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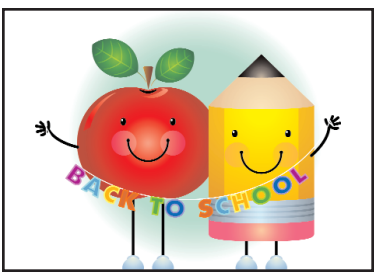


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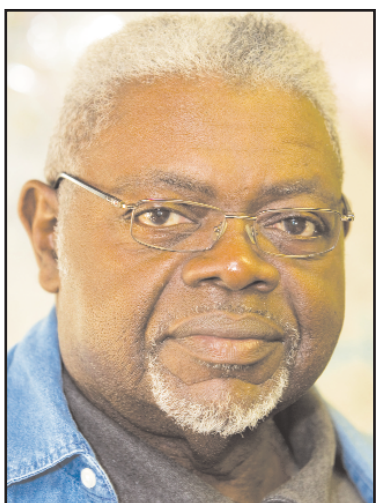
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NO MIDDLE ROAD

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

My pride is hurt and I am surprised at the response that's coming from people of color when the discussion comes up about voting, census, Black Lives Matter, Civil War and COVID-19 virus. These are the most important issues we face today as citi-

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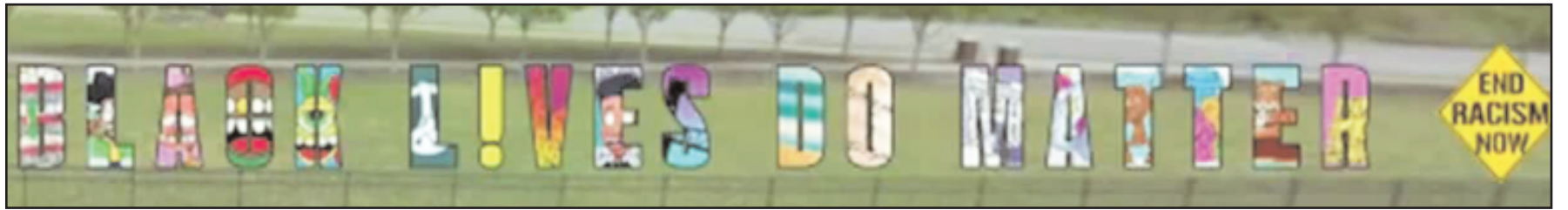
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CITY MOCK UP OF BLACK LIVES MATTER PROPOSAL

Spears pleased with Black Lives Matter compromise

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As of Tuesday night, the city of Wilmington goes on record as agreeing that "BLACK LIVES DO MATTER - END RACISM NOW," thanks to the City Council's 5-2 vote, for at least one year anyway.

In what has been called a temporary "pilot project," the city will accept the donation of the BLM art installation, which will be large 8x4 letters at Jervay Memorial Park near Third Street and the 1898

Memorial.

After an almost two month delay from when the original BLM Third Street mural was introduced, Councilman Kevin Spears was pleased after the vote the issue had been favorably and finally decided.

"It's politics," he conceded, acknowledging that he wanted "BLACK LIVES MATTER - END RACISM NOW," but if adding "DO" got the job done, he's fine with it.

"You have to give a little to get a little, and...overall, I'm satisfied."

"It's a small gesture to Black citizens and their allies and sends a

message to other municipalities across the nation and to people all over the world that we want to be a part of the change," Spears told The Journal.

One person seemingly in desperate need of that message is conservative Councilman Charles Rivenbark, one of two votes against the mural after earlier calling it "racist."

At Tuesday night's Council meeting, Rivenbark's opposition was in



COUNCILMAN KEVIN SPEARS

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PHOTO BY REP. ADAMS CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE REP. ALMA ADAMS HOLDS "DON'T MESS WITH THE USPS" PRESS CONFERENCE IN DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE TUESDAY.

Postmaster General backs down after Adams, Congress threaten to have him fired

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

After pointed threats to have both "his job and his head" if he didn't straighten out the mess with the U. S. mail service, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a Greensboro native, Tuesday did an abrupt about face, ordered all "cost cutting initiatives" postponed until after the Nov. 3 general elections.

Not only was DeJoy, a top contributor to the Trump campaign, facing two

Congressional hearings - the first a senate hearing this Friday - but he was also looking down the barrel of litigation from at least 20 states seeking to stop his disruptions of mail service.

"In the meantime, there are some longstanding operational initiatives, efforts that predate my arrival at the Postal Service, that have been raised as areas of concern as the nation prepares to hold an election in the midst of a devastating pandemic," DeJoy



CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS

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SENATOR KAMALA HARRIS

Kamala Harris stands strong against Trump's "birtherism"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

No sooner than last week had Democratic presidential candidate, Joe Biden, announced his historic choice of Sen. Kamala Harris to be "a heart-beat away" from the presidency should he win in November, than Pres. Trump led a parade of racial detractors to tear the vice presidential candidate down and apart.

"I heard it today that she doesn't meet the (citizenship) requirements," Trump told the White House Press Corps last week, "... and by the way, the lawyer who wrote the (controversial Newsweek Magazine) piece (calling Harris's eli-

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full flourish.

"To think that Black lives don't matter is folly," he said in opposition. "I mean, it's ludicrous, and it makes me think that they don't think that much of themselves if they've got to have a sign out there that says Black Lives Matter. I can't get my head wrapped around it."

ADAMS

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said in a statement. "To avoid even the appearance of any impact on election mail, I am suspending these initiatives until after the election is concluded."

DeJoy, who took over as postmaster in June, found himself the target of extraordinary heat from congressional leaders after President Trump openly bragged that he was undermining the U. S. Postal Service because he believed that mail-in balloting was "corrupt" and a ploy by Democrats to seize power from him.

That admission caused House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to recall House members from their August recess to deal with the matter, especially after Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) was among the first to call for DeJoy's resignation.

"The mail is piling up, and the moves that he has made and the changes that he has made have really created problems in terms of our mail's not getting out," Adams

Spears firmly chided his colleague for his remarks, noting that it's that attitude that necessitates erecting the mural.

"With the [1898 race massacre] history that we have, I think it's essential," Spears told The Journal. There will be inspiration for a lot of generations. They'll come through and say, 'You know what? Anything is possible.'

"They're going to be inspired to try new

things...push against resistance. For my generation, it's never too late to get involved."

Deborah Dicks Maxwell, president of the New Hanover County NAACP was leery of the Council vote, but still pleased that it leaned the right way.

"The City Council of Wilmington forced constant compromise on the placement and wording of a Black Lives Matter mural," Dicks-

Maxwell told The Journal. "It will now be placed obscurely so, as the old adage goes, 'out of sight, out of mind.' It is disappointing that in 2020 this has occurred. Thank you to Councilman Kevin Spears for forging the way to this point."

Ms. Dicks-Maxwell also had some choice words for Charlie Rivenbark.

"The remark of 'those people' by Councilman Rivenbark was insulting

and degrading to every person of color and our allies in this city. It shows that he really needs the implicit bias training that was recommended by the Community Relations Advisory Committee. I will not say his name but say to the people of Wilmington he showed you who he was and do not forget. So now, more than ever before, you need to get out and early vote," she said.

told WFAE-FM last week. I think it's a move to really dismantle the post office but also more than to disrupt this election."

This week, it's virtually every Democrat in Congress, even in the U. S. Senate, who is calling for DeJoy to be fired amid the growing catastrophe threatening to delay the U. S. mail to tens of millions of Americans, just because President Donald Trump says he fears losing because of mail-in voting.

DeJoy, one of Trump's top campaign fundraisers and donors, is also being hauled before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on August 24 to answer tough questions about some of the changes he's implemented in mail service, changes designed to slow service down.

Rep. Adams will be questioning DeJoy during that session, she announced Tuesday during her "Don't Mess with the USPS" press conference.

"Let me say this plain and clear," said Rep. Adams at her presser Tuesday. "If we deter-

mine during that hearing that the Postmaster General has deliberately harmed USPS, if this wealthy Republican donor, Louis DeJoy, has intentionally slowed down your mail and broken the trust between the Postal Service and its customers, the American people, then the House of Representatives should file articles of impeachment against him, and I will gladly lead the charge."

The Inspector General of the USPS is also investigating reports that DeJoy owns businesses associated with the USPS, which many see as a conflict of interest.

DeJoy is scheduled to appear before the House Oversight Committee Monday, along with Robert Duncan, current chair of the USPS Board of Governors and past chair of the Republican National Committee.

