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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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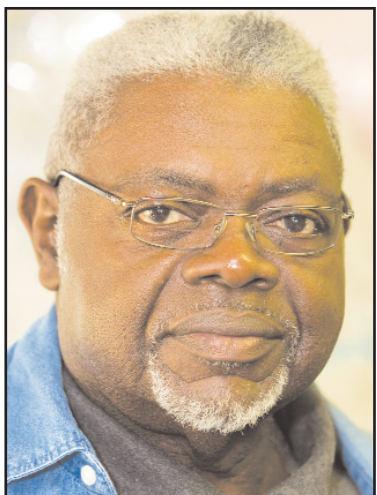
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

FREEDOM

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A hand shake is not freedom. A smile is not always love. A promise can be broken. A dinner is not friendship. A gift doesn't mean equality.

Now, since we know these things, why do we vote and tell our people it's in our hearts? God will give us freedom, and, if we vote for godly people, their minds will dwell on those things that will set us free!

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



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Judicial battle looms with Ginsburg passing, Black leaders fear loss of civil rights gains

BY BARRINGTON M. SALMON AND HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Civil rights leaders are alternating between sadness over the death of Associate Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and deep concern about what her death could mean to the composition of the US Supreme Court - and ultimately what it could mean for freedom, justice and equality for Blacks, women and other historically oppressed people.

Ginsburg reportedly told her granddaughter on her deathbed, Sept. 18, that "My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed." But shortly after news of Ginsburg's death, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced his intention to try to confirm Ginsburg's replacement before the presidential election in 44 days. And Within minutes of learning of the open

seat Arizona Sen. Martha McSally jumped out as the first senator to declare that she will vote for whoever McConnell and Trump instruct her to as soon as possible.

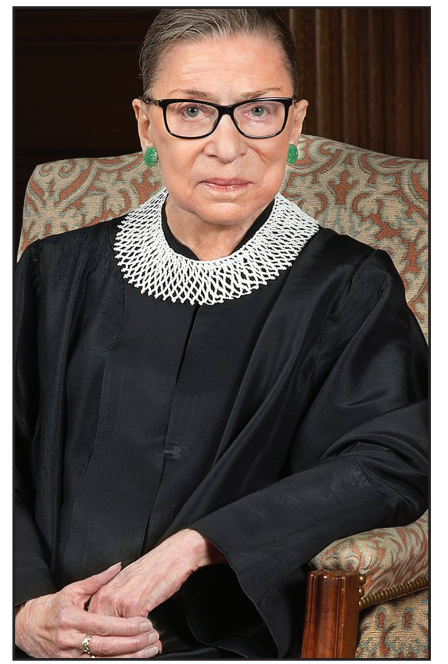
"Justice Ginsburg performed a great sacrifice by not allowing herself to rest and selflessly stay and fighting to the very end," said Dr. Avis Jones-DeWeever, a political commentator, public speaker and author. "Her dying wish was for her seat to not be filled. It was on her mind. What this means largely is that we're up the creek without a paddle. We know this because Trump is unscrupulous, has no principle, no integrity."

She added, "We're in perfect storm. We have the most unscrupulous president that we've known in recent history. The very same things can be said about McConnell who is even more dangerous. These two individuals are in power and have the power to shape the court. I would expect them to go

ahead and try to put another Republican on the court."

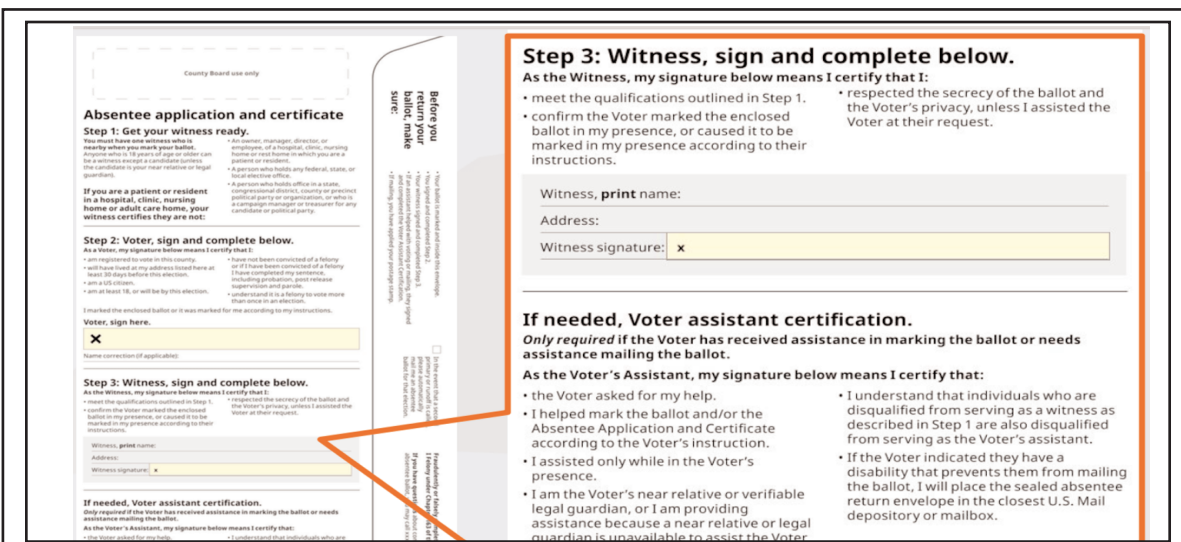
As legal minds expressed some of their worst fears, national civil rights representatives recalled the contributions of Ginsburg and what might now be lost.

"Justice Ginsburg's 27-year tenure on the Supreme Court was marked by a passion for justice and the rule of the law," said Derrick Johnson, president/CEO of the NAACP in a statement. "Her long, remarkable record includes her legendary opinions involving disability rights in Olmstead v. LC, and gender equality in the military, the United States v. Virginia. She was also known for her powerful dissents, many of which she delivered from the bench. These include dissents in the voting rights decision of Shelby



SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

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VOTER SIGN

Black voters and mail-in ballots

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As of today, Sept. 24, 2020, there are 40 days before the crucial November 3 general election.

To all voters in North Carolina, that means you have 15 days left before the regular registration deadline, October; twenty-one days before the "One Stop Early Voting" period. This will be October 15 - October 31. There are 33 days left to request your mail-in absentee ballot. The last day for this is Oct. 27.

However, if you do plan to vote by mail, you are urged not to wait, but to do so immediately, given that it is fully expected that there will be mail delays, and your mail-in ballots may not arrive by Election Day in time to count.

Thus far, out of 7,144,785 registered voters in North Carolina, as of Sept. 20, 930,047 mail-in absentee ballots had been requested.

All registered North Carolina voters may request a mail-in absentee ballot for the November 3, 2020 election, but, in order for them to count, they must be properly filled out, signed and witnessed.

According to the NCSBE.gov website, "After you request a ballot, please allow a week to 10 days for it to get to you. If you do not receive your ballot within that time, contact your county Board of Elections. When your ballot is accepted by your county Board of Elections, that information will be posted in your voter record.

You may request a mail-in ballot, but decide not to use it, and go vote in person instead. You may not do both, as you can only vote once.

Voter photo identification is not required for the Nov. 3 election.

Back to mail-in voting. There has been "a slew" of

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BIDEN AND HARRIS

Voters concerned Biden campaign is not doing enough to win North Carolina

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

This week it was reported that a "Women for Trump" tour through North Carolina was kicking off, and Trump himself is visiting Charlotte today - his fifth NC trip in a month - and that was after the Republican president made a fly-in campaign stop at Fayetteville Airport last Saturday.

Meanwhile, Joe Biden made his first in-person foray into North Carolina with a visit to Charlotte yesterday, having limited the campaign to two virtual events last week.

The Joe Biden - Kamala Harris presidential campaign has made it clear that the COVID-19 pandemic has severely limited his ability to freely campaign in key battleground states like North Carolina, and yet, in a Sept. 18th non-scientific survey of voters on social media, the general feeling is in order to win North Carolina six weeks from now, and with the race in North Carolina between Biden and Trump a virtual dead heat, 47-47, the Democrat has to do more.

The question isn't whether Joe Biden will get the lion share of the Black vote cast, but rather will it be enough to help him win North Carolina outright?

The question posed on Facebook was, "With less than 50 days to go to the election, what is the Joe Biden/Kamala Harris team doing wrong?"

The answers from both Black and white posters were striking.

Tom E. rhetorically asked of Harris, "Where has she been?", suggesting Sen. Harris

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County v. Holder, the gender equity case of Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire Company Co., and the affirmative action case of Ricci v. Stefano... Our nation has lost its north star for justice tonight. As we move forward in the weeks and months ahead, we must honor Justice Ginsburg's memory and extraordinary contributions and remember that the Supreme Court is the ultimate guardian of all of our civil rights and liberties."

Melanie Campbell, president/CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and convener of the Black Women's Roundtable, pointed out how Ginsburg's arguments will remain alive and provide groundwork for future civil rights battles.

"Justice Ginsburg's powerful and foretelling dissent in *Shelby County v. Holder* laid bare the majority's flaws in the decision that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act was no longer needed as a deterrent to voter suppression," Campbell wrote in a statement. "In her dissent, Justice Ginsburg warned that 'Race-based voting discrimination still exists' and cautioned that gutting the Act's protections against voting discrimination was like 'throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet.'"

Campbell concludes, "As a result of the Court's decision, voter suppression tactics have escalated in states across the country. The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation will honor the legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg by continuing the fight for civil rights, social justice and equity for all."

