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Gov. Cooper vows to answer need for more Black teachers

BY CASH MICHAELS
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It's an age-old question still seeking a viable answer, and recently, Gov. Roy Cooper said he intends to help in the search.

On December 10, 2019, Gov. Cooper issued Executive Order #113 "...that establishes a Task Force focused on matters of equity and inclusion in education."

Cooper also wants North Carolina's Teaching Fellows Program expanded to every HBCU (historically Black college and university) in North Carolina in order

at help cultivate more Black teachers.

"Diversity at the front of the classroom improves student success across the board and helps our state fill a significant gap in the number of qualified teachers we have versus how many we need," Gov. Cooper told those gathered at the DRIVE Summit: Developing a Representative and Inclusive Vision for Education, co-hosted by the Office of the Governor, the North Carolina Business Committee on Education (NCBCE), and The Hunt Institute at NC State University.

According to Executive Order 113, "...for the 2017-2018 school year, 48% of the public school student population in North Carolina was White, 25% Black, 18% Hispanic/Latino...[and] during the 2017-2018 school year, only 20% of the public school educator workforce was comprised of educators of color..."

Meaning that 80% of public school teachers in North Carolina are White.

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GOV. ROY COOPER



This Black Santa seen in CVS stores across the country is one way that corporations appear to try harder to reach African-Americans and other consumers of color. But levels of active advertising with Black media that reach Black consumers remain disappointing.

Black spending power demand corporations to show more love and support for Black culture

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African-Americans want more for themselves and from corporate America, and they express it with their dollars as they move through the consumer journey, from brand awareness to purchase, as revealed today in Nielsen's 2019 Diverse Intelligence Series (DIS) Report on African Americans.

It's in the Bag: Black Consumers' Path to Purchase explores the non-linear and uniquely technologically driven road that African Americans follow to make purchasing decisions, which ultimately maximizes both online and in-person shopping options. This path highlights several differences in shopping behavior and purchasing when compared to the total U.S. population. The report also includes deeper insights into how culture, socio-economics and business influences how,

why and what motivates African-American spending in a special co-authored section by advocate and media commentator Angela Rye, CEO and Principal of Impact Strategies.

"At 47.8 million strong and a buying power that's on par with many countries' gross domestic products, African Americans continue to outpace spending nationally," said Cheryl Grace,

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Attorney Ben Crump talks new book, 'Open Season: Legalized Genocide of Colored People'

BY STACY M. BROWN,
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Famed Civil Rights Attorney Ben Crump has written a new book that examines the troubling history of environmental racism in America.

"Open Season: Legalized Genocide of Colored People," the 272-page book that's already the top seller on Amazon.com in the category of Civil Rights Law, tackles how environmental racism pertains to the water crisis in Flint,

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Crump explores how marginalized communities largely are overlooked by the institutions charged with protecting them.

BY CASH MICHAELS
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It is no surprise that only three out of North Carolina's thirteen-member congressional delegation voted to impeach Republican Pres. Donald John Trump December 18, 2019.

It is also no surprise that those three were Democrats, First District Rep. G. K. Butterfield, Fourth District Congressman David Price, and Twelfth District Congresswoman Alma Adams.

No Republicans in Congress voted to impeach the President.

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REP. ALMA ADAMS



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N.C. Democrats vote to impeach Trump

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BLACK TEACHERS

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EO #113 goes on to talk about the need for a "diverse educator pool" for "improving student learning, assessment outcomes and quality of life, particularly in school and school districts with majority-minority student populations, and thus, the need for the creation of a

task force"...in pursuit of making North Carolina a top ten educated state by 2025..." and thus, the DRIVE Task Force was established, charged with advising the Office of the Governor on strategies that would address matters of equity and inclusion within education.

As recent reports have found, it is possible for a Black N. C. public school

student in North Carolina to go from kindergarten to 12th grade and never have a teacher who looks like him or her.

Research also shows that Black teachers can and do make a difference in the lives of African-American students academically. North Carolina's Teaching Fellows Program was a key instrument in recruiting candidates of color to

become tomorrow's educators, but the Republican-led State Legislature shut the program down in 2011, only to bring it back in 2017 at just five North Carolina campuses, none of them an HBCU.

According to published reports, for the past two years, 80 percent of students selected for the program were White (mostly White women).

Gov. Cooper says he's pushing state lawmakers to expand the program to HBCUs (asking for \$1.8 million to fund a pilot project to increase recruitment), and is encouraging chancellors at HBCUs to aggressively pursue application.

The DRIVE Task Force is required to submit a report on its progress by January 1, 2021. The task force expires on December 31, 2021.

BLACK SPENDING

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Nielsen's Senior Vice President of Community Alliances and Consumer Engagement and co-creator of the DIS Report. "This year, we wanted to help brands and marketers understand the multifaceted process that Blacks take to buy the products they buy. There are several drivers, but culture is at the center of them all. Further, with their love for technology, they are much more savvy and conscious consumers. They are as we say, 'woke.' They pay attention to how companies are speaking to them. As they spend more, they want more for themselves and from the brands they support."

Dating back to 2011, this is Nielsen's ninth report highlighting the media consumption, purchasing habits, lifestyle interests and economic advancements of African Americans. It is the third in a theme, released by Nielsen this year following the comprehensive purchasing processes of Asian American and Latinx consumers. Key takeaways from It's in the Bag: Black Consumers Path to Purchase include:

African-Americans are welcoming recipients of advertising across all channels. However, while the

trends of the Black buying power and over-indexing in spending continue to increase, companies' investments to advertise to them have decreased.

** African Americans are more likely than the total population to agree that advertising provides meaningful information on most platforms, including mobile (42 percent higher), television (23 percent higher), radio (21 percent higher) and the internet (18 percent higher).

** Advertising spend designed to reach Black consumers declined 5 percent between 2017 and 2018. Physical appearance reflects a sense of cultural pride and self-expression in the Black community. This is evidenced by the top spending priorities for African Americans from everyday soap to luxury handbags.

** African Americans outspend the total market on personal soap and bath needs by nearly 19 percent (\$573.6 million).

** Men are making an impact with grooming habits, outpacing the total market by 20 percent on toiletry items.

** Blacks are 20 percent more likely than the total population to say they will "pay extra for a product that is consistent with the image I want to convey."

** They are also more likely to say they shop at

high-end stores including Saks Fifth Avenue (63 percent), Neiman Marcus (45 percent) and Bloomingdales (24 percent).

While online shopping grows, African Americans continue to head to physical stores for the personal touch and feel experience-but with more discerning eyes.

** More than half (52 percent) of African Americans find in-store shopping relaxing, compared with 26 percent of the total population.

