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EBONEE SPEARS

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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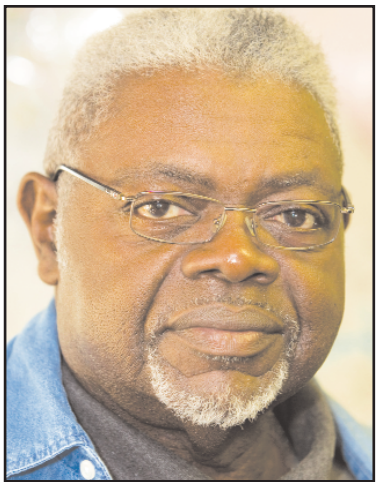
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

MY OPINION

In the last days, several have asked some questions, and, for answers, I can only give my opinion. I do find counsel and comfort in the book of II Chronicles 7:14: IF MY PEOPLE THAT ARE CALLED BY NAME SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SINS AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.

We are living in a time when our leaders will tell people all kinds of lies or "untruths" and think nothing of it. Our leaders have preached so much hate and distrust to our people until people are killing babies, young children, police, preachers, people in church services. This United

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NC A&T biologist tells truth about COVID-19

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

We've seen many an expert doctor or scientist on television, lately explaining why, in their view, the novel coronavirus or COVID-19, is one of the most formidable biological infestations the world has ever had to deal with.

And virtually all of them have been either white, or from another country.

All but one, and his name is Dr. Joseph Graves, Jr., an African-American professor of Biological Sciences at NC A&T University in Greensboro.

Appearing earlier this week on

the digital "Roland Martin Unfiltered" show, Dr. Graves - considered a widely published leading scholar in the social construction of race, and human aging - peeled back the mysteries of COVID-19, and warned that the mutating viral infestation is presenting more challenges than previously known, especially for poor communities of color.

CAN COVID-19 LIVE ON SURFACES FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME?

Yes, says Dr. Graves, approximately up to 72 hours, so the key to handling boxes, containers or

packages is maintaining personal sanitation - thoroughly washing both sides of your hands, in between fingers and nails with soap. If you get packaging in the mail, leave it and/or open it outside of your home if you can, take out the contents and discard it afterwards. Certainly disinfect the contents if possible.

Even go so far as to empty the contents of a box of cereal, or packaged meat, into cleaned containers that you know and trust.

Best protection, Dr. Graves said,

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DR. JOSEPH GRAVES, JR.



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FRONT ROW L TO R, JAMES WHITE, JOSEPH (JO-JO)WHITE, YOUNG LEFFS, HARVIE GOODING, AND MARVIN NICHOLSON, BACK ROW L TO R, CHARLES ADDISON, AND FRANK KENNEDY

The Civil War Re-enactors

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

James White has been a regional Civil War United States Colored Troops re-enactor for twenty-two years.

His interest spawned years ago during a visit to Southport by re-enactors from Charleston, representing the 54th Massachusetts Regiment.

The group visited the lower Cape Fear region to honor and dedicate the John Smith Cemetery as the burial site for two Colored Union soldiers.

"Those two black Civil War

soldiers were Pvt. Abram Blount, and Pvt. Abram Galloway," White said.

He and his brother, Joseph White who is also a living history actor are proud heirs of a family history that includes relatives who served in the Civil War Navy.

White's mother, Mary McCracken White was related to Navy man, Samuel Davis whose history the family has familiarized.

"In this region we have six active re-enactors who repre-

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JAMES WHITE



REV. DR. CARDIS BROWN, JR.

The Black Church's role during the COVID-19 crisis

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Confusion reigns across the nation as thousands of new COVID-19 cases are being reported; the national death rate climbs above 600; politicians angrily fight one another as the economy crumbles; and the President, against all scientific advice, vows to defeat the viral infestation in weeks, not months.

Incredibly, the elderly are being urged

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Sen. Burr stock allegations hot political issue

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It is one of those political scandals that has hit a deep nerve with everyone who is suffering from the impact the dreaded novel coronavirus has had on everyone's life.

North Carolina's senior Republican U. S. Senator Richard Burr, Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and best known in the Black community for blocking the nomination of former NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson

for the U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, allegedly used confidential information obtained from U. S. intelligence officials in mid-February about the projected dire impact COVID-19 would have on the American economy before the general public knew and cashed out of an estimated \$1.72 million in stock holdings before the stock market began to tumble shortly thereafter.

Critics charge that Burr knew what was coming and did not warn the American people at-large but only a group of rich North Carolina business leaders, part of which was

caught on a secret tape recording. "There's one thing that I can tell you about this: It is much more aggressive in its transmission than anything that we have seen in recent history." a voice identified as Burr is heard clearly saying, "It is probably more akin to the 1918 pandemic."

Once the full scope of the allegations became clear, even normally conservative allies, like Fox News commentator, Tucker Carlson, openly called for Sen. Burr's head, demand-

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SENATOR RICHARD BURR

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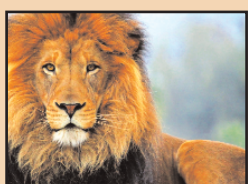
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States of America is in an uproar. We have people of bad spirits all around us. Whether your church is open or not, we have a virus all around us, and, in order to fight this virus, we must pray, not for a show, but from the heart. God said that, if we seek Him and stop all this hatred and other sinful living, He will heal this land. He has done it before and He will do it again.

As a Missionary Baptist, I believe God will direct the path of this virus! Whatever your faith is called, depend on God! He will take care of you!

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

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“If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit.” ----- AN AFRICAN PROVERB

RE-ENACTORS

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sent Wilmington, New Bern, and Kinston. We need more participants," White said.

DR. GRAVES

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is to assume the worst when you come in contact with anything from outside your home, use soap and water religiously, and keep your hands clean after very handling. Make sure you never touch your nose or your eyes, key entry points for viral infections.

IS PLAIN SOAP AND WATER BETTER THAN ANTI-BACTERIAL CLEANERS FOR VIRAL DISINFECTING?

Yes, because anti-bacterial cleaners normally don't work as well against viruses as soap and water does.

WHAT ARE MUTATING VIRUSES (LIKE COVID-19)?

Viruses are nonliving genetic codes that are wrapped inside of a protein shell, Dr. Graves says. They become rogue genetic codes that copy themselves at the expense of the host organism (humans in this case). The protein machinery that replicates the DNA, or RNA in the case of the coronavirus, is incapable of doing that perfectly. "Those mistakes we call mutations,"

Over the past two decades they have lost many popular members like Fred Johnson, "Sweet Corn," who is deceased.

During this year's Black History Month White par-

ticipated in fifteen educational programs and events.

He has portrayed living history characters for churches and schools, and has been active in at least five battle events.

PANDEMIC UNDER CONTROL DUE TO IMMEDIATE MEASURES TAKEN TO ADDRESS IT, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT. WHY?

"Part of the reason why we were unprepared for this is because the administration that currently resides in Washington [D. C.] didn't listen to scientists," said Dr. Graves. "It has hampered the ability of scientists to do their job in regard to the danger that now the world is facing."

THERE IS TALK FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. ABOUT ENDING MANY OF THE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, LIKE SOCIAL DISTANCING, SOONER THAN LATER. PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS EVEN CITED EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12. IF THAT HAPPENS, HOW CAN PEOPLE STILL KEEP THEMSELVES SAFE?

"What I said earlier in the program is always going to be your best friend with regard to personal sanitation (the thorough washing of hands with soap and water), being careful about what you touch, when you touch it, and going near your eyes and nose," Dr. Graves said. "Even before

CAN VIRUSES BE STOPPED?

Viruses, like bacteria, naturally develop evolutionary resistances to anything created to control them. As long as there are plants, and animals (and humans), there will be viruses, says Dr. Graves. The problem comes when a new wave of viruses hits a specie...like the 1918 pandemic that killed 50 million worldwide, and now, the novel coronavirus, which Dr. Graves says "has [that] capacity."

SOUTH KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES REPORTED THEIR FIRST CASES OF COVID-19 ON THE SAME DAY IN JANUARY. YET, WHILE SOUTH KOREA SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN ITS

crisis is forcing Americans to recognize those disparities, if not ultimately address them.

