label me a "Never Trumper." I didn't vote for him and cannot understand those who did. The reason the Republicans don't want to listen to witnesses and have a real trial is that they have no defense. If this president's behavior since his entry into the race, is not impeachable, we might as well stop claiming to be a democracy.

"Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women and host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM 89.3.

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6 ways to WRECK your credit-- Pt. 2

Last week we discussed 1) Charge-offs 2) Collections and 3) Bankruptcy. If you missed the article, you definitely want to check go to The Journal online archives and check it out. This week we will finish by discussing the other 3 ways.

Let's start with (4) Foreclosure: If you once owned and fell on hard times and lost your home, it reflects on your credit as a foreclosure. If the bank sells the

home and doesn't get as much as was still owed, they could put a deficiency judgment on your credit for the amount still owed. Any unpaid amounts would have to be dealt with one way or another. However, if there is no leftover amount, and the foreclosure was a while

Brenda Dixon

ago, most mortgage lenders will give you a chance and make you a homeowner again. PS. After you haven't owned for at least 3 years, you are considered a 1st-time buyer again and get all the perks.

(5) Tax Liens: If you owe any State or Federal taxes, do not ignore them to the point that it hits your credit. If you let that happen you must pay those funds in full before you get a mortgage. If you make a payment agreement with the

State or IRS, and pay it as agreed, the mortgage company will not require you to pay it off completely. Also, it won't drag your scores down. Can't drop your scores if it never hits your credit.

(6) Lawsuits and Judgements: If someone takes you to court and succeed in winning, then a judgment is placed against you. The judgment hits your credit and is also recorded in the records in the County courthouse. Any kind of judgment

must be paid off in full prior to purchasing a home. That's because the worst kind of judgment to have when trying to buy a house is one that deals with housing. An old apartment or any other kind of rental is a No, No. Don't want the mortgage lender to think you don't take paying your housing bill seriously.

So there you have it, your SIX TOP REASONS your scores are impacted. As a footnote, paying ANY bill 30 days late that report to your

credit monthly will tank your scores as well, but at the very least don't let them turn into charge-offs or collections. The impact is far greater.

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ROCAME holds 40TH Anniversary Celebration

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ROCAME (Region "O" Council for the Advancement of Minorities in Engineering) held its 40th Anniversary Celebration at UNC-Wilmington on Saturday, November 16. The Mistress of Ceremony was Sandra McClammy, a radio DJ for Coast 97.3. Opening remarks were given by Tony Carter (PMP), ROCAME Board President. The welcome was given by Dr. Carmen Sidberry (UNCW) and greetings from the City of Wilmington were made by Councilman Charlie Rivenbark. Prayer and grace were given by Reverend Brian Jones.

The ROCAME Legacy segment of the program began with the spotlight on a ROCAME co-founder, Carter Newsome. A former student, John Tyson, told the audience how Mr. Newsome motivated him to become an engineer. He announced the creation of the Carter Newsome Scholarship Fund that will eventually reach \$25,000 with future donations. Two current engineers, Tamara Murphy (P.E.) and Rodney Hansley—employed at the United States Army Corps of Engineers and Corning, Inc., respectively—told us how the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS Current ROCAME Board members; l to r, Brian Jones, Dr. Carmen Sidbury, Mark Council, Daisy Eagles, Tamara Murphy, Joyce Keith, Tony Carter, Jasmine Gaston, Hilda George, Kimberly Hollifield, Valerie Farnum, Mary Strong, Rodney Hansley and Dr. William Flythe. Not pictured is Frederick Cooper.

skills developed in the ROCAME program had a positive effect on their careers. Teo Ruiz, 2019 Middle School Student-of-the-Year (former Cedar Grove Middle School student) spoke on the theme, "What ROCAME Means to Me". ROCAME students and advisors from Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties were in

attendance. Joyce Keith and William Flythe were recognized with a plaque for 30+ years as a club adviser, LEA coordinator, and/or Board officer. Members of the Anniversary Committee were also recognized. The keynote speaker was Alfred Mays, Science Education and Diversity Program Officer for the Burroughs-Wellcome Fund

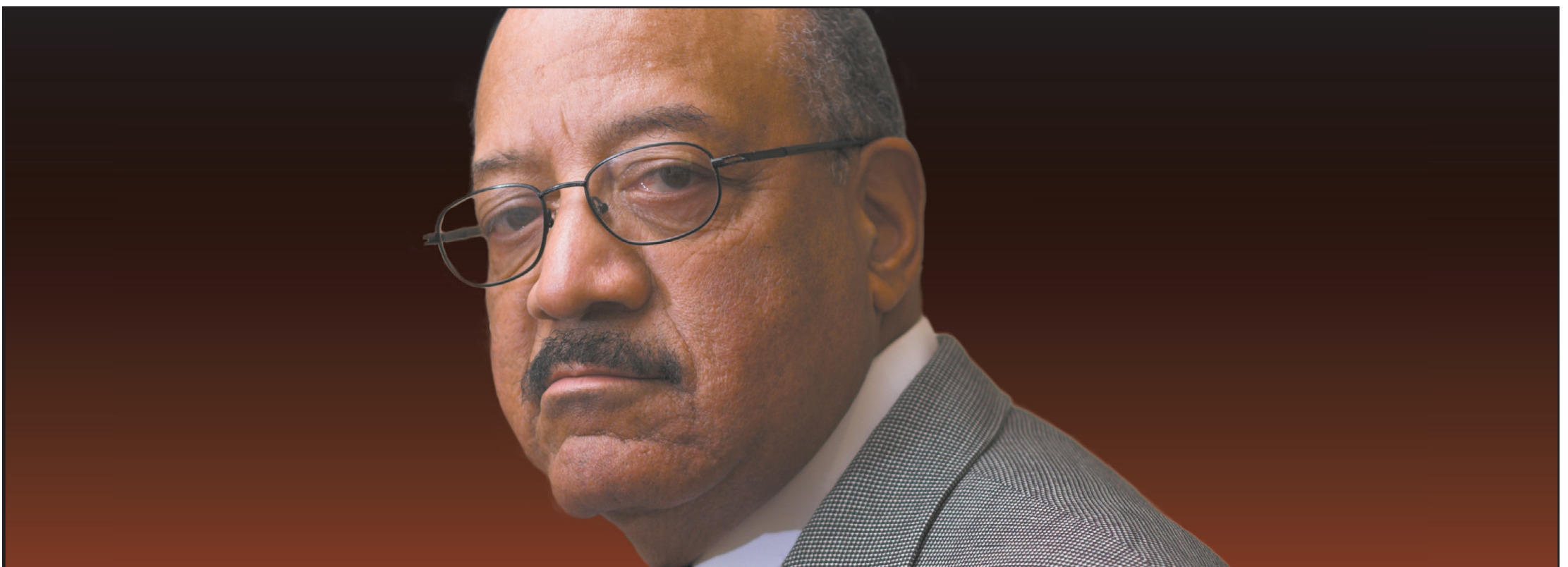
(Research Triangle Park). He told us how two Board members convinced him to assign grant money to the current robotic program which provides a robot and electronic tablet for each active club in the five area school systems. Acquinetta Beatty, a former ROCAME student and engineer, made an appeal for donations of time and money.



