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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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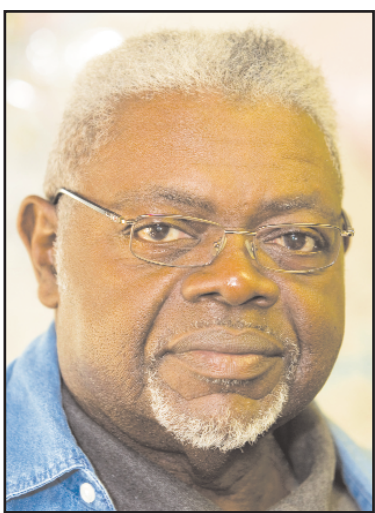


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BLACK LIVES MATTER

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Brunswick County Black Leadership Caucus didn't have a Juneteenth Celebration this year due to the pandemic, which mandated social distancing. Our concern was for the welfare of the community. However, we did award four Brunswick County seniors scholarships of \$1500.00 per student. The students are Mr. Zion Smith, Ms. Xzasha Grissett, Mr. Alexander Williams, Ms. Tia Marie Moss. The Bolivia Brunswick County Black Caucus is still working hard to promote our children through education, public appearances, community pride, and,

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COMMUNITY RESPONDS
Federal Court filing

BY **BEVERLY SMALLS**
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Monday participants in the Wilmington Clergy Truth and Reconciliation Mission gathered on the steps of the Alton Lennon Federal Building to introduce a new federal filing.

"We want a federal charge for the conspiracy to commit a hate crime linked to those policemen who plotted to hurt or kill local citizens," spokesperson, the Rev. Kojo Nantambu said.

Though three Wilmington Police Officers, Kevin Piner, Jesse Moore, and James Gilmore were fired last month by the new Police Chief Donny Williams, local clergy and associates want additional United States Department Of Justice scrutiny.

A component of the DOJ, the Community Relations Service works to consult, mediate, and train community groups to deal effectively with conflicts of racial and social justice.

Williams, the first African American Chief in Wilmington learned of audio accidentally recorded by the three officers using the, "N Word," and other disparaging remarks about himself, other blacks -- the magistrate, fellow officers, and area residents.

The fired policemen conversed about future killings of black people in a type of race war.

Joining the clergy for their filing was long term activist, Atty. Al McSurely of Raleigh, who has been involved with the DOJ Community Relations Service.

"Truth and justice is the first step," McSurely said and reminisced about his work with CRS after the Charlottesville, Virginia march, tragedy, and community fears spawned by white supremacists.

The activist, Nantambu and others expressed concerns about the possibility of other members of law enforcement having inappropriate issues with the communities they are sworn to protect.

Wayne Age, a thirty year Deacon for Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church confirmed why he attended the federal filing, and his oil plans to be involved.

"This is a righteous cause," Age said. "If not now, when would you get involved."

Atty. McSurely, a Caucasian who graduated from UNC Chapel Hill, and much later the North Carolina Central Law School as a middle aged adult, has maternal and paternal grandparents with abolitionist-rooted religions.

His mother's family were members of the abolitionist Disciples of Christ Church, and the McSurelys were Scottish Presbyterian abolitionists.

The attorney has told of his mother's strong belief that social justice is based on the understanding of Jesus and the Old Testament prophets.

Clergy and McSurely were joined by NAACP President Debra Maxwell, Black Lives Matter, and the NC Black Leadership Caucus activist, Sonya Patrick.

They and other participants said they are also



NC NAACP PHOTO

LED BY ATTY. AL MCSURELY AND REV. KOJO NANTAMBU, COMPLAINT FILED AT FEDERAL COURT IN WILMINGTON.

in agreement with the actions of District Attorney Ben David to contact the US Attorney's Office, and the FBI to further investigate former Officers Piner, Moore, and Gilmore's behaviors within the general police department.

"We don't feel safe around those types of police," Patrick said. "I wholeheartedly agree with the efforts of this Wilmington Clergy Truth and Reconciliation Mission group."

Nantambu said a collaborative of his group, civic organizations, and institutions of religion can be involved with their requests for federal involvement, and future work with the DOJ's Community Relations Service.

COMPLAINT

To: Community Relations Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Southeast Regional Office

Pursuant to Article 10, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as Amended 1966,2009.

From: Wilmington NC Clergy Truth and Reconciliation Mission (In Process of Formation)

By: Undersigned, additional Wilmington Region People of Goodwill shall be added as Complainants by July 31, 2020.

RE: Threats of Assault and Violent War on People because of their Race, National Origin and Color by Three Wilmington PD officers and other un-known co-conspirators.

Summary of Complaint

We, the Wilmington NC Clergy Truth and Reconciliation Mission, make these Allegations, based on information and good faith belief, to expose secret political societies within the region's law enforcement community who aim to terrorize with criminal threats of war and mass murder of Wilmington's people because of our race, color, national origin and religious faith,

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PATRICK



DAVID

Strong reaction to no charges against 3 racist officers who threatened race war

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Being fired from their jobs as veteran Wilmington police officers isn't enough, say community leaders, especially after the racist three were caught on tape talking about starting a "civil war," "slaughtering f*****g n****s," and wiping Blacks "...off the f*****g map."

Former "...officers, James Gilmore and Kevin Piner, and Corporal Jesse Moore...should not be allowed to work as police officers anywhere in the United States," demanded Sonya Patrick, of Black Lives Matter Wilmington, in a statement issued last week. "Moreover, a message must be sent to all police officers who disparage their commander and threaten to murder citizens and start an insurrection must be arrested and indicted."

However, while agreeing that referring to Black Lives Matter demonstrators, a Black suspect, Black police officers, and even a Black magistrate judge, as "n" words were certainly serious offenses, warranting termination, they are not criminal offenses, said New Hanover County District Attorney Ben David.

In a letter to Wilmington Police Chief Donny Williams last week, David said instead, he would be calling for a federal investigation into the White former officers' "hate-filled speech" because they broke no state laws.

"Words alone, spoken in private, not intended by the speaker to be heard by the person whom the speaker is victimizing and not part of a plan that the speaker and others have agreed upon, cannot constitute a crime for which someone can be arrested or prosecuted. This is not a close legal call," D.A. David wrote.

On June 4th, Piner, Gilmore and Moore were

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State's Black COVID-19 cases, deaths climbing

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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As of Monday, July 6, according to the NC Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina logged 74,529 cases of COVID-19 statewide, 24% of which were Black (or African-American); and 1,398 deaths, 33% Black.

The total cases logged Monday were 1546 more than were counted the day before. 982 COVID-19 hospitalizations, the highest until then, had also been recorded.

Also, on Monday, more than 1 million tests

for coronavirus had been completed across North Carolina, with approximately 9% coming back positive.

In key counties, the numbers were as follows: New Hanover, 1,138 cases, 17% Black, 7 deaths, 0% Black; Guilford, 3,149 cases, 39% Black, with 37% of the 117 deaths there being Blacks; Buncombe, 693 cases, 8% which are Black, and of 29 deaths, 0% Black; Mecklenburg, 13,111, 29% are Black, and of the 154 recorded deaths, 31% are Black.

With Mecklenburg County registering among the highest number of cases per county across North Carolina, Congresswoman Alma

Adams (D-NC-12) issued a report early Tuesday of this week on her office's constituent service during the coronavirus pandemic. As of July 6, Adam's office responded by letter to 10,363 constituent questions and comments; five pieces of legislation in the Congress on COVID-19 issues by Rep. Adams; 15 congressional letters requesting support from either Democratic House leadership, Pres. Trump or support from colleagues regarding COVID-19 related issues; and 19 in-district events (town halls) dealing

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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.
The Staff and Management of The Wilmington Journal



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most of all, spiritual sup-
port so that they will
respect all people and bet-
ter their lives. This is a
time when these things are
needed for them to move
forward.

"Black lives matter" to
those who respect them-
selves and others around
them. We cannot change
the heart until we change
the thoughts!!

Bernest Hewett is
President Emeritus of the
Brunswick County NAACP.



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and dismantle them forever
from our state.

We have, as our colleague
Dr. King said, "Been to the
Mountaintop." We have
"Seen the other Side." We
know that multi-racial
alliances and lifetime friend-
ships are possible, and they
are the antidote to the racist
set of ideas and hate-filled
actions these terrorist cells
plan to execute. Today, we
know their hatred is promot-
ed by powerful foreign and
domestic forces to forestall
and reverse the progress the
human race has made in the
four score years, since the
related systems of
racism/fascism were
exposed and dismantled by
the Allies in WW II and the
United Nations. Like Dr.
King, we are not just
Dreamers. We are Truth-
Seekers and Truth-Tellers.
We rely on our Holy Books
and our Constitutions to
guide our actions. We are
fully aware of Wilmington's
ugly history of violent
attacks by White
Supremacists, in 1898 and
1971, which influences this
new Mission.

We therefore seek the help
of the US Department of
Justice Community
Relations Service, pursuant
to Title X of the Civil Rights
Act of 1964 as amended, to
act as Peacemaker in what
was once North Carolina's
largest city and best port
before 1898 and 1971 racist
attacks on people of color
gave us our international
reputation as The City of
Hate. We seek help in build-
ing a massive Coalition with
business, labor, all faiths, all
people who have lost faith,
but believe in an ethical
framework for life. Philadel-
phia calls itself the City of
Love. We seek a City of
Grace, a City of Truth and
then Reconciliation. We seek
a massive infusion of Federal
Funds and Grassroots
Human Grace. We seek a
Statute of Justice in our
Harbor, to Welcome People
of Justice, Respect, and Grace.
We seek a Regional
Curriculum Rectification
Movement, to educate every-
one about 1898, 1971, and
other ugly and
Reconciliation Chapters of
North Carolina's history.

