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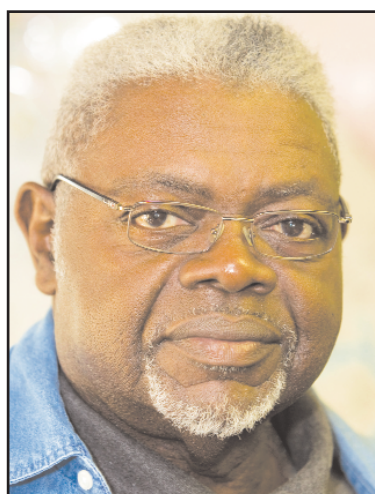
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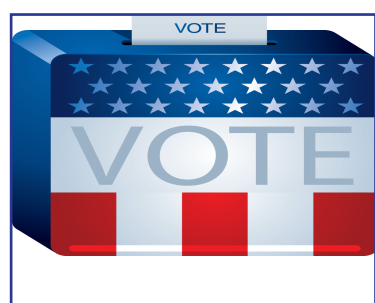
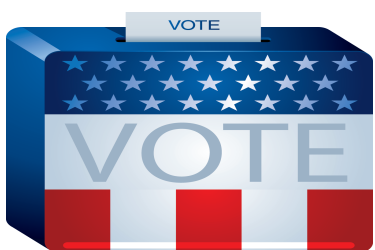


BERNEST HEWETT

VOTE

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I am out of town this week. However, I wish to urge everyone of us again to exercise our right and responsibility to vote in the upcoming election! Please! Please! Register and vote!!



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GET READY !!! EARLY VOTE OCTOBER 15

Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, tomorrow, is the last day that you may formally register to vote in North Carolina in order to be eligible to vote during the Nov. 3 general election. You may register to vote if you are a U. S. citizen, have been a resident of North Carolina for at least 25 days before the Nov. 3, 2020, general election, and will be 18 years of age by Nov. 3.

You may, if you have your driver's license through the NC Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV), submit a voter registration application online.

Just go to

<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/offices-services/online/Pages/voter-registration-application.aspx>.

The NAACP urges you to "...double check your voter registration, be sure that your voter information is accurate, and make a plan to safely cast your vote! If you've recently moved, changed your name, or turned 18, this is crucial. It takes only two minutes, and your vote can change the course of history.

But wait a minute! You're simply not able to register to vote either today or tomorrow! Yet you want to join the rest of your community in casting your all-important ballot for Nov. 3.

So what can you do?

From Oct. 15 through Oct. 31, you may do "One Stop Early Voting". Same Day Registration is scheduled at various designated locations across the county, starting at 8 a. m. and ending at 7:30 p. m. Monday through Friday, with shorter hours on Saturdays and Sundays in the interim

(check your local county early voting site schedule).

To same day register to early vote, you do need to bring a proof of residency document, such as a bill, driver's license, or government notice that has your name and address on it.

That is, ONLY if you are NOT registered to vote already.

If you are, you just walk in, identify yourself, and then vote.

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Those of you who still plan to mail in your absentee ballot have until Oct. 27 to do so.

Make sure that, before you return your mail-in ballot, you have properly signed it where required and that it is also properly signed by one witness (could be spouse or relative) with his or her address.

Several recent absentee mail-in ballots have been disqualified because of those mistakes. There are currently two legal cases surrounding issues involving spoiled mail-in ballots.

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Should Blacks be concerned about voter intimidation?

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Last week, during the fiery presidential debate between Republican President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger, former Vice President Joe Biden, Trump, when asked if he would concede if he lost the Nov. 3, election, said only if it were fair.

Then he called on his followers to go to the polls to watch to make sure that the balloting was fair.

Given that minutes earlier, Trump had also called on the violent White supremacist group, the Proud Boys to "stand back and stand by!" Many interpreted this combined message of Trump poll watchers and violent White supremacists to "stand back and stand by" to be a clear signal that intimidation is on its way to the polls in key battleground

states like North Carolina.

Early last month, during a rally in Winston-Salem, Trump called on his rabid crowd to "watch those ballots. I don't like it. You know, you have a Democrat governor. You have all these Democrats watching that stuff. I don't like it. Be poll watchers when you go there. Watch all the thieving and stealing and robbing they do because this is important. We win North Carolina! We win!"

Like other states, North Carolina legally allows poll watching and has a law that properly indicates exactly how each political party is to coordinate the practice.

Most political observers fear what Trump is calling for is vigilante poll watching by his supporters and baiting them to disrupt and intimidate at voting places, like what a group of Trump supporters did on Sept. 20 when they held a rally, waving flags and

chanting near a line of voters in Fairfax, Va.

Can that, or something like it, happen in North Carolina?

Indeed, years before Trump became President, there were stories of Republican operatives challenging Black voters standing in line to vote, forcing them to leave the line to prove to the polling chief judge that they were properly registered to vote in that district.

Such challenges usually proved to be toothless, but they did hold up long lines and intimidate other Black voters who did not want to be challenged publicly to leave the line before they cast their ballots.

And, of course, there were the infamous "Ballot Security" post cards sent to Black Democrats across the State by the N. C. Republican Party during the 1990 Senate election between Republican

Senator Jesse Helms and then Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt.

Those cards threatened Black Democratic voters that, if they voted outside their registered precincts, they could be prosecuted.

State officials have already had to deal with Trump's telling North Carolina voters at the start of mail-in voting on Sept. 4 that they should vote twice, which is illegal in the state and would not only get your votes thrown out, but put you in jail.

And, with early voting, starting next week on Oct. 15 and lasting for two weeks, officials are bracing themselves for all kinds of intimidation tactics at the polls.

Fortunately, there are nonprofit organizations prepared to legally deal with any incidents that may occur.

"At the polls, if you feel that you are being intimi-

dated, notify an election official there immediately," says the NC Board of Elections. "The chief judge at that polling place is empowered to call law enforcement to have anyone found to be intimidating voters arrested on the spot."

You may also report incidents wherein you think your voting rights have been violated to The Advancement Project, a Washington, D. C. based civil rights group of attorneys at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

You may also call The American Center for Law and Justice at 1-800-274-8683.

If you can, try to document the voting rights violation or incident of voter intimidation on your smartphone for evidence.

With all of the controversy surrounding this election, officials warn to prepare for anything.



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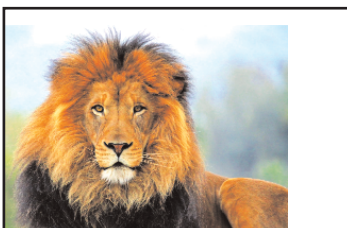
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STATE BRIEFS



PARENTS CONCERNED WITH NHCPS PLAN BE REOPENING

[WILMINGTON] Parents across the state are concerned that their local public school systems will soon be reopening their classrooms

for in-person instruction, and New Hanover County parents are no different. Protesters demonstrated at Tuesday's school board meeting as the system prepares to begin Plan B, which would allow students to attend school wearing masks and practicing social distancing on different days of the week. There would be no cap on the number of students per classroom.

All students would get online instruction on Wednesdays.

DURHAM CITY COUNCIL APPROVES REPARATIONS RESOLUTION

[DURHAM] On Monday, the Durham City council approved a "resolution calling on federal officials to increase racial equity," four programs designed, if implemented, to increase financial

equity and reduce the wealth gap. One of those programs would provide reparations "for descendants of enslaved people," a \$15 federal minimum wage, guaranteed federally funded living wage jobs, and a universal basic income. The resolution, which was sent to several of North Carolina's congressional representatives, was developed by the Durham City Council's Racial Equity Task Force.

U.S. ARMY RESERVES PROBING CAL CUNNINGHAM'S EXTRAMARITAL AFFAIR

[RALEIGH] With just over three weeks to go before the critical 2020 general election, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Cal Cunningham is in more hot water over his alleged extramarital affair with a California woman earlier this year. The U.S. Army Reserve, in which

Cunningham serves, is now investigating the situation, particularly a series of sex texts between the two that have now been published. Cunningham has apologized, asked that his family's privacy be respected, but insisted that he is not dropping out of the race to unseat Republican incumbent Sen. Thom Tillis.

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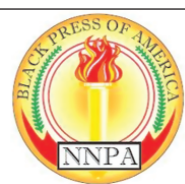
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OUR VOICE

Our endorsements 2020 PART 2

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. 3rd general election has actually already started, thanks to mail-in absentee ballots.

It is because of the COVID-19 pandemic that mail-in ballots are so prominent now, and at last check, over 1 million have been requested statewide.

Remember, if you want a mail-in absentee ballot to vote by, you must be a registered NC voter, and go online to <https://votebymail.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. 3rd, Election Day. By mail, it must be postmarked by Nov. 3rd, and arrive by Nov. 4th before 5 p.m..

After you've returned your ballot, you can track it online via Ballottrax at <https://northcarolina.ballottrax.net/voter/>.

For those who don't mail-in vote, One Stop Early in-person voting begins Oct. 15 through Oct. 31st.

Remember, whether you choose to vote by mail, by early vote, or on Election Day, you can only vote 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.

Recently, we gave you our endorsements for president of the United States, governor, lt. governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress and NC Council of State officials.

This week, we continue with part two of our endorsements. We will conclude with part three next week.

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YOUR VOICE

"Do you do politics"?

AN OTHERWISE INTELLIGENT GROWN MAN TOLD ME HE "DOES NOT DO POLITICS." I counted to ten, took a deep breath, then I told him politics is doing you from sunrise to sunset 24/7. Your mother had to pay \$10.00 for your birth certificate and the government gave you a social security number before you could talk, walk, eat fried chicken or work.

Politicians invested in you by giving your parents an 18-year tax deduction; and they will collect tax from you for at least the next 50 years. The elected government leaders/politicians welcomed you to the USA when you filed your first income tax and repeated that welcome every year on the 15th of April. If you had died during childbirth, the government would have demanded your grieving mother pay for a \$10.00 death certificate. Every dollar your parents spent on

you until you move out of their house at age 18 is taxed. You are then taxed for licenses such as, drivers', fishing, hunting, pilots', food service, construction, law enforcement, medical, CPA, real estate, law teaching, insurance agent, barbers', hair stylist, mechanic, undertakers', and marriage license. If the marriage does not work out, you must pay a fee/tax for your lawyer to file your divorce papers. As you go through life working, educating, worshipping, traveling, partying, raising children and grandchildren, and serving others, the government is right there with both hands out collecting taxes every day and night when you spend your money. My wife a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) said even the people who "don't do accounting" learn five book-keeping words on or before April 15th. Accounts receivable, accounts payable, legal deductions, liens, and garnishments. (smile) In marriage we say, "until death do us part".

