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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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

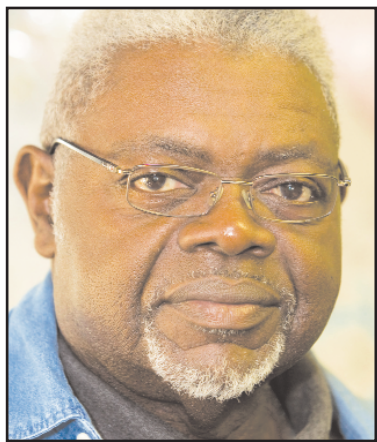
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**OUR VOICE**



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**BRUNSWICK  
COUNTY**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**VOTE**

**BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! and VOTE! My church will have our van ready to help get people to the polls for early voting and on Election Day, November 3, 2020. The church is Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Call one of the Deacons to set up pick up times and dates.

I would like to challenge other churches of Brunswick County to do the same for their communities. We must vote! Too many people have fought and/or died for our right to vote for us to fail short on our responsibility to exercise our well earned right to vote! Black votes do count! They also determine how we live in today's society, be counted, become leaders to your family and community. We must keep up the fight for freedom!

This life is a test. It is a test of many things, such as our convictions, priorities, our faith, our faithfulness, our patience, our resilience and, in the end, our ultimate desires, God has given us a chance at freedom! VOTE!

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

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# EARLY VOTE!! BEGINNING TODAY OCTOBER 15

From Oct. 15 through Oct. 31, you may do "One Stop Early Voting" and 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.

**YOU DO NOT NEED A VOTER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION TO EITHER CAST AN EARLY BALLOT, OR VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, NOV. 3.**

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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EARLY VOTING IS HERE, BLACK VOTING EXPLODES

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

On Monday, Georgia broke its own first day record of early voting numbers, as video showed long lines of African-Americans at the polls in what many consider to be a strong conservative state. Even for those who missed last week's registration deadline here in North Carolina, first time voters, age 18 and older, may still same-day register and then vote just by bringing something that confirms their legal address. Indeed, as past elections have shown, the voting group that leads White males, White females, Black males and all others, either Democrats or Republicans,

is Black female Democrats when it comes to early voting turnout. Black churches and civic organizations know the stats and traditionally have geared their major GOTV (get out the vote) efforts for this early voting period. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic still ever present, forcing many older African-American voters to try mail-in absentee balloting for the first time, it remains to be seen whether Black voters will rise, standing in long lines between now and the Nov. 3 election. Several community and grassroots groups, like the local chapters of the NCNAACP, are actively pushing to increase Black voter turnout compared to the 2016 depressed numbers.

The national civil rights organization is also running digital and radio ads in ten states across the country, including North Carolina, to deliver maximum Black voter turnout at least five percent higher than four years ago. Most of North Carolina's HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities) remain open during the pandemic, and students who have been actively registering to vote since before the coronavirus hit, are now mobilizing through their campus organizations to early vote at nearby voting precincts. October 17 has been designated as the Power to the Polls March and Vote for many HBCUS across the state. On Sunday, October 18,

while many Black churches remain closed due to the pandemic, some churches, like St. Joseph's AME Church in Durham, will lead a "Souls to the Polls" caravan to a nearby polling station. In effect, congregants either drive or are driven to the polls to cast their ballots, as opposed to traditionally boarding a church van to make the trip. Across the country, many Black churches are phone banking and delivering absentee ballots to the homes of Black elderly congregants for them to fill out and have witnessed. Because of varying laws in several states, in some cases, those ballots can be collected and delivered back to the county elections office. In North Carolina, after

the absentee ballot has been signed by the voter and witness (along with the witness' address) only a relative of the voter can deliver the absentee ballot back to the county elections office. You still have time to mail in your absentee ballot if you have one. Just make sure you sign your name and have one witness sign his or her name and provide his or her address before sending it back or having it dropped off. You have until Oct. 27, but you are urged to send it back as soon as possible. From today through Saturday, October 31, early voting in North Carolina will be the rule, especially for African-Americans, who, statistics show, come out in large numbers during this period.