Rev. Brown cites II Chronicles 7:14, If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

"It seems to me that there are things that we, as believers, recognize in this pandemic. It's a global situation...and if nothing else is realized through this coronavirus, [it should be that] all people are responsible to

The Cameron Art Museum has commissioned a sculptor to create castings using White and others for a local permanent monument.

If members of your institution of religion, fraterni-

ty, civic group or fraternal order would like to become a part of the regional historic Civil War Colored Troops, contact James White by way of the Cameron Art Museum.

this specific virus, that was always good practice." YOU AND OTHER SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN WARNING FOR YEARS ABOUT COMING VIRAL PANDEMICS.

"This corona outbreak is just one of many that we're going to experience, particularly as the human population grows, as more people are packed into less space," says Dr. Graves. "We've created the conditions by which viruses and bacterial disease have basically a wind-fall opportunity to spread themselves. So this is something that is not going away, so we need to change the way we live, and we need to do it soon."

WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

"One of the unintended side effects of income inequality is creating a reservoir of ...homeless people and incarcerated people, who are always going to be the target of these viral and bacterial diseases because of the conditions that they have to live in, but those people also come into contact with services where rich people are. So if [rich people] think they are going to be safe, you know, cloister themselves in their own communities, while allow-

ing the majority of the [poor] people in this country to go homeless or under-employed, or thrown into jail, then they've got things absolutely wrong," said Dr. Graves. "It's even in their best interest to have places or people to live...people with employment that is meaningful. It is important for us to end mass incarceration. Epidemiologically, it's a terrible idea."

HOW HAS COVID-19 EXPOSED THE WEAKNESSES WE HAVE IN OUR MEDICAL SYSTEM?

"We don't have enough trained doctors. We don't have enough hospital beds. We don't have enough equipment, ventilators. Doctors in New York City are already making triage decisions about which patient gets a ventilator, and which does not."

Dr. Graves continued, "Since the focus of our conversation is people of African descent in the United States and other underserved communities, these kind of tribulations are going to be visited more so in their healthcare infrastructure. The effect of this kind of pandemic is going to be even more devastating on the poorest people in this nation."

each other."

Unlike many churches across the state that have cancelled their Sunday services or have streamed them online in the face of Gov. Roy Cooper's original order that no more than 100 people could congregate in one area (recently the governor has reduced that to no more than fifty in order to contain the COVID-19 spread), Pastor Brown says New Light Missionary Baptist Church has both complied with the governor's order, yet still had service for smaller congregations within the order's boundaries.

"For those who do come to service, we will observe

social distancing," the Rocky Mount native added, referring to the prescribed six-foot space health officials have recommended individuals should maintain between themselves and others while in public to reduce viral spread.

And for those who feel safer staying sheltered, New Light Missionary's services are being streamed as well.

Rev. Brown is urging all of his church family group members to stay in touch with one another to make sure they remain close and help share both emotional and spiritual support during the course of the COVID-19 crisis.

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REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS AND
ALL OF HIS PSYCHOPHANTS...

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STATE BRIEFS



COOPER DIRECTS FUNDING TO SCHOOLS TO FEED STUDENTS DURING COVID-10 CRISIS

[RALEIGH] Governor Cooper directed \$50 million in school funding flexibility to help public schools and support the

greatest needs to serve students during the COVID-19 crisis. Governor Cooper has ordered North Carolina public schools to remain closed to in-class instruction through May 15. The State Board of Education (SBE) and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) will establish a new \$50 million flexible allotment for public school units to address COVID-19-related expenses. This allotment is comprised of unused

funds from the current and previous school years as well as the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Fund.

GOVERNOR COOPER REQUESTS MAJOR DISASTER RELIEF DECLARATION FOR COVID-19

[RALEIGH] In a letter to President Trump, Governor Roy Cooper has requested a major disaster declaration for

the State of North Carolina due to the continuing impacts of COVID-19 on North Carolina. "It's important that we help North Carolinians stay protected from the health impacts of COVID-19 and recover economically from the financial impacts this crisis is having on our state," Cooper said. n requesting the major disaster declaration, Governor Cooper asked the federal government to provide individual assistance for those affected,

including crisis counseling, disaster unemployment assistance and Small Business Administration assistance, among other programs.

NAACP ENCOURAGES BLACK CENSUS WEEK

Amid the COVID-19 crisis, the NAACP is cautioning African Americans to check their mailer their U.S. Census form. That form will have a special code that they will use to fill out at

my2020census.gov an online questionnaire that will then be submitted electronically. It is important that the every black family is counted ensure that adequate federal funding is appropriated to black communities across the state and nation to fund important projects such as roads, schools and more.

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ing that "He must resign."

Progressive NY Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has also demanded that Burr step down.

On Monday, a shareholder in Wyndham Hotels and Resorts sued Burr in federal court for "...[using] private information to motivate a mass liquidation of his assets. It is illegal for senators to use nonpublic information in conducting securities exchanges," Politico reported.

Newspaper editorials across North Carolina have also called for Sen. Burr to resign.

Burr and aides in his Senate office have countered that he's done nothing wrong and have called for a Senate Ethics investigation. He is among four U. S. senators, three who are Republicans, including the wife of the chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, accused of using their powerful political positions and access to intelligence briefings to benefit themselves right before the recent stock market downturn.

However, Burr's case has clearly drawn the most political fire.

"Senator Richard Burr knew coronavirus was going to hurt our country," stated N. C. Rep. Yvonne Lewis-Holley, Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor, in a recent campaign petition.

"But instead of taking action warn North

Carolinians and prepare us before COVID-19 had been top spread, he pulled over a million dollars out of the stock market a week before it crashed."

Rep. Lewis-Holley's campaign continued, "We know now that Burr was receiving daily classified briefings about the severity of the coronavirus pandemic, but, when the trump administration claimed that the virus was confined, he kept quiet."

"Join us to demand that Richard Burr resign immediately," the campaign letter urged. "We need leaders with

integrity that we can trust in these times. Add your name to tell Burr to step down. It is up to us to hold our elected officials accountable during this time of crisis."



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GUEST EDITORIAL We count too

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

As a millennial in 2020, this will be the third time the Census has occurred in my lifetime. The first time it happened I was 6 years old in the first grade and my mother was pregnant with my baby sister. I remember the Census distinctively because they would play the Census commercials over and over while I was watching Nickelodeon.

My mother had to still work while she was pregnant as well as raise me and my younger brother with the help of my grandmother who had just come Nigeria to help with the pregnancy.

Sometimes my mother would have to leave us at home when she had to work long hours and both her and grandma did not like opening the door for strangers. I would be home watching cartoons after school hearing the Census volunteers knock on the apartment door multiple times, and even though we were home, we would never answer. If I really think about it, I am very unsure if my changing family at the time was counted in the 2000 Census.

The last time the census happened in 2010, I was a 16-year-old high school student and I made sure that we definitely did a better job of filling out the census that year. I remember actually filling it out together with my mom and what caught my eye about the census that year was the questions they asked about race.

I did not think the question was inclusive at all of anyone who was an African immigrant and identifying their country of origin. I could see how confusing it could be for someone still forming their understanding of their identity in America or still on the pathway to citizenship.

I share these Census stories because as the 2020 Census is quickly approaching, I applaud all the ways the Census Bureau has made the Census more accessible, but I recognize that there is still so much work to be done to ensure that everybody is counted. You can complete the census online, by mail, or in person which is great for young people living life on the next flight like myself.

Like many other millennials, I am not constantly checking my mail unless I'm expecting something from Amazon and I'm not home waiting for someone to come to my house unless we planned to meet there. The online option of the census works for me but I understand that it does not work for all of us. There are communities with limited access to the internet, single parent households where the provider has to work long hours, and immigrant families that are unsure of the information that is necessary to provide.

These communities classified as "hard-to-count" are in fact some of the most necessary to count as the lack of resources for hospitals, public safety, and school infrastructure would impact them the most.

There is over \$675 billion in federal funding tied to this year's census count and we cannot go through another census like the one in 2010, where over 800,000 Black people were not counted and we missed out in the Census, costing our community over \$16 million dollars. We must think about the future of the Black community both present and those to be born in the next decade. This federal funding will be necessary for the world all people including young Black people will be growing up in.

The NAACP as well as our collation of partners through the racial equity anchor collaborative have taken the initiative to GET OUT THE 2020 COUNT.