We seek to continue the
work of Dr. John Hope
Franklin, whose family was
targeted by the same forces of
Hate in Tulsa, Oklahoma that
the Nation learned about in
connections with
Juneteenth. Dr. Franklin
was the featured speaker at
Wilmington when it acknowl-
edged the 100th Anniversary
of the November race-war
against Black business-peo-
ple, murdering them and
destroying their property. Dr.
Franklin advised us to pass
special Statutes of
Limitations for heirs of the
victims of the racist assaults
in Wilmington and Tulsa. We
urge now, and will continue
to urge as our list of
Complainants gets longer,
and we involve the National
Peacemaker-the Community
Relations Service-- and other
State and federal agencies,
to help Chief Williams, D.A.
David, the Mayor, and other
anti-racism forces to think
bigger, act prophetically, to
meet the Moral Crisis within
the Public Health Crisis we
face today.

Allegations

1. On June 4, 2020, the
Wilmington Police
Department (WPD) ran an
audit of electronic equip-
ment used by its law enforce-
ment officers.

2. Racist threats were
uncovered from three offi-
cers: Corporal J. Moore, Off.
K. Piner, and B. Gilmore.
They are all veteran
Wilmington police officers,
according to MSNBC.

3. We do not know
where else they have worked,
their disciplinary records,
and any psychological
workups.

4. We do not know
whether they came from
Military Police backgrounds,
or had military records.

5. In keeping with our
faith, we wish these men, and
other law enforcement offi-
cers who have thought or
said similar racist plots, that
they will seek help, the Lord's
forgiveness, and another pro-
fession as soon as possible.

6. On information and
belief, Wilmington PD Chief
Williams received the tape of
their words and took discipli-
nary action immediately
with the three men caught on
the tape.

7. The tapes speak for
themselves.

8. On information and
belief, Piner and Gilmore

were talking to each other
over their radios about the
international protests
against racist police prac-
tices in the wake of the eight
minute knee on neck stran-
gulation homicide of George
Floyd in Minneapolis. Piner
said his concern was that
other police would be "kneel-
ing down with the Black
folks."

9. The three cops dis-
cussed the possibilities of a
race war. Piner told Moore he
believes a civil war will occur
soon and that he is ready to
attack Black people with his
assault rifle.

10. "We are just going to
go out and start slaughtering
them 'N-words' Piner said.

11. "I can't wait. God, I
can't wait."

12. Moore responded
that he wouldn't go that far.

13. Piner told Moore he
believed a "civil war was
needed" to "wipe them off. . .
the 'N-words' off the map.
That'll put them back about
four or five generations."

14. The tape heard by a
local TV station was report-
edly cut off after the 'civil
war' exchange.

15. When parts of the
audio were released, the offi-
cers claimed Black Lives
Matter protests caused them
stress.

16. Chief Williams fired
the three officers, and said
they will not work for the
City again.

17. On June 24,
Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo
released this statement: "I
was sickened by the violent
and destructive language
used by these officers. It was
absolutely despicable. We
believe that it was a matter
that needed our urgent atten-
tion, and in an effort to sup-
port transparency and
increase the level of trust in
our community, we agreed
unanimously to release the
information that has been
shared with all of you today."

18. A national television
network ran a 3 minute
video, which captured the
words on the video and the
background of our complaint
well: If you are able, you can
put your cursor on the blue
link here, and press the con-
trol key. Skip the ads, and
start at 48 secs in for the next
three minutes.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HveFM0Npz0&t=48s>

19. Because of a white
conspiracy of silence about
the race-war against Black,

White, and Native American
businesses and civic fusion-
ists in Wilmington in 1898,
the NC Legislature, with the
leadership of Wilmington's
Senator Luther Jordan and
staffed by NCCU Law
Professor Irv. Joyner, estab-
lished an official
Commission to research and
produce history of the war.
The Commission recom-
mended the passage of a spe-
cial Statute of Limitations
for heirs of victims of the
racist war, who lost lives and
property. The Tulsa attack, 23
years later, needs a similar
Oklahoma statute. Dr. John
Hope Franklin, whose family
was a victim of the Tulsa
race-war, recommended
Wilmington and Tulsa work
together on these special
statutes of Limitations when
he led the Wilmington
Terrorist Attack Centennial
Conference in 1998.
Restitution of stolen capital
in a capitalist economic sys-
tem is a starting point for
remedies. While millions
learned about the Tulsa race-
war recently, we should
invite Tulsa's civic leader-
ship to partner with us to
pass these special statutes in
our respective states.

20. Because of a white
coverup of the race-war
waged against the fusion of
Black, Native, and White citi-
zens and institutions to
enforce the Court order to
desegregate Wilmington's
dual school systems in 1971,
many forces in Wilmington's
white establishment support-
ed and condoned racial
threats against Rev. Ben
Chavis and his nine peace-
maker apprentices with
offices at the Gregory
Congregational Church who
were providing support to
the fusionists. The verbal
threats failed to run the
Chavis Peacemakers out of
town; law enforcement
allowed racists to fire scores
of bullets into the sacred
arch around Gregory
Church's sacred and welcom-
ing front door. Again, the
Peacemakers stood, like trees
planted by the water. The law
enforcement community
agreed to scapegoat the
Peacemakers, with a bogus
charge of arson to a grocery
store around the corner from
Gregory. The County D.A.
agreed to appoint an ambi-
tious young prosecutor, Jay
Stroud, to pick a jury and
convince it that the peace-
makers set fire to the store, in

spite of strong evidence the
owner burned it down. Ben
David, the County's current
D.A., chanced upon Stroud's
papers in the Pender court-
house and donated them to
Prof. Tim Tyson's archives in
Chapel Hill. Stroud's papers
were Exhibit A in the nation-
al campaign for Innocence
Pardons from Gov. Beverly
Perdue for the Wilmington
10, led by the Wilmington
Journal publisher, Mary
Alice Thatch; the National
Newspaper Publishers
Association, now led by Dr.
Ben Chavis; the Journal's
award-winning reporter
Cash Michaels; Rev. Dr.
William Barber II of the NC
NAACP and his legal redress
chairs, Al McCsurely and Irv
Joyner; and the Wilmington
10's main lawyer for 40 years,
Jim Ferguson, with his part-
ners Adam Stein and Julius
Chambers. On January 5,
2013, in historic Gregory
Church, Pardons of
Innocence signed by Gov. Bev
Perdue were granted posthu-
mously to four Peacemakers:
Anne Shepherd, Joe Wright,
Jerry Jacobs, and Connie
Tindall; and six Peacemaker
survivors of 42 years of Law
Enforcement Lies about
them: Dr. Ben Chavis, Wayne
Moore, Marvin Patrick,
James McKoy, Willie Vereen
and Reginald Epps.

21. When law enforce-
ment members make threats
of civil war against the "Ns"
of Wilmington, we and are
white friends take them at
their word.

Remedies Requested

1. The injuries to bod-
ies and souls are so deep,
there are no earthly remedies
sufficient to heal them.
Vengeance is mine, sayeth
the Lord.

2. Working out the
details of a Consent
Agreement is part of the job
of a Peacemaker, in this case
the Community Relations
Service. We demand to be at
the Table.

3. The undersigned
complainants reserve the
right to supplement this
Complaint.

4. We also reserve the
right to engage in informal
and formal Public Records
Act requests and other
means of discovery as Truth-
seekers and -tellers until a
formal Table of
Reconciliation is erected that
might lead to meaningful
Justice and Peace in this
Transformation Time.



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



STATE BRIEFS



WAKE COUNTY BECOMES FIRST IN THE STATE TO RECOGNIZE JUNETEENTH [RALEIGH] North

Carolina's capitol county is now the first in the state to recognize the African-American holiday, Juneteenth, as an official paid count holiday. "Wake County has just declared racism as a public health crisis and acknowledge our shared duty to address it, said Wake Commissioner Jessica Holmes after the commission vote last

Monday, June 19th is officially the day in 1865 that marks the end of slavery when blacks in Texas finally got word of the Emancipation Proclamation by Pres. Lincoln two years earlier.

GOV. COOPER VETOES DEATH RECORDS LAW [RALEIGH] Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed controver-

sial Senate Bill 168 Monday after protesters expressed concern that it would shield death investigation records from the public. Death records normally become public record after being handled by the Office of State Medical Examiner. However the law, which had been passed unanimously by the Legislature two weeks ago, would have kept

details from public view, especially in fatal police shootings.

REOPENNC PROTESTERS WANT GOV. COOPER IMPEACHED

[RALEIGH] Gov. Roy Cooper has so overstepped his legal bounds during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, that he has violated every-

one's state and federal constitutional rights, and thus should be removed from office by impeachment, says ReOpenNC. Group leader Ashley Smith says Cooper has no authority to close businesses or order people to wear masks, and should be removed.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

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heard on a patrol car recording speaking with racist disdain about African-Americans and fired subsequently on June 24th by Chief Williams. The firings made national news, adding to the

current discourse about negative policing in the aftermath of the George Floyd killing.

Sonya Patrick, of BLM, Wilmington,1 expressed disappointment that D. A. David would not charge the officers, even though she was pleased that David made sure the racist three could not be called as witnesses in any of

their previous cases within his jurisdiction. In fact, David dismissed 70 cases with which the officers were involved, mostly misdemeanors.

On Monday, the Wilmington NC Clergy Truth and Reconciliation Mission filed a complaint against the former officers with the Community

Relations Service of the Southeast Regional Office of the U. S. Dept. of Justice, regarding "threats of assault and violent war on people because of their race, national origin and color by three Wilmington PD officers and other unknown co-conspirators."

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Clergy Truth and Reconciliation Mission, make these allegations, based on information and good faith belief, to expose secret political societies within the region's law enforcement community who aim to terrorize with criminal threats of war and mass murder of Wilmington's people because

of our race, color, national origin and religious faith and dismantle them forever from our State," stated a summary of the complaint.