The National Bar Association (NBA), with its

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national articles in the past week noting that, with North Carolina being the first in the nation to institute mail-in absentee voting as of Sept. 17, mail-in ballots from African-American voters are being rejected by the SBOE at least four times as much as those from White North Carolina voters.

The majority of those rejected ballots are because either of a mistake or the failure to have someone fill out the witness information.

The reason for this has nothing to do with color; for many young voters make the same mistake, experts note.

Mail-in voting is new for those groups voting absentee for the first time, and, thus, mistakes are made during the process.

"We're seeing already a lack of familiarity with the process, whether it's signing the ballot or having the witness information completed," political scientist, Professor Michael Bitzer, of Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., told the website FiveThirtyEight, "There tends to be a greater number from voters who were previously in-person voters. If you look at the numbers [from Sept. 14], the ballots denied due to incomplete witness information, 55 percent of those voters had voted in person in 2016."

Right now, the number of Black rejected ballots is less than a thousand, but that number can grow rapidly if voters are not made aware and the ballots corrected.

Luckily, North Carolina is one of a handful of states that does allow rejected mail-in voters to correct their mistakes once the ballot envelopes are returned.

Two of the most common mistakes are the failure to sign mail-in ballots where indicated and failure to have one witness sign where indicated.

The best advice is, once you have received your mail-in ballot, plan to have your witness ready before you fill it out.

You can either mail back your ballot by Oct. 27 or drop it off at your county Board of Elections before Nov. 3.

All ballots will be tracked. You can look up your ballot status (received, accepted or rejected) at www.youcanvote.org/lookup. For ballots to be accepted, they must arrive by 5 p. m. on Nov. 3, Election Day, or be postmarked by Nov. 3 and arrive by Nov. 6.

membership of thousands of Black lawyers, called Ginsburg "A truly great American" and "one of the most outstanding, compassionate crusaders for justice to ever sit on the Supreme Court of The United States."

NBA President C.K. Hoffer said, "She was a champion for justice for all people, unwavering in her quest to ensure the rights and dignity of all Americans... Justice Ginsburg was my shero. She committed her entire life to social justice and continued the fight until she passed."

Florida-based Attorney Kelly Charles-Collins fears that a far-right court which would boast a 6-3 majority is going to tear down established law in the form of *Brown v Board* and the Voting Rights Act. Civil Rights and LGBTQ issues are not their favorites either, she said; also expressing concern for abortion rights.

"There's a balancing, a cost-benefit analysis," Charles-

Collins said. "It's power versus their word. Do you think McConnell cares? They play chess all day long every day. We have to respect them for that."

The Rev. Graylan Hagler said he thinks it's not a certainty that McConnell will have the room to execute his plan to get another Republican on the high court. But if McConnell is successful, Hagler theorizes, it will also be "bad news" for immigration and labor unions, which will suffer as will American workers who the Supreme Court already votes against routinely.

Critics say a 6-3 conservative court would further eviscerate voting rights by turning its back on extreme partisan gerrymandering, erasing corporate and environmental regulations and further bolstering the rape of the economy and American lives by plutocrats who are benefiting by the removal of limits to the role of dark money and the avalanche of cash that has overwhelmed

campaigns and American politics.

McConnell has earned Democrats' ire because of the stunt he pulled in March 2016 when he blocked Judge Merrick Garland, President Barack Obama's nominee to succeed Justice Antonin Scalia who had died one month earlier. McConnell's argument then was that he would not allow any of consideration of Obama's pick because Americans should be allowed to vote and the president choose. So he placed a blockade around the vote but now he's rushing to push the vote through, a move them some view as the ultimate hypocrisy.

Attorney Elva Mason of Charlottesville said she's been in a funk since hearing the sad news and called Ginsburg a stellar lawyer and judge who blazed the judicial trail for women. She said the nation will now realize the depth of Ginsburg's loss.

"We have lost a warrior and I don't think a lot of people realize it," she said. "She had a very shy demeanor but was tough as nails."

Mason reflected on an what she views as an important scenario outlined by political analyst and pollster Dr. Larry Sabato of UVA. He said if Republicans push this, the best scenario for those who oppose the move is a Biden win. And then Democrats could expand the court by two to offset the far-right members of the Court.

"There are just all kind of ideas. Minds are already running at 100 miles an hour," Mason said. "The thing that always bothers me is Republicans have always been motivated in terms of elections and who's on the Supreme Court. It's always second for Democrats. Now we see consequences. These nine people can make decisions to affect our children and children's children."

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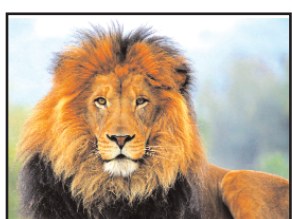
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WHITE HOUSE SENDING RAPID RESULTS COVID-19 TESTS TO HBCUs

[GREENSBORO] Reportedly in a effort to control the further outbreak of the coronavirus in the Black community, the White House is send-

ing hundreds of thousands of COVID-19 test to HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities) across the nation, starting with 41 public universities. According to published reports, 250,000 tests have already been sent, an next week, an estimated 300,000 more are scheduled to be shipped to 65 more. Several North Carolina schools, including Winston-Salem State University and

N.C. A&T University are on the list to receive.

LATER DEADLINE FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS BEING CONSIDERED

[RALEIGH] Thanks to a recent lawsuit settlement that at press time Tuesday still has to be approved by a judge, the State Board of Elections is reportedly considering extending the deadline that absentee mail-in ballots are required to

be returned for the upcoming Nov. 3rd general election. The new cutoff date would be Nov. 12th if a judge approves, because of expected postal delays. Republican legislative leaders have blasted the legal settlement.

HBCU CHANCELLORS OPPOSE UNC SYSTEM PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE

[CHAPEL HILL] The UNC

System Board of Governors is scheduled today to vote on a policy change that would allow the system president further influence how UNC chancellors are chosen by adding two candidates to the selection process. Those candidates would automatically move forward in the selection process. Currently, after a search, the trustee boards at individual UNC schools forward two candidates to

the system president, who then selects the finalist. Trustees at HBCUs say they can't trust "white conservative men" to choose chancellors for their Black schools because they don't know the culture nor the history.

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is not as visible on the camping trial as she should be.

Al L. Posited, "Need to go to Pennsylvania, Carolina and Florida, and not [just to the big cities, they need to hit the suburbs and outlying areas. Can't let [Trump] out campaign them."

Al later added, "Gotta do more and can't stop."

S. Annamarie warned, "Allowing the "socialism" message from the trump campaign to steal the Latino vote."

Vince B. Didn't mince words.

"In my opinion, they are running one of the worst campaigns I have witnessed. Milk toast, softball play defense marketing strategies that, quite frankly, makes the entire Democratic Party look weak. So many issues to attack 45 [on], and I have yet to see one of any substance or one that makes me feel a certain way."

Diann F. Said, "They need to go to the swing states and talk to the people. Don't let 45 steal Latino votes with lies. Fight. We know there's a pan-

dem, but be safe and get out there and act like they want the job. Assume nothing."

Q. Monique E. Said she didn't think Biden an Harris were "screwing up...", but "they are not delivering the message that solves the problems. All the advertising is about vision. You can't give a hungry person a picture of food. They must actually be given food."

She continued, "It feels like the Democrats aren't able to fight the Republicans because when they look across the table at them, they share more in common...than they actually share with their Democratic voters...."

Corona CK. Wrote, "Rural area's outreach needs to improve. I view the Trump outreach in my area from car and boat parades. Voter registration campaign outreach from the Republicans. National Democratic Party needs to spend more in the South."

Other commenters suggested that the Biden-Harris campaign needs to "get out more;" find a way to appeal to the "uneducated" Trump voter; do joint campaign rally with Gov. Cooper and other state Democrats; and

talk more about saving Medicare and Social Security.

The Biden campaign vows

that the candidates will be more visible across the state

in the coming weeks.

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Our endorsements 2020 PART 1

Every two years (general election and midterms), The Wilmington Journal has proudly shared with you, our readers and community, our opinions of, and endorsements for, some of those who wish to serve us in public office. This crucial election year is no different, except that we're doing it a little earlier this year because voting for the Nov. 3 general election has actually started now, thanks to mail-in absentee ballots.

It is because of the COVID-19 pandemic that mail-in ballots are so prevalent now, and, at last check, over 930,000 have been sent out statewide and have already begun coming back in.

Remember, if you want a mail-in absentee ballot by which to vote, you must be a registered N. C. voter and must go online to <https://voteyourmail.ncsbe.gov/app/home> to request a ballot be sent to you. When you receive it, make your candidate choices, sign it, and have a witness to your signature sign it too.

Then either send it back or drop it off at your New Hanover County Board of Elections office (230 Government Center Drive, Suite 38, Wilmington - 910-798-7300) by 5 p. m. on Nov. 3, Election Day. By mail, it must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and arrive by Nov. 4 before 5 p. m..

For those who don't vote by mail-in vote, you may choose "One Stop Early Voting," which is available Oct. 15 through Oct. 31.

Remember, whether you choose to vote by mail, by early vote, or in person on Election Day, you may vote only ONCE! Go to <https://northcarolina.ballottrax.net/voter/> to track your ballot once you send it back. It is against the law to vote twice in the same election in North Carolina.

These are our endorsements for President, Congress, governor, lieutenant. governor and the N. C. Council of State.

