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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.

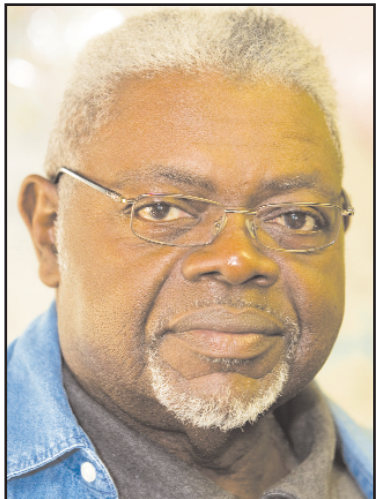
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OUR VOICE

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

THERE ARE NO EXCUSES

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I have traveled back and forth around this country with the message of voting and what it should mean to everyone, especially to people of color. I get different opinions from different age groups of people and people of biracial marriages, people with good paying jobs, and people with seasonal jobs. I would think that if the system is not working around us, our people who have lost their jobs through sickness that has destroyed homes, a governmental system that only benefits those that have access to finances at the move of a pen or card reader would think that we the people would need to get together and, at least, talk about our problems that used to define us as people, regardless of skin color. We face the same problems, the years of racial oppression and those who say "We are not racists." We are part of a system that keeps making rules and laws that directly control our lives, laws that keep us in prison

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EXCLUSIVE

BLM mural emails show deep divisions, fear and ignorance

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

There was plenty of tense debate before the Wilmington City Council last week passed a resolution, 5-2, to establish the art installation of "BLACK LIVES DO MATTER - END RACISM NOW," in downtown Jervay Memorial Park near Third Street.

At one point leading up to the August 18 vote, Councilman Charles Rivenbark declared that installing any public mural referring to Black Lives Matter was "racist," and that "ALL LIVES MATTER" would be more fitting.

Based on hundreds of citizen emails exclusively reviewed by The Journal sent to council members days before the vote, Rivenbark (one of two votes

against the mural) had a lot of supporters with that view.

What The Wilmington Journal review of those emails reveal is evidence of deep racial and social divisions among Port City residents, steeped in deeper fear and ignorance of exactly what "Black Lives Matter" means on the part of mural opponents.

All 500 pages of citizen emails to Wilmington City Council members are legally public record, meaning they can be published once formally released by the City Clerk's office.

The Journal asked the city for emails on the BLM mural issue sent to both Council members, Kevin Spears and Charles Rivenbark, between July

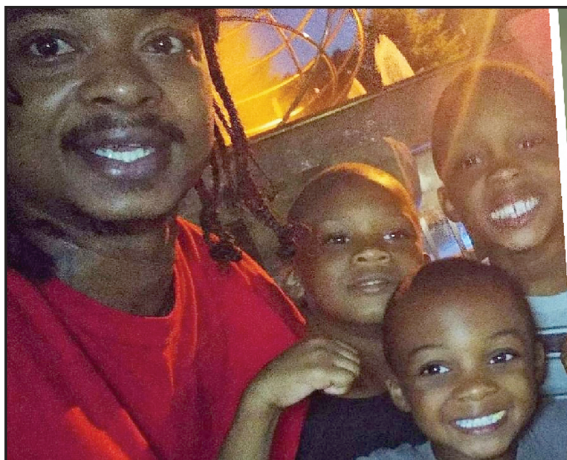
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COUNCILMAN RIVENBARK



COUNCILMAN SPEARS



POLICE SHOOTING VICTIM JACOB BLAKE WITH THREE OF HIS YOUNG SONS, AND JUST BEFORE HE WAS SHOT LAST SUNDAY IN KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

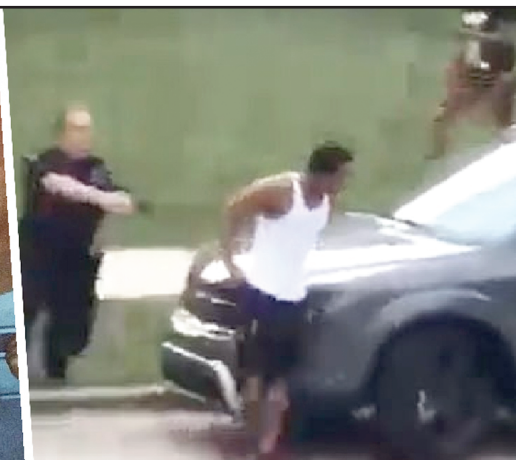
Latest Black police shooting victim grew up in Winston-Salem

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The latest Black victim of police brutality to make national headlines - just like George Floyd last May - has strong ties to North Carolina.

Jacob Blake, 29, who was repeatedly shot by two Kenosha, Wisconsin police officers in the back as he tried to enter his SUV Sunday evening, grew up in Winston-Salem as a youth, before moving to Evanston, Illinois to

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VIDEO FRAME OF JACOB BLAKE BEING SHOT IN THE BACK BY POLICE OFFICERS

Adams gets few answers from Postmaster General during hearings

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Two North Carolina Congressional members collided Monday during the Democrat-led U. S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform six

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TWO MAIBOXES IN CHARLOTTE REP. ADAMS ALLEGES WERE COVERED TO BE REMOVED.



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MICHAELS

Fifty-seventh anniversary of the historic March on Washington here this Friday and Saturday

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Wilmington is joining the nation this Friday and Saturday in commemorating the 57th anniversary of the historic March on Washington.

It was at that gathering on August 28, 1963, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made, perhaps, his most prolific speech famous for the ages - "I Have a Dream."

Many years later it was determined that Dr. King actually first uttered those words and speech during a voter registration drive in Rocky Mount, NC in November 1962.

This year's commemoration, sponsored locally by Black Lives Matter, the Wilmington Chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus, and WOW (Women Organizing for Wilmington), will be held in two parts.

Part 1 - "A Time of Unity, Love and Passion for Justice" will kick off August 28 at 5:30 p. m. with a peaceful protest rally and tribute to the late Congressman John Lewis at the 1898 Monument, 1074 North 3rd Street.

Hosted by Pastor Donald Mapson, featured speakers will include tribute to John Lewis; Moral Monday arrestees, and music will be ren-

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longer than Whites when  
convicted of the same  
crime. We have an election  
coming up in which the  
candidates have not been  
unclear about their agenda  
nor the people who back  
them. So why is there so  
much of this problem of  
who we are and where we  
are socially, instead of  
when are we going to be  
completely free?

We must vote! Tell these  
young people! Tell these  
grown people! It's time to  
vote! There are no excuses!  
Rides to the polls are avail-  
able for all people! *Bernest  
Hewett is President  
Emeritus of the Brunswick  
County Chapter of the  
NAACP.*



## BLM MURAL

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13 and July 23. We also received  
emails addressing the entire  
council.

For the purpose of this story,  
*The Journal* randomly selected  
a few representing both sides  
and will only use the first  
names of citizens on emails  
quoted. They have been edited  
for publication.

## FOR THE BLM MURAL

**To RIVENBARK** - "All Lives  
Matter" implies that all lives  
are equally at risk, and they're  
not," stated Michael 0117.  
Clearly you are a product of  
white privilege, never having  
known what it's like to live in  
fear of those who demean and  
make fun of you. I'm so sorry to  
see you personally carrying on  
the long tradition of racism in  
Wilmington. My mother was a  
Rivenbark, but I certainly hope  
it was a branch far, far removed  
from your ancestors. You'll  
never get to "All Lives Matter"  
if the "Black Lives Matter"  
movement offends your racist  
bigotry.