** 55 percent of Black consumers say they enjoy wandering the store looking for new, interesting products.

** When shopping, African Americans are more influenced than the total population by store staff (34 percent more likely), in-store advertising (28 percent more likely) and merchandising (27 percent more likely). The "for us by us" trend of Black-owned brands is profoundly impacting the African American path to purchase and consumer marketplace. Black consumers support brands that align with their lifestyles and values.

** African Americans dominate the ethnic hair and beauty aids category, accounting for almost 90 percent of the overall spend.

** 42 percent of Black adults expect brands they purchase to support social causes (16 percent higher

than the total population).

** 35 percent of African American shoppers are more likely to agree, "when a celebrity designs a product, I am more likely to buy it."

** Procter & Gamble (P&G) is the largest advertiser in African American media, spending more than a half-billion dollars (\$544.3 million). Five of the top 20 baby care category products come from P&G's Pampers and Luvs brands.

Soul food drives African American consumers' top grocery purchases. These consumers are also passionate about the environment, wanting to buy safe, locally sourced food items.

** African Americans outpace the general market on: Quaker grits (\$19 million); Louisiana Fish Fry (\$11 million); Glory Greens (frozen and fresh, \$9.5 million combined) and Jay's Potato Chips (nearly \$2.7 million).

** 61 percent say produce is the most important category to buy local, followed by bakery and prepared foods (56 percent), eggs (55 percent) and dairy (52 percent).

** Blacks over-index the total population concerned about food safety issues: antibiotic use in animal production (by 20 percent); artificial ingredients (by 19 percent) and GMO crop development due to climate

change. The biggest worry is rising prices due to trade tariffs (68 percent Blacks vs. 56 percent total population).

** Nielsen continues to unearth undeniable data and insights that highlight both the agency and power of Black consumers, and the plethora of opportunities that exist for companies that are focused on nurturing and empowering how they move through the world," said Jonathan Jackson, former 2019 Nieman-Berkman Klein Fellow in Journalism Innovation at The Nieman Foundation for Journalism and member of Nielsen's African American External Advisory Council.

Nielsen uses U.S. Census data to determine population estimates that inform its U.S. panels and its understanding of consumer behavior. Given the rapid diversification of the U.S. population, an accurate census has never been more important. That's why Nielsen has signed on as a 2020 Census Official Partner with the U.S. Census Bureau, and utilized census data to show the economic and demographic impact of African American consumers. This is the second time the company has leveraged this partnership for the Diverse Intelligence Series, after the 2019 Latinx consumer report, released in August.

IMPEACH

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History will record that all but three House Democrats in Congress voted to impeach Trump on two articles, one on abuse of power, the second on obstruction of Congress, both related to the President's July 2019 phone conversation with the president of Ukraine and Trump's alleged attempt to bribe the official to announce an investigation into likely political rival former Vice President Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, over unfounded charges of corruption.

All three North Carolina Democrats voted in the affirmative for both articles of impeachment along with the majority of their Democratic colleagues, 230 versus 197 to ratify abuse of power, and 229 versus 197 on obstruction of Congress.

North Carolina's two Black congresspersons, Adams and Butterfield, explained why their historic votes were so important.

"After reviewing hours of testimony, countless pieces of evidence, and the

Administration's own words and actions, I believe the case has been made that the President abused his power and obstructed Congress from fulfilling its constitutional duty," Adams said in a statement prior to her "yes" vote.

"The evidence shows that the President put his interests above those of the country," she continued. "We must act quickly because President Trump's behavior poses a clear and present danger to our democracy. His words and actions show that he is actively looking to interfere in next year's election by any means necessary. We cannot stand for that kind of misconduct in our country's Chief Executive."

Adam's North Carolina Democratic colleague, Rep. G. K. Butterfield, was just as resolute.

"Since taking office nearly three years ago, President Donald J. Trump has consistently and intentionally divided this country. President Trump has repeatedly solicited foreign interference into our elections. In the case of Ukraine, he attempted to condition military aid and a White House meeting with the President of Ukraine in exchange for

the announcement of investigations that would benefit President Trump's re-election. When Congress is presented with evidence such as this, blatantly undermining our elections and putting the security of the American people at risk, it is our constitutional duty to act. No one is above the law, not even the President," Rep. Butterfield said, concluding, "'Based on the evidence before us, I voted in favor of both articles of impeachment against Donald J. Trump. No one is above the law."

Some N. C. Republicans, like Rep. Greg Murphy, decried the Democrats impeaching Trump, saying, "This is a tragic day in our nation's history. We have individuals that hate this President more than they love this country. Our country needs prayer and not this destructive partisanship."

However, Rep. John Lewis, Democrat of Georgia, captured the spirit of House Democrats when he spoke on the House floor in favor of impeachment, saying, "For some, this vote may be hard, but we have a mission and a mandate to be on the right side of history."



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STATE BRIEFS



FORMER NC JUSTICE PATRICIA TIMMONS-GOODSON FILES FOR HOUSE SEAT
 [RALEIGH] When the filing period for 2020 legislative elections closed on

Friday, Dec. 20th, one of the most surprising was in the race for House District 8 between Republican incumbent Rep. Richard Hudson of Concord, and former NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson, a Democrat from Fayetteville. Justice Timmons-Goodson was nominated by Pres. Barack Obama to be a federal judge in the Eastern District in

2016. Previously she has served as an appellate judge of the state Court of Appeals; a district court judge in the 12th District, and an assistant district attorney.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.8%
 [RALEIGH] The decrease was only 0.2 of a percentage from the previous month of

October. However, that is still 0.1 percent higher than a year ago. The N.C. Department of Commerce says 7,892 more people were employed in November than in October.

FORMER GOV. MCCRORY HAS SIGHTS SET FOR THE 2022 U.S. SENATE RACE
 [CHARLOTTE] Even though he was leading at

least one poll to run again for governor, former Gov. Pat McCrory has announced that he is preparing himself to run for the U.S. Senate in 2022 to take over the seat currently held by the outgoing fellow Republican Sen. Richard Burr. That means McCrory will not likely face-off against outgoing Sixth District Congressman Mark Walker, who recently

announced that he, too, will seek Burr's seat in 2022. No Democrats have announced their candidacy for Burr's seat as of press time.

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CRUMP

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Michigan, and Newark, New Jersey.

In the book, Crump explores how marginalized communities largely are overlooked by the institutions charged with protecting them.

Crump also summarizes the state of civil and environmental rights in the U.S.

As he prepared a return to Flint, Crump vowed to avoid distractions, including a recent \$100 million lawsuit filed by George Zimmerman against the attorney and the parents of Trayvon Martin.