The politicians added one more tax. After you are pronounced dead, you still owe your government \$10.00 for your death certificate. Around 80% of what you do is controlled by politicians. You must learn how the political system works, take time to research the actions of politicians, register and vote. If you do not learn, politicians like Mitch McConnell, Linsey Graham, Thom Tillis, TRUMP, and the many that represent you, will play you like a drum. Please do not try to cheat by buying the TRUMP version of Turbo Tax where you only pay \$750.00 dollars in income tax, no matter how much money you made, because it is not legal(smile). The tax cut TRUMP signed was 83% for the rich and 17% for us. My family will vote for the politicians who will turn that around to 95% for the poor and middle class and 5% for the rich. Do your research and find which one will help you. If you do not have the time or take the time,

please get advice from a person who is trustworthy and well respected in your community. The truth is, you millions of people who "don't do politics" elected TRUMP in 2016, and if you do not vote for Joe Biden/Kalama Harris on or before

November 3rd, you will reelect TRUMP. TRUMP and many of his fellow GOP politicians' motto is forget the poor and middle-class. They are lazy people who do not like working. They just love collecting entitlements like social security, welfare, and Obamacare. The GOP will make COVID-19 a new pre-existing condition, cut way back on food stamps and never again give \$600 a week unemployment checks. TRUMP says, "When you get them down, keep them down".

As for me and my household, "we do politics", what about you?

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Good vs. necessary

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"It may be good to you, but it's not good for you" is one of the first thought-provoking sayings I can remember spoken by elders. Being young and naïve, when I asked about where the statement originated and its' meaning, elders would only say, "I didn't make it up!" Like sayings passed forward by ancestors, its meaning was situational and, with a manipulated explanation, could relate to a variety of circumstances.

Despite its warning, many friends (and, sometimes I) would only seek that thought to feel good. Many who read this

can say the same thing. Most of us proceed through life looking only for good, often to the detriment of long-term outcomes. Other courses create stress and challenges we mostly desire not to face.

Rather than situations, we must frequently evaluate good in a person.

This is much more difficult than evaluating situational good; situations are less complex and lack feelings. For the

considerate person, personal offense is not easily delivered, but we sometimes have no alternative. Thus, we are led to our evaluation of Supreme Court nominee, Amy Coney Barrett.

I only know what I've read about Barrett. I cannot attribute motives to that which cannot be explained by word or action. Readings on Barrett describe her as a "Good Mother." This evaluation is based on her being the mother of seven children, including two adopted children of color from Haiti and one developmentally challenged child with Down Syndrome.

Barrett has been identified

as a devout Catholic. Much of her life is centered around her church. She attended law school at The University of Notre Dame and later served as a law school professor there.

She distinguished herself as an accomplished attorney and served as law clerk for (the equally devout Associate Supreme Court Justice) Antonin Scalia. She was later appointed as a judge on the 7th Circuit of the US Federal Court.

Her accomplishments notwithstanding, Barrett is not

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TO BE EQUAL

Campaign's "deterrence" strategy should motivate every Black American to vote in defiance

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Yet the harsh fact is that in many places in this country men and women are kept from voting simply because they are Negroes. Every device of which human ingenuity is capable has been used to deny this right. The Negro citizen may go to register only to be told that the day is wrong, or the hour is late, or the official in charge is absent. And if he persists, and if he manages to present himself to the registrar, he may be disqualified because he did not spell out his middle name or because he abbreviated a word on the application. And if he manages to fill out an application, he is given a test. The registrar is the sole judge of whether he passes this test. He may be asked to recite the entire Constitution, or explain the most complex provisions of State law. And even a college degree cannot be used to prove that he can read and write. For the fact is that the only way to pass these barriers is to show a white skin." - President Lyndon Baines Johnson, 1965

Deterrence: the action of discouraging an action or event through instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.

In 2016, the Trump campaign sorted millions of voters in 16 key battleground states into categories, also described as 'audiences', so they could then be targeted with tailored ads on Facebook and other platforms.

Black voters were sorted into a category titled "Deterrence." These were the people the campaign wanted to keep from voting, according to Britain's Channel 4 News. Facebook was flooded with negative ads, targeted specifically at Black audiences, designed to keep them at home on Election Day.

Efforts to keep Black Americans from voting are nothing new, of course. For most of the century and a half since the Fifteenth Amendment declared the

right to vote "shall not be denied on account of race," the right to vote consistently has been denied on account of race.

Nor is it breaking news that social media was a key tool used to suppress the Black vote in 2016. The largest part of Russia's disinformation campaign was aimed at demoralizing and discouraging African Americans from voting, as the National Urban League's State of Black America® detailed last year.

But the Channel 4 investigation revealed that overt contempt for Black voters was not just an undercurrent in the 2016 presidential race, but a key component of a one campaign's official strategy.

The revelation should impel every Black American to vote with might and main.

"Deterrence" belongs on the same ash heap of history as the poll tax, literacy tests, and the "Southern Strategy," along with other shameful voter suppression tactics still in use such as restrictive voter-ID laws, excessive purges of voter rolls, and the rampant shutdown of polling

places in Black neighborhoods.

When President Trump urged his supporters during Tuesday's debate "go into the polls and watch very carefully," he was alluding to the expiration of a consent decree that has protected voters from intimidation at the polls since 1982. The decree was enacted after Democrats sued the Republican National Committee for sending off-duty law enforcement officers as "ballot security" to New Jersey polling places in Black and Hispanic neighborhoods. A Trump campaign official was recorded last year saying the expiration of the consent decree was a "huge, huge, huge, huge deal" for the campaign's election day operations in Wisconsin.

If you see intimidating behavior at the polls, report it (866-OUR-VOTE). Then vote. If you see a negative Facebook ad, research the truth. Then vote. Don't allow any campaign to put you in a box marked "Deterrence."

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



Marc Morial

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being considered as a good mother, good professor, or a good Catholic. She is being considered for the skills, ability, deliberations, and the sensitivities she brings as a nominee for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. What must be considered is her fitness for the position opposed to how she is considered among her friends.

As much as freedom OF religion, the First Amendment gives us freedom FROM the imposition of religion. Barrett

is known to have referred to abortion as "always immoral" and, based on her own principles, has twice ruled to restrict abortion access. These actions foreshadow her inclination to reverse Roe v. Wade and impose state directed reproductive control over the lives of women and the reintroduction of associated back-alley abortion consequences.

In November, SCOTUS will have to decide the Constitutionality of the ACA. Barrett has already criticized Chief Justice John Roberts' upholding the Affordable Care Act as judicial overreach. Should she

decide, as expected, against the ACA, during our current pandemic millions of Americans will lose health-care benefits and loss of protections for pre-existing medical conditions.

Her conservatism strongly suggests her support of positions against immigration, environmental protections, LGBTQ+ rights, voting protections, limits on corporate power, and Civil and Women's Rights. If confirmed, at 48 years old, she would be the youngest Associate Justice and positioned to potentially influence SCOTUS decisions for the next 30 years.

Barrett may be a good person to her family and associates, but she is not what is necessary for our contemporary society, a society resistant to the regressive reversal of achieved progress. The patently political and hypocritical confirmation process that drives her nomination may be inevitable, but, when power is regained, I support a response in-kind to address the injustice of this action.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women. She hosts "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM-89.3 FM.)

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
When a tyrant suffers

While there are many supporters of the president who were saddened at the news of his having contracted the coronavirus, there are many others who don't support or like him, some of whom openly rejoiced at the news, and others who wrestled with the tenets of their faith as they tried to manage and understand what they should feel.

Trump Republicans, of course, are deeply concerned. Their desire is that he not only wins the November election, but also hold office for life. (<https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/444394-donald-trump-president-for-life-we-need-term-limits-now>)

But other people, including some Republicans who have found themselves at odds with this president on matters from morals to policy, are wrestling with just what to feel, and when it comes to what to feel about his being infected by the virus which has caused the deaths of over 200,000 people in this country, they are even more confused.

At heart of the confusion for many is their faith. For Christians, it is the Golden Rule - do to others as you have them do to you - that has them stuck, coupled with the command of Jesus the Christ to "love your neighbor." The words of Jesus command those who follow him to forgive people - for as long as you are alive - with the reminder that if we don't forgive those who offend us, God will not forgive us.

But yet, we wrestle. This president has lied about the seriousness of the disease. He has held back needed funds for cities to effectively fight the disease. (<https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/444394-donald-trump-president-for-life-we-need-term-limits-now>) He has called COVID 19 a "Democratic hoax." (<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/trump-calls-coronavirus-democrats-new-hoax-n145721>), and he has discouraged his followers from wearing masks and chided those who do. (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/03/politics/trump-biden-coronavirus-mask/index.html>). This, while hundreds of thousands of families are reeling from the pain of having lost loved ones to the virus in an environment so dangerous that they have too often not even been able to be with their loved ones as they have passed on, has produced a deep, simmering anger for many, compounded by unimaginable grief.

When the news came out that he was infected, I heard people say things like "serves him right," and "mama said God don't like ugly," and "what goes around, comes around," but I also heard and sensed a fair amount of confusion. "What would God want us to say?" someone asked. "How are we supposed to feel and what are we supposed to say? In all his rantings, he has scarcely mentioned all who have died.

The man who kept the truth from the American people, who refused to provide competent leadership as his nation swirled under the attack of the virus, is now sick.

It is not just lack of respect for this virus that has people reeling. It is his behavior, behavior which has caused stress for many since he began his political career. His racism and sexism, his stoking of racial hatred and encouragement of racial violence, his disrespect and disregard for Americans exercising their First Amendment rights as they have protested racial injustice - all of that, and more, have earned him the scorn of many in this country. His performance in the first debate between himself and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden earned scorn and criticism in this country and around the world. (<https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2020/10/01/global-reaction-to-first-2020-us-presidential-debate-robertson-pkg-intl-hnk-vpx.cnn>), and his tirades, filled with misinformation about absentee, mail-in balloting in the upcoming election, have caused people stress, strain, and confusion.

But now he's sick, and we are a "Christian" nation. A man for whom many has been a tyrant, is sick with a virus that has shown no mercy, and people don't know what to say or how to say it. In the play "Wicked," there is a song called "No One Mourns the Wicked," a song which was sung when the wicked witch of the west is killed. The munchkins in the Land of Oz were happy that the source of the suffering was finally gone.

Well, this is not the Land of Oz. This is America, an imperfect country for sure, but our country nonetheless, which we have seen this president dismantling, piece by piece, institution by institution, lie by lie.

God judges us all. God will judge the president and God will judge all of us for what we do or not do. Hopefully, God will show mercy for those of us who are struggling with what to feel, what to say, and how to say what we feel, as we watch this president struggle with the illness that he has mocked as being merely a "Democratic hoax."

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.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

Sounding increasingly desperate, Trump attacks Black congresswoman at Minnesota Rally

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

As the 2020 campaign for the White House enters the final stretch, President Donald Trump is looking and sounding increasingly desperate.

After a debate performance featuring a call to supporters to go to the polls and observe followed by a backlash for not denouncing white supremacy, Trump's Republican supporters in the halls of Congress are increasingly concerned his presence at the top of the GOP ticket will impact the party down ballot.

The day after a debate he was roundly criticized for, Trump went to an old standby: Attacking African American women in positions of leadership.

During a rally in Minnesota on September 30, Trump said, "What is going on with Omar? I've been reading these reports for two years about how corrupt and crooked she is. Let's get with it. Let's get with it."



Lauren Burke

Trump was referring to unverified claims linking the Congresswoman to a "ballot harvesting" scheme. A conservative website that traffics in conspiracies attempted to make the unverified information go viral on September 28. Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.)

said on Oct. 1st that she was not surprised by President Trump's attacks.