**To MAYOR SAFFO/  
COUNCIL** - "Hearing one of  
our council members say the  
"Black Lives Matter" is racist

## BLAKE

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attend middle and high  
school, the Chicago Sun-  
Times reported this week.

Three of his children were  
in the back seat when he was  
shot.

In an interview with  
Blake's father, also named  
Jacob Blake (the grandfather  
is Rev. Jacob Blake Sr.), the  
young man was struck eight  
times in the back by police  
bullets, and is paralyzed  
from the waist down.

According to witnesses,  
young Blake was trying to  
break up a fight when police  
arrived at the scene. A cell  
phone video shows Blake

made me laugh out loud,"  
wrote Jordyn." I laughed out  
of pity. I laughed out of  
despair. I laughed because he  
is so clearly out of touch with  
reality. He cannot possibly  
have any genuine friendships  
with black people that he  
truly cares about. If you  
know better, you do better.  
And what we know is that  
black people are telling us  
their stories. They are shar-  
ing with us their experi-  
ences. And their reality  
sucks. And it has sucked for a  
long time. The fact that lead-  
ers of our city, with a history  
of massacring black people,  
cannot validate those feel-  
ings and experiences is  
awful."

**To SPEARS** - "Thank you  
for considering the Black  
Lives Matter art for  
Wilmington in the council  
meeting," wrote Megan. I wit-  
nessed that it was not an easy  
discussion. As a white  
woman and resident of New  
Hanover County, I am writ-  
ing to express my support of  
the art installation. I do not  
only support it, but feel it is  
of vital importance. I am  
trusting you are voting for  
the art. Thank you for all you  
do.

**To RIVENBARK** - "I am a

walking around from the  
sidewalk to the driver's side  
of his car where some of his  
family was.

Two police officers fol-  
lowed Blake around as well.  
When he opened the driver's  
door, one of the officers who  
followed him, grabbed his T-  
shirt to stop him. Then both  
opened fire at close range. At  
least seven shots were heard  
on the video.

As of Monday, Blake's  
father told the Sun-Times that  
"...there are eight holes"  
in his son's body, and doctors  
have not said whether the  
paralysis will be permanent.

The older Blake was driv-  
ing from Charlotte, N. C. to  
the hospital in Kenosha to  
arrive on Tuesday to be with

white woman," wrote Denise.  
Sir, your statements regarding  
"All Lives Matter" are extreme-  
ly upsetting to me. I reject them  
outright....my husband and I  
are calling upon you to retract  
your statement and vote to do  
the right thing at tomorrow's  
Wilmington City Council meet-  
ing. The Black Lives Matter  
sign belongs in Wilmington  
and a public area of expression  
that would allow untrue and  
discriminatory speech...which  
"All Lives Matter" certainly  
is...does not belong in  
Wilmington or anywhere else  
in my country."

**To COUNCIL** - "If you put  
four people in a lineup, one  
White, Jewish, Asian and  
Black, which one has always  
mattered the least, yesterday  
and today in the USA?,"  
asked James. "Who is the last  
hired but first fired? Which  
one started out working for  
less than minimum wages,  
works the hardest, and may  
never receive a raise? Who is  
suspected of stealing any-  
time something is missing?  
Who is sentenced to the most  
prison time for the smallest  
nonviolent crime? It is time  
for a 360 degree change today!  
The scientists call it a meta-  
morphosis, and Christians  
call it being born again."

his son.

"I want to put my hand on  
my son's cheek and kiss him  
on his forehead, and then I'll  
be OK," his father said. "I'll  
kiss him with my mask. The  
first thing I want to do is  
touch my son," he told the  
Sun-Times.

Young Blake is the father  
of six children between the  
ages of six and 13. He has

## AGAINST THE BLM MURAL

**To RIVENBARK** - "I fully  
support you. Your position is  
correct," wrote Jim. White  
Lives Matter: Support of Black  
Lives Matter means you sup-  
port thugs; intimidation of oth-  
ers; injuries to others; death to  
other; damage to property of  
others; lawlessness. Remain  
strong, Mr. Rivenbark.

**To COUNCIL** - "The current  
climate creates the unique  
opportunity to correct other  
wrongs of the past," wrote  
Arthur Jr. Since Martin Luther  
King, Jr. was not a resident of  
Wilmington, did not make any  
references to this area and did  
not donate any money to this  
area, I submit to you that  
Martin Luther King Parkway,  
formerly known as Smith  
Creek Parkway, be renamed  
Charlie Daniels Parkway [after  
the late country singer]. As a  
Wilmington native, Mr. Daniels  
lived his early life in and  
around the area and memorial-  
ized the area in many of his  
songs.

**To RIVENBARK** - Have you  
listened to the masses of black  
conservatives and why they are  
against BLM?, asked Will S.  
'Anti having a father in the  
home (lifted on their website)  
and traditional family, which is  
the largest problem in the

black community (and white  
communities, [and] all commu-  
nities, and the largest indicator  
of a young person doing drugs,  
going to jail, etc. etc....gangs.

**[Councilman Rivenbark  
responded** - Thank you for the  
information. The local BLM  
say that they are not a part of  
the national group but I really  
believe that they are and that  
bothers me.]

**To SPEARS** - "There are no  
words to describe how un-  
toward this plan is for the citizens  
of Wilmington," wrote Karen.  
We have witnessed days, weeks  
and months of the anarchy this  
group has perpetuated all  
across our United States of  
America! It's truly unfortunate  
and criminal what happened to  
George Floyd on Memorial Day  
of this year! But, should we, as  
law abiding, taxpaying resi-  
dents of Wilmington, continue  
to endure the strife of what  
happened forever?

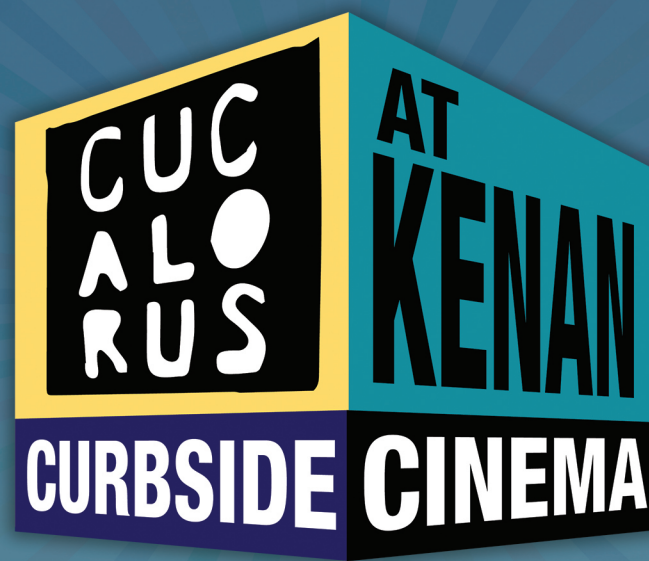
**To COUNCIL** - "There is no  
logical reason to bow to their  
Marxist programming," wrote  
Robert. As a city, it is your jobs  
to protect and support every-  
one, not just black  
lives....Please do not allow  
domestic terrorists to inject  
their poison. Follow the oath of  
office. Do your job without  
influence. Fair to all. Thanks.

housing project for senior  
citizens, is named after Rev.  
Blake.

