

MISSING



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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Looking IN

OUR VOICE

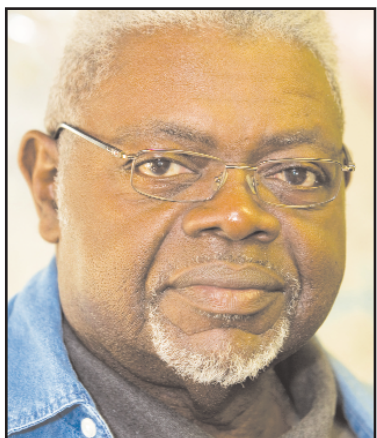


REV. JESSE JACKSON

GUEST EDITORIAL "The murder of Ahmaud Arbery and our continuing terror"

BY REV. JESSE JACKSON PAGE 4

BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

MOTHER

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Mother's Day has just passed, and I, as usual, remember my mother and all she went through to raise her four children when my father died all of a sudden. She was left with three children in school and one in college. It didn't stop her from seeing that all her children were educated and got college degrees. Her determination was very strong, and it didn't take all day to find out what she wanted for her children. There are many Mother's who have had the same dreams for their children, and, if it had not been for Mother's love and physical drive behind her family, they would not have made it to this point in life.

Mother, we thank you and love you forever! Your story will always be told!

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

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"TERROR" IN PENDER

Sheperd's face posse style law

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A posse is defined as a body of men, usually armed and summoned by a sheriff to enforce the law.

Sunday, May 3, a Pender County African-American family had an evening interrupted by a band of white men and women demanding entrance into their private home.

A non African-American girl, Lakayda Kempisty was missing, and a mistaken address and identity resulted with a recent eighteen year old Laney High School graduate, Dameon Shepard being almost round up, posse style.

Included in neighbors' camera images are visuals of vehicles surrounding the street.

White folk in bunches, some with weapons, openly terrorized law abiding residents.

A legally sworn New Hanover County Sheriff's Deputy, Jordan Kita, rode along with the group while off

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Outrage over illegal "terror" raid of Pender Black family

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Almost two weeks after the fact, local and state Black leaders are still livid about the shocking, all-white, "1898 like" vigilante raid on a Pender County African-American mother and her teenage son on May 3, 2020, by a then off duty armed New Hanover County Sheriff's deputy and a large angry "mob," two of whom who were also armed with an assault rifle and a shotgun.

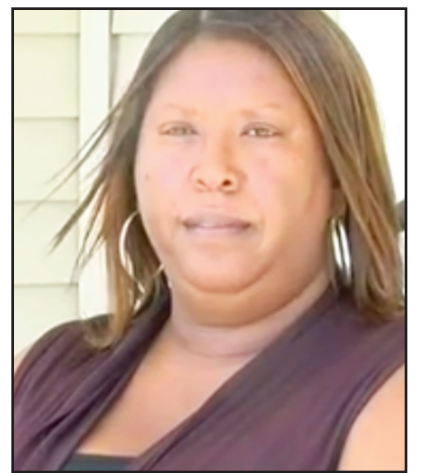
The inexplicable event has made headlines around the world, including CNN Tuesday night, and caused many to shudder as to the tragedy that could have happened and the danger that Black family faced.

As president of the Pender County NAACP, Rev. Dante A. Murphy told The Journal that the chapter was "deeply disturbed by the incident" and would "...continue to work with our NAACP district and state representatives to assure that this matter is resolved to the fullest extent of the law."

However, as president of the Southern Coalition for Equal Protection Under the Law, Rev. Murphy employed much stronger language, calling the May 3 inci-



DAMEON SHEPARD



MONICA SHEPARD

dent a "...near lynching of an African-American family being terrorized by an all White vigilante militia group who is now being protected by an all White district attorney's office. These statistics alone present a difficulty in avoiding the issue of race."

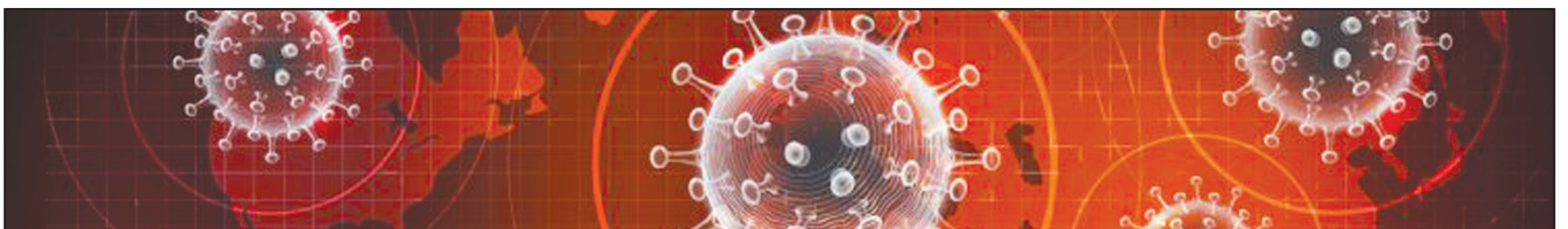
At press time, New Hanover/Pender County district attorney, Ben David, still had the matter under criminal investigation, but thus far, this much has been alleged from official and published reports:

At around 10 p. m. on Sunday, May 3, off duty New Hanover County detention officer, Jordan

Kita, while in uniform, helped lead an angry group of Whites, some armed, to the home of Monica Shepard, and her son, Dameon, in the predominately White Avendale community of Rocky Point, southern Pender County, reportedly under the auspices of searching for a missing 15 year old girl, Kita, he reportedly knew through his family.

She was later found safe. "The fact that an officer appeared, off duty, at an individ-

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Implicit bias a driver of COVID-19 among African-Americans

BY KHALIL ABDULLAH

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM ETHNIC MEDIA SERVICES

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Dr. Melva Thompson-Robinson knows the data on the disparate impact of the corona virus and COVID-19 on African Americans and other minorities. Her key concern is how racism and unconscious bias continue to act as an accelerant of the pandemic.

"Stories are starting to come out where African



DR. MELVA THOMPSON-ROBINSON

Americans are presenting themselves to emergency rooms and having COVID symptoms and are not being seen," Thompson-Robinson asserts. "In some cases, it's taking multiple trips, but by the time they do get tested they are so sick they can't recover."

Thompson-Robinson could have had Ms. Deborah Gatewood in mind. Gatewood repeatedly sought to be tested in mid-March for COVID-19

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\$13 million in federal grants to 39 NC health centers to fight COVID-19

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Almost \$13 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will be awarded to 39 HRSA-funded health centers in North Carolina, including centers in Wilmington, Charlotte, Greensboro, Asheville and Gastonia.

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The Wilmington Journal is still partially operating from a remote area. Our building has much damage and some of our equipment is still inoperable. Please continue to bear with us as we work to return to normalcy.

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## STATE BRIEFS

ADAMS WANTS STUDENT  
LOAN DEBT CANCELLED

[WASH., D.C.]  
Congresswoman Alma S.  
Adams, Ph.D. (NC-12),  
Congresswoman Ilhan Omar  
(MN-05), Congresswoman  
Ayanna Pressley (MN-05) and  
28 additional members of  
Congress sent a letter to House  
Speaker Nancy Pelosi and

House Minority Leader Kevin  
McCarthy today calling for the  
universal, one-time, student  
loan debt cancellation of at  
least \$30,000 per borrower in  
the next round of COVID-19  
relief legislation. "With today's  
jobs report showing the great-  
est unemployment rate since  
the Great Depression, it has  
never been a more important  
time to eliminate student loan  
debt," said Congresswoman  
Adams. The letter also calls for  
long-term payment relief for  
all federal student loan borrow-  
ers, as well as expanded protec-  
tions for millions of private

student loan borrowers as well  
as long-term relief through  
cancellation and refinancing.

"RE-OPEN NC" PROTEST IN  
RALEIGH FOR FIFTH WEEK

[RALEIGH] For the fifth  
week, hundreds of demon-  
strators from across the state went  
to downtown Raleigh Tuesday  
to protest Gov. Roy Cooper's  
COVID-19 pandemic restric-  
tions which closed restaurants  
and bars, and many small busi-  
nesses across the state. These  
demonstrators want those  
restrictions dropped, saying  
they don't believe that the coro-

navirus is dangerous. A coun-  
terprotestor flew a plane with a  
banner over the demonstration  
Tuesday saying, "Fewer graves  
if we reopen in waves."

STATE DEMOCRATS  
HOLD VIRTUAL  
CONVENTION JUNE 6

[RALEIGH] The NC  
Democratic Party will hold a  
virtual state convention on  
June 6th, featuring all of the  
statewide candidates for office.  
However, because it will be a  
virtual convention, it will  
abide by all of the current  
social distancing restrictions

because of the COVID-19 pan-  
demic. One of the tasks of the  
virtual convention will be to  
choose the delegates to the  
Democratic National  
Convention, who would be  
expected to nominate Joe  
Biden for president. NC  
Republicans were originally  
scheduled to hold their state  
convention in Greenville this  
weekend, but have now pushed  
theirs back to July. Their  
Republican National conven-  
tion is still scheduled for  
Charlotte in August for now.

COMPILED BY  
CASH MICHAELS

## POSSE

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duty, with his gun visible.

Serving as a spokesperson,  
Kita and others demanded  
entrance to Dameon's house  
for a search and questioning.

The uniformed enforcer  
had no search warrant or con-  
nection to a legitimate Sheriff  
Department assignment from  
New Hanover or Pender

County.

Sunday's New York Times  
reported that two other white  
men on the porch had  
weapons, a shotgun and an  
assault weapon.

The father of the missing  
girl is believed to be one of the  
late night terrorists.

At approximately 10 p.m.  
the commotion awakened  
Monica Shepard, Dameon's  
mother.

She told WECT News her

fear links to what might have  
happened if she would have  
been away from home.

The mom had to, "level up,"  
getting her son away from the  
door, and preventing Kita and  
others from entering her  
house. The deputy's foot  
would not allow her to close  
the door completely.

She said the group yelled at  
her son and accused him of  
having the missing girl inside.

As the posse was demand-

ing a conversation with a,  
"Josiah," visible congratulatory  
signs in the yard showed  
the name of the Laney High  
graduate being honored as,  
"Dameon."