Presentation of Carter Woodson Newsome memorial plaque(l to r) John Tyson, Paula Newsome, Ayana Washington, Tony Carter and Sandra McClammy



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Trump is leading a revolution that is destroying America

(Via TriceEdneWire.com)

As the House of Representatives moves toward impeaching President Donald Trump this week — by what all predict will be a vote divided largely by party — it is time for reflection. The House will indict the president for abuse of his office — trying to enlist a foreign government to intervene in our election by announcing an investigation of his potential opponent in the upcoming presidential race and for obstruction of justice in his extreme efforts to block the congressional investigation of his abuses. This is an indictment focused, for simplicity sake, on a single course of action and its coverup. In fact, the challenge posed by Trump is far greater than that. Trump is leading a counter-revolution against the

America that is, and the America that will be. He does so by savagely attacking American institutions — and by unrelenting lies designed to produce a cocoon of misinformation — an alternative reality — to con his ardent supporters. Trump has scorned the Constitution and its tripartite division of power. He



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

scorns the Congress — both the Democratic House and the Republican Senate, ignores its subpoenas, dismisses its powers and holds himself and his administration immune from its oversight. He traduces the courts, appointing right-wing activist judges while impug-

ing the motives of any justice that rules in ways he does not like. He floods the courts with lawsuits, many groundless, to delay and to avoid accountability both personally and as president. He abuses the press, accusing them of being the enemy of the people and of spreading “fake news,” even as he retweets and recycles false conspiracy theories and big lies. He has dismantled the interagency national security process, upended American policy — often with the sole apparent motive of reversing anything President Barack Obama accomplished — while abusing allies, his own appointees and the career professionals with sudden reversals of policy and pronouncement. He has clearly decided that the presidency is above the law, as well as beyond the reach of Congress and courts. While I, and many other reformers, agree with some

of Trump’s stated goals — to bring the “endless wars” to a close, to transform our trading policy, to pressure the Federal Reserve to keep its foot off the brakes of the economy without clear evidence of rising inflation — Trump’s imperious and impetuous actions do more to discredit those goals than to serve them. In other areas — most significantly in the existential threat posed by catastrophic climate change — Trump has abandoned the most important responsibility of the president to defend the nation’s security. His conscious political strategy is to foster division, inflaming racial, gender and other divides. This has fed an already rising tide of hatred that is breeding more violence in this land.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

On the erosion of respect for the Constitution

Even though I have seldom agreed with the policies of Republicans, nor have I agreed with the stances taken by white, Conservative Evangelical Christians, I have always believed that they loved and respected this country - until now.

The brazen disrespect not only for the Constitution, but also the disrespect and disregard for “the law” has been stunning to watch. It never occurred to me that lawmakers of either party would trash the Constitution they swore to uphold, defend, and protect. They have scoffed at and ignored the system of government put in place by the Founding Fathers, and their arrogance in so doing has been breathtaking.

What is even more troubling is that as they defy and ignore the Constitution, the GOP is accusing the Democrats of being the culprits. And to add insult to injury, “the base” is eating the lies, the mis and disinformation, and the two sides, Democrats and Republicans, is only growing more wide by the day.

As the debacle continues, one of the warnings that has been issued is that if the president is impeached, there will be a “civil war.” (https://www.msnbc.com/am-joy/watch/gop-house-impeachment-will-lead-to-civil-war-72672837666) On what grounds? Isn’t it safe to presume that if the exact amount of evidence had been found against a Democratic president that the walls of Jericho would be tumbling down by now, if they had not already been pulled down? Wouldn’t the outcry about morals, about democracy, about the Constitution, and about God be so loud we would hardly be able to stand it?

It is truly stunning. From the moment the Conservative Evangelicals were silent and defensive of the president, even as he bragged about grabbing the genitals of women, or as he tore down and bashed the late Sen. John McCain as being a war hero, this group has been silent, a group which has always objected loudly to what they have considered disrespect of this country and their religious views. This is the group which used to be vehemently against Russia, but now, even as it seems beyond dispute that Russia participated in and interfered with the 2016 election, they are silent, and reports show that their approval of Russia is on the increase! (https://religionunplugged.com/news/2019/3/28/are-american-evangelicals-using-russia-to-fight-their-culture-war) (https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/christian-right-worshippers-donald-trump-915381/) (https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/12/impeachment-republican-party-russia/603088/)

The desire of the Founding Fathers to create a government where the possibility of corrupt power causing a slide from being a democratic republic to a monarchy is being ignored by the very ones who historically have touted the power and correctness of that document. They just do not seem to care if this country as we have all known it slips into being a pleasant memory.

