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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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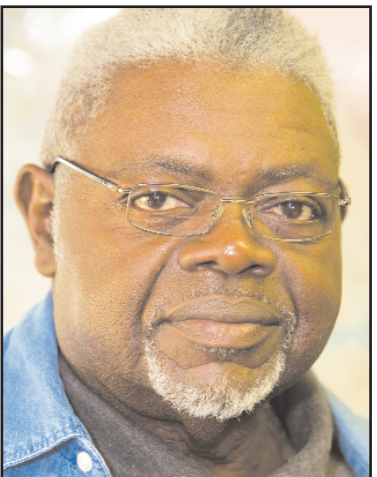
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BERNEST HEWETT

HURRICANE ISAIAS-RELATED ASSISTANCE

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Town of Belville would like to join with its Brunswick County colleagues to relay information about the Hurricane Isaias-related assistance that is available to our residents.

One of a series of tornadoes that hit Brunswick County Monday night tore through portions of Belville, especially the Olde Towne subdivision.

The Red Cross's disaster assessment team surveyed Olde Towne on Wednesday and determined that there were numerous homes that qualified for assistance. However, the homeowners must contact the Red Cross.

Homeowners who qualify for assistance need to call 1-800-RED-CROSS so that their individual situations can be assessed.

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Biden makes history by choosing Senator Kamala Harris

She is the first Black woman on a major presidential ticket

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Democratic Presidential Candidate Joseph "Joe" Biden has announced his selection of U. S. Sen. Kamala D. Harris as his vice-presidential running mate, bringing an automatic sizzle to the ticket, which now becomes history-making.

A 55-year-old Black woman with Indian and Jamaican ancestry, Harris becomes the first woman of color nominated to the top of a major ticket in a U. S. election.

"I've decided that Kamala Harris is the best person to help me take this fight to Trump and Mike Pence and then to lead this nation starting in January 2021," said Biden, 77, in an email Tuesday. The two were expected to make their first appear-

ance together as running mates in Wilmington, Delaware on Wednesday, August 12.

The announcement came after weeks of anticipation after Biden announced he would offer the vice presidency to a woman. The moment grew even tenser as Biden interviewed a string of women, including Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer who is white and former Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass, also of California.

Harris responded on Twitter: "Joe Biden can unify the American people because he's spent his life fighting for us. And as president, he'll build an America that lives up to our ideals. I'm honored to join him as our party's nominee for Vice President, and do what it takes to make him our Commander-in-

Chief."

Harris, a longtime friend of Biden, was not widely speculated to be Biden's pick; particularly given her sudden attack on him during a June 27 presidential debate concerning remarks he had previously made about having worked with two segregationist senators. Biden was making a point about civility and how he has been able to work across the aisles to pass legislation. But Harris tersely pointed out how segregationist politicians had affected her childhood. Though she made it clear that he is not a racist, she called Biden's comments "very hurtful."

Biden barely recovered that night

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SENATOR KAMALA HARRIS



Local social justice activists Mr. Clyde Edgerton (L) and Rev. Dante Murphy (R) write about the need for greater transparency from the Pender County and New Hanover County school boards.

Behind the school board curtain

BY CLYDE EDGERTON AND REVEREND DANTE MURPHY

In 1995 Wilmington, a young Black lawyer, Terry Richardson, heard that the New Hanover County District Attorney, Jerry Spivey, had publicly called a Black person the racial epithet "nigger." Mr. Richardson and others went to work to remove Spivey from office. Never before had a sitting District Attorney been removed in North Carolina-but in this case, the attempt to remove was successful. Soon, an appeal came from Mr. Spivey's lawyers, Tharrington Smith (the same law firm now representing the New Hanover School board in their fight against victims of child sexual abuse). Tharrington Smith argued that Mr. Spivey's removal from office was illegal and that his use of the n-word was protected by the first amendment. But the North Carolina Supreme Court found that Mr. Spivey was removed legally and that his speech was not protected by either the U.S. or North Carolina Constitution.

The moral, ethical, and legal problem with use of the n-word-given facts of slavery, Jim Crow laws, and unspeakable injustices against Black people-arises when a White person calls a Black person the n-word.

Jump forward a quarter century to an on-

going investigation at Pender High School in Pender County regarding a White employee's use of the n-word. The employee's defense may turn out to be: "That's what they call themselves."

How is the school board investigation going? Slowly-and silently. First, the school board itself is not investigating as it is authorized to do. Instead of using the board lawyer and calling people in to ask them questions under oath, they have opted to hire (with taxpayer money) an expensive law firm from Raleigh to do their bidding.

What many citizens do not realize is that powerful, expensive law firms advertise that they can fix things for school systems. That's the specialty of some firms. Hiring them is not working toward an "independent" investigation. With lawyer-client privilege between the board and the law firm, and with laws allowing personnel files to be kept closed, school boards can pretty much keep the curtain closed to parents and citizens, especially if the school system-desiring to keep bad publicity in-house-decides against firing someone. A firing tends to open up things to the public. Next door to Pender County, in New

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CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS

Rep. Adams wants Post Master General fired

North Carolina first to mail out ballots, Sept. 4

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With less than 90 days before the Nov. 3, 2020 presidential elections, Pres. Trump's hand-picked Postmaster General Louis DeJoy has displaced or reassigned over 30 top executives at the U. S. Postal Service, all in an effort to slow the nation's daily mail delivery down in an attempt to disrupt voting by mail nationally.

Based on recent media reports, "Major operational changes" that "slow down mail delivery" are at the behest of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a major Trump donor."

Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) wants him fired.

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It may take some time to
gain an assessment; the Red
Cross's disaster assessment
team is currently working in
storm-ravaged Oak Island.

Mayor Mike Allen, the
Belville Board of
Commissioners, and the
town staff would also like to
thank the many volunteers
who have helped out their
neighbors in need since the
storm hit. They include:

Olde Towne Community
Association

Brunswick County Volun-
tary Organizations Active in
Disaster (VOAD)

American Red Cross
Eight Days of Hope
Brunswick County Sheriff's
Office

Leland Fire Department
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gency Management
Wrightsville Beach Baptist
Church

Old Sarge's Tree Service
North Carolina
Department Of
Transportation

Chic-Fil-A
"Communities reveal their

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but said Harris' remarks mis-
characterized "his position
across the board." The tense
moment clearly stung Biden,
but mostly shed a negative
light on Harris whose
remarks were widely criti-
cized as harsh and mislead-
ing. But, this week, Biden
proved that he does not hold
grudges, placing her along-
side him at the very top of the
Democratic ticket.

It remains to be seen
whether Harris' historic candi-
dacy as a Black woman and
as a woman will engender
enough favor from a racially
and gender-diverse con-
stituency to defeat the Donald
Trump - Mike Pence re-elec-
tion campaign with the tradi-
tional two White males.
Trump's Republican ticket is
seen as widely supported by
right wingers and White
supremacists as well as tradi-
tional Republicans.

However, amidst racial ten-
sion across America which
re-ignited protests after the
killing of George Floyd,
Trump has slipped in the
political polls, several show-
ing Biden leading him with
double digits. The coron-
avirus pandemic, which has
killed more than 160,000 peo-
ple, including a disparity of
African-Americans, has also
illuminated questions about
Trump's political deficien-
cies.

America will now scruti-
nize the voting and policies
pushed by Harris, who, since
in the U. S. Senate, has
become known for her sharp
questioning during Senate
hearings and for her criminal
justice advocacy. But given
that Biden is the presidential
candidate, it is his record
that must be scrutinized the
heaviest.

Having served 36 years
(1973-2009) in the U. S. Senate
and eight years as vice presi-
dent under President Barack
Obama, the nation's first
Black president, it is believed
that he has been thoroughly
vetted. His judgement in
choosing Harris as his run-
ning mate will now be his
greatest decision under
scrutiny. He is already receiv-
ing accolades.

"Joe Biden nailed this deci-
sion," said Obama in a state-
ment Tuesday. "By choosing
Senator Kamala Harris as
America's next vice presi-
dent, he's underscored his
own judgment and character.
Reality shows us that these
attributes are not optional in
a president. They're require-
ments of the job. And now
Joe has an ideal partner to
help him tackle the very real
challenges America faces
right now and in the years
ahead."

Obama continued, "I've
known Senator Harris for a
long time. She is more than
prepared for the job. She's
spent her career defending
our Constitution and fighting

for folks who need a fair
shake. Her own life story is
one that I and so many others
can see ourselves in: a story
that says that no matter
where you come from, what
you look like, how you wor-
ship, or who you love, there's
a place for you here. It's a fun-
damentally American per-
spective, one that's led us out
of the hardest times before.
And it's a perspective we can
all rally behind right now."

Her selection is also win-
ning praises from rank and
file civil rights leaders.