Eventual understanding of  
a wrong address and name led  
the posse to back down.

Pender County Law  
Enforcement arrived and  
made no arrests that night.

The next week Pender  
Sheriff Alan Cutler reported-

ly said arrests might have  
been appropriate that Sunday  
evening.

The Shepard family has  
legal representation through  
Atty. James Lea.

District Atty. Ben David  
announced that Jordan Kita  
has been fired.

The former deputy has  
been charged with trespass-  
ing, breaking and entering,  
and willful failure to dis-  
charge duties.

## OUTRAGE

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ual's residence in uniform  
was wrong..." opined  
Deborah Dicks Maxwell,  
District 16 director of the NC  
NAACP, and president of the  
NHC NAACP.

Dameon, 18, a graduating  
senior at Laney High School, in  
Wilmington, in New Hanover  
County, answered the door; esti-  
mating that about "15 people"  
were outside.

Kita mistakenly thought  
that the Black teen was some-  
one else named "Josiah" who  
used to live next door who  
knew the girl. Kita reportedly  
refused to believe Dameon's  
repeated denials, in addition  
to his assertions that the mob  
had the wrong house.

Kita reportedly put his foot  
in the door preventing clo-  
sure. A frightened Dameon

angrily repeated his denials  
and the fact that he was not  
the other Black teen Kita was  
looking for. He even noted a  
high school graduation sign  
with his name on it on his  
front lawn.

That's when Dameon's  
mother, Monica, awoke, came  
to the door, and confronted  
Kita, insisting that he had the  
wrong house and needed to  
leave. Kita still refused to  
believe her.

By this time, neighbors  
apparently called Pender  
Sheriff's Dept., which sent  
two deputies to the address.  
Reportedly, they made no  
arrests, took no names, and  
did no investigation at the  
time.

Monica Shepard feels  
blessed that the worst didn't  
happen.

"Coming to the door like that  
with a mob of people with  
guns! What do we expect? What

were their intentions? What if  
he were the person they were  
looking for or what if I were  
not home? What would've hap-  
pened? I don't want to have that  
conversation," she told a local  
TV station. "I don't want  
[Dameon] to be a statistic. It's  
scary."

Pender County Sheriff Alan  
Cutler later applauded his offi-  
cers for not making any  
arrests, saying it was more  
important to diffuse the mob  
situation. D. A. David said  
because a law enforcement offi-  
cer (Kita) was involved, it was  
protocol to do a criminal inves-  
tigation first.

It has been confirmed that  
Jordan Kita was fired from his  
job with the New Hanover  
Sheriff's Dept. Friday May 8,  
after an internal investigation  
ordered by NHC Sheriff Jim  
McMahon.

Kita was also charged with  
misdemeanor breaking and

entering, forcible trespass-  
ing, and willful failure to dis-  
charge duties. Kita is accused  
of going to the Shepard's  
"...while armed and in uni-  
form in a county where he  
was not duly sworn in and in  
furtherance of personal, not  
law enforcement, purposes."  
D. A. David said during a May  
8 press conference.

Another allegedly armed  
man with Kita, Robert Austin  
Wood, was charged with  
"going armed to the terror of  
the public."

More may be charged, D. A.  
David told reporters last  
Friday.

Wilmington attorney,  
Attorney James W. Lea, of  
the Lea Schultz Law Firm in  
Wilmington, who is repre-  
senting the family, said a civil  
suit is coming after he com-  
pletes his probe.

"The deplorable and  
unnecessary act of terrorism

on the Shepard family cannot  
go ignored, and our indigna-  
tion will not be concealed,"  
says Rev. Dr. T. Anthony  
Spearman, president of the  
NC NAACP. "Until protection  
of the law reaches to all, none  
of us will ever be safe."

"We are certain, by Sheriff  
Alan Cutler's statements dur-  
ing the press conference, that  
more could have been done  
on the night of May 3, 2020,  
said SCEF Pres. Rev. Murphy.  
"Under the consultation of  
District Attorney Ben David,  
the cover up is now becoming  
as worst as the crime. We are  
pleading with the Pender  
County Sheriff's Department  
to do its best to identify every  
person involved in the vigil-  
ante group and, apart from  
District Attorney Ben David,  
apply the proper charges and  
insist that those charges be  
[pursued] by the District  
Attorney's Office."

## GRANT

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"As North Carolinians and  
communities nationwide  
face this unprecedented  
health and economic crisis, it

is imperative that we priori-  
tize people's health and safe-  
ty," said Congressman  
Butterfield. "A prosperous  
economy starts with a  
healthy community. For our  
communities to be healthy,  
COVID-19 testing must be

available to anyone who  
needs it and right now far too  
many Americans are in des-  
perate need of increased  
access to COVID-19 testing.  
Community health centers  
are our frontline defense  
amid this pandemic and are

positioned to reach people  
where they are within the  
community."

New Hanover Community  
Health Center, Inc. in  
Wilmington will receive  
\$211,999.

Here in North Carolina,

over 15,000 cases have been  
confirmed, with over 600  
dead. Of that number, accord-  
ing to the NC Department of  
Health and Human Services,  
35%, or approximately 4,000  
are African-American, and  
34% of those have died.

## BIAS

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symptoms at the hospital in  
Michigan where she had been  
employed as a healthcare work-  
er for over 30 years, according  
to Fox News 2 in Detroit. She

was turned away-four times-  
and advised to go home and  
take a mild palliative, like  
cough syrup. Gatewood finally  
became so ill she had to be  
transported by ambulance. She  
died in late March at age 63 in a  
different hospital. She tested  
positive there for COVID-19,  
but too late for a lifesaving  
intervention.

The Gatewood story is a hor-  
rific but not atypical reminder  
of the fatal outcomes that Dr.  
Thompson-Robinson attributes  
to a long history of sub-optimal  
health care experienced by  
African Americans and the  
inherent bias that bleeds into  
all aspects of American life,  
from education to housing to

employment opportunities.  
"This is something that has  
been centuries in the making-  
in the inequality, in the racism  
that African Americans in par-  
ticular have experienced, but  
also other black and brown  
populations as well," Thomp-  
son-Robinson contends.

Thompson-Robinson is the  
Director of the Center for  
Health Disparities Research at  
the University of Nevada, Las  
Vegas. She spoke on a May 1  
video conference for ethnic  
media journalists hosted by  
Ethnic Media Services. By way  
of example, in Louisiana,  
African Americans comprise  
about 30 percent of the popula-  
tion and over 70 percent of the

COVID-19 patients, Thomp-  
son-Robinson noted, while in  
Georgia, they constitute 32 per-  
cent of the population but 52  
percent of the cases. She said  
in many communities, low  
wage occupations - now cate-  
gorized as essential - are filled  
by minority workers who often  
have no health insurance even  
as data on their underlying  
health conditions goes uncol-  
lected.

"We don't get cancer at a  
higher rate, but we die at a  
higher rate. We don't go to the  
physician. We aren't getting  
things checked out until it's too  
late." Even when presenting to  
a physician or medical staff in  
a timely manner, as Ms.  
Gatewood attempted to do in  
Michigan, unconscious bias or  
stereotypes can weigh in on  
what may ultimately be an ill-  
formed medical diagnosis or  
supposition.

Thompson-Robinson spoke  
of her own experience of hav-  
ing to forcefully advocate for a  
family member. She recom-  
mends that a prospective  
patient bring someone along to  
the emergency room to serve  
as an advocate when he or she  
isn't feeling well. Individuals  
from minority groups aren't  
taken seriously when they say  
they're in pain or when they  
are unable to articulate their  
symptoms to the satisfaction  
of medical personnel.

As for bias, it can manifest  
in simple ways. "Oh, I'm not  
racist," Thompson-Robinson  
says mimicking a casual  
interaction, "but yet their  
actions treat people a little  
bit differently based on the  
biases they have. In the field  
of medicine, delays in being  
seen or treated typically yield  
poorer health outcomes." David  
Hayes-Bautista, Director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture at UCLA, concurred that minorities staff the front lines of essential service professions. "Feeding the nation and subject to deportation," is how he described many of the undocumented or legally tenuous workers putting

their lives at risk as farm-  
workers, meat packers, truck  
drivers, shelf stockers, check-  
out clerks, auto mechanics, bus  
drivers, nursing home atten-  
dants and other occupations  
heavily staffed by Latinos and  
people of color: They are also  
twice as likely not to have  
health insurance, Hayes-  
Bautista said.

In the public discourse  
about the effects of COVID-  
19, Mayra Alvarez, president  
of the Children's Partner-  
ship, expressed dismay at the  
scant attention paid to chil-  
dren. Federal relief efforts  
have excluded immigrants  
and, by default, their chil-  
dren.

At least 55 million students  
have been cast adrift by  
school closings in 43 states  
and the District of Columbia.  
Food insecurity is a para-  
mount concern, as is the  
dearth of access to distance  
learning. Nor is there much  
discussion about the long-  
term consequences of the  
trauma to which children are  
being exposed. Children are  
residing in food-insecure  
homes where their parents  
sacrifice their own meals to  
feed them, Alvarez said, cit-  
ing a survey of 500 families  
in California by Children's  
Partnership and Ed Trust.  
Some 72 percent of respon-  
dents said they "are worried  
about their family's mental  
health."

Offering one reason for  
hope, Alvarez said, "I truly  
believe that COVID-19 is  
shifting the conversation  
when it comes to greater  
understanding of historical  
iniquities in health, in eco-  
nomic opportunity, in overall  
well-being - historical  
iniquities that many of us  
have known have existed for-  
ever." It is a sentiment shared  
by Thompson-Robinson. "I  
hope that once we come out  
of this pandemic, these conver-  
sations will continue - and  
that people will realize the  
health of our communities,  
our workforce, our country is  
only as strong as its weakest  
link."