"The parents of Trayvon

Martin and I don't want to give any attention to this frivolous and unfounded lawsuit at all. We believe attention is what he's seeking," Crump stated.

"It's so asinine that the actions of the killer of their teenage son will continue to devastate them over and over again. Every year he comes up with something like the selling of the gun. It's just horrific what this individual does. We rather focus on something more important, like in Flint, and this guy is only a distraction," Crump noted.

Crump's return to Flint, where he planned to hold rallies over two days to keep attention on the continued water crisis, comes nearly four years after he and hip-hop mogul

Russell Simmons went house-to-house delivering water to families throughout the city.

"We found out that not only was there a water crisis, but Flint was a food desert," Crump stated. "So, we have to focus on this because it's important. We have children who have problems with brain development because they were poisoned by the government wantonly."

While Crump's new book digs deeper into the Flint crisis, it also explores racism across the country.

In one section of "Open Season," Crump talks about one of the incidents that inspired him to continue his work as a civil rights attorney.

"When we were in Ferguson, Missouri, in the aftermath of

the killing of Michael Brown, who was shot and killed in broad daylight, there were these young Black Lives Matter activists who refused to let them sweep Michael Brown's life under the rug," Crump stated.

"The government called in the National Guard. And I remember being there with the media and the crowds of people and the National Guard with militarized and an assault rifles," he stated.

Crump continued:

And you have these young people without fear. And this one brother specifically walked right up to the National Guard, who has their rifle trained on him. The man's face was practically touching the tip of the

rifle, but he just had enough at that moment.

"He said, with the rifle in his face, 'go ahead and shoot me with all these cameras here, because you're going to shoot us anyway when they go away, so shoot and kill me now so the people can see how you kill us.'"

"I thought that was riveting because I said he's right. It is important that people see how they're killing us. But not just with bullets in the police shooting cases, but more poignant, how they kill us every day in every city, in every state, in every courtroom in America legally with these trumped-up felony convictions."

With the book, Crump stated that he seeks to hold a mirror to the face of all Americans and force them to acknowledge the hypocrisy.

"You have to at least acknowledge the racism and discrimination in the institutions of governance. If you don't ever admit it, we can never solve the problem," he stated.

It took about three years for Crump to write "Open Season," and he called it one of the most challenging tasks he's under-

taken.

"You sit there and remember all those things that have happened to black and brown people in this country, and it just breaks your heart," Crump stated.

"Over and over again, no matter what the situation is, for people of color, we get the most injustice," Crump stated.

"You can give me any situation, and they will find a way to make sure that marginalized people of color don't get equal justice. That's what we have to fight against. That's what we're fighting against in Flint, Newark, Baltimore, Washington, and other communities," he said.

Crump continued: "If this water crisis in Flint would have happened in a white community, it would be a national catastrophe. Lightning would strike and thunder would boom. I mean people would go to jail. "But, because it's a majority-minority community, it's almost as if Americans don't know it happened. They say, 'it doesn't affect me, just those black and brown people, so it doesn't matter.'"

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Marvin Miller gets to the Baseball Hall of Fame...but no Curt Flood

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

When it was announced on December 8th that the late Marvin Miller, the first executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA), had finally been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame I let out a yell of glee! Finally, an individual who did so much for baseball and knocked down so many walls has been recognized. Transforming an organization—the MLBPA—that was barely functioning into one of the most important labor unions in the USA was no small feat. And opening the door to free agency, which he and his leadership team mastered through brilliant strategy, fundamentally changed baseball.

Bill Fletcher



What was missing in all the excitement was the recognition of the first 'soldier' out of the foxhole who, in an act of great courage and sacrifice, laid the foundation for the victory that Miller was able to bring about. Of course, I am referencing the late Curt Flood.

Curt Flood, an African American outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals, was faced with a forced trade to the Philadelphia Phillies. This was in the late 1960s when baseball players were de facto owned by their teams (due to the "reserve clause"). Flood refused the trade and went to Marvin Miller seeking support. Miller and other leaders of the MLBPA asked Flood some tough questions, including whether he was truly ready for the risks associated with taking such a stand. Flood convinced Miller, as well as player leaders such as Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates), that he was ready. And he then received their full support.

Curt Flood's letter to MLB

Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, stating that he is not "a piece of property to be bought and sold irrespective of my wishes." Flood also states his intention to play baseball in 1970. (Photo: U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. / Wikimedia Commons)

Flood fought a multi-year court battle, ultimately ending in the Supreme Court, trying to end the reserve clause and institute free agency (the ability of a player, after a specific period of time, to offer his services to the highest bidder). He was ultimately defeated in one of the strangest US Supreme Court decisions ever recorded. Flood was exiled from baseball; went into a tailspin; but, with the help of his second wife, actress Judy Pace and other key friends, was able to reestablish his life. He passed away in 1997.

Flood's case, though going down in defeat, shook up the baseball world and discredited the reserve clause system. It laid the foundation for the

strategy employed by Miller a few years later to crack the system and introduce free agency. It is as a result of the courage of Flood and the strategy of Miller that Major League players were able to gain the incredible salary improvements seen over the last four decades.

I have, for quite a long time, felt that both Miller and Flood should have been admitted to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Both of them, in different and related ways, changed baseball as an industry. Miller's induction was a great victory, hands down. Flood, however, was the first soldier out of the foxhole; a Rosa Parks-like figure in baseball who knew that though the odds were stacked against him, he was prepared to stand firm.

How could that not merit being admitted into the Hall of Fame?

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES Religion, church, the Gospel, and the GOP

In his scathing six-page letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi decrying what he calls the "hoax" impeachment which is sure to be a part of his legacy, the president attacked her genuineness when it comes to her religious beliefs. He wrote, "...you are offending Americans of faith by continually saying "I pray for the President (sic) when you know this statement is not true, unless it is meant in a negative sense. It is a terrible thing you are doing, but you will have to live with it, not!"



Rev. Susan K. Smith

While there was much to take umbrage about in this letter, this statement was more disturbing than most of the others. This is a man whom Conservatives declare was "sent by God" to rule America, a man whom many Conservatives think is a divine entity, with some Religious Right leaders warning "Christians" that to oppose the president is to oppose God. (<https://theconversation.com/rick-perrys-belief-that-trump-was-chosen-by-god-is-shared-by-many-in-a-fast-growing-christian-movement-127781>).