We recognize that there are multiple factors that will inhibit a complete and accurate count of the census, so we are urging all of our members, activists, and allies to map the count. Through a very special partnership with ESRI we are able to identify the hard-to-count communities and use our power to mobilize our friends, families, and loved ones to be counted so that all of our needs are seen and heard in the 2020 Census.

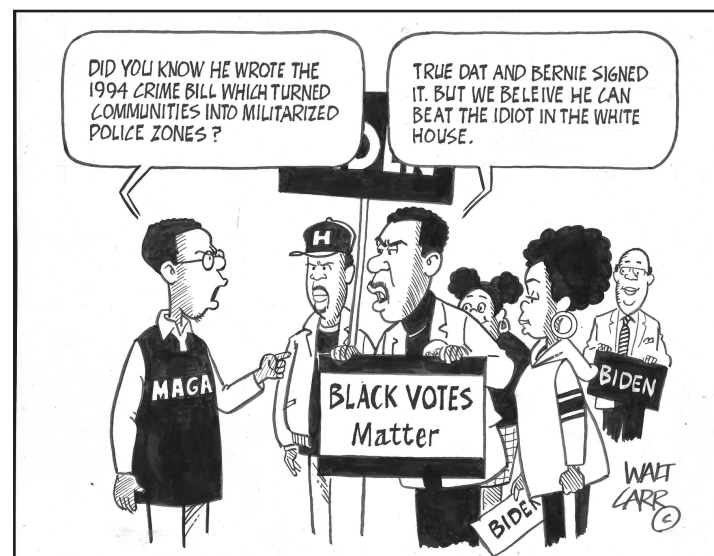
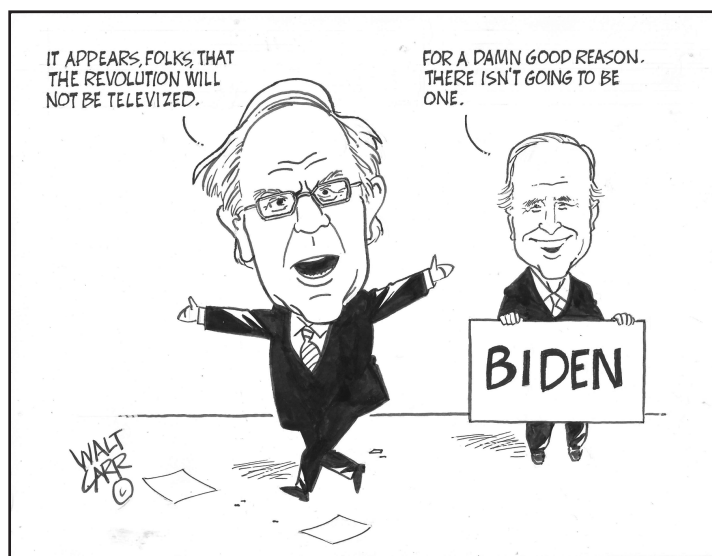
For more information on what you can do to make sure everyone is counted in the 2020 census visit makemyfamilycount.org/mapthecount.

Wisdom Cole is the National Organizing Manager, NAACP, Youth & College Division.

THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



Visual Voice



MATTERS OF OPINION

Panic buying adds additional stress in COVID-19 pandemic

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

Panic buying has been rife around the globe in wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Customers have been stockpiling goods like hand sanitizer, bottled water, canned goods, paper towels and toilet paper.

The trend has seen stores in some nations ration products. The U.K. is limiting sales of hand hygiene products. Australians have seen

restrictions on paper goods. Americans now have to wake before dawn to purchase cases of bottled water, which are now limited to two per customer.

America not alone in frenzy

America isn't alone in experiencing

empty shelves. Mass demand for rice and noodles in Singapore prompted Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong to assure the public that there was enough to go around. In Auckland, New Zealand, supermarket spending shot up 40 percent in about 72 hours. Shoppers in Malaysia wanting to pad their "pandemic pantries" have driven an 800-percent increase in weekly hand sanitizer sales. All of these places have confirmed cases of coronavirus.

Psychologists explain this phenomenon as "retail therapy," defined as when, where and what we buy to better manage our emotional state. Experts suggest that the answer may lie in a fear of the unknown and believing that dramatic events warrant a dramatic response — even though in this case, the best response is something as mundane as washing your

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A good time for patience

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Most of us run around every day—often frantically and stressed out wondering how we're going to handle everything that is on our plate. Day after day, we worry, but we refuse to stop and figure out what our next step is. We often don't eat right because we have so much to do. We don't exercise because there's just not enough time. We don't take the time to read a good book that would just be enjoyable to read. We rush from place to place trying to solve the problems of the world.

Now, we're faced with something we might never have heard of before called coronavirus. Not only due to presidential orders, governors' orders, orders of local officials, CDC and other health agencies giving us directives, we've been forced to pause. This might be a good time to have patience since what happens next is beyond our control. We might do what Dr. Dee Carroll suggests in her book called

Emotional Emancipation. She urges us to step into our freedom, reinvent our challenges and move beyond them. For an unknown amount of time, we've been forced to slow down our pace from the things we usually do.

We've been taken away from our usual hustle and bustle routine. Since no matter what we do personally, we don't have the know how to resolve the coronavirus,

so this seems like a good time to show some patience.

Maybe this is a good time to listen to the words of Dr. Homayoun Sadeghi who said, "...everything that happens is a gift, how adversity can make us magnificent creatures if we let it, and how embracing it can bring about an amazing journey of emotional healing and overall health...."

During this critical period of

our being forced to slow down and do things in a different way, maybe we can teach ourselves to be more patient about things that really matter. Maybe we can take the time to be more thoughtful toward others. We can take the time to call friends and family we've neglected to call for a very long time. Instead of sending demanding messages that require immediate responses, let's try sending warm, encouraging ones for others who may be going through very stressful times.

Even when there's no coronavirus concern, all of us go through something, but too often we don't take the time to deal with it. We move on to the next challenge without dealing with the one we just went through. If your work has slowed down or become non-existent, why not begin writing that book you've always thought about writing? Why not learn to meditate? Why not work some crossword puzzles? Why not just do nothing for a few days? That's probably the hardest thing in the world for a

normally busy person to do—but it may be just what you need.

Since I can't do all the things I normally do in a day, I've stepped up my walking. In the early morning, there's almost no one out there so I find myself relaxed, having clearer thoughts and feeling more energetic. I am organizing and finding things I haven't seen for years. I've thrown out a lot of things that I should have thrown out years ago. I've also found things I wanted that have alluded me for years.

I'm learning to stop saying "I've got to do this" and "I've got to do that" all day long, knowing I can never do all the things in one day that I schedule or that just come up seemingly out of nowhere. I'm exercising patience these days and I feel great!

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Will the Corona Virus hit Black folks harder

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Restaurants, museums, libraries, gyms, and bars are closed. So are schools, from K-12 to higher education. Classes will be conducted online or not at all. A local vendor told me her receipts were down by 85 percent, and she hopes not to close before the "national emergency" is over. Our streets are deserted, with some cities asking people to "self-quarantine", or in the words of several mayors, "stay home unless it is urgent." The shutdowns have impacted our economy. Consumer spending is more than two-thirds of GDP. If people aren't working, people aren't spending.

Treasury Secretary Mnuchin estimates that unemployment will rise to a scary 20 percent, just a bit lower than depression rate unemployment levels. And when America gets a cold, Black America gets the flu. Black unemployment has been twice the white unemployment rate. That means the Black community might experience unemployment of around 40 percent. That's frightening! Why are Black folks more vulnerable? We are more likely to work in the service occupations and in the gig economy. While jurisdictions are exploring the possibility of

paying people who cannot work because of quarantines, it is not clear how many will be excluded from this relief. There are talks of giving everyone with an income under \$85,000 a \$1000 cash payment. And then what?

Meanwhile, government is planning a big bailout for airlines, hotels, cruise lines, the auto industry, and others. If these folks get a bailout, it ought to be a loan, not a gift. After all, some of these industries, notably

the auto industry, got bailouts in 2008, but they were loans, not grants. Those who got grants, like the "too big to fail" banks, were supposed to use it to pump money into the economy. Instead, they tightened credit requirements, so few could qualify for loans. The 2008 bailout was unevenly applied, and industries that didn't have effective lobbyists did much worse than others. Many of the companies paid the government back. We need to make sure they all pay it back this time.