At press time, Chief Williams was waiting for a judge to release the tapes so that the public may hear for themselves what the former officers actually said.

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with various aspects of the pandemic.

The result was \$212 million in federal funding awarded to Adam's 12th Congressional District for coronavirus relief efforts.

After suing the U. S.

Centers of Disease Control and Prevention for the information, the New York Times last week published statistics documenting "Latino and African-American residents of the United States have been three times as likely to become infected as their White neighbors, according to the new data,

which provides detailed characteristics of 640,000 infections detected in nearly 1,000 U. S. counties. Furthermore, Black and Latino people have been nearly twice as likely to die from the virus as White people, the data shows."

The Times report continued, "Experts point to cir-

cumstances that have made Black and Latino people more likely than White people to be exposed to the virus: many of them have frontline jobs that keep them from working at home, rely on public transportation, or live in cramped apartments or multigenerational homes."



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Advertisement with green text: 'SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS! OUR ADVERTISERS SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER!'.

Large advertisement for Food Lion. Features the Food Lion logo at the top, followed by the headline 'Show Love for Your Community' and 'SHOP LOCAL GOODNESS'. The background shows a hand holding a red tomato in a garden setting.



The Wilmington Journal was founded on the principle of the Black Press Credo. The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonism when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

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OUR VOICE

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Is prison 'A death sentence' for correctional staff and our communities?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

What happens in prison does not stay in prison. The cell blocks and bars give us a false sense of containment.

Nothing could be further from the truth. According to the Justice Department, "The average time served by state prisoners released in 2016, from initial admission to initial release, was 2.6 years, and the median time served was 1.3 years."

As a former medical director in a jail, I know that a constant flow exists between a correctional facility and a community. This back and forth includes cultural trends like saggy pants which became fashionable in the 1990's. It can also include diseases, such as COVID-19 and before that HIV, carried by people in prison and correctional staff.

What happens in the correctional setting during a pandemic?

Despite reports that the top five largest hotspots are in correctional facilities, it turns out the answer is not enough.

Our biggest tool to tackle coronavirus is social distancing.

Creating space between people, wearing masks, washing hands and keeping them away from our faces can reduce the spread outside prisons. But inside the barbed wires, lawsuit after lawsuit documents the hurdles correctional facilities face with these tactics from overcrowding to shortages of personnel protective equipment and cleaning products, such as masks and soap.

There have been a few high-profile releases, such as former Donald Trump lawyer and "fixer" Michael Cohen and Ray Nagin, former New Orleans Mayor. Many more releases are needed. Too many people at high risk for COVID-19, due to age or underlying medical conditions, and with only months remaining on their sentence remain under lock and key. For almost half of Americans, or 133 million people with a chronic disease, such as cancer, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, arthritis, obesity or oral disease, the coronavirus may be deadly.

It is hard to understand why any taxpayer would want to be responsible for expensive COVID-19 medical care of a person who has not been found guilty of a crime and just could not pay 10 percent of bail money. If not for people behind bars, consider the safety of correctional staff, doctors, nurses, guards and their families.

On Facebook, head of the sheriff's deputy union Randall Crawford posted that "Working in Wayne County Jail has now become a death sentence." His comments followed the deaths due to COVID-19 of the medical director, emergency specialist and jail commander.

Among New York City's 9,680 mostly black and brown officers, 1259 tested positive. These high rates of COVID-19 are reflected in their neighborhoods. The guards have a higher rate of infection than the population at Rikers. And that's saying something.

New York City's jail is a hotspot within a hotspot. Although the Empire State has the largest number of cases, this should not distract from the dizzying number of infections among people in correctional facilities.

As the number of COVID-19 deaths exceeded 100,000, "at least 43,967 people in prison" have the virus. This infected population is larger than the population of Selma, Alabama or Key West, Florida.

Five states -- Ohio, Tennessee, Michigan, California and New Jersey -- account for most of the infections in correctional settings. Estimates of COVID-19 cases and deaths are undercounts. Some states do not test regularly in prisons. Most have not tested people who do not show symptoms of the disease.

If nothing changes, prisons may become an unwitting ally and engine of community spread of the virus. To avoid this outcome, correctional administrators and the courts should strictly follow the CDC's new guidelines.

"Ramping up cleaning and hygiene reminders" are a good start. Limit transfers between prisons. Screen everyone coming into a facility. Practicing social distance in prisons means managing distance in lines and staggering meals among other steps. Know the non-respiratory symptoms of the virus. And the last prevention step is to implement no-contact prison visits.

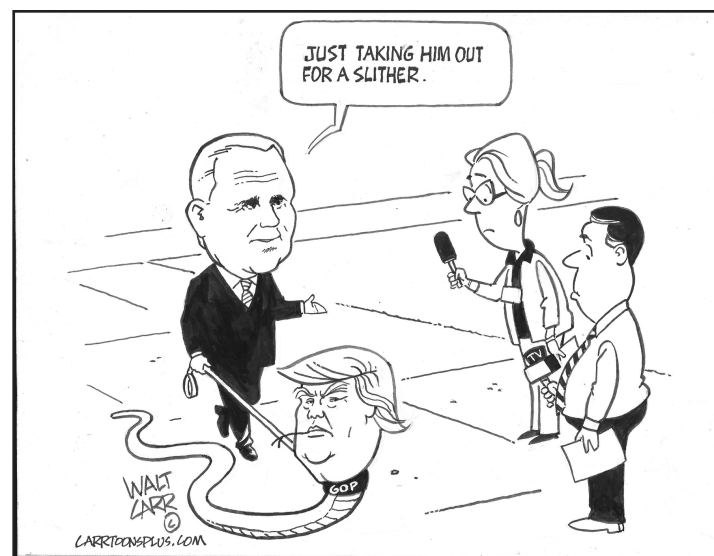
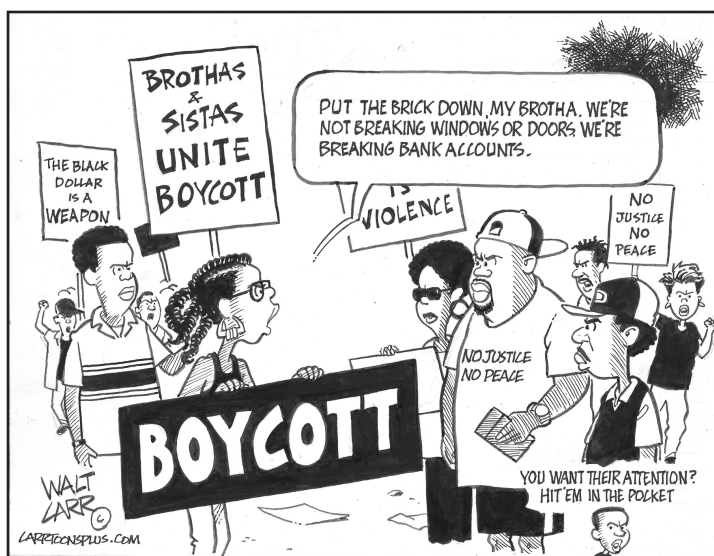
We need to demand full compliance with this guidance and personnel protective equipment for people in prison and correctional staff. We are all in this global pandemic together.

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VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

The measure of a president

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As a student of philosophical principles, I am aware of the school of thought that does not believe in the existence of "NORMAL" as a universal state of being. A testament to that idea is the fact that each of us has a unique set of experiences that shape differences in our definitions of normal. However, living among others with as little conflict as possible requires a standard of conduct with written and unwritten principles to which most consent. We label those who do not consent or who behave outside of the parameters which we consider in order as abnormal or, more commonly as criminals.

A RESPONSIBLE HUMAN's comportment reflects character, honor and is respectful of the personage and rights of those with whom she/he must interact. Without those character traits it's unlikely that any person could rightly ascend to a position of LEADERSHIP. I define a LEADER as one who assesses the impact of circumstances upon a group and, through the powers of discernment, persuasion and/or

inspiration, navigates and guides that group to/through a course of action that results in the greatest benefit for that group.

Not all Presidents of the United States have conducted themselves as responsible humans. An even smaller number have demonstrated qualities of leadership that have been predicated on the "common good." The implications of their leadership (enlightened, dishonorable, failed or otherwise) set the tone for their time in office and beyond. It is expected and hoped that anyone willing to run for the office has a character rooted in the foundations of honesty, selflessness, character and compassion. Until now, we have generally rejected an abject liar, a person devoid of compassion, and one motivated only by self-interest. Somehow, the current officeholder slinked in the door.

I know many sycophants of #45 who vehemently reject my assessment of their 'boy,' but facts support my position. These facts are no longer based in "he said, she said" dialogues. His current incompetence has now resulted in the loss of American lives. Lives lost that he is supposed to value above all others. Lives for which he is expected subordinate personal interests and which he is expected to defend. Lives which depend on his leadership. Lives which he has abandoned at the altar of "What's Good for Trump." Failing the creation of a comprehensive or cogent national strategy to combat COVID-19, #45 has begun to 'reinvent' his belief that COVID-19 will miraculously "disappear." Failing to set an example of behavior endorsed by medical science, he presents to the public without masking and ridicules those who do. Simultaneously, he lies to the American public, stating that "more testing creates more infections" and that infections are on the decline.

Meanwhile, the US, whose population is roughly 5% of the world's population, has suffered 25% of COVID-19 worldwide fatalities.

#45's most recent and most egregious act is his ongoing and public support of Vladimir Putin while US intelligence sources have disclosed that Russia paid bounties to the Taliban for the lives of US servicemembers serving in combat in Afghanistan. According to sources, Taliban combatants were paid \$100,000 per each American life.

Once again, #45 does not believe US Intelligence sources and labels reports of bounties as "fake news" and "a hoax." He has laid these American lives on the altar of his reelection.

These are just two of the myriad offenses of character and leadership he presents to us. After assessing the carnage in the wake of his disastrous term of office, is there anything he can offer us in a second term that will justify the butchery of his first term? The choice is yours! It can only be made with your vote!