If the GOP and the president have their way, the three branches of government will be destroyed. Mr. Trump will be a king or a dictator of sorts. There will be no protection in the judicial system for “the least of these;” as of this writing, the president has in three years appointed as many young, conservative judges to federal courts as President Obama appointed in eight years. (https://www.foxnews.com/politics/two-trump-ninth-circuit-nominees-confirmed-over-objections-of-california-senators)

What this president has done to satisfy and please his base is an accomplishment, to be sure, but it happening and has happened at the cost of the government we and the world had come to know, respect, and trust. He has moved the needle and upset our way of life, and for what? He has no respect for the Constitution, and said it doesn’t matter because he’s rich. (https://www.msnbc.com/the-beat-with-ari/watch/trump-says-the-phony-constitution-doesn-t-matter-because-he-s-rich-71782469505)

The people who have fought for this country ought to be quaking in their boots. The people who have tried to follow the laws of this country should likewise be outraged, but for this president and his friends, it does not matter, and that is a tragedy as much as it is something of which to be ashamed.

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.

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Rather than signing the bipartisan immigration reform that he had previously agreed to support, he chose instead to preserve the contention rather than to move to solve the challenge. The result of this reckless and ruthless course is a country ever more divided. Trump clearly has cemented the support of about 40 percent to 45 percent of the American people. That support has cowed Republican legislators — senators and representatives — who now rise to defend behavior that they know is dangerous and policies that violate their previously cherished conservative principles — from free trade to support for allies to presidents serving as moral examples. Now, as senators gear up for holding what looks to be a sham trial on the impeachment charges brought from the House, they might pause for reflection. For many, this vote may be their last historic vote, one which will

help define their legacy. All face constituents — Trump’s so-called “base” — who demand that they support the president no matter what he does.

This is a test of leadership. True leaders don’t follow opinion polls, they mold opinion. They do not allow the fervent few to drown out the call of their conscience. They recognize the obligations of party, but also the call of honest patriotism, of acting in moments of historic decision for the sake of the country. They realize that history will hold them to account, as well as their own children and grandchildren. Trump’s minions are demanding abject loyalty. Senate Leader Mitch McConnell has already confessed that he is taking his clues from the White House. Before bowing to that pressure, senators should pause, reflect, look in the mirror and probe their conscience. Who are they? What are they prepared to stomach?

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

TO BE EQUAL

New Jersey Anti-Semitic shootings are part of a horrifying spike in hate crime that demands our action

(Via TriceEdneWire.com)

“If this incident was motivated by hate, which news reports indicate, then this is another incident in a long line of violent incidents targeting the Jewish community. This hatred is a disease and right now we are experiencing an epidemic. Leaders must lead and call out hate wherever and whenever it rears its ugly head – regardless of politics. This is about principle.” – Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO and National Director, Anti-Defamation League

investigators found a note that contained anti-Semitic and anti-police sentiments. Similar sentiments were found in social media posts linked to the suspects. In April of this year, a gunman opened fire in a San Diego synagogue on the last day of Passover, killing a 60-year-old woman and wounding three other people, including a rabbi and an 8-year-old girl.

Shortly before the attack, the gunman posted an anti-Semitic and racist manifesto on social media, citing conspiracy theories, expressing admiration for the gunmen who perpetrated the anti-Muslim killings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Six months earlier, in Pittsburgh, 11 people were killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue. That shooter, too, deeply enmeshed in anti-Semitic conspiracy theories on social media.

These acts are part of a horrifying three-year trend that has coincided with a spike in

course and heated racial rhetoric in political discourse. It is one that demands action on several fronts, including gun policy, moderation of social media terms of service, and a sweeping reexamination of racial and religious intolerance. As a child of the Civil Rights Movement and the leader of the nation’s largest racial justice organization, I have witnessed the recent rise of white nationalism with equal parts dismay and a sickening sense of familiarity. Our nation’s history is sullied with racial and religious intolerance and violence. What has sustained us, as famously expressed by Martin Luther King, Jr., is that “the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”

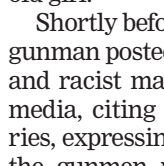
In this particular period of history, the arc seems especially long. Leaked emails recently revealed that one of the President’s closest advisors, Stephen Miller, has cited and promoted white nationalist ideologies and conspiracy theories about “white genocide,” the criminality of immigrants, and the reviled eugenics movement. Congressional response to the emails has been almost nonexistent.

Meanwhile, personal attacks motivated by bias or prejudice reached a 16-year high last year, according to the F.B.I.

More than 4,300 attacks on people, motivated by racial or religious hatred, were recorded by the FBI. State and local police forces are not required to report hate crimes to the F.B.I., and as many as half the victims of hate crimes never file a report, so the actual number of hate-fueled assaults is significantly higher than the official record.

Lately it seems that the atrocities and outrages of racism and intolerance are falling too fast and too frequently to respond appropriately. But we must not lose sight of our ideals as Americans – as brothers and sisters and parents and neighbors – to love and protect one another. Let your elected representatives know that these incidents call for responsible gun reform, holding social media companies accountable for dissemination of hate speech, and a moderation of their public rhetoric. And join us in our prayers for the victims and their families.

Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.



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The semantics of "Semite"

Language and the use of words can be more powerful than any weapon of mass destruction.

“Wordsmithing” in the wrong hands can bring on a plague of violence and destruction biblical in proportions. And this brings us to the current widest widely use of the word “anti-Semitism.”

Donald Trump, a master of obfuscation and prevarication, in order to gin up his evangelical support, signed an executive order on Dec. 11 titled “Executive Order on Combating Anti-Semitism.” Despite its humanistic title, this order does not combat anti-Semitism. It is merely meant to throttle free speech concerning human rights issues in Israel and many individuals, including Jews, have concerns about it.

In a recent opinion piece in The Guardian, Kenneth Stern, the director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate, wrote, “[Anti-Semitism] was never intended to be a campus hate speech code, but that’s what Donald Trump’s executive order accomplished this week. This order is an attack on academic freedom and free speech, and will harm not only pro-Palestinian advocates, but also Jewish students and faculty, and the academy itself.” Fifteen years prior to writing his piece in The

Guardian, Stern - considered an expert on the topic - drafted a working definition of anti-Semitism for the American Jewish Committee. It is usually a “third rail” in domestic political discourse for non-Jews to analyze the use of the word “anti-Semitism” in America. But the intentional division of the many and varied identities in this country is now reaching a critical point and the weaponizing of language by demagogues like Donald Trump is throwing fuel on the fire.