By law, North Carolinians have to vote for each candidate choice individually on the ballot. The names and offices listed here are exactly as printed on your ballot. When you vote, mark BOTH sides of your ballot. All are Democrats.

Indeed, we're not always happy with the Democratic Party and the way it sometimes treats the African-American community.

However, compared to the Republican Party, both here in North Carolina and in Washington, D. C., which was, at best, racist, scheming, and deceitful BEFORE Donald Trump was dubiously elected, we cannot, in good conscience, recommend ANY Republican we know of today to serve in public office.

The GOP (Grand Old Party) has, quite simply, allowed itself to be co-opted by one of the most racist, criminal and incompetent leaders of the 20th Century serving as President of the United States we've ever seen.

It is because of Donald Trump that over 200,000 Americans, a third of them Black and brown, are dead because of the coronavirus. It is because of him that racist police officers now feel free to kill any person of color they want, and it is because of Trump that this nation is more divided and more hateful, than it's ever been in its history.

No Republican who supports Donald Trump can escape those realities. In fact, they all share the blame that is royally his.

So no, we're not totally pleased with the Democratic Party on a number of issues, but Lord knows, at least it's a slate of candidates who possess a minimum degree of decency and competency.

The highest priority of this election is to remove Donald Trump as President and return the United States Congress to the Democrats.

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VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

Ironic contradiction

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Albert Einstein is attributed with saying, "It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity." I am uncertain as to what circumstances led him to this conclusion, but I am certain that as humanity progresses, we humans often "become too big for our britches."

History provides a litany of advancements that offer functional results yet fall short of their intended purpose. Take the example of the Guillotine, named after French physician, Joseph-Ignace Guillotin. For years, European executions were tortuous affairs. Realizing that executions were not designed as torture, but to end life, French thinkers set about to design a humane device of execution. Thus, in 1789, came the Guillotine, an instrument that rendered an instant, "humane" death to its victim. Because it ended life painlessly and instead of reducing death, its use was extended to less serious, petty crimes.

Distressed by US Civil War casualties, Dr. Richard J. Gatling created the Gatling Gun, one of the first rapid, sustained fire weapons. Dr.

Gatling envisioned his weapon as reducing the size of armies and the number of deaths by combat and disease.

It was to demonstrate the futility of war. Despite his intent, Gatling's gun added lethal efficiency to the battlefield without demonstrating the desired futility of war.

Alfred Bernard Nobel, a native Swede, was a noted inventor. He is famous for his invention of dynamite and other explosives. Nobel's invention was instrumental in facilitating construction and destroying obstacles or existing structures. He amassed an extreme fortune with his dynamite and the other 355 patents in electrochemistry, optics, biology, and physiology. Nobel directed that upon his death, 94% of his wealth should fund an endowment to honor achievements in the areas of physical science, chemistry, medical science, physiology, literary work, and service toward peace.

It appears, of the three

examples of questionable technology, that of Alfred Nobel is the most noble. Yes, because of the creation of destructive power, we honor and finance, with The Nobel prizes, efforts to promote and enhance the quality of life for humanity.

For the casual observer of the Nobel awards, probably the most notable is the Nobel Peace Prize. Among US luminaries receiving this award are Jane Addams, Ralph Bunch, Gen George C. Marshall, Dr. Martin Luther King, and President Barack Obama.

The political revelations of the past week's anti-trump book releases and tapes have overshadowed the Nobel Awards process. As you read this, how many of you can claim awareness of the nomination of donald j. trump for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. Don't feel bad. The news almost slipped past me too!

Considering this news, one wonders who would nominate trump? Rest assured it was no one from the U.S. The culprit is a far-right Norwegian lawmaker, Christian Tybring-Gjedde. Those who know Tybring-Gjedde are not really surprised. He is a staunch anti-immigration proponent who has, incidentally, to utter

disparaging remarks about immigrants and people of color. He feels that trump deserves the Peace Prize for his contributions to Israel-Arab Emirates Agreement.

Despite his so-called efforts for peace, there is a simple ironic contradiction fundamental to his character. Motivated by jealousy to receive the same honor as his predecessor, he promotes peace abroad while fomenting hostility, violence, and cultural division among citizens of the U.S. The thousands of children can describe the psychological violence of being separated from their parents. Fear has been engendered in communities by racially inspired violence from law enforcement personnel AND vigilantes.

Trump has shown that a single act of purpose does not define character. His lies and true disregard for others disqualifies him from the office he holds, and receipt of an award well-defined by the character of its previous recipients.

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TO BE EQUAL

National Black Voter Day is National Urban League's answer to voter suppression, misinformation, and division

"Too many people struggled, suffered and died to make it possible for every American to exercise their right to vote. And we have come too far together to ever turn back. So we must not be silent. We must stand up, speak up and speak out. We must march to the polls like never before. We must come together and exercise our sacred right." - Congressman John Lewis

In April of 2019, the Associated Press released an analysis of census data and exit polling that reached a remarkable conclusion: the Black voter turnout rate in the 2012 presidential election exceeded the white rate for the first time in history. A census report in May confirmed the AP's findings.

Some researchers disputed the findings, contending that the milestone actually had occurred in 2008.

The Supreme Court's 2013 decision in Shelby v Holder slammed the brakes on nearly five decades of progress on narrowing the gap between white and Black voter participation rates. By eliminating a requirement that the federal government approve election law changes in jurisdictions with a history of racial discrimination, Shelby unleashed a deluge of restricting voting laws throughout the United States.

National Black Voter Day is our answer to voter sup-

pression. It's our answer to misinformation campaigns. It's our answer to efforts to stoke racial division and diminish the voices of Black and brown Americans.

The National Urban League, in partnership with BET and other advocacy groups, designated September 18 National Black Voter day as part of our voter engagement and education campaign, #ReclaimYourVote.

We chose September 18 was because it is the first day for early in-person voting in the country. Although "Election Day" is more than six weeks away, voting has already begun. Thousands of North Carolinians have already returned their absentee ballots.

We're asking Black Americans to make a plan. Will you vote in person, or by mail? If your state allows early in-person voting, what day will you vote? Where is your polling place? If you plan to vote by mail, what are the rules in your state? Do you need a witness when you sign your ballot, like the voters in North Carolina, opportunity to get voters registered, demystify the voting process, provide guidance on voting rights

restoration for eligible voters, and help voters create their voting plan to plot a clear path to the ballot box. We've broken the process down into five steps:

- Step 1: Register to Vote
By federal law, no state can set its voter registration deadline any earlier than 30 days before Election Day. That means the earliest deadlines this year are October 5 - which is right around the corner.
- Step 2: Check Your Voting Options
From in-person early voting to no-excuse voting by mail, voters in most states have more options in 2020 than in years past.
- Step 3: Find Your Polling Location
The coronavirus pandemic has led many jurisdictions to consolidate polling locations. Voters shouldn't assume they'll be able to vote where they've voted in the past.
- Step 4: Know The Candidates and Issues
Our vote is a powerful tool for effecting change, but only if we use it in an informed way.
- Step 5: VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!

Between the time of the Shelby v. Holder decision and the 2016 presidential election, 9 out of the 15 jurisdictions previously covered by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act had new restrictions in place. Texas announced within 24 hours

of the decision that it would implement a strict photo ID law, and Mississippi and Alabama, began to enforce photo ID laws that had previously been barred because of federal preclearance.

Black voter turnout fell from more than 67% in 2012 - more than 5 points above the white rate - to just over 51% in 2016 - almost 4 points below the white rate.

We will not be defeated. The National Urban League continues to advocate for the restoration of the Voting Rights Act, and is committed to safeguarding the right of every American to fully participate in our democracy and civic processes.

Commenting on efforts to suppress the Black vote, the late Congressman John Lewis said, "I've seen this before. I've lived this before." Prior to the Voting Rights Act, he said, "People stood in unmovable lines. They had to pass a so-called literacy test, pay a poll tax. On one occasion, a man was asked to count the number of bubbles in a bar of soap. On another occasion, one was asked to count the jelly beans in a jar—all to keep them from casting their ballots."

"Brothers and sisters, do you want to go back? Or do you want to keep America moving forward?"

Marc Morial is president/CEO of the National Urban League.



Marc Morial

REALITY CHECK

Bob Woodward, President Trump, the Press and COVID-19

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

According to Bob Woodward in his recently published book, "Rage," President Donald J. Trump made it very clear on tape that he was well aware of the seriousness of coronavirus as early as February 2020.



A. Peter Bailey

In a February 7th taped interview Woodward wrote that Trump described the virus as deadly, especially since it can be transmitted through the air. Then in May 2020 Woodward wrote that he found out that in January 2020 Trump had been given detailed information about the extreme danger posed by the virus by several health-care professionals. Despite having this critical information, Trump has loudly and consistently downplayed and dismissed the virus's threat. That is not surprising considering the president's notorious history when it involves being truthful.

What is surprising, at least to some people, is Woodward not providing this critical information to the public. After all, this is not about some political or economic policy program; it was information that has negatively affected people's health and lives. What is also not surprising, at least to some of us, is the reaction of prominent members of the American press to Woodward's decision to sit on the information. During the week before his book was available to the public and the week afterwards, I watched Woodward being interviewed by Anderson Cooper on CNN, Stephen Colbert on CBS, Andrew Cuomo on CNN, Lawrence O'Donnell on MSNBC, Gayle King, Anthony Mason and Tony DoKoupil on CBS. None of them asked Woodward why he sat on that important information. Neither did the *New York Times* columnists

Michelle Goldberg, Nicholas Kristof and Maureen Dowd, whose columns I read in the Sunday September 13, 2020 issue of the paper.