The rhetoric being thrown around is mind-blowing, but it brings to mind the idea of some, including me, that there is a difference between "religion" and "church." The late theologian, pastor, preacher and teacher Will Campbell, a white southern Baptist, said in an interview with Walter Clancy that he didn't use either term, "religion" or "church" in a positive light, and said that he would probably use the word "Gospel" where most use the word "religion." He said that in his opinion, Jesus the Christ was "among the most antireligious ever to come along, for He came breaking the rules, smashing idols, [and] tearing down structures..." He said "rules, crusades and structures are the stuff religion is made of, whereas Jesus came proclaiming deliverance." (Conversations with Will D. Campbell, p. 11)

Far from being a harbinger for justice, fairness and deliverance, Campbell notes in that same interview that "religion and church have contributed negatively to the southern experience. It was...Religion and Church (sic) which provided the moral and ethical justification for slavery...and the morale for the Civil War." (p. 12)

This president, resting in the bosom of religion which he is apparently so divorced from that he referred to "two Corinthians" during his campaign to somehow prove how "religious" he was, has always come across as being disingenuous as he has called on "people of faith," meaning "religious" people, but that disingenuity seems even more profound as he suggests that Speaker Pelosi is being dishonest when she says she is praying for him. His continuing descent into victimhood, supported by his apparently newfound relationship with God, has a stench about it as he denigrates another person of faith, a faith, it seems, much different than his own.

The president and the Religious Right are just that - religious - but no person or group can be called "Christian" unless he or she or it follows the teachings of Jesus the Christ. A very important part of the Gospel is the mandate given by Jesus the Christ to forgive others and to ask God for forgiveness (which the president said during his campaign that he has never done), and to "love your neighbor as yourself," part of the "Great Commandment. Speaker Pelosi seemed to be practicing those lessons as she said she prayed for the president, but the president seemed not to understand this very fundamental principle of the teachings of Jesus.

The Founding Fathers were careful to make sure their new country was not labeled "Christian," though many to most of them grew up in church, many to most of them were careful and deliberate in calling themselves "Deists." They believed in some higher being, but they tended to distance themselves from being labeled Christian. It is a fact as well that many authoritarian figures in history have criticized Christianity and democracies as being weak. Neither the teachings of the Jesus who was militarized by the Empire long ago, or the system of rules and structures that came to characterize religion, are thought much of. This president, like so many government figures, including Constantine, who made Christianity the religion of the Empire, demands loyalty to him, not to God or to God's world.

In this holy season, nativity scenes and Christmas carols pull us to celebrate the myth of a real Christianity, when in fact what we and others throughout the world celebrate is capitalism and power. That the president criticized a person who is attempting to practice her faith is regrettable, but unfortunately, not foreign to this world or to this country. We may be church-goers in this country, but many who call themselves religious worship power and money more than the presence and person of one Jesus the Christ. The GOP, which for so long has claimed moral superiority based on its religious tradition have shown and are showing us that their religion has been being carried in a bucket with holes. And unfortunately, the president is carrying that same bucket, even as many in this nation clamor for a savior who will save this country and this world.

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.

Will McConnell let the Senate hold a fair impeachment trial?

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

December 18 — Today the House of Representatives will vote on whether to impeach President Trump. If it votes yes, sometime early in the new year I will take an oath on the Senate floor to uphold the Constitution, review evidence and follow the facts wherever they lead,



Senator Kamala D. Harris

regardless of party or ideology. Every one of my colleagues will be required to do the same. As a former prosecutor, I understand the importance of holding powerful people accountable. I know that every trial requires fairness and truth. Having worked my whole life serving the people, I know that any trial that abandons the pursuit of truth cannot be considered fair or just.

But the Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, appears more interested in covering up the president's misconduct than in pursuing truth and fairness. He is already trying to limit the impeachment trial by preventing witnesses from testifying, and he has all but announced a verdict. In doing

so, he showed the American people that he has no intention of honoring his oath.

Let's be clear: Mr. McConnell doesn't want a Senate trial. He wants a Senate cover-up.

Fortunately, Mr. McConnell does not have the power to unilaterally undermine this trial. Every single senator will be empowered with an equal vote on how the trial will proceed. Though in just the past year, Mr. McConnell has used his position to unilaterally block legislation to restore the Voting Rights Act, lower the prices of prescription drugs and address the gun violence epidemic, he cannot wield the same authority in a Senate impeachment trial.

In this trial, senators will be far more than jurors. Every one of us will vote to determine the rules for the trial, decide which witnesses testify and ultimately serve as both court and jury. Each of us will be called on to uphold our oath with every decision we make. We will all be held accountable by the American people if we refuse to discover the facts relevant to the articles of impeachment.

The Senate Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer, has made a reasonable request to hear from four additional witnesses with firsthand knowledge of the president's misconduct and to review documents that shed light on why

the administration initially decided to cut off military aid to Ukraine.

We need to hear from Mick Mulvaney, the acting White House chief of staff, who admitted to Mr. Trump's bribery scheme on live television, and from the former national security adviser, John Bolton, who has been shopping stories about Mr. Trump to book publishers instead of speaking with Congress. Every senator should want to hear from anyone who can speak directly to the president's misconduct related to the articles of impeachment.

Even Richard Nixon allowed the key figures behind the Watergate scandal to speak to Congress, and he eventually turned over incriminating portions of his Oval Office recordings to investigators. But Mr. Trump has stonewalled Congress and inhibited our ability to seek justice by demanding that those closest to the center of the Ukraine scandal stay silent.

Senators must be allowed to subpoena relevant witnesses and submit questions to them directly. The Senate should not vote on any article of impeachment or consider a motion to dismiss the trial until we have reviewed the additional testimony and evidence that Mr. Schumer has requested.

I have never been in a courtroom where the accused

can unilaterally block witnesses from testifying or prohibit prosecutors from asking witnesses questions. No court would allow a trial to proceed this way, and neither should any member of the Senate.

Ensuring the integrity of this trial is a solemn responsibility for every senator, with consequences that extend far beyond any one presidency. My colleagues and I have a duty to use our voice and our vote to insist on a fair trial, rooted in the pursuit of truth. We must demonstrate to the American people that in our system of justice all are equal under law, and that there are not two sets of rules, one for Donald Trump and another for everybody else. We must conduct the Senate impeachment trial in a way that is fair and that reflects impartial justice.

History will judge the actions taken by the United States Senate at a time when our Constitution and the rule of law were at stake. I'll be fighting for justice and accountability, and my colleagues should too.

Kamala D. Harris is a Democratic senator from California.