When DeJoy does testify, he'll be asked about the reported removal of over 600 mail sorting machines from processing centers across the country, the elimination of

overtime for postal employees, mailboxes' being removed from street corners in various states, the removal of over 30 postal executives from their positions overseeing day to day operations, and a letter last week to 46 states warning that mail-in ballots may not arrive in time to be counted by Election Day, Nov. 3, 2020, because of cutbacks in service.

"The American people want their mail, medicines, and mail-in ballots delivered in a timely way, and they certainly do not want drastic changes and delays in the midst of a global pandemic just months before the election," said Rep. Caroline Maloney, (D-NY) chairwoman of the House Oversight Committee.

Last Sunday, protestors gathered in front of DeJoy's house in Greensboro, demanding that he step down as head of the USPS.

Ironically, Pres. Trump himself, during a Saturday night press conference in New Jersey, admitted to reporters that DeJoy "doesn't

know what he's doing." DeJoy had no previous experience with the USPS before his appointment.

On Monday, Congresswoman Adams, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and 173 other House Democrats sent a letter to Postmaster General DeJoy, saying in part, "The House is seriously concerned that you are implementing policies that accelerate the crisis at the Postal Service, including directing Post Offices to no longer treat all election mail as First Class. If implemented now, as the election approaches, this policy will cause further delays to election mail that will disenfranchise voters and put significant financial pressure on election jurisdictions."

The House Democrats' letter to DeJoy continued, "Because many states have traditionally allowed voters to request absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots within a few days of the election, it is essential that standard delivery times remain short and pricing remain consistent."

HARRIS

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gibility into question) is highly qualified, very talented. I assumed the Democrats would've checked that out before she gets chosen for vice president"

Newsweek later had to apologize to its readers for publishing the disparaging op-ed, especially after it was discovered that the attorney who wrote it lost out in his bid for California attorney general the same year Harris won.

For the record, Sen. Kamala Harris, the first Black woman ever to be vice presidential candidate for a major political party, was

born in Oakland, California on October 20, 1964, to a Jamaican father and Indian mother, but activists in the '60s civil rights movement, so there is no doubt about her citizenship.

She was born on U. S. soil. And there is little doubt about her blackness, given that her father was Jamaican. In fact, as is well known by now, Harris chose attending the legendary HBCU, Howard University, in Washington, D.C., to further immerse herself in her heritage and culture.

She later graduated law school and eventually was elected as district attorney for San Francisco in 2003 and later California State Attorney General in 2010 and 2014.

It was 2018 when Harris won a seat in the U. S. Senate but had to fold up her underfunded campaign for President earlier this year before the Democratic primaries began, though she did make her presence known during the contentious debates when she confronted former Vice President Joe Biden about his past history as a U. S. senator who opposed racial school busing.

Yet none of Kamala Harris' personal American history mattered to her critics.

Trump called her "nasty" and "mean" for her tough Senate panel questioning of members of his administration, and her Black critics blasted her on social media

for not being "Black" enough and for having a White husband.

Sen. Harris, in an interview with The Grio.com, recently fired back, saying that she expects "dirty tactics" from her detractors, and noting that the election isn't about her or her background but the issues through which everyday Americans are struggling in the face of racial injustice, economic uncertainty and the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We have to meet people where they are and address their needs," Harris, who was officially nominated as the vice presidential candidate during the 2020 virtual Democratic National Convention this week, is quoted as saying.

"You may not fall in love with who you're voting for, but if you just look down on a piece of paper at the issues that are impacting you every day..."

"Whether you've got relatives who have been impacted by the COVID virus, you're unemployed or trying to get that extra check, that unemployment, that six hundred dollars. Or you look at who's going to pay attention to whether the Black community is going to have equal access to a vaccine when it's created ... There is so much on the line in this election," Sen. Harris said. The General Election is Nov. 3, 2020. Early Voting in North Carolina begins Oct. 15 and ends Oct. 31. North Carolina will mail out ballots on Sept. 4.

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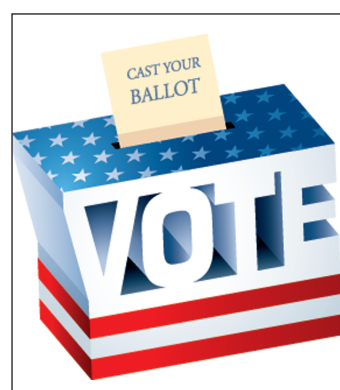
zens of these United States. I would like to talk about some facts that can be checked with little effort. People of color were beaten and killed when they tried to vote. They were given all kinds of tests to keep them from voting here in Brunswick County. Klansmen came to some of their houses at night to keep them away from the polls. When it came to the census, people of color were told not to talk with the people who came to their houses or only tell them about the people that they would see because the census taker was out to destroy them and take their land with that information that they gave them. People of color would not talk about the Civil War or its outcome because they were harassed and reminded that the Black man was less than a White man, and most of the laws sided with the White people whether they

were right or wrong. The school system has always been a tool that allowed our people to excel and move forward. Now the school system is being taken over by high tech racists who eliminate people of color from being instructors and leaders so that White instructors are the ones our children see, and people of color are still seen as nothing but workers who can't lead or are not qualified to lead here in Brunswick County. We have schools with one Black teacher and some with two or maybe three. We now have one of the most respected superintendents in the state of North Carolina. He has his job cut out for him because the school board that's been in charge the last eight years has set a path for people of color who would work as instructors in the Brunswick County School System.

The big problem, COVID-19/corona virus, whatever you want to call it, is real! It's deadly and, regardless of what people are saying,

it doesn't have a Democratic or Republican stamp on it. You can't talk it away, nor can you make it political! This virus can be deadly or mild! It will kill you! Take it seriously! Don't let idle talk fool you! It's time we wise up and check the facts! All our people who came before us were not fooled by unjust and unfair people who sought to keep us, as a race, down with Jim Crow laws and deceitful lies. We must look at the facts if the people are not for you, they are against you! There is no middle road!

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



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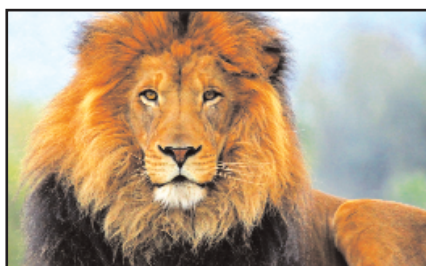
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COOPER BANS CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR STATE JOB APPLICATIONS

[RALEIGH] Gov. Roy Cooper this week signed an Executive Order to "implement fair chance policies"

by prohibiting any inquiry into an applicant's prior criminal history. Called "banning the box," Cooper's order allows state job applicants to skip checking the box on the application asking about criminal records.. "People will get a chance to shine and show themselves on their own merit when they're going through the employment process," the governor said. "There's a wealth of talent out there, a

wealth of people who've made a mistake who are now about to come back into society who could be good employees."

TRUMP'S FACE ON ABSENTEE BALLOTS SENT TO NC VOTERS

[GREENSBORO] Amid all of the controversy about the U.S. mail being deliberately being slowed down in order to influence the November 3rd presidential election,

some North Carolinians found a surprise in their mailboxes this week - absentee ballot request forms with Republican Pres. Donald Trump's picture on them. The words under Trump's picture ask, "Are you going to let the Democrats silence you? Act now to stand with President Trump!" Reportedly, the form is not from the State Board of Elections, but is approved by the SBOE. The forms them-

selves are fine and can be used. The mailers were sent by the NC Republican Party.

DUKE ENERGY URGES PAST DUE CUSTOMERS TO SETTLE UP SOON

[CHARLOTTE] The state's moratorium on paying your utility bills during the COVID-19 pandemic is about to end. Duke Energy is urging all past due customers to settle their outstanding bills soon in order to stave off dis-

connections of service. Customers have until Sept. 1st. to hold back payments, and Duke will even grant 30 days after that. But that, unless you make payment arrangements, all payments are due, the utility says. Duke will continue to waive late fees, until further notice.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

State Supreme Court rules 4-3 for Black death row defendant

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In what has been hailed

as an "historic" ruling, the NC Supreme Court, on Friday, ruled in a 4-3 decision that a Black convicted

murderer should not have been returned to death row after he had been re-sentenced to life in prison with-

out parole under the now defunct Racial Justice Act, a Law that the Republican-led NC General Assembly

repealed in 2013.. Doing so amounted to legal "double-jeopardy," the High Court said, especially after it was proven that Black jurors were "intentionally denied the right to serve on his jury" by White prosecutors.

The 29-page decision came in the case of Marcus Robinson, the first inmate to claim, and prove, under the RJA that his 1994 capital conviction for a Fayetteville murder was racially biased because prosecutors found ways to keep African-Americans off his jury.