"During her tenure in the
Senate, Sen. Harris won
praise from the Lawyers'
Committee for Civil Rights
Under Law for her work on
judges, national criminal jus-
tice policies, and other racial
justice issues," said Kristen
Clarke, president and execu-
tive director of the Lawyers'
Committee for Civil Rights
Under Law in a statement.
She said Harris' historic
selection has tremendous
"relevance for Black women
and women of color who have
long been diminished and
underrepresented in national
politics."

The following is Harris'
political biography as print-
ed on her Senate website:

In 2017, Kamala D. Harris
was sworn in as a United
States Senator for California,
the second African-American
woman and first South Asian-
American senator in history.
She serves on the Homeland
Security and Governmental

Affairs Committee, the Select
Committee on Intelligence,
the Committee on the
Judiciary, and the Committee
on the Budget.

Kamala has spent her life
fighting injustice. It's a pas-
sion that was first inspired by
her mother, Shyamala, an
Indian-American immigrant,
activist, and breast cancer
researcher.

Growing up in Oakland,
Kamala had a stroller-eye
view of the Civil Rights
movement. Through the
example of courageous lead-
ers like Thurgood Marshall,
Constance Baker Motley, and
Charles Hamilton Houston,
Kamala learned the kind of
character it requires to stand
up to the powerful, and
resolved to spend her life
advocating for those who
could not defend themselves.

After earning an under-
graduate degree from
Howard University and a law
degree from the University of
California, Hastings, she
began her career in the
Alameda County District
Attorney's Office.

In 2003, Kamala became
the District Attorney of the
City and County of San
Francisco. Among her
achievements as District
Attorney, Harris started a
program that gives first-time
drug offenders the chance to
earn a high school diploma
and find employment.

Having completed two
terms as the District
Attorney of San Francisco,

Kamala was elected as the
first African-American and
first woman to serve as
California's Attorney
General. In this role, she
worked tirelessly to hold cor-
porations accountable and
protect the state's most vul-
nerable people.

Over the course of her
nearly two terms in office,
Kamala won a \$25-billion set-
tlement for California home-
owners hit by the foreclosure
crisis, defended California's
landmark climate change law,
protected the Affordable Care
Act, helped win marriage
equality for all Californians,
and prosecuted transnational
gangs that trafficked in guns,
drugs, and human beings.

In the United States
Senate, Kamala's mission
remains unchanged: fighting
for the rights of all communi-
ties in California. Since tak-
ing office, she has introduced
and cosponsored legislation
to raise wages for working
people, reform our broken
criminal justice system,
make healthcare a right for
all Americans, address the
epidemic of substance abuse,
support veterans and mili-
tary families, and expand
access to childcare for work-
ing parents.

It's the privilege of
Kamala's life to work on
behalf of the people of
California. She lives in Los
Angeles with her husband,
Doug Emhoff, and is step-
mother to Ella and Cole
Emhoff.

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Hanover County, recent
retirements, resignations,
transfers, and separations
have kept wrongdoing behind
a government curtain. (Note:
In New Hanover County,
recently, the former superin-
tendent was able to "separate"
with a \$200,000 plus buy-out

prior to the completion of an
"independent" investigation
by an out of town law firm.
The firm was investigating the
superintendent's intimi-
dation of a Black parent.)

But what if the Pender
County employee didn't
directly call students the n-
word-but only said the word
to a cohort or wrote the
word? That doesn't reduce
the need for termination.

The policemen recently
fired in Wilmington were
not confronting Black peo-
ple when either of them
used the n-word. They were
people in positions of gov-
ernmental authority-like
school administrators,
school boards, District
Attorney's, and law officers.

Times are changing.
Injustices related to racism
are being tolerated less by all

races as histories of cruelty
and injustice become
unveiled.

The case in Pender
County is not a matter
between adults, not a matter
between children. This is a
matter of an adult insulting
children. And school
boards, in their actions,
need to set examples for
children, parents, teachers,
and administrators. Parents

and children who have been
wronged are watching.

Will the outcome of the
investigation under ques-
tion resemble the outcome
from a quarter century ago?
Or a century ago?

Stay tuned.

We have found moral out-
rage among Pender County
citizens. Will we find moral
backbone in their school
board?

ADAMS

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"The United States Postal
Service was established by
our Constitution, and this
year it will play an unprece-
dented role in guaranteeing
our right to vote," said
Congresswoman Adams in a
statement Monday. "However,
Postmaster General Louis
DeJoy continues his uncon-
stitutional sabotage of our
Postal Service with complete
disregard for the institution's

promise of the 'safe and
speedy transit of the mail' and
the 'prompt delivery of its con-
tents.'"

Thanks to the COVID-19
pandemic, many states have
determined that allowing
their citizens to cast their
ballots by secured mail
would be safest.

North Carolina, a so-
called "battleground state,"
is not only one of those
states but is scheduled to be
the first state to mail out
absentee ballots to voters on
Sept. 4, a full two months

before Election Day.

However, Pres. Trump
has opposed that, making
unfounded claims that vot-
ing by mail is rife with
potential fraud and corrup-
tion, and accusing the
Democrats of engineering
it. In fact, he's on record as
calling the U.S. Postal
Service "a joke," adding that
it will "lead to the end of our
great Republican Party."

There is little evidence
supporting that charge, and,
in fact, there is abundant
evidence from states like

Oregon that have voted by
mail for years that voting by
mail is one of the safest and
most accurate ways of con-
ducting elections, even with
the USPS operating in the
red for many years.

It does not receive funding
from tax dollars but has now
asked for \$25 billion from
Congress.

The White House has
stood firmly against the
appropriation.

As this election moves to
voting from home, due to the
coronavirus, the Trump

Administration is working
to dismantle the United
States Post Office itself,"
barged Rep. Adams in a
recent op-ed.

"My friend, Maya
Angelou, used to say, 'When
someone shows you who
they are, believe them the
first time.' The Postmaster
General has shown us on
multiple occasions he is
working to dismantle a fun-
damental institution of our
democracy. He needs to
resign or be removed now,"
concludes Adams.

character during times of cri-
sis," said Belville Mayor Mike
Allen. "We'd like to thank our
residents and the hundreds of
volunteers who are helping
our citizens recover from the
impacts of Hurricane Isaias."

"For many, the work to
rebuild their lives is just
beginning," continued Allen.
"But our community is
already proving that it will be
there to lend a helping hand
throughout their recovery."

We would also like to relay
information from Brunswick
County Commission
Chairman Frank Williams
about the following topics:

STORM DEBRIS:

Brunswick County will
hold a free cleanup week at
the county landfill in Bolivia
Aug. 17-22 for county property
owners and residents. During
this week, only construction
and demolition debris and
vegetative/yard debris will be
accepted at no charge.

Location: 172 Landfill Road
NE, Bolivia, NC 28422
Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to
5 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Businesses and commer-
cial vehicles will still be

charged normal tipping fees.
Individuals looking to drop off
accepted debris for free will
need to show proof of
Brunswick County property
ownership or residency.

Individuals with questions
can contact Brunswick
County Operation Services at
910.253.2520.

Need to get rid of items
now? County residents and
property owners can bring
yard waste to the Brunswick
County Landfill or county
convenience centers for as-
sociated fees during regular
business hours.

Yard waste should not be
placed in your household
trash or recycling bins.
CRISIS CLEANUP HELP:

The Home Crisis Clean-
up hotline is now open to support
survivors of Hurricane
Isaias.

Crisis Cleanup provides an
efficient way to request and
receive free help with
response needs. These needs
typically include roof tarp-
ing, chainsaw work,
drywall/flooring/appliance
removal, mold mitigation,
and debris removal.

Survivors report their
needs by calling a toll-free

number and responding to an
interview with a trained
agent. All these tasks are
placed in a common database.
Any vetted work team may
claim and execute jobs in
their area.

Call Crisis Cleanup
Hotline: 844-965-1386 (toll-free)
**REPORT ISAIAS DAMAGE
ONLINE:**

Residents of Brunswick
County who received damage
as a result of Hurricane
Isaias can self-report their
damages online at
[https://www.crisistrack.com/
public/brunswickNC/request
.html](https://www.crisistrack.com/public/brunswickNC/request.html)

Crews are working
throughout the county and
towns conducting damage
assessments to compile data
that is then used by the State
of North Carolina to deter-
mine if the damages from
Hurricane Isaias have
reached a level that would
qualify Brunswick County for
any federal assistance.

Federal Programs and
funding are typically not
made available without these
damage assessments.

Federal Assistance can be
either Public Assistance (PA)
relating to infrastructure and

government services (as well
as some non-profit agencies)
or Individual Assistance (IA)
which is assistance that
directly assists the residents
of the county.