O'Donnell, on the Tuesday before his Wednesday interview with Woodward did ask one of his guests, Eugene Robinson of the Washington Post, about his reaction to Woodward's decision to sit on the information. Robinson's basic response was "Let Woodward be Woodward," whatever that means.

One columnist who did respond was Kathleen Parker in the *Washington Post*. In a column, titled "What Woodward Owed the Public," she noted "...Thanks to taped recordings of interviews Woodward conducted with the president in preparation for his latest book 'Rage,' the world has learned that President Trump was well aware of the virus's lethality and its method of transmission as early as February. It is also clear that the legendary reporter sat on that story until the week before his book was published."

Another time I saw the issue raised was in a September 13 review of "Rage" by Georgetown University law professor Rosa Brooks. She wrote "...Trump, we learned, told Woodward that the coronavirus was far 'more deadly' than 'even your strenuous flus' as early as February 7, 2020, even as he acknowledged his intent to minimize the threat to the American public. And Woodward, on his part, decided to keep this disturbing news for himself; saving it for the book apparently took priority over letting the public know that their president was actively misleading them about a virus that has now killed nearly 200 thousand Americans."

I now know what Eugene Robinson meant when he said "Let Woodward be Woodward."

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
Hitler never died

As we all listen to the racist rants of the president, and to the applause afforded him by those who believe in and agree with all he says, it becomes fairly obvious that Hitler never died.

Whatever it is about being white that has caused that group of people so much angst, insecurity, anger, and hatred is something Hitler knew about and agreed with. The Germans studied American race law - and found much of what America did as regarded its disdain for black people and others who were deemed to be "less than" the Aryan concept of worthiness appealing. They borrowed from this country to set up their own system of the genocide of Jews and others who they felt were unworthy of freedom or of being alive.

Nobody wants to say his name - Hitler's - but the archbishop of racial hatred hovers over this country and resides in the cracks of our government. At the attack in Charlottesville, the white protesters chanted, "You will not replace us!" and it was enough to cause one to shudder. Not only is it chilling that that kind of language is still being used, but more than that, those who are using the language seem to be hell-bent on stoking and increasing racial enmity.(the chant later morphed into "Jews will not replace us." (<https://www.spl-center.org/hatewatch/2017/10/10/when-white-nationalists-chant-their-weird-slogans-what-do-they-mean>)

Rev. Susan K. Smith



They and the president seem to be cut from the same cloth. In Charlottesville, in addition to the phrase referred to above, they also chanted, "Russia is our friend!" They, like the president, admire Russia and its leader, Vladimir Putin. This love for the leader of a country which has not garnered that kind of respect in the past is puzzling. I thought Russia was despised because it was a communist nation, and I thought Conservatives (and Liberals as well) hated communists.

But it seems that Russia and communism are on the table for white supremacists.

It crossed my mind, in reading and listening to all that is going on, that Hitler remains as beloved an ancestor and hero to white supremacists as is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to black people. The tyrant of Germany, who, if the truth be told, did nothing but destroy nations and people, is still alive. The Americans created race laws, some of which even the Germans thought were too harsh, but the Americans fed the societal cancer called white supremacy, and even though Hitler killed himself as it became apparent to him that he was losing the war he so wanted to win, his spirit hovers over white supremacists not only in this country, but all over the world.

Putin is in our election cycle, as he was in 2016, but so is Hitler. White supremacist supporters of Trump are deeply passionate about his leadership and his ideas. They stand ready to violently attack anyone they believe is offensive to their leader and his cause. While so many talk about America's "democracy," it is a fact that many on the Right do not respect the concept of the attempted practice of democracy - and it is also a fact that according to the definition of what a democracy should be, this country has never really practiced it.

Instead, America has kept as furtively as it could the cold, hard fact of the existence of the belief in white supremacy and white privilege. From the moment the words "All men are created equal" were written, white politicians, lawmakers, preachers, teachers, and the general populace pushed back. They decried that all men had not been created equal, and their offense at anyone saying, or at black people making strides in this country as though they were in fact "equal" to whites caused them to erupt in violent, deadly attacks on black people. This country, because of racial conflict, has always been a step away from another Civil War. (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/09/11/election-our-past-that-blares-warning-2020/>).

The decimation of black, brown, poor, elderly and ill people because of COVID-19 is not bothering the president or his minions. They are actually pushing for the country to practice "herd immunity," something that in order to be effective would result in an estimated 197 million deaths of Americans. (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/health/coronavirus-herd-immunity-simulation-vaccine/>) That feels like genocide, and it is a genocide that perhaps more people than we want to admit are interested in and in favor of.

Hitler would approve. White supremacists believe that the white race is being threatened by the presence of too many people of color. They're worried now, yes, but they've been worried before, a fact which helped inspire and support the eugenics movement. What the scientists wanted was a "perfect" race, something Hitler wanted as well; to be a "perfect" white, Hitler believed white people needed have to have Nordic features. Not even all white people were created equal.

The spirit of Hitler hovers over this country. Just as slavery never died, but instead "evolved," according to Equal Justice Initiative founder and executive director Bryan Stevenson, neither has rabid white supremacy. It is with us. We hear it and feel it when we see pictures of rallies where people are offering the same salute given to the German tyrant, and when they walk through American streets, chanting phrases and words which would have been familiar to Hitler and his followers (<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/04/adam-serwer-madison-grant-white-nationalism/583258/>).

As this election approaches, and the anger and hatred of white supremacists is encouraged in its work of violence and destruction, it is hard to imagine what this country will look like leading up to the election and following.

But it seems fairly obvious that the spirit of Adolph Hitler is with us, and will be for some time.

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.

Tell Republicans: Stop Trump from trashing our post office

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The post office is one of the most respected institutions in America, a lifeline for millions of Americans, and a source of good jobs for thousands of Black people—and the Trump administration is trying to destroy it. Senate Republicans have a choice to make right now: are they going to side with the Trump administration's political corruption, or with Americans who rely on the post office?



Ben Jealous

The corruption is so shameless that it's almost hard to believe. Here's how it works.

Louis DeJoy, a super-wealthy Trump donor with massive investments in competitors to the U.S. Postal Service, was put in charge of the agency in June, in spite of obvious conflicts of interest.

Almost immediately, Trump's new Postmaster General forced postal workers to adopt operational changes that make it impossible for them to do their jobs well, causing serious delays in mail delivery.

Trump then used those delays to attack the post office as a "joke" and to claim that the post office can't handle more people voting by mail

this year. Trump wants to make it harder, not easier, for people—especially Black people—to vote.

Even before DeJoy came along, 2020 was already a difficult year for the post office, which was hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout.

In the spring, the Democrat-led House passed the Heroes Act, COVID relief legislation that included billions of dollars to keep the post office running because people across the country—in red and blue states, cities and rural areas—depend on it. But Trump threatened to veto the legislation and Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell refused to even let the Senate vote on it.

And now that Trump has made the post office part of his political war on vote-by-mail, too many Republicans lack the courage to stand up to him - despite the hardship many of their constituents face in order to vote in person. That has to stop right now,

because not only is our election at risk, the attacks on postal workers' ability to deliver the mail are putting people's lives in danger.

At my organization, we've heard from veterans and cancer patients who rely on the post office for lifesaving drugs that keep their hearts pumping, their lungs working, and their diseases in check—deliveries that are now being dangerously delayed.

We've heard from people who run small businesses out of their homes and count on the mail to move checks and products—and who are losing business and money due to the new delays.

We've heard from a retiree whose insurance was cancelled because a renewal payment arrived after the deadline.

And we've heard from postal workers who see their job as a mission. They know their customers. They hate that they're being forced to let those customers down by following the Trump team's new rules.

Many postal workers are Black—about 177,000 of them in 2018, when they made up about 29 percent of the postal service workforce. Unlike some of our nation-

al problems, this one has a pretty simple solution. Postal workers want to do their jobs. They want to play their part in helping people vote safely during this pandemic. Legislation to provide the postal service with the money it needs has already been passed by the House of Representatives. But it's stuck in the Senate while Americans wait for Republican senators to do the right thing.

Let's not wait quietly. Let's make some noise. Get on the phone and make sure Mitch McConnell and other Republican senators know that they need to get out of the way and stop blocking the relief the post office needs.

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Black Lives Matter T-Shirts and masks - Who profits?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I always smile when I see Black Lives Matter T-Shirts until I saw one gracing the grubby back of a white man who had on both a BLM T-Shirt and a MAGA (Make America Great Again) hat. I started to either take a photo or start a conversation because I knew somebody would accuse me of making the combination up. Instead, I wondered where the man got the shirt/hat combo. Was he homeless and got the combo at a shelter? Was he visually impaired and didn't understand the contradiction? Without starting a conversation, I was left to my imagination. It had me thinking about the production and distribution of BLM wearables and the profit stream they may be creating.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

You can find custom-designed screened T-shirts online for as little as \$5 apiece, and anybody can make T-shirts and a profit. If Black lives, Black dollars, and Black profits matter, it makes sense to look behind the t-shirt to consider the sellers and their motives. You might be funding your oppression by purchasing the right message from the wrong seller.