Wisconsin's governor has  
denounced the shooting, but  
Kenosha authorities are  
investigating.

Meanwhile Kenosha has  
experienced several straight  
nights of violence and burn-  
ing of property.

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hour hearing examining  
whether Greensboro native,  
Louis DeJoy, the U.S.  
Postmaster General, is delib-  
erately ramping down postal  
service nationwide at the  
behest of President Donald  
Trump in order to delay mail-  
in ballots for the upcoming  
November 3 presidential elec-  
tions.

Republican Congressman  
Mark Walker (R-NC-6) of  
Greensboro formerly intro-  
duced DeJoy during the hear-  
ing Monday, touting him as a  
respected businessman, phil-  
anthropist, and community  
leader. The goal, to counter  
widespread media portrayals  
of DeJoy as a major Trump

donor and loyalist installed  
last June to take control of the  
U.S. Postal Service in time to  
influence the flow of mail-in  
ballots.

Indeed, Walker joined the  
Republican cry that any talk of  
mail slowdowns was just  
Democratic party hysteresis,  
designed to win the election.

"[Speaker] Nancy Pelosi has  
called a faux emergency ses-  
sion to push a conspiracy the-  
ory through the halls of  
Congress without facts nor  
merit," Walker said in an  
August 22 release just before  
Democrats in the House  
Saturday passed a measure  
prohibiting the U. S. Postal

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



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dered by Christa Faison. There will be voter registration. Masks are required, and social distancing will be encouraged. Then the next day, Saturday, August 29, at 3 p.m., Part 2 will take place. We will hear from civil

rights pioneers who attended the March on Washington in 1963 with a virtual commemoration via Zoom. So you can attend from the safety of your home. Host will be Cash Michaels, of *The Wilmington Journal*. The special guest will be award winning veteran civil rights attorney, The Honorable Al McSurely, of

the NC NAACP. Attorney McSurely has been in the struggle, fighting White supremacy for over 60

years. He has worked closely with The Reverend Dr. William Barber and The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman on

Moral Monday and Historic Thousands on Jones Street marches and rallies. Join ZOOM at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82559781866>, Meeting ID: 825 5978 1866. Phone: 1-929-205-6099, Mtg ID: 825 5978 1866



**REP. ALMA ADAMS QUESTIONING POSTMASTER GENERAL LOUIS DEJOY MONDAY**

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Service from deliberately slowing down the mail. "Let this be clear. While millions of Americans are desperately waiting for Pelosi and Schumer to stop holding up coronavirus relief negotiations and help their small businesses, Democrats are instead intent on sporting tin foil hats and promoting baseless narratives."

"I'm not engaged in sabotaging the elections," DeJoy told the Congressional Committee, while, at the same time, giving Democrats a flat "no" when they asked him to stop removing mailboxes from street corners and mail sorting machines from mail processing centers, thus slowing down mail deliveries.

An internal Postal Service report the committee obtained not only confirmed much of what has been alleged about mail service slowdowns, but documents indicating that it has actually gotten worse since July.

Democratic Rep. Alma Adams [D-NC-12], who used to represent Rep. Walker's dis-

trict before she was forced to move to Charlotte because of redistricting, was the last to question DeJoy.

Adams, like many of her fellow Democrats before, noted how senior citizens in her district are concerned about not getting their medication through the mail on time. She asked about U.S. mail boxes in Charlotte that were covered with garbage bags (of which she showed a picture) to prevent the insertion of letters and packages.

"The recurring theme I kept hearing from Postmaster General DeJoy was 'I don't know,'" said Congresswoman Adams in a press release afterwards. "He doesn't know how many blue boxes were taken. He doesn't know why our veterans are getting their medications late, or why goods that our small businesses rely on are arriving spoiled. He doesn't know the cost of Priority Mail or the kind of stamp he needs to mail a postcard. He doesn't know if his own mail is coming. The fact is he just don't know. Unfortunately, for us, Mr. Postmaster General, not knowing is not good enough."

The U.S. Senate is not likely to even take up the House bill passed Saturday.

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## OUR VOICE

### WE'VE GOT EMAILS

If there's one resounding theme we noticed reviewing hundreds of citizen emails sent to Wilmington City Council members about the teen proposed "BLACK LIVES MATTER" mural in downtown, it is that a whole lot of White folks here watch way too much Fox News.

Some of the responses were just pure fear mongering, with people believing that, by adopting the now iconic social call for racial justice, let alone just acknowledging it, the city was giving undue legitimacy to a Communist-inspired "domestic terrorist" movement that was seeking to overthrow the United States and thus their precious way of life.

First of all, these fear mongers are proving the old adage that, if it's Black and not being controlled by anybody other than, then it is a threat.

Thus, Donald Trump, Attorney General Bill Barr, and Fox News have all done excellent jobs demonizing a movement that has given young people across this country a sense of purpose and positive engagement.

The record is clear, especially with our local Black Lives Matter group here in Wilmington, led by Sonya Patrick, that they are about bringing about strong, positive social change through peaceful means.

Confronting the City of Wilmington about adopting what is now the "BLACK LIVES DO MATTER - END RACISM NOW" mural in Jervay Memorial Park was a way, given the Port City's shameful history of the 1898 race massacre and frame up of the Wilmington Ten, for city leaders to begin to acknowledge in earnest something they wouldn't have been caught dead acknowledging before. That is that African-Americans are full fledged contributing citizens of this great city. They always have been and always will be.

As long as Wilmington lives up to what is now a stated commitment to making sure that Black lives DO matter and ending racism as we know it is a serious goal.

However, surprise, surprise! There are just some folks who refuse to buy into that, and they let their City Council member know it, and it's our job to make sure we document it so that YOU know it too because it's going to take much more than a one year pilot project art installation saying "BLACK LIVES DO MATTER - END RACISM NOW" to make those words true.

Our community stands at the ready to build and grow, just as long as we are treated equally in terms of jobs and small business opportunities. Read some of those emails like we did. It's clear that the Fox News fear mongers around here think of Black people primarily as thugs, killers and rioters...not teachers, business people, clergy, etc.

They have been thoroughly brainwashed into thinking that, as long as they have all of the power and make all of the critical decisions, we only deserve what they give us.