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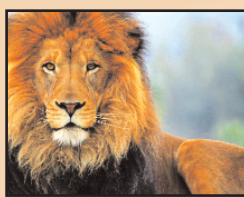
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## The murder of Ahmaud Arbery - and our continuing terror

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Today there is a national outcry about the murder of Ahmaud Arbery. The public condemnation has forced a belated response. Those accused of his murder finally have been arrested. His murder has become a global embarrassment for whites. For blacks, however, it is another humiliation, a continuing terror. It is the normal silence, however, that condemns thousands of African Americans to unjust deaths and millions to shattered lives. When the camera turns away, the savage injustice that embarrasses us becomes simply business as usual. The horror of Ahmaud Arbery's murder is now well known. The 25-year-old black man went for a jog down the middle of the street in the middle of the day on Feb. 23. Two white men decided he was suspicious, hunted him down and shot him point blank in the middle of the street at 1 p.m. Local law enforcement had video evidence of the crime. Yet no arrest was made until 74 days later, two months and two weeks after the murder. Local authorities chose not to act.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

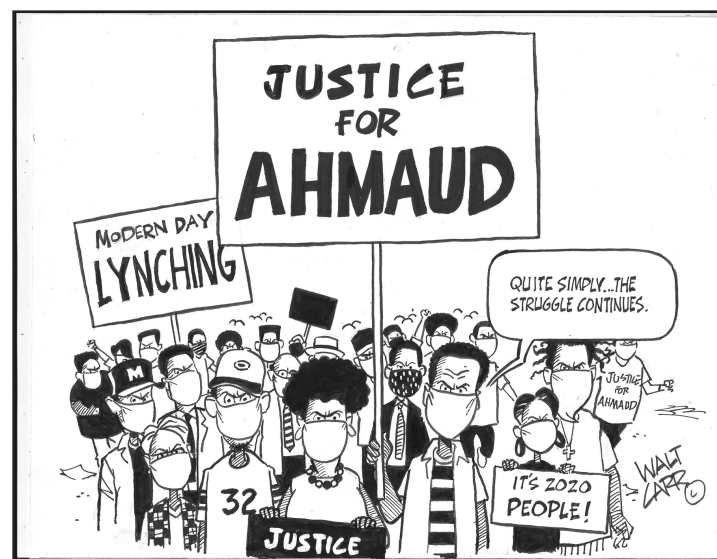
Two U.S. senators said nothing. The white church - that had blessed slavery, segregation, apartheid in South Africa - was silent. Why did the arrests finally take place? Because an intrepid reporter from the New York Times investigated the story and made it public; the murder video was leaked to the public on the 72nd day after Ahmaud's murder. As the public outrage grew, the arrests were made. Never forget, as one commentator noted, they did not make the arrests because THEY saw the incriminating video. They made the arrests because WE saw the video. Embarrassed, faced with an aroused community and an international scandal, they finally acted. So it goes. African Americans suffer in silence the savage injuries of institutionalized racism. We live in northern ghettos - driven there in the early part of the last century by terrorism - most strikingly the Ku Klux Klan and their signature lynchings. The Equal Justice Initiative reports there were 4,084 lynchings of blacks in the South from 1877 to 1950. The Klan, embraced by and often made up of the white gentry of the South, often gathered at their churches to organize the public lynchings. They terrorized blacks to end the fusion multiracial coalitions that grew up in the Reconstruction, and to take back control of their states. The lynchings and violence were greeted with silence, if not approval. White authorities, white churches, white society turned their heads, if they weren't applauding in approval. Fleeing north, Blacks were red lined into ghettos, with jobs hard to get, and discrimination closing doors.

To this day, African-Americans are last hired and first fired. We suffer the worst poverty, the highest unemployment, the highest childhood hunger and malnutrition, the most inadequate health care. This reality is sustained by the silence of white elites, the silence of the White church, the silence of the evangelicals, the silence of the best minded citizens. Then, the virus hits, and its most lethal effect is on those who are vulnerable: the elderly, the sick, the hungry, those with asthma and obesity. It hits hardest among the suddenly proclaimed "essential workers" who do the work that previously was largely "invisible": the bus drivers, the grocery clerks, the nurses and medical aides. Not surprisingly, African Americans make up a disproportionate number of those killed or infected by the virus.

The racial disparities are so stark that they gain national and international attention. Pundits express shock and outrage at the reports, as if they were surprised by the results. Editorials demand reform. Politicians call for action. The informed public is embarrassed. But little happens: the rescue packages passed by Congress send most of the money to the biggest companies and the most affluent investors. Banks are saved; the post office - with a largely minority workforce - is starved. Hunger spreads. Any expansion of food stamps is blocked. Arrested for leading nonviolent protests against segregation, Dr. Martin Luther King penned his letter from the Birmingham jail expressing his grave disappointment with the "white moderate" and the "White church." He suggested that the "great stumbling block" for African Americans seeking their freedom is "not the White Citizen's Council or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate "who is more devoted to order than to justice." He decried a religious community "largely adjusted to the status quo, standing as a tail-light behind other community agencies rather than a headlight leading men to higher levels of justice." The virus didn't discriminate. The society enforced the discrimination; the virus just preyed upon its victims. We have gone too long, struggled too hard to adjust to the reality that it is dangerous to be black while jogging or to be black in a pandemic. It isn't enough to express dismay when the newspapers highlight the horrors. We need leaders and citizens of conscience who will act and not rest until justice is done.

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

## Visual Voice



## YOUR VOICE

### AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Zoom may be great for academic students, but it is of little or no help to hands-on vocational students pursuing a high paying trade. An altruistic community leader who volunteers his time working with young people asked me, a retired vocational teacher, how can the school system

make up what the vocational students missed during Coronavirus closings? The laptop computers, with help from parents, are a great tool to keep the teachers teaching and the students learning. Vocational education courses (we used to call "shop") like carpentry, auto mechanics, bricklaying, computer repair, electrical wiring, plumbing, landscaping, and cooking require hands-on. The culi-

nary arts teacher can guide the student through cooking a pineapple upside-down cake on Zoom, but the teacher will never be able to grade the cake using the taste test which is the most important in food prep (smile). The local school superintendents need to plan for when students return to school. Have the vocational director pull their teachers together for brainstorming

sessions. After they put together a workable plan, bring in contractors, entrepreneurs, business owners and elected officials to help provide this essential education to our students. The phrase, Arthur Fletcher, coined years ago is still relevant today "A mind is a terrible thing to waste".

James J. Hankins - Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### REALITY CHECK

## Celebrating Bro. Malcolm X, A Warrior and Master Teacher

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

A former United States president has been quoted as saying "Knowledge will forever govern ignorance. And a people who want to govern themselves must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives." No one whom I have ever met more clearly understood the realness of that observation than Brother Malcolm X, who himself once noted "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today..."

That's why I believe that the best way to celebrate Brother Malcolm's 95th birthday on May 19, 2020 is to honor his role as a superb deliverer of knowledge. This is demonstrated in remarks that he delivered to 37 young Black

folks from Mississippi who, in December 1964, was sent to visit him in Harlem by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

After greeting them warmly he said, "...the topics we are going to discuss in an informal way is Africa and the African revolution and its effect on the Afro-American. I take the time to mention this because I am one who believes that what happens on the African continent has a direct bearing on what happens to you and me in this country."

This was probably the first time that those young Black

folks had ever heard from a strong Pan-Africanist. He told them "...We of the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) realize that the only time the Black man in this country is given any kind of recognition or even listened to is when America is afraid of outside pressure or when she's afraid of her image abroad. So we saw that it was necessary to expand the problem and struggle of the Black man in this country until it went above and beyond the jurisdiction of the United States."

Brother Malcolm told them about his May 1964 trip to Africa where he had audiences ranging from one and a half to 3 hours with Presidents Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, Nnamdi Azikiwe of Nigeria, Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, Jomo

Kenyatta of Kenya, Sekou Toure of Guinea and Julius Nyerere of Tanzania. Also Prime Minister Milton Obote of Uganda. Those kind of connections, he told them, are important because they would provide pressure on the United States government to do something about the terrorism going on in Mississippi. "I point this out to you to let you know that when you are in Mississippi you are not alone..."

That was a caring, visionary, determined warrior and master teacher providing knowledge to those young Black people that's why we salute and honor him on his birthday.

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



A. Peter Bailey

### TO BE EQUAL

## Congress must act now to deliver relief to cities - The economic engines of the Nation

(Via NNPA NewsWire)

"Cities are the economic engines of the nation and home to the workers who make those engines run. The result of the growing pandemic is that most of these engines, which account for 91 percent of U.S. Gross Domestic Product and wage income, have slowed, and many have stopped. Reliable economic forecasters are reporting that the nation will experience economic contraction during 2020, with income and consumer sales down significantly in real terms. This means that cities will suffer significant revenue loss at the same time their expenditures are increasing in response to the crisis - clearly an untenable situation." - U.S. Conference of Mayors

Garbage strewn in the streets. Buses and trains at a standstill. Overflowing emergency rooms. Unanswered 911 calls.

This is what post-shutdown America will look like without a Rescue Plan for state and local governments.

While much of America is working from home and sheltering in place, "essential" workers - many of them state and municipal employees - literally are risking

their lives to keep everyone else safe. But unless the federal government honors its responsibility to support the men and women on the front lines, more Americans will die and the nation will sink ever faster into a recession or even a depression.

Over the last seven weeks, a staggering 33 million

Americans have filed for unemployment benefits, and states are already running out of money to pay unemployment claims. Nine states have requested to borrow a collective \$38 billion from the federal government. That's almost as much as the total amount states borrowed for unemployment claims during the Great Recession.

Now, despite the desperate need for their efforts, state and municipal workers are joining the ranks of the unemployed.

More than 400 city employees will be impacted by a "personnel reduction" just announced in Rochester, New York. More than 3,000 people who work for the City of Rochester

and others could be laid off or furloughed in the coming weeks.

Louisville, Kentucky, has furloughed 380 workers and is within weeks of slashing its police force. In Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1,000 city employees are seeing their hours and their pay reduced. Dayton, Ohio, has furloughed a quarter of its staff, including some who manage the city's water system. Further layoffs could affect police officers.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, of which I am a past president, has called for an investment of \$250 billion, which includes resources for public health departments, displaced workers, small business support, food insecurity and substance abuse programs, as well as existing federal programs such as the Community Development Block Grant and Head Start.

The National League of Cities is requesting the same, plus an additional \$250 billion for the following fiscal year.

Since the first coronavirus Rescue Plan passed Congress in mid-March, there has been no direct aid made available to the vast majority of municipalities.