I think the best place to buy BLM clothing and accessories (I've seen hats, bags, signs, and more) is from the BLM website, [ter.org. Things will cost more there than they might cost from a street vendor or another source, but the BLM site profits will fund the movement. From the BLM site, you can also sign up to get email updates. The second best source is a BLACK street vendor, who will at least be able to pocket the difference between what she purchased the shirts for and what she sold them for. Increasingly, COVID-imposed economic hardship has motivated people to take their entrepreneurial ability to the streets. The next best source might be BLM-friendly activist organizations that are selling BLM stuff. It doesn't hurt them, though, to ask where they got the shirts and where the profits go.](http://www.blacklivesmat-</p>
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The worst place to get BLM material is from a capitalist retail establishment like Walmart, which sells the shirts and (until June) All Lives Matter shirts, Irish Lives Matter shirts, and Homeless Lives Matter shirt. While taking nothing from the homeless or the Irish, in some ways, these shirts attempt to undermine and minimize the purpose and

focus of the Black Lives Matter movement. We say Black Lives Matter emphatically because our lives didn't matter when our country was founded. They didn't matter when we were lynched, and no one was ever prosecuted. Our lives have little value when we are treated inhumanely, with our little girls being dragged by their braids by rabid police officers, shot in the back, subjected to chokeholds to the point where we can't breathe, endured a knee to the neck to the point of death and more. Taking the Black Lives Matter slogan and spoofing it (Drunk Wives Matter) attempts to minimize the racism that riddles our country.

Walmart took stopped selling the All Lives Matter shirts after getting criticism from the BLM movement, but it still sells Blue Lives Matter shirts and paraphernalia. It sells shirts that say Bartender Lives Matter and Cat Lives Matter shirts as well. While no one has a trademark on the term "Lives Matter," satirizing Black Lives Matter is, at the very least, disrespectful. It is antiblack hostility.

In June, Walmart said it would spend \$100 million over five years creating a "center for racial equity." Though its CEO, Doug McMillon, explicitly said "Black Lives Matter" at a

June virtual company-wide meeting, the commitment was vague. Walmart, one of the largest employers of African Americans, put their money where their rhetoric is and pay people fairly, provide good benefits (including health care and paid sick leave), and establish a center for racial equity. With 2019 profits exceeding \$123 billion in profit, they can certainly afford to spend a fraction of one percent of those profits on racial equity.

There are online T-shirt companies that sell Black Lives Matter and Blue Lives Matter T-shirts, missing BLM's whole point. They include Wild Bobby and Old Glory Merchandise, neither of which is Black-owned. They are just capitalists hedging their bets, just like the white-owned stores that offer discriminatory service but put BLM signs in their window. Instead, why not look for a Black-owned t-shirt company. All you have to do is google "Black-owned T-shirt company," and dozens pop up.

Don't let the BLM movement be a profit center for predatory capitalists. Ask questions before you buy. Buy Black.

For more information please visit www.julianne-malveaux.com or email bookings@julianne-malveaux.com.

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This market is officially OFF the chain!

This week I want to share with you how COVID-19 has not slowed anything in the real estate market.

Fannie Mae execs have predicted that 2021 will be even more aggressive. Projected increased home sales, with even more of an inventory shortage not keeping up with demands. The homes in the \$225,000 and under price point are seeing the most frenzy. Some sellers are being hit with 10+ multiples offer within 72 hours with buyers bidding \$5-\$10,000+ over the list price and still not getting the home! This is putting the 1st-time homebuying families in a very tough spot. Most have limited savings, and most are hoping to negotiate for the

seller to pay some closing cost, but with multiple offers on the table, the negotiation power is completely stripped.

I pride myself in being able to share with the family's different strategies, programs, and loans that will keep their out of pocket to the minimum, but this market here is putting all my 29 years skills to the test. Truly right now it is not about how much you know; it's about how much are you willing to sow. Money is talking, and everything else is walking. To add flame to the fire, once you



Brenda Dixon

are blessed enough to get the winning bid, it's a fight to the finish. The lenders are backed up, so are the appraisers, and so are the Attorneys. It is a domino effect that is causing days, weeks in closing date delays. Why does this matter other than families being delayed in getting those keys? Well, it matters because with the market so hot, most sellers are accepting backup offers. All contracts have dates on them that dictate how long you have to finalize the deal. If your winning bid says you have until January 15th to do all inspections, including appraisals, then that is what you have. You would have to go renegotiate with the seller to extend your dates, but they do not have to

do it at all. This is extra pressure because not only are most buyers bidding over list price, they are offering the sellers more upfront monies, Due Diligence, and Earnest Deposit to accept their offer. From the winning bidder, most sellers are now wanting Due Diligence money more than Earnest Money. That is because due diligence money goes "hard" the moment the contract is signed by both sides. 'Goes hard' means the money is non-refundable period. If you don't get your loan, you find something doesn't like in the home inspection, if you can't close for any reason, doesn't matter, that money is gone. However, the earnest money goes hard after a certain date specified in the con-

tract, so as long as you cancel the contract for any reason or no reason by that date, you get your earnest money back. Some of these due diligence fees lately in multiple offer bidding wars are nothing light. I'm seeing \$1500+ on a regular now. In this hot seller's market, that is why sellers are saying "bump" earnest money, just give me due diligence because I know you will fight more to get this deal closed.

The good news is that if you are successful in closing, you will get credit at the table for all monies paid upfront in due diligence or earnest deposit. Let me end here by telling you that if you are pre-approved, despite all the bidding wars, low inventory, etc,

you are blessed and it's worth the fight. Don't get weary in the process, keep going, keep throwing offers, keep hope alive. Remember, when up against the competition, throw everything you got and then stretch yourself a little more if you can and like it that much and then pray it sticks. I say this with the utmost respect and love, "this market today is not for the chicken-hearted, brace up, and go get it!"

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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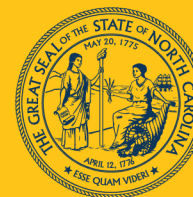
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Sixth Annual Cape Fear Region MED Week goes virtual

WILMINGTON -- The Cape Fear Region Minority Enterprise Development Week is returning for its sixth year, offering more than 20 programs over six days on various platforms.

The weeklong virtual event features a business expo and workshops, including attracting customers post-COVID-19, learning how to become an effective leader, and gaining insights on becoming a military-friendly business. There are also sessions for Latinx and women business leaders and entrepreneurs, with several programs being offered in Spanish.

Cape Fear Region MED Week illustrates the commitment of UNCW and its community partners to equal opportunity and economic inclusion by focusing on the growth and achievement of local minority- and women-owned businesses. MED Week recognizes the impact of these businesses and provides opportunities for networking, interaction with purchasing agents, as well as business development workshops.

This year, the virtual conference is being presented by

the UNCW Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in partnership with UNCW's Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and numerous community partners and sponsors.

"We wanted to bring in community partners and business owners with the expertise and to listen to the minority business owners to understand what they need," said Laura R. Brogdon-Primavera, CIE manager of programs and operations. "The planning committee worked together to build an incredible agenda of programs."

Donyell Roseboro, interim chief diversity officer at UNCW, hopes the collaboration with CIE will lead to innovative ways that eliminate poverty, "in ways that open up opportunities and expand our problem-solving capacity."

"This partnership represents the best of UNCW, the city of Wilmington, and the region - it serves as one example of our collaborative strength as we work with collective purpose," she added.

MED Week aligns with the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce's vision to "position our community for prosper-

ity by encouraging business growth," said Natalie English, president and CEO. The chamber launched its African American Business Council in 2018 and a Latin American Business Council in 2020.

"The African American Business Council had a passion for growing MED Week and led the push for the expansion," she continued. "The virtual format of most of the programming this year, due to the pandemic, may accelerate the exposure. There are so many offerings this year at so many different times, we're very optimistic that minority business owners will find content that will aid in their growth."

Organizers explored various technologies to bring business owners, experts and potential clients together, all from the safety of home, said UNCW Historically Underutilized Business Program Coordinator Kelly Baugher, who led the planning for the virtual business expo.

"COVID-19 changed how we had to think about networking and how we could give our minority business owners an opportunity to promote their services during a time when they may



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need it the most," she said. "Doing nothing simply wasn't an option."

Throughout the week, entrepreneurs will be honored during Minority Business Enterprise Spotlight presentations. This

year's recipients are Kirley's Bread and Pantries, Emerging Business; Vida Familiar, Woman-Owned Business; Hunter Family Co., Minority-Owned Business; and Trucks Chicken and Fish; Community Champion.

Registration is open and early sign-up is encouraged. Visit uncw.edu/diversity/medweek for the full program schedule and registration details. For more information, email medweek@uncw.edu.

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Latisha J. Grady

Latisha Janea Grady, age 26, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her son, James T. Golston of the home; mother, Evet Williams of Wilmington; siblings; Anesha Grady of Raleigh, Glenda Smalls of Leland, Geno Grady of Wilmington and Robert Grady of New Jersey. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Leander Cowan

Leander Cowan, age 65, of Southport, passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia. Interment followed in Northwood Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Cassandra G. Cowan of the home; son, Anthony G. Cowan of Southport; daughter, Shannon A. Cowan of Southport; siblings, Tommy Nixon (Delores) of Norfolk, VA, William L. Holmes (Eva) of Southport, Louis Simmons (Jacqueline) of Conyers, GA, Howard Cowan of Southport, Doris Williams (Paul) of Wilmington, Willie Jean Canty Simmons of Virginia Beach, VA and Maggie Johnson of Hyattsville, MD 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.com.*

James D. Frazier

James D. Frazier, age 57, of Leland, passed away Monday, September 14, 2020. Graveside services were held on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at Johnson Chapel AMEZ Church Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Velma Frazier; children, Alicia Mosley, Marjorie Helena Wilder, Kenedrah Bennett, Michael Bennett, Jontea Bennett, Jammia Frazier and Jasmine Frazier; parents; Joseph and Helen Beatty; siblings, Debra Boose, Wanda L. Willis, Patricia M. White (Gregory), Joseph Beatty, Jr. (Nakita) and Machel Beatty, 13 grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401.*

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

Pastor Clarence Shavers

Pastor Clarence E. Shavers, age 77, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, September 17, 2020. Public viewing will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Graveside services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 1311 Shipyard Blvd, Wilmington, NC 28412.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Shirley Shavers of the home; children, Wilma Y. Gilliam (Douglas) of Newark, NJ, Sjon Shavers (Gussie) of Leesburg, VA, Sjenair "Guy" Shavers of Weston, FL and Vera Shavers of Wilmington; sister, Catherine Shavers West of Wilmington, 9 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Rev. Thomas Jackson, Jr.