**BUT THIS IS OUR CITY TOO!**

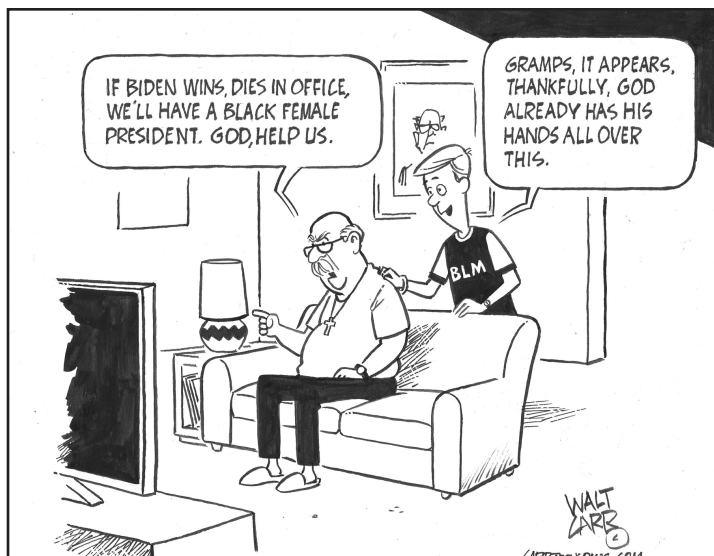
Working with allies, we got rid of those wretched Confederate and White supremacist statues, got some racist names changed on parks and roads, cleaning out our police department, and have a Black educator now in charge of our county school system.

**DARN RIGHT! BLACK LIVES MATTER HERE IN WILMINGTON! GET USED TO IT!**

## THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



## VISUAL VOICE



## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Old friends

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Friends and friendships have always been valuable commodities in my life. Periods of absence of my friends have always left gaps in my sense of personal wholeness. Things always seem better when I have meaningful interaction with friends. Things are more complete when my life's journey includes like-minded companions with whom mutually supportive goals are our basis in working for the achievement of a higher quality of life in our respective communities.

If you can understand these perspectives, you can understand the joy I experienced in watching the 2020 Democratic Party Virtual Convention. Each night I turned off my television with a more finely tuned sense of purpose. Each morning I awaken with a heightened spirit of possibilities. Although virtual, I was able to confirm the existence of hundreds, if not thousands, of citizens who also desire for a government based in truth, unity, and justice for all. Through their expressions, I realized that, although com-

mitted to the continual struggle, many had been worn and demoralized by the conflict and confusion generated by the current administration. Good news—relief can be a short ten weeks from us!



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Of all the indicators of success in the coming election, I'm most inspired by the active engagement of Black women. Projections of overwhelming participation and support of the Biden-Harris team confirm the dedication of the most reliable block of voters in the Democratic arsenal. The significance of Kamala Harris as the Vice-Presidential candidate of the party is, undoubtedly, of great historic significance, but she's just the first cog in the wheel of parity in diversity that our times now require and that people are rightly demanding from our party.

Although inspirational, I

hold no naïve ideas about the perfection from the candidates for whom we vote. We should, however, be realistic in predicting the consequences of a continuing future with the current administration.

Most of us are thoroughly disgusted with the profane, racist, ignorant, uncaring words and behavior of those currently charged with leading our nation. They've demoralized our people and caused the loss of so many of our friends around the world. We have a leader who can rightly be blamed for most of what ails us now. Compliance with his policies by his puppets have allowed over 170,000 deaths of Americans from COVID-19. His response, "It is what it is!" 30 million Americans are unemployed and the man in the White House only "speaks" support of a continuing lifeline to our citizens. That same man has crippled the post office we need to maximize voting opportunities. His deliberate efforts to suppress the vote acknowledge his understanding the policies of his party are mainly objectionable to so many Americans. Again, he's hedging his bet with Russian

interference in our election.

The theme advanced from the Democratic convention was the fact that, despite the negatives of #45, the election is not a gimme. If Democrats want it, more than Black people will have to work for it every day from now to November 3rd late into the night and maybe a few days later until all the votes are counted.

We mustn't forget the inspirational words of these great speakers—especially the powerful women of whom I am so proud. How can any woman not be proud? We must use each word of promise as inspiration to do all we can to make November 3rd a glorious day for the American people that says, "Democrats have just shown us what America should look like in order to perfect our union." Joe Biden is an old friend, and he has been through the years. We know Joe, but more important, Joe knows us, and he has for a very long time.

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.)

### TO BE EQUAL

## Kamala Harris selection represents unprecedented moment of racial reckoning

(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 Minyon Moore

The selection of Senator Kamala Harris to be the Democratic Vice Presidential nominee represents many "firsts." The first Black woman to be nominated on a major party ticket. The first person of South Asian 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.



Marc Morial

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 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.

## VOICE YOUR OPINION!

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR TODAY

# The truth sometimes is black and white

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Before I belong to a race, party, or gender, I belong to God. I believe that we're all made in the image of God. As a follower of Jesus, I'm committed to the greatest of his commandments: to love the Lord my God with all thy heart soul and mind, and to love my neighbor.

America has long suffered from the sin of racism. Race is a social construct that was designed to create powerlessness, division, and fear amongst those who had been enslaved and deemed soulless. Today, as the election approaches, we stand at what I hope will be a key turning point in history. In the midst of the terrible division, sickness, fear, and grief we have experienced in recent months, we have a real chance to unite all America's people in the causes of civility, healing, hope, and justice. To do this, we must remove Trump from office.

On Wednesday, August 19, Kamala Harris, an American-born, Jamaican-Indian United States Senator, became the first woman of color to be the vice-presidential nominee to a major US political party. As we celebrate this important moment, let us also rejoice in the myriad things that make us all so different and yet all so alike, all so unique, and yet all God's children.

Although 60.3 percent of

Americans are white, and 52.9 percent of them are women, no white woman has ever been President. However, it is now crucial that white women are galvanized to vote overwhelmingly for a male Democrat to take that office and perhaps pass the mantle on to a Black woman (in what would be another historic first). I believe that, as running mates, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris embody the unity and solidarity we all long for. Women understand perhaps more than anyone our country's need for togetherness right now. But we have to ensure that all women feel part of our movement, and that must include white women.



Keith Magee

I am a Black man for whom many pivotal moments in life have come through white women believing in me. Marie Bennett hired me, in spite of my dyslexia, to work on a project of federal significance. Caroline Cracraft, whom I adore as my British Mum, is the reason why I have a life in the United Kingdom. It was a 'Karen' who gave me courage to soar beyond where I was eight years ago and to flourish, fulfilling what I thought at the time were unrealistic expectations.

My first "granddaughter", Eleanor Irene, was born on 07/07/2020. She happens to be white. She's the daughter of my Jordan, who came to work for me as an intern in 2009. Jordan had lost both of her parents and was navigating her life as a beautiful soul without them. Ever since, I have loved her, and her growing family, as my own, because that is what they are.

I want our Democratic party to reflect all their hopes, needs, and aspirations, just as it must those of their Black sisters and friends.

I am so grateful to the white women who did and do understand the call of justice and equality within their hearts and souls. Many have stood beside us in the fight for equal rights, including Juliette Morgan and NAACP founders Mary White Ovington and Florence Kelly. Countless white women played an active role in recent anti-racism demonstrations, not just in the US, but all over the world. They give me hope.

But I am also afraid. We are at a daunting place. Our opponents may outnumber us in some of the states we need to carry, and they may well not play fair. I am worried for the America that our ancestors died to build, where our parents endured so much for us to have fairer opportunities and where is so much still to overcome. I am worried that as we rejoice in

Biden's choice of a Black woman as his running mate, we may forget to open our arms to the white women whose support we so badly need. We must do everything in our power to maximize the impact of the Biden-Harris symbol of unity and hope. We must ensure that white women of every age and socio-economic group also see themselves reflected in our messaging, our campaigning, and in those whom we ask to endorse us.