New poll shows Black women are fired up for change and ready to cast their vote

BY GLYNDA C. CARR

With November 3rd less than a month away, Black women voters hold a huge stake in this year's election. With the first Black woman vying for the vice-presidency, a recent poll of 506 likely 2020 Black women voters conducted from September 30-October 4, 2020 by Higher Heights and Change Research, showed that 75 percent of Black women are now more motivated than ever to vote. But the remaining 25 percent of Black women polled are feeling hopeless that their ballot won't bring the change they want to see. In the poll, the top priorities and anxieties about the upcoming election for Black women included: the desire for a stronger response to the coronavirus and the need for racial justice. In addition, the Black women polled noted that when it came to the demographic who could bring about the change the United States needed with voter turnout, an overwhelming 64 percent, of course, chose Black women. Over the last two presidential elections, Black

women have continued to show up and show out. Whether it was voting for Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton, Black women have been at the forefront of trying to protect the United States from eating itself alive. But over the last 4 years, the Black community has dealt with everything from the coronavirus to the state sanctioned killings of Black people at the hands of law enforcement, as well as voter disenfranchisement. For example, in Harris County, Texas, home to 2.4 million voters, Gov. Greg Abbott allowed the closing of ballot drop off sites, which has now resulted in several lawsuits. This is one of several examples of how voter suppression is in full force this election. But these tactics, along with long lines, changes to voting and the present pandemic won't keep Black women from the polls. When asked in the survey, 'what is one word or phrase that best describes your motivation for voting this year?' participants responded with the need for change and racial justice. As COVID continues to

disproportionately affect Black and Brown communities, this election's turnout is tantamount in putting someone in office who is capable of instituting laws that will protect the Black community's health, as well as providing assistance to those who have been displaced from their homes or have faced unemployment. 48 percent of the respondents stated that the coronavirus was a top issue for them personally. But when it comes to what keeps them up at night, weeks before the election, racism was the most common response. After a summer of protests and Black deaths at the hands of law enforcement, the poll results show that Black women voters are concerned about being safe in their Black skin, and if they would end up like Breonna Taylor. Others were also concerned about their Black children being safe once they leave their homes on a daily basis. Only 34 percent of respondents said they felt more hopeful of the progress that has been made in light of the recent protests, whereas 38% said they didn't feel any different from before the protests, and 28 percent stated they felt less hopefully. Across the country, we saw millions of people hitting the streets in protest and allies standing in solidarity to the systemic racism that has engulfed this country for centuries. Black women know that the only way to rid the country of its vile history is by voting, and not only on a national level, but also on local levels. Black women know that we possess a political power like no other, and the poll results are reflective on that, particularly when 50 percent of the

women polled said they felt motivated by the upcoming election. Across the country, many people have already voted using mail-in ballots. But on November 3rd, others will head to their local polling location and cast their vote. And although the weight of the world seems as though it's on the shoulders of Black women, this election is literally a vote or die situation. And once again, Black women will rise to the occasion to save their country. Glynda C. Carr is the President and CEO of Higher Heights for America the only national organization providing Black women with a political home exclusively dedicated to harnessing their power

to expand Black women's elected representation and voting participation, and advance progressive policies.

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GREENSBORO CITY COUNCIL FINALLY APOLOGIZES FOR CITY'S ROLE IN 1979 KLAN MURDERS

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voter the Greensboro City Council on Oct. 6th issued a formal apology for the role of the Greensboro Police Dept in the November 1979 murders by the Ku Klux Klan of five members of the Communist Workers Party there. Police deliberately left the area before the shooting. The council approved an apology to the victims (ten were wounded), victims' fam-

ilies and others associated with the tragedy. Many say the long awaited apology is a step towards healing.

BLACK FIREFIGHTERS IN WINSTON-SALEM FILE GRIEVANCE

[WINSTON-SALEM] Black firefighters with the Winston-Salem Fire Dept. have file a grievance against their Chief William Mayo,

alleging that he has not disciplined white fire captains for talking about running over protesters with vehicles, or other white firefighters who created a hostile work environment. They want Chief Mayo fired. One white captain has categorically denied the accusations. City officials are investigating.

THOUSANDS OF NC VOTERS ARE WAITING FOR THEIR BALLOTS

[RALEIGH] Thousands of voters across North Carolina are still waiting for the absentee mail-in ballot to be sent to them, even though it is just over two weeks before the Nov. 3rd general election. Admittedly, county election officials have been struggling with trying to honor more

ballot requests than ever before. In some counties, like Wake, it is taking as long as two weeks to fulfill requests. At least ten NC counties are taking longer than sever days to turn around request.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

AN ANALYSIS

Federal courts: why Republicans must stop Democrats

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

This was the last day of the Republican-led Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearing for Pres. Trump's U. S. Supreme Court nominee Appellate Judge Amy Coney Barrett.