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Donald the fool is not Jesus the Christ

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The hours before the House of Representatives impeachment vote were a study in contrasts. While Democrats approached the debate leading up the vote somberly, with all due consideration, and with historical references, Republicans seemed to think they were starring in a comedy show.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

And the now-impeached President added to the comedy with an unhinged and delusional letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that clearly illustrated the break he has taken from reality. So he compared himself to the people who were executed (yes, executed!) during the Salem witch trials in 1692-1693. Yes the fool had to go back more than 300 years to find a parallel for his "poor" treatment.

More egregiously, Mr. Trump was compared to Jesus the Christ, an abomination especially during this holiday season. We who are Christian celebrate the birth of the Christ child each year. It renews our faith. It provides us with hope. It should not be marred or besmirched by a paranoid charlatan who

has the temerity to think he is anything like Jesus the Christ.

Who was Christ, anyway? The Jesus that the Bible celebrates was full of love for the least and the left out. In the Holy Bible, Matthew 25:40 Jesus said, "whatever you do for the least of these you do for me". Yet our 45th President has had nothing but contempt for the least of these, cutting food programs, caging innocent children, sputtering hate and nonsense at every opportunity. There was no Christ in the way that 45 attacked deceased Congressman John Dingell (D-Michigan), deliberately mocking his widow, now-Congresswoman Debbie Dingell. Mrs. Dingell was painfully transparent in her reaction to Mr. Trump's ignorance. She lost her husband less than a year ago, and our "Commander in Chief" is spinelessly attacking her and her husband. Where is the compassion of Christ in that?

Beyond utter hubris, the Christ comparison is pure delusional arrogance, but this is what we have come to expect from this putrid and paranoid President and his pitiful minions. And while partisan discord is the name of the game, too many Republican who know better have decided that their oath of allegiance is not to the Constitution but to a morally flawed, constitutionally indifferent President. The fact that

Republicans, many who know better, many who acknowledge it "off the record" march in lockstep behind someone who has abused his power, is disturbing. Even more disturbing in the fact that too many Republicans think it's okay.

Meanwhile, a mix tape of Christmas songs runs through my mind as I think of the temerity of Donald the Fool comparing himself to Jesus the Christ. "Oh Come Let Us Adore Him". That's what Donald the Fool wants - adoration. There is no sane Christian who will adore him because he is not the Christ, but a terribly flawed man who lies (15,000 y'all) and steals with impunity. Or the refrain from "Silent Night". Sleep in heavenly peace. But this Divider-in Chief has brought us absolutely no peace, no quiet, no calm. As many of us spend these days around Christmas caroling and worshipping, it is repugnant that this charlatan compares himself to the virtuous Christ. Where are his virtues?

This comparison is also indicative of how conservative Christians (words that should not be used in the same sentence) have fractured faith by describing 45 as "the chosen one." Chosen by whom and to what end? It is the height of hubris that one would pick such a venal man as chosen, God did not choose this lying, genital grabbing

crook for anything but to force us to organize, mobilize, and tap into the power we all have within.

It would take days to unpack the several lies that Republicans used in their "defense" of their President. They said Democrats were out to get him from day one. It is true that a few were but the fact is that Speaker Nancy Pelosi was always measured in her approach to impeachment. She resisted it for the longest time, only capitulating when the Ukraine matter was too egregious to be ignored. The spoke of Democrats "hating" Trump, but disdain is not hate. The mangled the Constitution to their own end.

But in this Christmas season, the worst thing that any of them did was to compare Donald the Fool with Jesus the Christ. My mix tapes of hymns exalting the virtues of our Savior is in sharp contrast to the reality of Trump. To compare that horrid, venal man to anything resembling Christ is to slap every Christian in the face. Love is patient, love is kind, Trump is none of the above.

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It was a grand salute on December 13th as we congratulated the 20 homebuyers of 2019 and the 35+ homeowners that came before them through our Project Get That Deed initiative. Even Mayor Saffo and City Councilman Kevin Spears stopped by to congratulate the homeowners and the initiative for crossing over into helping 50+ families to date.

So many stories and testimonies shared how they felt like giving up but knew they could not because their family deserved this. We had all kinds of families that crossed over this year into ownership.

Families like Ms. Darlene that had rented over 30 years and were getting ready for retirement, sick of paying close to \$900 a month rent and now own for same price she paid in rent. Families like the Scotts, a young married couple both working full-time jobs and both

working F/T after work growing their catering business to 5-stars.



Brenda Dixon

Families like Mr. Jones aka 'Blue Boi' that had rented for over 40+ years and worked on the Docks for 30+ years and now he owns. Families like Yolanda Drakeford, an N.H. Co. Schools underpaid bus driver for 20+ years that was 1 of the families forced to move out of Glen's apartment after Hurricane Florence. She was given 24 hours to get out, and had been there for 14 years and had to leave all of her belongings behind and she said: "NO MORE, no one else will ever force me out of my home again."

Families like the Atkins that

contacted me saying they needed to speed up their action plan to buying because their home just got shot up with bullets last night and it was time to leave that rental and bless God, they did! Also, families like the Allen's that had rented their home for 9 years and loved it so much, they bought it. Same address, same keys, but no more lease, got that deed. They all did, and it was such a joy to see the families saluting one another and being so proud of their accomplishments.

Mayor Saffo confirmed what I had already told them before he got there, that Wilmington is growing, and as people continue to come, the value in their new homes will also. He told them that holding onto their property will be a smart move to make and that is so true and sound advice.

I told everyone about our 1st Get That Deed family, the Tart's whose property is now

worth \$75,000 more than what they paid for it. How icing on the cake was that after they purchased their home they discovered that the home had a whole house generator hard-wired. That was worth over \$10,000 plus they went into the attic and discovered there were scriptures written on every beam in that attic, EVERY BEAM! I'm telling you, that was mind-blowing and so befitting for it to be for the "1st family of Get That Deed" and the very 1st home sold through the program. Oh, I just had to share some of the highlights with you this week because I know someone will read this that needs a little encouragement and get inspired. Inspired to know it's never too late and also, never too early. In 2020, we will help a 19-year-old to own. They are currently splitting \$1700 a month rent with a roommate. I'm going to show her how to

buy a multifamily property (a duplex or tri-plex) for her 1st home and the mortgage will be less than \$1700 and show how she can live in one of the units almost for free and let the rent from the other units pay the mortgage! Oh come on somebody, y'all just don't know how many ways it is to gain ownership and build wealth at the same doggone time. I know this is a HUGE step and can be frightening. Some have said, "what if I fall on hard times and can't make the mortgage?" Then just move out and in with Mama and them. Put a tenant in there to pay rent/mortgage and when you get back on your feet, don't renew the lease and go on back home!