So here is my prayer, my Lord: Let this be a moment to heal the soul of America with love, compassion, equality and dignity. Let us be careful not to create another divide, but instead build a bridge to our collective humanity. Let us not make this a polarizing moment, but let us be all-inclusive and united. Let us inspire every single voter to join us, whatever their gender, and whatever the color of their skin happens to be. Let us beat Trump together.

Rev. Professor Keith Magee is a public intellectual with a focus on social justice and public theology. He is Visiting Professor of Social Justice at Newcastle University, Senior Fellow in Culture and Justice at the University College London and Lead Pastor at The Living Room at The Berachah Church. For more information visit [www.4justicesake.org](http://www.4justicesake.org) or follow him on social media @keithmagee.

# CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES The week before us

Last week, the country was fed spoonsful of hope through the words of various speakers, including Vice President Joe Biden, now formally the Democratic candidate for president of the United States, Sen. Kamala Harris, the Vice-Presidential candidate, and ordinary citizens who we never hear from, like 13-year-old Brayden Harrington, who, like the Vice President, struggles with stuttering.

The entire four days for me felt like a process of being hydrated. The past three and a half years under this administration have been devastating for my soul. The lack of leadership, even as the administration has systematically dismantled the government as we know it, has been exhausting and alarming to watch. The movement toward authoritarianism, again, has followed a script that failed democracies in history have followed.

It feels like this country is in deep trouble, and even if Mr. Biden manages to win the presidency, the damage that this president and his administration has done will take decades to repair.

What is before us, the Republican National Convention, will probably suck all of the hydration my soul received last week out of my spirit. We will hear lies, we will hear brutal attacks on the persons of both Vice President Biden and Sen. Harris, we will hear lies about how effective this administration has been in fighting the coronavirus, and we will hear how well this president has handled the economy - in spite of millions being out of work due to the virus while the very wealthy continue to reap the benefits of this public health disaster.

We will also see ads designed to feed the fear of white people - especially senior citizens - who are inclined to believe that black people are, simply, bad people. We will see attack ads featuring the scared faces of elderly white people who are cringing because they think someone is breaking into their homes, and we will see the lie presented that Biden and Harris want to get rid of all police. We will see pictures of protests where there has been violence - completely ignoring the fact that much of the violence was caused and continues to be caused by white provocateurs, who have historically made their way into protests staged by black people peacefully fighting for their rights as American citizens.

We will hear this president promise to send federal troops into cities where there has been street violence, posing as the "strongman" who will be, in fact, the "law and order president," even as all of his closest political allies have either been arrested and charged with felonies or already convicted of the same and are serving or are about to serve, prison time.

It will be a brutal week. This president will say - as he is already saying - that if Mr. Biden wins the election wins the election, nobody will be safe. He will say that American freedoms will be taken away - even as he voices support for the Second Amendment and promises to punish those who exercise their First Amendment rights. Just this week, the legislature in Tennessee passed a law that will make it a felony for people to protest, and the president is asking the Supreme Court to ban people from Twitter who criticize him. ([https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/tennessee-adopts-new-law-that-could-strip-some-protesters-of-voting-rights/2020/08/22/293d7d28-e4aa-11ea-8dd2-d07812bf00f7\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/tennessee-adopts-new-law-that-could-strip-some-protesters-of-voting-rights/2020/08/22/293d7d28-e4aa-11ea-8dd2-d07812bf00f7_story.html)) (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/supreme-court-trump-asks-block-twitter-critics/>)

There will be little mention of the hundreds of thousands of people who have died from COVID-19. There will likewise be little mention of the millions who are unemployed who have yet to receive monetary help, and there certainly will be little mention of the very wealthy whose wealth has increased during this horrific time. There will be rants about how mail-in voting is a problem, leading to a rigged election, with few news people willing to say that it is the president who is rigging the election already by spreading this false narrative.

We need to brace ourselves - but we also need to hold onto our faith and our hope. In spite of voter suppression, we need to continue to plan our vote; those voting absentee need to apply for their ballots now. Everyone needs to visit any number of sites where you can check your registration or register if you have not already. Everyone who is registered needs to check their registration regularly to make sure that it remains valid; voter purging is going on and is rampant.

If ever there was a time to stand on one's faith and work it, it is now. Prayerfully, more of us will step into the work of faith and step away from the frustration of brutal, damaging political rhetoric.

Our very lives depend on it. 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](mailto:cassady2euca@icloud.com).

## RAINBOW COALITION

# Democrats must ace the agenda test

In last week's Democratic National Convention, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris passed the character test.

Now as Trump rolls out his virtual convention, they must ace the agenda test. They need to argue the case for the bold agenda that this country desperately needs, and challenge Trump for his policy failures.

The Democratic National Convention focused on the character test. Speaker after speaker contrasted the decency of Joe Biden against what Trump's own sister called the "phoniness" of Donald Trump, a man she said of "no principles, none."

The convention introduced Kamala Harris to the country, highlighting her remarkable journey from the child of immigrants, the student at Howard University, California attorney general and senator to the presidential ticket. Jill Biden demonstrated her commitment to family and to teaching.

The convention displayed the character of the party — its diversity, its inclusiveness, its concern for justice. In powerful presentations, Michelle and Barack Obama made the case about why Trump is just not up to the job of president, particularly in a time of crisis. "It is what it is," as Michelle concluded.

That left little time to address the agenda. It's not that it does not exist. The Democratic platform — largely a product of the task forces put together by Biden and Bernie Sanders — details a broad, progressive agenda for change. Biden's own web page and speeches over the course of the nominating process have presented elements of

his program. But no one but political junkies read party platforms, and few probe candidate websites. It is now up to Biden and Harris to lay out their case — and contrast it with Trump's failed administration.

The priorities are clear. In the immediate short-term, Trump's catastrophic mismanagement of the pandemic must be replaced by a comprehensive national strategy to get the pandemic under control so lives are saved and the economy can start up again.

The 30 million people who have been forced onto unemployment — disproportionately lower wage workers, disproportionately Black and Hispanic — need immediate assistance. Trump and the Republican Senate stood in the way of the needed rescue package, objecting to continuing the \$600 a week enhancement to unemployment insurance, aid to the U.S. Postal Service to manage the expected surge in voting by mail, aid to cities and states facing massive layoffs of police, teachers, transit workers and more after their budgets were buster by the economic collapse and the costs of dealing with the pandemic.

Already another round of layoffs is expected, and 20 to 30 million families are threatened with eviction or foreclosure in a pandemic. Schools are struggling with reopening without the resources needed to pay for the protec-

tions health officials say are necessary. Yet Trump and McConnell refused even to meet Democratic House leaders halfway to get a bill done.

In the longer run, major changes are needed to make this economy work for working people.

We need a bold initiative to rebuild America's infrastructure and make it sustainable, a transition to renewable energy to fend off already expensive climate change and create millions of good jobs.

We need major investment in science and technology so America can regain its lead in innovation and job growth. We need a new trade strategy and industrial policy that rebuilds good jobs at home, ensures we make essential products here in the U.S., and demands a balanced playing field from China and other countries that trample trading rules.