My greatest concern is the medically vulnerable, people

who have diabetes, lung disease, and heart disease, as well as those who are over 60. This includes nearly half of all African American women (47.3 percent), along with 44.8 percent of African American men. The incidence of heart disease for white women (33.8 percent) and men (37.4 percent) is significantly lower.

There are racial differences in the incidence of diabetes, as well. African Americans are 60 percent more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes than whites and twice as likely to die from the disease. African Americans are also far more likely to contract lung disease than whites, and four times more likely to die from asthma. Tests for the coronavirus seem to be in short supply. Will there be any targeted outreach to African Americans to ensure they are tested for the virus, especially because African Americans often delay doctor's visits even when they are sick?

Coronavirus knows no race, gender, or age. When the virus first hit, medical professionals, said that older people were more vulnerable than younger ones. Now, the numbers are rising for young people, and even some children have been diagnosed with the virus. It may be churlish to point out that African Americans are likely to be harder hit than

other populations. When white America gets a cold, Black America gets a fever. Inequality is hard woven into our nation's very fabric. Thus, it is hard to imagine the hardest coronavirus relief will be race neutral. African Americans are more likely than others to be unemployed, part of the gig economy, or otherwise at the economic periphery.

Furthermore, recession is inevitable. Except for grocery stores, pharmacies, and banks, nothing is open. People aren't spending because there is no place for them to spend. We don't know how long this emergency will last — some say as long as 18 months. But we do know that recession hits Black folk, poor folk, and marginalized folk harder than it hits others. We won't see the impact of this pandemic until after the fact. But if the past is any indication, our nation will experience a harsh blow, and for African Americans, the impact will be even more jarring.

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TO BE EQUAL

Coronavirus crisis highlights racial disparity in healthcare and economy

Federal response must include targeted relief to hardest-hit communities

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Far too many African Americans still struggle to lead healthy and economically secure lives. This is due to the long-standing effects of racism, which touches all African Americans, regardless of socioeconomic status. These effects can be reversed, but it will take real commitment and systemic change. It shouldn't have taken an international pandemic to prove to America's leaders what civil rights activists have known all along: a system in which people can't afford to seek medical care and are forced to go to work sick is a recipe for national disaster." — Jamila Taylor, Director of Health Care Reform and Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation

professionals. We are less likely to receive treatment for our complaints. Even with treatment, we are less likely to experience positive outcomes. The high level of disparity erodes Black Americans' trust in the health care system.

Although the Affordable Care Act extended health insurance to 2.8 million African-Americans, 9.7 percent remained uninsured in 2019, compared with 5.4 percent among whites. Out-of-pocket health care expenses represent 20% of household income for Black families, compared with 11% for white households.

Several months ago, researchers found that a process used to guide health care decisions for millions of people was beset with racial bias, drastically underestimating the needs of the sickest Black patients.

According to the Washington Post, "The algorithm wasn't

intentionally racist — in fact, it specifically excluded race. Instead, to identify patients who would benefit from more medical support, the algorithm used a seemingly race-blind metric: how much patients would cost the health-care system in the future. But cost isn't a race-neutral measure of health-care need. Black patients incurred about \$1,800 less in medical costs per year than white patients with the same number of chronic conditions; thus the algorithm scored white patients as equally at risk of future health problems as black patients who had many more diseases.

Because of systemic barriers, African Americans receive less health care — so the algorithm identified Black patients as less in need of care, creating a vicious cycle of neglect.

We cannot allow this neglect to continue in the face of a deadly epidemic. We must insist that testing and treatment are available in underserved low-income neighborhoods and communities of color; and that the care is commensurate with that

offered in other communities.

The nation's two-pronged response — delivering health care and economic relief — presents a unique opportunity to address bias and disparity and, to begin to build a more equitable system.

The National Urban League is leading the effort to shape the nation's response so that the communities hardest hit by the crisis are not overlooked. We are working with Congressional leaders to ensure that coronavirus response legislation must take racial equity into account — not just in the wake of the crisis, but permanently.

Black families need access to quality, affordable health care — not just now, but all the time. Schoolchildren need broadband access — not just now, but all the time. Workers need paid sick leave, paid family leave and unemployment compensation — not just now, but all the time.

Times of crisis expose the cracks in an institution's structure. Now is the time to repair them.

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



Marc Morial

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Is this administration leading us to Armageddon?

It is bad enough that the ubiquitous coronavirus is running through countries like a madman, knocking off people before they hardly know what has hit them, and causing businesses to close down and streets to empty, for fear of its invisible force and the aftermath of that force.

But the reactions of this administration have been puzzling. Though the president has said that he hadn't known about it and



Rev. Susan K. Smith

that if he had, he would have been able to stop it (how so?), the reports clearly say that he knew about it in late January and basically dismissed warnings that it was serious. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/us-intelligence-reports-from-january-and-february-warned-about-a-likely-pandemic/2020/03/20/299d8cda-6ad5-11ea-b5f1-a5a804158597_story.html)

Once he could no longer ignore it, he fell into his go-to behavior of blame, saying it was a Democratic hoax, something his foes were using to get him out of office, but as the virus continued to ravage throughout Europe and make its way to the United States, he changed his story and said he "always" known we were in a pandemic and denied he had ever called it a hoax. (https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/17/us/politics/trump-coronavirus.html)

All of that has been troubling but classic Trump. But at this point, as he has acted as a doctor, giving advice on medications to take, and as he has said that he will look at social distancing at the end of 15 days to see if it is effective, it feels like we are in a whole new inning of this ball game.

While governors and mayors are desperately trying to contain the spread of the virus, even as they wrestle with how to deal with their economies which have been hit by the sheer width and depth of the contagion, this president is still seemingly more worried about the stock market than he is about the lives of individuals in the country of which he is president.

Add to that the silence of Russia, and the absence of any real reporting of what is going on with the virus in that country, and today, his announcement that he may be in conversations with North Korea about how to contain it, the result is an uneasiness which is difficult to understand and interpret. (https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/21/politics/north-korea-trump/index.html)

What is going on? He is calling himself a "wartime president." (https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/22/us/politics/coronavirus-trump-wartime-president.html) That status gives him a lot of power; but as yet, he has not used that power to, for example, order the military to help states and cities equip themselves to fight "the enemy." He will not activate the Defense Protection Act to mobilize American troops on American soil to fight "the invisible enemy." (https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/meet-the-press/nyc-mayor-if-trump-doesn-t-act-people-will-die-n1166001)

The question is, "why?" Why is he continue his love-fest with North Korea? Why won't he use American troops to help the American people?

It has been said out loud by some, and is being said by even more, that he is saving his power play as the "wartime president" to use as his tool to stay in office in this election year. The law says he cannot do that (https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-cant-cancel-or-postpone-the-november-election-over-coronavirus-2020-3) but this administration has been skillful at using the laws of this country for its own purposes. (https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/01/trumps-defense-against-subpoenas/605635/) The president has hinted out loud that he may need to stay in office for longer than two terms, and without a doubt, causing some to worry that were he to lose the election, he would not leave office peacefully.

And so, as the country sits in the middle of a bubbling crisis, with human lives and businesses alike in the cross hairs, it feels very uncomfortable having a president who is talks out loud about the rights and needs of corporations, but says very little about the people — including his own base — over whom he has jurisdiction.

Charles Dickens began his book, A Tale of Two Cities that "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times." That description is surely apt for this time in America. Our uncertainty and anxiety is not helped by the president but is rather fueled. His vision of America seems to be one in which all that we knew is eligible for a Trump-makeover; and that, frankly, feels like a descent into Armageddon, that Biblically described war between good and evil that will come before the Day of Judgement.

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.

As the numbers of missing Black children continue to rise, one organization provides hope

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

Shurrell Caldwell is 12-years old and missing.

The 5-foot-8-inch African American female was reported missing from her home in the 2300 block of Good Hope Court in Southeast, Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, February 18.

Shurrell, whom authorities said she weighs 180 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes, was last seen wearing a black shirt, green coat with fur on the hood, tan pants, and black and white sneakers.

Anyone with information is asked to call DC police at 202-576-6768 or 202-727-9099.

As the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) continues to highlight the plight of missing individuals of color. One expert said the number of those who've disappeared overall is alarming.