Rev. Thomas Jackson, Jr., age 72, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, September 17, 2020. Public viewing will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Graveside services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery, Wilmington, NC.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Bonnie K. Jackson; children, Angela Lane (Michael) of Leland, Michelle Jackson of Wilmington, Erric Jackson of Raleigh, Phaedra Jackson of Wilmington, Tracey Forney of Wilmington, Brian Bossier (Lisa) of Wilmington and Thomacenia Jackson of Wilmington; siblings, Carolyn Gregg of Wilmington, Janie Maynor of Harrells, Lillian Lewis of Wilmington, Carrie Sellers of Charleston, SC and Rosalee Bridges of Wilmington, 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Trustee Richard A. Jenkins

Trustee Richard A. Jenkins, age 81, of Leland, passed away Sunday, September 20, 2020. A celebration of Trustee Jenkins' life be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 219 Snowfield Rd. SE, Leland, NC 28451. A public viewing will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Jenkins Family Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Evelyn Jenkins of the home; children, Parthenia Greene (Curtis) of Lake Wyle, SC, Laura Allen of Connecticut, Larnice Durham (Terry) of Rick Hill, SC, Gregory Jenkins (Edith) of Navassa, Rita Massey (Alfred) of Leland and Carrie Mosley (Jerome) of Navassa; siblings, Mattie Lampkins of Leland, Samuel Jenkins of Leland and Clarice Micheal of Burlington, 30 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Carleen Fields Reaves

Carleen Fields Reaves died September 11, 2020. Graveside services were held Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the Northwest Cemetery.

Carleen was born May 14, 1951 to Nancy Ann Fields and Charles Fields, Sr. She was preceded in death by two grandsons, DaQuan Cloud and Eric Fields, Jr.; her father and three brothers, Billy Fields, Lester Fields and Rudolph Pearson. Carleen was a dedicated and hardworking young lady. She worked two jobs, one at Corbett Packing Company and the other Wertheimer Bag Factory. She received her education at Brunswick County Schools. Carleen was a dedicated mother, grandmother, daughter, aunt, cousin and friend.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Dentrall Fields Williams (James) of Wilmington, NC; three sons, Eric Fields (Carlisa) of Wilmington, NC, Winful Stallings of Black Mountain, NC and Montez Reaves (Syreeta); 16 grandchildren, Jermaine, Ramesh, Erica, Jamie, Deric, Daniel, Isaiah, Nikka, Darius, Donovan, TyQuez, Accheaus, Azariah, Erin, Monteria and Jurnee; 10 great-grandchildren; mother, Nancy Ann Fields; brothers, Charles Fields, Jr., Ernest Fields (Margaret), Charles Caldwell

(Jenny), Charles Fields, III, James Fields, Anthony Fields and Melvin Fields (Louise); sisters, Arnett Ballard (Hubert), Elsie McKoy, Barbara Robbins, Florine F. Jones (Demeeko) and Linda Fields; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Veronica Brown

Veronica Brown died September 17, 2020 in New Haven, Connecticut. Graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Bethel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Friday at Love Faithfully Ministries (171 Old Fayetteville Rd., Leland, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Danny Bullock

Danny Bullock died September 5, 2020. Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at Macedonia MB Church; 3701 Princes Place Drive. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

George Murphy

George Murphy died September 19, 2020. Graveside service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 25, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery. Visitation is on Thursday from 5:30-8 PM. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Latasha Renetta Suell

Latasha Renetta Suell was born in Wilmington, N. C. on

May 28, 1976, to Barbara Jean Suell and Willie James Commander. She left this earth for her heavenly home on September 9, 2020.

Latasha graduated from New Hanover High School. She attended Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church where she became a member under Reverend Terry L. Henry. Not only did Pastor Henry provide pastoral care to Latasha but he was also her teacher while attending New Hanover High School.

Her love of children caused her to cling to the youth of the community, looking after and taking good care of her nieces and nephews and baby-sitting whenever anyone needed her service. She was always referred to as the "community baby sitter". She had a loving way about her and was a true friend to many.

Latasha loved to cook and eat, liked to have fun and enjoyed music. She loved her brother and his kids and was a friend who had a strong sense of bonding and family. During her sickness Latasha kept a positive and encouraging spirit, always uplifting the Lord and others.

Left to cherish her memory are her mother Barbara Jean Suell of Raleigh, NC, father Willie James Commander of Wilmington, NC, brother Donquill Lamont Suell of Wilmington, NC, niece Jaquilla Shaurice Suell and nephew Quavon Tymeek Suell of Wilmington, NC, uncles Michael (Paulette) Suell of Baltimore, MD, Dennis Suell of Goldsboro, NC, John Suell and Kenneth Suell, from Wilmington, NC, special aunt Josephine E. Gottfreid and a very special family, the

Ellisons, special friends Betty Hines, Frances Anderson, Mary Munn Williams, Lakesha McFadden and a host of special cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrain-funeralservice.com.*



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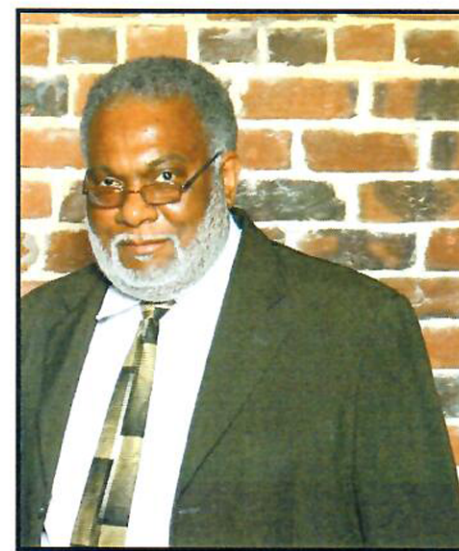
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It starts in the mind. Every thought of the imagination. Every word that is spoken. It starts in the mind! Proverbs 23:7 says, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:" We need to have the mind of Christ. We need to let (allow) the ways of Christ Jesus and the thoughts of Jesus Christ to infiltrate and dominate our minds. We need to embrace the words of Jesus Christ. We need to receive the thoughts of Jesus Christ. We need to imitate the actions and deeds of Jesus Christ. We need to think, "What would Jesus Do"? We need to ask God to give us, "The Mind of Christ." The mind of Christ was the location for his thoughts, pur-

poses and plans. He was fully focused on his mission on earth, that nothing and no one could change his mind! He never wavered from his original intent and purpose for which he was born into this world. He came to reconcile sinful man back to a holy God and to redeem fallen man from the curse of sin. Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our



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Lord." Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 5:32 says, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 19:10 says, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." John 9:4-5 says, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can

work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 10:10B says, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Hebrews 10:7 says, "Then said I, Lo, I am (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God." II Peter 1:10-11 says, Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

What has God called you to do for his glory? Have you answered the call of God on your life? Have you been faithful to fulfill the call of God on your life? Have you been obedient to go where God has sent you and to speak the words that God has given you to say when you get there? Is your heart fixed? Is your mind made up? Do you have the mind of Christ? Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:" Tell Somebody!!!! Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach

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

The Wilmington District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church celebrates Lay Sunday

BY LAVERNA HARGROVE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Sunday, September 20, 2020, the Wilmington District Lay Council virtually celebrated Lay Day by way of Zoom. Joining the celebration was more than 100 viewers. The purpose of Lay Day is to inspire by highlighting the ministries of members from the 23 churches across the district which encompasses the three counties of New Hanover, Brunswick, and Columbus. The Wilmington District Lay Council (WDLC), led by Mr. William Evans, sponsors the program annually.

Being sheltered-in-place presented some challenges to the WDLC, therefore its Annual Lay Person of the Year Celebration and the Annual District Lay Day Service were combined. The Lay Day speaker, Mr. Ricky Henderson of Blackwell Chapel AME Zion Church, Leland address to the audience was "Reaching Our

Potential". In his address he gave the key elements on just how to do that - prayer, service, witnessing, and continued study of the Word of God. He also told the audience that we will never reach our potential because the more we grow the more is required of us. Being a Christian is a continuous process. The speaker was empowering, and his delivery was dynamic. Those members who have gone to be with the Lord were memorialized in celebration of their service to the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. 22 Lay Persons of the Year, one from each church, were recognized for their ministries. The Lay Persons of the Year are Pamela Evans, St. Luke; Kenneth James, Warner Temple; Celeste Chadwick, Price Cathedral; Andrew Jordon, St. Mark; Harry Johnson, St. Andrew; Gladys Taylor, Bowen Chapel; Deborah Newkirk, Zion Chapel; Sherby Burney, Mt. Hebron; Robert Benson, Mt.