By all accounts, Judge Barrett, 48, is an accomplished, well credentialed and experienced jurist who once clerked for conservative firebrand, the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

Judge Barrett is considered to be as right wing as her old boss, and Republicans wouldn't have it any other way. This is why they urged Trump to immediately nominate Barrett within days of the death of liberal High Court icon, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, last month.

"She represents victory, the culmination of a generational struggle to reshape the courts in their favor," writes NY Times columnist, Jamelle Bouie.

With little doubt that the GOP will confirm Barrett to

take Ginsburg's seat by November, conservatives are giddy that, for the foreseeable future, they will have a 6-3 majority on the Supreme Court, enough of a majority to finally strike down Obamacare, Roe v. Wade, and several targeted civil and voting rights provisions, issues important to African-Americans.

Make no mistake! Packing the U. S. Supreme Court with an abundance of conservatives to backstop and safeguard whatever legislative gains they feel they've made in the last four years under Donald Trump is the Republican Party's primary objective.

Indeed, that's their deal with him, as long as Trump gives them the judicial nominees they feel they need, they'll do everything in their power to keep him in power.

"The right has devised new doctrines to justify conservative rulings, flooded the courts with an expanding cadre of judges and legal scholars, financed a host of legal firms to challenge liberal laws and liberal rulings, and built a multi-mil-

lion dollar network of tax exempt groups to promote its agenda," wrote NY Times columnist, Thomas B. Edsell.

"The conservative legal revolution, which first took off in the late 1970's, caught the Democratic powers that be asleep at the switch."

One of the driving forces in that "conservative legal revolution," Edsell adds, was "resentment" over civil rights advancement, and that's why you're hearing so much GOP consternation about whether former Vice President Joe Biden and the Democrats will "pack" the High Court if they win the White House and the U. S. Senate, particularly.

By "packing," they mean a "President" Biden and Democratic-led Congress' deciding to arbitrarily add enough moderate-to-liberal leaning justices to the Supreme Court to counter any conservative direction toward which a 6-3 court would naturally head.

Thus, the Democrats, with Biden nominating and a Democratic Senate confirming, could pack as many as six new

justices, bringing the total number sitting to 15, expanding the moderate-to-liberal justices from three to nine.

That would give Democrats a three justice buffer that would last a lifetime, since that is the term of most appointed federal judges.

Furthermore, to be clear, there is no constitutional set number of Supreme Court justices to serve at any time, so Democrats could make the court 15, 12 (if three died off), or 21 if they wanted to, and there is nothing that Republicans could do about it since they would be out of power.

This is also why Republicans are deathly afraid of Democratic Vice Presidential candidate, Sen. Kamala Harris. She naturally would succeed Biden and is young enough and liberal enough to further pack the court if she saw the need in the future.

Legal experts caution against court packing, warning that it turns the Supreme Court into an instant partisan tool. Whatever party has a court majority gets the last partisan

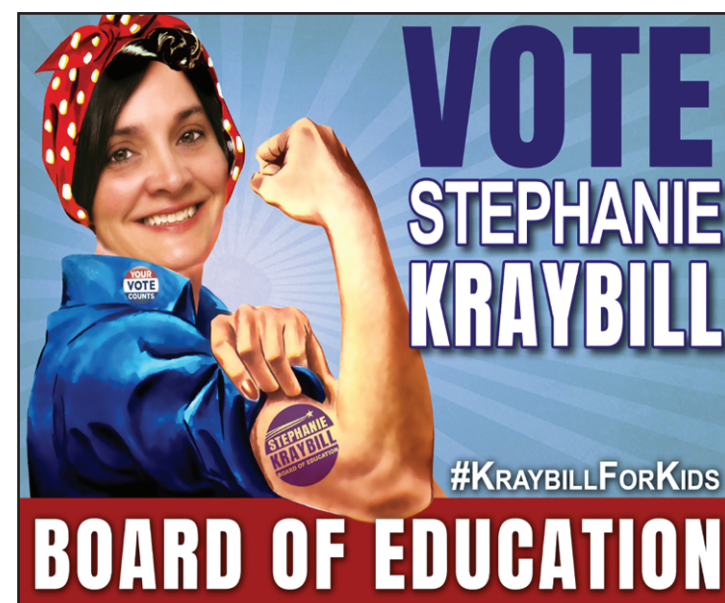
word on contentious constitutional cases.

However, observers counter, what is it now with a 6-3 conservative majority? Indeed, Pres. Trump loves to brag about how he will have approximately 300 confirmed appointments to the federal judiciary by the end of his first term.

That's because Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pushed the confirmation process at warp speed to

fill as many federal judiciary vacancies as possible with Trump nominees.