Robinson's death sentence was commuted to life in prison without parole in 2012 as a result, but the GOP repealed the RJA a year later, voiding all cases already decided in court and dismissing any pending cases.

By effectively throwing out Robinson's commutation, the legislature put him back on death row, thus violating his Constitutional protection against double jeopardy, the North Carolina Supreme Court said Friday.

"Once the trial court found that Robinson had proven all of the essential elements under the RJA to bar the imposition of the death penalty..." wrote Chief Justice Cherie Beasley in the majority decision, "... he was acquitted of that capital sentence, jeopardy terminated, and any attempt by the State to reimpose the death penalty would be a violation of our State's constitution."

"Robinson's claims under the RJA do not negate, or diminish, his guilt or the impact of his crimes on the victim's family, the victim's friends, and the community," Chief Justice Cherie Beasley wrote. "Rather, the Act ensured that even those who commit the most serious offenses are entitled to a trial and sentencing free from racial discrimination."

Justices Mike Morgan, Anita Earls, and Robin

Hudson all joined Beasley in the majority decision.

The court's only Republican, Justice Paul Newby, who is running to unseat Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, was one of three dissenters. He wrote, "

"Apparently, in [the majority's] view, the law is whatever they say it is," The votes of the four justices prevent defendant's execution for murder. It appears, however, that three justices may have a larger purpose: to establish that our criminal justice system is seriously, and perhaps irredeemably, infected by racial discrimination."

Newby wanted Robinson's case to be returned to the trial court in order to give the state a chance to appeal.

"Instead of doing the legally correct thing, the majority opinion picks its preferred destination and reshapes the law to get there," Justice Newby wrote.

Still defendants' rights advocates hailed the decision.

"This is one of the most important decisions I've ever seen from our State Supreme Court," said Center for Death Penalty Litigation Executive Director, Gretchen Engel. "It seems that Justice Beasley and her colleagues intend to make good on the promise that no person should be executed if race was a factor in their death sentence. This is a critical issue of racial justice, both for people on death row and for African Americans seeking to participate in our democracy. It's heartening to see the court recognizing that fact in all its difficulty and complexity and taking bold action."

This state High Court ruling comes three months after it ruled in State v. Ramseur that over 100 death row cases that applied for consideration under the RJA should have their day in court.

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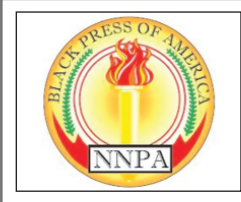


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(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

What would you do if somebody walked by your house and promised to rob it the next day? Most of us would take every precaution, checking the locks, the door, and the windows. Some of us might weapon up, making sure we could defend our homestead. Some might also reach out to law enforcement, sharing the threat with them. Almost all of us would take the threat seriously and make the appropriate precautions to prevent our violation.

The 45th President of the United States has warned us that he plans to rob us. First, he placed one of his crooked cronies in charge of the postal service. Then he said that he would not fund the postal service to facilitate the timely processing of mail ballots. He has continuously associated mail voting with fraud, although nine states have had universal mail voting for years. And finally, he just put it out there, plain and simple. He thinks mail voting favors Democrats, and he doesn't want to do Democrats any favors. So instead, his postal chief is removing mailboxes and shutting down sorting machines. And now the USPS has warned election officials in most states that ballots mailed before election might not arrive in time to be counted.

The 45th President is setting up a situation where the November election can be contested. He's doing it because he has already stacked the Supreme Court in his favor. He has no interest in maximizing the number of people voting but minimizing that number. He's not interested in democracy, but in dictatorship.

If someone told you they were planning to rob you, you'd take precautions. Trump has declared that he intends to steal this election. We can't let him do it. Not only must the Biden-Harris ticket beat him, but they must beat him like a drum, so decisively that there is no doubt that he has got to go.

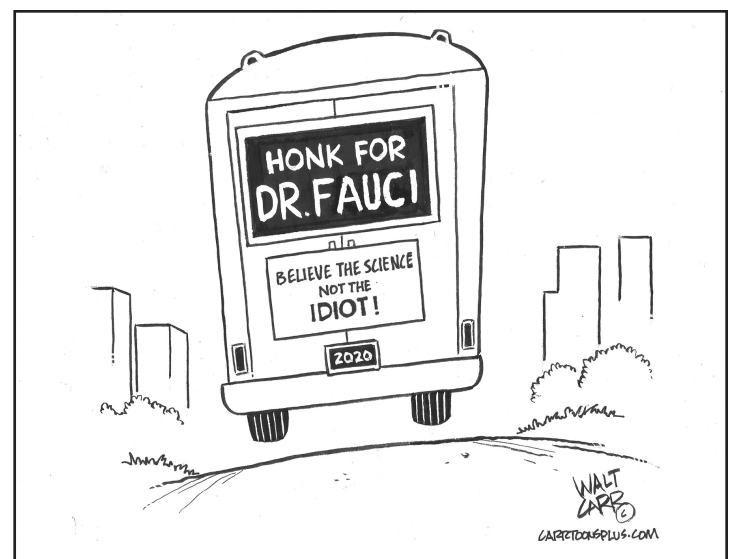
Here's what you must do.

- 1. Voting procedures vary by city and state. Make sure you know the rules. Some places send all registered voters mail-in ballots, while others require you to request an absentee ballot. Find your local Bureau online, or call your favorite local elected to get the information.
2. Return your ballot in the shortly after you get it. If you put your ballot in the mail on election day November 3, it may not be counted. Some places will have drop boxes for ballots, and others will allow you to drop off your ballot. Just get your ballot back by whatever means necessary.
3. If you prefer to vote in person, or if you've neglected to mail your absentee ballot, make sure you know where your polling place is. Because of the coronavirus, some cities are reducing the number of available polling places, and the site where you usually vote may be closed.
4. It is also possible to vote early in person. Check with your Board of Elections about when and where you might vote early.
5. Be patient. Conducting an election amidst a pandemic is new for us, and some election procedures have been unnecessarily politicized. You may encounter obstacles if you choose to vote in person. Document any hurdles you have to clear, get names of anyone who denied you the right to vote, and complain if the matter is not resolved. The Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law runs a hotline on election day. Their number is 866-OURVOTE, or 866-6878683.
6. Spread the word. Reach out to your circle to share information about voting and encourage your friends and colleagues to vote.
7. Because of the coronavirus, which is not likely to be gone by November, there will be fewer gatherings to discuss the vote. Be on the lookout for zoom town halls and other meetings that civic organizations are holding. Encourage your church, your sorority, or your local NCNW section to consider virtual town halls. It is in some people's interest to suppress the vote, and we've seen enough of it these past few years. It is your absolute right to exercise the right to vote, even if some make it difficult. We don't have to guess the number of jelly beans in a jar or translate a passage of the Constitution into Latin, as our foremothers did. It is in their honor and the memory of Congressman John Lewis that we vote.

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VISUAL VOICE



YOUR VOICE

TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE SOCIAL DYNAMICS OF THE CORONA VIRUS

When the average Black Mother is pregnant with child, she is in many, many cases under pressure as she worries about your child having to become good enough and working twice as hard. We as a People have grown under the yoke of systemic and institutionalized racism, i.e. Jim Crow laws and social disparities as we tried to get an education and later employment.

Although many of our People are college graduates with some having good jobs/positions with the atmosphere of living with an uneasy feeling that hinges a lot of

times in an artificial barrier wherein doubt about professional capabilities come into play when it is time for a promotion.

Our being designated as the most vulnerable for becoming infected in today's pandemic has a lot to do with how we have been denied comparable health care and services as our white counterparts. Living stressful lives for centuries based on social injustice and denial forced us to live more without than with.

There is high, very high unemployment, growing food shortages with many folks unable to pay their rent or mortgages. We as a People have had these experiences for some time and were mostly ignored in that we never had a systemic

solution driven strategy for building a system of inclusion and opportunities. Elected officials are debated how to respond based on the millions of not Black folks being unemployed but Whites folks.

This present virus and as it escalates with a new energy for social justice and equal rights and the struggle that now includes a more multicultural army waging war for change starting in the White House and in Congress as well as the Senate. The murder of Mr. George Floyd and the death of US Congressman John Robert Lewis has awakened the memories of the killings of the men and women over the years to include this year. We WILL overcome that which has been like yokes around our necks,

both Black and White. Police cannot stop crime. They can only arrest suspects and protect property. They can no longer shoot first, say they felt threatened especially when shooting from outside inside and killing a law abiding woman and using a faulty warrant. The walls of silence are crumbling for Justice is for everybody. This virus will bring a solution as to how we must treat each other for ALL are affected. washing our hands, safe distance, wearing a mask might help, but what we need for spiritual healing is to PRAY and in that effort wash our souls clean of the hate that has brought us to this time.