"This man is a white supremacist. It's no surprise that he has ideas of feeling that Somalis are worthless..."

We are very clear that in Minnesota, we are greater than hate. That is why he didn't win Minnesota in 2016, "Rep. Omar said during an interview on MSNBC.

"Not only are Minnesotans welcoming of refugees, they have sent one to Washington to represent them. We are very clear that in Minnesota we are greater than hate. That is why he didn't win Minnesota in 2016, and why he's not going to win Minnesota in 2020," he added.

Trump has attacked Omar before, along with Reps.

Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Rep. Rashida Taib (D-Mich.) and Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.).

Polling in Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Arizona shows that Trump is trailing Vice President Joe Biden. States such as Georgia and South Carolina, usually reliable for Republican victory, are in play with either Biden tied with Trump or only one or two points behind.

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The perfect storm for disaster - covid, winter, and economic slowdown

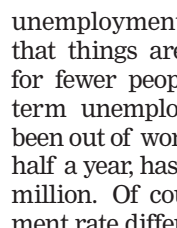
(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

On October 2, the Bureau of Labor Statistics issued the last unemployment report we will see until after the election. Based on this report, Congress and the Senate must pass the HEROES Act that would give individuals, cities, and states much-needed relief from the corona recession, which continues. Some would say we don't need those funds because we are in the middle of an economic recovery, but winter is coming. COVID is currently unchecked in ten states and close to containment in only four - Alaska, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and Vermont.

With more people gathering inside during the winter, we are likely to see more COVID cases. We are not prepared. There seems to have been some progress in developing a vaccine, but most experts say the vaccine will not be widely available until mid-2021. Winter also ushers in the flu season, and hundreds of thousands of people need flu shots and may not be able to get them. While the flu is neither as contagious nor as lethal as COVID, God bless the person who gets them both! Without a vaccine, the coming of winter

puts pressure on small business owners and others and will have some economic consequences.

In September, the unemployment treat dropped from 8.4 percent to 7.9 percent, which seems like progress until you realize that the drop in the unemployment rate happened because almost 700,000 people dropped out of the labor market. The lower unemployment rate means that things are getting better for fewer people. The long-term unemployed, who have been out of work for more than half a year, has increased to 2.4 million. Of course, unemployment rate differentials remain. The unemployment rate was 7 percent for whites and 12.1 percent for African Americans. While that unemployment rate gap is as constant as structural racism, it is frustrating to find policymakers behaving like Black unemployment is supposed to be higher than the white rate. Otherwise, why have Democratic and Republican leaders done little or nothing to address that gap



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

and close it. Ten million fewer Americans had jobs in September than in pre-COVID February, and just last week, two airlines said they would lay off 32,000 people. If the HEROES Act does not pass, there may be even more without work. States and local governments are laying people off because they don't have the revenue stream they projected at the beginning of the fiscal year: Public servants will be cut - teachers, municipal workers, transportation services, sanitation services, and other services. And the pace of job creation is slowing - in July, the economy generated 1.78 million new jobs; in August, 1.49 million. Last month the economy created only 661,000 new jobs, less than half as many as the previous month. If there was a job creation momentum, it is slowing.

Congress can prevent this by passing the HEROES Act. While House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, negotiating for the Democrats, has trimmed the Democratic request from \$3 trillion to \$2.2 trillion, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin seems less flexible, offering \$1.6 trillion. They say they are moving closer to an agreement. Tell that to someone who doesn't have a paycheck.

Just like the coronavirus has hit people unevenly by race and income, so has the economic downturn. Those with more income recover more quickly and hurt less, but the lower-income people recover far more slowly. One in five of the workforce is teleworking. How many are low-income people?

Business on Capitol Hill goes on as usual, except for the fact that so many Senators have been exposed to COVID (along with the President and close advisors) that they will not do any legislative work until October 19. However, they may still hold hearings on Amy Comey Barrett, who 45 has nominated to the Supreme Court. Mitch McConnell will rush through confirmation for Barrett, but slow walk aid for others. His priority is partisan control, not the people.

Partisanship won't do much for McConnell if the confluence of winter, job loss, and COVID hit the economy. Legislators were surprised by COVID and its economic impact in March. If they ignore this now, with the coming storm, it's because they really don't care.

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What's at stake with Trump's Supreme Court nominee: Health care and civil rights

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Republicans' rush to fill the vacant U.S. Supreme Court seat before the election is a terrible threat to Black people's civil rights and the health of our communities.

In her 27 years on the Supreme Court, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a champion of civil rights. During those same years, though, Republican presidents and senators moved the court further and further away from its duty to protect racial equity and the rights of working people.

During the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, we counted on the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the constitutional principle of equality under law. We have counted on federal courts to enforce the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights act, federal laws that finally put the force of law behind the idea that Black people are part of the Constitution's "We, the people."

But the Supreme Court we have today is a long way from the Court that did away with legal segregation, a long way from the court that upheld civil rights laws that were won with the blood of Black

people and our allies in the struggle for equality.

Ginsburg was often a key vote in 5-4 decisions that protected civil rights. And as the right-wing took power, she was often a powerful prophetic voice dissenting from abominations like the gutting of the Voting Rights Act in 2013.



Ben Jealous

As part of a political deal to help him win the White House, Trump turned over selection of judges to a hard-right legal movement that wants to reverse many of the social justice gains of the past century.

Any Trump nominee would have been a threat to the causes for which Ginsburg devoted her life.

Judge Amy Coney Barrett believes Obamacare is unconstitutional and there's a case coming before the Supreme Court just a week after the election that will give her and other right-wing justices a chance to destroy access to health care and legal protections for people, right in the middle of a pandemic.

In a case that raises alarms

about her commitment to racial equity, she voted to deny a hearing to a Black man who worked for a company that assigned staff to different stores based on their race.

If she is confirmed, our ability to count on federal courts to protect our rights will be diminished even further. Yet, this is Republicans' top priority, just a month before Election Day, with many Americans already voting to turn out the president who is trying to create a Supreme Court that will protect his agenda long after he is gone.

Here's what Senate Republicans aren't doing while they confirm every new judge, no matter how extreme or unqualified, President Trump sends their way: They aren't dealing with the COVID crisis that is killing Black and brown people at a far higher rate than white people and they aren't providing relief for all the working people driven into economic crisis by the pandemic.

They aren't taking up the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which would bring back federal protections for voting rights that were once embraced by politicians from

both parties.

They aren't acting on the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which would bring greater accountability to law enforcement and protect people of color from racist and discriminatory policing.

The push by Trump and Senate Republicans to pack the Supreme Court while ignoring the urgent needs of our community and our demands for justice is the ultimate evidence of how important this election is to America, especially to Black America.

Do not sit this one out. Get registered. Make a plan to vote. And vote like our lives depend on it.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

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CFCC's Small Business Center receives funding to assist area businesses struggling from the impact of COVID-19

Wilmington, NC - CFCC's Small Business Center has received a third allotment of \$50,000 from the NC Legislature to assist small businesses in the Cape Fear region who are struggling as the result of COVID-19.

The College originally received \$50,000 along with other community colleges in North Carolina, but CFCC has since been awarded the funding two additional times.

"Cape Fear Community College is fortunate to receive a third distribution of \$50,000 to assist local businesses," said Jerry Coleman, director of CFCC's Small Business Center. "We've been able to move funding to directly assist businesses that are really hurting."

CFCC's Small Business Center provides free-of-charge counseling to small businesses and entrepreneurs who want to start a business of their own. Now, the Center can also help businesses invest in tools that will help them succeed despite the pandemic.

"CFCC's Small Business Center is a tremendous resource for local businesses," said Jim Morton, CFCC president. "This year, their services are more important than ever. Jerry Coleman and his team are working tirelessly to provide as much assistance as they can to area small businesses. I am so proud of the work they do to help sustain our community. We have used every dollar to

make an impact locally and are very fortunate to receive a third allocation."

"Our average investment is \$1,800 per client," said Coleman. "Each situation is different, and we tailor our assistance on a case-by-case basis. These funds must be used for professional services that can improve the bottom line for businesses quickly. For example, we can identify subject matter experts who can provide accounting, web design, digital marketing, business or marketing planning support, legal services, and much more to help New Hanover and Pender County small businesses to rebuild, reboot and recover."

Each business is thor-

oughly vetted.

"We want to make sure that this funding makes a lasting impact in our community. We are employing these funds to help established businesses that have a proven track record in our area. The goal of this funding is to help businesses recover and thrive," said Coleman.

CFCC's funding must be distributed by December 31, 2020. Local small businesses who are struggling are encouraged to reach out to CFCC's Small Business Center at 910-362-7216 to see if they are eligible for assistance. To learn more about Cape Fear Community College's Small Business Center, visit cfcc.edu/sbc.

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YWCA Lower Cape Fear Partners with New Hanover County NAACP to Provide Rides to the Polls for Early Voting and Election Day

Wilmington, N.C. -- YWCA Lower Cape Fear is partnering with New Hanover County NAACP to provide rides to the polls for the Early Voting period and on Election Day.

From October 15 through October 31, and on Tuesday, November 3, New Hanover County NAACP and YWCA Lower Cape Fear will provide rides for any eligible voters to the polls. During

Early Voting, eligible individuals may register to vote and vote in person at designated voting places.

To schedule a ride to the poll contact New Hanover County NAACP at 910-386-1015.

YWCA Lower Cape Fear and New Hanover County NAACP rides will be socially distanced in accordance with the NC DHHS. All riders will be provided with a PPE kit that includes two disposable masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and a pen. Riders are required to wear masks and sanitize their hands frequently.

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Elijah Joseph Waddell

Elijah Joseph Waddell died September 27, 2020. Graveside service was held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Elijah was born to Gregory Earl Waddell and Kea Lee Herring on October 22, 1996 and raised along with Ondray Herring. Elijah was the youngest but believed he was everyone's father. He was always the life of the party. He was truly his mother's child, always showing his pretty white teeth. His beautiful smile would brighten anyone's day. Elijah was a fun child, he loved to have fun and dance. He knew every Chris Brown & New Edition song and had all the dance moves. As shy as he was he loved being the center of attention. Elijah started his football and basketball career at Williston Middle School and continued at New Hanover High School - home of the Wildcats and received his diploma in June 2015. Elijah welcomed a handsome prince, Bricen Waddell "Man-Man" in October 2017 and a beautiful princess, Elani Waddell in April 2018. They were the love of his life and their bond was unbreakable. The times his children shared meant the world to him. Princess Lani was in charge and Bricen would usually just go along with it. Elijah was commonly known by his grandmother Freda as "Liza" and was his aunt Gladys' "Boo-Boo". Family and friends also called him "Skeet" and "Mr. Chocolate", and his love for Chris Brown gave him the nickname of "Chris Black". There was no way you could tell him that he did not know Chris Brown personally. Elijah was employed by Coastal Carriers Moving Company. Elijah was preceded in death by his brother, Dwayne Waddell; great-grandmothers, Mattie Carter and Louise Waddell; his grandfather, Johnnie "Bob" Bell; aunt, Norma Scott; and cousin, Kia Roger.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his forever love, Essence James; children, Bricen Waddell and Elani Waddell; father, Gregory Waddell; mother, Kea Lea Herring and father, Ondray Herring; siblings, Gregory Waddell, Jr. and Ta'killa Johnson; grandmother, Freda Lee; godmother, Dentra Rhodes; nephews, Cameron Holliday and Yonis Genwright; niece, Jazelle Waddell; aunts, Doris Pierce, Denise Marshall Sandra Simpson, Brenda Henry, Rozalyn Miles, Brenda Waddell, Seila Sanchez (David), Sandra Fields, Chranda Waddell; uncles, Bryan Bell (Heather), Titus Lee, Shawn Bell (Nequan), Alexander Waddell (Debra), Tyrone Waddell (Patricia), Darrell Waddell, David Waddell (Shirley), Anthony Waddell (Cindy), Samuel Waddell (Michelle), Robert Waddell and James Waddell; in-laws, Jovon Genwright, Reggie James and Emoni James; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

George James

George James died September 28, 2020. Graveside service was held Monday, October 5, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

George Lee James, son of the late Charles James and the late Lou Thomas James, was born on April 20, 1937. George was edu-

cated in the New Hanover County School System. He gained employment as a long shoreman with ILA Local 1426 from which he retired February 1, 1999. He was also a faithful member of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. George was married to Hattie James who preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one son, George Lee James, Jr. of Wilmington, NC; one daughter, Yolanda Pender (Tony) of Wilmington, NC; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Terry Pridgen

Terry Pridgen died September 28, 2020. Graveside service was held on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at the Pollock Cemetery.