Get That Deed is on a mission to educate and remove every hinderance, we want to shout it to the roof-tops and we will even the more in 2020 with the help of other

Realtors throughout the USA that has a heart for our community and just want to see our families WIN. Get excited family, truly your family can have NEXT. Use any Realtor you chose to, just DO IT...

Until next time, share this article with at least 3 people and with any Realtors you know that loves helping people. For anyone desiring homeownership, reach out for your Free personalized game plan to purchase 1st-home in the next 18 months or less no matter the current finances. For any Realtor that wants to know more on how we can lock arms and bless the masses, just reach out. HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! See you in 2020!

Brenda Dixon, Dixon Realty Since 1991, 27 yrs. F/T expertise. Brenda@getthatdeed.com.

Local woman wins car raffle sponsored by (WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place

Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place; an award-winning non-profit youth organization teamed up with D&E Mitsubishi of Wilmington NC, to host the 2nd Annual WRAAP' Cruisin for Kids Charity Car Raffle Fundraiser Event.

The annual charity fundraiser event is designed to help raise funds for non-profits and community-based organization. WRAAP is proud to announce winners of the 2nd Annual Cruisin For Kids Charity Car Raffle that took place on Dec. 14, 2019 at (CFCC) Cape Fear Community College-Schwartz Center, 610 N. Front Street, Wilmington NC. With a purchase of a \$10 ticket these 3 lucky individuals won Grand Prize & cash bonus drawings.

Festivities included entertainment, personal comments, and food and refreshments catered by local eatery Fronstreet Brewery.

Congratulations to Ms. Sandra Lewis (Wilmington NC) the grand prize winner of a 2019 Mitsubishi Mirage fully loaded / tags & title included. The 2nd place winner, Ms. Yesha Leggett won \$1000.00 (Laurinburg NC) and the 3rd Place winner, Mr. Mark Riell won \$500.00 (Raleigh NC)

On December 18, 2019 Ms. Sandra Lewis claimed her grand prize at D&E Mitsubishi of Wilmington.

The WRAAP' Cruisin for Kids Charity Car Raffle Fundraiser Event is designed to help provide support for area non-profits and community-based organizations. Specific rules and guidelines are applied to non-profit groups and organizations that completed a ticket agent commitment form in order to participate and receive financial support. To learn more about WRAAP' Cruisin For Kids Charity Car Raffle visit the company website at www.nc-wraap.com.



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Ronald Lee Epps

Ronald Lee Epps, son of the late Leroy Canty and Bernice Epps peacefully entered into eternal rest on Friday, December 13, 2019.

He worked at GE through Mundy Contracting for 20 plus years. His hobby was fishing. Throughout his life, he took on the father role for many children.

He leaves to cherish his memories, the love of his life for more than 40 years, Sheila Watkins, adopted kids, Shameeka Watkins (Kenny) and Dejuan Watkins (Denise), adopted grandsons, Imeek, Kenjuan, Treyquan, Dejuan, Jr. and Kenneth; one adopted great-grand Ava; nieces Janice Ingram, Brenda Tisdale; great niece LaMieka Richey (Darius), adopted cousins Sue Ann, Odessia (Andre) and a host of other nieces, grand nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Charles Dawson High

Early Friday morning, December 20, 2019, Charles Dawson High departed this earthly life at Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Wilmington, North Carolina. Charles was born on August 29, 1944, in Bladen County to the late Jezaree Williamson High and Lester High, Sr.

Charles worked for many years at International Paper in Riegelwood, NC, where he worked as a Master Welder. Charles took pride in his work and was often recognized for his excellent workmanship.

He was a devoted member of the Philadelphia Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Council, NC where he served as Deacon, Local Elder and Musician. Charles loved music and faithfully served his church as organist.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Jezaree and Lester High, Sr., two brothers, Lester High, Jr., Joseph High, Sr. and grandson Lamar Montgomery.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Etta Thorpe High, three daughters, Sheila Montgomery of Georgia, Amelia High of Raleigh, NC, and Felicia High Speller (Mustafa) of Leland, NC; three sisters, Naomi Graham, Annie Buie (Levanda) of Riegelwood, NC and Rosetta Coley of Goldsboro, NC; two brothers Robert Andrews (Jean) of Vancouver, WA,

Earl Andrews of Springfield, MA; four grandchildren, La'Trice Montgomery of GA, Megan High of Raleigh, NC, Arianna High of Leland, NC and Malik Speller of Leland, NC; two great grandchildren, Gavin High of Raleigh, NC and Ariel Montgomery of GA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousin, other relatives and friends, including a special cousin, Earl Williamson.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 23, 2019 at Victory Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Bolton, North Carolina. Burial was in Freeman Community Cemetery, Bolton, North Carolina. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

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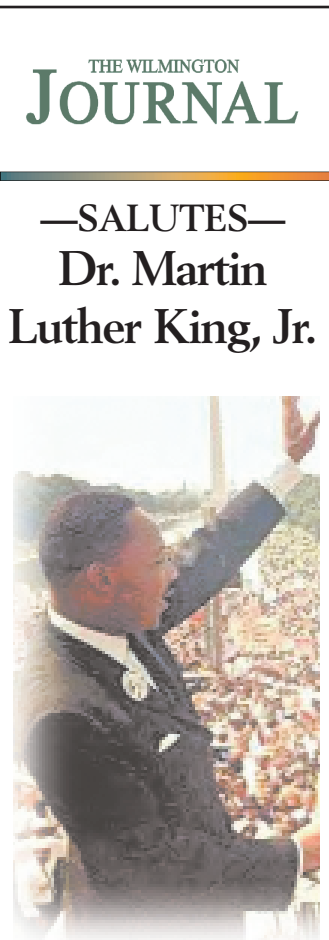


Ezmas Juanita Carmichael

December 24, 2019, marks 21 years since you took your last breathe and we were with you. On that day you heard the calling of your foreparents and the Saviour saying it's time to take your rest and join us on this side of the Jordan River.

You had always been there for us and this was our time of returning the love to you. As you look down on us and see how the family has grown and you were not only a mother, grandmother, but now a great grand mother and great great grandmother. Please know that the love of God and values that you and your mother instilled in us as children are still present in our lives today and will be there for the future. Please rest on and some day, we have been told that with the love of the Saviour, we will be able to see you all again. We will always miss you but the memories we created together will last a lifetime.