"Over 600,000 people are reported missing to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) every single year. So, on any given day, we have more in the neighborhood of 85,000 active missing person cases on file with law enforcement," stated B.J. Spamer, the executive director of the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS), a nationwide information clearinghouse that offers free, secure, and easy-to-use technology to help expedite case associations and resolutions.

NAMUS also provides free forensic services, investigative support, victim services, and training and outreach.

According to the NCIC, of the 609,275 individuals who were reported missing in the United States last year, 205,802 were black.

Those statistics include 164,769 African Americans under the age of 21.

"The good news is that more than 90 percent of the NCIC entries are resolved each year," Spamer stated.

NCIC noted that of the 609,275 missing person records entered in 2019, a total of 607,104 were purged during that same period.

The reasons for the purge included: a law enforcement agency located the individual; the person returned home, or the record had to be removed by a reporting authority after they determined that the record is invalid.

NCIC categorized 95.23 percent of entries as runaways; 0.84 percent as abducted by a non-custodial parent; 0.11 percent as abducted by a stranger; and 3.82 percent as missing adults.

"One of the first things we look for is for the family to file a police report," said Spamer.

"The sooner they get a report on file with law enforcement, the sooner the family can get their loved one in the NCIC database, which is used by law enforcement across the country. If they come into contact with law enforcement, as soon as the authorities run their name and their date of birth, they're going to locate that missing person," she said.

Also, once the report is filed, NAMUS can publish the case in its system and offer forensic and analytical resources.

"We can help the family get their DNA profiles, get fingerprints, dental records, and all of the vital metrics that are available. Then we can get into a system where the results are actively compared and identified just in case the worst-case scenario has happened."

Spamer added that it's most a myth that you can't report a missing person for 24 hours.

"You hear that especially on television programs, but that's not an across the board policy," she stated. When it's a case involving a child, it's mandated that every missing child case be entered into NCIC within two hours of receiving that report from law enforcement. So, I would encourage families to immediately report a missing person, especially if they fear that something has happened to their loved one," she stated.

Finally, Spamer said that awareness is a significant component of getting a miss-

ing person home safely. "The media uses certain cases to highlight, and so many other cases don't get the same amount of attention," she stated.

"The media plays a huge role in making sure that we raise awareness for all missing persons and also be able to raise awareness of the tools that families have available to them that they may not know are available. We have had families sit down at the keyboard to search the database and find their loved one, essentially resolving their own case," Spamer added.

She continued: "It's an empowering thing to have families to be able to participate in the search using certain tools that we make publicly available. There are so many resources available today that didn't exist 20 or 30 years ago when their loved one may have gone missing.

"We would love to see those families come forward today and provide whatever information they still have on their loved one because we are routinely seeing identifications on cases that are 20, 30, or 40 years old. And so as long as there's a searching family member, it is never too late to file a report, get that case in NAMUS and potentially find a match and bring resolution to that family."

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hands for 20 seconds.

In some ways, the trend of panic buying is a way for people to take back control in uncertain times. Many psychologists have suggested that panic buying can be understood as playing to our three fundamental psychology needs in (1) autonomy—as in the need for control; (2) relatedness—better defined as "we shopping," rather than "me shopping," and (3) competence—whereby a level of accomplishment is achieved and making a purchase gives people a sense that they are "smart shoppers."

Conflicting messages add to uncertainty

In the U.S., people initially received conflicting messages from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and President Donald Trump. It was no surprise that people were worried when one organization says the matter is urgent, and another says it's under control. With the virus present in all 50 states, and daily life has been altered from coast to coast, an unexpected "fear contagion" has taken hold.

Often in times of uncertainty, people can enter a "panic zone" that makes them irrational and—in rare

cases—borderline neurotic. In other disaster conditions like an earthquake, tornado or hurricane, people tend to prepare because they know how many supplies they will need. It's hard to do that with a virus that scientists around the world are still learning about.

Peter Noel Murray, a New York-based member of the American Psychological Association and the Society for Consumer Psychology, is uncertain that persons in authority have the power to calm the panic-buying trend.

"On the emotional side, the answer is self-affirmation," he said. "In our minds, we know one day we are going to be dead, and the mind deals with it through [seeking] control." He said there is an "over-estimation" of fear and people's minds need to respond to those kinds of feelings.

A need for 'self-affirmation'

"The need for self-affirmation is triggered and that drives us to do unreasonable things like buying a year's worth of toilet paper," Murray explained. "It overwhelms the knowledge that we don't need to be doing that."

There is a difference in disaster panic and general panic. Toilet paper has become the symbol of the latter. For instance, weather forecasters are able to pre-

dict with much greater certainty that a hurricane is barreling toward a certain region. They can provide more information about a cluster of tornadoes about to come your way (though warning times are uncertain at best). With an earthquake, of course, there is little way of predicting that. In these cases, you know it is going to happen and you usually know ahead of time that the emergency will last a couple of days. You're able to prepare yourself by being somewhat rational with what you buy.

In public health issues we have no idea about the duration and or intensity. Therefore, the messages we receive daily may encourage some to go into panic mode and purchase far more than needed because it's often the only way to maintain a sense of control.

But why purchase huge amounts of toilet paper? Dr. Dimitrios Tsivrikos, an expert in consumer and behavioral science at the University College London, has for the past few months witnessed this phenomenon and offered an unexpected assessment:

"Because toilet paper has a longer shelf-life than many food items," he said. "And it's prominently featured in aisles and is big in size. We're psychologically drawn to purchasing it in times of

crisis. It's in big colorful packages; the bigger they are, the more important we think they are."

Take precautions, but don't panic

While the threat is very real and all precautions should be taken to stay healthy, some shoppers may overestimate the risks of dying from coronavirus. Katharina Wittgens, a psychologist with the behavioral strategy agency Innovation Bubble, suggests that shoppers are creating too much anxiety in themselves, which is never good during either clear or uncertain circumstances.

"Far more people die in car accidents or household accidents per year, but we don't panic in the morning before we go to work about these things," Wittgens said. "It's hard to convince our brains of facts, hence why statistics often don't work." Wittgens said the surge in panic buying will probably decline after a month when people have had time to think more rationally.

"When we stand in front of empty shelves, people fear that stocks will run out, so they buy far more than they need," she said. "This becomes dangerous as some goods such as soap, medicines and sanitizers become

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unavailable for those in immediate need." And because it is more obvious when the paper goods aisle is empty—compared to smaller items—this can also lead to craze over the item intensifying.

There have been plenty of examples of price gouging in response to the coronavirus pandemic. There have been reports of a 20-pack of face masks costing more than \$100 on e-commerce sites like eBay and Esty. These prices have caused companies to put measures in place to stop speculators from taking advantage of a spike in demand. This month, for example, Amazon announced it removed more than a million basic-needs products for misleading claims and price gouging.

Face masks won't stop infection

The U.S. government has recommended people stop buying face masks, not only because surgical masks aren't sufficient protection from coronavirus, but because there may not be enough for healthcare professionals who need them to do their jobs.

Americans have witnessed this type of irrational behavior before. In 1962 during the Cuban missile crisis, when

nuclear war seemed imminent, American families filled their basements with enough canned food and bottled water to survive an atomic blast. Then there was Y2K at the turn of the millennium. There were widespread fears of a catastrophic glitch when computers' internal clock reset to "00" for the year 2000. It was believed that the glitch could crash global markets or send missiles flying across the globe. People just didn't hoard nonperishables and bottled water, but lots of money; In 1999, the U.S. Treasury was ordered to print an extra \$50 billion in the expectation that people would withdraw and stockpile cash.

A better plan than panic buying would be to be prepared year-round for a possible emergency or crisis. It's also worth keeping everyone else's needs in mind as these types of events unfold. Stock up on what you and your family need and no more. Avoid the urge to hoard enough supplies to fill a doomsday bunker.

"Anxiety needs to be acknowledged and managed," Wittgens said. "We do not want complacency, but high levels of anxiety are not useful to prepare [or] prevent catching it."