Our loved one was born on February 16, 1961, in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Leroy Pridgen, Jr. and Betty Hines. He was united in holy matrimony to Monique Harris for thirty-one years. God blessed them with two children and two grandchildren to cherish his memories. He was known to his friends and family as "Alley Cat" a provider, always ready to lend anyone a hand, especially his family. He was a member of St. Stephen AME Church where he helped tend to the lawn and he was the fry cook for community celebrations. He served in the United States Army before returning to start his family in the Scotts Hill Community. "Alley Cat" worked for 25 years as a delivery driver and in the warehouse at Empire and Mutual Distribution. He will be greeted at the pearly gates by his parents and grandparents and a host of aunt, uncles, and cousins.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Mrs. Monique Harris-Pridgen; two children, Delvin (Natalia) Harris and Rashuna (Brandon) Pridgen of Wilmington, NC; two grandchildren, Aundrea and Devin; two brothers, Thaddeus (Sandra) Pridgen of Nevada and Leroy (Ulamae) Pridgen, III of Scotts Hill; two sisters, Cynthia Barnes of Maryland and Natalie Pridgen of Scotts Hill; one sister-in-law, Myra Viree of Alexandria, LA; father-in-law, Carter Rhodes of Boyce, LA; twelve nieces and nephews: Squita Pierce, Sarah Pridgen, Demetrius Barnes, Clarissa Barnes, Antwane Parker, Elijah Dixon, Destiny Pridgen, Leroy Pridgen, IV, Adam Pridgen, Kyra Viree, Kayla Viree, and Eddie Wayne Viree, Jr.; nine great-nieces and great-nephews; many beloved aunts, uncles, and other relatives and friends, including his special friend, Jame Tye. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Robert Murray Spicer

Robert Murray Spicer died September 28, 2020. Memorial service was held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Robert Murray Spicer, affectionately known as "Blump", was born on March 21, 1956 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Annie Mae Spicer and the late James Murray Shepard. Robert was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He was a handyman, who enjoyed landscaping and assisting with carpentry. He also

enjoyed admiring all types of cars.

Robert leaves to cherish his memories: two sisters, Dorothy (Julius) Pickett of Hampstead, NC and Debra Spicer of Wilmington, NC; two nieces, Sabrina Pickett of Raleigh, NC and Tawana (Ronald) Pickett of Atlanta, GA; one nephew, Dymaine Spicer of Wilmington, NC; two great-nephews, Xavier Barry of Raleigh, NC and Tre'vion Spicer of Wilmington, NC; one great-niece, Rian Hamm of Atlanta, GA; two aunts, Mary London and Louise Shepard both of Hampstead, NC; three uncles, Enoch Nixon, Harvey Shepard and Johnny Shepard, all of Hampstead, NC; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Reverend James Leroy Utley, Jr.

Reverend James Leroy Utley, Jr. died September 29, 2020. Memorial service was held on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

James Leroy Utley, Jr. was born to the late Rev. James L. Utley, Sr. and Laura White Utley in Wilmington, NC on April 12, 1955. He was the eldest of five children. On September 6, 1975, he married the love of his life, Maxine Dixon and this union was blessed with two children. James graduated from New Hanover High School in 1973 and enlisted in the United States Army. After his tenure in the Army he was employed at the New Hanover Correctional Center, New Hanover County Sheriff's Department and ultimately owned several businesses. He ran for the NC House of Representatives District 18 in 2010. He led a very successful campaign, and only lost by a very narrow margin in the Democratic Primaries. He maintained his focus on youth, improving educational opportunities, and care for senior citizens. He received an Associate degree in Accounting & Office Management from Miller Mote Business Collee, Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice and Associated of Science in Business Administration. He later received his Bachelor's degree from UNCW and his Masters of Science degree in Theology and PHD in Biblical Studies from Justice Fellowship & College of Theology. James stated he received "A calling from the high sheriff of the Universe", God. He then accepted the calling and was ordained Pastor in 1987. Pastor James L. Utley, Jr. and Pastor Maxine Utley founded The Love Center Church and was subsequently ordained Bishop and Apostle under the leadership of Bishop Daniel White and Apostle Shirley C. White of The Holiness Church of the Living God. Bishop Utley was well known for his civic duties in the City of Wilmington and surrounding areas. He was also known for cooking great food such as stuffed flounder, crab cakes and banana pudding, just to name a few. He had a great love for his family and music.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 45 years, Maxine Utley; two children, Tige Utley and Arielle Utley-Nixon (Fred); grandchildren, Edwin, Dandrell, Frederick and Ta'Nyla Maxzine; great-grandchild, Jayden; sister,

Janita Utley; brothers, Walter Utley and Ronald "Pee Wee" Utley; aunt, Vivian Greene (Earl); uncles, John Utley, and Andrew Redd (Patricia); brother-in-law, Andrew Taylor (Ethel); sisters-in-law, Shirley Shavers, Joan Dixon, Faye Spires, Gail Nixon (John), and Brenda Jenkins; special son, Ronald Evans; special cousin, Linda Batts (James); The Love Center Church Family; special friends, Apostle Rico and Ravina Hopson, Pastor Stephen Bradley, Linda Pearce Thomas and Herbert Harris; a host of other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Raymond "Buddy" Holmes

Raymond "Buddy" Holmes died September 29, 2020. Funeral services were held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Raymond, known as "Lil' Buddy" was born on May 26, 1947 to the late Moses and Lucy Holmes. Raymond will be sadly missed by his family and friends, but he shall forever live in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him. He was also preceded in death by his son, Anthony "Amp" Boyd; brother, James Holmes and his sister, Doris Brown.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his life, partner, Maxine McCrae; three sons, Raymond Mott (Latasha) and Chandler Boyd all of Wilmington, NC and Ryan Mott of Charlotte, NC; one daughter, Angel McCray (Clinton) of Wilmington, NC; two step-children, Virginia McCray of Wilmington, NC and Shirley Singleton (Charles) of Charleston, SC; 16 grandchildren, Ziana Beyler-Mott and Adrian Abeysa of Wisconsin, Tamika Mott of Florida, Samaria Holmes-Mott of Wilmington, NC, Miangel Hill of New Jersey, Raymond Mott, Jr. of New York, La'Corey Grady, Ryan Caldwell (Tyree) and Rynetta Mott of Wilmington, NC, Bryan Whitley of New Jersey, Moran Rector and Moriah Mott of

Wisconsin, Brianna McRay, Nicole McRay, Regina McCray and Andrea Swinson (dock) all of Wilmington, NC; 10 great grandchildren; 5 sisters, MayLee Wilson of South Carolina, Joyce Toster (Ronald), Sandra Roland (Lenwood), Wanda Holmes (James) all of Wilmington, NC and Mary Holmes of Rocky Mount, NC; 3 brothers, Willie Holmes, Larry Holmes and Moses Holmes, Jr. (Matty) all of Wilmington, NC and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mrs. Delia Lloyd

Mrs. Delia Lloyd died October 1, 2020. Graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery. Visitation is 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Josephine Watson

Josephine Watson died October 3, 2020. Funeral service will be held 4:30 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be 4:00 p.m. on Friday (30 minutes prior to the service). *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Robert Henry "Bobby" McLaurin

Robert Henry "Bobby" McLaurin died October 4, 2020. Graveside service will be held 12:00 noon on Friday, October 9, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Charles Bernard Ross, Jr.

Charles Bernard Ross, Jr., died October 5, 2020. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*



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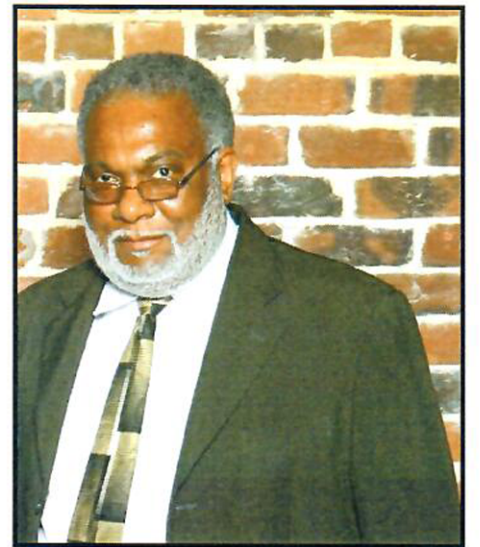
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"The World's Greatest Preacher is, Jesus Christ. He spoke these words in Luke 4:18. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him." St. Luke 4:20

When a preacher stands up to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, he needs the Spirit of the Lord to be upon him! Every preacher needs the anointing of the Holy Spirit in order to preach with power. Jesus gave power and authority to his disciples when he sent them out to preach. It is important to the preacher to be anointed to reach and preach the gospel to the poor. Faith comes by hear-

ing and hearing by the Word. Just hearing an anointed word from the Lord can and will lift the spirits of the poor and needy soul. "Politics and the Preacher"

The preaching of the gospel can heal the brokenhearted and also heal the wounded spirit. The preaching of the gospel can bring about deliverance to the captives and those who are spiritually bound. The Word of God, being preached under the anointing brings recovering of sight to the blind, and healing to the spiritually bruised. The acceptable year of the Lord brings favor to those that hear and do God's will. Spiritual insight enables the believer to "understand" the Word of God in order to believe and receive the promises of God. "Politics and the Preacher"



Sylvia Hooper

This is why the preacher

"Politics and the preacher"

must be careful and prayerful, being led by the Spirit of God before he delves into the political arena. The Message of the Mission of the Savior of the world remains the same. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In Luke 5:32, Jesus said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." In Luke 19:10, Jesus said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

"And he closed the book, and gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him." Luke 4:20

There are so many things happening in the world today, that so many people are confused and have set their eyes on the church for direction. Others have set their hopes on the words of the preachers seeking correction or inspiration through public discourse.