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No economic victory lap

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The June Employment Situation report, released on July 2, showed a continued decline in the unemployment rate. Thanks to coronavirus, the rate shot up to 14.7 percent in April and declined to 11.1 percent in June. About 4.8 million more people were on payrolls in June than in May. Just about every sector of the economy saw job gains, including the troubled leisure and hospitality industries. The Council of Economic Advisors says this employment report "shatters expectations". It represents progress in the recovery from the corona-generated recession, but I'm not sure what expectations have been shattered. This administration has been bragging about economic strength even when there was none.

It's not yet time to throw a victory party, though. We still have a jobs deficit of about 15 million jobs, which means that while 7.5 million jobs were added in April and May, 22 million jobs were lost in March. If the economy continues to reopen, we might erase the jobs deficit by October or November at the rate we are going. But the economy CAN'T continue to open as it has. In some places, it is closing, with

restrictions reimposed. Some cities have introduced curfews. Others have closed bars. Still others are strictly imposing social distancing. Some beaches in Florida and California are closed in response to climbing virus numbers. And in early July, the daily number of positive tests is climbing. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the plain-talking infectious disease expert, says we may soon see 100,000 new cases per day, up from 50,000 plus in late June.

We know that the President considers himself a "cheerleader" for the economy, but you can't cheerlead your way into economic prosperity. If 45 wants to cheerlead anything, he might try cheerleading social distancing or mask-wearing. Our inability to control COVID-19 and the lack of a vaccine will slow, not quicken, economic recovery.

While the employment report mostly showed improvement, the official unemployment rate does not include people working part-time who want full-time work, discouraged workers

(who have stopped looking for work because they don't think they can find it), and others considered "marginally attached to the labor force." Add these to "official" unemployment, and the rate soars from 11.1 to 18 percent. And the Black unemployment rate, reported at 15.4 percent, shoots up to 24.9 percent. Is this really cause for celebration and superlative language?

The Federal Reserve Board has urged caution and does not see economic recovery anytime soon. They project a 9.3 percent unemployment rate by the end of this year, and a 6.5 percent rate by the end of 2021. The Congressional Budget Office has made similar projections, noting that some jobs just won't come back, causing long-term problems.

Congress should use this information to strengthen the economy through spending and to bolster up cities and states that have laid off employees because they are collecting less tax revenue. Some in the Senate balked at further bailouts, but pushing states into bankruptcy does not serve our nation's economic stability. Then again, neither is the head-in-the-sand approach to the coronavirus healthy for the economy. The coronavirus is not a state rights issue, and it

doesn't stop at any border, but the variation in state policies is partly responsible for the increased spread of the virus.

A decline in the unemployment rate is a positive development as the economy moves toward recovery. But it is hardly cause for irrational optimism or celebration. And a healthy stock market is beneficial to stockholders, and fewer than half of all Americans hold stock.

Little of the employment conversation addresses low-wage workers, poverty, the failure of some employers to provide sick days, and health care challenges. In focusing on the aggregate, we miss the circumstances that many citizens face. Even before corona hit, one in ten Americans and one in five African Americans were poor. More than 40 percent of us could not absorb a \$400 emergency. If you are crowing about the "spectacular" economy, why not take a minute to acknowledge those who do not enjoy it?

Our "thriving" economy is an illusion. It's doing better, but we're not there yet. Now is not the time for a victory lap. It is overtime for dealing with issues of inequality.

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VOICE YOUR OPINION!

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR TODAY

Supreme Court decision jeopardizes future of consumer financial protection

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

June 29 U.S. Supreme Court split decision represents a major setback to both the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and the consumers who have come to rely upon the agency. Since 2010, more than 25 million consumers were helped by the agency's efforts that returned over \$11 billion.

Although the case known as *Seila Law v. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau*, was argued on March 3 of this year, its origins date back to 2017 when *Seila Law*, a California-based debt relief firm, asked the CFPB to set aside a civil investigative demand (CID) that sought information to determine whether it was engaged in illegal debt relief practices.

CFPB declined to set aside the CID and turned to a California federal court to pursue its interests. In response, *Seila Law* restated its challenge of the independence of the agency's Director who could only be removed by a President for cause, seeking to have the entire agency abolished as unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court's 5-4 decision refuted CFPB's hallmark: its independent Director. By allowing for an agency Director to be removed for any reason, it now becomes possible for partisan interests to influence whether or not a full, 5-year term of office enshrined in the law will occur, or that powerful corporations will be held accountable.

The Court majority argued that CFPB is "unique". "The CFPB Director has no boss, peers, or voters to report to," wrote Justice Roberts in the majority opinion and was joined by Associate Justices Sam Alito, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Clarence Thomas.

"Yet the Director wields vast rulemaking, enforcement, and adjudicatory authority over a significant portion of the U. S. economy. The question before us is whether this arrangement violates the Constitution's separation of powers..." "We

therefore hold that the structure of the CFPB violates the separation of powers," continued the Chief Justice... "The agency may therefore continue to operate, but its Director, in light of our decision, must be removable by the President at will."

The creation of an independent consumer agency was the legislative intent defined in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act. Enacted in the aftermath of the worst financial crisis since that of the 1930s



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Great Depression, CFPB assumed direct responsibility for financial oversight and enforcement on a range of consumer issues that included mortgages, small dollar loans, student debt, credit cards and more.

This agency authority included the rights to conduct investigations, issue subpoenas and civil investigative demands, initiate administrative adjudications, prosecute civil actions in federal court, and issue binding decisions in administrative proceedings.

The dissenting opinion written by Justice Elena Kagan was joined by Associate Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, and Sonya Sotomayor.

"Throughout the Nation's history, this Court has left most decisions about how to structure the Executive Branch to Congress and the President, acting through legislation they both agree to. In particular, the Court has commonly allowed those two branches to create zones of administrative independence by limiting the President's power to remove agency heads... If precedent were any guide, that provision would have survived its encounter with this Court—and so would the intended independence of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau."

"The Court today fails to

respect its proper role," continued the dissenting opinion. "It recognizes that this Court has approved limits on the President's removal power over heads of agencies much like the CFPB. Agencies possessing similar powers, agencies charged with similar missions, agencies created for similar reasons... Congress and the President established the CFPB to address financial practices that had brought on a devastating recession and could do so again. Today's decision wipes out a feature of that agency its creators thought fundamental to its mission—a measure of independence from political pressure."

It is noteworthy that while the case was under Supreme Court review, the current CFPB Director, made no effort to explain or defend the agency.

In the remaining few months in the current Congress, consumer advocates must now heighten their watchful role to ensure that as many other agency responsibilities can be preserved and pursued as legislatively intended.

Many reacted swiftly and directly.

"Though the consumer bureau remains intact, it is worrisome that the Court weakened its political independence from the preferences of any one administration or the political pressure of large financial institutions," said Diane Standaert, Director of the Hope Policy Institute, a nonprofit focused on under-served communities of color and other low-income households. "As laid bare by COVID, the underlying disparities in access to safe financial services creates the foundation for disparities in economic opportunity, particularly for communities of color."

The CFPB was created after the Great Recession to protect Americans from unscrupulous businesses that have too much power to wreak havoc on the public," said Ed Mierzwinski, U.S. PIRG Education Fund's Senior Director of Federal Consumer Programs "Now,

the Supreme Court has agreed with the CFPB's director, who actively worked with the Trump administration and a debt collection law firm, of all things, to undermine the Bureau's independence from politically-connected special interests."

"The *Seila* decision therefore leaves the CFPB intact but weakens the Director's independence, making it more likely that the Director will hesitate to cross the financial industry players that have the ear of the President—as has happened repeatedly under the current leadership of the CFPB," noted Lauren Saunders, the Associate Director of the National Consumer Law Center.

"We have seen in this Administration how agency heads who dare to express independent views have been short-lived, and it is unfortunate that the consumer watchdog has lost the critical independence that Congress gave it when addressing the fallout from the 2008 financial crisis," added Saunders. "Nonetheless, the CFPB survives as an agency with the rest of its critical consumer protection tools intact, and it will be up to the current and future CFPB directors to resist political pressure to favor corporations over consumers."

"The Supreme Court's decision to defang the CFPB's for-cause/removal provision? will render the agency less effective and leave consumers vulnerable to bad actors on Wall Street," said Will Corbett, Litigation Director with the Center for Responsible Lending.

"Predatory lenders and their allies in? Congress have consistently tried without merit to weaken CFPB's independence for? political reasons. Today, the majority of? the U.S. Supreme Court has joined in that effort, ensuring financial damage for consumers for years to come", Corbett concluded.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES What has white supremacy done to white people?

We have all seen it - white people (primarily) rebelling against mandates to wear face masks in order to help stop the spread of COVID-19. We have seen videos of white people swearing at store owners, yelling and screaming about how they have the First Amendment right to refuse to wear face masks, and recently, we saw a video of a woman coughing on the baby of a Spanish-speaking mother. The woman has since lost her job. (<https://www.sfchronicle.com/hdn/hrim/p/callback.html>)

Their protests about having their rights violated has caused me to think: this country would be a lot better off if they had thought to fight as hard about the real violation of civil and human rights of black, brown, and poor people meted out by a white supremacist system.

It has only been by and with the grace of God that black people have been able to hold on as our rights have been attacked and our protestations against the attacks have been criticized. It is singularly amazing that so many white people cannot or will not understand what the phrase "black lives matter" means.

Who of the privileged majority could or would have stood for not being allowed to purchase homes wherever they could afford them because of their color? As whites shout for justice, who of them could have withstood generations of never getting justice in courts of law? Who of them would have been able to stand up in court before an all-black jury, with a black judge and prosecutor after having been arrested by black officers who lied about their case?