Unfortunately, instead of seizing the opportunity to stimulate the nation's econo-

my by investing in the cities that are its engines, politicians in Washington are exploiting the crisis for partisan gain. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has suggested he would rather see states fall into bankruptcy than authorize relief. He also said that sustainability funding for state and local governments should be tied to liability protections for businesses.

The Trump administration, meanwhile, sees an opportunity to inflame xenophobia by trading relief for regressive, anti-immigrant policies in the cities.

Make no mistake: politicizing aid for states and cities is life-threatening. More than 75,000 Americans have died, and denying resources for first responders and front line workers will lead to more unnecessary deaths.

As Clarence Anthony, the leader of the National League of Cities, said: "This is not about bailing out local governments that have done something wrong, because we've not, we've stepped up. Playing with the lives of people over a narrative that is not accurate is just not right."

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



Marc Morial

## Super special graduation

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Everybody who has ever graduated from anything knows how special graduation is. If you made it to graduation, not only were you excited about doing something not only you considered important, but the fact that you made it, made a lot of people happy. Friends, relatives- especially your parents - bragged about your being a member of a graduating class. It didn't matter if you were graduating from medical school, law school, undergraduate school, high school or even kindergarten, everybody treated you like royalty. Not only in your eyes, but in theirs, you had achieved a special milestone. Some gave you hugs. Others gave you presents. You really appreciated those who gave you money! I can remember graduating from law school, and one neighbor from the neighborhood in which I grew up sent me a couple of dishtowels! While I wasn't known to be one who spent a lot of time in the kitchen, I cher-

ished those dishtowels. It was the thought that she considered my graduation something special that made me happy to count them as presents!

This year, we had a pretty gloomy Class of 2020 who couldn't think of anything worse than not being able to walk across the stage in that cap and gown, have the college president or school principal shake their hand and celebrate their graduation. I've graduated many times-high school, college, law school, 3 times for doctoral degrees and once for an honorary doctoral degree-but none of that could top what 2020 graduates are getting!



Dr. E. Faye Williams

None other than President Barack Obama is going to hold a virtual commencement ceremony for seniors who are graduating nationwide. You can't beat that. This graduation will

top all that we've ever seen. Even if we don't have a family member or a friend graduating from any level, I can assure you more people will virtually attend this one than they have for any other speaker. The speaker must be thrilled! I know I'm going to be leaning in for every word whether it's on Skype, Zoom, Face Book, C-Span, YouTube, any of my regularly watched channels or any new method of viewing that may be discovered before graduation!

Just imagine how one person can make a difference. One young person conceived the idea of asking President Obama to do him a favor. Thousands of students agreed, and the best President ever responded with a confirmation. Does that prove that just having the audacity to ask can sometimes get you what you ask for? I was so excited when I heard B.O. was going to honor graduates with what I know will be a memorable message. You would think I was graduating from something! I have no doubt about his delivering a

message that will last the graduates a lifetime.

Not only will the graduates have B.O. but I understand M.O. will be joining the celebration for several events honoring the class of 2020 as part of a #GraduateTogether2020 special. That event on Saturday, May 16, 2020, 2 PM ET is scheduled to honor students at historically Black colleges and universities after which there is to be a virtual commencement for high school seniors the same day at 8 PM ET. As if that is not enough, another address to the class of 2020 will take place on June 6, 2020 at 3 PM ET! In typical Obama style no one will be left out!

Our nation needs that special hope that both Michelle and Barack know how to give. Nobody can do it the way they do, and every day I hear someone say, "I sure do miss them." Keep your ears open for details.

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

## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

### God in the midst of racism and COVID-19

We don't want to think it, but it is very possible that one of the reasons for the push of the president to reopen the government before it is safe to do so is because he is not so concerned about who is actually dying from COVID-19.

In a troubling article in The Atlantic, author Adam Serwer describes how some of the furor over the pandemic began to wane when statistics showed that black and brown people were disproportionately dying. (https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/05/america-racial-contract-showing/611389/) These two racial groups make up the vast majority of the so-called "essential" workers, a misleading term because it suggests that they are valued.

They are not. They are needed to keep capitalism going, but they are expendable. Part of the message of Serwer's article is that the feeling of the administration - and of many state leaders as well - is that it does not really matter so much if these people get sick and maybe die. They are expendable. Necessary, but expendable. If they die, it doesn't matter. The corporations will merely replace them, and life will go on.

Who are we talking about? Who are these essential workers? Black and brown people, yes, but also women, many of whom are the "essential" people in the hospitals, people who provide child care, and people who work in fast food restaurants. The "essential yet expendable" group includes those categories of workers, in addition doctors and nurses, security guards, firefighters, police officers, bus drivers, grocery store clerks, farm workers (those who pick the fruits and vegetables we crave), employees of meat packing plants, those who stand on their feet for hours in warehouses to get products out to us, including employees of Amazon. These are people, for the most part, who cannot stay at home because they live from paycheck to paycheck, or because, in the case of medical personnel, firefighters and law enforcement - they are committed to keeping people safe.

The Trump administration has yet to voice any compassion or concern for these "essential" workers. He has blamed states for not having enough equipment. He has made no mention of the risk health care workers are in as they work wearing plastic garbage bags to protect themselves. He has threatened to make "blue states" pay for what he has called "poor leadership" and for having the audacity to challenge his immigration policies by providing sanctuary for undocumented immigrants. (https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2020/4/28/21239903/trump-coronavirus-aid-leverage-states-sanctuary-cities) This week he arranged for military jets to fly over some hospitals in some cities, but that seemed to be an empty gesture, designed to remind people of his belief in the military might of this country. It is comforting to think of that if one is so inclined, but military might is not what is needed right now. We need a plan to control this virus in this country.

On top of the angst that many are feeling because of this pandemic, having to go to work and thus expose their entire families to possible infection by the coronavirus, there is also the fear, the frustration, that yet again, it is black and brown people who are being most abjectly treated. We are expendable; so what if it is us who are dying. We are needed to make the rich more rich, and that's it. Black and brown people are in the untenable position of losing their jobs if they don't show up, and the government is trying to work it so that if they contract the disease, they cannot sue the company for which they work. (https://www.nbnews.com/think/opinion/mitch-mcconnell-s-new-coronavirus-plan-make-sure-you-can-ncna1194226) The lives of the essential yet expendable just do not matter.

As if to drive home that point home, the nation this week had to face two more instances of the proof of how white supremacists flaunt their privilege in this society. Two young black men, Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia, and Sean Reed in Indiana were shot and killed this week by white men. Arbery was shot in February, and Reed just this week. Because of public outrage, police in Georgia finally arrested the two white men accused of Arbery's murder, but that is small consolation. Many whites who have been accused of killing black people have faced grand juries, only to be let go without a trial, and others have had a trial and have been acquitted.

If the virus does not kill us, the unjust justice system will continue to do it. In the midst of the struggle to keep our heads above the grief that comes when one is rejected and cast aside, and is considered to be "nothing," the only one we can call on is God. The courts will not save us. The employers will not save us. The government will not save us. We call on God because it is by holding onto God that we keep our sanity. We call on God and we call out to God as the grief and anger threaten to choke the last bits of life out of us. We refuse to let that happen, but we refuse at a price.

Right now black and brown people, women and other "essential yet expendable" people are struggling to stay alive while the moneyed class ignores the need for all humans to be treated as humans. Even as over 60,000 people have died and over 3 million people have filed for unemployment benefits, this government ignores their plight and seeks only to make sure their profits return.

We wonder when and if God will intervene and do something to stop the wicked, i.e., those who use other human beings for their own gain. Maybe God won't. And that's a problem for many who are struggling to find their way in this time of pain and darkness.

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

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LETTER TO  
THE EDITOR  
TODAY**

## In America the choice – death, Coronavirus or the economy

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

Under the direction and management of President Donald Trump and his coronavirus pandemic task force, there has been mass death. With over 56,000 deaths, and over one million cases of the virus, there are still no masks, limited ventilators, limited gowns, limited tests-kits and massive corruption.

Instead of President Trump's weekly briefing solidifying and bringing the country together to fight a common enemy, the nation is more divided and broken. President Trump's briefings have become a comedy show, where officials tell lies, there's no coordinated national plan, and made up facts. In the last week, the president has made a mockery of the country by suggesting that citizens could cure COVID-19 by injecting bleach, or tanning.

Here are Trump's strange remarks, "And then I see the disinfectant, where it knocks out in a minute, one minute. Is there a way where we can do something like that, by injection? Almost a cleaning. So, it would be interesting to check

that," Trump said.

As a result of President Trump's statements, major companies have put out statements to customers to not follow the president's instructions or advice. This strange behavior is bizarre, and the president's numbers are getting worse instead of better. After this debacle, many Americans are forced to ask the question, "Do we trust our president and the government?"

The failure is national, and our president sees the coronavirus pandemic in personal and political terms. He is forcing Republican governors to open up the country with limited thought, no strategic plan, and everyone on their own. Trump sees the coronavirus pandemic as a "temporary speed bump," that will magically disappear, and things will go back to normal.

America will not be just back in business, the virus is highly contagious, and there

will probably be more than one wave. With the Republican governors opening their states, we can expect more carnage and death, because there is no drug or vaccine.

"The virus should have united America against a common threat. With different leadership, it might have. Instead, even as it spread from blue to red, attitudes broke down along familiar partisan lines. The virus also should have been a great leveler. You don't have to be in the military or in debt to be a target - You just have to be human," says George Parker - reporter for The Atlantic.

But under the Trump and Republican regime, they have decided that compassion, integrity, and truth were character faults that should never be practiced or exemplified. Trump and the Republicans are only interested in making money and the healthcare system and economy is set up for the rich to keep winning.

There is something wrong with a healthcare system that is expecting Americans to die, and don't care if only less than 2% of the population have been tested. The Republican leaders only care

about opening up the economy and get as many people as they can off unemployment. The president never talks about death and families suffering, because "happy talk" makes Americans feel better.

The universe is speaking, and all our president can do is lie, lie and lie. "He never even pretended to be president of the whole country, but pitted us against one another along lines of race, sex, religion, citizenship, education, region, and - every day of his presidency - political party. His main tool of governance was to lie," says George Parker.