While some are speaking out, others are holding their

peace. The silence is deafening! Preacher, so many people are saying that they are Christians and are not. What shall we say to these things? Matthew 7:1 says, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." John 13:35 says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"

God's preacher should not be yoked under bondage of Democratic or Republican party politics. He must remain free to decree and declare the Word of God without fear or favor to friend or foe. He must not compromise his covenant with God with the lust for lucrative opportunities to make lots of money. I Timothy 6:10, "For the love of money is the root of all evil." Matthew 6:24 says, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other: Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Politics and the Preacher

When Jesus preached, his message stirred up the religious politicians. Jesus had

no need or desire to become "politically correct". Many religious leaders hated him, and set about to silence him. The enemy always tries to sabotage the true message of God's redemption story to mankind. They thought if they could kill the Messenger, the message would die. But, the message is yet being preached and will not die, because God sent it

A gospel preacher must preach what the gospel (good news) says! Even though many will be offended, many will be positively affected for their good. Many will be saved, set free, healed and delivered! A preacher must not fear man.

He must fear and reverence God! The enemy uses fear and intimidation as a tactic to hinder the preaching of the gospel. It didn't work then, it won't work now.

Many in our country, feel we have a great need for change, and declare that business as usual is no longer acceptable. The church cannot accept the "new normal" when it conflicts and contra-

dicts the Holy Word of God. We as a nation, need a change of heart and spirit towards a sovereign God who rules and reigns forever, regardless of who lives in the White House. Tell Somebody !!!

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God's word is definitive and conclusive

Bible study notes
Number 23:19-20; Isaiah 55:10-12

God's Word is conclusive and definitive: Conclusive is defined as serving to put an end to doubt, question and uncertainty; decisive, beyond doubt unmistakable. Definitive is defined as precisely defining or outlining; explicit. Determining finally. Authoritative and complete

Number 23:19-20, 19God is not a man, that He should tell or act a lie, neither the son of man, that He should feel repentance or compunction [for what He has promised]. Has He said and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken and shall He not make it good?

20You see, I have received His command to bless Israel. He has blessed, and I cannot reverse or qualify it. [The Amplified]

God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

20 Listen, I received a command to bless; God has blessed, and I cannot reverse it! [NLT]

Isaiah 55:10-12, 10 "The rain

and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. 11 It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

12 You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands! 13 Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow. Where nettles grew, myrtles will sprout up. These events will bring great honor to the LORD's name; they will be an everlasting sign of his power and love." [NLT]

10For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; (A) 11So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not

return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

12For you shall go out [from the spiritual exile caused by sin and evil into the homeland] with joy and be led forth [by your Leader, the Lord Himself, and His word] with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name of renown, for an everlasting sign [of jubilant exaltation] and memorial [to His praise], which shall not be cut off. [The Amplified]

Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth, Doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry, So will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them. 12" So

you'll go out in joy, you'll be led into a whole and complete life.

The mountains and hills will lead the parade, bursting with song. All the trees of the forest will join the procession, exuberant with applause. No more thistles, but giant sequoias, no more thorn bushes, but stately pines—Monuments to me, to God, living and lasting evidence of God." [The Message]

Not one Word, not one iota has failed of all God's good promises that He has promise by the mouth of His servants and His Son Jesus Christ.

1 Kings 8:56, 56Blessed 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. [KJV]

Psalm 119:89, 89Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven [stands firm as the heavens]. [The Amplified]

11Corinthians 1:20-22, 20For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes [answer] in Him [Christ]. For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him [in His Person and by His agency] to the glory of God.

21But it is God Who confirms and makes us steadfast

and establishes [in joint fellowship] with you in Christ, and has consecrated and anointed us [[a]nduing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit]; 22[He has also appropriated and acknowledged us as His by] putting His seal upon us and giving us His [Holy] Spirit in our hearts as the security deposit and guarantee [of the fulfillment of His promise]. [The Amplified]

20 For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.

21 It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, 22 and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us. [NLT]

Galatians 3:14, 29, 14 Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised[a] Holy Spirit through faith.

29 And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children[a] of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to

Abraham belongs to you. [NLT]

14To the end that through [their receiving] Christ Jesus, the blessing [promised] to Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, so that we through faith might [all] receive [the realization of] the promise of the [Holy] Spirit.

29And if you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed], then you are Abraham's offspring and [spiritual] heirs according to promise. [The Amplified]

1 Peter 1:25, 25But the Word of the Lord ([a]ndivine instruction, the Gospel) endures forever. And this Word is the good news which was preached to you. [The Amplified]

25But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. [KJV]

Let's turn now to the teaching of the infallible, and incorruptible Word of God on the subject of His promises to answer our prayer

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IN MEMORIAM: MLB great Bob Gibson dies at 84

BY STACY M. BROWN
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Robert Gibson (born Pack Robert Gibson — in his father's honor — November 9, 1935 – October 2, 2020) played his entire career with the St. Louis Cardinals. Gibson was arguably the greatest African American hurler in baseball history and certainly the greatest pitcher ever to play with the Cardinals. He announced in July 2019 that he had pancreatic cancer and died on October 2 at 84.

Ironically, Gibson's death came 52 years to the day he dominated the Detroit Tigers in Game 1 of the 1968 World Series, striking out a record 17 batters. All but four of those batters went down on "swings and misses."

Over 17 electrifying big-league seasons, Gibson won 251 games, compiled a career 2.91 earned run average and 3,117 strikeouts – not counting the World Series record 17 K's against the Detroit Tigers in the 1968 Fall Classic.

"Bob Gibson quite literally changed the game of baseball. He was a fierce competitor and beloved by Cardinal Nation," the Cardinals wrote in a message posted on the organization's official Twitter feed. "We will miss him dearly."

Elected to the National

Baseball Hall of Fame in 1981, Gibson earned a profusion of awards, including two Cy Youngs, two World Series Most Valuable Player trophies, nine Gold Gloves and a league Most Valuable Player award.

His best year came in 1968 when the hard-throwing right-hander turned in one of the greatest seasons ever produced from a starting pitcher: Gibson went 22-9, boasting a surreal 1.12 earned run average (ERA). He recorded 28 complete games and 13 shutouts.

Gibson's performance served as the catalyst for Major League Baseball's decision to shorten the pitcher's mound by five inches in height, lowering it from 15 inches to 10 inches.

On August 14, 1971, Gibson recorded his only career no-hitter against the Pittsburgh Pirates. During that game Gibson fanned 10 Bucs, leading the Cardinals to an 11-0 victory. "This was the greatest game I've pitched anywhere," Gibson declared at the time. "I didn't think I'd ever throw a no-hitter."

Born November 9, 1935 in Omaha, Nebraska, Gibson overcame childhood illness to excel in youth sports, particularly basketball and baseball. At Creighton University, he starred on the hardwood and later signed with the Harlem Globetrotters.

After briefly playing under contract to both the Harlem

Globetrotters basketball team and the St. Louis Cardinals organization (the Cardinals offered him a contract in 1957), Gibson decided to continue playing only baseball professionally.

Gibson emerged as a raw, but immensely talented rookie who would not be denied stardom. He became a full-time starting pitcher in July 1961 and earned his first All-Star appearance in 1962. Gibson won two of three games he pitched in the 1964 World Series, then won 20 games in a season for the first time in 1965. Gibson also pitched three complete game victories in the 1967 World Series.

He is regarded as one of the most intimidating pitchers to ever take the mound, known for pounding the inside part of the plate and, at times, staring down sluggers who believed he had intentionally brushed them back.

"Don't dig in against Bob Gibson; he'll knock you down," Home Run King Hank Aaron reportedly warned Los Angeles Dodgers star Dusty Baker.

"He'd knock down his own grandmother if she dared to challenge him. Don't stare at him, don't smile at him, don't talk to him. He doesn't like it. If you happen to hit a home run, don't run too slow, don't run too fast. If you happen to want to celebrate, get in the tunnel first. And if he hits you, don't

charge the mound, because he's a Gold Glove boxer."

Before Gibson won his first Cy Young Award in 1968, Dodgers ace Don Newcombe stood as the only Black player to earn such honors.

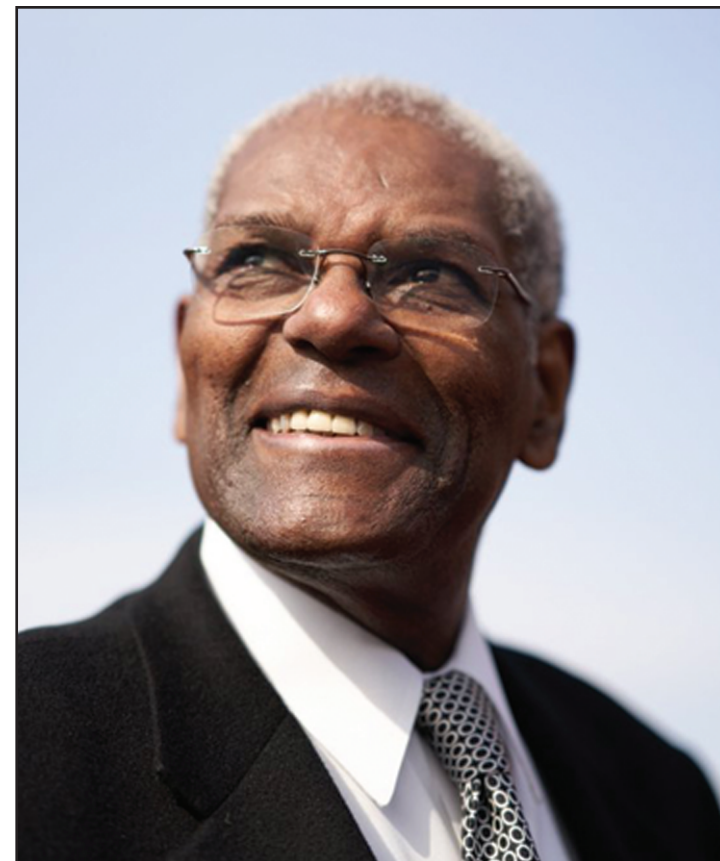
Vida Blue of the Oakland A's, Ferguson Jenkins of the Chicago Cubs, Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets, CC Sabathia of the Cleveland Indians, and David Price of the Tampa Bay Rays would later join Newcombe and Gibson as African Americans who've won the award.

Gibson stood with other athletes, like Muhammad Ali, Jackie Robinson, and others who expressed strong support for the civil rights movement.

He credited the Cardinals for the team's diversity and praised them for not forcing Black players to live in segregated housing during the baseball season.

After retiring as a player in 1975, Gibson later served as pitching coach for his former teammate Joe Torre. At one time a special instructor coach for the St. Louis Cardinals, Gibson was later selected for the Major League Baseball All-Century Team in 1999. Gibson was the author of the memoir Pitch by Pitch, with Lonnie Wheeler.

Gibson's death came weeks after the death of his former



Hall of Fame baseball player Bob Gibson at Roger Dean Stadium during 2010 Spring Training for the St. Louis Cardinals. MLB Hall of Famer was a star in baseball and basketball at Creighton University (Photo: Creighton Athletics)

teammate and fellow Hall of Fame member Lou Brock, and one month after another baseball legend and former Gibson rival, Tom Seaver of the New York Mets.