At the same time, we need to ensure that workers gain a fair share of the profits and productivity that they help generate. Biden has promised to lift the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. We need to empower workers to organize and crack down on labor rights abuses by corporate managers. The economic bill of rights for essential workers should be detailed and readied for passage. Paid family leave and sick leave is vital. Affordable, high-quality child care essential for working parents and their children.

The health care gap must be closed, with affordable health care for all guaranteed. The education gap must be closed, with resources for public schools from pre-K through college. Biden has promised tuition-free educa-

tion for all students whose families earn less than \$125,000 a year in contrast to Trump's lack of concern for the burden mounting student debt. The wealth gap must be addressed, with progressive taxes helping to reverse the extreme inequality that now threatens our democracy.

We must address the constitutional right to vote. The right to vote should be protected, with restoration of the Voting Rights Act, automatic voter registration, expanded vote by mail and early voting, an end to partisan gerrymandering, and limits on big money in politics. Biden should support the constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to vote in America.

The systemic racism built into our criminal justice system must be redressed. Equal pay for women should no longer be an issue.

The priorities are many. Biden and Harris must be aggressive in putting forth their agenda, explaining its import and defending its elements. Trump has already made it clear that his campaign will be based on lies and libels about the Democratic agenda. He has already called Biden the "puppet of the radical left," who wants to "defund the police" and "abolish the suburbs." He'll burlesque the Democratic agenda across the country. It is vital that Biden and Harris argue their case. If they do, there is no question that they will ace the agenda test that Trump has already failed. They have little more than two months to get that done.

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



**"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."**

**--AN AFRICAN PROVERB**

**Juanita Burst**

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Juanita Monique Horton Burst was born October 1, 1985 in Virginia Beach, Virginia to her loving parents, Cleophus M. Horton and Renee Whitfield Horton (deceased). Nita, as she was affectionately called by her family, gently went to her Savior Jesus Christ in Paradise on August 5, 2020. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 14, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home.

After the passing of Nita's mother when she was an infant, she and her big brother Eric were reared by her paternal grandparents, James (deceased) and Ella Mae C. Horton of Wilmington, NC while her father served in the US Navy. Nita matriculated through the public schools of New Hanover County, NC graduating from EA Laney High School in 2003. She furthered her education at Miller-Motte College which facilitated her career in cosmetology where she was able to realize her cosmetology passion by becoming a cosmetology instructor at Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, NC. She briefly owned the Lavender Studio Salon in Wilmington, NC, and before her passing, she enjoyed being a stylist with the Carmen Hair Solon an affiliate of the Belk Department Store. Nita married her sweetheart, Cameron Burst in 2011 to which God blessed this union with two beautiful children, Cameron Deon and Violet Renee. After accepting the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior, Nita and her family joined St. Luke AME Zion Church of Wilmington, NC.

Nita was so adored by her entire extended family which reached from North Carolina to Indiana. She was respected and loved by her many friends, colleagues and students. While Nita deeply loved and was so dutiful to her family and friends, she also loved The Color Purple, old school R&B Music, the Golden Girls TV show, her church, and her God.

Survived to cherish Nita's memory are: her husband, Cameron Burst; her children, Cameron Deon and Violet Burst; her father, Cleophus M. Horton (Karen Trotter, special friend); brother, Eric Horton, grandmother, Ella Mae C. Horton and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-*

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**Linda Quince**

Linda Ann Quince, age 66, of Leland, passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020. A memorial service celebrating Linda's life was held on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her daughter, Karon S. Quince of the home; sisters, Louise Q. Harrison (Robert) and Bertha M. Quince both of Leland; sister-in-law, Linda McKoy Quince; special niece, Veronica Middleton (F. Deleon) of Leland, 3 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-*

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**David S. Bell**

David S. Bell, age 48, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 14, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

On August 6, 2020, David Shaune Bell, loving known as "Bootie" heard the voices of the Angels and received his wings. Shaune was born April 16, 1972 to the late Carolyn Bell and Franklin Carlos.

As a child Shaune attended Faith Temple Church of God and Christ. On August 7, 2016, he joined International Embassy of Holiness Inc. where he grew under Dr. Patricia Melvin.

Shaune graduated from New Hanover High School, Wilmington, NC. He later worked for the City of Wilmington for over 15 years. He studied to become a paralegal at Miller-Motte Technical College. He obtained his CDL License from Cape Fear Community College in 2012 and later went to work for S&W concrete.

Shaune was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was a big kid at heart and a gentle giant. He loved his family and spending time with his grandkids. Shaune was a hard worker and very outgoing. He always was willing to lend a helping hand to anyone that needed it. He enjoyed going to church and he loved the Lord. He made the best "hoot-nanny" (pancakes) and was becoming a great baker. Shaune always put his family first and was the best son-in-law. Shaune

was a jack of all trades and he would tear something up just to put it back together. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-*

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**Tammy M. Adams**

Tammy M. Adams, age 52, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at Moores Creek Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her sisters, Ethel Simpson and Bernice Jacobs both of Castle Hayne and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-*

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**Dondre O. Shaw**

Dondre O. Shaw, age 26, of Leland, passed away Friday, August 14, 2020.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 PM on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his mother, Sherlyn Shaw of the home; father, Andre Robinson of Atkinson; siblings, Sha'Derica Knox of Leland, Daquarus Shaw of Leland, Mercedes Washington of Wilmington and Andre Robinson, Jr. of Atkinson; grandparents, Shirley Waddell of Leland, Sherman Waddell of Navassa, Linda Robinson of Atkinson and Grady Robinson of Atkinson and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-*

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**Richard L. Mosley, Jr.**

Richard L. Mosley, Jr., age 77, of Leland, passed away Saturday, August 15, 2020. Graveside services were held on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at the Robinson Family Cemetery in Leland.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his children, Lisa D. Waddell of Riegelwood, Edward T. Mosley (Teresa) of

Southport and Kevin L. Mosley (Dorothy) of Wilmington; siblings, Sylvia Cobbs, Thereasa Griffin (Eugene) and Russell R. Robbins all of Wilmington, Valeria D. Parham, Gloria F. Robbins, Jenniffer Robbins and Sherry Robbins all of Leland, 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-*

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**Rayshawn O. Williams**

Rayshawn Omar Williams, age 21, of Bolivia, passed away Monday, August 17, 2020.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 1705 Southport Supply Rd. SE, Bolivia, NC 28422. A public walk-through viewing will be held from 12:00 PM - 2:00 p.m. (NO GATHERING)

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his mother, Lucinda R. Williams of Charlotte; brothers, D'Vandre Williams and Emmanuel Williams both of Charlotte; grandmother, Donna Williams of Bolivia; grandfather, Gerald Davis of Lake Charles, LA and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-*

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**Alena A. McHale**

Alena Ann McHale, age 55, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her sisters, Jeannie Grigsby of Moore, NC and Cora Grigsby of Willis, TX; brothers, Jessie Leatherwood of McAllen, TX and Larry McHale of Houston, TX and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-*

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**Yolanda L. Hudson**

Yolanda L. Hudson, age 50, of Edisto Island, SC (formerly of Wilmington) passed away on Friday, August 21, 2020.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her husband, Steven Hudson of the home; sons, Kyle D. Hudson and Joseph G. Hudson of the home; father, Joseph Baggett, Sr. of Wilmington; siblings, Joseph A. Baggett, Jr. (Lori) of Norfolk, VA and Latonya Baggett of Wilmington and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted*

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

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**William L. Streets**

William L. Streets, age 83, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, August 17, 2020.