Submitted by the family



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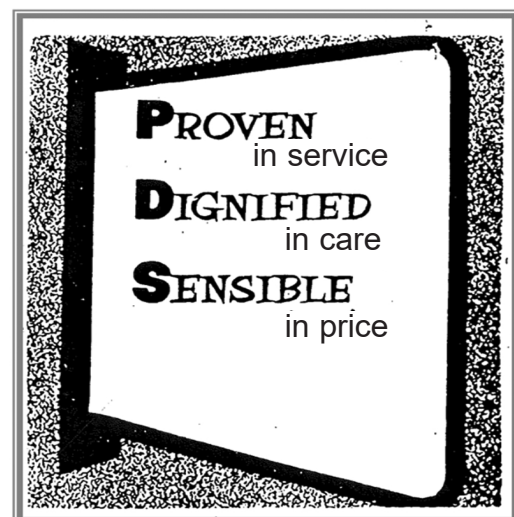
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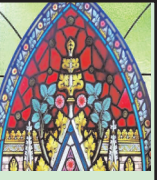
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Religious Briefs

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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TELL SOMEBODY

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. The Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was

spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS." Matthew 1: 18 - 25

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David. To be taxed with Mary his

espoused wife, being great with child. St. Luke 2: 1-14.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there were

with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." 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

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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

A sharp tongue cuts from the inside out

Growing up, I was never a student of the Bible even though I grew up surrounded by the best kind of Christians there were: the love-filled family kind.



James Washington

I believe I am now being constantly moved by the Holy Spirit (I hope to see the simplicity in the scripture I now study. As such, I am finding myself gravitating to ministers, pastors and saints as they dissect in sermon and prayer the incredible power of the tongue; yes, that small but dangerously lethal weapon housed in one's mouth.

Without any biblical per-

spective, history confirms the ability of deceit-filled eloquence to entice weak men to murder, married women to stray, prideful men to war and so-called peace-loving folk to slaughter.

On a daily basis, a reckless tongue can sear forever the spirit of an innocent child, a wanting spouse, a true friend or a caring co-worker. Evil oratory moves men and women to do evil things.

But oh, how powerful, how wonderful is a well-intentioned 'thank you', a sincere 'I'm sorry' or a genuine 'I believe in you.'

James 3:10 tells us that the tongue wields the power of life and death. Having been the target of ill-intended criticism, and out of momentary anger or hurt having tried to destroy the souls of many I held dear, I know first-hand

that James is so right.

I have been trying to correct this character flaw by being as deliberately uplifting as possible, thinking of myself as a vessel of the living God first before I speak and remembering that man was made in God's own image and cursing any man is tantamount to cursing God.

Could it be that James 1:26 holds a key to salvation? "...If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless..."

I submit to you that if you compare the words of Jesus Christ to any demagogue, you will find that Jesus' words repulse with great power all hatred, gossip, rumor and even innuendo. It is impossible to claim to love God without loving Jesus as the living

Word of God. Saying so merely confirms the truth in this case that the spoken Word will indeed set one free.

"Reckless words pierce like a sword but the tongue of the wise brings healing." Proverbs 12:14. I'm told God hates a liar and loves the truth. Remember there is no cure for hurt feelings except an honest spoken apology. Hurt feelings fester and infect a person.

Think before you speak. And please don't take my word for it. "He who guards his lips, guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin." Proverbs 12:3.

May God bless and keep you always.

James A. Washington is a father, husband, Christian, writer, entrepreneur and the owner/publisher of the Dallas Weekly.

Black News Channel Network launch fulfills lifelong dream of JC Watts

BY STACY M. BROWN
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR
CORRESPONDENT

Washington, DC — On January 6, 2020, the Black News Channel (BNC) will become the nation's only 24-hour news and information television network focused primarily on African Americans. The historic launch of the BNC will fulfill the business dream and vision of J.C. Watts, Jr., a nationally known entrepreneur and former U.S. Congressman, representing Oklahoma's Fourth District.

Programming will include special news features on topics that most affect the quality of life of communities of color — like Sickle Cell Disease and hypertension — that generally aren't given much attention to by other news outlets. The BNC has also established a news-content alliance with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), representing the Black Press of America, via 225 African American-owned newspapers and digital companies throughout the United States.

The Tallahassee, Florida-based BNC counts as the brainchild of J.C. Watts, Jr., who is described by Tommy Ross, the network's director of communications, as "a father, husband, grandfather, business owner, entrepreneur, author, elected official at the state and federal level, a pastor, and a rancher who grew up in a small town in Oklahoma."

In reality, Watts appears as much more, and those who know him, understand that he's a Republican conservative whose accomplishments crosses party lines. Watts is also a former All-Star quarterback who played college football in Oklahoma and pro ball in Canada.

His congressional accomplishments and living legacy are noteworthy, including:

Helped Black farmers get some justice on a discrimination suit against the United States Department of Agriculture.

Helped push through legislation for the African American Museum of History and Culture.

Sponsored HBCU summits to establish relationships and better understanding between students and Republican policymakers.

Sponsored anti-poverty legislation (community renewal/new markets tax credits).

Led Congress in highlighting minority health care disparities.

Led on the Republican side against sentencing disparities between crack/powder cocaine.

Led in getting funding to fight malaria in West Africa.

Sponsored Africa growth and opportunity legislation.

"We've done a lot as African Americans," Watts stated before referencing a recent statue unveiling that took place in Richmond, Virginia, earlier this month. "Rumors of War," a statue by artist Kehinde Wiley, was unveiled on December 10 during a ceremony at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. The figure depicts an African American man dressed in contemporary clothing riding a horse, echoing the equestrian sculptures of Confederate soldiers.

"Rumors of War" was reportedly Wiley's response to the Confederate monuments that pepper the U.S. and the South in particular. The new memorial arrived amid an ongoing debate across the country about what do with Confederate imagery. "This was history," Watts said of the statue. "Because, if we talk about the slave owner, how can we ignore the slave? African Americans contributed mightily to the United States, and you don't see enough statues of African Americans."

"Think about what Rosa

Parks contributed, Harriet Tubman's sacrifice, Martin Luther King's sacrifice, and Frederick Douglass. Their contribution was to raise the conscious level of America to say that you know, we are all human and, and all created by the same God," Watts emphasized.

He said the BNC would highlight the contributions of African Americans. And, to successfully accomplish that mission, Watts said it was essential to partner with NNPA.

"NNPA already has people in the trenches that report on African American life, whether it's Chicago, Atlanta, Birmingham, Detroit or Oklahoma City; they report on African American life every day," Watts stated. "I don't know if I can put into words how important that partnership will be, and that's just in terms of content. When I was in politics, we used a strategy where you've got people knocking on doors and leaving literature, and that's your ground game," Watts continued.

"But you also need an air attack to augment that ground game, so with NNPA being on the ground and giving us information and data, and us being able to launch an air attack, it's critical," he stated.