"Bob Gibson is the luckiest pitcher I ever saw," retired

Cardinal catcher Tim McCarver once said. "He always pitches when the other team doesn't score any runs."

Gibson is survived by three children: Anette, Chris and Renee, and his widow, Wendy.



Tell them you read it in *THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL*

Wealth gap costs over last two decades: \$2.7 trillion in Black income, \$16 trillion to U.S. economy

(Via TriceEdneywire.com)

America's persistent racial income and wealth gaps are the result of four intertwined factors: housing, education, business ownership and access to credit. Closing these gaps would facilitate inter-generational wealth creation for Black America and also expand the nation's economy by \$5 trillion over the next five years. These findings come from an extensive report newly-released by a major bank.

According to Closing the Racial Inequality Gaps: the Economic Costs of Black Inequality in the U.S., published by Citi Global Perspective and Solutions, centuries of bias and institutionalized segregation have generated grave societal and economic losses that reverberate throughout America. Had these gaps been addressed 20 years ago, the report finds that the nation could have:

- Generated an additional \$13 trillion in business revenue;
- Created 6.1 million jobs each year if Black entrepreneurs had access to fair and equitable lending;
- Enabled Black America to earn \$2.7 trillion more in income; and
- Resulted in 770,000 more Black homeowners and boosted the economy by \$218 billion.

Its foreword, written by Raymond J. McGuire, Citi's Vice Chairman and Chair of its Global Banking and Capital Markets addresses recent deaths from the pandemic and from police violence against communities of color.

"My two brothers and I were raised in Dayton, Ohio by our single mom and her parents, who had migrated from Georgia to escape the injustice and terror of Jim Crow. They worked tirelessly as janitors, social workers, and leaders at our local church to give us every opportunity."

"Yet even today, with all those credentials and as one of the leading executives on Wall Street," wrote McGuire, "I am still seen first as a six-foot-four, two-hundred-pound Black man wherever I go - even in my own neighborhood. I could have

been George Floyd. And my wife and I are constantly aware that our children could have their innocence snatched away from

them at any given moment, simply for the perceived threat of their skin color."

McGuire's forward weaves his personal journey with startling findings of the untold and unmet quest for financial justice that suppresses all of Black America - including how the current public health and economic crisis make this quest much harder to achieve.

Last year, 2019, data cited by the report show Black families remained the most likely racial group to be denied a mortgage for home purchase or refinance. Denial rates for Black applicants seeking to refinance their mortgages to a lower interest rate were more than double that of Black applicants seeking to purchase a home. The rate of rejection on home purchase was slightly over 15% and rejections to refinance was 35%.

By comparison, denial rates for White mortgage applicants were respectively 5% and 15% for home purchase and refinance. The higher denial rate for Black families, according to the report, was due to: higher debt-to-income ratios, poor credit histories, and incomplete applications.

This finding mirrors an analysis of 2019 Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) that found the share of home purchase loans made to Black and Latino borrowers remained below their population share. Although Blacks comprise 13.4% of the population, they represented 7% of loans. Similarly, Latinos are 18.3% of the total population but received 9.2% of loans.

Nationwide, 16 states have a greater than average percent of the total population, and include: Alabama, Arkansas,

Florida, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

"Traditional banks in predominantly Black neighborhoods, tend to require higher initial opening deposits, and higher minimum balances," according to the report. "This translates into Black account holders needing to deposit a higher percentage of their paychecks into accounts to avoid fees or closure."

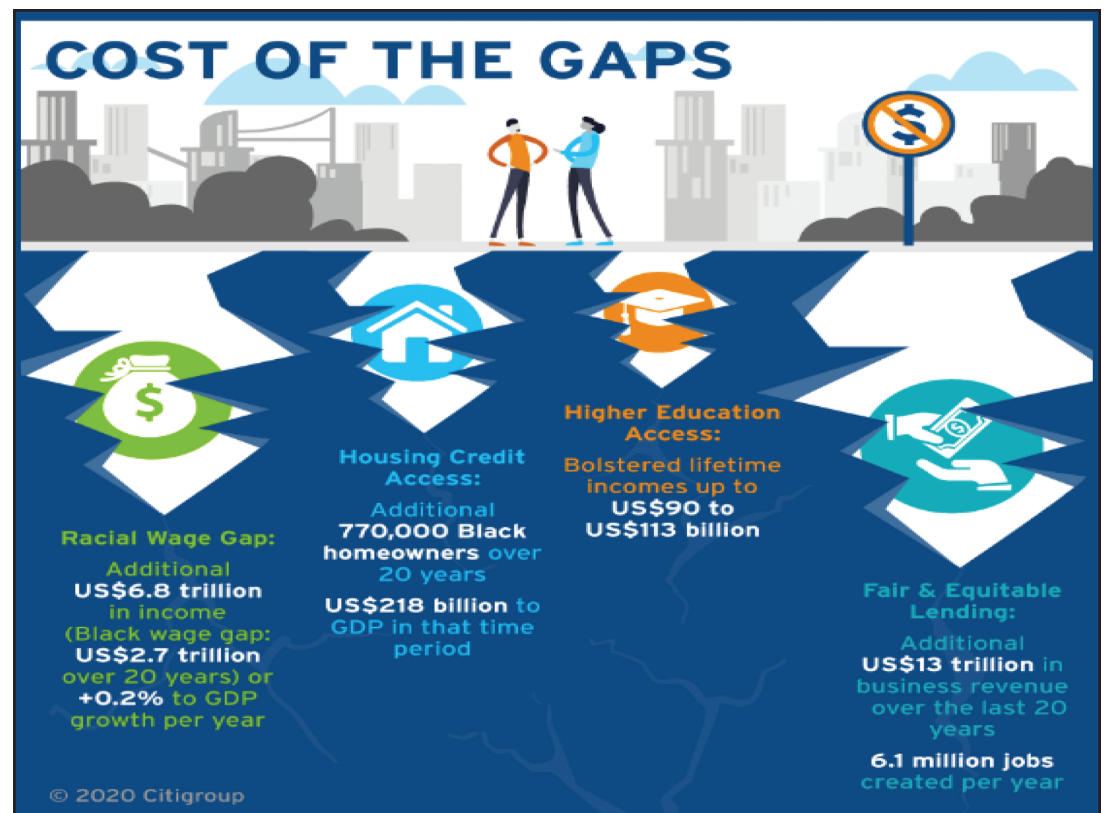
Further, with many Blacks segmented into lower-paying jobs and professions, the ability to save for a home is also diminished. Citi found that Black workers are overrepresented in occupations frequently paying less than \$25 per hour, and under-represented in careers usually paying wages of at least \$40 per hour.

Asserting that multiple initiatives will be required to reverse these and other longstanding trends, Citi's report authors call on government at all levels to share a part in progressive change.

For example, Citi's report calls for the Federal Reserve, the nation's central bank, to include reducing racial inequity as part of its mission. About the same time as the report's release, the Fed published its own 2019 Survey of Consumer Finances which showed that the gap between mean and median wealth for White and Black families has grown even wider. Again, all of these metrics occurred before the onset of the current deadly and economically devastating pandemic.

Nikitra Bailey, a CRL EVP, notes that the Fed has a key role to play in updating the Community Reinvestment Act, commonly known as CRA. The CRA is a civil rights law designed to address financial opportunity and the legacy of discriminatory lending practices like redlining. This law requires banks to meet the credit needs of the same communities in which they are chartered.

"The Federal Reserve should ensure that updated regulations account for the harsh real-



COST OF THE GAPS

ities of discrimination that still plague today's financial marketplace," noted Bailey recently. "CRA was designed to undo the injustices created by the horrific practice of redlining and to expand financial opportunity, equity, and help spur investments in underserved areas."

"Our nation's most recent reckoning with racial injustice has elevated the recognition and urgency to enact significant reforms to address structural racial barriers and provide opportunity to low-and-moderate income (LMI) families and people of color," Bailey continued. "CRA must be one of the major tools to provide these long overdue reforms."

In late September, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve took the first step toward reforming how the CRA regulates the banks it oversees.

Earlier in May, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency finalized its version of a CRA, which civil rights advocates say will reduce already limited opportunities for LMI people. To date, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the third regulator charged with implementing CRA, has not supported either proposed rule, or

offered yet another version.

Hopefully the three federal regulators will reach consensus on an updated CRA that is true to the law's legislative intent.

This column recently shared an update on the future of federal support for more COVID-19 assistance. At press time, the House Majority version, known as the HEROES Act, remains in debate with White House advisers. Instead of moving this proposal forward, the Senate has chosen to place its attention and effort to push the new Supreme Court nomination to a floor vote in 2020. Readers may recall that when the late Justice Antonin Scalia passed in February of an election year - 2016 - President Obama's nomination was ignored, and never received a hearing. Instead the Senate waited over 400 days until President Trump took office and a different nominee was eventually confirmed.

Meanwhile, consumer advocates have proposed a range of policies to both address the current pandemic and economic crisis. Their shared goal is to correct policies that perpetuate today's racial wealth gap and include reforming housing finance, direct federal support for Black businesses, broad-

based student debt cancellation, and strong regulation of financial services and products.

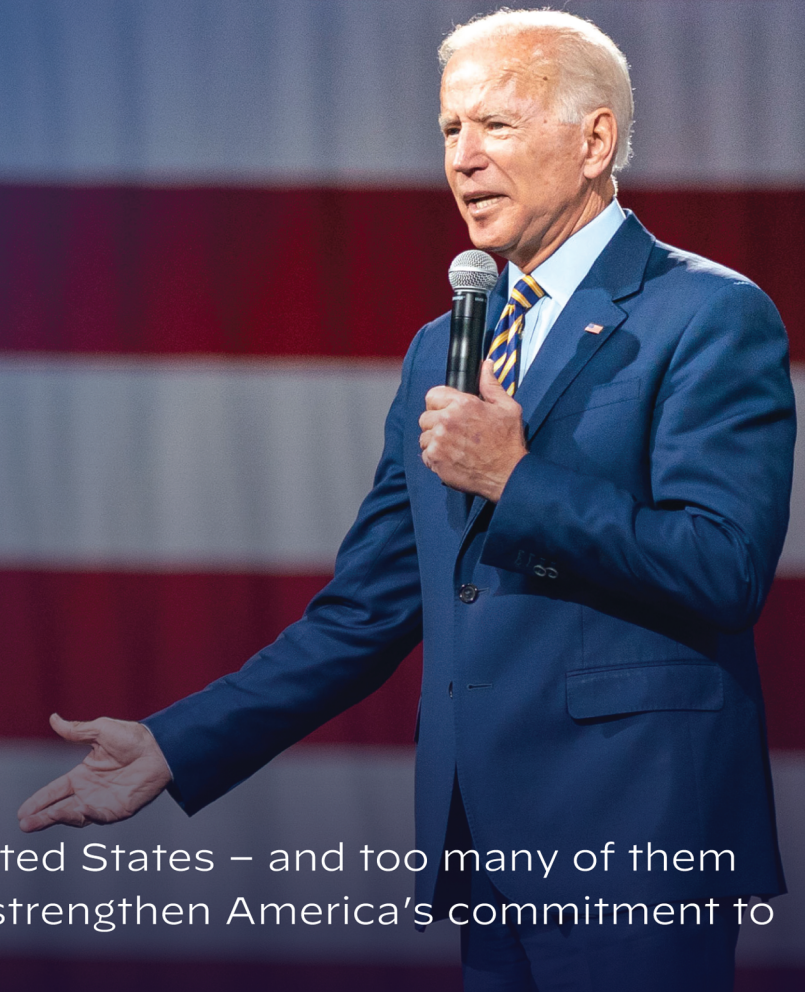
There are also important roles for corporate America to increase equity and opportunity. Equal pay and enhanced opportunities for professional development are crucial and must include financial institutions that have contributed to the nation's inequality gaps. Specifically, banks must invest in Black entrepreneurs, and do more to equitably bring more mortgage-ready Black homebuyers already identified by Freddie Mac into the marketplace. Increased mortgage lending would include 1.7 million millennials now left out, according to the Urban Institute, a DC-based, non-profit think tank.