Who of them would be able to bear the doubly difficult effort to get through their grief at the loss of a loved one from police and the fact of that officer either not being indicted for a crime, or, indicted, being acquitted, freed to walk the streets and continue their attack on people whom they do not like- primarily because of their color?

Who of them could have or would have been able to bear the grief, the rage, and the disappointment of fighting for this country, only to be denied the rights given by the government to white soldiers?

Who of them would or could bear the pressure of having to give their children instructions how to keep their lives as they drive or when they are arrested by police officers? Who of them would be able to bear the disparate care given in hospitals when they are most sick - i.e. a black doctor or nurse refusing to give needed care or advice because the patient was white?

Why are so many white people, who call themselves patriots, unconcerned that the president has apparently known about Russians paying people to kill American soldiers, and why are they so able to forgive Confederate soldiers who fought against this country, committing treason?

Why are so many white people unconcerned about the spread of COVID-19? Is it because the reports have said that it has been affecting black people more than whites? Are they unable to care about anyone other than themselves?

The Rev. Dr. James Forbes said in a recent interview with Bill Moyers, "Why can't white people understand all they have missed by hating black people? Isn't 400 years of subjugating and oppressing black people enough? Haven't they tasted enough blood of black people to be satisfied?"

Apparently not. When I see so many white people, following blindly and enthusiastically after this president who specializes in stoking racial hatred, I am saddened. White supremacy has done something terrible to the God-given capacity of people to care about others. Believe it or not, God really did make people so that so many white people would not act as they do, as though black people are inhuman and unworthy of care and compassion.

And it is a shame, because that kind of hatred eventually does run its course. The people who have been the oppressors will be forced to see what their actions have caused. By that time, in this country, the carnage resulting from their hatred will be all around them, and there will be no way out.

Justice does have a way of making its way into the fray. 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.

NFL will play Black National Anthem at games

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

When Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the playing of the national anthem to bring awareness to social and other injustices faced regularly by Black and Brown individuals in America, the National Football League, President Donald Trump, and others wrongly associated the quarterback's actions as a protest against the U.S. flag and the nation's military.

In the aftermath of the police killing of George Floyd, protests and demonstrations have awakened America and most of the world to the plight of African Americans who long have suffered injustice, inequality, and an overall lack of understanding.

The NFL remains at the forefront of the new understanding, and now they've taken that knowledge, and, in an unprecedented decision, the league announced it would play Lift Every Voice

and Sing – the Black National Anthem – before every opening day game this year.

The performance of the song will occur before "The Star-Spangled Banner," the NFL said.



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The league's season opener is scheduled for September 10, with the Kansas City Chiefs hosting the Houston Texans.

"The league taking the opportunity to play "Lift every voice and sing" (the Black national anthem) is sweet. It's a great way to honor those who started this movement year and years ago," tweeted Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Chris Conley.

"For those who aren't familiar with it, this song seeks to remind us of our past as a country and to strive to be better. It speaks to all of us, not just Black people, even

tho it became a rallying cry for Blacks in the Jim Crow era. It is a beautiful message birthed from pain," Conley added.

"To those claiming the song is derisive, I ask which part? Much like America the Beautiful is played to honor, this song is the same. It's isn't for "just Black people" it's for all who acknowledge the past and press toward a better future."

As noted in Sports Illustrated, Lift Every Voice and Sing has an extensive history since its first inception as a poem in 1899. According to the NAACP, its lyrics were penned by writer and NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson (a Jacksonville native). It was eventually adopted for music by his brother, John Rosamond Johnson. Years later, it was adopted by the NAACP as the organization's official song.

According to the NAACP, the song was first performed in Jacksonville at a school where James Weldon Johnson was the principal.

As part of a celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12, 1900, Lift Every Voice and Sing was publicly performed by 500 school children at the Stanton School.

The NFL has recently acknowledged it was wrong in how it handled Kaepernick, who has mostly been black balled from the game. Commissioner Roger Goodell has said he now would encourage teams to sign the former Super Bowl quarterback.

Because Goodell has reversed course and said he would allow kneeling, the league came under enormous criticism from President Donald Trump, who now is calling for a boycott of the NFL.

Sen. Ted Cruz called the decision to play the Black National Anthem "asinine," further fueling racial tensions that have already boiled over since the Floyd killing.

Stacy M. Brown, NNPA NewsWire Senior Correspondent.



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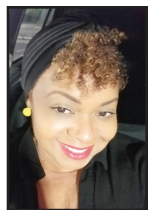
The Top 5 reasons most can't get a home loan #5 Unpaid Judgments

This week we wrap up this series by talking about unpaid judgments. This is one that many don't think about and in some cases don't even know about.

A judgment is a court order that is the decision in a lawsuit. A judgment is an official result of a lawsuit in court. In debt collection lawsuits, the judge may award the creditor or debt collector a judgment against you. A judgment can occur from an IRS or State income tax debt. A judgment can also occur if

an individual takes you to court and the judge rules in their favor that you owe them money for whatever reason they took you to court. All of these types of judgments are filed downtown in the public records. All judgments instantly attach to all real estate owned by you at the time the judgment was entered -AND- attach to all future real estate you purchase. THAT is where the problem comes in when you are trying to purchase your 1st-home and need a loan for that purchase. The lender

will only loan you money for a property if everything on the property will be freed and clear and only if you have no public debt that will attach to the property once you buy it, is paid in full before or at the closing table. That's because the lender will only accept being in 1st-position with the lien on the property you are

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buying. They are always thinking about if they must foreclose on you that no one else will have any rights to be paid from the sale of the foreclosed home. That is why the lender requires you to hire an attorney that will do a title search on the property you are buying to make sure 1(the seller does not have any outstanding liens or judgments on the property that can't be satisfied from the proceeds of the sale and 2(the Attorney will run a search of your name -AND- your spouse to see if any

judgments pop up. If any judgments surface in your name or your spouse's name, they all must be paid and satisfied, or you will not get the home loan. In case you are wondering, it doesn't even matter if you are married and one spouse is getting the loan in their name only. If you are married in NC, all spouses will have an interest in the property and therefore, if one has an unpaid judgment, the family has an unpaid judgment. Therefore, it will serve you well to go

down to purchase in and run a search on your own name and your spouse's name before starting the home-buying process. That way you can get everything paid and cleared off books so as not to cause any delays later.

Until next week, please share this info with at least 3 people and let them know to reach out if you want a free 1 on 1 to get a game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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NHCS posts 2020-21 school opening surveys online for employees and families

As New Hanover County Schools (NHCS) awaits Governor Roy Cooper's guidance regarding 2020-21 school opening Plans A, B, and C, the district is continuing to develop reopening procedures for instructional learning and school operations following guidance provided in the North Carolina Guidebook for Reopening Public Schools and the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit. The district's

top priority is to maintain the health and safety of NHCS staff and students while providing a rigorous and meaningful learning environment.

Fundamental to planning for the 2020-21 school opening in August is the input of NHCS employees, students, and families. Survey links are being shared with staff and the community to gather feedback on face-to-face instruction, remote instruc-

tion, bus transportation, child care needs, and more. The deadline to complete the NHCS Staff Survey and NHCS Family and Student Survey posted on www.nhcs.net, is Friday, July 10. A Community Input Form, also posted on the district website provides another way to submit questions about school opening. Questions and answers will be added to a school opening FAQ throughout the summer

break. The three surveys are being translated into Spanish.

The district is working in collaboration with the school nurse team to develop health screenings, precautions, and safety measures for the coming school year. "NHCS is fortunate to have excellent school nurses who are New Hanover County Public Health employees," says Director of Student Support Services Julie Varnum. "The

school nurse is the medical authority in each of our school settings and their role involves the direct provision and supervision of school health services."

These services include procedures to confidentially assess high-risk staff and students at year start; evaluation of safety measures like staggered arrival and dismissal for social distancing and health monitoring, limiting student transitions

between classrooms, creating zones for recess, installing contactless sanitizer dispensers, and assigning one bathroom to each classroom; and developing policies for parents/visitors/volunteers in buildings.

For school opening information and COVID-19 resources, visit #NHCSReadySetReturn and follow New Hanover County Schools on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Local high school seniors surprised at home with CFCC Merit Scholarships

The Cape Fear Community College Foundation recently awarded merit scholarships to eleven local students who will begin their first year of college at CFCC this fall.

Since students were unable to participate in traditional graduation ceremonies this year, each student was surprised at home with their award by CFCC Foundation staff.

The recipients demonstrated academic excellence and leadership in their high school careers. Academic performance, extracurricular activities, and community service were all considered in the selection process.

The 2020 Merit Scholar recipients are Maria Congema (Laney High School), Briana Vreuls (Topsail High School), Ava

Johnson (New Hanover High School), Anahi Paz (Heide Trask High School), Julia Sullivan (Topsail High School), Watson Orr (Heide Trask High School), Sadie Boyle (Topsail High School), Tyler Allison (Topsail High School), Trey Lee (Wilmington Christian Academy), Robert Mattox (Laney High School), and Aaron Marcinowski (New Hanover High School).

Students were delighted to see the Foundation at their door. "Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity," said CFCC Merit Scholar Maria Congema. "It's going to make such a huge difference in my life. I'm just so excited!"

Each student received \$1,300 toward their first semester at CFCC, and will receive an additional \$1,300



MARIA CONGEMA



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for the spring semester if they maintain a 3.5 GPA while completing 12 credit hours

this fall.

"I am determined that making my own music be my lifetime career, but getting established takes time, learning, hard work, and money," said CFCC Merit Scholar Ava Johnson. "This scholarship will help cover the costs of my education while I'm a fledgling musician starting my career and learning the skills to make my art a business."

The CFCC Foundation's merit scholarships are awarded each year. To be considered, a student must be a current high school senior within New Hanover or Pender County and must have applied or been approved to enroll at Cape Fear Community College.