Public viewing will be held from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Graveside services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-*

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## TELL SOMEBODY

## “Your labor is not in vain”

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” I Corinthians 15:58

Labor - Work for wages  
Stedfast - Unchanging, loyal, constant  
Unmoveable - Incapable of being moved  
Abounding - To be plentiful in amount  
Vain - To no avail

As the Labor Day holiday is approaching, the celebration of the value and dignity of work should never end. To many Americans young and old, Labor Day signals the official end of summer vacations, and the beginning of a new school year. Many families have gathered for the last picnic of the summer or the season's final trip to the beach.

Realizing that our national unemployment rate is still

high, it is easy to appreciate the blessing, and the dignity of having a job and going to work!

In God's economy, there is no unemployment crises. The harvest is truly plentiful, but the labourers are few. Willing workers are needed in this holy way! There is available work for the skilled and the unskilled; for the licensed and the unlicensed;

for the novice and for the seasoned veteran. Every Believer has a job to do, and a God to glorify. There is enough work

to do for all of us, whether you are a preacher in the pulpit, an evangelist in the field, or a person passing out tracts. We must remember, that our labor is not in vain!

Jesus said in John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: for the night cometh, when no man can work."

There is a promised reward for those who labor in His vineyard. His reward for the soul winner is mentioned in Daniel 12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

His reward for being a faithful servant is promised in Matthew 10:42,

"And whosoever shall give

to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." His reward for those who do good is promised in Ephesians 6:8. "Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free." Your labor is not in vain!

In Acts 20:24, we see Apostle Paul, who refused to be intimidated by the sufferings and threats of personal harm to himself. He refused to give up, to quit, or to turn around. His heart was fixed and his mind was made up. He was fully persuaded that God was going to bless him for his obedience to his call to

minister. He said, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." He was steadfast, he was unmoveable, and he continued to abound in the work of the Lord, because he knew this one thing...."His labor was not in vain! Be encouraged likewise. Tell Somebody!!!

Prayer: Help me to be about my Father's business, and recommit to work while it is day, knowing that my labor is not in vain in the Lord.

In Jesus's Name. Amen  
Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, mar-

ried 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!



Sylvia Hooper

## The story of the Christian Church- Part 1

BY JESSE L. HURLBUT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Protestants were executed in England under heresy laws during the reigns of Henry VIII (1509-1547) and Mary I (1553-1558). Radical Christians also were executed, though in much smaller numbers, during the reigns of Edward VI (1547-1553), Elizabeth I, and James I (1603-1625). The excesses of this period were recorded in Foxe's Book of Martyrs.

Protestants in England and Wales were executed under legislation that punished anyone judged guilty of heresy against Catholicism. Although the standard penalty for those convicted of treason in England at the time was execution by being hanged, drawn and quartered, this legislation adopted the punishment of burning the condemned. At least 300 people were recognized as burned over the five

years of Mary I's reign by contemporary sources.

Back in the fourteenth century, John Wycliffe was the first to make (or at least oversee) an English translation of the Bible, but that was before the invention of the printing press and all copies had to be handwritten. Besides, the church had banned the unauthorized translation of the Bible into English in 1408.

In the spring of 1428 a group of churchmen dug up the bones of Wycliffe and burned them. This grisly enterprise was carried out at the instruction of Pope Martin V. Thirteen years earlier in 1415 Wycliffe had been condemned as a heretic at an ecclesiastical council called the Council of Constance.

William Tyndale was burned alive in a small town in Belgium in 1536. His crime was to have translated the Bible into English. He was effectively martyred after fighting against cruel and

eventually overwhelming forces, which tried for more than a dozen years to prevent him from putting the Word of God into his native language. Jun 6, 2013

Martin Luther believed that the path to salvation comes solely through the Grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, rather than by specific actions...

How many Bibles do you have in your house? For most of us, Bibles are easily accessible, and many of us have several. That we have the Bible in English owes much to William Tyndale, sometimes called the Father of the English Bible. 90% of the King James Version of the Bible and 75% of the Revised Standard Version are from the translation of the Bible into English made by William Tyndale, yet Tyndale himself was burned at the stake for his work on this day, October 6, 1536.

Over one hundred years later, however, William

Tyndale had a burning desire to make the Bible available to even the common people in England. After studying at Oxford and Cambridge, he joined the household of Sir John Walsh at little Sudbury Manor as tutor to the Walsh children. Walsh was a generous lord of the manor and often entertained the local clergy at his table. Tyndale often added spice to the table conversation as he was confronted with the Biblical ignorance of the priests. At one point Tyndale told a priest, "If God spares my life, ere many years pass, I will cause a boy that driveth the plow shall know more of the Scriptures than thou dost."

In 1524 Tyndale sailed for Germany. In Hamburg, he worked on the New Testament, and in Cologne, he found a printer who would print the work. However, news of Tyndale's activity came to an opponent of the Reformation who had the press raided.

Tyndale himself managed to escape with the pages already printed and made his way to the German city Worms where the New Testament was soon published. Six thousand copies were printed and smuggled into England. The bishops did everything they could to eradicate the Bibles - Bishop Tunstall had copies ceremoniously burned at St. Paul's; the archbishop of Canterbury bought up copies to destroy them. Tyndale used the money to print improved editions!

Tyndale was finally found by an Englishman who pretended to be his friend but then turned him over to the authorities. After a year and a half in prison, he was brought to trial for heresy - for believing, among other things, in the forgiveness of sins and that the mercy offered in the gospel was enough for salvation. In August 1536, he was condemned; on this day October 6, 1536, he was strangled and

his body burned at the stake. His last prayer was "Lord, open the King of England's eyes." The prayer was answered in part when three years later, in 1539, Henry VIII required every parish church in England to make a copy of the English Bible available to its parishioners.

95 Theses Martin Luther nailed on the church door at Wittenburg. Listen to the Ninety Five Theses

OCTOBER 31, 1517

Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following propositions will be discussed at Wittenberg, under the presidency of the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology, and Lecturer in Ordinary on the same at that place. Wherefore he requests that those who are unable to be present and debate orally with us, may do so by letter.

In the Name our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## COMMENTARY:

## Black male sexism confronting Sen. Kamala Harris' vice presidency

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Sexism is raising its ugly head again and this time it is not just white men who trashed Hillary Clinton in 2016. This time the rumblings are coming from some black men. And their target is U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, the first Afro/Asian woman nominee as vice president on a U.S. major political party ticket. Hopefully, the black male inquisitionists and Sen. Harris will sit down together and work this out.

Right out the box, the mentally challenged Trump, who championed the lie that Barack Obama was unfit to be president because he wasn't USA born did the same thing to Harris. The Senator was born in Oakland to a mother from India and a father from Jamaica, but Trump began spreading the message that her heritage disqualified her as a vice president designee.

These antics are expected from a White Supremacist president who thinks people of color aren't fit for much of anything, but a nascent anti-Kamala narrative from black male corridors is troubling. The GOP is bringing out its heaviest artillery to suppress the black vote and a black male problem could be detrimental to the life and death cause of getting rid of Trump.