History is bound to repeat itself, and the second wave of a pandemic is usually the most fatal and deadly. America is at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, and very few Americans are thinking. It is very easy to lie, but covid-19 will force you to tell the truth.

"The fight to overcome the pandemic must be a fight to recover the health of our country and build anew. Under our current leadership nothing will change," - George Parker.

Roger Caldwell, NNPA Newswire Contributor.



Roger Caldwell

## Ida B's Pulitzer - Both too late and right on time

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

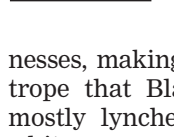
Exactly one hundred and thirty-six years to the day after Ida B. Wells was thrown off a Chesapeake and Ohio railroad train, she was awarded a Pulitzer Prize special citation for her "outstanding and courageous reporting on the horrific and vicious violence against African Americans in the era of lynchings." The creator of the New York Times' 1619 Project, Nicole Hannah-Jones, received a Pulitzer on the same day and reminded us that the New York Times, in 1894, described Wells as a "slanderous and nasty-minded mulatress."

The path between "nasty-minded mulatress" and Pulitzer Prize winner was not a smooth one. Ida B. Wells had many detractors, from all quarters, in her time. White folks could not stand her blunt description of their lynching behavior, which included her reporting that some Black men were lynched, not for rape, but because they'd had consensual sex with white women. White women in the suffrage movement decried her because she dared challenge them about race matters. Some Black men found her "prickly," according to her biographer Paula Giddings. Although she was a founder of the NAACP, her voice was often sidelined in that organization. She maintained her

activism, no matter what. As her great-granddaughter, Michelle Duster, told the Chicago Tribune, "the only thing she really had was the truth."

Ida B. Wells chose to trumpet an uncomfortable truth to our nation. After three of her friends were lynched, primarily because of white economic envy, she traveled the South to document lynchings, going to lynching sites, interviewing witnesses, making clear that the trope that Black men were mostly lynched for "raping" white women was a falsehood. In one editorial, she wrote, "If Southern white men are not careful, they will overreach themselves and public sentiment will have a reaction, a conclusion will then be reached which will be very damaging to the moral reputation of their women." That sentiment incited rabid whites, who trashed her press and threatened her life. She did not return to Memphis after the threats.

The Pulitzer Prize was established in 1917 to uplift "excellence in journalism." Wells' pathbreaking journalism would not have been a



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Pulitzer candidate, as her most important work, including Southern Horrors (1892) and Red Record (1895) were published before the Pulitzer was established. Based on her investigations, she wrote that "ten thousand Negroes have been killed in cold blood (through lynching) without the formality of judicial trial and legal execution". The Pulitzer Prizes were occasionally bestowed on journalists who exposed lynching, KKK operations, and other race matters, including integration clashes, race-related school closings in Virginia (1959), the John Birch Society, the Watts uprisings (they called them riots), Selma and more. Ebony Magazine's Monetta Sleet won a Pulitzer for a photo of Coretta Scott King at Dr. King's funeral.

By and large, though, the Black press was peripheral in Pulitzer consideration. While the Pulitzers have had a progressive stance, awarding journalists who covered college clashes (Cornell, Kent State 1969), jail peonage (Florida 1924), exploitation in meatpacking plants, their inability to consider excellence in the Black press is an oversight. Ida B. Wells would not have been a candidate for a Pulitzer citation without the ways the Black press embraced her. Perhaps the Pulitzers should consider the Black press, too often ignored, in their next citation.

Contemporary events remind us of the enduring legacy of Ida B. Wells' work. Ahmaud Arbery, a man who was executed weeks before his 26th birthday, encountered a rabid white father and son who shot him because he was in the wrong neighborhood at the wrong time. Arbery's dad described his massacre as a lynching, and it resonates with Ida B. Wells' Pulitzer award. Who will cover the Arbery massacre with the same vigor that Ida B. investigated lynching? It took more than two months for a white father and son to be arrested, as video footage illustrated their attack on Arbery. Why? Where is our Ida B Wells?

Ida B's legacy requires journalists to poke and provoke, to ask uncomfortable questions, to use their pens to seek social and economic justice. The Ida B. Legacy, as well as reminds us that in 2020, we grapple; with the same challenges that we did a century ago. Kudos to Nicole Hannah Jones for taking up the baton from Ida B. with the 1619 project. Ida B's Pulitzer was decades late, and at the same time, right on time.

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**"When a school child remains unchallenged, he or she will shut down and lose interest in learning altogether".--BESSIE HOGAN**

## Corona Soul Food Roundtable

BY BEVERLY SMALLS  
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Monday United States Senator Thom Tillis and Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo answered constituents' questions in a bipartisan COVID 19 Town Hall conference call format.

Tillis said it was the thirty sixth North Carolina event.

Callers focused questions and comments on balancing citizen involved mitigation acts to decrease viral infections, and the needs to stabilize the local and state

economies.

Both politicians discussed their preferences for wearing masks.

Though the Wilmington government recommendation to wear a mask in public is voluntary, Saffo said some area officials are trying to work with local business owners to shore up the potential for required uses of facial masks by customers.

Both politicians agreed that some beach area guidelines of "no shirt, no shoes, no service," should include, "no mask, no service."

One caller asked what should be done if a customer refuses such a rule set by a business.

Mayor Saffo specified that a business owner could enforce such a rule and be able to involve law enforcement to carry it out or communicate with an, "unruly" patron.

Senator Tillis said his preference has always been to wear a mask in public.

Stating that his daughter is pregnant and working as a nurse, he also emphasized the need for the public to be informed by listening to the

health care professionals and epidemiologists' suggestions for their personal and community safety.

He also complimented the role of Governor Roy Cooper in acting early to define and order social distancing and the shelter in place guidelines that controlled virus spread.

Though the state of Georgia and NC have similar population numbers, early preventive measures in the Tarheel State spared citizens from the more problematic numbers of cases and death rates in Georgia, Tillis said.



SENATOR THOM TILLIS



MAYOR BILL SAFFO

### GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

## COVID-19 and Housing

HELLO JOURNAL FAMILY! Listen, let me tell you that we are about to see some of the Post- COVID, Post-Rona carnage in a few short weeks, and I for one, are not looking forward to it. Some families had no choices, and some families had a few. 1) For the ones that had no options, were told hours must be cut or altogether eliminated, that have not yet been allowed to come back to work, that hand dealt has not been an easy one. 2) For the families that were told the same thing BUT have since been allowed to return to work but chose not to, they had choices, and in time it will be revealed if they made the right one. I want to talk to both types of families this week about the possibilities that could arise and a few avenues

you can check into for guidance. First, let me talk to the family that fits the #2 scenario...Dear Employee that refuses to go back to work for no other reason other than they are paying you too good to just stay home: I know that unemployment weekly pay is more than some families were making when they were working full-time. I know that it may be the 1st time in your life; you have had a PAID vacation. I know things are not so bad right now and I'm not judging nor want to be a Debbie-downer, but I want to share some facts: IF you had Homeownership on the radar,



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that goal might be severely delayed if your position gets filled with someone else, and there are no other jobs available when that unemployment runs out.. If your employer was lucky enough to get some of those PPP funds given by SBA to pay payroll of employees, do you think they won't do everything they can to come out on the winning end?. Did you know that if the employers that got those funds do not pay it all out to employees, they will be liable to pay those funds back? That those funds were given to help those businesses help families and businesses to stay afloat during this Pandemic? Do you think the employer is going to risk having to pay those funds back just because their employees refuse to come back? I can assure you; they are not going

to lose; they are going to hire someone to pay out those funds. The fact is that many had NO JOB when this Pandemic hit so they are standing up to let these employers know if they won't work, I WILL... Have you considered what is your Plan B if your job is gone and you had your chance to go back? What about that landlord, tho? You can't pay your rent because you now have No job, it's Gone.. Stimulus checks, Gone.. The Unemployment checks; Gone. " My Friend I do hope you have a Post-Rona Plan B, you will need it" ..... Now to my #1 scenario: Family, Life deals with some real earth-shattering events that knock the wind completely out of you. It's in these times that you have to do everything you can to maintain and minimize

your losses. If you have to move in with family or family pile in with you and you all chip in what you can to keep a roof over your head and food on the table, then so be it. It's just for a short season. Go out looking into some of those jobs that employers are looking to fill because their employees won't come back, trust me, they are out there. If you have a special skill, a gift inside of you that you can turn into a small business with little money, (you should have been done that), but now is your real motivation just to do it. In these times, you have to go back to the old school way of thinking. Instead of spending money on everything, if you have a skill, try to swap with it. "If you do this for me, then I can do this for you.". It's not easy, but if you have to put

pride aside to survive, know that no one will judge you. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness, but rather STRENGTH. If you are someone that has always held your own but needs a little help to get over this Pandemic hump, my friend you are not alone, and you will survive this with your Legacy intact. It will remain intact, do what you have to do.

Until next week, please share this article with at least three people. Reach out if you want the steps to stop signing leases and to start recording a deed. In 18 months or less, your family can become a homeowner.

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## 2020 ROCAME Jamboree for Brunswick County

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE  
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Since the annual Brunswick County Jamboree scheduled for Saturday, March 28, was cancelled because of health concerns, ROCAME advisers were asked to submit the names of students (school-based or local "winners") assigned to a single team per event. Two of the four middle school clubs (Shallotte Middle School and South Brunswick Middle School) and the three high school clubs (North Brunswick, South Brunswick, and West Brunswick High School) responded.

The "local winners" of high school events are: Write It Do It - Ashley Dominguez and Mariana Diaz (West Brunswick -WBHS); Madilyn Smith and Jordan Smith, North Brunswick (NBHS); Madison Settle and Calyn Lawson (NBHS); Metric Mastery - Teo Ruiz and Armando Tapia (WBHS); Ayana Johnson and Taylore Bassett (NBHS); Egg Drop - Ashley Dominguez and Wendy Flores (WBHS); Kelly Tapia and Sara Dominguez (WBHS); Calyn Lawson and Shaniya Oliver (NBHS); Mystery Architecture - Arlene Velasquez and Ashley Dominguez (WBHS) Science Project - Liz Valerio (WBHS); Pentathlon - Emily Olmedo, David Dorsey, Wendy Flores, and Sara Dominguez (WBHS); PowerPoint - Liz Valerio and David Dorsey (WBHS); Oratory - Mariana

Diaz (WBHS); Engineering (NACME) Test - Teo Ruiz (WBHS); Robotics - Teo Ruiz (WBHS); Tylik Corbett and Malik Shaw (NBHS); Andrew Hankins and Davina Daley, South Brunswick (SBHS); ElectroGames - Kamya Montgomery and Jamal Deathrow (NBHS); Andrew Hankins and Davina Daley (SBHS); Quiz Bowl - Teo Ruiz, Emely Olmedo, Ashley Dominguez, and David Dorsey (WBHS).