Language is generally considered to be a convention, where those who communicate understand a word or phrase to have a commonly understood meaning. And in this sense, anti-Semitism is generally understood in America to mean hostility to or prejudice against Jews.

However, most dictionaries tell us that Semites are not solely Jews, but any of “a number of peoples of ancient southwestern Asia including the Akkadians, Phoenicians, Hebrews and Arabs.” This has been a working definition since 1848. Donald Trump is not so concerned with the protec-



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tion of Jews as he claimed when signing this order. He is more concerned with the division of Americans into “us” and “them.” It is convenient for him to weaponize the term “anti-Semitism” in order to demonize the supporters of other Semitic people, such as Palestinians, who criticize the actions of the government of Israel. This is a distortion of cultural identity in order to curb the freedom of political speech, the aim of which is to homogenize America into a white Christian nation.

Joining the ranks of those who want to divide this nation in order homogenize it are bigoted religious leaders like Robert Jeffress, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and the Rev. John C. Hagee, founder of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, who is known for his end-times preaching. Despite their histories of religious intolerance, both of these vendors of religious hate were guests at the White House’s Hanukkah party, which took place after the signing ceremony for the executive order. Jeffress is known for postulating that Jews and other non-Christians are destined for hell while Hagee has called Hitler a “half-breed Jew” who was a “hunter” fulfilling God’s will. Can we really believe that Trump is concerned with hate speech when he pals

around with people like Jeffress and Hagee? Can we believe he wants to stamp out hate speech when he has said there were “very fine people” protesting in Charlottesville, Va., by torchlight shouting “Jews shall not replace us?”

America, in a sense, is a small village where we all drink from a common well of democracy that springs from mutual respect and the common good. Trump and his minions are poisoning that well with the toxic word-smithing of hate speech. He schemes to turn this country into a white Christian monolith, while falsely accusing the intended victims of his bigotry of being the perpetrators of villainy.

If we, as Americans, are concerned about injustices towards Semitic people, we should approach it in terms of all Semitic people, including the descendants of the Akkadians, Phoenicians, Hebrews and Arabs.

These times are telling as to who the American people are and what they stand for. And while actions speak louder than words, the words we use have a lot to say about us as well. We should not allow legitimate criticism to be muted by those falsely claiming to muzzle hate speech.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

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Betty D. Robinson

Betty D. Robinson, age 81, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, November 25, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Robinson's life was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Betty Deloris Long Robinson was born February 10, 1938 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Mr. Willie Long and Mrs. Edna Long Fullwood.

Betty was educated in the New Hanover County Public School system. She was a 1956 graduate of Williston Sr. High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. Betty was an excellent student.

She was a very nurturing and caring person. She married Bennie D. Robinson. She devoted the next two decades solely to caring for her husband and six children. She was employed at New Hanover County School System. She was employed there for more than thirty-two years, where she met and shared her loving heart with countless children as a cashier. Betty was also employed at Mills Superette for many years, and she continued to touch the lives of children and adults. Her infectious smile and kind heart made her a staple at Mills as well as Trask and Sunset Middle Schools. She was well known in this community by Mrs. Betty Boo.

She was truly loved and adored by her family. Betty was the best mother, wife, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend anyone could ever have. She was one of the most generous people on earth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Long and Edna Long Fullwood; husband, Bennie Robinson; four brothers, William Long, Rudolph Long, John Long and Reynold Long; sister, Dorothy Fullwood and grandson, Courtenay Robinson.

Betty leaves to cherish her memories one loving sister and best friend, Mary Dixon (Lawrence) of Wilmington; six children, David Robinson (Elaine) of Wilmington, Rosalyn Evans (Donald) of Wilmington, Dennis Robinson (Henrietta) of Charlotte, NC, LaVinda Robinson of Wilmington, Bennie Robinson of Wilmington and LaTashia Murray (LaMondo) of Wilmington, sixteen grandchildren, thirty-three great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and a host of other family 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.*

Mary L. McKinnon

Mary Loretha McKinnon, a loving mother, sister, grandmother and friend departed this life on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at her home in Navassa North Carolina. A celebration of Ms. Mary's was held on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mary was born in Brunswick County, North Carolina on September 28, 1928 to the late Jerry and Lena Mosley.

She attended Williston High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. Mary was employed at Coastal Dry Cleaners for many years. She received Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and joined Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church, where she was an usher and a member of The Order of the Eastern Star.

She later married Edward Leon McKinnon, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were nine brothers, Jerry Leon Mosley, Earnest Mosley, Johnny Mosley, James Mosley, Nathaniel

Mosley, Leroy Mosley, Kenneth Mosley, Wilbert Mosley and Willie Cooper; three sisters, Addie Myers Deloris Graham and Theodosia Green; a grandson, Tyrone McNeil and sister-in-law, Bessie McKinnon Jones.

Mary leaves to cherish her memories her children, Pamela Merrick of Navassa, Edward L. McKinnon, Jr. of Charlotte and Carneal Hooper (Keesha) of Fuquay-Varina; siblings, Dollie Delgado of Lumberton and Larry Mosley (Diane) of Navassa, 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great-grandchildren and a host of other family 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.*

Donald Ray Nixon

Donald Ray Nixon was born on August 8, 1949 to the late Charlie and Annie Hines Nixon and departed from this world on December 5, 2019. He lived a full life exponentially brightened by the love of his many family and friends. A memorial service was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home.

Donald was born and raised in Wilmington, NC with his four siblings, Ralph, Charles, Belinda (Larrey Burney), and Julius. He graduated from New Hanover High School then began an 18-year career in the US Army before being Honorably Discharged. His career took him to many places including Korea and Germany. During his time in the service he completed the NCO course rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant and graduated from the Army Recruiter Course. He received an NCO Professional Development Ribbon as well as other commendations and training certifications. After his time in the Army he returned to Wilmington and began a career with Cape Fear Public Utility Authority. He retired after 27 years serving as a waste water treatment operator. During his time at the CFPWA he was nominated multiple times for employee of the year and continued his training by attending seminars on safety and certifications.