Homeowners will still need
to report damages to their
individual insurance compa-
nies and will still have to
apply to any programs that
become available.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY
VOLUNTARY
ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE
IN DISASTER (VOAD)

The Brunswick County
Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster (VOAD)
helps direct individuals to
resources they need following
a disaster event. Visit the
VOAD webpage for more
information and resources
that can help with additional
cleanup or social services fol-
lowing Hurricane Isaias:
[https://www.brunswickcount-
ync.gov/voad/](https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/voad/)

Questions about who to
contact for help, how to volun-
teer or how to donate items?
Contact Emergency Services
Volunteer and Nonprofit
Coordinator Leslie Stanley
for direction to the appropri-
ate VOAD agency or county

department based on your
needs.

Phone: 910.253.2589
Email: [leslie.stanley@
brunswickcountync.gov](mailto:leslie.stanley@brunswickcountync.gov)

More information about
Hurricane Isaias and hurri-
cane preparedness is at
[https://www.brunswickcount-
ync.gov/hurricanes](https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/hurricanes). *Bernest
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of the Brunswick County
NAACP.*

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their own history, then the hunters
will get all the credit."
--AN AFRICAN PROVERB

STATE BRIEFS



UNC SYSTEM FACULTY AND STAFF SUE FOR SAFER WORKPLACES

[RALEIGH] Faculty and staff have filed a lawsuit against the UNC System, claiming that they are made to work in unsafe environ-

ments because of COVID-19 when campuses reopen for the fall semester. They are demanding that in-person instruction not be allowed, and that all classes be held online. "Everyone involved in making the decision to reopen these campuses did so with the knowledge that it places these employees at a greater risk of exposure to COVID-19 than they would have otherwise been exposed to had the 'status quo' of limiting the number of students

on campus and going completely on-line to start the Fall of 2020 had been maintained as it has been since March, 2020...we contend that the law does not permit the University of North Carolina system or the governor to force these employees to work in conditions that place them at an increased risk of getting sick, being unable to work, being hospitalized, and even dying," said attorney Gary Shipman of Wilmington in a press statement Monday.

Thus far, there has been no response from the UNC System.

JUDGE SIDES WITH GOV. COOPER'S COVID-19 AUTHORITY

[RALEIGH] A Wake Superior Court judge sided with Gov. Roy Cooper, saying that Cooper has the power to manage the COVID-19 restrictions he's imposed without consultation of the Council of State. Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, who is trying to unseat Cooper dur-

ing the Nov. 3rd elections, sued the governor, saying he did not have the right to issue emergency orders during the pandemic without the ten-member council.

NHC BOARD OF COMMISSIONER APPROVE NAME CHANGE FOR HUGH MCRÆ ROAD

[WILMINGTON] Just like Hugh McRae Park, Hugh McRae Road is no more. The NHC Board of Commissioners this week voted to change

the name of the road previously named after the infamous white supremacist to Freedom Way Drive. Last month, the board also changed the name of the park to Long Leaf Park, bowing to the demands of demonstrators in the aftermath of the George Floyd police killing.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Court grants preliminary injunction against voter ID law pushed by Republicans

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A three-judge Wake Superior Court panel has issued a preliminary injunction Monday enjoining the Republican-led NC General Assembly "from implementing or enforcing the voter-ID provisions of Session Law 208-144..." the voter ID law Republicans hurriedly passed in the waning lame duck special session in December 2018.

Monday's preliminary injunction means there will not be a court proceeding in Holmes vs. Moore, a 2018 lawsuit filed to stop the voter ID law, before the Nov. 3, 2020 election. Thus, there will be no voter ID requirement of those casting a ballot in less than 90 days.

It was last February when, in a 45 page ruling, a panel of three Democratic appellate judges unanimously ruled that North Carolina's voter ID law was deliberately discriminatory towards African American voters. Thus, the judicial panel of Toby Hampson, John Arrowood and Allegra

Collins issued a preliminary injunction temporarily shelving the law (Senate Bill 824) until trial.

The Appellate Court, which "...held that Plaintiffs have shown a clear likelihood of success on the merits of their discriminatory-intent claim and absent injunction, plaintiffs are likely to suffer irreparable harm...", remanded the case back to Wake Superior Court, "...with instructions to grant plaintiff's motion for Preliminary Injunction, The Republican defendants, House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate Pro Tem Phil Berger, filed a motion for a rehearing

after the appellate court ruling, only to have it denied in March.

Last February, Attorney Irving Joyner, law professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law, applauded the appellate decision in the case.

"The Court of Appeals' opinion in Holmes v. Moore is just another recognition by a 'court of law' that the North Carolina General Assembly acted with continuing racial animus when it enacted the latest voter ID requirement," Joyner said.

THE MOST LOYAL LISTENERS ON THE PLANET

FACT: 68% OF AMERICANS LISTEN TO CHRISTIAN GOSPEL MUSIC IN THE PAST MONTH

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GUEST EDITORIAL

It's the Census, stupid

As Americans struggle with the Covid-19 outbreak, attacks on our democracy by a sitting president, racial unrest, the militarization of our police force, and a gridlocked legislature, many do not have time to think about how the next 10 years will play out in American democracy. But we must. You see in 2020 America must collect data to determine how it will divide its limited resources for the next 10 years.

Little is being said about the 2020 census as the nation's airwaves are dominated by the president's mindless press conferences, a deadlocked congress that cannot implement any useful legislation, and police militarization against peaceful protesters. Granted, these are all topics that need and deserve the public's attention. However, the 2020 census is as important as, if not more important than any of these challenges. In fact, the successful implementation of the census will have an impact upon all these issues.

Many minorities are wary of the census, fearing that "Big Brother" is trying to keep tabs on them. It is an understandable fear, but one that is being used to suppress much needed minority participation in the process. You see, the census helps determine how federal dollars will be used in local communities. That means that an under count in your community may mean that vital community services won't get the dollars they need to support improvement in city services. It may mean that you don't get a city council person to represent your area. It may mean that potholes in your community don't get fixed. You might be denied a congressional representative. There might not be a public school or hospital built in your community. Maybe you will end up with fewer fire stations than you need. You might not have a public works department that can adequately maintain your streets, or pick up your trash. The census affects things like youth programs, senior meals, healthcare and housing assistance.

So if you care about the conditions you live in...if you care about your community...then you care about the census. You see, in 2010, the last time a census was taken conservatives were the majority in most statehouses around the country. The data collected in the census is used to determine how many national and state legislators will be apportioned to your community. Because the legislature, both locally and nationally, can draw congressional lines, they were able to use the data from 2010 to draw voting districts that placed all the power in their hands across much of the country. It is called gerrymandering. These gerrymandered districts resulted in political districts drawn in such a way that only one party benefited. By drawing lines with conservative voters in the majority, they were able to sweep statehouses across the country and to win majorities in the United States Congress and statehouses nationwide.

If you want to have an impact on how your community is governed, you need to fill out the census. Donald Trump will not be sending his goons to your door. The census will not trigger a follow-up on a delinquent ticket or warrant. It is not a way to determine whether illegals are in your home. You do not have to talk to the census taker who knocks on your door. You can fill out the census form on the internet. It only takes a few minutes. The questions are not overly invasive.

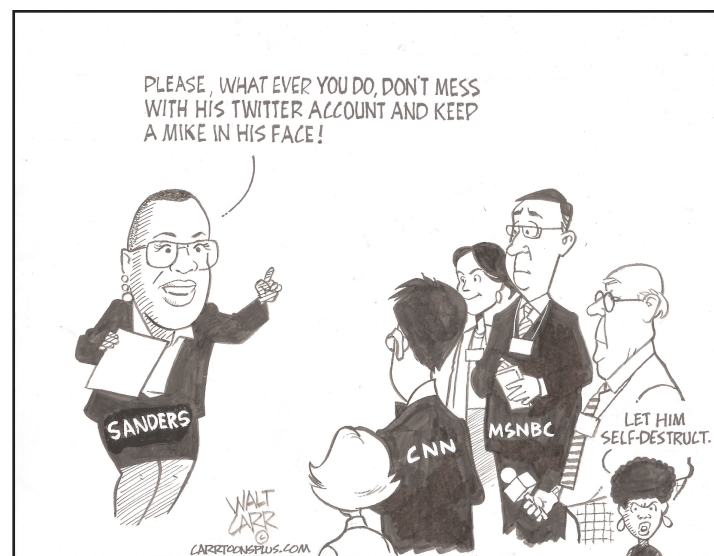
A depressed census is the number one voter suppression technique. Don't let your love of privacy or fear of an overreaching government keep you from participating in this vital activity. Just like voting, participating in the census is the duty of every American and it is the privilege of every resident. Make sure your community is rightfully reflected in the 2020 Census so that the distribution of resources over the next 10 years will meet your community's needs. Visit my2020census.gov to fill out your census questionnaire. Please, do it today.

Submitted by Mildred Robertson, Independent Blogger.

THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



VISUAL VOICE



YOUR VOICE

A way to fix it

The path to voting in the 2020 election will almost certainly be filled with landmines. From concerns about voter suppression to the reliability of mail-in ballots, there is a great deal of angst on all sides of the political spectrum. Perhaps the great-

est fear is that, thanks to a pandemic-induced shortage of poll workers, the number of polling places will be reduced, and voters will face long lines at those that remain. But there is a way to fix that.

Boards of Elections everywhere should immediately begin a campaign to recruit

Americans who have recovered from Covid-19 and are neither at risk of reinfection nor of spreading the disease to others. What a great opportunity for patriotic citizens to serve their country and defend our democracy. And with four million cases having come and gone, there is no shortage of those who

would qualify. Combine that with social distancing, strict voter mask requirements, and the availability of hand sanitizer and disposable masks for those without, and you have a recipe for a safe and more normal election.

Jeffrey Zalles
Southport, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

A 'dirty' word?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Politics can be strange! Sometimes the analysis of a political campaign can raise as many questions as it answers. From discussion around the current Biden campaign we have learned that, depending upon one's perspective, the word AMBITIOUS holds both positive and negative connotations. Some seem to think of ambitious as synonymous with arrogance.

As a former teacher, I'm almost tempted to offer a short presentation on the denotative and connotative qualities of words. Instead, I'll ask a few simple questions, "What's wrong with ambition?" "When did it become a negative?" Since the word was cast upon a Black female potential Vice-Presidential candidate as a negative aspersions, "What is the problem with an ambitious Black Woman?"

Given the examples of ambitious Black Women in the his-

tory of this nation, we can ask whether a woman like Harriett Tubman was arrogant or ambitious, or whether her goals, over objections of the slaveholder class, served a higher purpose. She was a no-nonsense freedom-seeker who tolerated nothing less than total commitment from others as well as herself.

Who would dare question the motives of

women like Mary McLeod Bethune, Ella Baker, Diane Nash, Amelia Boynton, Fannie Lou Hamer or Dorothy Height? Did Rosa Parks keep her seat out of arrogance or did her ambitions for 'her people' supersede her concerns for personal safety? Were the efforts of Mary McLeod Bethune undertaken for anything other than providing an opportunity

for Black youth to educate themselves? Can we evaluate the actions of Baker, Nash, Boynton or Hamer as anything more than altruistic ambitions for the benefit of our race? At great risk, they placed their convictions and bodies between those who would attempt to hold-on to the social and cultural restrictions that established the boundaries of Jim Crow-ism. Did Dr. Height, who conjoined the interests and goals of civil rights and women's rights do so for the purpose of self-aggrandizement? The ambitions of all these women were selfless and based upon service for a greater good.

The tradition of Black women in service to our communities is highlighted with women of great ambition. Shirley Chisholm was the first Black woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and the first Black woman candidate for a major political party to run for the Office of President of the U.S. Barbara

Jordan, the first Black woman was elected to the Texas legislature, and later the first Black woman elected to Congress from the deep south. Chisholm and Jordan ambitiously laid the foundation for the current lineup of Black women politicians.

It's doubtful that in 2013, when Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi founded Black Lives Matter they realized it would evolve into a human rights movement with the ambitious goal of eliminating violence and systemic racism towards Black people.

Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells and Black women by the thousands number among those in history who overcame, instilled, motivated, and supported their own and the ambitions of their families.

We wouldn't see the brilliant Black women being considered

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Black women rising despite obstacles

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Women won the right to vote a century ago. On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment passed. The white women's equal rights struggle began in 1776, though, when Abigail Adams, the wife of our second president and member of the constitution-drafting Continental Congress, sent her husband a letter. She urged him to "remember the ladies." She further wrote, "All men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

The Continental Congress did not remember the ladies, and it reduced African American enslaved people into a fraction of a person for census and political representation. The National Women's Suffrage Association (NWSA) because white women like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony refused to support the 15th Amendment, which gave Black men, but no women, the right to vote. Ain't I A Woman, thundered Sojourner Truth. The battle lines were drawn between Black men and white women. And few were willing to notice the Black women on

the sidelines. It reminds me of a Black Enterprise cover, circa about 1980, where a Black man and white woman were arm wrestling, presumably over who should benefit from affirmative action. There was no Black woman on that cover, not even standing on the sidelines.

When A k a s h a Gloria Hull, Patricia Bell-Scot, and B a r b a r a Smith wrote their book, All the Women Are White, All the Men Are Black, But Some of Are Brave (Feminist Press 1982), Black women cheered. These sisters realized that with race/gender conflict, Black women are too often discounted, by Black men, but especially by the white women who purport to be allies.

History will reveal that white women have used their whiteness as a shield against both Black men and women, especially as they have falsely accused Black men of rape. Their false accusations resulted in the destruction of several Black communities. Very recently, the Women's March leaders asked Tamika to step down from their Board (she stay until her term was up) because she

embraced the intersectionality of unapologetically Black activist and gender-affirming warrior. In this era of racial reckoning, white women have much to explore and grapple with. Too many of them are so myopic that they don't get it.

Black women get it. Gwen McKinney, Patricia Ann Ford, and a coterie of their friends have launched a great website that explores the intersection of suffrage, race, and power, (srp@unerased.com) and the ways that the majority narrative has too often erased the contributions that Black women have made to suffrage and justice. Most feminists know about Susan B. Anthony, but how many white feminists know of Nannie Helen Burroughs or Ida B. Wells? Black women often advocated for the same rights that white women did, but in protest, thanks to southern women and their racist mindset, Black women were excluded from public activity or asked to march at the end. That nonsense did not discourage the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in 1913 when they pushed their way into the center of the march.

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The historical relationship between Black and white women is ugly, but in this era of Black Lives Matter, Black women are rising. Despite extremely nasty shade, which I won't dignify with a reference, there is at least a 60-40 chance that a Black woman will be Joe

Biden's running mate. The Higher Heights for America PAC is named after Dr. Dorothy Height (higherheightsforamerica.org) and supports Black women running for political office. They describe their space as "a political home for Black women," and they see to elect, mobilize, and amplify Black women. They are among those who celebrated Cori Bush's surprising victory over incumbent William "Lacy" Clay in the St. Louis congressional primary. Actually, it shouldn't be much of a surprise. Bush planned her work and worked her plan as a visible presence in St. Louis, an organizer for Black Lives Matter and a grassroots activist. Her win is a victory for Black women, for progressives, and activists.

Even as Black women are rising, ugly racism too often attempts to put us in our place. In Aurora, Colorado Brittney Gilliam had planned a girl's afternoon with her sister, nieces, and six-year-old daughter. Instead, they were confronted by the police because they mistakenly identified her car as "stolen." Our "law enforcement" officer pointed guns at the young, innocent Black women and girls, and they were forced to lay, face down, on hot asphalt as they were handcuffed. Later, the

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for Biden's VP running mate were it not for their ambition to play a large part in leading this country to "a more perfect

union." Ambition is the fuel that propels us to the goal of being our better selves.

AMBITION is not a dirty word. Instead of viewing the concept or quality of ambition through the lens of negativity, race or misogyny, thank God

and there's nothing wrong with the desire to shape it in its best form.
Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women. She hosts "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM-89.3 FM.)

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police tepidly acknowledge their "mistake." Later the police chief, Vanessa Wilson, apologized and offered therapy for the children. Brittney

told a CNN anchor that the chief could "shove it" as she found it insincere. Incidentally, Valerie Wilson is a white woman who bet out three Black men for the job. Would they have handled this differently?

As always, the pace of

progress oscillates with two steps forward and one step back. Black women are rising politically, but some things change slowly. Where are the majority women's organizations in Aurora, Colorado? Pandemic notwithstanding, why are

they silent? Would the Aurora police have treated a white woman with four young people in the car? Ain't I A Woman?

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TO BE EQUAL

Harlem, the nation's center of African American culture, will be the National Urban League's new headquarters

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Harlem was home; was where we belonged; where we knew and were known in return; where we felt most alive; where, if need be, somebody had to take us in. Harlem defined us, claiming our consciousness and, I suspect, our unconsciousness." - Actor and activist Ossie Davis

In 1904, a few years before George Edmund Haines and Ruth Standish Baldwin founded the National Urban League, Black New Yorkers pushed out of other neighborhoods began moving into Harlem. They were soon followed by a flood of migrants escaping the violence and terrorism of the Jim Crow South. The convergence of ambitious, motivated Black people from around the country with employment opportunities created by World War I exploded into the Harlem Renaissance.

With it, came the courage "to express our individual dark-skinned selves without fear or shame," as Langston Hughes put it.

Mindful of this profound legacy and storied past, we at the National Urban League could not be prouder to announce a historic building project that will keep us in the city where we were founded, while enhancing the economic and cultural revitalization of Harlem.