Middle school "winners" are: Write It Do It - Atalia Lopez and Andrea Flores, Shallotte Middle (SMS); Metric Mastery - Max Cobos-Tello and Juan Bolano (SMS); Egg Drop - Derek Rivera and Alan Dominguez (SMS); Mystery Architecture - R'Tashia Bellamy and Meldrian Brown (SMS); Robotics - Juan Bolanos, Jalen Harrell, and Bryan Valerio (SMS); Samantha Lindsey and Jordan Pollock, South Brunswick (SBMS); Science Clue - Abraham Jackson and R'Tashia Bellamy (SMS); Samantha Lindsey and Cassie Pollock (SBMS); Quiz Bowl - Alex Ramirez, R'Tashia Bellamy, Brittany Dominguez, and LaVarr Sharpe; PowerPoint - Bryan Valerio, Stephanie Waterbury, and Maryella

Rodriguez (SMS); Oratory - Abraham Dominguez (SMS); Engineering (NACME) Test - Bryan Valerio, Juan Bolanos, Jalen Harrell, and Stephanie Cruz (SMS).

Plans were made to dedicate the 2020 Brunswick County Jamboree to three ROCAME advisers--Kathy Evans, Mary Zeigler, and Letisha Murphy-who retired from Brunswick County Schools last year.

Mrs. Evans served as ROCAME adviser at West Brunswick High School for more than 15 years. She was also a strong supporter of both the county and regional jamborees serving as a judge and/or scorer.

Mrs. Zeigler served as an adviser at Cedar Grove Middle School for approximately 10 years. Her science background allowed her to field championship teams without outside assistance and to serve as a jamboree judge.

Mrs. Kirby began her ROCAME "career" of approximately 20 years at Leland Middle School. The last 15 years were spent at North Brunswick High School where she led her students to multiple championships and also served as "unofficial" host for the county jamboree. Plaques and gift cards will be presented to the honorees later.

The jamboree sponsors were Food Lion (Leland), Harris Teeter (Leland), Wal-Mart (Leland), and McDonald's (Brunswick Co.).

## Ivy R. Taylor selected as 12th President of Rust College



IVY R. TAYLOR

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The Rust College Board of Trustees has announced the selection of former San Antonio Mayor, Ivy Ruth Taylor, as the 12th president of Rust College. She will be the first woman to lead Rust College as President. Taylor is the daughter of the late Patricia B. Jones, the late Ivory Sidberry and William Jones, Jr., all of Wilmington, N.C. Her grandmothers were Ruth H. Davis and Jessie Mae Sidberry of Wilmington.

The Trustees made their selection following an extensive eight-month search ending with a series of interviews with faculty, staff, students, alumni and representatives from the Holly Springs community. "Dr. Taylor brings energy, intelligence, and competence as well as experience in listening to diverse views and building coalitions," said Rev. Dr. David Swinton, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Taylor succeeds President David Beckley who has successfully led the school for 27 years. After a period of transition, Dr. Beckley will retire with the status of President Emeritus.

Dr. Taylor spent six years

as a lecturer in Public Administration at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She also worked at a nonprofit affordable housing agency and served multiple terms as a city councilmember prior to her term as Mayor. "We believe the abilities she gained in non-profit management and political leadership will be readily transferable to an academic setting," said Swinton.

While serving as Mayor, Dr. Taylor joined the Board of Trustees for Huston-Tillotson University, in Austin, Texas. This sparked for her an additional interest in higher education, especially Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). She is also on the board of the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. She told the Rust College Board of Trustees that she is committed to changing lives, improving communities, and reducing economic inequality through working in higher education.

"I am honored and humbled to have this opportunity to serve the Rust College community. Through my conversations with the Board, students, faculty, staff and alumni, it was apparent that many appreciate the

impact of Rust College on their lives and want to be part of envisioning its' bright future. I am thrilled to be part of writing the next chapter for this historic institution", said Taylor. She added, "My family and I are looking forward to becoming active members in this community."

Dr. Taylor received her bachelor's degree from Yale University and a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She recently completed the Doctor of Education Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Her dissertation focused on leadership for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

She credits her academic success to the strong foundation, faith, and values instilled by her mother, Patricia, a graduate of Williston Senior High School. She relishes time with her family-her husband of 21 years, Rodney, and their daughter, Morgan, a high school student.

Rust College is a liberal arts college in Holly Springs, Mississippi, founded in 1866 and affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

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**Alfred Mitchell**

Alfred Mitchell died on Monday, May 4, 2020. Graveside services were held on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at Oak Grove Cemetery.

He was born May 6, 1926 in Wilmington, NC to the late William Lincoln and Amelia Bryant Mitchell. Alfred was a lifetime member and an Elder at Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church. He was a loving husband, father, and mentor; and a wonderful teacher of brick masonry to many. A native of Wilmington, NC, he grew up in the small tight knit community of "Seabreeze" or what is also known as Myrtle Grove Sound. He was always fascinated with learning, which is why he taught himself to read rather fluently at the young age of 4. After graduating as Valedictorian of the Williston Industrial High School class of 1943, he became the first African American state-licensed building contractor in New Hanover County. Alfred built many homes, businesses and churches throughout Wilmington and surrounding areas. He taught many young men in and outside of the community carpentry and brick masonry. His philosophy for brick laying consisted of these three major principles: "lay them right, lay them right and lay them right." As a local minister, in 2003 and 2004, Alfred penned a weekly newspaper column in the *Wilmington Journal* called Little Sermons. The columns were based on God's written word and provided a source of inspiration and spiritual advice for its readers. He was devoted to studying and understanding the Word of God and sincerely believed that knowing what the Bible says is pointless unless one puts that knowledge to use. At the age of 75, Alfred enrolled as a full-time student at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He reluctantly withdrew after a short but illuminating year because of scheduling conflicts and the physical struggles of walking across the large college campus to attend classes. He never relinquished his thirst for learning and was a noted historian of American history. A self-taught grammarian and poet, he was always fascinated with the writings of Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton and other great literary giants. In December 2010, at the age of 84, his own extensive collection of poems, epigrams, and other literary musings about love, family life, humor and religion were published in *Tomé of the Unknown Poet*. Most of the literature in the book reflects on his own life and experiences. Although not a singer, he was an extraordinary songwriter; and authored a large unpublished collection of songs, sermons, short plays and short stories. Alfred is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, John, Adolphus, Earl, Amelia and Harriett; his former wife Naomi G. Mitchell and son, Andre T. Mitchell.

He is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Eleanor B. Mitchell; his loving sister, Delia Victoria Mitchell Lloyd; children, Tracey Mitchell-Foy, Vallarie Mitchell-Morgan (Larry Darnell) of Wilmington, NC; step-children, Earlese Beamon, Gwenetta Young (Nate), and Betty Pernel (Warren) of

Atlanta, GA; six grandchildren, India Foy, Ashley Morgan, Kayla Mitchell, Natrice Robinson, Martin Young, five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving family and friends. A *Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*.

**Valarie Conner**

Valarie Conner died Tuesday, May 6, 2020 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Wilmington, North Carolina. Graveside services were held Monday, May 11, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Valarie, daughter of the late Albert Brown and Edith Williams Brown was born on February 14, 1951 in Brooklyn, New York. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System and graduated from New Hanover High School. She was a member of Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church. At Macedonia she served on the usher board and sang on the choir. In addition to her

She leaves to cherish her memories: two sons, William C. Brown and Laron E. Brown, both of Wilmington, NC; three grandchildren, LaQuans Hansley, Layla Brown and Aaron Brown all of Wilmington, NC; four sisters, Yvonne Doe (John Henry), Alfreda Green, Yvette Gore (Robert) and Barbara Brown; four brothers, Lawrence Brown (Vanessa), Albert Brown, Jr. (Cindy), Tyrone Brown and Hollis Brown (Mae); aunt, Patricia Williams; uncle, Robert Williams (Geraldine) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A *Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*.

**Helen Moore**

Helen Moore died May 10, 2020. Graveside services will be held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at John Smith Cemetery, Southport, NC. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m.. On Friday, May 10, 2020 at St. James AME Zion Church, Southport, NC. A *Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*.

**Connie Lee Williams**

Ms. Connie Lee Williams was born January 22, 1952, in New Hanover County to the late Delman and Blanche Williams. Her earthly life ended on Saturday, May 2, 2020, at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center in Wilmington, North Carolina. Graveside services were held Saturday, May 9, 2020, at Williams Love Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Hampstead, North Carolina.

Connie was educated in the Pender and New Hanover County schools system. She began her career in Industrial plant and Lab work for 30 years.

Connie became a member of Love Chapel (COGIC) in 1977. She had a love for God and was truly searching for higher depths in him. She served faithfully for more than forty years and was a giver of her tithes and offerings. She worked diligently in the church and served in many capacities: Choir member, Prayer warrior, Missionary Board member, Church secretary, Outreach Ministry, Junior Church leader, Finance Chair lady, Queen of the church, President of the annual Tea and anything her hands could find to do.

Connie was involved in two accidents that nearly claimed her life, because of this she became known as "God's Miracle". She often said "I'm hopping - but not stopping". She knew that God could do anything but fail. She will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memories: son Levern Williams, Jr. of Leland, N. C.; daughter Talya Williams of Leland, N. C.; grandchildren Tasheena Williams, Latana Evans and Christina Evans all of Leland, N. C.; great grandchildren Jeremiah and Eason both of Leland, N. C.; brothers Delman Williams (Jackie) of Indiana and Clyde Williams of Atlanta, sisters Yattie Williams (Alfred) of Rocky Mount, N. C.; Jackie Nixon, Walla Williams, Katie Johnson, Mary E. Green and Gloria Billingsley all of Wilmington, N. C.; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A *service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N. C. Condolences may be made at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com*.