Haywood Fennell Boston, MA

MATTERS OF OPINION

A 'dirty' word?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

For me, like many others, the news that Joe Biden had chosen Senator Kamala Harris as his running-mate in this year's presidential election was historic, exciting, and motivating. Senator Harris brings the experience and talents necessary to WIN and GOVERN! Realizing my opinion does not create consensus, I listened to local radio to gauge the opinion of others in my community. I know that "THE PERFECT TICKET" does not exist, but I was eager to learn what others thought. My assumption was that most comments would express an understanding that the vote is a demonstration of trust in a candidate to act in the best interests of the voter. I was largely disappointed.

Many of the reasons I heard for/against the Biden-Harris ticket were based upon previously released opposition

research. Many were arguable, but others were as ridiculous as Kanye West being a viable presidential alternative. I found myself wanting to debate with many of the callers.

Unexpectedly, I received a list of reasons for voting Biden-Harris that was consistent with my views. This list provides me with the opportunity to "speak to a larger audience." It was sent without attribution to an author or origin, but I thank whoever took the time to compile this cogent list. The list exceeded my word limit, but, for the greater good, I feel compelled to provide as much of it as possible.

1. YOU'RE NOT JUST VOTING

FOR PRESIDENT/VP!

- 2. You're voting to prevent a 7-2 dangerously conservative majority on the Supreme Court. (Note: 87-year-old Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is single-handedly fighting to hang on until we have a new president. This alone should be enough for historic turnout!)
3. You're voting for the next Secretaries of Education, Housing and Attorney General.
4. You're voting to keep the House and gain a Senate majority.
5. You're voting for federal judges and the rule of law.
6. You're voting to save Native American lands and national parks.
7. You're voting for letting kids out of cages.
8. You're voting for scientists to be heard and protect us from climate change and pandemics.
9. You're voting for housing

- rights.
10. You're voting for former incarcerated persons to be treated with dignity and assisted to be proud and productive members of society with the right to vote "after paying their debt to society."
11. You're voting for DACA Dreamers.
12. You're voting for the long-term existence of Social Security and Medicare and for your children's and grandchildren's future.
13. You're voting for veteran healthcare.
14. You're voting for affordable health insurance for everyone.
15. You're voting for teaching professionals to be paid as the noble heroes they are.
16. You're voting for sensible gun laws while maintaining your 2nd Amendment rights.
17. You're voting to curb home-

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TO BE EQUAL

Kamala Harris' selection represents unprecedented moment of racial reckoning, outsized role of Black women leading the nation through crisis

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"I just sat with that for a minute. I just sat there. And then I found, out of nowhere, just tears coming down — like they are now. I thought about Betty Shabazz. I thought about Coretta Scott King. I thought about Maya Angelou. I thought about Dorothy Height. And I thought about everything that they have poured into us.... It took Joe Biden to say, 'It's time to come out from the shadows.' To say, 'I see you.' He saw her. He saw her qualifications despite all the negative stuff that was being thrown at her. He made history, but I think he will never know how much history he has made." Political strategist

descent. The first HBCU grad.

More importantly, though, her candidacy is emblematic of this unprecedented moment of racial reckoning in America, and the outsized role that Black women are playing in leading the nation through this period of crisis.

It's no surprise that Black women have emerged among the nation's strongest and most competent leaders. The formidable challenges that women, particularly women of color, must overcome to achieve positions of prominence, are like the fire that tempers steel.

The National Urban League has had a strong relationship with Senator Harris for many years. We honored her as one of the first recipients of our "Woman of

Power" awards in 2004, just after she was elected District Attorney of San Francisco. In 2017, when she assumed office as California's third female U.S. Senator, and the first of Jamaican or Indian ancestry, we honored her with the Hiram Revels Award for Achievement, named for the first African American to serve in the U.S. Congress.

While we've worked closely with her since her election to the Senate, her fierce advocacy for underserved communities since the onset of the pandemic has been invaluable. She, along with Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey, was a prime sponsor of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act in the Senate. We recently joined her and other members of Congress to announce legislation that would allow those at risk of eviction to access legal representation, and help protect their credit. As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, she famously held Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and Attorney General nominee

William Barr to account during their confirmation hearings.

Her groundbreaking selection to the position of vice presidential nominee has drawn comparison to the legendary Shirley Chisholm, whom she often cites as a source of inspiration. In 1968, Chisholm became the first Black woman to serve as a member of Congress, and in 1972 became the first Black woman to seek the nomination of a major party for President.

When she launched her presidential campaign, Harris chose a red and yellow design for her logo that resembles Chisholm's campaign buttons.

Chisholm faced abhorrent racial harassment on her campaign, and nearly half a century later, the racist attacks not only have not subsided — they're amplified through social media. But it's not just crude slurs hurled on

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lessness and find solutions to affordable housing.
18. You're voting against systemic racism and income/wealth disparities.
19. You're voting to defend a woman's right to make personal health-related decisions and

choose personal reproductive rights.
20. You're voting to acknowledge the humanity and protect the safety of our family and friends in the LGBTQ+ community.
21. You're voting to stop the normalization of white supremacy and dangerous bigotry in the mainstream.
22. You're voting for the chance

to end qualified immunity for police officers who commit murder and other crimes and hide their corruption behind badges.
23. You're voting to save the USPS.
24. And you're voting against allowing the USA to become yet another authoritarian regime run by Trump.
The Biden-Harris ticket isn't

perfect - no ticket ever will be, but we must consider the alternative!!
I plan to do my part to ensure that the Biden-Harris ticket wins for these reasons and more!!
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.)

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
Who's rigging the election, really?

Listening to the White House occupant talk about how the election "will be rigged" if "universal mail-in voting" is allowed is so wrong that it is ludicrous. People - most especially elderly white people and men and women serving in the military - have historically voted absentee. Black people have historically chosen not to submit absentee ballots because of the hard-fought fight to get the right to vote and because of general distrust of the system which for so long kept them from the polls.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

Republicans/Conservatives have, on the other hand, benefitted greatly politically in spite of or maybe because of their submitting absentee ballots. (<https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2020/0803/Distrust-haunts-Black-US-voters-Go-vote-or-use-mail-in-ballots>) (<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/11/831978099/even-as-trump-denounces-vote-by-mail-gop-in-florida-and-elsewhere-relies-on-it>)

This president has certainly done a lot of projecting; so many times when he says something will happen "if" someone else is in office, or "if" someone else had been elected, it has turned out that what he is decrying is being done or has been done by his own administration. As an example, he has said that the country will not be safe if Biden is elected, when it has been his administration that has sent secret police into cities where people are protesting with no way to hold them accountable, relying on tactics that are widely used by authoritarian countries.

(<https://ijr.org/trump-says-there-will-be-no-safety-if-biden-is-elected-president/>) (<https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2020/06/19/president-trump-the-whole-country-will-be-minneapolis-if-biden-elected-president/>)

We all know his strategy. He specializes in calling people names, playing the race card at every turn, and lying about everything.

But what he is doing now is particularly heinous and disturbing. Even as he rails against states allowing all people to vote by mail if they choose because of the coronavirus, saying such policies will insure wide and deep voter fraud, he is himself rigging the election - in his favor - by attacking and working to destroy the United States Postal Service.

I was among the many who were appalled at pictures showing trucks taking mailboxes away - to somewhere - after they had been lifted from public outdoor spaces. (<https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2020/08/usps-removes-mailboxes-in-portland-and-eugene-cites-declining-mail-volume.html>), although, because of public objections, the administration has said it will stop removing them until after the election. (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/14/politics/usps-removes-letter-collection-boxes-reduces-post-office-operating-hours/index.html>)

The new postmaster general, a major donor to the Trump campaign, has authorized the removal of mail sorting machines, and is cutting down overtime hours for postal employees. An example of what happened in Kansas is emblematic of what is happening in other states. (<https://www.kansas.com/news/politics-government/article244967820.html>)

The result of these shenanigans is that people are becoming worried about and afraid of voting. Many people - myself included - are not about to mail their ballots in, but will opt to find a ballot box into which to drop it, but even at that, they are not sure that their ballot will be counted. Some ballot boxes are being removed; in Ohio, Secretary of State Frank LaRose ordered that there can be just one ballot box in each county, his response to the request that the counties be allowed to install more ballot boxes in light of the post office fiasco. (<https://www.cleveland.com/open/2020/08/ohio-secretary-of-state-frank-larose-no-extra-ballot-drop-boxes-for-november-election.html>)

It is said that organized people can beat organized money, and if ever there was a time for people to organize, it is now. It is clear that the election is being rigged right before our eyes, with a spirit of arrogance that is as maddening as it is real. There is a need for people to register, yes, but also a need for people to organize in their communities to figure out how to beat the powers and principalities that are working to thwart the gains made in voting rights over the last 50 years. Tellingly, Larry Kudlow, economic advisor to the federal administration, said this week that "voting rights is a liberal, left-wing list." Kudlow said that "voting rights is not our thing." (<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/kudlow-white-house-voting-rights-election-2020-1044221/>)

But it is the thing of a people who have been fighting for the right to vote ever since the end of the Civil War. If there is one thing we as Black Christians like to quote, it is the scripture found in the Book of Isaiah, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment, you shall condemn."
It is time to organize as we have never organized before - not just black people, but all people who are not wealthy, white, and too often, Protestant and male.