The Urban League Empowerment Center, on 125th Street between Street between

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard and Lenox Avenue, will include the National Urban League's headquarters, the Urban Civil Rights Museum Experience and the National Urban League Institute for Race, Equity and Justice - along with affordable housing, office space and retail space.

The \$242 million project is one of the largest and most significant building projects in Harlem in 50 years. As a legacy civil rights and social justice organization, the National Urban League has worked for more than a century to strengthen and vitalize urban neighborhoods through community investment. I'm extremely proud that we are able to put those same guiding principles to work with our own future home.

Over the last several years, the National Urban League has turned down offers to relocate to other cities, including Philadelphia, Washington, Atlanta, Chicago, and others. New York City is where we were born, and I am proud that New York City is where we will stay. I am even more excited about the neighborhood economic development the building project represents.

The National Urban League has a long history of support-

ing the cultural and artistic pulse of Harlem. Opportunity, for many years our official monthly publication, employed Harlem Renaissance writers, publishing their poetry and short stories and promoting African-American literature through articles, reviews, and literary prizes.

With affordable office space for non-profit organizations like One Hundred Black Men of New York, the United Negro College Fund New York, and the Harlem-based Jazzmobile, the Empowerment Center will be a hub and a catalyst for enterprise, creativity, activism and advocacy.

We have been intentional about supporting minority-owned businesses, partnering with Black-owned BRP Companies, and committing to 30% of construction contracts for minority-owned businesses. Prominent African-American professionals, including real estate attorney Charles J. Hamilton, Jr., of Windels Marx and Dabar Development Partners founder and CEO Dawanna Williams have had lead roles in the project.

The project would not be possible without the wholehearted support of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and his extraordinary effort to align state agencies and private sector partners to move the project forward. We also owe a debt of gratitude to New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, former Mayor Michael Bloomberg, State Assemblywoman Inez E. Dickens, State Senator Brian Benjamin, City Councilman

Bill Perkins, and Margaret Anadu, head of the Urban Investment Group at Goldman Sachs.

The Urban Civil Rights Museum Experience will be New York's first museum dedicated to civil rights and one of the first in the nation to focus on the history of civil rights in the North. It also includes below-market office space for community groups and civic organizations, as well as 170 affordable housing units to be constructed with support from New York State Homes and Community Renewal.

We look forward to formal groundbreaking in the near future and completion by late 2023.

The project is supported by Empire State Development, Homes and Community Renewal, and Harlem Community Development Corporation. The development is being led by BRP, L+M Development Partners, Taconic Partners, The Prusik Group, and Dabar Development. Private funding is being invested by Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group, Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone Development Corporation, Red Stone Equity Partners, and Santander Bank, N.A. Additional partners include New York State Office of General Services, New York City Economic Development Corporation and Settlement Housing Fund, Inc.

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



Marc Morial

Urban League has worked for more than a century to strengthen and vitalize urban neighborhoods through community investment. I'm extremely proud that we are able to put those same guiding principles to work with our own future home.

Fair housing still a distant journey for Black America

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Public pressure to restore a key HUD rule has united civil rights, public and private sector stakeholders in a swelling and nearly daily drumbeat of concern calling for fair housing to be supported and HUD's replacement rule be rescinded.

On July 23 the rule known as Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) HUD Secretary Ben Carson termed the rule as "a ruse for social engineering under the guise of desegregation."

"The worst thing we can do in a major health pandemic is increase housing instability, homelessness, and overcrowding - which is what will happen if the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing provision is significantly weakened," noted Lisa Rice, President and CEO of the National Fair Housing Alliance. "Taking away strong fair housing tools makes all of our communities less safe and increases housing instability. We have learned that lesson and we should not repeat that mistake. We will not allow Trump to take away tools to fight discrimination or make our neighborhoods less safe."

"The government helped create entrenched, pernicious residential segregation and has an obligation to undo it," said Nikitra Bailey, an Executive Vice President with the Center for Responsible Lending. "By rejecting the Fair Housing Act's mission to dismantle segregation and the inequity it created, this Administration is eschewing its responsibility and will be on the wrong side of history."

Initially promulgated under the Obama Administration AFFH required local jurisdictions receiving HUD funds to take meaningful actions to halt decades of discriminatory policies and practices that perpetuated racially segregated communities. Under the Trump

Administration the rule was suspended and then replaced by a new one termed, Preserving Community and Neighborhood Choice. Under the new rule HUD grantees are no longer required to actively pursue local plans to eliminate segregated housing.



Charlene Crowell

Across the nation, civil rights and housing advocates agree that historical segregation is largely responsible for the nagging inequity that Black America still confronts today.

Additionally, it is also particularly noteworthy that HUD finalized its new rule without providing an opportunity for public comment - a serious departure from the regular federal rulemaking process.

For the nation's estimated 70 largest and oldest public housing authorities that together serve more than one million low-income households who live in federally-assisted housing, the rule is an affront to fair housing advocates across the country.

In an August 3 letter to HUD's Carson, The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities ("CLPHA") and Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC wrote in part, "[R]ather than enforce an act of Congress, which they are obligated to do, HUD and the Administration endeavor to demonstrate Congressional support for the New AFFH Rule simply by relying on statements by individual members of Congress that "every community should be free to zone its neighborhoods and compete for new residents according to its distinct values."

"As HUD is fully aware," CLPHA continued, "phrases like "distinct values" have historically been used to justify

segregation, discrimination, and overt suppression of the economic advancement of minority communities and communities of color. As HUD is also fully aware, public housing was often intentionally developed in segregated neighborhoods of high poverty and historically has been chronically underfunded because of these same "distinct values."

Days earlier on July 27, three U.S. House leaders: Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee; Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary; and Congressman William Lacy Clay (D-MO), Chair of the Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance issued a joint statement.

"The Fair Housing Act makes housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability illegal," wrote the lawmakers. "The law includes a requirement that recipients of federal housing funding and the agencies of the federal government must "affirmatively further fair housing," meaning that they must administer funds and programs in ways that actively undo and do not perpetuate patterns of historic residential segregation and systemic disinvestment...This senseless and misguided decision to roll back that important progress comes as the President peddles racist rhetoric that is reminiscent of the fearmongering tactics of those who supported racial segregation prior to the Fair Housing Act."

The House Members also announced in their statement, that legislation to reinstate the AFFH rule would be introduced.

Also adding its voice and collective influence to preserve fair housing is the National

Association of Realtors (NAR), the nation's largest trade association, representing more than 1.4 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

According to its President, Vince Malta, "NAR maintains that a strong, affirmative fair housing rule is vital to advancing our nation's progress toward thriving and inclusive communities. With the pandemic's disproportionate impact on people of color reminding us of the costs of the failure to address barriers to housing opportunity, NAR remains committed to ensuring no American is unfairly denied this fundamental right in the future."

NAR's Malta makes a timely point. With federal stimulus funds expired, not only has \$600 weekly unemployment aid ended; but one in five of the 110 million renters face the looming prospect of eviction by the end of September, according to an Aspen Institute research report entitled Strong Foundations: Financial Security Starts with Affordable, Stable Housing. The report also found that nearly all very low-income renters, half or more of their monthly income is spent on housing.

This housing unaffordability finding is also held by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition that measures affordable housing as no more than 30% of monthly income. In its 2020 report, however, America's housing affordability challenges were widespread even before the pandemic:

11 million extremely low-income households are priced out of local market rate apartments;

•Minimum wage employees need to work an average of 79 hours - just shy of two full weeks - to afford a one-bedroom

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

The brazenness of modern-day racism

The preponderance of "Karen" stories, i.e., white women calling police on black men in particular and black people in general, has been as annoying as it has been troubling to watch. The brazen arrogance of women calling police - who they know are as apt to shoot and kill a black person as not - is disgusting, but also indicates a new bravery some are exhibiting under the current administration to show their rampant racism and tout their awareness that they can call police on an innocent person and get away with it, regardless of how the situation turns out.

It's not just the "Karens" who are showing a peacock-type of arrogance when it comes to throwing their whiteness around. It's lawmakers and politicians, police officers, and even some pastors who are making it plain that the idea of a "beloved community" is to them an abomination. In Michigan, a lawmaker - who insisted he is not racist - used the "n" word - publicly - to refer to black people - and refused to apologize or resign (<https://thehill.com/home-news/state-watch/511020-michigan-gop-official-refuses-calls-to-resign-while-continuing-to>) Although he eventually did bow to pressure to resign, the fact that he would pull his racism out of hiding in that way was stunning to read about.