Remember polls show that black women voted an over-

whelmingly 96 percent for Hillary Clinton in 2016, but black men voted up to 13 percent to Trump—the man who called football players kneeling in protest of police brutality SOB's and black homelands “..itholes.” Perhaps if Trump would just throw a few business crumbs their way it didn't matter how he was crushing voting rights and killing social programs while fattening the coffers of his billionaire cronies.

Now I hear rumbling that the black male vote could go as high as 15 percent for Trump—a sure sign of self-emasculation—because some feel they are being taken for granted by the Democrats and Harris as VP might even make it worse.

How could they throw gasoline on the GOP fire that is already burning down the house of Black America? I raised this question in complete anguish.

What happens when some black men don't have a house,” Professor Keith Magee, a London-based social justice scholar responded. “Most of the political rhetoric isn't about black men who are at the bottom. The Talented Tenth are seated at the table and are not includ-

ing Booker T. Washington's Negroes. These poor and marginalized black men are not included in these high and lofty conversations. Whites, no matter how poor they are, have the privilege of their white skin. No matter who's elected they wake up white, knowing that they will never be treated as badly as black men. You don't see white cops kneeling them to death.”

At the center of the harsh feelings some black men have about Harris started in her pre-Senate era. She was California's attorney general, as well as district attorney of San Francisco. In those positions she reportedly came down like a hammer on black men, often unfairly prosecuting them too heavy-handed on non-violent offenses, especially marijuana.

If her record is not perfect, I'd like to know which politicians in the last 200 years did dot every i and cross every t. Compared to Trump/Pence who were too disrespectful of blacks to even send a representative to the funeral of our hero Rep. John Lewis or take the police to task for the murder of George Floyd, Biden and Harris still smell like roses in a crowd of skunks.

Some of this disdain toward Sen. Harris simply black male sexism, which is as deep-seated in black culture as white male supremacy is in white circles. In 1760 former slave Richard Allen and his group bolted from St

George's church in Philadelphia because of segregated worship services and launched the first African Methodist Episcopal church. Although the struggle was about racism, the preaching pioneers refused to ordain black women. To this day, several black denominations—as well as white ones—still refuse to ordain women as pastors or preachers, preferring to retain this sexist rigidity by not even allowing women to preach from their pulpits.

In the civil rights movement, many recall the famous lines of SNCC head Stokely Carmichael that the only place for women in the movement was “prone.” In the August 28 March on Washington there were two lines of civil rights leaders marching on separate streets; one for male civil rights leaders and one for their female counterparts. According to USA TODAY, civil rights leaders like Rosa Parks and Dorothy Height walked down Independence Avenue, while the men proceeded down Pennsylvania with the press.

In 1972, I was in the room with unbossed, unbought New York representative Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman to win a seat in congress when she was uppy enough to vie for president as a Democrat. I was there when segregationist-minded black male politicians confronted her and worked against her, of course to no

avail.

Lately, we have seen the rise of black women politically 122 Black or multi-racial Black women who filed to run for congressional seats in this year's election; this figure has increased steadily since 2012, when it was 48, according to the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP). Good news but black women are still underrepresented. They are nearly 8% of the U.S. population, but 4.3% of Congress and Sen. Harris is the only black woman in the Senate, according to a report here by the Center of Women and Politics. If Democrat Joe Biden becomes president, he has promised a black woman will finally have a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court

Yet, while some black male egos seem bruised as they see black women rise, they should remember that most black women as author Alice Walker proclaimed are not feminists, like most of the white female activists who war against men. Black female leaders emphasize lifting the entire family as they climb, especially wanting the black males at their side. Also, black women have a history of working tirelessly in the background to help men get elected to political office, before they enter in.

Moreover, Black women are statistically at or near the bottom of the battle in wages—in medium income,

fair wages, and access to health care. The latest statistics show black men earn 75 percent of what white men earn doing the same work and black women earn 64 percent—meaning both groups suffer from economic racism.

Stephanie Myers, co-founder of Black Women for Biden says, “It would be great for Senator Kamala Harris to hold forums with Black Men for Biden and other Black men, to hear about the issues and concerns of Black men.” She also points out that there are several black male led groups working for Biden-Harris within her organization.

Now is not the time for an argument to drag on about which gender is going to reign if Biden wins. If Trump continues his dictatorial reign, thousands more will die because of his incompetence and malfeasance of COVID 19, our children are being forced back into unsafe schools; the Postal Service has been sabotaged to stop mail-in ballots from arriving on time for the Nov. 3 election.

As Dr. King once warned “we either learn to live together as brothers and sisters or die together as fools.”

Dr. Barbara Reynolds is an ordained minister, scholar, veteran journalist, columnist, and co-author of posthumous memoir of her friend, Coretta Scott King: My Life, My Love, My Legacy.

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This 6th day of August, 2020.

Carrie Marinda Marinaccio  
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
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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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Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
Telephone (910) 256-3364

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

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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 13th day of August, 2020

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

August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

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**In Re Dissolution of  
Wilmington Pharmaceuticals, LLC**  
**Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 57D-6-10 et. seq.**

Having submitted Articles of Dissolution to the North Carolina Secretary of State for filing, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against Wilmington Pharmaceuticals, LLC to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before January 6, 2021, stating the name of the claimant, address of claimant, phone number of claimant, amount of claim sought, any account/reference number and the legal basis for the claim - or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Company please make immediate payment.

On this day, September 3, 2020.

Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr.,  
Attorney for Wilmington  
Pharmaceuticals, LLC  
The Rodgers Law Firm, PLLC  
1213 Culbreth Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 27, 2020

### LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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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.  
303 Coral Drive  
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &  
GIBSON, PLLC  
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101  
Wilmington, NC 28403

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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Carolina Legal Counsel  
P.O. Box 12028  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
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August 13, 20, 27, and September 3, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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**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  
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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 13th day of August, 2020

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

August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2020

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**NOTICE  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **William Kinzy Hobbs, Jr.**, 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 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 27th day of August, 2020.

Kinzy Hobbs Tippett, Executrix  
of the Estate of William Kinzy Hobbs,  
Jr. 1332 Castle Hayne Rd  
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1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101  
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August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Lisa Anne Wolak (20-E-540)**, 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 27, 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.

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This 12th day of August, 2020.

Jennifer G. Cooke  
Attorney - New Hanover Co.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Frankie J. Morgan, Sr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th 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 27th day of August, 2020

Angela A. Morgan, Administratrix  
2307 MBA Ct.  
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August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2020

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Magalene Roberts**, 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 **27th 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 27th day of August, 2020

Veronica Roberts, Executor  
1410 S. 7th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Dorothy Louise Lewis**, 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 **27th 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.

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Beth Lewis Passwaters, Executor  
9210 Slice Court  
Wilmington, NC 28412

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Bertha Ramsey Martin**, 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 **27th 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 27th day of August, 2020

Troy T. Martin, Jr., Executor  
1310 Smith Bay Circle East  
Wilmington, NC 28405

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Marnell J. Gavins**, 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 **27th 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 27th day of August, 2020

Ronald Lindell Parker, Executor  
1064 Mill Creek Loop  
Leland, NC 28451

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Vivian Anders(20-E-0957)**, 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 27, 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 27th day of August, 2020.

Ricarlos Boykins  
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC  
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