But no....you will never hear McConnell who history will show, not only denied Democratic Pres. Barack Obama confirmation of his last Supreme Court pick, but even slowed the confirmation process down on Obama judicial nominees, call what he's doing for Trump..."packing."



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## OUR VOICE

### Our endorsements 2020-PART 3

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, as from now, until Saturday, Oct. 31, is our One-Stop Early Voting - Same Day Registration period, in addition to absentee mail-in ballots which must be properly filled out with the voter's name and the name, signature, and address of one witness BEFORE it is returned.

Then either send it back or drop it off at your New Hanover County Board of Elections office at 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 38, Wilmington, N. C. The phone Number is 910-798-7300. This must be done by 5 p.m on Nov. 3, Election Day. By mail, it must be postmarked by Nov. 3 (Election Day).

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

#### OUR ENDORSEMENTS AND WHY WE CHOSE THEM

Our endorsements cover all federal, state and local contests on the ballot.

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

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

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

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

It is because of Donald Trump that over 213,000 Americans, a third of them Black and brown - are dead because of the coronavirus. It is because of him that racist police officers now feel free to kill any person of color they want.

Furthermore, it is because of Trump that this nation is more divided and hateful than it's ever been in its history.

No Republican who supports Donald Trump can escape those realities. In fact, they all share the blame that is royally his. So no, we're not totally pleased with the Democratic Party on a number of issues, but Lord knows, at least its slate of candidates possesses some degree of decency and competency.

The highest priorities of this election are to remove Donald Trump as President and return the United States Congress and the North Carolina General Assembly to the Democrats.

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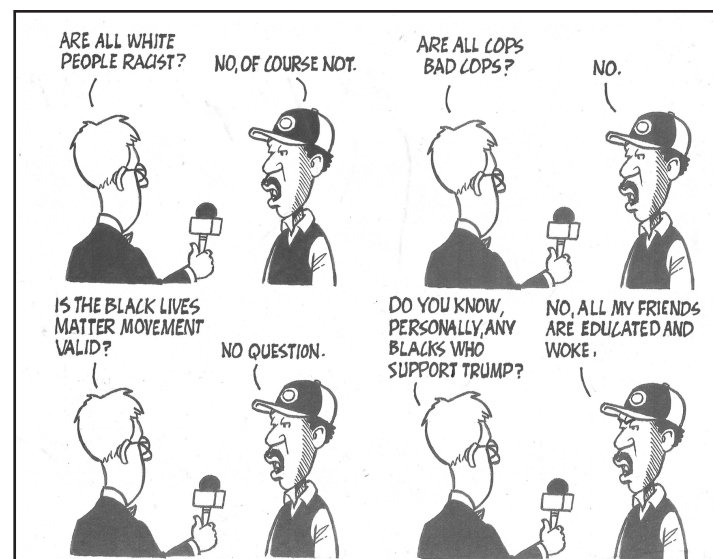
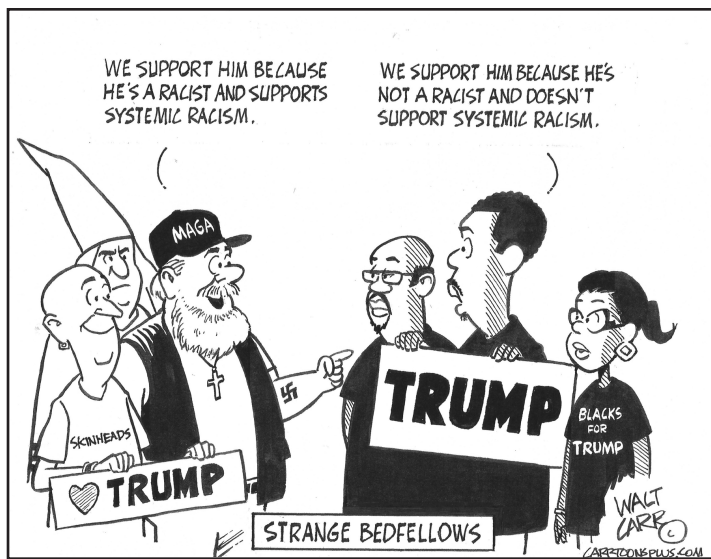
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## VISUAL VOICE



## YOUR VOICE

### TRUMP TOLD HIS FOLLOWERS TO LIE AND FIX THEIR SCALES FOR CHEATING

THE PROBLEM: TRUMP told his posse to do everything you can to slow down or stop the progressives from voting such as:

- 1) When the federal court gave the felons the right to vote, the Republican Governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis, passed a state law making them, most still unemployed, pay a state fine/poll tax before voting.
- 2) Created confusion by making the absentee or mail-in ballots on a 12th - grade reading level which is higher than most newspapers which are written on a 6th - grade level.
- 3) The Republican Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, mandated that there will be only one ballot drop-box per county. NOTE Harris

county in Texas has 2,357,199 eligible voters. That would be a super big box even by Texas standard. (smile)

4) In a televised campaign event U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said African Americans and immigrants can "go anywhere" in his home state but they "just need to be conservative not liberal."