Americans have to stop denying what we are seeing before our very eyes - a president and a group of wealthy men who care so little about the democracy and the people who have made them wealthy that they dare obstruct our right to vote. Many of the ancestors are crying out the words that the late Rep. Elijah Cummings said his mother said on her dying bed, "Don't let them take away our right to vote."
So let it be said. So let it be done.

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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Twitter by anonymous trolls -
Within hours of the announcement that she had been selected as Joe Biden's running mate, a major magazine amplified a racist

"birther" conspiracy theory about her.
Chisholm was realistic about the obstacles her candidacy faced. "I just want to show it can be done," she often said.
Harris was a child when Chisholm ran for President, just to show it could be done,

and now she stands a realistic chance of being the first woman to hold the second-highest office in the land.
As Joe Biden said the day after announcing his choice, "This morning, all across the nation, little girls woke up, especially little black and brown girls, who so often feel

overlooked and undervalued in their communities, but today, today just maybe, they're seeing themselves for the first time in a new way, as the stuff of presidents and vice presidents."
"Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.

REALITY CHECK

Donald J. Trump, the luckiest politician in America

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Those black folks, including myself, who strongly believe that the most important goal of 2020 is to oust No. 45 as president of the United States are not shouting "Hallelujah" and feeling good about former vice-president Joe Biden's selection of Sen. Kamala Harris as his running mate.

popular belief, that Black folks in general and Black women in particular, are not the pivotal voting bloc in the upcoming election.

They know that No. 45 will get less than 10 percent of the Black vote. It's also certain that he will get a sizeable majority of the White male vote. That leaves White women, according to most political commentators, as the most unpredictable voting bloc in the 2020 presidential election. Many Black folks, including myself, don't believe for a second that the White women vote is unpredictable. We are



A. Peter Bailey

convinced that the overwhelming majority of White women in this country have absolutely no desire to see a "woman of color" being elected vice-president before one of them has achieved the historic first. We are aware that White women leaders in the early 20th century's Suffragette Movement were outraged that Black men, at least legally, had the right to vote before they did. Modern day White women were not shouting with joy that a "man of color" got into the White House before one of them made it.

Klobuchar of Minnesota, or Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois, or Gov. Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan as his running mate. At the same time he would have committed to putting a Black woman on the Supreme Court. By failing to recognize that, the Democratic Party has reinforced the view of many serious Black folks that No. 45 is one of, if not the luckiest politician in America. By the way, I seriously doubt that if Sen. Kamala Harris was the complexion of Michelle Obama she would not have been selected as Biden's running mate.

That's why Biden's selection of Harris is so uncool. If the focus was on defeating No. 45, rather than to provide Black people with another feel good moment, Biden would have selected Sen. Amy

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Trump administration ramps up efforts to dismantle post office

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

President Donald Trump has made no secret of his desire to dismantle the United States Postal Service or revamp the agency in a way that has angered Democrats and others who said it's a tactic to prevent mail-in voting for the upcoming election.

Several postal workers have reported the removal of sorting machines at postal facilities and the removal of sidewalk mailboxes.

Postal officials reported that in the last week, the agency had removed letter collection boxes in at least four states: New York, Oregon, Montana, and Indiana.



Stacy M. Brown

with other election-related mailings," the state officials wrote.

"We view the [United States Postal Service] as a vital partner in administering a safe, successful election and would like to learn more about any planned changes around USPS service due to COVID-19, preparations for increased election-related mail, USPS staffing levels and processing times, and other pertinent issues."

The postal service has sent letters to warn 46 states that it could not guarantee all mail-in ballots cast for the November election would arrive in time to be counted.

wrote in a statement.

This week, the U.S. Inspector General opened an investigation into DeJoy's policy changes at the post office.

According to some lawmakers, those changes are reportedly taking a toll on military veterans who are experiencing much longer wait times to receive mail-order prescription drugs.

Slowdowns at the post office have reportedly also resulted in seniors receiving their medications late and other important mail like social security checks.

It has also angered those who work for the agency.

Postal workers throughout the country have reported low morale, and many have cited the actions of DeJoy, who was appointed by Trump. On Friday, Aug. 14, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), a union that boasts nearly 300,000 active and retired postal workers, endorsed Presumptive Democratic Presidential Nominee Joe Biden.

"Vice President Biden is, was, and will continue to be a fierce ally and defender of the United States Postal Service, letter carriers, and our fellow postal brothers and sisters," NALC President Fredric Rolando said in a statement.

"Together, Biden and [vice presidential running mate] Sen. Kamala Harris fully exhibit the experience, dedication, thoughtfulness and steady hands that will work to ensure that letter carriers and working families are put first," Rolando declared.

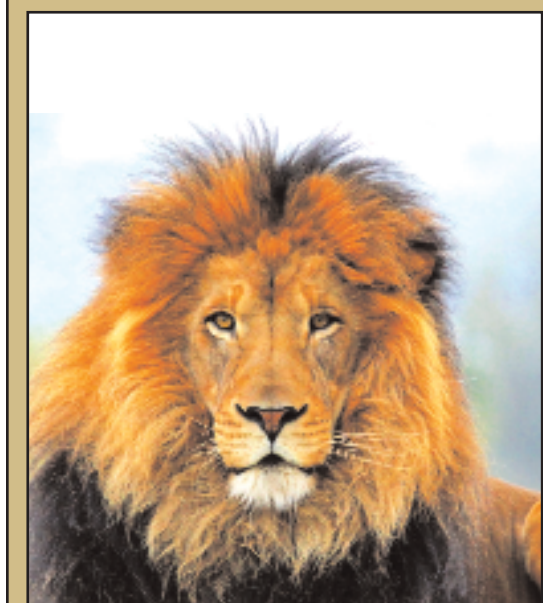
Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

Postal workers in at least three states - West Virginia, Florida, and Missouri - have received notification that retail operating hours also face reduction.

Removing mailboxes had become a practice along marathon and parade routes since the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, however, the latest removals are believed intentional and strategically coordinated to impact the election.

In response to the removal of mailboxes and a slowdown in the delivery of mail, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) sent a letter to the Postmaster General on Aug. 7. New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver (D), Louisiana Secretary of State R. Kyle Ardoin (R), Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson (D) and Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose (R) joined in signing the letter.

"State and local election officials are busy planning for the November general election, and many expect an increase in the use of absentee and mail ballots, along



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help up your purchasing power is the key and a plus. So, let me expand a little on these mentioned incentives starting with the \$30,000 down payment loan. This loan is a silent 2nd that will come due on the 30th year if you keep the home that loan.



Brenda Dixon

If you decide to sell before 30 years, then the \$30,000 will be due at the time of closing. If you decide to refinance and include the 1st and the 2nd mortgage in the refinancing, then that \$30,000 will be paid off at that time of refinancing. There are stipulations on the condition of the home as well to receive this loan. All the major components of the home must still have at least 5-yrs of life left. Components like the roof, HVAC, water heater, etc. This, of course, is to protect the 1st-time buyer and also the lender. The lender is always thinking about, what if we must fore-close and take this home back. They want to put these guidelines in place to ensure the incoming collateral for the loan is in a reasonable condition. Crowdfunding to gather funds for a down payment is a very new concept that there is only one lender that I'm aware of that does it. It's kind of a Go Fund Me for home purchasing. It will

allow anyone to contribute towards your home buying process. Traditionally banks will tell you that all monies used in a home purchasing process must be sourced. You have to provide bank statements, 401k statements, gift funds letters, etc. to prove where the money came from. This type of group economics will allow all the cousins and them to contribute, lol. That is a beautiful thing.