Donald's life wasn't all about his career, although he taught dedication, steadfastness, and hard work throughout his years of employment, he also knew the importance of family. During his time in the service he met his wife Christiane (Fox) while on assignment in Germany. Despite the uncertainty of life in the military they managed to make their relationship work and thrive and eventually settled into stability in Wilmington closer to the rest of his family. There they continued to raise their two children, Michael and Donika (Ramiro Ruiz). He again showed that dedication and steadfastness when his wife suffered a health crisis and he stayed by her side and cared for her until her passing. He also made sure he was available for the special moments in life, including flying to Florida to meet his granddaughter, Helena, after her birth. He went to birthdays and playgrounds and amusement centers with his granddaughter and would let her lead him around the yard as she collected flowers and rocks for him to hold. She never left without a hug and an "I love you" from him. Donald's love for his family can be seen in the pictures of them that decorate the walls and shelves of his living room as well as the photo album on his cell phone.

Donald also cared deeply about and was active in assisting the veteran community. He received a certification of appreciation from and was a lifetime member of the Vietnam

Veterans Association and the VFW. He could be found at meetings and public events with the group and made many friends through it. His friends and his family will miss him deeply but the pain of his loss is worth the joy of knowing him.

Donald is survived by; his children: Donika Ruiz (Ramiro) of Wahiawa, HI and Michael Nixon of Wilmington; siblings, Ralph Nixon, Charlie Nixon, Julius Nixon and Belinda Burney (Larrey) all of Wilmington, one grandchild 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.*

Clifton Herring

Clifton "Pop" Herring, 67, died peacefully at his home in Wilmington on December 12, 2019.

A public viewing will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Mr. Herring's life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 20, 2019 at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church. A visitation with the family will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. *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.*

Milton Steward

Milton Steward died November 28, 2019. Funeral service was held Friday, December 6, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Milton was born to the late Mary Campbell Steward-Garris and Kirby on November 30, 1955 in Goldsboro, NC. He loved his family. Milton met and fell in love with Deborah Ann Neal and the two were married. Milton will forever be remembered by his bright outgoing personality, his excellent sense of humor and his ability to talk to anyone. E ad a saying ta we all repeat, "Hamburger" in agreement. Milton was the life of the party and lived life to the fullest. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth R. Steward; grandson, Rahee McKinnon, Jr. and sister-in-law, Telia B. Steward.

Milton leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Deborah Ann Neal Steward; his children, Kimiana Neal Thomas (William), Milton Neal (Monique), Elizabeth Neal-McKinnon (Rahee), Juanita Neal Robinson (Kalif) and stepdaughter, Shawana Oliver; grandchildren, Ashley Thomas, W. Anthony Thomas, Nykea Robinson, Taquan Floyd, Darius Floyd, Jeremiah Neal, Rahmir McKinnon, Khatybra Braxton, Jashaad King, Jawuan King, Shaniya Oliver, and Asani Oliver; stepfather, Willie Garris, Jr.; brothers, Jimmy Ray Steward, Leslie Roland Steward and Ray; sister, Sheila Coley (Ricky); a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Lillian Murphy McCrae

Lillian Murphy McCrae died November 29, 2019. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Lillian was born January 11, 1943 in Wilmington, NC to the late Thomas and Esther Alderman Murphy. In addition to her parents Lillian was preceded in death by her six brothers, Thomas, Jr., James D.,

James E., John, Robert and Leroy Murphy. Lillian was educated in the New Hanover County School System. She did not meet any strangers. She was a very outspoken, caring and loving person. Lillian was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend.

Left to cherish her memories are two daughters, Lea Crawford (Boby) and Audrey Murphy (Reggie); two sons, Pernel Murphy and Carnel Murphy (Lamettqa); two sisters, Retha M. Crawford and Fannie Manning of New Haven, CT; 12 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; a special friend, Cherokee Brunson; nieces, nephews, too numerous to name. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Elsie Clay

Elsie Clay died Monday, December 2, 2019. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Bethel Holiness Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Elsie Ernestine Clay, daughter of the late Ernest Sidbury and Lucretia McCall Sidbury, of Wilmington, North Carolina, was born on August 18, 1940. Ernestine enjoyed a close relationship with her family. She enjoying cooking, spending time with her grandchildren, family, watching Scooby-Doo and she loved the Lord. Talking and teaching Biblical principles to anyone who would listen, Ernestine was known to her friends in 4 mile as "Tippy". She loved spending time with her grandchildren when they came to visit. She had a special fondness for her great grandchildren Nani Ambrose who spent Summers and Vacation time with her. Ernestine was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Lucretia Sidbury, her son Ronnie Clay, brothers Willie Sidbury (Wilmington, NC) and Herbert Sidbury (Olney, MD).

She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters Beverly Sidbury (Chester, VA), Debra Sidberry (Aiken, SC), and son Felix Clay (Wilmington, NC); three grandchildren, five great grandchildren, two Sisters: Betty (Jonathan) Murray, and Marilyn Murphy; and a host of

nieces and nephews, as well as dear friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ellis Lenear "Tommy" Brown

Ellis Lenear "Tommy" Brown died December 5, 2019 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

Ellis, son of Alfred Napoleon Brown and Margaret Delts Brown was born September 3, 1950. He graduated from Brunswick County High School in the Class of 1969. He loved basketball and as a member of the high school team he devoted himself o practice. He was a very coachable athlete. After graduating high school, he was employed by Mack's Café in Southport, NC for many years. He loved people ad was a value to his community as he served as a driver for the elderly in the neighborhood until his health failed. Ellis was a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

Precious memories of Ellis will be cherished by his brothers, Dillard Jr. (Teresa), Alfred (Juliet), Alfred (Shirley), Earl (Marilyn), Galton (Stephanie), Bobby (Mary) and Ervin; sisters, Geraldine (Norman), Dela Mae Brown, Marsha Brown and Margaret Brown; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including a special friend, Mrs. Hattie Ruroak. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

James Luther Grady

James Luther Grady's Funeral was held Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Summerville AMEZ Church. Burial followed in Summerville AMEZ Church Cemetery.