Watts believes that a significant component of the BNC is providing knowledge to a community that's starved for information.

"Our viewers will be able to find out more about Sickle Cell and Black men and Black women's health," Watts stated. "They will also be reminded that Black history isn't just about Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement, which was extremely important, but it isn't the only part of our history. We are going to take a deeper dive and have a deeper relationship with our community."

Watts' background as a Republican and a conserva-

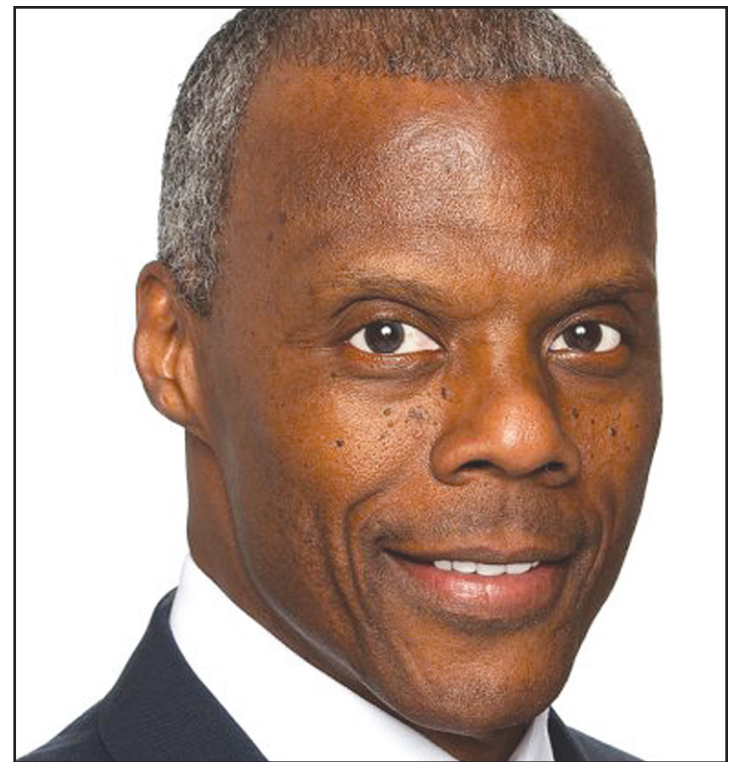
tive has often been a topic of both his supporters and detractors. However, Watts refuses to allow stereotypes and presumptions to define him.

"Conservative means many things to different people. To me, it means living the way my grandmama taught me," Watts stated. "She taught me to treat people the way that I want to be treated. In a Black home, you rarely saw people leaving their lights on at night because grandmama taught that it was a waste of electricity. If the lights were on, you knew that something pretty serious was happening."

Watts continued: "The bottom line about being a conservative is that you treat people with respect, and you don't believe in wasting things. That's important. And, another primary place that I get my conservative values is the Bible. I was thought that I shouldn't just be concerned about Oklahoma University, my alma mater, but I should also be concerned about Morehouse. That's why I sponsored anti-poverty legislation because sometimes you have to put extra resources into different communities to give them the infrastructure to attract industry and jobs."

"My biblical principles drove me much more than the Republican party. Look, the National Football League recognized that having successful teams in every market would benefit everyone, and that's why the team with the worst record gets the top pick in the draft. They know that if the Cincinnati Bengals perform better, everybody wins because you would have more advertising and a better television contract for everyone. So, I feel the same way about underserved communities. If we can help them to be stronger and create more opportunities within those communities, then that's good for all communities."

Conservative values also



J.C. WATTS, JR.

sparked Watts' desire for criminal justice reform, he stated.

"When I talk about conservative principles, you know you don't waste money," Watts stated. "So, why should we spend \$28,000 a year to incarcerate someone for a low-level, nonviolent drug offense?"

"You can spend significantly less on community service. And, when you look at the facts, the sentencing disparities were big. People on Wall Street were using powder cocaine just like people on Main Street, or people in poor communities, but the sentencing disparities were off the charts. I voted my conscience when on this when I was in Congress," Watts stated.

With the launch of the BNC just only weeks away, Watts hopes that viewers will get a similar feeling to what he experienced after recently taking his daughter to dinner to celebrate her birthday.

"My daughter recommended the restaurant, I'd never been there before," Watts

stated, "After dinner, she asked me what did I think of the restaurant? I said, 'I'd come back to tomorrow. And I think that's our mission with the BNC, not just to grab the imagination and the attention of the nation, but especially our demographic and to have them come back. I think it'll be a mission accomplished.'"

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., a progressive Democrat and President and CEO of the NNPA without any reservations asserted, "The launch of the Black News Channel (BNC) is very timely at the beginning of 2020. This is good news for all in Black America. The BNC transcends the current partisan divide in the United States. The interests of African Americans, as well as all other people of color and all of humanity who cry out for freedom, justice and equality will be more effectively addressed as direct result of the daily 24/7 diverse and news-packed broadcasts of BNC in the U.S. and throughout the world."

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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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **John F. Healy**, 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 **26th day of March, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of December, 2019

Gwendolene F. Healy, Executrix
8746 New Forest Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

December 26, 2019, January 2, 9, 16, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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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. Upon your failure to answer the petition within the time prescribed, your parental rights to the Juvenile will be terminated.

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@boylescallihan-law.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
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December 12, 19, 26, 2019

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**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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 19th day of December, 2019.

Robert J. Andrews, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Mary Leila Andrews
4219 Ashley Park
Wilmington, NC 28412
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 12, 19, 26, 2019, January 2, 2020

**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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. Jennifer Duskie, Personal Representative of the Estate of Karen Judith Emme, deceased.

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.
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December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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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**

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 I.L.

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 have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

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
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(910) 798-3612
(910) 798-3772 * fax

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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 5th day of December, 2019.

Mary Piepenbrink, Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Edward Hissam
2707 Columbia Ave
Wilmington, NC 28403
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of December, 2019

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

December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

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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 have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

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.
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December 12, 19, 26, 2019

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**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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of December, 2019

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

December 12, 19, 26, 2019,
January 2, 2020

**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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of December, 2019

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

December 12, 19, 26, 2019,
January 2, 2019

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 19 JT 289**

**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:

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 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.

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December 12, 19, 26, 2019

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 19th day of December, 2019.

Charles A. Paul III, Executor of the Estate of Harold Lawrence Scharver
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Wilmington, NC 28403

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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 19th day of December, 2019.

Jeanette Burgess Greiner,
Executrix of the Estate of James Coleman Greiner
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Wilmington, NC 28403

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

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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
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December 19, 26, 2019, January 2, 2020

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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

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 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.

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