Until next week, share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to reach out for a free game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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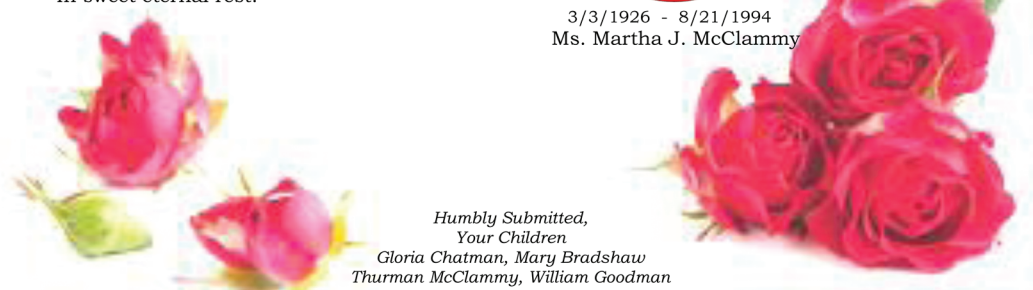
It's an everlasting sadness
That you're no longer here.
But every year on this day
We like to think you're near.

Your love for us was constant
Your devotion has no end,
You filled our lives with sunshine
As a mother and a friend.

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AUNT NANNIE BRINKLEY MAPSON**



Auntie, just think, you are here not by chance but by God's choosing. His hands formed you and made you the person you are. He compares you to no one else..... You are one of a kind, you lack nothing that God's grace can't give you. God has allowed you to be here at this time in history to fulfill His special purpose for our generation. You do so much of everyone in your life, for your family, your friends, your church community as well as the neighborhood. You spread God's love to all you meet. You are a special person who has a gentle spirit and a generous heart. You are appreciated and loved deeply by all of your family.

We love you dearly, Auntie.
HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY,
your nieces and nephews

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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY**

Your journey has not been easy, but your faith has never faltered, and your heart has never surrendered. If it had not been for you, we may have never known how truly strong and courageous a woman can be, how deeply concerned and loving a family can be, how welcome and assuring a home can be, how beautiful and lasting a mother's love can be. You are our courage, our hope, and our inspiration. The world is a better place because of a mother like you, our lives are more fulfilled because of a mother like you. You have been such a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother; always thoughtful, sharing and showing your love to us every day. You always give the best advice, offer words of comfort, encouragement and inspiration. Continue to let your light shine, others will see the light of God in you and glorify your Father in Heaven. We thank God for you and we pray that you know what a blessing you are in our lives. We could not have been blessed with a more loving and wonderful Mother than You.
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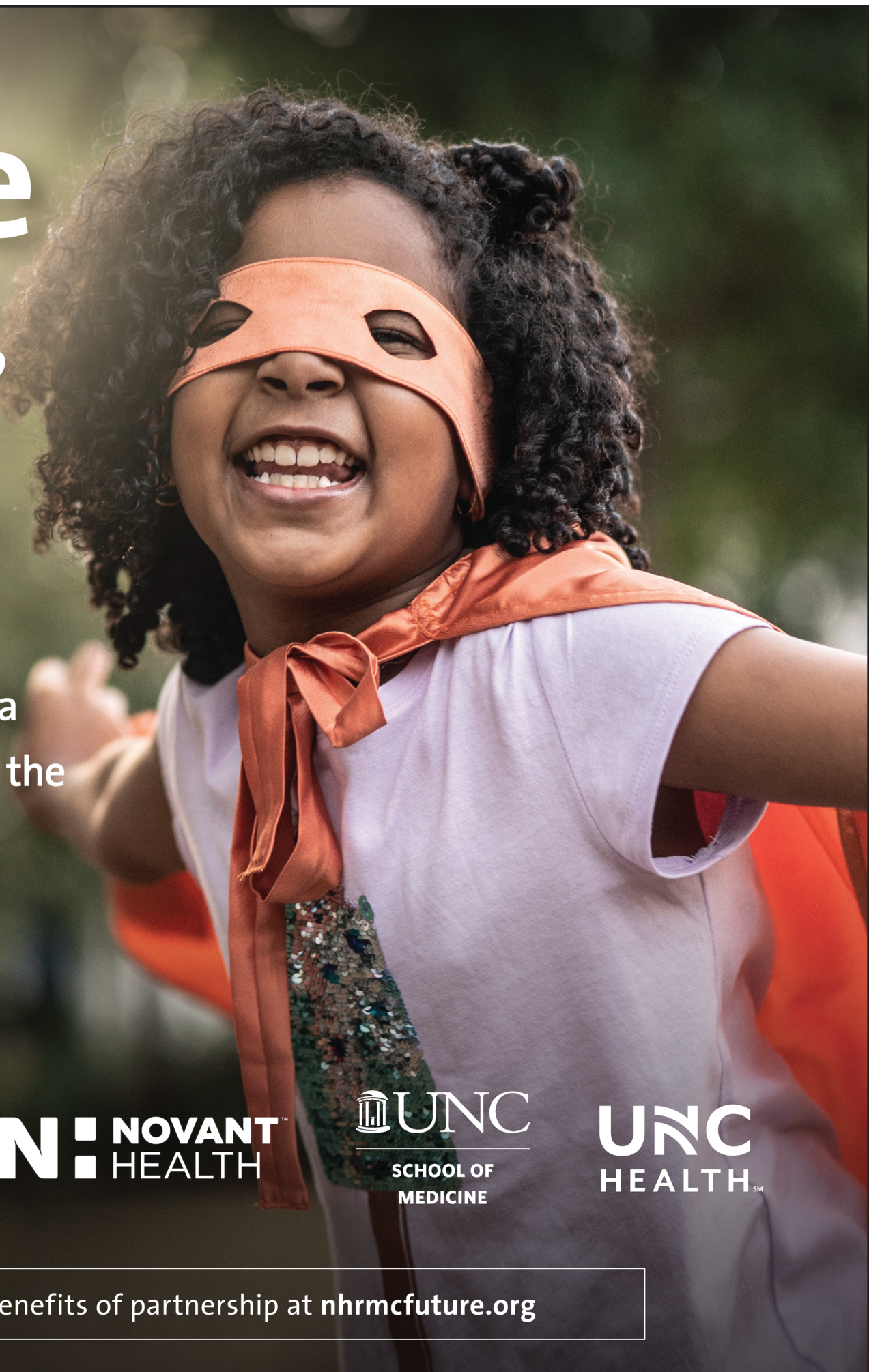
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Nathaniel Troy, Jr.

Nathaniel Troy, Jr., died August 6, 2020. Graveside service was held on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Summerville AME Zion Church Cemetery.

Nathaniel was born on July 13, 1967 to Nathaniel Troy and Floretta McAllister Troy in Wilmington, North Carolina. Later in life he moved to Westbury, New York and then relocated to Atlanta, Georgia. He was a loving and kind person. He got along with his family and friends, always having a joke to tell you. Nathaniel had so many names: aka Bird Hop, Junior, Mac Daddy and Love. He attended Freeport High School. Nathaniel worked several years as a Labor Worker.

Nathaniel leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, LaQuesha Troy; four grandchildren, Nazariyah, Landen, Londyn and Nova; siblings, Vanessa Richardson, Tevision and Christopher Troy; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including a special friend, Sharon George. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Deloris Belen

Deloris Belen died August 7, 2020. Graveside service was held Friday, August 14, 2020 at Calvary Cemetery.

Deloris Carter Belen, daughter of the late Lottie Carter Oliver and David Graham was born on May 26, 1946 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Deloris was raised by her grandparents, the late Mr. James and Mrs. Annie Carter and her uncle, the late Mr. George Pugh, Sr. In addition to her parents, Deloris was preceded in death by her brothers, Joseph, Jr. and Preston, Jr. and her sister Belinda L. Moore. Deloris at times was affectionally called "Dee" and "Love, Love". As a youth she attended Mt. Zion AME Church and later Warner Temple AME Zion Church until her health declined. Deloris graduated from Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1964. She joined the US Army and received an honorable discharge. Deloris gained employment with the Wilmington Housing Authority, from which she retired.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her loving daughter, Trina Little of the home; her son, William James Carter (Ellen Jones) of Fayetteville, NC; loving grands and great-grands: Ashley (Anyia, Mason) of Gastonia, NC, Marquis of Lenoir, NC, Shina (Aaliyah, Alyssi, Pierre, Gregory) of Charlotte, NC, Ajawanna of the city; her loving "Baby Sister"/cousin, Lillie P.

Shrewsbury (Leroy Shiver, Jr.), LaShawn and LaManuel; nephews: William, Leon and Derrick LeSine; her loving and dedicated friend, Bernard Hankins (daughters, Mia and Tia), loving cousins, Mrs. Lillie Martin Robinson, Mrs. Francine Cowan Deshields and Ms. Vernell C. Burns; other dear and loving families and friends, including her best friends, Ms. Gwen H. Allen, Ms. Ruth Grady, Ms. Hattie Richardson, Ms. LaTonya Dewitt and Ms. Retha Brown. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Barbara Reaves Vaught

Barbara Reaves Vaught died August 8, 2020. Graveside service was held on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at Dark Branch Cemetery, Winnabow, NC.