"Jeff", as he was known, son of the late John and Mary Grady was born on March 9, 1932. James was an active member of Summerville AMEZ Church; serving as a member of the Trustee and Steward Board, member of the Male Choir and also served as an Usher until his health began to fail. He was a member of the ILA #1426 until his retirement with 30 plus years.

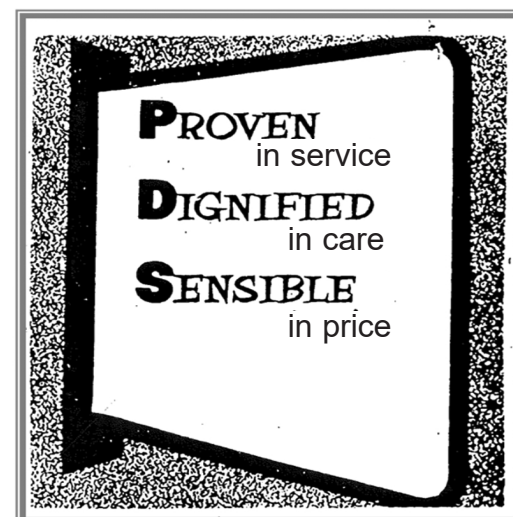
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ries: his children: Glenda Small (Jimmie SR.) of Leland, NC, Robert Hall (Tanitia) of Newark, NJ, Geno Grady (Tracey), LATisha Grady (Marcus) of Wilmington, NC and Anesha Grady of Raleigh, NC; daughter-in-law, Sheron Grady of Wilmington, NC; 17 grandchildren; special grandson, Jimmie Small, Jr., Marcus and Marchetta Small of Leland, NC, Donna Powell, Robin, LaTasha, Talia, Tatyana Hall and Vera Kidd all of Newark, NJ, Tanisha Brown (Joseph) of Castle Hayne, NC, Justyn Grady (Jessica) of Greensboro, NC, Antwan Galloway (LaToya) of Georgia, Neil Page of Burgaw, NC Malecca Hicks, Shaun Re Hicks, Terrius Bryant and James Goldston all of Wilmington, NC; 18 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Wilson Grady (Julia); sister-in-law, Eva Grady; brother-in-law, Thomas Hooper. Sr., adopted brothers/nephews, Johnny Grady (Martha) and Harvey Lee Grady; adopted sister/niece, Ruby Ballard; special nieces, Betty Corbett, Teresa Everett and Michelle Graham; special friends, Willie Sloan, Bobby Brown, Carnell Robbins, Albert Lee Robins and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Katrainer LaVera Brown

Katrainer LaVera Brown died December 6, 2019. Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at Bethel AME Church, Leland, NC.

Katrainer was born on February 10, 1970 to Dizziane Brown Zinnerman in St. Louis, Missouri. She was educated in Brunswick Bounty Schools, graduating from North Brunswick High School in 1988. She attended North Carolina Central University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1992. She later graduated from Pfeiffer University with a dual Master of Science in Health Administration and Business Administration. As a registered nurse she had a long and faithful career, dedicated to serving the most vulnerable people at the worst time in their lives, where she touched the hearts of many.

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New Hanover County

St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St., Wilmington, "St. will hold its annual Christmas Day Service at 10:00 am on December 25, 2019. All are welcome to join us for Worship. For more info please call 910 762-9829. All the church will host annual Watch Night Service; Tuesday, December 31st beginning at 10:30 pm. The speaker will be Rev. Patricia Freeman, Pastor of St. Phillip AME Church. All are welcome to come and ring in the New Year!! For more information please call St. Stephen at 910 762-9829.

Religious Briefs

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will hold their Holiday Banquet, "Holidays Under the Stars in Hawaii" on Saturday, December 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Crystal Spring Church Fellowship Hall. The colors are the beautiful colors of Hawaii. There will be gifts and dinner.

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She leaves to mourn: her mother, Dizziane Brown Zimmerman; brother, Bennie L. Conner, Jr. (Roselyn); sister, Ebony Conner; three devoted uncles, Jerome Corbett, Russell Corbet(Marsha) and Ronnie Corbett; aunts, Anita Shipman and Audrey Johnson, four nieces; one nephew, several close friends, Andrea Blue, Clara Cheeks, Tyrone Beatty, Reggie Cassimere, Mr. & Mrs. Vaught, Judith Gates, Lawanda Conner and Melinda Robinson; and a host of unnamed friends and family that were much loved and loved her equally. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Vannessa Lorriane Smith Elbaum

Vannessa Lorriane Smith Elbaum died December 7, 2019 at her home in Boca Raton, Florida.

Vannessa, daughter of the late Freddie Elmer Smith, Jr. and Lizzie Mae Hankins Smith was born on April 12, 1962 in Southport, North Carolina.

Vannessa accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was a product of the Brunswick County School System from first grade through high school. The family knew Vannessa was special early in life. At an early age she developed a love for the game of tennis. Was it from the stories told to her as a child about Althea Gibson? She was the 1978 winner of the Southport Youth Tennis Tournament. While at South Brunswick High she played all the following varsity basketball and volleyball. Vannessa earned the title of athlete of the year from Coastal Sportsman Club in Southport, NC. She was also a member of the band and was voted Homecoming Queen in her senior year, 1980. After graduating from South Brunswick, she attended Campbell University and received her Bachelor of Science Degree. She continued to play tennis for the University and worked during the summer at Camp Timber Tops, PA and Camp Vega, Maine as an athletic counselor. After graduating from Campbell, Vannessa accepted a substitute teaching position at South Brunswick Middle School in Southport, NC and also served as the girls basketball coach. She married the love of her life, Russell Elbaum and moved to Lon Island, NY. This union produced a son, Joshua, the second love of her life. While living in New York, Vannessa, besides being a devoted wife and mother, found time to briefly work from Trans World Airline (TWA) at JFK Airport. Later she worked as a Recreational Therapist for the Developmentally Disabled until she retired and moved to Boca Raton, Florida. After moving to Florida, she enjoyed biking and running marathons and volunteered for Special Olympics. Vannessa loved traveling and visited Israel, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Italy, Venice, Florence and Rome, Maccabi Games in New York and Disneyland in California.