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Transforming lives for 100 Years: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated (1920-2020) Zeta Rho Zeta Chapter "Zeta of the Year" 2020: Sharon V. Dickey

Sharon V. Dickey is a native of Wilmington, North Carolina. She attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University where she received her BA in Psychology in 1998. Sharon received her MS Degree in Mental Health Counseling in 2018, and a Graduate Certificate in Contemporary Theory in Addictive Behavior in 2019, and is currently a practicing Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate. Sharon is a Certified Health and Wellness Coach, and she is also a self-published author of her very own memoir "My Reason Why" and an inspiring work that encourages you to find your purpose called "What is Your Price of Admission?". Sharon's favorite quote is by Mahatma Gandhi, "The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others". Sharon has dedicated herself to serving

others through the work she perform as a member of Rose Fidelity #651 Order of the Eastern Star, and as a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated, Zeta Rho Zeta Chapter.

Sharon has been a proud member of Zeta Rho Zeta since April 16, 2018. She has served as the National Programs Chairperson 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. Sharon is also a member of the Ways and Means and Membership Committees, and she supports the undergraduate chapter, Pi Nu, at UNCW as an assistant advisor. Sharon was recently honored by her Sorors and crowned Zeta Rho Zeta's "Zeta of the Year" 2020. As a therapist, health and wellness coach, and author, it is Sharon's belief that you can be your true self, have everything you desire, and be a Blessing to those around you by promoting change in the world by serving others in your community!



SHARON V. DICKEY

NAACP holds teleconference to reach out to community

Residents urged to look out for one another

BY LISA FITCH
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The NAACP hosted an Emergency Tele Town Hall about coronavirus, COVID-19 and its potential impact on communities of color.

"The truth is, there are so many within this nation who are disenfranchised from receiving adequate and affordable care due to socioeconomic circumstances," said Derrick Johnson, NAACP president and CEO. "This virus will have dire consequences on so many, but specifically African-Americans, who suffer from higher rates of chronic illness."

Johnson prefaced his comments by sharing his experiences as someone who lived through Hurricane Katrina.

"When the administration is not working for communities, those communities can suffer," he said. "We want to make sure to get the information out to our communities as much as possible."

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) agreed.

"We want to make sure we're not looking at another Katrina-like response from the government," she said, adding her support for the Coronavirus Response Act passed by the U.S. House of Representatives over the weekend.

The House worked late last Friday and into early Saturday to pass—with bipartisan support—a relief bill designed to dull the societal impact of the coronavirus pandemic. President Donald Trump endorsed the bill, first on Twitter Friday night, and again in his press conference on Saturday.

H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, includes the priority of paid sick leave, as well as enhanced unemployment insurance, increased funds for Medicaid, and provisions to ensure food security for those affected by the global public health crisis.

The act is designed to assist U.S. low-income workers who do not have paid sick leave, should their business owners close shop. Harris said that 40 percent of those persons are either Black or Latino.

"We will be pushing this in the Senate and working with our friends in the House to make sure as many people get paid sick leave as possible," Harris said. "We need to make sure that the Senate does its job and brings this to a vote without delay."

The senator also emphasized that residents need to look out for one another.

"We also have to check on our elders. Try giving them a call to brighten their day," Harris suggested. "Offer to get them groceries."

Harris alluded to the violence that has arisen from some panicked residents toward "our Asian brothers and sisters."

"We have to push back against any racism wherever it exists," she said. "Kindness and patience will be required a lot from us."

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams agreed.

"People need to make attempts to connect more deeply and more often," Adams said, suggesting a buddy system. "People want to still feel like someone out there still cares about them."

Adams said that (then) current coronavirus numbers in the U.S. matched numbers Italy saw two weeks ago.

"The next few weeks are going to be critical," Adams said, adding that he realizes the African American community does not have a lot of trust in the current administration. "I know what it's like growing up poor, Black and with limited healthcare. I will keep fighting for people of color and I hope I can earn your trust."

Adams has held the surgeon general post since 2017 and stressed that he is not a politician. The former anesthesiologist and Indiana State Health Commissioner began a campaign in September 2018 along with other public health officials to promote seasonal flu vaccinations because the previous year's flu epidemic resulted in the deaths of an estimated 80,000 Americans.

"Testing has not gone the way we would have liked it to have gone so far," Adams said regarding the coronavirus. He noted that the country is at a turning point now, as over 83 state and local labs are now working on developing and providing tests. "We're prioritizing testing for healthcare workers and those most vulnerable, those over 65 with medical conditions."

In addition to the CDC guidelines for limiting the impact of the disease, which include social distancing and hand washing, Adams also mentioned that the President had authorized more than \$50 billion in funding for states and localities to work against the spread of coronavirus.

"I promise you I'm in there fighting for your priorities," Adams said. "It's going to be a tough several weeks ahead. We need to lean into it now and we'll see the positive effects down the line."

Nicolette Louissant, PhD., is the executive director of Healthcare Ready, an organization established after Hurricane Katrina. It works with the public and private sectors to strengthen healthcare systems before, during, and after disasters.

"We have to approach this from a community preparedness standpoint to work together and engage our community," said Louissant, who also suggested one-on-one support like making "old-school phone calls" and delivering prescription medications to those who need them.

"This is a sustained event," she said. "Over the long haul, we're going to radically change our lifestyles. Equity issues are at play here. Eighty-five percent of people of color have to rely on more prescription drugs. They have medical needs. Access is incredibly important."

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Shirley Elizabeth Robinson McKoy

Shirley Elizabeth Robinson McKoy died March 13, 2020. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (Eighth and Walnut). Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Shirley was born on January 21, 1953 to the late Booker T. and Cora Robinson. She graduated from New Hanover High School I the Class of 1971. Shirley later earned an Associate Degree from Cape Fear Community college. She was a Health Unit Clerk at New Hanover Regional Medical Center for 18 years. She later became an instructor in the field for Miller Motte Business College. Shirley worked for Southeastern Mental Health for 12 years before retiring in 2005.

Upon retirement Shirley led various efforts to improve her community by volunteering on local boards and associations throughout the county. Shirley had a special commitment to supporting senior citizens and visiting the sick and shut-in. She developed a card ministry to send well wishes to home-bound church members. She was a long-time companion and a tremendous source of support for Mabelle Tate Newton and Mary Jennings, whom she loved. Shirley was a lifelong member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church where she grew to love the Lord as a child. She most recently used her gifts to honor Christ as the President of the Hospitality Ministry, Circle Leader for Shiloh Missionaries, Sunday School Teacher, and Pastors Aide. Shirley met the love of her life in 1968 while singing in the choir at Shiloh. They married in 1971. Shirley was known as a "Neighborhood Mom" in the Walnut Hills Community. Shirley was a meticulous planner in everything from preparing Sunday School lessons to planning family vacations. She loved to travel and take annual cruises with her husband and daughter. She was crafty, creative and loved to bake pound cakes and sweet potato pies for her loved ones. Shirley was the epitome of true grace who demonstrated dignity and strength throughout her 5-year battle with cancer. She often said she wanted others to see how despite what she was going through, she never stopped trusting in the Lord. She hoped others would witness her fight and know they could make it through anything with Him. In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her brother, Carnell Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, David McKoy; children, David K. McKoy and LaTonya S. McKoy both Raleigh, NC, and Ernest McKoy of Leland, NC; three grandchildren, Nazir C. McKoy, David M. McKoy and Nora E. McKoy; sister-in-law, Annie Johnson; a host of nieces, nephews including, Lenesia, Lester, Lolita and Levin McKoy; goddaughter, Keisha Hudson and many other beloved family and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

James "Gene" Reginald Haskins

James "Gene" Reginald Haskins died March 10, 2020. Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

James passed away peacefully at New Hanover Regional Medical Center on Friday, March 13, 2020. He was one of six children born to Annie and the late Charles Haskins, Sr. on January 30, 1956. He is also preceded in death by his sister, Sheila Haskins. He received his formal education in the New Hanover County School System. "Gene" enrolled with Job Corps where he obtained his GED and later received career technical skills, including the basic skills of home improvement. Gene worked diligently for almost twenty years. A portion of his work experience was spent in managing his late uncle, David McCleary's Parts Store. He realized that due to his physical limitations, he endeavored to work as long as his "legs" would allow him. After living in New York for a while, Gene returned to Wilmington to raise his young children. His greatest joys were in owning his first home and spending time with family and friends. He inherited his late father, Charles Haskins Sr.'s landscaping business and for many years he continued his father's legacy of providing dependable and impressive service to his former customers. Gene also used his home improvement skills in completing projects for many residents within the Wilmington area. His life achievements were never compromised by his disabilities. James lived a simple life. Although he was not blessed with an abundance of material possessions of this world, he had everything that he needed to live a satisfied life. His passions were in fishing and gardening. He welcomed everyone and his wisdom inspired all that were blessed to have known him. Gene maintained his

trademark sense of humor all the way to the end. He loved and was forever devoted to his mother, "Annie Ray". His youngest son, Devon, whom he was blessed with for only a short period of time, was the "apple" of his eye. In life and death, he would not want us to focus on the sadness and sorrow but to continue to love and support each other no matter the situation. His earthly body is at rest but his legacy will live on inside all of us.