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Zion; Belinda Pickett, Evergreen; Brenda Freeman, Walters Chapel; Marjorie Hansley, Christian Chapel; Laura Waddell, Lees Chapel; Carolyn Nixon, St. Phillip; Lois Gore Thompson, Browns Chapel; Marcy C. Smith, Blackwell Chapel; Georganna Futon, St. Paul; Janje Francis, St. James, Southport; Brenda Brown, Summerville; Lenora Jordon, Moores Chapel; Jerome Bryant, St. James, Leland; and LaShonna Dyson, Johnson Chapel. LaShonna

Dyson was elected Lay Person of the Year for the Wilmington District. LaShonna and her church will receive a monetary award. Each of the Lay Persons of the Year will receive a certificate and a personalized copy of the book We're Not Just Connected... We're Kin: A Compiled History of the Churches of the Wilmington District. The WDLC also recognized four individuals whose outstanding contributions to their

respective churches and to the Wilmington District were more than exemplary. The Keepers of the Flame Award were Darryl Dyson, Johnson Chapel; Thomas Bellamy, Christian Chapel; Robert Benson, Mt. Zion; and Curlia Troy, Summerville. During the celebration, President Evans encouraged the audience to participate in the 2020 election process and to complete the 2020 Census by the September 30 deadline and to help others to do so.

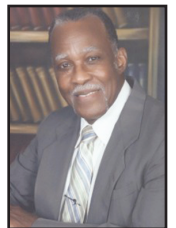
Joining the WDLC for this virtual presentation was the Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, Reverend Alexander Jones; Dr. Mary Matthews, International President of the Connectional Lay Council; Connie Bell Wright, 2nd Vice President of the Connectional Lay Council; Hank Dobson, Eastern North Carolina Regional Director; Oliver Dobson, Cape Fear Conference Lay Council President.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The promises of God's word

The promises of God word are Sure, He promises to answer our prayers. Psalms 19:7-10, The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 1 Kings 8:56, "Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant." Jeremiah 32:17, "Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:" "God's power created the universe; Nothing is too hard for

the Lord. He can do anything He chooses to do: (He is waiting for you to call, so can answer!) Jeremiah 33:2-3, "Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." God has given us this assurance that He had the power to answer our prayer: "After all, He is the Creator, the very One who formed the universe and set it in place The Creator of the universe naturally has the power to answer prayer. He has the power to meet the needs of His people, no matter how desperate or hopeless they may be." (Why don't you call Him now!) 2 Corinthians 1:20, For all the promises of God in him, are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. "All the promises of God are sure and



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true in Christ. In Christ, all the promises of God are fulfilled in his name, are "amen," so be it; yes, indeed. And when you and I agree and say amen we glorify God. Notice, in these verses God has authorizes us to pray and He obligated Himself to answer our prayer through Jesus Christ, who is the only mediator between man and God: 1"Tim. 2:5-6, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Isa. 44:6, "Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me, there is no God." Isa. 45:18, "For thus saith the lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord and there is none else." The Bible reveals the will of

God regarding healing. God need not give any special revelation of His will when He has given His revealed will in His word. A careful study of the scriptures will show that God has declared His will includes healing for all. John 14:13-14, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.14 If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it (do you know anything that anything does not includes). Jesus demonstrated throughout his ministry His will concerning healing: He healed them all! Matt. 12:23-24, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those that had the palsy; and he

healed them." Matt.8:16," When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: 12:15," But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;" 14:14," And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick," V35-36, And when the men of that place knew of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; 36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole. 15:30-31, And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the

lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel; (These verses we have unlined, reveals the will of God to heal all who call upon in faith). Rom. 10:17, Faith comes by hearing the word of God. 1John 5:14-15, 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. Hebrew 13:8 Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. Father, in the name of Jesus, I speak healing, deliverance in the lives of every person who believe and receive your word, as the final authority on the matter let there be a manifestation of your resurrected power in the circumstances of their lives. Amen Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Mircle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.

Adding Fuel to the Fire of Our Pandemics

Nero, the Roman Emperor who legendarily fiddled while Rome burned is a symbol for an irresponsible, ineffective, and callous leader who shows indifference to people in crisis. The great Rome fire took place in the first century AD. The fiddle wasn't invented until the eleventh century, so it is unlikely that the hedonistic emperor played the fiddle while his city was burning. More likely, he was engaged in some trivial or sybaritic act, regardless of the crisis. Our 45th President puts Nero to shame. Our country is burning, with COVID cases rising, racial tensions rising. The President is pouring fuel on an already-flaming fire with his callous indifference, ineffective leadership, and irresponsible proclamations. He has so

utterly failed to provide a national plan to combat corona that Republican governors have called him out. Notably, Maryland governor Larry Hogan, who chairs the National Governor's Association, excoriated Mr. Trump in a July 16 Washington Post op-ed noting that our President seemed "more concerned about boosting the stock market or his reelection plans." That's fiddling while Rome burns. Forty-five fanned the flames of fear and uncertainty about COVID-19 with false comments about the virus. First, he said it was going to go away, and



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that it was no more severe than the flu. Then he suggested a drug, hydroxychloroquine, that has proven to be ineffective. Then he "jokingly" suggested Lysol or bleach to cure the virus. He has prioritized the economy over human lives, urging governors to open their states up for commerce, even as the number of COVID cases has risen. Still, he and his Education Secretary are urging the full reopening of schools for full-time in-person instruction, even though the numbers suggest otherwise. They are saying they schools that fail to meet their demands will forfeit federal dollars—fuel to the fire. Since the economy closed in late March, there has been plenty of time to develop a coordinated response to COVID 19, develop a back-to-

school plan, and get school districts the additional resources they need to serve our nation's young people effectively. Instead, he says he is leaving it to the states, just like he left the acquisition of personal protective equipment to the states. Why doesn't he do his job instead of playing golf? Fiddling while Rome burns, the President and his daughter Ivanka, are auditioning as skills for Goya Foods. The President photographed in the Oval Office with an assortment of Goya Foods and a maniacal grin. The First daughter posted a picture of herself, holding a can of black beans. More than 135,000 people are dead, and the first family is hawking beans! The President's comments on both masks and race are incendiary. It is irresponsi-

ble to making face coverings a matter of individual choice while COVID infections are rising. Politicizing masks causes tension among citizens who share public space. In Tulsa, Rev. Robert Turner has rallied outside xxx for reparations every Wednesday for the past two years. On July 15, a rabid anti-mask white mob surrounded him, poured water on him, called him "boy," and assaulted him. Confederate flag-loving Trump has empowered these racists to behave horribly. And the President's idiocy on the Confederate flag suggests he does not know history. His refusal to utter the words "Black Lives Matter" reminds us (but we already knew) that he doesn't think Black Lives Matter. His request that NASCAR driver Bubba Wallace apologize for

reacting when he found a noose in his area was spacious. His response to a CBS interviewer who asked him about Black people's police shooting was to note that white people are shot by police, too. "More white people, by the way," the deflector-in-Chief said. Black people are 2.8 times as likely to be killed as whites, but perhaps the President does not understand the concept of disproportionality. Since the President refuses to develop a national plan to address the corona pandemic, even as the death toll increases, deaths increase, let him hawk beans. He is far more adept at that task than he is at running the country. Dr. Julianne Malveaux is a DC-based economist and author. She can be reached through dr.j@julian-nemalveaux.com.

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The undersigned qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Jimmie Lee Willis, Sr.**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them same to Beverly Marshall, Administrator, at the address set out below, on or before **December 4, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded as bar to recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either address set out below.

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Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **John T. Marinaccio (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 **December 3, 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 3rd day of September, 2020.

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

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Robert Allen Gottesman (20-E-1072)**, 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 **December 17, 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 17th day of September, 2020.

Dina M. Gottesman, Executrix
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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 the 27th day of August, 2020.

Ricarlos Boykins
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Betty G. Fields**, 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 **17th day of December, 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 17th day of September, 2020

Robert Fields, Executor
5523 Apex Hwy 55
Apt 436
Durham, NC 27713

September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE:
Ernestine R. Lewis, Deceased
In The General Court of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File No: 20 E 1098**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Ernestine Richardson Lewis**, deceased, late of Beaufort County, South Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned Administratrix at 1904 Township Circle, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 on or before the **19th day of December, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 16th day of September, 2020.

Defranca Lewis Scott
1904 Township Circle
Raleigh, NC 27609
Peter Grear
Attorney for the Estate
PO Box 2279
Wilmington, NC 28402-2279
Ph. 910-763-4671
State Bar Number: 7134

September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 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 161**

IN THE MATTER OF:
K.E.P. (DOB: 06/20/2019)

TO: RESPONDENTS: LARA PRIDGEN-FOUTZ, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO LARA PRIDGEN-FOUTZ

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following September 24, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Addison Palanza was previously appointed to represent Lara Pridgen-Fouz and he can be reached at 314 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 769-6884.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, via Webex or at 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 400, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 16th day of September, 2020.

Karen F. Richards,
Staff Attorney
New Hanover County
Department of Social
Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3526

September 24, October 1, 8, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **John P. Caporale**, deceased, of 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 **17th day of December 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 17th day of September, 2020.

Janet C. Pelosi, Executrix of the Estate of John P. Caporale
125 Aleah Court
Clayton, NC 27520
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Dorothy H. Culler**, 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 **17th day of December, 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 17th day of September, 2020

Gayle Palmer, Executor
324 Friday Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 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 219**

IN THE MATTER OF: K.A.A.
(DOB: 06 SEPTEMBER 2019)

**TO: RESPONDENT-MOTHER,
ALICE FIELDS GAYLORD
RESPONDENT-FATHER,
RODERICK ALLEN, and ANY
UNKNOWN FATHER**

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 K.A.A.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, September 17, 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.