Vannessa leaves to cherish loving memories: husband, Russell Elbaum; son, Joshua Elbaum of Boca Raton, FL; sisters, Jo-Ann (Noah) Hester of Southport, NC, Judy (Jackie) Fowler of Washington, DC and Joy Smith of Southport, NC; brothers, Freddie (Sherrie) Smith of Glassboro, NJ, Dennis (Anita) Smith of Leland, NC, Leon and Leo Smith both of Southport, NC; aunts, Gloria Hankins and Catherine Clemmons; uncle, Harold (Carolyn) Hankins; nephews, Leslie Myrie and Jediah Highsmith; nieces, LaTonya Lee-Niang, Jemma Olivier and Alana Henry; mother-in-law, Ilene Elbaum; a host of cousins other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Steven Glaspie

Steven Glaspie memorial service was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

George Porter

George Porter died December 10, 2019. Memorial services were held Saturday, December 14, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. George, son of the late George Porter and Jenell Smith Porter was born on June 28, 1941 in Wilmington, NC. George, known as "Spooky Boy" by family and friends was a native of Wilmington, NC. He attended Williston Senior High School and was a faithful member of St. Phillip AME Church. He loved the Lord

and his Gospel Music. George retired from Almont Shipping with over twenty years of service. He enjoyed the sport of drag racing and loved watching movies, football and basketball. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mary E. Porter; two sons, George Porter, III and Kenneth A. Porter; three daughters, Jacqueline (Ricky), Angela and Mary; twenty grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including a special friend, Henry Richardson who became like a brother to him and hold a special place in his heart. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Lawrence Bullock

Lawrence Bullock died December 6, 2019. Memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 21, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Steven George Halyard Isaac

Steven George Halyard Isaac died December 10, 2019. Memorial services were held Sunday, December 15, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Steve was born to the late Alefair Elizabeth Halyard-Isaac on August 17, 1957 in Brooklyn, NY. He was raised by his late grandparents, George and Berlean Halyard. Steve as he was known was raised in Brooklyn, New York before relocating to Wilmington, North Carolina in the early 90's. Steve was educated in the New York School System before relocating to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to work for Toyota. Steve was a jack of all trades from automotive to carpentry. He knew enough to be dangerous and considered himself to be a "Pure Unadulterated Genius" Steve never met a stranger and his infectious laugh and humor would win over anyone. Steve loved spending time with his family, especially his nephew, Isaiah. Steve worked for various construction companies and last being Barnhill Contracting Company during the Leland expansion.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a wife, Pamela Isaac of Castle Hayne, NC; four sons, James Jamar of Brooklyn, NY, Tawan, Eugene and Quomane, all of Castle Hayne, NC; sisters, Wanda Bozier and Monique Halyard of Wilmington, NC; uncles, Robert Halyard of Bolivia, NC, James Odome of Brooklyn, NY and James Ward of Dayton, OH; nieces, Monique R. Halyard, Shantee Bullock (BI), Asha Halyard, Kyava Bozier, Bryanna Tims and Yamina Bullock; nephews, Isaiah, Jahmere, Jammarrion, Landon and Nolan; special friend, Kim Atkinson and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

George Trudell Dubar

George Trudell Dubar known as "Trudell", died Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Peak Resources in Wilmington, NC. Graveside services were held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church Cemetery, Riegelwood, NC.

Trudell was the second oldest child born to the late Flecksie Dubar, Sr. and Marjorie Salter Dubar. George graduated from Armour High School in Riegelwood, NC. Shortly afterwards he went into the US Army. After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, he attended Cape Fear Community College and later got a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from the University of the District of Columbia. He worked many years for the Federal Government as an Accounting Technician in Washington, DC. Trudell loved his music and dancing. When his nieces and nephews were around, he would light up. He loved children. Trudell was preceded in death by his older brother James Evanninate Dubar, Sr.

He Leaves to cherish his memories: sisters, Bernetha Council (David), Rosetta Williams, Rhonda Dubar and Marva Dubar; brothers, Flecksie Dubar, Jr. and Dwight Dubar; sister-in-law, Arthelia Dubar; aunts, Elouise Porter and Ethel Salter; uncle, Clemon Porter; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ella Jordan

Ella Jordan died December 14, 2019. Funeral service will be 12 Noon Friday, December 20th at Faith Temple COGIC. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

TELL SOMEBODY

“Wise Men Seeking”

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem saying, where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

Wise - Displaying common sense
Discernment for what is true, right, lasting
Seek - To search for
To try to find or discover

newborn King.

These wise men were gifted with understanding of the royal status and significance of this special birth. They comprehended both the honor and the importance of being in the presence of this wonderful child. Before they made their presentations, they fell down and worshipped him, giving glory and honor to God. Even though Jesus was yet a young child when they found him, they also gave him gifts that were worthy of a king. They brought him the precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

GOLD is a precious and appropriate gift fit for a newborn king.

FRANKINCENSE illustrates the role Jesus plays in our lives as our eternal High Priest and mediator between God and man.

MYRRH was made famous by the Egyptians who used it for embalming and could possibly signify that he was born

to die for the sins of the whole world. In John 19:39, myrrh was in the mixture of the burial spices used to anoint the body of Jesus for his burial, after he was crucified.

Wise men are still seeking Christ. We see these first wise men go to great lengths to seek and find the Savior. They traveled a great distance and left the comfort and convenience of their home to search for him. They invested their own time and resources to get in his presence and to worship him. If we are wise, we will seek to do the same, seeking to get in his presence.

Wise men are yet seeking the Savior. Hosea 10:12 says, Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, til he come and rain righteousness upon you. " Isaiah 54:5:6 says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus placed great emphasis on seeking the Lord first to receive life's blessings. He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew

6:33

When seeking the Lord becomes a priority wise men understand the importance of timing. Psalm 8:17 says, "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." Jeremiah 29:13, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Wise men still seek him! 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!