James will forever be remembered by: his beloved children, Reginald Fennell, Sharee Haskins, Andrea Haskins, James Haskins, and Devon Haskins; treasured grandchildren, Kionte Fennell, Nicozzi Fennell, Adrianna Fennell, and Aurie Juliana Dickey; his loving and devoted mother, Mrs. Annie R. Haskins; devoted brothers, Curtis Haskins, Marvin Haskins, William (Veronica) Haskins, and Charles Haskins Jr.; special aunts, Lucy Boney, Barbara Ann Conyers, and Denise McCrae; a special cousin, Kathy Conyers; extra-special friends, Mittie Fennell, Geraldine Hunter, and Ericka Washington; lifelong friends, Ronald Williams and Reginald Barnhill, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Jerry Lee "Geech" McKoy

Jerry Lee "Geech" McKoy died March 17, 2020. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Jerry Lee McKoy was born on April 24, 1949 to the late Rebecca McKoy Francis and the late Emmanuel Pigford, Sr. He attended Williston Senior High School and St. Andrew AME Church. Jerry was ecstatic when he became a father on November 6, 1988. Jaleesa Shenelle Johnson was his heartbeat. Then he received a double beat on June 2, 2003. His second heartbeat, Shamiyah Brielle Johnson entered the world. Jerry never met a stranger. He loved people and he proved himself friendly. His sense of humor had a way of making others feel special. He was loyal to his family and friends. Jerry was preceded in death by his brothers, George Richard Francis, Thomas Earl Francis and Emmanuel Pigford, Jr. To cherish fond memories of Jerry are: daughter, Jaleesa Johnson; granddaughter, Shamiyah Johnson; companion and life partner, Sandra Gail Johnson; sister, Mattie McKoy; brothers, Willie (Linda) Francis, Issac Laverne Francis and

Michael (Deborah) Pigford; special brother, George Batts, Jr.; aunt Amelia McKoy Batts; special family member, Dot Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Elijah Gardner "Gus The Saxophonist"

Elijah Gardner "Gus The Saxophonist" died March 17, 2020. Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Charles Fields, Sr.

Charles Fields, Sr. died March 19, 2020. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2020 at Northwest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Annie Lee Corbett

Annie Lee Corbett died March 23, 2020. Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation is 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Friday. Shaw FH A *Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Milton Allen

Milton Allen died March 24, 2020 in Chicago, IL. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Barbara Hill James



Sunrise: December 30, 1935
Sunset: March 29, 2016

In Our Hearts

We thought of you today. But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday. And days before that too. We think of you in silence. We often speak your name. Now all we have memories. And your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake. With which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping. We have you in our heart.

Moma, It's been 4 yrs. since GOD called you home. We love you, but GOD loves you best! Love you with a Bushel & a Peck....

Your daughters, Wilhelmina Martin Harper (Kathy) Edith M. Hill (Micki) Grandchildren, Daryl Scott, Carla Harper, Nakia Hill and Montrelle Age Hill Holden and Hicks Families

Gone to Heaven Remembering Mom One Year Anniversary of Her Death

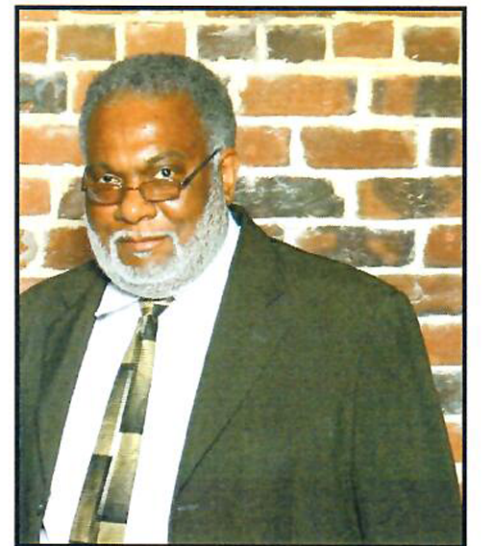


Rachel Octavia Barnhardt
December 17, 1923-
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New Hanover County

St. Andrew AMEZ Church is offering tutoring to all children and youth in grades 2-12 every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St, will hold the following events during March.

1. Rev. Dr. Florence S. Brown, Presiding Elder of "Lumberton District". Annual Conference, AME Zion Church will be the Guest Preacher at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St., Wilmington; Sunday, March 29th at 10:00 am. For more info call St. Stephen at 910 762-9829.

Religious
Briefs

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4704 Blue Blanks Loop Rd., will celebrate Pastor Dr. Carozell Henry's twenty first anniversary on Sunday, March 29th at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Rodney Hansley and the Roseville Missionary Baptist Church family of Harrells, NC will be the special guest to render service. Dinner will be served immediately following the service.

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

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YOUR VOICE

WOULD YOU TRUST AN EXPERIENCED DECORATED LT. GENERAL OR A REALITY-TV SHOW HOST TO LEAD US IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS?

Retired Lt. General Russel Honore was assigned to rescue the city of New Orleans after hurricane Katrina. He assigned his most experienced officers (not his unqualified rich friends and relatives) to assess the problems, divide the workload and commandeer whatever equipment they need to complete the job. General Honore has three suggestions for TRUMP: Put one person in charge and let that person do his or her job with no interference from you, ask all colleges and medical schools to graduate all nurses and doctors in March instead of June so they can go to work now, demand industries shut down their production line and make whatever this country needs to survive this deadly crisis. Bill Gates suggested getting the money

to the poor and middle class first. He said not to putting aside 500 billion for million-dollar companies, they can get a low cost loan by using their assets as collateral, and letting TRUMP'S treasure secretary give it out without telling us, taxpayers, until six months later who he gave it to. TRUMP said he would oversee that the 500 billion dollars were given out in a fair and balanced way. It was just a few months ago that TRUMP was impeached for trying to bribe the President of Ukraine ("I need you to do me a favor") with 400 million dollars of our tax money. TRUMP owns hotels all over the world that are empty during this coronavirus crisis. Do you think TRUMP would pocket any of that money? Do you trust TRUMP? Call, text or e-mail your own U.S. Rep. and two Senators and tell them what you want!

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TELL SOMEBODY

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered, and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24:1-6

Deception: A Sign of His Coming
Deceive: To mislead or trick by falsehood

With the occurrences of so many casualties and catastrophic tragedies becoming common place in the world, many in the Body of Christ may be wondering if the end of the world is near. Others who may or may not be disciples of Christ could also be pondering in their minds, "Are these the signs of the end of the world and also of the coming of Christ?"

If one really wants to know what is going on, and what the future holds, then we must look to the One who holds the future, the Lord himself. That is what the disciples did, both then, and now! When the disciples (followers of Christ) asked Jesus what would be the signs of His coming and of the end of the world, his first answer to them was, to take heed that no man deceive them. One of the first true signs of the coming of the Lord and the end of the world is the magnitude of deception. We see it in the world, and we see it also in the church! That is why Jesus said to his disciples, "Take Heed".

The first record of deception occurred in Genesis 3:1-4. When Satan seduced Adam

and Eve to doubt God's Word...that is when sin and deception entered into the world. Doubt and unbelief are still among the greatest areas of deception to come upon the Body of Christ. To doubt means to be uncertain about something. Doubt also means to distrust the source of information. Unbelief is not accepting something said as truth.



Sylvia
Hooper

many in the Body of Christ, then we know that these are also signs of His coming!

Jesus told the disciples to take heed that no man deceive you. He said in Galatians 6:7-9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." We have all heard for so long that Jesus is soon to come. Frankly, some of our brothers and sisters believe that, and some don't. The evident sign of doubt and unbelief is willful disobedience to God's Word. That is why we see throughout the bible, the words of warning and encouragement, "Be not deceived!" "BE NOT DECEIVED; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:7-8. Deception is a definite sign of His coming!