Barbara, daughter of the late Andrew and Rosa McMillian was born on March 27, 1939 in Winnabow, North Carolina. She was the twin of a brother that died at child birth. Barbara attended and graduated from Wilmington College Nursing School as one of the first blacks to graduate their RN program. She began her nursing career at Babies Hospital, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. She worked at other hospitals in the area, landing a school nursing job in Brunswick County, where she finished her nursing career. Barbara was a strong, hard-working and proud nurse, mother, missionary and friend, with many lifetime accomplishments, none being better than bringing a smile to those around her. Throughout her career, family life and church life, she made an impact on many people with her heart, with her wisdom, and her generosity. She loved nursing and she practiced it with healing and caring. Barbara worked very hard in the AME church, rising to become conference president of the North Carolina Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society. She loved the position dearly. Barbara was also a member of the Rose of Sharon Chapter #555 OES PHA. She was loved, cherished and honored by her family, her church family and countless colleagues and students. In 2019, Barbara suffered a stroke and moved to Charlotte, North Carolina to a nursing rehabilitation facility where she continued to delight, bring joy and help the residents there.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was also preceded in death by her husband, Clayton Vaught, Sr., her grandson, Daryon Walker and a special niece, Sharon Vaught. Barbara is survived by: four sons, Clayton Vaught, Jr., Wayne (Stacy)

Vaught, Darren (Elaine) Vaught and Terry Vaught; one daughter, Shannon (Brian) McDonald; grandchildren, Corey, Kasey, Kendall (Katrenya Brown), Jody Drye, (Rocio), Ricardo, Darren, Jr., Emelliah, Aryk Jackson, Ebonie, Ashely McIntosh, Sasha Vaught-Gaines (Domyacht) and Rashaad McDonald; great-grandchildren, Blake, Xavier, Kinsley, Jody III, Nylah, Liam, Olivia and Isabella; a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Marnell James Gavins

Marnell James Gavins died August 8, 2020. Graveside services were held on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Marnell, daughter of the late Eddie James and Thelma James was born on February 7, 1943 in Wilmington, NC. She was a 1962 graduate of Williston High School. After graduating she entered Cape Fear Technical Institute, obtaining her Nurse's Assistance Degree in 1976. She was a frequent volunteer with the new Hanover County Schools. Marnell retired after 17 devoted years as a Siemens worker. She joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and was a member of the church choir. Marnell was preceded in death by her late husband, Charles Gavins; son, Rufus Parker; daughter, Rosalind Parker and two brothers, Eddie James, Jr. and Frederick James (Kawme Bay). She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving daughter, Phyllis K. James of Norfolk, VA; sons, Reginald L. Parker of the city and Ronald L. Parker of Leland, NC; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Johnnie L. James, Sr. (Christina) of NC, William W. James and James Diehl both of South Carolina; sister-in-law, Barbara L. Stewart-James of Hampton, VA; aunts, Josie James and Shirley Smith; uncles, Burnett James and Leroy Alford; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Rosa Elizabeth Miller

Rosa Elizabeth Miller died August 9, 2020. Funeral service was on Monday, August 17, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in the Burton Cemetery, Deep Bottom Community, Wallace, NC.

Rosa, known as "Lil Rose" was born on July 8, 1959 to Maurice Pickett and Rosa Taylor. Rosa was married to John L. Miller, Sr. To this union four sons and two

daughters were born. Rosa attended school I both the Duplin and New Hanover County School System. She was a caregiver, cosmetologist and homemaker. She also preached and her six children were her accompanying choir. Rosa loved to help people and had an outgoing spirit. She enjoyed dancing. Rosa was preceded in death by Juanita and Jessie Robinson "Mama and Daddy" who raised her as their own, her grandmother, Erie Taylor; grandfather, John Taylor; mother-in-law, Grace Miller and father-in-law, Douglas Durant.

Rosa leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, John L. Miller, Sr.; her children, John L. Miller, Jr., (Antoinette), Shuan Miller, Anthony Miller, Le'Andre Miller, Natasha Miller (Steven), and Terrence Miller (Leslie); grandchildren, John L. Miller, Jr., Joshua Miller, Jahziah Miller, Jaquan Miller, Juelz Randolph, Ja'Meerah Miller, Tre'Sean Herring, Za'Marion Miller and Josiah Colson; great-grandchildren, Ara Miller, John L. Miller, IV, Skylar Holmes and Kayden Miller; her mother, Rosa Young (James); father, Maurice Pickett (Catherine); brothers, Chris Brown and David Brown; a special uncle, Leon Taylor; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Crystabell Green

Crystabell Green died August 10, 2020. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Sea

Lawn Memorial Park, Hampstead, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jimmy Hines

Jimmy Hines died August 11, 2020. Graveside service was held on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Pollock Cemetery. Jimmy, son of Laura Spicer Hines and Rufus Leonard Hines was born on July 13, 1947.

Jimmy was a US Army Veteran. He later worked as a landscaper, painter, gardener and in construction. Jimmy took great pride in his work and was very proud of the yard work and painting he did for St. Stephen AME Church in the Scotts Hill Community. Jimmy was a friend to many and will be greatly missed. In addition to his parents, Jimmy was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Hines and Rufus Hines and two sisters, Joyce Hines and Betty Pridgen.

He leaves to cherish precious memories and mourn his passing: his sisters, Wilhemina Nixon of Wilmington, NC, Inez Hines and Laura Nixon of the home and Sharon (Alfonza) Jenkins of Ogden, NC; his brothers, Daniel (Vanessa) Hines and Kenneth (Sharon) Hines all of the Scotts Hill Community; one aunt, Mary London of Hampstead, NC; eleven nieces; eleven nephews; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Charles Allen

Charles Allen died August 12, 2020. Funeral service was

held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in the Johns Chapel Cemetery, Castle Hayne, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ronald Hall

Ronald Hall died August 14, 2020 Graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 22, 2020 at Hooper Cemetery, Leland, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Derrick Kennedy


Derrick Kennedy died Saturday, August 15, 2020. Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in the Williams Cemetery, Leland, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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TELL SOMEBODY

"Time to make up your mind"

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15



Sylvia Hooper

There is a divine call being made to all mankind to make a decision of eternal weight, which will determine eternal deliverance or eternal destruction. Back in the days of Noah, prior to the great flood, mankind was apathetic and unrepentant to the preaching of the Word of God. They ignored and even scorned the warnings of the preacher and rejected God's

divine plan of deliverance from impending destruction. The bible record how the masses perished in their sinful state because they failed to make up their minds to serve the Lord.

Death and destruction have no respect of age, gender, or socio economic status. Too many souls are going into judgement who have not answered the call of God and have not made a decision to serve the Lord. Almost persuaded and undecided is no place to be in, when the Lord calls your name! It is even

more tragic, when one has made a decision and yet procrastinate (put it off until later), only to find it's too late! In these last and evil days, multitudes are abiding in the valley of indecision,but it is time to make up your mind!

Joshua stated, "As for me and my house... because his mind was made up and his heart was fixed, to hear and obey the divine call of God. He and his houses was saved, because he made a conscious decision, based on a made up mind and a definite determination. He knew it was time to make up his mind for the Lord and did not care who did not. He was not swayed by public opinion, because he knew the God he served was able to keep him and his family, and he had a relationship with

God that settled any doubts he might have had as to the worthiness of serving God Almighty.

Each of us have an opportunity to make up our own minds to serve the Lord. God loves each of us and is calling us out of darkness into his marvelous light. It is a matter of choice and no one can force you to decide, but think about it for a moment.... If your phone began to ring, if you did not answer, in due time, it will stop ringing. You may have missed an important call simply because you refused to pick up the phone. When Jesus calls us, you have no idea of the missed opportunity because you do not wish to answer. I Kings 18:21 says, "How long halt ye between two opinions, if the Lord be God follow him."

Proverbs 1:24 states, "Because I have called, and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded. (verse 28 & 29) Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer: they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me. For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord."

If God is calling you to serve him through receiving his Son Jesus Christ as Savior, please do not try to put God on hold. (John 3:16) It is time to make up your mind. If you say YES to the Lord, you will receive eternal life and blessings untold in this present world!. If you have already answered the call, continue to be a witness and don't forget to Tell Somebody!!!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a

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

Novant Health expands MLK school supplies, this Saturday, August 22

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Rev. Robert Campbell's service on the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Partnership Advisory Group is already linking Novant Health to a valued hands-on community service.