Rev. Susan K. Smith



Police in Aurora, Colorado pulled an entire black family out of their car - saying that they thought the car had been stolen - pulling their guns out and pointing them at the children in the car as well as the young mother driving the car, and made them lie down on the hot pavement after handcuffing them, the cries of the children notwithstanding. (<https://www.usatoday.com/videos/news/nation/2020/08/04/cops-handcuff-pull-guns-young-black-family-parking-lot/3290696001/>) In June, police in Denver pulled a gun on the children (ages 2, 7, and 14) of a man who had them sit in the car while he finished grocery shopping because one of his children was having trouble breathing because of required mask-wearing. While he was in the store, he heard someone saying that police were in the parking lot because someone had called and said a man was there with a gun. Little did he know that the man being accused of having a gun was him. As he walked toward his car, police pulled a gun on him, ordering him to keep his hands up. He complied, but objected, saying he did not have a gun - but police continued their assault on him - even while his children cried and screamed in fear - until they were satisfied that the complaint had been bogus. (<https://www.wtrf.com/news/police-pointed-gun-at-3-black-children-handcuffed-unarmed-father-attorney-says/>) He has sued the police department.

And then in Texas, the Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III, the pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church, angrily confronted members of a white supremacist group that stormed the parking lot of his church. (<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/2020/08/02/oak-cliff-church-outraged-after-back-the-blue-caravan-uses-church-parking-lot-as-rest-stop/>) Although organizers responsible for the event said there had been a misunderstanding, Haynes, pointing out that his church has a huge "Black Lives Matter" sign in front of his church, called out the racism, saying it was an intentional act of intimidation."

The brazenness of these episodes - and they are happening on a regular basis - is troubling but also revealing of the underbelly and the heart of America, both of which are smeared with sores and scars of white supremacy. Black and brown people are aware that they (we) are walking targets, and although there has been a heightened awareness and sensitivity to racism in this country since the murder of George Floyd, the resistance of some whites is getting more and more bold.

To be sure, it is not new; during the 60s we saw state-sanctioned violence against black people. White people criticized Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's campaign of nonviolent direct action, saying that it was provoking violence. Lynching of black people continued; there were more than 4400 lynchings in this country between 1844 and 1950 according to the Equal Justice Initiative. (EJI) Black people are still being found hanging from trees (<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/07/13/metro/across-america-black-men-have-been-dying-by-hanging-even-suicide-racism-plays-part/>) and police are reporting those deaths as suicides (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/06/22/black-victims-hanging-suicide/>). It seems highly unlikely, however. Even the proclamation that these deaths are suicide are a reflection of the arrogance of white supremacy.

Journalists reporting the ugliness of the violence against black people keep saying "this is not who America is," but they are wrong. This is exactly what America is and has always been, and why there is a "Black Lives Matter" movement. "Angry whites" have perpetrated violence against black people without worrying about the consequences, and other whites, perhaps also angry, have remained silent.

The fact that the president is sanctioning violence based on race - baiting "angry whites" by saying that the "radical left wing Democrats" want to take away their Second Amendment Rights, is encouraging this boldness on the part of people who seem to believe that it is their right to take black lives. In their boldness, they are displaying an arrogance their sense of superiority based on their race which has always been a part of them. And in their brazen arrogance, their actions are showing what we as black people have always known: that black lives do not matter and that the power structure of this country does not care what happens to us.

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

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apartment. That same minimum wage worker would need to work 97 hours to afford a two-bedroom dwelling; and

•A full-time employee needs an hourly wage of \$19.56 to afford a one-bedroom apartment, or \$23.96 an hour to afford a two-bedroom unit.

According to an early July U.S. Census Bureau survey nearly 43.4 million Americans - or 25.3% of the adult population - either missed last month's rent or mortgage payment, or have little to no confidence that they can pay next month's rent or mortgage on time.

These and other societal ills were the focus of a recent op-ed authored by 27 U.S. mayors representing 13 states. Published by the Washington Post, mayors from large cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Houston and Philadelphia joined with mid-sized cities including Durham

(NC), Eugene (OR), Lansing (MI), and Ithaca (NY), made a public plea for housing.

"Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, housing has always been the primary contributor to this country's massive racial wealth gap," wrote the mayors. "Systemic racism created a society where white households have 10 times the wealth of Black households. We are at risk of history repeating itself if federal COVID -19 relief measures primarily benefit white households...After decades of disinvestment and denial, now is the time for Congress to show its commitment to housing programs that support the stability and mobility of people of color."

How much longer must Black America and other people of color wait for fair housing?

Charlene Crowell is a senior fellow with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

CFCC celebrates truck driver training graduates

Wilmington, NC – Cape Fear Community College is pleased to announce that 19 truck driver training students successfully graduated from the program Friday, August 7, 2020.

The Truck Driver Training program, formerly a curriculum program at CFCC, is now housed in the Continuing Education division at the College, making it a more affordable and accessible option for prospective students.

“You see it everywhere: ‘Truck Drivers Wanted,’” said John Downing, vice president of economic and workforce development at CFCC. “It’s a privilege to train individuals for this in-demand trade, and we take pride in not only training individuals to obtain their CDL, but also building character and confidence in our students.”

The truck driver training program prepares individuals to drive tractor-trailers rigs, teaching proper driving procedures, safe driver responsibility, commercial motor vehicle laws and regulations, and the basic principles and practices for operating commercial vehicles. Graduates of the curriculum are qualified to take the Commercial Driver’s License Exam and gain employment with commercial trucking firms. They may also become owner-operators and work as private contract haulers.

The next class with available space begins August 10, 2020 (daytime), and September 3, 2020 (evening). For additional class dates and registration information, visit cfcc.edu/truck-driver-training.

Featured Graduate Arthur Morgan, while working for a non-profit in

Baltimore, Maryland driving box trucks with a Class B license decided to utilize the additional time during the pandemic to pursue his Class A CDL and a truck driver training certificate from CFCC. Motivated by the trade’s perpetual job opportunities and flexibility and the program’s reputation and affordability, Morgan was confident in his investment and through the program’s evening class was able to manage a day job and class in the evening. For just under \$500 and less than ten weeks’ time, Morgan was able to successfully learn how to maneuver a 53-ft tractor-trailer and obtain his Class A CDL. “The first week, you’re like a scared child behind the wheel of a 53-ft tractor-trailer,” said Morgan. “Then, once you graduate, your head’s big now and you’re a confident, grown man!”



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Carlton Leroy "Smitty" Smith, Sr.

Carlton Leroy "Smitty" Smith, Sr., died July 17, 2020. Funeral service was held on Saturday, July 25, 2020.

Carlton, affectionately known as "Smitty", was born on October 7, 1955 to the late Eugene Smith, Sr. and the late Barbara Black Thames. He was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene Smith, Jr. Carlton attended New Hanover County Schools, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School. He was very athletic and loved the game of basketball. Carlton was a friendly person and lived his life to the fullest. He would always lend a helping hand to whomever he found in need. Carlton was very dedicated to his community.

His life will be forever cherished by: his children, Lashona Sketers, Cameshia Spearman and Carlton Leroy Smith, Jr. (Candis); grandchildren, Kwanishia, Ty'kers, Derrell, Ja'Liem and Zymiria; great-grandchildren, Makyn'ze, Maxden, and Chozyn; step-father, Willie Thames, Sr.; brothers, Clifton Smith, Ronald Smith and Ronald Thames; aunts, Peggy and Loretta Black; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Odess Chavis

Odess Chavis died July 22, 2020. Graveside service was held on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Zion Chapel Church Cemetery, Greenville Loop Road.

Mr. Odess Lee Chavis was born January 26, 1937, to the late Henry Chavis and Pearl Easter of Hope Mills, North Carolina. Odess became a Christian and was baptized and joined Zion Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church where he attended until his sickness. Today we are paying tribute to one of God's loving children. Odess was one of those hard-working men that got the job done; he learned that from his first job at the age of 12. He retired from Ford Company in New Jersey. Odess moved back home to his kids and his loving wife, the late Mamie Chavis and his departed son, Odess Lee Chavis Jr. He was a man that showed strength in his words and actions until the end. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, broth-

er, uncle, and friend to everyone. He will be missed greatly by family and friends. We all loved him but this was Gods way. He fought a good fight but now his life has reached the end of his journey; and he is going to rest in the arms of the Lord.

Odess leaves to cherish his loving memory: four daughters, Vanessa Elizabeth Chavis, Almeta Jo Chavis, Deborah Anne Chavis and Constance Tremaine Chavis; two sons, Robert Wayne Chavis and James Richburg, all of the city; two sisters and two brothers, Margaret Greene of Petersburg, Virginia, Lucy Aikens (Frederick) of Raleigh, North Carolina, Thomas Easter and James Easter of Wilmington, North Carolina; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Celia Perkins Spencer

Celia Perkins Spencer died July 24, 2020. Funeral service was held on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Perkinsville Baptist Church.