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." I Cor. 6:9-11

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." I Cor. 15:33 "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men." Proverbs 22:24 "Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. Proverbs 24:1 "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" II Corinthians 6:14

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8 The bible was not written for the world, it is written to the church, the Body of Christ. The spirit of deception brought in doubt and unbelief. The spirit of unbelief will spawn a spirit of disobedience. Unbelief is a sin with catastrophic consequences (Revelation 21:

As disciples of Christ, we must take heed and prayerfully watch that we do not be deceived by others, neither should we deceive our selves!

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Book of James. So when we see and hear of a lot of things happening in the world and in the church, think it not strange, it is just another Sign of the Times.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inso much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Jesus told his disciples then, and he is yet saying to them, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24:24 Deception: A Sign of His Coming.

Prayer: Father in the Name of Jesus, I pray that you will keep my heart and mind from being deceived in these last days. Help me to hold fast to my faith in your Word, for I know that your Word is true. Amen.

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The promises of God word are sure

The promises of God word are Sure, He promises to answer our prayer

All Scriptures are from the King James unless posted

1Kings 8:56, "Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant."

Jeremiah 32:17, "Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:"

"God's power created the universe; Nothing is too hard for the Lord. He can do anything He chooses to do.

Jeremiah 33:2-3, "Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

God has given us this assurance that He had the power to answer our prayer. "After all, He is the Creator, the very

One who formed the universe and set it in place The Creator of the universe naturally has the power to answer prayer. He has the power to meet the needs of His people, no matter how desperate or hopeless they may be."

2 Corinthians 1:20, For all the promises of God in him, are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. "All the promises of God are sure and true in Christ. In Christ, all the promises of God are fulfilled in his name, are" amen," so be it; yes, indeed. And when you and I agree and say amen we glorify God.

Notice, in these verses God has authorizes us to pray and He obligated Himself to answer our prayer through Jesus Christ, who is the only mediator between man and God: 1 "Tim. 2:5-6, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Isa. 44:6, "Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me, there is no God." Isa. 45:18, "For thus saith the lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it;

he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord and there is none else."

The Bible reveals the will of God regarding healing. God need not give any special revelation of His will when He has given His revealed will in His word. A careful study of the scriptures will show that God has declared His will includes healing for all. John 14:13-14, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.14 If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it (do you know anything that anything does not include).

Jesus demonstrated throughout his ministry His will concerning healing: He healed them all! Matt. 12:23-24, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them." Matt.8:16, "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: 12:15, " But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;" 14:14, " And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude,

and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick," V.35-36, And when the men of that place knew of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; 36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole. 15:30-31, And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:31 Inasmuch that the multitude wondered when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel. Rom. 10:17, Faith comes by hearing the word of God.

1John 5:14-15, 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Hebrew 13:8 Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.

Father, in the name of Jesus, I speak healing in the life of every person who believe and receive your word, let there be a manifestation of your power in their circumstances. Amen

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 24th day of February, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **ROBERT R. HINCH-CLIFFE**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Kerry W. Key, at 7301 Forest Haven Estates, St. Louis, MO 62123, on or before the **3rd day of June, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 26th day of February, 2020.

KERRY W. KEY, EXECUTOR
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March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Virginia Bauerle McCormack, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of June, 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 5th day of March, 2020

Cary D. McCormack, Executor
1800 Elease Lane
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Dorothy McGowan Paul**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of June, 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 5th day of March, 2020

Lucretia P. Newkirk, Executrix
234 Oak Crest Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **John Alexander Johnson, Jr.**, 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 June, 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 12th day of March, 2020

Jean Jones Johnson, Executrix
5722 Camellia Lane
Wilmington, NC 28409

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **Robert Gerald Coulson**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, who died on December 7, 2019, are hereby notified to present their claims to John J. Peck, Administrator, on or before **June 19, 2020**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment.

This 19th day of March, 2020

John J. Peck, Administrator and Attorney at Law
428 Eastwood Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 19, 26, 2020, April 2, 9, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS ESTATE FILE NO. 20-E-204

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **SHIRLEY J. TILTON**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned, care of their attorney, on or before **June 26, 2020** (which date is at least three (3) months from the first publication of this notice), or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This 19th day of March, 2020.

KENNETH R. SMITH, Executor of the Estate of SHIRLEY J. TILTON
c/o Randall S. Hoose, Jr.
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314 Walnut Street, Suite 100
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March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS ESTATE FILE NO. 20-E-330

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIAM ("BILLY") RONALD GILLIKAN, JR.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned, care of their attorney, on or before **June 26, 2020** (which date is at least three (3) months from the first publication of this notice), or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This 19th day of March, 2020.

VERONICA STARR AYERS, Administrator of the Estate of WILLIAM ("BILLY") RONALD GILLIKAN, JR.
c/o Randall S. Hoose, Jr.
ATLANTIC COAST LAW
314 Walnut Street, Suite 100
Wilmington, NC 28401-4160

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Neal Walter Ashcraft, Sr.**, 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 **19th day of June, 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 18th day of March, 2020

Larry Scott Ashcraft, Administrator
5814 Ocean Hwy East
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March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2020

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Renovations at Houston Moore Units

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•Specifications/Plans will be available for pickup on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at the Central Office for a non-refundable charge of \$15.00 for project manual. Pick up, or Download Project Manual from our website at www.wha.net, click on Business Opportunities
•Pre-Bid Conference/Site Tour: **Central Office on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:30 AM.**
•Questions; E-mail to cburns@wha.net no later than **April 7, 2020 by 2:00 PM**
•Bid Opening: **Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM.**

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March 19, 26, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Peter A. Manley, having qualified on the 10th day of March, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **Carolyn C. Manley (2020-E-310)**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **15th day of June, 2020**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 12th day of March 2020.

Peter A. Manley
Executor
ESTATE OF Carolyn C. Manley
David Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

March 12, 19, March 26, April 2, 2020

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 125

IN THE MATTER OF: N.I.C. (DOB: 12/07/2017)

TO: RESPONDENT: ZYNASIA CARROLL, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO ZYNASIA CARROLL

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 forty (40) days following March 26, 2020, 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 and can apply for court appointed counsel.

The New Hanover County Public Defender's Office has been appointed to represent Zynasia Carroll, and can be reached at 340 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This 18th day of March, 2020.

Karen F. Richards, Attorney
New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
PO Box 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 798-3526 (phone)
(910) 798-7833 (fax)

March 26, April 2, 9, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Muriel Arrena Pearson**, 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 June, 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 12th day of March, 2020

Elizabeth F. Dawson, Executrix
422 Forest Hills Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **James B. Hewett**, 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 June, 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 12th day of March, 2020

Bernest Hewett, Executor
670 Hewettown Rd. SE
Bolivia, NC 28422

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the General Court of Justice --Superior Court Division New Hanover County 20 CVS 155

MATTHEW CHAD MARTIN, PLAINTIFF v. WESLEY LAWRENCE ROBERTSON, DEFENDANT

To Wesley Lawrence Robertson:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: damages arising from motor vehicular negligence. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from the first running of this notice, exclusive of such date, which was March 19, 2020 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 19th day of March, 2020.

DAVID AND ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.
DAVID F. TURLINGTON
Attorney for the Plaintiff
1516 Dawson Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Telephone: 910/251-8088
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North Carolina Bar Number: 20165
Email: dturlington@davidandasociates.com

March 19, 12, 26, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Lillian R. Romanak**, 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 June, 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 March, 2020.

H. Scott Kennedy, Executor of the Estate of Lillian R. Romanak
4414 Southfield Court
Wilmington, NC 28405
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2020

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Robert Van Nes, deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of June, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 26th day of March, 2020.

Tracey R. King
5550 Carolina Beach Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28412
Administrator of the Estate of Robert Van Nes

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF PENDER FILE #: 20-CVD-283

ELIZABETH JUNE TODDRIOS, Plaintiff, v. JUAN RIOS CASTO, Defendant.

TO: Juan Rios Castro

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 an absolute divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the **22nd day of April, 2020** and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 13th day of March, 2020.

Zachary S. Rivenbark
Attorney for Plaintiff
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