Alice Fields Gaylord has been assigned Attorney Alexis Perkins. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 343-5400, 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 200, Wilmington, NC.

Roderick Allen has been assigned Attorney Mark Ihnat. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 769-6884, 314 Walnut Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, via Webex or at 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 400, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 11th day of September, 2020.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Senior Attorney
Department of Health and
Human Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615
(910) 798-7833 * fax

September 17, 24, October 1, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Robert R. Frenson, having qualified on the 25th day of June, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **Joan C. Frenson (2020-E-660)**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at **DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411**, on or before the **8th day of December, 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 3rd day of September 2020.
Robert R. Frenson
Executor
ESTATE OF JOAN C. FRENSON
David Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **John T. Marinaccio (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 **December 3, 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 3rd day of September, 2020.

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

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Claude Wayne Murray**, 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 **3rd day of December, 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 3rd day of August, 2020

Christopher James Murray, Executor
2107 Quiet Lane
Wilmington, NC 28409

September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Sandra Howard King**, 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 **10th day of December, 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 10th day of September, 2020

Shelly K. Blanchard, Executor
806 Rolling Hills Cove
Wilmington, NC 28403

September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Robert Earl Williams**, late of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them in care of the undersigned at 102 N. Fifth Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **December 25, 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 24th day of September, 2020.

Douglas A. Fox, Attorney
YOW, FOX & MANNEN, LLP
102 N. 5TH Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28401
Jerry A. Mannen, Jr., Administrator eTA
Of the Estate of Robert Earl Williams

September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Willie Leroy Johnson**, 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 **24th day of December, 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 24th day of September, 2020

Pearlie Simuel Johnson, Executrix
40 Livingston Pl.
Clayton, NC 27520

September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND
DEBTORS
ESTATE FILE NO. 20-E-1099**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Gertrude Jones**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned, care of their attorney, on or before **December 28, 2020** (which date is at least three (3) months from the first publication of this notice), or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This the 24th day of September, 2020.

Kathryn Jones Hamlett, Administrator of the Estate of Gertrude Jones
c/o Randall S. Hoose, Jr.
Atlantic Coast Law
314 Walnut Street, Suite 100
Wilmington, NC 28401-4160

September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION**

IN THE MATTER OF:
FILE NO. 17 JT 230

J.T. (DOB: 08/21/2014)

TO: RESPONDENTS: JESSYCA THOMPSON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO JESSYCA THOMPSON

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following September 24, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Cecilia Reyna was previously appointed to represent Jessyca Thompson and she can be reached at 319 North 4th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 763-6545.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR November 9, 2020. This hearing will be conducted remotely, by WEB-EX. Please contact your Attorney for Web-Ex instructions.

This the 10th day of September, 2020.

Karen F. Richards, Staff Attorney
New Hanover County
Department of Social
Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3526

September 24, October 1, 8, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
20-SP-69**

**FOR THE ADOPTION OF:
AMARIA TYLEE LEONARD-
WADDELL
BY: Norva Ornyx Waddell
and Janice Davis Waddell**

**TO: UNKNOWN FATHER,
Respondent**

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption was filed by Norva Ornyx Waddell and Janice Davis Waddell on the 28 of August, 2020, with the Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, Whiteville, NC, in the above-entitled special proceeding. The Petition relates to a female child conceived in Wilmington, North Carolina, around MAY 2019 and born at eight months on January 22, 2020 in New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC. The birth mother's name is Jamira Norvanna Waddell.

TAKE NOTICE that you are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for relief sought in the Petition. Any parental rights that you may have will be terminated upon the entry of the decree of adoption.

This the 4 day of September, 2020.

Santana S. Miller
Law Office of Santana S. Miller,
PLLC
Attorney for Petitioners
NC Bar #44621
101 Courthouse Square
Whiteville, NC 28472

September 10, 17, 24, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**In the District Court
Division of the General
Court of Justice**

**CHARLOTTE N. FOX,
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
ESTATE OF BERTON N.
WRIGHT, DECEASED v. RAE-
MONA FREDERICK, et. al.
TO JOAQUIN JR ZAMORA:**

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: to have and recover damages resulting from a motor vehicle accident occurring on or about April 4, 2017 at approximately 4:49 p.m. on Market Street more fully described in the Complaint.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than November 3, 2020 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 24th day of September, 2020

Thomas C. Goolsby
Goolsby Law Firm, PLLC
212 Walnut Street
Suite 100
Wilmington, NC 28401
and/or
Scott G. Sherman
Sherman Law, PC
3965-B Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28403

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY File No. 19 SP 15 New Hanover County, North Carolina

Under and by virtue of the DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR INLET WATCH YACHT CLUB, INC., recorded at Book 1296, Page 970 as amended by the following amendments recorded at Book 1479, Page 1624 (the "First Amendment"); Book 4638, Pages 917-921 (the "Second Amendment"); and Book 5485, Page 783 (the "Third Amendment") of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds (altogether the "Declaration") and the provisions of Chapter 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes and because of Respondent's failure to pay assessments duly assessed by Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc. ("Inlet Watch") as shown by the Claim of Lien for Assessments filed on 1 June 2018, under File No. 18 M 577, in the Office of the New Hanover County Clerk of Superior Court, and pursuant to an Order Allowing Foreclosure of Claim of Lien for Assessments entered by the New Hanover County Clerk of Court on July 1, 2020, the undersigned Trustee will expose for public sale at auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at 11:00 AM on the 1st day of October, 2020, at the Courthouse door, New Hanover County Judicial Building, 316 Princess St., Wilmington, NC, the following property (including any improvements thereon) located in New Hanover County NC:

Boat Slip #A-20

BEING a .1237% undivided interest in fee simple in that real property known and designated as the common areas and facilities of Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc. as shown on a plat entitled "Survey of Property and Facilities at Inlet Watch Yacht Club" recorded in Map Book 25 at Page 72 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

TOGETHER with all rights and easements appurtenant to said undivided interest as specifically enumerated in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc., issued by Byco, Inc., and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina, in Book 1296, Page 970.

TOGETHER with non-exclusive easements in common with others for ingress and egress over, across and through those two tracts of real property adjacent to the common areas of and facilities of Inlet Watch Yacht Club denominated "60 foot access easement" and "20 foot bulkhead access and easement" on the above described tract, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

SUBJECT to the terms and conditions contained in that certain Lease Agreement, dated July 19, 1985, recorded on July 23, 1985, in Book 1295, Page 1653 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina, and any amendments thereto.

SUBJECT to the said Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc., and any amendments thereto and the By-Laws annexed thereto which with all attachments thereto are incorporated herein as if set forth in their entirety

SUBJECT to a possible diminution of Grantee's .1237% undivided fee simple interest by the annexation of additional land for use as part of Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc., as is stated more specifically in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc.

SUBJECT to the rights of the public and the State of North Carolina, if any, to (1) lands lying below the high water mark; (2) lands that have been created by artificial means; or (3) riparian rights; and subject also to the rights of the federal government's control over navigable waters, and public rights of access to any navigable waters.

The record owner of the above described real property as reflected by the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds ten (10) days prior to the posting of the Notice is John W. Sweeney (married).

The above described property is being sold "AS IS WHERE IS," and is subject any and all superior mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, judgments, unpaid taxes, easements, conditions, restrictions, and other matters of record.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit with the Trustee immediately upon the conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), which is greater. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Trustee tenders a deed for the property. If for any reason the Trustee does not tender a deed for the property, the successful bidder's sole remedy shall be a return of the deposit.

To the extent the sale involves residential property with less than fifteen (15) units you are hereby notified of the following:

(a) An order of possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the county in which the property is sold; and

(b) Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on after 1 October 2017, may, after receiving the Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of the termination to the landlord to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least ten (10) days, but not more than ninety (90) days, after the sale dated contained in the Notice of Sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of termination.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. THE UNDERSIGNED IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

This the 28th day of August, 2020

Seth P. Buskirk, Trustee
NC Bar No. 36664
CLARK, NEWTON, & EVANS, P.A.
509 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone: (910) 762-8743
Facsimile: (910) 762-6206
spb@clarknewton.com

September 17, 2020 and September 24, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

Legacy Water Group, LLC is seeking qualified certified Minority Business Enterprises to participate in the construction of the Shallotte Transmission Waterline project bidding on October 15, 2020 for Brunswick County. Scopes of work that are available for subcontracting include surveying, clearing and grubbing, erosion control, NPDES monitoring, directional drills, jack and bores, asphalt paving, grassing/mulching, and supply of pipe and accessories. Bid documents are available for download upon request. Quick pay agreements may be available to assist qualified businesses. Proposals are due by the close of business on October 14, 2020. Interested subcontractors and vendors should contact Legacy Water Group at (678) 712-2132.

September 24, October 1, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 20 CVD

DENNIS R. NAGLE, Plaintiff v. PHYLLIS Y. NAGLE, Defendant TO: PHYLLIS Y. NAGLE, DEFENDANT

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 5th of November, 2020. Said date being forty(40) days from the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to this Court for the relief sought.

This the 24th day of September, 2020

JEFFREY R. BAKER
Attorney For The Plaintiff
107 Chestnut Street
Wilmington, North Carolina
28401

September 24, October 1, 8, 2020

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