Though a July New Hanover County Commission proposal to sell NHRMC to Novant for approximately \$5 Billion was not unanimous, the decision is proving beneficial to the Wilmington Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

They feared COVID19 would eliminate the possibility of the annual school supplies giveaway event at MLK Center.

Novant Health has intercepted cancellation, and expanded offerings.

Two thousand boxes with grade specific school supplies, face masks, and health related information will be distributed this Saturday, August 22 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. from the MLK

Center.

Drive-up and walk-up lines will be allowed. Social distancing is required.

Sub sites are being added to include some public housing sites like Houston Moore, and communities or trailer parks that are heavily populated with Latino/Hispanic children.

Tanya Blackman, an African-American who serves as Novant Health EVP and Chief Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Officer states, "aggressive programming," for unique communities will also address Hispanic and Latino needs.

In 2019 Novant Health invested approximately \$1 Billion for community benefits, and health care accessibilities.

With a mission to provide "compassionate treatment of the whole person," the Novant Health sponsored back to school supplies and masks can aid stressed parents who oversee current remote and future in-person learning.

Grade specific assignments, and hands-on projects require supplies beyond iPads.

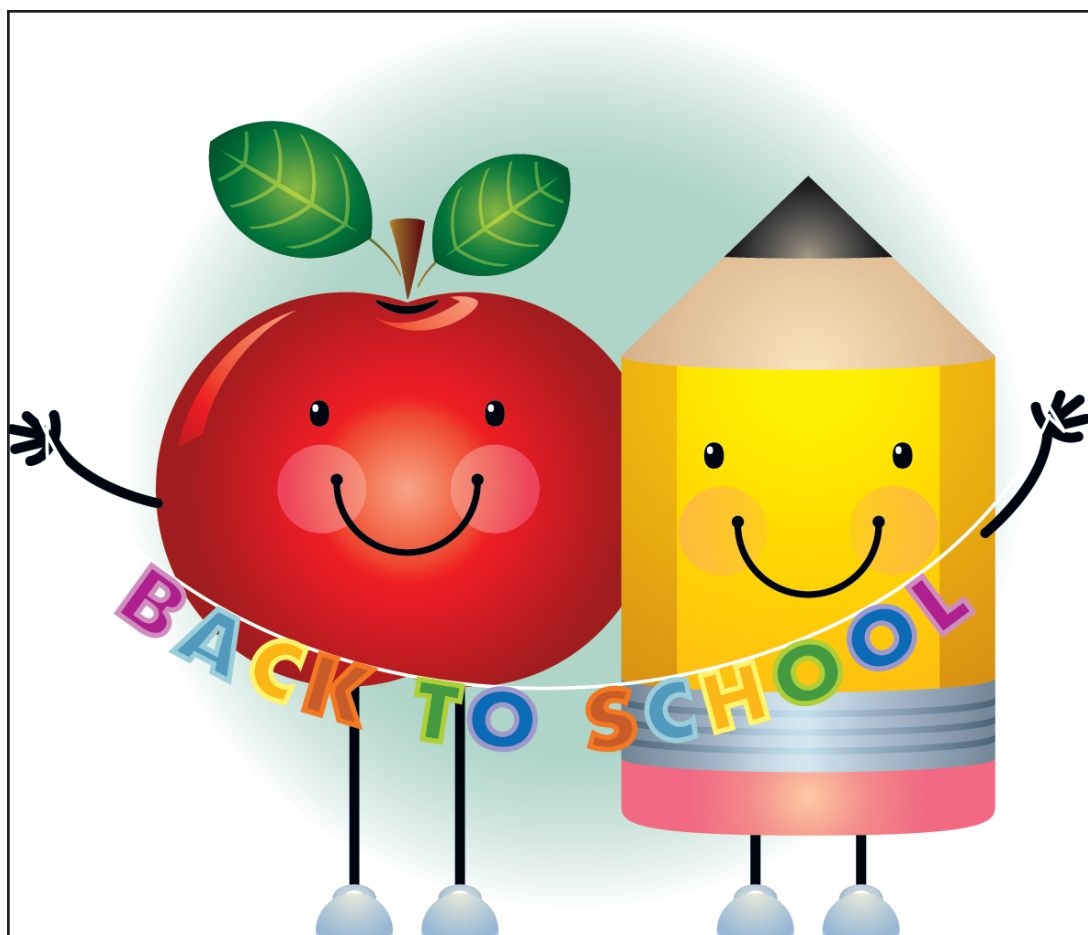
In promotional narratives Novant emphasizes partnership.

"We work diligently to offer clinics, 'food pharmacies,' and services in our most underserved areas and partner with local leaders to ensure we address each community's unique needs."

Rev. Campbell, president of the Wilmington Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance has heard concerns from organizations and community activists regarding the sale of NHRMC to Novant Health.

He is planning ways to share additional details about the benefits of the Novant, UNC School of Medicine, and NHRMC partnership in southeastern NC.

For the Saturday MLK, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. school supplies event, individuals, institutions of religion, or agencies that would like to assist should phone, 910-489-6221.



NOVANT HEALTH EXPANDS MLK SCHOOL SUPPLIES

COMMENTARY:

On civil disobedience

BY REV. DR. JEFF HOOD
OF TEXAS METRO NEWS

His huge fist repeatedly struck her face. This wasn't the first time her boyfriend beat her up...but this was definitely the worst. Hours later, she awoke with blood caked between her face and the floor. Seeing that her boyfriend was asleep, she quietly ran out the door. Due to multiple warrants, she was too scared to call the police. So, she ran to the only place she knew to go. Seeing the steeple in the distance, she ran harder. For many years, her church was known as a place that would help victims of domestic violence. It was her only hope.

Once she got on the lawn, she raced to the side door. There was always someone there. Running up, she missed the sign. Over and over again, she banged on the door. Nobody came. Backing up, she realized that there was a sign, "Churches are not considered essential based on the recent COVID-19 order...so we have been forced to suspend all

social services until the order is lifted."

He was sitting at home watching television. The phone rang. On the other end of the line, was a voice he did not know. After identifying himself as a local police officer, the voice proceeded to tell him that his son was shot and killed earlier that night. Devastated, the man called his pastor. After hearing the anguish in his voice, the pastor raced over to his parishioner's house.

Not long after he got off of the exit, he was pulled over. Unable to understand what he had done wrong, he rolled down the window. The officer asked where he was going. After his explanation, the pastor thought he was just going to be able to go. Instead, the officer went back to his car. After a few minutes, the officer came back with a citation. Immediately, the pastor demanded to know the reason for this ticket.

The officer didn't hesitate, "Ministers are not considered essential workers under the recent COVID-19 order." She

needed food. The church was closed. He needed emergency counseling. The church was closed. He needed help with his bills. The church was closed. She needed somewhere to sleep. The church was closed. He needed to take a shower. The church was closed. She just needed help. The church was closed. He just needed help. The church was closed.

The church is the largest provider of social services in our country. Dallas County and various other counties have discouraged/inhibited such work. Repeatedly, churches and their ministers are not included in the definitions of what is essential to our society. The language is all about businesses. While there is room given for churches to meet "virtually," churches can't do the vast majority of their work over a computer screen. More lives will be lost if the church stops being the church. I can't accept this.

We must love our neighbors. We must stand up for the marginalized and



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Repeatedly, churches and their ministers are not included in the definitions of what is essential to our society.

oppressed. We must. To do anything else would not be for the church. When someone

asks for the help of churches, I encourage you to help them...no matter what any

authority says. Civil disobedience might be the hallmark of our faith at this point.

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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:
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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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Lucy A. McCauley, having qualified on the 8th day of August, 2020, as Executor of the **Estate of Elizabeth K. McCauley (20-E-0869)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, C/O Attorney Rick Graves, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **18th day of November, 2020**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 18th day of August, 2020.

Lucy A. McCauley
Executor
Estate of Elizabeth K. McCauley
Rick Graves
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
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August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Lemart E. Simpson**, 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 **18th 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

Shirley B. Simpson,
Administratrix
9-6 Heather Heights
Reading, PA 19606

August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

The Wilmington Urban Area MPO Board meeting of August 26, 2020 has been canceled. The next MPO Board meeting will be held on September 30, 2020 at 3:00pm. If you have any questions, please call (910) 341-3258 or e-mail wmpo@wilmingtonnc.gov.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

August 20, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 19 JT 308

IN THE MATTER OF: P.R.S.

TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF MALE JUVENILE BORN ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 14, 2017 IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA TO NICOLE WILSON

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to P.R.S.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, August 20, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 12th day of August, 2020.

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