Sylvia Hooper

From the time that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was born until this present time, it is evident that wise men are still seeking him! "Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Proverbs 4:7

The wise men spoken of in this passage had spiritual discernment of something true, right, and lasting. In their search for the newborn Christ, they were guided by a shining star, which first appeared to them in the east, and brought them to Jerusalem on their way to Bethlehem, the location of the prophesized birth of the

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Margaret J. Stanley, 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 28th day of February, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 28th day of November, 2019

Louis W. Stanley, Jr., Executor 5574 US Hwy 117 South Burgaw, NC 28425

November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Catherine M. Davis, 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 28th day of February, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 28th day of November, 2019

Gwenetta C. Haugabrook, Executrix 1409 Wooster St. Wilmington, NC 28401

November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JT 83

IN THE MATTER OF: M.K.T.-N.

TO: RESPONDENT FATHER: JAMAAL ANTIONE NEAL, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF FEMALE JUVENILE BORN ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 16, 2014 IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA TO GABRIELLE MICHELLE THOMPSON

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 December 12, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice.

Attorney Kristen Callihan, has been appointed to represent you in this action and she can be reached at 319 N. Front Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, or kristen@boylescallihanlaw.com; 910-763-6345.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Courtroom #100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 12th day of December, 2019.

Jill Cairo

Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services 1650 Greenfield Street Wilmington, NC 28401

December 12, 19, 26, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mary Leila Andrews 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 19th day of March, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 19th day of December, 2019.

Robert J. Andrews, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Mary Leila Andrews 4219 Ashley Park Wilmington, NC 28412

December 12, 19, 26, January 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 19 E 1098 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: KAREN JUDITH EMME Decedent.

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Karen Judith Emme, late of 701 Market Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC 28401, 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 1904 Eastwood Road, Ste 310A, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403, on or before the 5th day of February, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 27th day of November, 2019.

Jennifer Duskie, Personal Representative of the Estate of Karen Judith Emme, deceased. By and through her undersigned counsel: Russell D. Nugent The Humphries Law Firm, P.C. 1904 Eastwood Rd. Ste 310A Wilmington, NC 28403

December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JT 208

IN THE MATTER OF: I.L. (dob: 27 March 2018) TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

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You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, December 19, 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 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 16th day of December, 2019.

Jennifer G. Cooke Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services 1650 Greenfield Street Wilmington, NC 28401

December 19, 26, 2019, January 2, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Edward Hissam deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do 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 March, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 5th day of December, 2019.

Mary Piepenbrink, Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Edward Hissam 2707 Columbia Ave Wilmington, NC 28403

December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Harold Maxwell, III (19-E-1471), 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 March 5, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 3rd day of December, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox Craige & Fox, PLLC 701 Market Street Wilmington, NC 28401 910-815-0085

December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JT 84

IN THE MATTER OF: K.A.T.

TO: RESPONDENT: UNKNOWN FATHER OF FEMALE JUVENILE BORN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 17, 2016 IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA TO GABRIELLE MICHELLE THOMPSON

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 December 12, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to answer the petition within the time prescribed, your parental rights to the Juvenile will be terminated.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Courtroom #100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 12th day of December, 2019.

Jill Cairo Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services 1650 Greenfield Street Wilmington, NC 28401

December 12, 19, 26, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mary Lilly Dew, 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 28th day of February, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 28th day of November, 2019

Donald Wayne Dew, Administrator 5616 Old Garden Rd. Apt. 305 Wilmington, NC 28403

November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Karen Judith Emme, late of 701 Market Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC 28401, 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 1904 Eastwood Road, Ste 310A, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403, on or before the 5th day of February, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 27th day of November, 2019.

Jennifer Duskie, Personal Representative of the Estate of Karen Judith Emme, deceased. By and through her undersigned counsel: Russell D. Nugent The Humphries Law Firm, P.C. 1904 Eastwood Rd. Ste 310A Wilmington, NC 28403 910-332-0721

December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Emma Elizabeth Horne Arrington, 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 12th day of March, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 12th day of December, 2019

Marsha Scott Arrington Ward, Executrix Po Box 12044 Wilmington, NC 28405

December 12, 19, 26, January 2, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Pauline L. Nankivell, 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 12th day of March, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 12th day of December, 2019

Randall A. Searls, Executrix 6112 Willow Glen Dr. Wilmington, NC 28412

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Betty Sue Mills, late of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 4031 Freedom Road, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28409 on or before March 6, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 5th day of December, 2019

Linda Mills Brown, Administrator Of the Estate of Betty Sue Mills Douglas A. Fox, Attorney YOW, FOX & MANNEN, LLP 102 N. 5TH Ave. Wilmington, NC 28401

December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Dorcas Bynum Holt, 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 12th day of March, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 12th day of December, 2019

Karen Gray Norris, Executrix 4371 Prescott Ct. Wilmington, NC 28412

December 12, 19, 26, January 2019

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Harold Lawrence Scharver 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 19th day of March, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 19th day of December, 2019.

Charles A. Paul III, Executor of the Estate of Harold Lawrence Scharver 2217 Moreland Drive Wilmington, NC 28405

December 19, 26, 2019, January 2, 9, 2020

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of James Coleman Greiner 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 19th day of March, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 19th day of December, 2019.

Jeanette Burgess Greiner, Executrix of the Estate of James Coleman Greiner 124 Lumina Ave S Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

December 19, 26, 2019, January 2, 9, 2020

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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 291

IN THE MATTER OF: F.W. (DOB: 08-17-2019)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE, CHILD BORN IN CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG 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 December 19, 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 February 3, 2020, 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 12th day December, 2019.

LeeAnne Quattrucci Attorney for the Petitioner 401 Chestnut Street, Suite J Wilmington, NC 28401

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IN THE MATTER OF: A. M. R. (DOB: 10-30-2019)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE, 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:

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This the 12th day December, 2019.

LeeAnne Quattrucci Attorney for the Petitioner 401 Chestnut Street, Suite J Wilmington, NC 28401 Tel. #: (910) 795-0230 Fax #: (910) 401-1485

December 12, 19, 26, 2019

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 290

IN THE MATTER OF: B. S. S. (DOB: 10-31-2019)

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

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This the 12th day December, 2019.

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