**Dora DeVane**

Mrs. Dora Jane Herring DeVane entered into rest on April 30, 2020 at New Hanover Memorial Hospital. Graveside services were held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

She was born to the late Oscar and Eloise Herring April 10, 1943 and raised in Harrells, NC. After graduating from Clear Run High School, she moved to Brooklyn, NY to start a new life. Jane was employed with Continental Connector and Metropolitan Life Insurance. She met her life-long companion, Daniel DeVane, in Bronx, NY and married on September 10, 1965. To this matrimony three children were born. Jane and Daniel moved back to Wilmington, NC in 1971.

Jane was employed by New Hanover County Schools where she remained for over 30 years as a dedicated teacher's assistant. Jane and Daniel co-owned DeVane's Trucking Company and Papa D's Pizza. After retirement, they traveled extensively.

Jane was baptized in 1977 and dedicated her life to becoming one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Jane is preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters, James E. Herring, Herbert Lee Herring, Dolly Herring, Shirley Herring Hadley, Patricia Herring Wilson, Annie Pearl Herring Utley and Ella Herring.

Mrs. Dora Jane DeVane is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Daniel DeVane Sr. of the home; children, Kevin DeVane (Kathy) of Wilmington, Angela DeVane of Wilmington and Daniel DeVane, Jr. (Heather) of Houston, TX; brothers, George Herring of NY and Larry Herring of GA. Also blessed by her love are her grandchildren, Jennifer DeVane, Daniel DeVane III, Kameron DeVane, Xavier B. Edwards and a great-grandchild Carter I. DeVane.

Last, but not least, she leaves a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Jane was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, family member and friend. She was loved and cherished by special friends, Pansy Williams Lamont, Greg and Linda Massey, Mark and Judy Massey and Brenda Wolff as well as many others.

*Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Larry W. Gause**

Larry W. Gause, age 66, of Bolivia, passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 - 6:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Selma J. Gause of the home; son, Joshua J. Gause of Bolivia; daughter, Michelle Gore of Utah; brothers, Tommy Gause of Bladenboro and Oliver Gause of Elizabethtown; sister, Thelma Tugwell of Farmville, 3 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Rufus N. Randolph**

Rufus N. Randolph, Sr., age 67, of Bolivia, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2020.

Family will receive friends from 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Anita Randolph of the home; sons, Rufus N. Randolph and Edmund L. Randolph (Cheryl) both of Bolivia; siblings, Annie Brookins of Bolivia, Julia Joyner of Bolivia, Ella McClain (Kenny) of Southport, Lindell Randolph (Jackie) of Bolivia, Mary Berry (Robert) of Somerset, NJ and Louisiana Tooley of Bolivia, 4 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

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A very strong limb has fallen from our family tree. We keep hearing her sweet voice that says, "Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times, the laughter, the song. Remember the good life I lived with you, while I was strong. Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through. My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remembering all of you and how I truly was blessed. Please continue our traditions, no matter how small. Richard and I will be watching all of you, from the heavens up above.

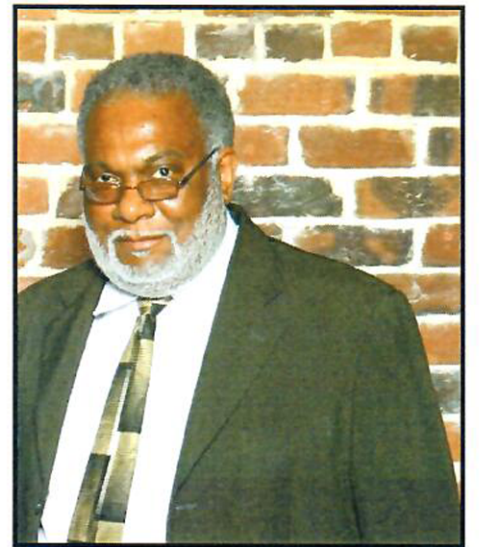
So take good care of each other and carry all my love. Go on with your life, don't worry about falls. I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin. Until the day comes that we're together again."

It's been so very hard these fourteen years without you. But we're glad that Jesus knows.

He knows just, just how much we can bear. We are still holding on and we're looking up, giving you a smile, Because we remember your words that are so true, "When our way seems dark and dreary, we don't have to worry because God is near: If in our hearts there is no song, we should just keep the faith and keep holding on. We'll turn our plates down, fast and pray knowing that Jesus will always make a way. **"There's a Bright Side Somewhere"**.

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*"For God hath not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7*

*Fear: Unpleasant, often strong emotion caused by expectation or awareness of danger; Anxious concern*

Christian Believers live victorious lives when walking by faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the proving of things not seen. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Because we want to please God,

we are willing to walk by faith and to live by faith, as he asks us to do in His word. Faith allows us to lay hold to the promises of God and to receive many blessings from above. This is why we should, Fear Not!

Fear is the opposite of faith. Fear cancels faith and causes one to make many mistakes in judgement. Fear promotes anxiety, which leads to a rush to judgement and rash decisions. I John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." Fear breeds anger, hatred, paranoia, and suspicion. Fear will not allow you to walk in love towards your brother or sister. Fear magnifies differences and minimizes commonalities. Fear separates

and divides families, and communities racially, socially, and economically. On the other hand, Faith brings us together for the common good and with a common goal and purpose. This is why we should, Fear Not! God has not given us a spirit of fear for that very reason. God wants his children to get along and to live in peace and harmony. Fear will not allow people to dwell together in unity because fear is not of God. As a church, we cannot be fear based and faith based at the same time. We are either walking by faith or living in fear.



Sylvia Hooper

Fear based politics is very prevalent today. When candidates contend for office, by seeking to frighten people of their opponent, that campaign is fear based! The campaign run by fear seeks to separate and isolate voters with biased logic, that hurts more than it helps. Instead of focusing on the candidate's actual ability, experience, conduct, character or potential... They use dirt as a distraction to cloud the real issues, muddy the waters, and to confuse the voters as to who is the better candidate. Fear based voting can cause people to lose sight of God's will without waiting on the Lord. Fear based politics use extreme negativity to gain votes. Fear based politics is bad for the community, nation and the world. When people

use fear to get in office, they will use fear to stay in office. Christian voters should vote their faith according to the facts and not their fears. This is why we should Fear Not!

Faith based politics, based on the fear of the Lord, can be used in a positive way to impact our communities. Faith in God and his word shows, a level of humility affecting conduct and character; that is needed for those who hold office in our local, state and federal government. Fact and faith can work together, and produce great results for the common good and to the glory of God. That is, if we, Fear Not!

Prayer: Father, teach us to walk in faith, and not give way to the spirit of fear. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

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

Faith is a spiritual language! Part 2

All Scriptures are from the KJV unless posted

2Corin. 4:13, 18, "We having the same spirit of faith, according to as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;" (NIV) It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak. " Faith is the language of our heavenly Father, it's the language of His Son Jesus Christ, it's the language of the Holy Spirit, it was the language of the Church and it is of necessity our language today. Hebrews 11:6, (AMPC) "But without faith, it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out]."

It is impossible to communicate with God apart from the language of faith! (AMPC)6 "Only it must be in faith that he asks with no

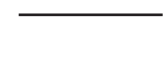
wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind. For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord," The question should be asked, why do I used so many scriptures in teaching, preaching and even my articles? There is a spiritual principle (law) that says: Romans 19:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God

Lets defined again spiritual principle, "a basic spiritual truth or law. A fixed or predetermined mode of action. A basic, or essential, quality or element determining intrinsic nature or characteristic behavior. A fundamental source or basis of something." The Bible, which is the word of God is the fountainhead of all, all spiritual truth and the revelation of the complete will of God for man. John 8:30-32, 30 "As he spake these words, many believed on him.31 Then said

Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Faith always speaks in agreement with God, it is the confession or profession of faith, saying what God says: Hebrews 3:1, "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;" ( N K J V ) "Therefore, h o l y brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus," Heb. 10:23, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)( NKJV)23 "Let us hold fast the confession of our

Rev. Naconiel Fullwood



hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." Faith is merely believing that God will do these and other things, which He said in His word that He would do if we would only believe. If we can believe, all things are possible to them that believe. Have faith in God, we could sum up the matter by quoting the command of Jesus: Have faith in God. Faith will always, always move the hand of God. Faith always possesses. Faith is a persistent force. Faith relies on the ability of God. Faith knows no defeat.

Faith thrives on a test. Faith never argues. Faith never trembles. Faith knows what God has said because it has been born by the word of God. Faith gives us a receptive heart. Faith looks directly to the word of God. Faith takes what God says and bring to past the impossible. Faith knows that what God says is a revelation of what it is His will to do. Faith accepts God's word as the final authority in every circumstance. Faith claims that

word and steps out on it. Faith possesses promises. Faith demands results. Faith claims its covenanted rights. When reason argues; when one fears, trembles, and becomes nerves; faith stands steadfast and immovable because it knows what God has said. That settles the matter with faith. Faith is invincible. Faith is irresistible.

Abraham is called, the father of faith because he simply believes God, when all the odds were against him he did not waver, but was steadfast in his faith in God! Romans 4:18-24,18 "Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;21 And being fully persuaded that, what he

had promised, he was able also to perform.22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;"

Romans 8:32, (AMPC)32 He who did not withhold or spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all [other] things? Notice the words of Jesus in Matt 17:20, "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

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

Can Joe Biden win? The jury is out

BY BARRINGTON M. SALMON

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Former Vice President Joe Biden has the most delegates going into this summer's Democratic Convention and is the presumptive nominee for president. But there is no consensus about whether Biden will be able to beat President Donald Trump in November.

Political analyst Dr. Avis Jones-Deweever said she's been tracking polls, talking to colleagues and other people she knows and trying to read the tea leaves. Even though Biden is ahead in all the polls she's seen, she said she's still uneasy. "Coronavirus is helping him because Trump is hurting himself a lot with ridiculous behavior," said Jones-Deweever, a highly-sought after women's empowerment strategist, diversity counselor, author and political commentator. "People are seeing the devastation of that, the lies, incompetence, stupidity. All of that has to count."

"Biden is leading in every poll. He's run every single poll."