Celia was born September 5, 1957 to the late Elijah and Lucille Perkins in Lake Waccamaw, NC. She grew up in Northwest surrounded by a loving family and cherished friends. She graduated from North Brunswick High School and went on to attend X-Ray Technology School at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. In April of 1986, Celia married the love of her life Darryl Sr. and together they had two handsome sons, Darryl Jr and Owen. Celia was not only a proud and attentive mother she was also a devoted aunt to all of her nieces and nephews. On July 1st of this year, Celia fell in love all over again when she became a grandmother for the first time and celebrated the birth of her grandson, Darryl Christian Spencer, III. Celia's faith in God was evident from her early years. She became a member of Perkinsville Missionary Baptist Church and served faithfully. She participated in the following ministries: Children, Youth Adult and Senior Choirs, Praise Team, Usher Board, Children's Sunday School and served as the Sunday School Administrator. She could also be found reading

the announcements, welcoming visitors and leading the Annual Back to Church Sunday event. Celia worked wherever she was needed in ministry. In 2017, she was appointed as the first female Trustee of Perkinsville Missionary Baptist Church by Pastor Jimmy Thompson. Celia worked in the medical field for more than 40 years in radiology. For 14 years she worked at New Hanover Regional Medical Center and then moved on to Delaney Radiology where she served for 26 years before retiring. She was a licensed photographer, an Independent Associate of AFLAC and an avid reader and writer.

She leaves to cherish her memories: husband, Darryl, Sr.; two sons, Darryl Spencer Jr. and Owen Spencer of Wilmington; grandson, Darryl C. Spencer, III; one sister, Mary Shaw (Jerry) of Castle Hayne, NC; Lynn Roles of Baltimore, MD; brothers, Elijah Perkins, Jr. (Jeanette), Douglas Perkins (Nealie), Dwight Perkins (Mearline), Rev. Donald Ray Perkins all of Northwest; sister-in-law, Thelka Spencer (Germany); brother-in-law, Jeffrey Spencer (Cynthia), of Northwest; aunt, Neva Lloyd of Baltimore, MD a host of other relatives and friends; two special godchildren, Nyah Perkins and William R. Boykin; special cousins, Marie Boykin, Rosalind Perkins, Denise Perkins and Sharon Crawford; best friend, Nikita James, the Delaney Luncheon Family and Tim and Gaynell Powell. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Carlton Alford

Carlton Alford died July 24, 2020. Funeral service was held August 1, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mary Lee Johnson

Mary Lee Johnson died July 27, 2020. Graveside service was held July 31, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mary was born on January 27, 1928 in Wilmington, NC to the late Andrew and Annie Mae Thomas. She graduated from Williston Industrial High School and attended Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. Following college, she returned to North Carolina and married the late Melvin Johnson, Sr. on

November 17, 1947. From their union three children were born. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Wanda Moore. Mary worked as a kindergarten teacher at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist School and as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Davis Nursing Home. She spent much of her leisure time traveling and enjoying cruises around the world. She also enjoyed attending baseball games to watch her talented husband play. In her later years, she prioritized fitness by walking daily. Mary was very classy with an eye for fashion and a beautiful smile that she wore so well. Mary was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. While at Hanover House, she grew close to her roommate, Ms. Nancy. You would regularly find them together playing BINGO and conversing in their suite. She had an undeniable love for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She frequently spent time with them and shared her last words with her granddaughter Phatema, saying, "I love you".

She leaves to cherish fond memories of love, her son, Melvin (LaVerne) Johnson, Jr. of Richmond, VA; daughter, Yvette (Floyd) Robinson of Wilmington, NC; son-in-law, Alexander Moore of Hampstead, NC; brother, Walther (Daisy) Thomas of Wilmington, NC; 11 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Dakota Gardell Boney

Dakota Gardell Boney died July 27, 2020. Graveside service was held Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Dakota, lovingly known as "BoBo" was born on March 6, 1987 to Rondro and Barbara Boney in Wilmington North Carolina. He was preceded in

death by his grandparents, Robert Lee Boney, Thomas Bernard Smith and Deloris Parker and his brother, Kareem Demond Thomas. Dekota attended Prayer and Bible Independent Church. He received his early education from the New Hanover County School System, attending Gregory Elementary, Williston Middle and New Hanover High School, where he played basketball for the "Wildcats". Dekota moved to Atlanta, Georgia where he started his career in the film industry at IATSE Local 479, as a construction utility worker, painter and plasterer. During his career, Dekota worked on the sets of Black Lightning, Uncle Drew, Vampire Diaries, Containment and The Oval, along with several other movies and series. He leaves to cherish his memories: his children, Dekota De'meatrus Boney and Denver Gardell Boney; mother, Barbara Boney; father, Rondro Boney; Siblings, Ebony Thomas Boykin (Willie), Sheena Johnson, Leor Beverly (Xavier), Tylan Boney, Jakia Boney and Thaddeus Boney; grandmothers, Lucy Boney and Della Smith; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Esther Olivia Jones Hardy

Esther Olivia Jones Hardy died July 28, 2020. Graveside service was held on Wednesday August 5, 2020 at Oakgrove Cemetery.

She was born on April 2, 1927 to the late Emphrey and Christina Jones in Leland, NC. #RIP Rest in Power & Purpose, Ester Olivia Jones-Hardy aka "Amey" Her impact on the family of 93 years is immeasurable & irreplaceable. She transitioned to Glory this past Tuesday around noon. She was our: Iron Fist, Apostle Peter (she may not cut you but...and she would fight for family and

Jesus), Intercessor, Family Activist & interventionist, Wealth of Wisdom & Experience and so much more. "Amey" This may be a little presumptuous, but you can continue playing the piano & singing Amazing Grace & Great is Thy Faithfulness. Maybe play back up and/or lead songs for Andre Crouch, the Hawkins Singers, Rev. James Cleveland, Mahalia Jackson...our old Pastors Reverend Freeman, Bishop Stevenson & Bishop Jackson. May you rest in the Lord and rejoice all of your beloved siblings, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, parents, grandparents and your only daughter whom you all adored and spoke of as often as possible. You can see your best friend Mrs. Mary Nixon and neighbors, Mrs. Agnes & Mrs. Isabell.you can tell # MLK Jr. how you wanted so earnestly to see him when he was scheduled to visit Wilmington in the 60's; you can finally speak to Emmett Till, Elijah Cummings, John Lewis, John McCain, Rosa Park, JFK, Malcolm X, Mandela...and you can finally ask Bush Sr. if he read the letter you wrote or was that Clinton? You can finally see your favorite actors and actresses3 of the four Golden Girls, Diahann Carroll, Red Foxx, Della Reese, Michael Landon, James Earl Jones, the cast of Bonanza, etc....the bad news is, you're gonna have to wait for Jimmy Carter, Betty White, Shirley Caesar and many others. Thanks for every talk, every fuss and every story you told to help guide the way.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Ninivah Jones and Brian Jones of the home; Nieces: Lois Blackledge and Earline (Otis) Battle of Wilmington, NC, Larnese (Jerry) Smith of Winston Salem, NC, Geneise (Larry) Horton, Elizabeth Williams,

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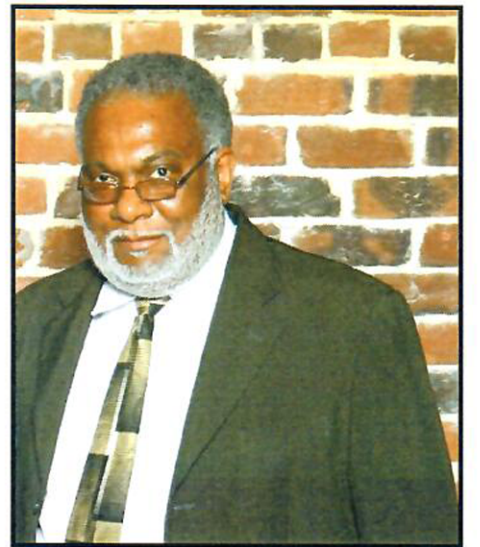
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TELL SOMEBODY

Usually, when someone cries, the obvious evidence is a tear, swollen and puffy eyes, sad countenance, etc. A silent cry is different. It cannot be heard with the natural ear, nor seen by the natural eye. Evidence can be seen by spiritual discernment and observing the fruit of a person's life.

Drug use, in some cases is a "silent cry". A person who doesn't care is dangerous to himself and to others. Hurting people often times, hurt others. Some feel that nobody cares for me, and I

don't care for nobody else. Sometimes when they use or sell drugs, a closer look will expose another form of a "silent cry".

Unwed pregnancy sometimes, is a cry for help. So many young women are pleading for

attention, and willing to do whatever it takes to get it! Some feel that, "I need some-

body to love me, even if it's only for a night. Better to have loved and lost, than to not have loved at all. In the end, many of them wind up yet alone, and with a young child to raise. Still, a silent cry.

Alcoholism, is a silent cry for help. Some people drink to be sociable, then others drink for courage, to face life with its ups and downs. Some drink to win and keep friends, because they don't want to be left alone. Still, a silent cry!