"Thank you so much for this scholarship. I'm going to use this to pursue my dream



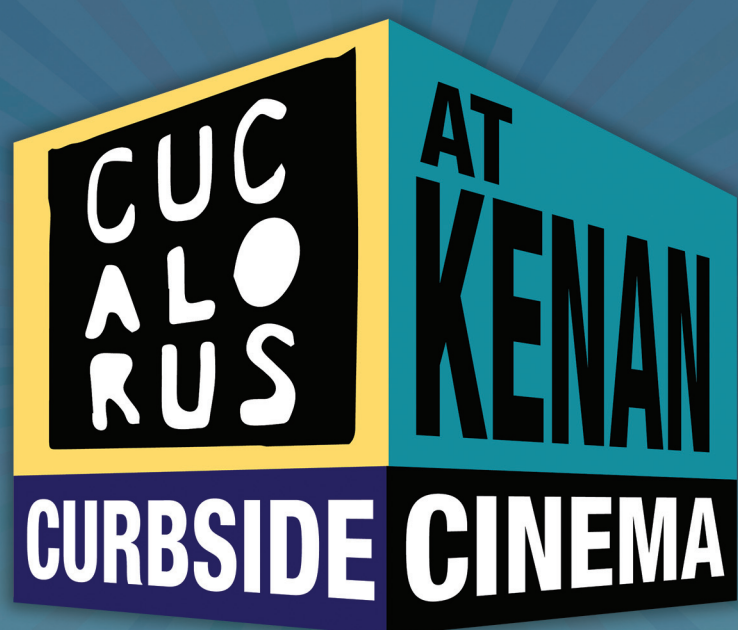
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of becoming an engineer," said CFCC Merit Scholar Aaron Marcinowski.

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Dave Pledger, affectionately known as "Baby Harris" was born on November 4, 1967 in Norfolk, Virginia. He was the son of the late Harris Milton Pledger and Doris Hewett Pledger Creecy. On the morning of June 18, 2020, while residing in Seattle, Washington, the Lord called him home to his eternal resting place.

Dave received his formal education in Norfolk, VA; Manhattan, NY and Manteo, NC public school systems. Immediately upon graduating from Manteo High School, Dave continued his studies at College of the Albermarle and higher-level education studies at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Following in the footsteps of his family, Dave enlisted in the United States Armed Forces. During his course of service in the Navy, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, NATO Medal and Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star. His military career ended in 1997. In his travels, he sent his mom and sisters precious gifts from his tour of duty.

Dave was a soft-spoken man, loving and very kind. He loved to travel, listen to all genres of music, cook for the family and spend time in the water. His affiliation and attendance were at Haven Creek Missionary Baptist Church. He was baptized at an early age at the old swimming hole in Manteo, NC. His memories will never be forgotten by all who knew and loved him.

Dave leaves to cherish fond memories: His loving mother, Doris H. Creecy of Manteo; sisters Laverna Coquetta Brooks of Manteo, Michelle Pledger of Wilmington; brother Harris Burton of Manteo; nephew Damian Conyers and a host of nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, co-workers, and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Carl Leonard Whitted

Carl Leonard Whitted was born May 5, 1935 in New Hanover County, the son of the late Reverend Nathaniel and Ruby Tate Whitted. He moved from time to eternity Thursday, June 25, 2020 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Carl joined St. James AME Church of the Rock Hill Community at an early age. Carl graduated from Williston Industrial High School, Wilmington, NC in the Class of 1953, where he learned the trade of Tailoring. On October 13, 1954, he joined the United State Air Force and received an honorable discharge after six years of service.

During his career after the service, he worked at the Veterans Hospital in Pennsylvania, Boeing in St. Louis, Missouri and finished his career at General Electric as a Numerical Control Machinist in Castle Hayne, NC for over 30 years before retiring. Carl was a multi-talented person and entrepreneur. He was a farmer, raised hogs, and started a trash service for Walnut Hills before they received service from the county. He owned his own tour bus company, Hacaronee Bus Lines and drove for many years for Daniels Tours, LLC. Carl was a long-distance truck driver and

owned Coastalina Trucking Company. His other talents included car, farm and garden equipment maintenance, plumbing and electricity. Carl was very devoted to his family and friends and was always available to share his resources, time and effort to anyone as needed. He leaves a memorable legacy and will be missed by all.

Carl leaves to cherish his memory one son Stefan Boyd (Carmen), Coatesville, PA; two daughters Rhonda E. Whitted (Detrick Johnson), Louisville, KY and Carla L. Williams (Darron), St. Louis, MO; two stepdaughters Sylvia Zuill (Mitchell), Leland, NC and Deidre Bundick, Carlisle, PA; stepson Herman Joseph Dedeaux; two sisters, Celestine Whitted and Nina Whitten Robinson, Castle Hayne, NC; one uncle Charles Tate, Coatesville, PA; grandchildren, Stefanie Boyd, Andria Boyd, Malik Williams, Amia Williams, Lauryn Johnson, Niquel Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson; great-grandchildren Rasul JA Abernathy, Quentin Elijah Boyd, Jayda Nicole Barrett, Naomie Michelle Williams; several very special nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Helen E. Mapson

Mrs. Helen Eleanor Myers Mapson, the daughter of the late Mr. John Thomas, Sr. and Mrs. Henrietta Alston was born April 28, 1929 in Navassa, NC. God granted her plea, "I want to go home" when she transitioned into heavenly rest early Saturday morning, June 27, 2020 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were held on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Mapson was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Walter Mapson; son, Julius Mapson; stepfather, Clarence Alston, Jr; stepmother, Mary Thomas; siblings, Ava Thomas, Charles Thomas, Geraldine Hall, William Alston, Clarence Alston, Jr and Arthur Thomas.

A proud graduate of Williston Sr. High School, Mrs. Mapson was a member of the class of 1947. She married the love of her life, Walter Mapson and to this union four children were born: Marva, Walter Fennell, Julius and Daryl.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Mapson engrossed her interest in the work of the AME Zion Church on the local, district and national level which provided opportunities for her to travel over the country and broaden her experiences. She became an avid member of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society, serving as Chair of the Wilmington District Life Members Council and the Penny Brigade. Additionally, she faithfully prepared and delivered Meals on Wheels and served as president of the Ministers Wives and Widows Organization. Her commitment to Johnson Chapel is reflected in her years of service as the delegate to district, annual and general conferences where she became well known throughout Zion as a faithful and vocal representative for her church. At Johnson Chapel, her reverence and devotion to the Deaconess Board remained dear to her, often echoing that being a deaconess is a lifetime

commitment. Mrs. Mapson also served in numerous capacities including Class Leader, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Women's Day Chairperson, President of the Senior Choir, Kitchen Staff Worker; Buds of Promise Coordinator and member/soloist of the Gospel Choir. Throughout the Leland and Navassa area, she is known as the founder of the joint Passion Week services observed by local churches. In her hometown, she was one of the original members of the Navassa Savings and Social Club, a member of the Navassa Homecoming Banquet and attended weekly community prayer service. Mrs. Mapson joined the Williston Alumni Community choir and sang tenor for three years before her health failed.

Helen Mapson remained faithful to God never forgetting her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ even while battling cancer and dementia. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, she daily attended Elderhus Pace where the staff provided her medical needs, physical activities and she received mental and social nurturing through friendships and quality resources available at Pace.

Mrs. Mapson's outlook on life was expressed in her favorite quote when asked how she was doing, "I'm hopping, but I ain't stopping."

Those left to cherish her memories: her daughter, Marva Robinson; two sons, Walter Fennell Mapson (Sadie), Daryl Jerome Mapson (Deborah), Raleigh, NC; four brothers, Earnis Briant (Pauline), John Thomas, Jr. (Margaret) Jacksonville, NC, Gerald Alston, Alvin Alston (Doris) Marietta, GA; five sisters, Charlotte Fryar, Piscataway, NJ, Viola Smith, Plainfield, NJ, Terryce Willis (Eulis), Charlena Alston, Lynn Parrish (Gary); twelve grandchildren, Ryan Dyson (Carolyn) Clarksville, TN, Darryl Dyson (LaShonna), D'Edwin Malone (Paulette), Michael Mapson, Nathalie Mapson, Jeniel Davis (Karl), Walter Mapson, Jr., Claude Robinson, III (Stephanie), Keyanna Mapson, Darius Andrews (Theresa), Julius Mapson, Jr., Tyree Mapson; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; two sister-in-laws, Mrs. Gladys Mapson and Mrs. Jacklyn Ballard; other dear persons to her, Claude Robinson, Jr., Mrs. Martha Grady, her cousins: the Davis sisters and family from St. Louis. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Wanda C. Bryant

Wanda C. Bryant, age 55, of Shallotte, passed away Monday, June 22, 2020. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at Mulberry Cemetery in Shallotte.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her children, Kimaya I. Bryant (Michael) of Shallotte and Jaleel J. Bryant (Ashley) of Supply; siblings, Cynthia A. Marlow (John) of Ash, Perry R. Bryant of Little River, SC, Sari Bryant of Shallotte, Timothy Bryant (Julia) of Greensboro, Lenard Shotwell of Philadelphia, PA, Mack Vereen of Poplar, SC, Anthony Vereen of Poplar, SC; grandchild, Maleah Bryant 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.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Seabrook Galloway

Seabrook Galloway, age 69, of Knightdale (formerly of Supply), passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2020. A private service was held.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his children, Etta Bryant (Christopher) of Raleigh, Dianna Vaught of Wilson, Tracy Galloway of Raleigh and Latania Galloway McAllister (Faruq); siblings, Sara Stevenson (Earl) of Bolivia, Vernetta Gravitt (Leon) of San Pedro, CA, Chauncey Galloway of Capital Heights, MD, Bobby Galloway (Diane) of Dale City, VA, Debra Bryant (Cliff) of Bolivia and Parthenia Johnson (John Howard) of Bolivia, 10 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren 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.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Fred D. Galloway

Fred "Mills" D. Galloway, Sr, age 86, of Hampton, VA (formerly of Supply), passed away Monday, June 22, 2020. Graveside services were held on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Galloway Cemetery in Supply.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his children, Fred D. Galloway, Jr and Shawn Galloway both of Hampton, VA; siblings, Dennis Galloway (Doris) of Toledo, OH and Sibbie Pearson of Claremont, NC; granddaughter, Zariah Johnson of Hampton, VA 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.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Belthy "Betty" Dekine Sellars

Belthy "Betty" Dekine Sellars, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, July 4, 2020. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, July 10, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery, 800 N 11th St., Wilmington, NC 28401. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC*

28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Dwight "Duedaddy" Bullock

Dwight "Duedaddy" Bullock died on June 14, 2020. Memorial service was held Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Dwight, son of the late Wygenia Bullock Ellis and George Lee Ellis was born on February 13, 1967, in Manhattan, New York. He received is education in the New Hanover County School System. Dwight attended John T. Hoggard High School where he played football and was a part of the wrestling team. He continued his education at North Carolina A&T University and obtained his Bachelor's degree. He moved to Albany, New York where he established himself, began a career, and met many friends who later became family. Dwight was known for his sharp, clean appearance and to knuckle up at any time. His laugh lit up a room and he was also known as being a loving, caring and generous person.