Currently, Trump's base is not enough to win or capture key states. What's of vital importance is turnout, especially in the key states that Hillary Clinton lost in 2016 including Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin.

"This is a very winnable election, not necessary a cakewalk," De-Weever cautioned.

Jones-Deweever said she's aware that Biden just released a brand new agenda around Black people.

"It's 20 pages long which suggests that he is doing more to address our problems," she said. "It's been hard for him to get media attention because of coronavirus. I'm very con-

cerned because they're not using social media to its capacity. They need talented staff to develop digital content because so far, it's underwhelming."

Jones-Deweever said she is stunned that former Democratic presidential candidate billionaire Mike Bloomberg offered his digital staff to the Biden campaign and Biden lieutenants have not accepted it.

"I was like, 'Jesus Christ, please.' They're so arrogant to ignore this offer. It's making me very concerned. It's making me feel like the Hillary Clinton campaign all over again."

Despite positive polls for him, there are some who have sworn against Biden for what they deem to be principled reasons.

Leo Alexander, a Mobile, Alabama businessman, said he thinks Biden is a poor choice for the Democratic nominee and doesn't deserve to be vying for president because he has never had the interests of Black people during his entire political career.

"In the early '70s, he was against busing, then he cozied up to segregation side of the Senate, he aggressively attacked Anita Hill in the '80s, and then he was instrumental in the Crime bill which many Black men still haven't recovered from," said Alexander. "He is not a friend of the Black man. The only reason why he's relevant is because President Obama chose him as his vice president. He ran three times and was a complete loser."

For the past several weeks, Alexander has been very vocal about his support for New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo who he said has proven to be the most competent politician on the national scene and he said he's looking forward to Cuomo being pushed forward as the

Democratic nominee this summer: Cuomo's response to the Covid19 outbreak that has decimated New York has been masterful, Alexander said.

"Biden doesn't have enough delegates to claim victory," he explained. "Bernie (Sanders) kept his delegates which was a smooth move because that opened the door to a brokered convention. And it opens the door for a backdoor candidate to step in."

"I think Cuomo would take it. Some people are chosen like Cuomo. Coronavirus has done the same thing for Cuomo. He's saying the right thing, that he doesn't want post. He's keeping his mouth shut and doing a heluva job."

Alexander said Cuomo is perfect is that he's progressive but comes from the Establishment wing of the party.

"Cuomo will bring the party together. It's gonna be a beautiful thing. Must see TV," Alexander said with a hearty laugh.

The novel virus pandemic has hit America hard with this country exhibiting the highest number of cases in the world. On Tuesday morning, there were 1,218,472 confirmed cases in the US with more than 70,000 people succumbing to the disease.

For well over a month, about 80 percent of the country has been under locked down or under mandatory stay-at-home orders. More than 26 million people have applied for unemployment, an estimated 40 million Americans have lost their jobs and businesses are either closed for the foreseeable future or in danger of being shuttered permanently.

Uncertainty still persists about how the disease is spread, who is infected and who is asymptomatic. Testing

is haphazard and sporadic and the contact tracing and surveillance needed to track and contain the disease has been absent because of the lack of coordination from the federal government, critics say.

Prince George's County, Md. voter Latine Halstead said she believes Biden will be victorious.

"I think he'll win. I have to believe that. Yeah, I think he will win," she said with a chuckle. "They'll put up a good fight. We'll see some trickery, the Russians may be involved again, but Biden will win."

Halstead, a businesswoman who transports students to and from school, said Biden's very affectionate nature has caused him problems but attributes that to a generational thing.

"I don't think it's a big thing and doesn't compare to the predatory actions of Trump and Bill Clinton," she said. "What's very important too is that the virus has really brought all these ills to the surface. The healthcare system and the country's medical infrastructure is inadequate and is being strained to the breaking point. Republicans have shown that they really don't care. They don't want to talk about healthcare. If we had universal healthcare, it would have driven the need for masks and people going to the doctor."

Halstead said she is looking forward to a Democratic president and Democratically-controlled government that cares more about people than property.

When asked if Biden will win, Michele Watley, a strategic communications and political advocacy consultant, said, "You never know ..."

"He's spun a good narrative, taken coronavirus and framed



JOE BIDEN

it as war; has pinpointed a source and made it political," she said of President Trump. "He's blamed Democrats, said they won't open businesses."

"The economy was a major anchor that was keeping the administration afloat and now Covid19 has tossed it awry," said Watley, who served as director of African-American Outreach during the 2016 campaign. "It will be interesting to see after coronavirus what the process is in terms of going to work, who voters blame for difficulties that arise and the businesses that had to close."

When asked about if Biden

should pick a Black woman as vice president, Watley mulled the question.

"Who he chooses will affect his race. How? I'm not sure," she said. "This is where it becomes problem in the campaign sense. Rep. James Clyburn has said Biden doesn't have to choose a Black woman. He is taken as the voice of all Black people but he doesn't speak for me...When people vote, you vote for a payoff and support candidates who vote your interests. Do you ask Black women to wait again? Where is the payoff?"



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This the 5th day of May, 2020.

Amy Neuschafer  
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2020

**Notice to Creditors**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Kenneth R. Snead, Sr. (19-E-144)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **August 14, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of May, 2020.

Charlotte Noel Fox  
Craige & Fox, PLLC  
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May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2020

**Notice to Creditors**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Rose M. House, (20-E-212)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **August 14, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of May, 2020.

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
In the General Court of Justice --Superior Court  
Division  
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 May 7, 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 5th day of May, 2020.

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

Having qualified on the 16th day of April, 2020, as Administrator of the Estate of **JOHNNY A. BENNETT, Deceased**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit them to the Executor, Connie Lynn Bennett, at 4300 Tillson Road, Wilmington, NC 28412, on or before the **29th day of July, 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 22nd day of April, 2020.

CONNIE LYNN BENNETT, ADM.  
Attorney for the Estate:  
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA  
Carolina Legal Counsel  
P.O. Box 12028  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
Telephone (910) 256-3364

April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
File No. 19 E 1098  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF: KAREN JUDITH EMME  
Decedent.**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Karen Judith Emme**, late of 701 Market Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina 28401, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 1904 Eastwood Road, Ste 310A, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403, on or before the **1st day of August, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 30th day of April, 2020.

Jennifer Duskie, Personal Representative of the Estate of Karen Judith Emme, deceased.

April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 2020

**WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY PREPARES TO OPEN THE Public Housing Waitlist for Glover Plaza, Solomon Towers and Rankin Terrace Communities**

The Wilmington Housing Authority has announced it will be accepting applications for its Glover Plaza, Solomon Towers and Rankin Terrace Communities for ONE day, Monday, May 18th, 2020. Applications will be available to those interested in applying to be placed on the waiting list for the Glover Plaza, Solomon Towers and Rankin Terrace Communities. Each community has its own waiting list, therefore, to be considered for all properties, 3 applications must be submitted.

The waiting list will open on Monday, May 18th beginning 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Applications are available at WHA's main office located at 1524 S. 16th Street and on the website at www.wha.net.

Applicants are reminded that no applications will be accepted at any Wilmington Housing Authority office.

All applications must be mailed via United States Postal Service and postmarked no later than Friday, May 22, 2020. Only the 2020 Pre-Application forms will be accepted.

•These communities have bedroom sizes ranging from 1,2, 3, 4 and 5-bedroom units.

Applicants should not contact WHA offices to inquire about placement on the waiting list.

Applicants will be notified in writing if they have been placed on the waiting list once their application is processed.

May 14, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified on the 21st day of April, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **JOHN W. SAWYER, Deceased**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit them to the Executor, Ann A. Sawyer, at 7225 Lounsbury Court, Wilmington, NC 28405, on or before the **5th day of August, 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 30th day of April, 2020.

ANN A. SAWYER, EXECUTOR  
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May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
In the Superior Court  
Before the Clerk  
New Hanover County File  
Number: 20-SP-0128**

CHARLOTTE NOEL FOX, Administrator for the Estate of LUBERTA HIGGINS, Petitioner, vs. REGINALD DWAYNE HAYES, DENISE HIGGINS HAYES, DENNIS HIGGINS, REGINALD LEON HAYES, FELICIA LAVETTE HIGGINS LAW, MARICE DEMITRE LAW, DEMECIA L. HAYES, BENNIE HIGGINS, ALESIA ANN HIGGINS, THELMA FARRIOR MURPHY AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LUBERTA HIGGINS, Respondents.

To Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Luberta Higgins:

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

A Petition to Determine Ownership of Surplus Proceeds resulting from New Hanover County Foreclosure Proceeding 19-SP-105.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S § 45-21.32, Petitioner seeks ownership of all surplus proceeds resulting from a foreclosure action (19-SP-105) to apply to the satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and the costs of administration; and after satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and costs of administration, distribute to the heirs.

You are required to file a written response by Wednesday, June 17, 2020, and upon your failure to do so any order entered by the Court shall be binding as if you were personally before the Court and any payment or distribution made by the Administrator under orders of the Court shall have the effect of fully discharging such personal representative and any sureties on the personal representative's official bond to the full extent of such payment or distribution as ordered.

This, the 7th day of May, 2020.

CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC  
Charlotte Noel Fox  
N.C. State Bar No. 32678  
Administrator of the Estate of Luberta Higgins  
701 Market Street  
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May 7, 14, 21, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF LARRY GLENN HIERONYMUS, Deceased.**

The undersigned, having heretofore qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Larry Glenn Hieronymus**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **August 14, 2020**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of May, 2020.

Tande Dembinski (fka Tande A. Hieronymus)  
3851 Eaglestone Court  
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May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Fannie Mimms Stewart**, late of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them in care of the Undersigned at 102 N. Fifth Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **14th day of August, 2020** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of May, 2020.

YOW, FOX & MANNEN, LLP  
102 N. 5TH Ave.  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Jerry A. Mannen, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Fannie Mimms Stewart

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Cheryl L. Rodzik**, late of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them in care of the Undersigned at 2005 Scrimshaw Place, Wilmington, NC 28405, on or before **14th day of August, 2020** or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of May, 2020.

Jerry A. Mannen, Jr., Attorney  
YOW, FOX & MANNEN, LLP  
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Todd A. Rodzik, Executor of the Estate of Cheryl L. Rodzik

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