We have a job to do and that is to tell the hurting that

Jesus cares for them. He is waiting on them to invite them into their hearts so he can heal their wounded spirits and mend their broken hearts. If only they knew, that the healer has come and not only want to heal but also to save.

If you know someone who is hurting, why not Tell Somebody? John 3:16, which says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Romans 5:8, "But God commended his love

toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Prayer: Lord, open my ears to hear the cries of the hurting all round me. Give me the courage and compassion to help somebody as I travel life's highway. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Tell Somebody!!!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grand-

mother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!



Sylvia Hooper

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Don't throw your own pity party and then attend

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)

While I was trying to remember where I heard or read about the concept of letting your hate for someone else control your life, I realized that maybe someone needed to read about it. So, here it is. Now I am not talking about just not liking someone. I am talking about not being able to control your emotions when it comes to a particular person.

I mean having complete and utter disdain for another human being, so much so, that even when you don't want to think about them, you can't help yourself. That person occupies too much of your mental space and saps your waking time and energy.

Look here. If you can't stand someone, can't get along with someone, are still hurt after someone left you long ago, you really need to let it go. I guess it exemplifies a very practical approach to "Let go and let God." The premise is simple enough.

Without forgiveness in your heart, you are forever bound and chained to that which you

despise most, are fearful of and have been seriously hurt by.

Have you ever been around someone who continues to relive a past relationship, a broken heart, wrongful termination, missed opportunity or a personal slight, over and over and over again? That's all they talk about.



James Washington

When they see something or hear something that reminds them of that someone or that thing, you know what's coming. And they expect you to join them in the pity party they've thrown for themselves. In fact, it's the same one they threw yesterday and the day before and you know it's the one they'll throw tomorrow. Maybe you've attended a pity party or two, even thrown on for yourself.

Without forgiveness in your heart and mind and your spirit, you're essentially doomed to be shackled to what scarred you in the first place. My bible

says the truth shall set you free. And the truth is, you better let that madness go, so you can live a life of freedom.

You can never be the person God wants you to be, if you continue to let these people and events and circumstances have that kind of power over you. That's right, power! Whether you want to acknowledge it or not, you are letting your thoughts rule your behavior, your attitude and your outlook. That's too much power to give to anyone or anything who is so negative to who you are in the eyes of God.

It's a mind game and it's your mind. Paul says, "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind." Romans 12:2. Let God reshape your thinking into what you can be instead of what they you say are not.

The truth is God can't or won't even deal with you until you comply with the rule of forgiveness. He says, "If you come to the altar with your gift and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift and go be reconciled with your brother; then come and offer your gift."



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Matthew 5:23. You got to let it go. You have to in order to claim your freedom, your peace.

Until you do, you can't receive all that God has for you. My point is that the process begins from within. It

takes intestinal fortitude to forgive one's enemies in the face of their attacks, old and new. But you must. I know you can. Just remember this. When you do let go and let God, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the king-

dom." He knows it's in you because He put it there. May God bless and keep you always.

James A. Washington Jr. is Co-Publisher of the Dallas Weekly News, NNPA Newswire Contributor.

OBITUARIES

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Barbara White and Michele Getward of Durham, NC and Cynthia Jackson of Atlanta, GA; Nephews: Andrew Jones and Kenneth Jones of Wilmington, NC and David (Pam) Jones of Linden, NJ; Sister-in-law: Carrie M. Jones of Wilmington, NC; Step-daughters: Sharon Boney of Wilmington, NC, Alicia Hardy of Augusta, GA and Annette (Michael) White of Landis, NC; Godson: Terrell Archie of Plainfield, NJ; a host of relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Odelle Dwayne Dickson

Odelle Dwayne Dickson died August 4, 2020. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Dickson Family Cemetery, Riegelwood, NC.

Odell was the oldest of twins born on May 25, 1968 (30 minutes before his twin sister Adelle) in Wilmington, North Carolina to F. Delores Dickson Melvin and the late George P. Dickson. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Robyn D. Redway. Odell graduated from South Brunswick High School in 1988. He was the first student to graduate from a special program where he learned

skills to help him gain employment and maintain a job. After graduating he was hired to work in the kitchen at Quincy's Steakhouse. Our "boss" as we called him was his mom's everyday sidekick. He always made sure she had what she needed and would always stay awake until he knew she was asleep. Some of his special sayings were, "you got 2 hands and 2 feet child, you got 2 hands and 2 feet" and she think she cute child, she think she cute". Odelle was a gentle soul. He had a very loving and kind spirit. His greatest love was church, when the doors opened, he was there. We can truly say that he was a man after God's heart. Odelle was one of the founding members of Light of the World Missionary Baptist Church in Wilmington, NC with Pastor James A. Brown, whom he loved dearly. He served on the choir and the finance collection ministry. He was faithful in his attendance, giving, and service to the Lord's ministry. He never met a stranger and always remembered you no matter how long it had been since he saw you last and everyone that he met fell in love with him.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, F. Delores Melvin (John) of the home; brother, George A. Dickson of Wilmington, NC;

twin sister, Adelle E. Dickson of Holly Springs, NC sister, LaShonda Teague of Wilmington, NC; four nieces, Jasmine Dickson, GeKirra Dickson of Wilmington, NC, Iyanna Parker of Greensboro, NC and Kamryn Ballard of Leland, NC; a special great-nephew, GeKai Parker of Wilmington, NC; a host of other relatives and many, many friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Nathaniel Troy, Jr.

Nathaniel Troy, Jr., died August 6, 2020. Graveside service will be 2 PM on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Summerville AME Zion Church Cemetery. Visitation is on Friday from 6-8 PM. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Deloris Belen

Deloris Belen died August 7, 2020. Graveside service will be 12:00 noon Friday, August 14th at Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Barbara Vaught

Barbara Vaught died August 8, 2020. Graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m.

on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at Dark Branch Cemetery, Winnabow, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Marnell Gavins

Marnell Gavins died August 8, 2020. Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 15th at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is on Friday from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Rosa Elizabeth Miller

Rosa Elizabeth Miller died August 9, 2020. Funeral service will be 12:00 Noon on Monday, August 17, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Crystabelle Green

Crystabelle Green died August 10, 2020. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jimmy Hines

Jimmy Hines died August 11, 2020. Graveside service

will be 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Pollock Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Dr. Kenneth M. Newkirk

Kenneth M. Newkirk, MS, DVM, age 65, of Tuskegee, AL (formerly of Wilmington), passed away Friday, July 3, 2020.

Memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Juanita M. Burst

Juanita Monique Horton Burst, age 34, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, August 5, 2020.

A celebration of Juanita's life will be conducted at 11:00 AM Friday, August 14, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

David S. Bell

David S. Bell, age 48, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020. Public viewing will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr., Wilmington, NC 28405. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Linda A. Quince

Linda Ann Quince, age 66, of Leland, passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020.

A memorial service celebrating Linda's life will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

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This the 16th day of July, 2020

Tiffany Irving, Administrator
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July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Victoria Dewsbury Martenis**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of July, 2020.

Robert W. Martenis, Executor of the Estate of Victoria Dewsbury Martenis
9004

Saint Stephens Place
Wilmington, NC 28412
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **John T. Marinaccio Kuharcik** (20-E-833), late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **November 6, 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 6th day of August, 2020.

Carrie Marinda Marinaccio
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 17th day of July, 2020, as Co-Administrators of the Estate of **HARRY NICK KENTROLIS, III**, 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 Co-Administrators, Harry Nick Kentrolis, IV and Kristine L. Gaston, at 4661 Grinnells Court - Wilmington, NC 28409, on or before the **11th day of November, 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 10th day of August, 2020.

HARRY NICK KENTROLIS, IV and KRISTINE L. GASTON, Co-Administrators
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
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Telephone (910) 256-3364

August 13, 20, 27, and September 3, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Madeline V. Smith**, 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 **11th day of November, 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 13th day of August, 2020

Angela D. Buie, Administratrix
1423 Saint Michael S Court
Edgewood, MD 21040
Edgewood, MD 21040

August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Charles J. Paone**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 23rd day of July, 2020.

M. Jane Paone, Executrix of the Estate of Charles J. Paone
8528 Bald Eagle Lane
Wilmington, NC 28411
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1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Sandra W. Cooper**, 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 **23rd 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 23rd day of July, 2020

Angela Cooper McGuire, Executrix
109 Superior Ct.
Hampstead, NC 28443

July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Jerome Lee Herring, Sr.**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of November, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 6th day of August, 2020.

Susan S. Herring, Executrix of the Estate of Jerome Lee Herring, Sr.
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Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480
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August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 7th day of August, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **GERTRUDE ANN CUNNINGHAM**, 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, Kathleen Sanders, at 6903 Finian Drive - Wilmington, NC 28409, on or before the **11th day of November, 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 10th day of August, 2020.

KATHLEEN SANDERS, Executor
Attorney for the Estate:
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