He is survived by: his children, Tiffany Bullock, Yasmine Bullock, Tera Carter, Daheim Bullock and Dwight Bullock, Jr "DJ"; grandchildren, Kamal Coley, Za'vion Coley, Aubrey Coley, Zaniyah Vaught, Alexandria Vaught and Matthew Vaught; sisters, Antionette Ellis and Kisha Dickson; brothers, George Ellis, Jr., Albert Ellis, Michael Ellis and Kevin Ellis; special friends, Greg and Doug Johnson; Lamont Williams, Antonio Allen, Shawn and Shannon Watkins, Curtis Bozier; the entire DGS Family and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dorothy E. Johnson

Dorothy E. Johnson died on June 28, 2020. Funeral services were held Monday, July 6, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Dorothy Elizabeth Johnson, affectionately known as "Dot" was born on August 5, 1942 to the late Carrie Carmichael and Lewis

Toster. In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her brother, Reese Toster. Dorothy attended Williston Senior High School. As a young lady she attended St. Andrew AME Zion Church. She worked as a caretaker and housekeeper to the Schwartz Family for many years, who loved her dearly. Dorothy never met a stranger and always had a story to share with you. If you ever needed something, she was willing to help. At St. Andrew AME Zion, she served as an usher; a huge motivator on the kitchen committee and sang in the adult choir for many years. Later in life she joined the Solid Rock Church where she was a dedicated member.

"Dot" leaves to cherish fond memories: her daughter, Sandra Gail Johnson; granddaughter, Jaleesa "Muffin" Johnson; great-granddaughter, Shamiyah Johnson; sisters, Carolyn Vaughan (James), Lynette Meadows (Darrell) and Janice Hayes (Ray); her brother, Ronnie Toster (Faye); her nieces, Rene, Sonya (Reggie) and Lamonica; nephews, Darrell Jr, Cortez and Laquawn; great-nieces and great-nephews, Derrick, Erica, Nakita and Natasha; special cousins, Mildred McClammy, Bill and Doris Ellerby and their daughter, Tanya, Rosa Jenkins and her son, Tyrone; a host of other relatives and friends, including special friends, Mary Lou White, Ann Tann and Lillie Mae Page. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Agnes Nixon Wiggins Spicer

Agnes Nixon Wiggins Spicer died on June 28, 2020. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 6, 2020 at the Wilmington Convention Center.

Agnes was born on August 20, 1922 to the last Walter Sr. and Josephine Wiggins in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was also preceded in death by her husband of more than fifty years, French Wallace Spicer; her son, Forrest Ray Spicer; two brothers, Walter

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TELL SOMEBODY

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

Fear: A feeling of alarm or disquiet caused by an awareness of or expectation of danger. A state of dread or concern

Since God has not given us the spirit of fear, we don't have to receive it. Through Christ that strengthens us, we have the ability to overcome fear, and not be overcome by fear. Our minds should not be filled with all kinds of fears and phobias, because it is not the will of God that his children

live in fear. He often tells us in his word, "Fear Not". Yes, we are living in perilous times, but as an act of our will and faith in God, we can decree, "I will not live in fear!"

There are all kinds of fear. Some fears are natural and logical. When your life or general well being is threatened, or the life and safety of family or loved ones is concerned, fear is a natural instinct. We should be careful



Sylvia Hooper

as well as prayerful, yet not allow fear to grip our hearts and minds to the point we become prisoners of fear. We should use wisdom, caution, and common sense in carrying out our daily affairs, but still not be subject (and overcome) by the spirit of fear.

Psalms 11:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We are not to fear man, though he may be able to kill the body, because he cannot touch the soul. Matthew 10:28 says, "And fear not them which kill the body; but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Luke 1:50, "His mercy is on them that fear him from

generation to generation." We should teach our children the fear of the Lord as well. They are going to need his mercy to be upon them, and they should know to ask for it when they need it. Psalm 56:9-11 says, "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me." When we walk by faith and not by sight, we trust God to do what he has promised, therefore, we are not afraid of what man can do. Psalm 118:6 Says, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"

Deuteronomy 10:12 says,

"And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul." If you fear the Lord, why not accept his personal invitation he is extending to you in John 3:16?

Prayer: Father, deliver your people from the spirit of fear; that we may serve you freely. In Jesus' Name. Amen. Tell Somebody...Fear Not!!!

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!

The impact of COVID-19 in our community: Let's not put our health at risk

BY J.C. WATTS
FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF J.C. WATTS COMPANIES

Washington, D.C., city attorney George Valentine was Black, brilliant, and fit. But after contracting COVID-19, he became so weak, he had trouble moving and even speaking. When it got to the point where he could barely breathe, George called an ambulance and waited on the steps of his house for it to arrive. Every second he waited must have seemed like an eternity. Two days later, George died. He was 66 and had suffered from diabetes and high blood pressure before getting sick with the coronavirus.

New research seems to confirm that, across the nation, the coronavirus has disproportionately impacted Black people, with death rates more than twice as high as that for any other race. Why is this happening-and can we do

anything about it?

There are several explanations for the disparity, and most have to do how we live, where we work, and our underlying health conditions. There are also factors that are within our immediate control that we can all do right now to protect ourselves, but that many in our community are failing to do.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cite several possible reasons that Black Americans are more affected. One is that many of us live in more highly populated areas where it's more difficult to practice physical distancing from one another. Many of us also live in multi-generational households where it's easier for younger family members to spread the virus to more vulnerable elderly members. This is especially true for lower-income households with smaller living spaces.

Another reason is that a

large percentage of African Americans hold frontline service industry jobs as food servers, cleaners, and personal-care providers, and in fields such as nursing that are all considered essential during the pandemic, and they bravely continue to go to work each day.

One other big factor is that, sadly, our people also tend to have more underlying medical conditions-like obesity, diabetes, and hypertension-that make us more vulnerable.

While many of these factors are difficult to change in the near term, we can do some things immediately to reduce our risks. In my own community in Oklahoma, I've witnessed many Black folks not wearing masks or practicing any degree of physical distancing in public. A lot of people just plain aren't following recommendations to keep themselves and their families safe.

Let's be real for a minute.

Some of this stems from past experiences with government that make people skeptical about what they're hearing from public officials. For some, it's the bitter memories of government-enforced segregation and other racist policies. For others, it's the fact the young Black men have more negative encounters with the police, and people don't want to wear masks and give anyone an excuse for mistaking them for criminals. For others, it's that politicians have made promises to us for decades and have failed to make good. Why trust them now?

Despite all this, please don't put your health at risk. We have to do all we can to protect our communities and our loved ones from being exposed to infection.

First, avoid close contact with people who are sick. Being in the same enclosed room with somebody who has the virus can lead to infection. Second, keep at least six

feet between you and others if you have to leave home. People can be infected even if they're not showing symptoms. Third, wash your hands or sanitize them often and for at least 20 seconds. Also avoid touching your face, mouth, and eyes with unwashed hands.

I know the advice about wearing masks is a tough one for many folks, but perspectives have changed during this pandemic. So, cover your mouth and nose with a bandana or other face covering if you have to leave home. The mask provides some protection for others in case you're infected and don't know it.

Finally, be sure to get medical help if you have any flu-like symptoms or have trouble breathing, persistent pain in your chest, a fever, or a dry cough.

As I write this, The Heritage Foundation's National Coronavirus Recovery Commission, of which I'm a member, is wrap-

ping up its final report offering recommendations to help us all recover from this pandemic. The commissioners are deeply concerned that COVID-19 has hit minority communities so hard and are urging medical researchers to look into how we can prevent this disproportionate impact in the future.

The commission is also recommending ways that our churches and community institutions can be a positive force for encouraging people to take preventative actions to stop the spread of COVID-19.

I'm hopeful that our nation will conquer this disease and that together, we will emerge from this chapter in our history stronger than before. But ultimately for that to happen, the cure must start with us.

J.C. Watts is founder and chairman of J.C. Watts Companies, chairman of Black News Channel, and a member of National Coronavirus Recovery Commission.

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Wiggins, Jr. and Odell Wiggins; one sister, Leon Ross; son-in-law, Joseph Shaw; daughters-in-law, Gloria Spicer, Sherry Spicer and Rachel Spicer; brothers-in-law, Eugene Ross and Bernard Spicer. Agnes was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from Williston Industrial School. She retired from the New Hanover County Schools.