The common thread of all these proposals is an essential and measurable commitment to eliminate racial income and wealth gaps. How well America embraces this challenge will determine whether our collective financial futures will be better than our history.

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What's behind President Trump's COVID-19 treatments? What does it mean for us?

BY GLENN ELLIS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - No matter where you fall on the political spectrum, the entire nation is fixated on, not only the fact that President Donald Trump is infected with COVID-19, but what we all want to know is, what's the deal with those medicines his doctors are giving him? Since testing positive for

coronavirus, President Trump has been receiving a number of different drugs - a steroid, an antiviral medication and an experimental drug cocktail. Despite his implications that he is alright and his overture to the public to not fear the coronavirus, it is critical for us all to remember that this virus is not going away any time soon; that his doctors

have said he's "not out of the woods yet"; and experimental drugs aren't readily available to everyone.

Projections from the CDC say that deaths from the virus in the United States will top 400,000 by the end of the year. That means that this pandemic has the potential for us to see more than 36,000 cases and 2,700 deaths per day by Christmas. However, the

fact that a 74-year old, obese man walked out of the hospital in 2-3 days after contracting COVID-19 should make us want to know more about what doctors gave him.

So, the absolute best thing we can do to protect the health of ourselves and our families is to know as much as possible about the full range of treatments and/or vaccines that are, or will be, available. But we must continue practicing the CDC guidelines of mask-wearing, social distancing and hand-washing.

First, it is important to understand that there are two phases of a COVID-19 infection. The first phase is the virus infecting the human body, and then the second phase is the one that is most deadly - when the immune system runs at full speed attempting to conquer the viral invaders. The problem this causes is tremendous damage to all of the internal organs, including the lungs, which can eventually lead to death.

President Trump is on a combination of three really powerful drugs. The first is Regeneron monoclonal antibody cocktail, an artificial version of an antibody that is hoped to supply antibodies to help the immune system fight the virus. It is currently in clinical trials, so it does not have Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval. The second one is Remdesivir, which is also an antiviral drug, which blocks the ability for the virus to duplicate itself. And then there's the latest one added to his treatment: Dexamethasone.

Though the Regeneron monoclonal antibody cocktail doesn't have FDA approval, there is an FDA approval loophole. You can be granted access to experimental treatments for "compassionate use." That's when everything has failed for a patient, and their only hope to try the unapproved drug; otherwise, they might die. The antibodies Regeneron makes are similar to those made by the people who have caught the virus and survived it.

Regeneron interrupts the virus and stops it from replicating itself thousands of times. What we know so far is that in the clinical trials going on right now, taking Regeneron cuts the time you have symptoms. Regeneron is rarely used to treat patients who have been just diagnosed, like President Trump. It is generally only approved for patients who are hospital-



(Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian) Physician to the President Dr. Sean Conley, joined by a team of doctors and clinicians, delivers an update on the health of President Donald J. Trump to members of the press Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

ized. But in the case of a sitting president, doctors might have to judge the risks and benefits differently.

You might remember that President Trump has a close relationship with billionaire, Leonard Schleifer. Schleifer is the CEO/Founder of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. He was the guy who was front and center, in March, along with a group of other pharmaceutical executives at the White House when President Trump announced that biotech would solve the pandemic with drugs or vaccines. None of this is a coincidence. Keep your eye on this one.

The next drug in the trio is Remdesivir. It is believed to be most effective in the very early stages of the infection. Even Dr Anthony Fauci said: "The data shows Remdesivir has a clear-cut, significant, positive effect in diminishing the time to recovery." It is hoped to supply antibodies to help the immune system fight the virus.

Remdesivir is the antiviral drug that was developed in West Africa, to treat Ebola. The way it works is that it confuses the virus because it looks like some of the stuff in your body that it needs to reproduce and survive. Unlike Regeneron, Remdesivir has received approval by the FDA under something known as an "emergency use declaration" for COVID-19 patients. Clinical trials showed effectiveness under some circumstances.

Dexamethasone suppresses the immune system if a patient receives this steroid too soon. It could actually prevent the immune system from fighting the virus in the

first place. This is a steroid, and it works by calming the immune system. But it needs to be used at the right time. This is the most controversial of all the drugs President Trump is being given by his doctors. If a patient is given this too early in their diagnosis, Dexamethasone could actually make things worse by weakening the body's immune system.

Dexamethasone is not a new drug. It has been used in patients with very severe forms of pneumonia, while it is not as effective in less serious pneumonia. Researchers and scientists feel it should only be used in hospitalized patients who are on ventilators or who require supplemental oxygen. The NIH specifically "recommends against using Dexamethasone for the treatment of COVID-19 in patients who do not require supplemental oxygen."

The president is also taking zinc, vitamin D, famotidine, melatonin and aspirin. We don't know whether they have anything to do with the treating his COVID-19 infection.

This information is intended not to make sure you get the medications President Trump had, but to know what he had, so that you make informed decisions about your health. Still, don't let your guard down, stay informed and follow the CDC safety precautions and guidelines.

Glenn Ellis is a visiting scholar at the National Bioethics Center for Research and Healthcare at Tuskegee University and a bioethics writing fellow at Harvard University Medical School.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL WHAT WILL YOUR VOTE GET YOU?

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100% Americans insured Lower overall medical costs More equitable health care delivery Healthcare that benefits people Pre-existing conditions covered 568,000 more NC people will get insurance 37,000 new jobs NC will receive billions in federal funds Protect people from medical bankruptcies Close insurance coverage gap Keep rural hospitals from closing	OR	More Americans uninsured Insurance companies controlling health care & profiting More Americans dying from treatable diseases & illnesses Healthcare that benefits insurance & pharmaceutical companies Pre-existing conditions not covered Leaving 36.1B federal funds behind over next 9 years Lost \$21 billion in lost federal funding already 5 rural hospitals closed in NC 1 million in NC have no insurance 2/3 of all bankruptcies are medical related Political opposition to expanding Medicaid
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CLIMATE WHAT WILL YOUR VOTE GET YOU?

A question to think about, paid for by the Progressive Caucus of the NC Democratic Party
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More clean, renewable energy Don't drill NC coast Attract coastal tourists, stimulate economy Clean Water Act restored - less polluted waterways Clean & pure drinking water for all Clean air for us to breathe - fewer asthma attacks for our kids Less methane, coal ash, etc in our air	OR	More drilling, fracking and oil spills Deter coastal tourists, ruin economy Seismic blasting kills sea life Forever chemicals in our water Roll back air pollution regulations Fewer rules and lax enforcement means that corporations can pollute at will
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LABOR WHAT WILL YOUR VOTE GET YOU?

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\$15 Minimum Wage Equal pay for women Ensure rights for domestic workers and farm workers Support workers' rights to bargain collectively with employers Create new jobs by investing in repairing and modernizing infrastructure; roads, bridges, sanitation, drinking water, high speed internet Reinstate jobs and regulations that ensure clean air and clean water	OR	Minimum wage is not a Living Wage No progress on promise to invest \$550 B in infrastructure, creating new jobs and modernizing US Promised not to cut Medicaid but new requirements have caused cuts Reduced taxes did not lead to better paying jobs and significantly increased passive wealth for the top 10% Job protection weakened for Federal employees and private sector workers Workers with two jobs still need assistance while corporations make record profits
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Republican connected tech firm targeted Black voters on Facebook for "deterrence"

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A database built by Cambridge Analytica, the Republican-aligned firm that shut down over allegations of improper use of Facebook data, targeted Black voters for "Deterrence" in profiles prepared for Donald Trump's 2016 campaign according to reporting by Great Britain's Channel 4 News.

It had already been known that Black voters were focused on disenfranchisement by the Trump campaign and Russian interference. But the new report outlined that 3.5 million Black Americans were profiled specifically in a new digital form of social media-driven voter suppression for 'deterrence' by the Trump campaign. What this also reveals is that in 2016 Facebook allowed this to take place. In 2016 many Black voters said that they wanted to stay home on election day.

"The 'Deterrence' project can be revealed after Channel 4 News obtained the database used by Trump's digital campaign team - credited with helping deliver his shock victory to become president four years ago. Vast in scale, it contains details on almost 200 million Americans, among more than 5,000 files, which together amass almost 5 terabytes of data - making it one of the biggest leaks in history. It reveals not only the huge amounts of data held on every individual voter, but how that data was used and manipulated by models and algorithms," the new inves-

tigative report from Channel4 revealed.

Over 3.5 million Black Americans were marked for 'deterrence'.

The digital arm of Trump's 2016 digital team, called 'Project Alamo' included a team from the now defunct British company Cambridge Analytica. Two senior directors of the former Cambridge Analytica team are now working on the Trump 2020 campaign for The White House.

Voter suppression has become mainstream policy for the Republican Party in America. Efforts to suppress the vote became mainstream after the election of the first Black President of the United States, Barack Obama, in 2008.

Voter suppression efforts that disproportionately target Black voters include requiring certain IDs at the polls, shutting down polling locations in predominantly Black areas and polling hours that make it difficult for working class Americans to participate.

Trump lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton by 2.8 million votes. In certain states, such as Wisconsin, the margin was thin. Hillary Clinton won the most votes but lost the electoral college and Trump won four years in the White House.

Lauren Victoria Burke is an independent journalist for NNPA and the host of the podcast BURKEFILE. She is also a political strategist at Principal of Win Digital Media LLC. She may be contacted at LVBurke007@gmail.com and on twitter at @LVBurke.

\$335 in COVID-19 Relief Funds for NC Families with Children

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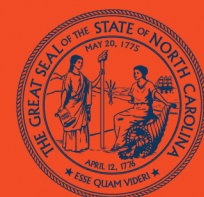
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Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Robert Allen Gottesman (20-E-1072)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Thaddeus Olvin Wadell, Sr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of January, 2021**, 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 1st day of October, 2020

Shenette J. Wadell, Executrix
1209 So. 9th St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Christopher David Wimmer**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of January, 2021**, 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 1st day of October, 2020

Gary Wayne Wimmer,
Administrator
2538 Chair Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **James Butler Bowman, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of January, 2021**, 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 1st day of October, 2020

James B. Bowman, III,
Administrator
825 Statler Dr.
Durham, NC 27703

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Audrey Dean Williams Gibbs**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of January, 2021**, 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 1st day of October, 2020

Kendra Lashonda Sanders AKA
Kendra Lashonda Gibbs,
Administratrix
4015 Bluefield Court
Leland, NC 28451

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020

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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 November 2, 2020. This hearing will be conducted remotely, by WEB-EX. Please contact your Attorney for Web-Ex instructions.