Agnes' memories will be cherished by her children: Ellen Shaw of Leland, NC, Wallace Spicer (Martha) of Atlanta, GA, James Spicer (Joyce) of Wake Forest, NC, Carolyn Thompkins (Eddie) of Las Vegas, NV, Terry Spicer (Linda) of Irvington, NJ, Melvin Spicer (Belinda) of Charlotte, NC, Kelvin Spicer of Bristol, PA, Stacey Spicer (Terry) of Raleigh, NC, Christine White (Johnnie, Jr.) of Durham, NC and Penelope Sidbury (George) of Wilmington, NC; twenty-three grandchildren: Arlene Brayford, Timothy Spicer, Sr., Myron Jones, Fronia Johnson (Deron), Robin Spicer-Varnadore, Brenda Weston, Semone Spicer, Carlton Shaw, David Shaw, April Ray Spicer, Melvin F. Spicer, Ashnique Stephens, Johnnie White, III (Morgan), Stacey Spicer, Jr., Ashley Spicer, Terrisine Spicer, Jasmine Spicer, Brandon White, Angelica Thompkins, Arica Sidbury,

Shani Spicer, Markivious Spicer and Georgette Sidbury; twenty-one great-grandchildren: Timothy Spicer, Jr., Devin Spicer, Jalen Spicer, Noah Jones Bryson Jones, Ahtyana Johnson, Tahtyana Johnson, Kenyatta Bragg, Phoenix Varnadore, Myron Delts, Bella Alicea, Ashton Shaw, Brayden Shaw, Eden Shaw, Clarity Shaw, Jamir Shaw, Grey White, Roux White, Aniya White and Jayce White; one great-great-grandson, Carter Ace Spicer; one sister-in-law, Ollie Spicer of Wilmington, NC; two dedicated nieces, Vonzena Ross and Rev. Sandra David; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Michael J. Brown

Michael J. Brown died June 29, 2020. Funeral services were held Friday, July 3, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Mr. Michael J. Brown, son of the late James H. and Gerlene Brown, was born on June 1, 1963 in Wilmington, NC. Michael attended Acme-Delco High in Delco, North Carolina. He later enlisted in the US Army Reserve and served two tours of duty in Bernstein Iraq 2003-2005. In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Beatty and one sister, Betty Jean Bell. He will be missed greatly.

Michael leaves to cherish: his wife, Peggy Brown of Whiteville, NC; daughters, Latisha Martin (Kenny) of Durham, NC, Sharon LaToya Brown, Riegelwood, NC, Candice Brown, Delco, NC, Faith Shipman, Victoria Shipman and Monica Shipman all of Whiteville, NC and Rae-onna Brewington of Raleigh, NC; sons, Shawn Corbett of Pensacola, FL, Michael Demetrius Brown, Bolton, NC, CJ Green (Lameisha) of Wilmington, NC, Corey Shipman and Chris Stephens both of Whiteville, NC, and Tremaine Brown and Jaquan Brown both of Wilmington, NC; sisters, Cheryl Smith (Dennis) of Cincinnati, OH and Marilyn Troy (Carnell) of Leland, NC; brothers, James Brown Jr. (Denise) of Riegelwood, NC and Carl Beatty (Sheila), Leland, NC; special nephew, Anthony Jay Ballard of Pennsylvania; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

James Wilson, Jr.

James Wilson, Jr. died July 1, 2020. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

James was born on June 15, 1938 in Natchez, Mississippi to the late Maggie and James Wilson, Sr. He received his education at Sadie V. Thompson High School in

Natchez, Mississippi. He enlisted in the Army after graduation. James was joined in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Dorothy McDonald Wilson on September 27, 1962 in Wilmington, North Carolina. From this union they had three sons. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy on June 13, 2019. He joined St. Phillip AME Church with his wife in Wilmington, where he provided many meals to the church and community as a local chef. He enjoyed worshipping and fellowshiping with his church family and friends. He enjoyed encouraging young people to be the best that they can be.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: two sons, Gary Wayne McDonald and James Wilson, III; one adopted son, Justin Lamar Wilson; three grandchildren, Anterrio Wilson, Zacchaeus Wilson and Jameka Wilson; one daughter-in-law, Darlene Wilson of High Point, NC; one brother, Earl Wilson, Sr. of Connecticut; one sister, Flora Wilson of Natchez, Mississippi and a host of special nieces, nephews and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by his son, Anthony Terry Wilson; grandson, Kareem Vereen; daughter-in-law, Celeste McDonald; brother, Charles Wilson; grandmother, Lucy Hardin; aunt, Alma Johnson and uncle, Joseph Hardin. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Eric Freeman

Eric Freeman died June 30, 2020. A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Ogden Park. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

George Benjamin Age, Jr.

George Benjamin Age, Jr. died July 1, 2020. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

George Age, Jr. "Track", was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on July 5, 1948 and on July 1, 2020, our family lost our hero. "Track" made his transition to eternal rest. "Track" was a very loving man full of life. Where ever he went he wore a great smile. He held a special spot in the hearts of so many people. George served in the United States Army. He later gained employment with S&W Concrete from which he retired. George loved life and lived it well. He helped and encouraged many people. His memories will be cherished by: his girlfriend, Dorothy Hyman; daughter, Yolanda Brown; sons, Tyrone Mallette and Anthony Mallette; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; brothers, Ernest Age, Timothy Age, Edward Age, and Donald Age (Michelle); sister, Ruby Age; a host of nieces and nephews and other family and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's

Son Funeral Home.

Mamie Polk

Mamie Polk died July 1, 2020. Graveside services were held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be 5-7 PM on Wednesday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Willie Taylor

Willie Taylor died July 1, 2020. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at the Masonboro Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Marie Burton

Marie Burton died July 5, 2020. Funeral service will be held 12:00 Noon on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Tamela Malloy

Tamela Malloy died July 4, 2020. Memorial services will be held at a later date. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Leroy Everett

Leroy Everett died July 4, 2020. Graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at the Salem Cemetery, Delco, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 27th day of May, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **JAMES W. CHAPMAN a/k/a JIM CHAPMAN**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Ann H. Chapman, at 8816 Sawmill Creek Lane - Wilmington, NC 28411, on or before the **30th day of September, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 26th day of June, 2020.

ANN H. CHAPMAN, EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

July 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 1st day of June, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **PAUL DEMURO**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Anne Z. DeMuro, at 1201 Futch Creek Road, Wilmington, NC 28411, on or before the **30th day of September, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 26th day of June, 2020.

ANNE Z. DEMURO, EXECUTOR
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July 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 19 JT 213

IN THE MATTER OF: C.R.M (DOB: 08/25/2019)

TO: RESPONDENT: CRYSTAL VANCELEAVE, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **June 25, 2020**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Lyana Hunter was previously appointed to represent Crystal Vanceleave, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **AUGUST 10, 2020**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 19th day of June, 2020.

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

June 25, July 2, 9, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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-226

CHARLOTTE NOEL FOX, Administrator CTA for the Estate of REBECCA McMILLAN, Petitioner, vs. WILLIAM McMILLAN, JR., RHONDA McMILLAN ALLEN, LEROY LAWRENCE, HILDA SINGLETON, CHARLES DONTÉ MELBERT, KELLIE MELBERT, KATRENA BOYKIN, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF REBECCA McMILLAN, Respondents.

To Leroy Lawrence, Hilda Singleton, Charles Donte Melbert, Kellie Melbert, Unknown Heirs of Rebecca McMillan, and Unknown Heirs of Charles Melbert, Jr.:

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

A Petition for Possession, Custody and Control of Real Property and Sale of Real Property by Private Sale to Pay Debts of Rebecca McMillan. The real property sought to be sold is described as follows:

"All of Lot 46 in Section 1 of Walnut Hills Subdivision as the same is shown on map of Section 1 of said subdivision recorded in Map Book 12 at Page 18 in the office of the Register of Deed of New Hanover County"

Also being identified as Tax Parcel ID # R02420-004-004-000

Address: 7 Diamond Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28429.

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

You are required to file a written response by Wednesday, August 19, 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 CTA 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 9th day of July, 2020.

CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC
Charlotte Noel Fox
N.C. State Bar No. 32678
Administrator CTA of the Estate of Rebecca McMillan
701 Market Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Telephone: (910) 815-0085
Facsimile: (910) 815-1095

July 9, 16, 23, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of **Perlie Henry Davis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of July, 2020

Russell Davis, Jr., Administrator CTA
3202 Graylyn Terrace
Wilmington, NC 28411
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Linda Louise Kuharcik (20-E-625)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 2, 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 2nd day of July, 2020.

Katherine K. Russell
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Louise Price Formisano (20-E-418)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 9, 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 9th day of July, 2020.

Lori G. Formisano
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carol Lucy Cohen (20-E-681)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 9, 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 9th day of July, 2020.

Ronald Cohen
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jimmy Lee Bailey**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **25th day of September, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of June, 2020

Sandra B. Curtiss, Executrix
7855 Trap Way
Wilmington, NC 28412

June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Casey T. Monaghan, having qualified on the 17th day of June, 2020, as Administrator C.T.A. of the Estate of **David C. Monaghan, (2020-E-609)**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **28th day of September, 2020**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 25th day of June 2020.

Casey T. Monaghan
Administrator C.T.A.
ESTATE OF David C. Monaghan
David Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the General Court of Justice --Superior Court Division 20 CVS949

ELANDA J. GORE, Plaintiff, v. ROBERT W. GRAY, JR., Defendant.

To Robert W. Gray, Jr.: 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 Thursday, July 9, 2020, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

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July 9, 16, 23, 2020

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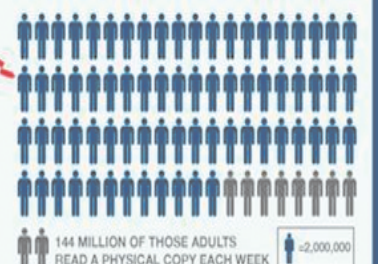
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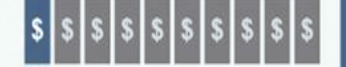
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