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

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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

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NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Estelle J. 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 **8th day of January 2021**, 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 8th day of October, 2020.

Janet I. Smith, Executrix
of the Estate of Estelle J. Caporale
1395 Rosemary Drive
Castle Rock, CO 80109
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 8, 15, 22, 29, 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

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

September 24, October 1, 8, 2020

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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 Executrix 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, Executrix
324 Friday Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Eleanor Steven F. Maynard**, 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 **8th day of January, 2021**, 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 8th day of October, 2020

Brenton T. Maynard, Administrator
1015 Fugate St.
Houston, TX 77009

October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER 20 CVS 436

**JAMES BRYON SHURTZER,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RUTH VELASQUEZ VASQUEZ
a/k/a RUTH VASQUEZ,
Defendant.**

TO: Ruth Velasquez Vasquez a/k/a Ruth Vasquez, the above-named Defendant:

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: a claim for personal injuries arising out of an automobile accident on the 7th day of March, 2017;

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 17th day of November, 2020, said date being 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 the Court for the relief sought.

This the 2nd day of October, 2020.

SLAUGHTER LAW, P.L.L.C.
M. Troy Slaughter
Attorney for Plaintiff
705 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 762-3000

October 8, 15, 22, 2020

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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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Eleanor Pridden Taylor**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of January, 2021**, 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 1st day of October, 2020

William Wesley Taylor, Executrix
453 Racine Drive
Apt. 102
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Frederick Bond Clemmons, Sr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of January, 2021**, 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 1st day of October, 2020

Kay Clemmons AKA Jessica Kay Clemmons, Executrix
9086 Black Chestnut Drive
Leland, NC 28451

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Ann C. Surratt**, 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 **2nd day of January, 2021**, 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 1st day of October, 2020.

Scott K. Surratt, Co-Executor of the Estate of Ann C. Surratt
853 Greenbriar Rd
Wilmington, NC 28409
Anthony G. Surratt, Jr., Co-Executor of the Estate of Ann C. Surratt
468 Andrews Rd
Hampstead, NC 28443
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Eleanor Kenneth Scott Cornwall**, 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 **8th day of January, 2021**, 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 8th day of October, 2020

Gregory Colin Vlahos, Executor
10908 Arvind Oaks Ct.
Charlotte, NC 28277

October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020

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MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE NEW TRANSFER STATION

Pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina (143-129 et. seq.), Brunswick County is soliciting bids for construction of a New Transfer Station Facility at the Brunswick County Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 172 Landfill Road NE, Bolivia NC 28422. Bids must be received by Brunswick County's designee, Dewberry Engineers Inc. ("Dewberry"), located at 2610 Wycliff Rd., Suite 410, Raleigh NC 27607 by 2:00 PM, local time on Friday, November 17, 2020. The bids will be for the furnishing of all labor, and material as detailed in the technical specifications and construction drawings and all equipment required for the construction of the New Transfer Station Facility. The New Transfer Facility has an approximate footprint of 21,500 square foot with a pre-engineered metal structure over the new transfer station. Work also includes selective demolition, new concrete foundation, site improvements, stormwater and grading improvements, water and sewer services, electrical services, and all other related work as shown on the Contract Documents, as more fully set forth herein. Any changes to the specifications or scope of work or clarifications to the bidding documents will be made in the form of an Addendum and will be supplied to all prospective bidders.

Each bid must be made on the blank forms provided with the bound copies of the Contract Documents and must be addressed to Mr. Amir Hadjimiry, c/o Dewberry, 2610 Wycliff Rd., Suite 410, Raleigh NC 27607. Each bid must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside "MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE NEW TRANSFER STATION", with the name, address and license number of the bidder. Sealed bids will be opened on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 2:00 pm within the Dewberry office located at 2610 Wycliff Rd., Suite 410, Raleigh NC 27607 and read aloud.

Neither Brunswick County nor Dewberry will be responsible for the failure of any mail or delivery service to deliver a bid. Regardless of the manner of submission, bids received after the aforementioned date and time or bids not submitted at the correct location or in the designated manner will not be accepted.

Contract Documents, including complete drawings and specifications, may be obtained by electronic copy in PDF form by contacting Mr. Amir Hadjimiry by e-mail ahadjimiry@dewberry.com or contacting by phone to receive electronic copy at (984) 255-7047. There will be no charge associated with obtaining electronic copy of the Contract Documents. Dewberry will require a 24-hour notice prior to delivery of Contract Documents. Contract Documents will be available on October 13, 2020.

No consideration will be given to any request for Plans and Specifications two (2) days prior to the date for receiving bids.

All Bidders questions and/or clarifications must be submitted in writing to Dewberry Engineers Inc., 2610 Wycliff Road, Suite 410, Raleigh, NC 27607 no later than 5:00 PM, local time on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Bidders questions and/or clarifications received after this date will not receive a response. If warranted Bidders questions and/or clarifications may be answered by Addenda.

All bids will be received as Single Prime.

Licensing: All bidders are hereby notified that they must have proper licenses as required under the state laws governing their respective trades. General Contractors are notified that Chapter 87 of the General Statutes of North Carolina will be observed in receiving and awarding general contracts. Contractor will be required to provide proof of licensure.

NOTE: Under NCGS 87-1, a Contractor that superintends or manages construction of any building, highway, public utility, grading, structure, or improvement shall be deemed a "General Contractor" and shall be so licensed. Therefore a single prime project that involves other trades will require the Single Prime Contractor to hold a proper General Contractor's license.

Insurance Requirements: All bidders must meet the Brunswick County Minimum Insurance Requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

Financial Information: Brunswick County reserves the right to request financial information for any bidder in order to support the viability of the bidder.

Minority Business Participation: General contractors are notified that Chapter 143 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and the "Brunswick County Minority Business Enterprise Policy" ("MBE") will be observed in receiving and awarding general contracts. Brunswick County requires contractors that are not self-performing 100% of the total value of the work to verify that they have made "good faith efforts" to contact MBE subcontractors whose work on the project would represent at least ten percent (10%) of the total value of work. The bidder shall identify on its bid proposal the minority business participation it will use on the project form (Identification of Minority Business Participation) and shall include either Affidavit A or Affidavit B as applicable. Forms and instructions are included within the bid documents. Failure to complete these forms is grounds for rejection of the bid. (NCGS 143-128.2c Effective 1/1/2002.)

Performance and Payment Bonds: A performance bond and a payment bond will be required for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. Surety companies must be authorized to do business in North Carolina.

Form of Agreement: In addition to the terms and conditions contained herein, by submitting a bid, bidder, if selected, agrees to enter into and be bound by the provisions of a Construction or Repair Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference. To the extent that any of the terms of this Invitation to Bid and the terms of the Construction or Repair Agreement conflict, the terms of the Construction or Repair Agreement shall prevail.

Miscellaneous: Brunswick County will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by the bidder in submitting a bid or for any other activities associated therewith. Further, Brunswick County reserves the right to cancel the work described herein prior to issuance and acceptance of any contractual agreement even if the Board of Commissioners has formally accepted the recommendation.

If a contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. The successful bidder will not be authorized to proceed with any work until a contract is fully executed. All those submitting a bid will receive notification once the contract has been awarded.

Brunswick County prohibits discrimination in any manner on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or handicap or sexual orientation and will pursue an affirmative policy of fostering, promoting, and conducting business with women and minority-owned business enterprises.

Submission of a bid indicates explicit acceptance by the bidder of the terms and conditions contained herein and any attachments hereto. Brunswick County reserves the right to reject, without prejudice or explanation, any or all bids. Brunswick County reserves the right to waive informalities or technical defects or to amend the specifications and request new bids at any time prior to the award of a contract. All decisions of Brunswick County shall be final and binding.

Neither Brunswick County nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Contract Documents, including any addendum, obtained from any other source.

This the 6th day of October 2020

BRUNSWICK COUNTY
Stephanie Lewis, Director, Operation Services Department

October 8, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2021 ANNUAL PLAN

The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA (WHA) is updating our and Annual Plan for FY 2021.

This is a 45-day notice with an opportunity to present public comments regarding 2021 updates to the Annual Plan.

The draft of the proposed WHA 2021 Annual Plan is available for review beginning Monday, October 5, 2020, at the WHA website at www.wha.net and at the WHA Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Comments must be made in writing and presented to the main office located at 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, Attn. Kevin Carlson or via email to kcarlson@wha.net no later than 10:00 a.m. December 4, 2020.

A public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room of WHA's Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC. Anyone interested in commenting on the proposed revisions is invited to attend.

In addition, the Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA) Annual Plan will be provided for public viewing at the following locations:

Amp Number: NC001000004
Property Name: HOUSTON MOORE TERRACE
Property Address: 1601 S. 13th St Wilmington, NC 28401

Amp Number: NC001000005
Property Name: HILLCREST APARTMENTS
Property Address: 1402 Meares St. Wilmington, NC 28401

Amp Number: NC001000007
Property Name: SOLOMON TOWERS
Property Address: 15 Castle St. Wilmington, NC 28401

Amp Number: NC001000080
Property Name: CREEKWOOD SOUTH
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Amp Number: NC001000017
Property Name: NEW BROOKLYN HOMES
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October 8, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NOS. 18 JT 102 & 19 JT 102

IN THE MATTER OF: M.R.H. (dob: 14 April 2018) M.T.H. (dob: 22 August 2019)

TO: 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 M.R.H., and M.T.H.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, October 8, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at District Court, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD BY WEBEX.

This the 5th day of October, 2020.

Regina Floyd-Davis Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services 1650 Greenfield Street Wilmington, NC 28401 (910) 798-3615 (910) 798-7833 * fax

October 8, 15, 22, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Cammie Bernice Westbrook Norris, 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 8th day of January, 2021, 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 8th day of October, 2020

Cammie Johnson, Executor 7850 Willard Rd. Willard, NC 28478

October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020

Bid request

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract DA00478 in Hyde, Tyrrell & Washington Co.'s bidding on 10/21/20. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 10/12/20 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division1Letting.aspx. For more information, please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

October 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. 18 JT 103

IN THE MATTER OF: A.K.W. (dob: 27 January 2011)

TO: 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 A.K.W.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, October 8, 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.

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October 8, 15, 22, 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 882

CRYSTAL DAWN SHOWALTER VS. TIMOTHY JAY SHOWALTER

TO TIMOTHY JAY SHOWALTER, DEFENDANT

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief is as follows: Complaint for Absolute Divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days after the first date of 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 30th day of September, 2020.

BLOCK, CROUCH, KEETER, BEHM & SAYED, LLP Melissa D. Wright N.C. State Bar No. 31476 310 North Front Street Post Office Box 4 Wilmington, North Carolina 28402 Telephone: 910-763-2727 Telecopier: 910-762-6429 Attorneys for Plaintiff

October 8, 15, 22, 2020

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Sources: Across Platforms, 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2013) The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013) 2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

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