If he is reelected, will he bring back "laughing barrels" to the land of cotton? THE SOLUTION:

- 1) Community leaders need to continue educating and registering many people.
- 2) Churches and outreach organizations need to open their doors from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm 24/7 from now to the last voting hours of November 3rd so the people can get honest volunteers to help them complete their ballots and hand-carry them to all the voting precincts.

My mother an AMEZ Methodist teacher, and father, a Catholic barber, taught my three sisters, two brothers, and I a particularly important lesson. They said there is nothing new because the ancestors of every hateful person you have seen, seeing now, and will ever see can be found in the Holy Bible.

The only thing that needs to change is how you respond. An estimated one hundred million or (43%) of eligible voters did not vote 2016. Are you better off today in 2020 than you were in 2016? Do you still have that good job? How many mortgages, rent, car, credit card, loan company, payday loans or college loan payments are you behind? Is your small business still working on your first million or are you temporarily closed? Parents do some of you still think you can teach better than your child's professional-

ly licensed teacher after your 8 months of practice teaching at home. What grade do you give your children for learning your lessons, focus, class participation, completing homework, assignments, and conduct?

What grade do you give yourself teacher? (smile) A Hebrew profit who lived in the 8th century before Christ wrote this about TRUMP and his followers. Amos 8:5 "You can't wait for the Sabbath day to be over and the religious festivals to end so you can get back to cheating the helpless. You measure out grain with your dishonest measures and cheat the buyer with dishonest scales."

As for me and my household, our mind is on voting and encouraging others to vote, how about you?

**James J. Hankins**  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Don't forget them

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As I write this, those of us who survive, subsist, and maintain without life-threatening effects of the ravages of the COVID-19 Pandemic are held in rapt attention to the goings-on of the 2020 Presidential Campaign. Most question how and when they will participate in the election process which is easily the most important in anyone's lifetime. Many of us have already voted and others have developed or are developing their own personalized plan to vote. Those paying close attention are receiving a civics lesson of unprecedented detail.

We listen to news of voter suppression by the USPS and the potential for future litigation related to their mail processing. Mechanical Zip Code readers and other machines designed to expedite mail delivery have been dismantled and removed from processing stations. Delivery procedures have been modified to facilitate a slow-down in mail movement. These factors in USPS mail handling have been used to discredit the viability of mail-in bal-

lots.

Without surprise concerning the news, we have been reintroduced to the incivility of #45 and for the genuine disgust and disdain he has demonstrated for the average citizen. He has used citizens as cannon fodder in his war on COVID by lying to the nation, negating the severity of the disease, and denying the full range of negative outcomes with exposure. He has manipulated the distribution of medical supplies essential for waging the war on the disease and has short-changed "Blue" states in the process. He has allegedly called military service members - both living and dead - suckers and losers for their sacrifice of service and lives to the nation. Along with election news, these indignities have taken center stage on the consciousness of many Americans.

We have become so conditioned to the worst of #45,

that the disclosure of his tax evasion seemed normal. The only related concern is the discovery that he owes One-half Billion Dollars to an unknown lender(s). Even Stevie wonder can see the potential for coercion and threats to national security.

It's difficult to call these current events "distractions," but for millions they divert critical attention from uncontrollable circumstances thrust upon them by a once-in-a-lifetime event. Whatever the motivation, many, especially the Republican Senate majority, have seemingly forgotten the plight of millions of Americans who either teeter close to the edge of financial ruin or who have fallen off the cliff of financial and emotional despair. Moscow Mitch and his minions in the Senate have had multiple opportunities to address their plight but have turned a blind eye to relief legislation delivered to them by the House of Representatives. Republicans have ignored the fundamental survival needs of those forced into unemployment and/or who have been displaced, or face pandemic related displacement.

In the face of a disaster of epic proportions, it is shameful that some legislators who are supposedly dedicated to defend the welfare of their constituents have chosen to either block or take no action to provide them minimal financial security. It is shameful that these same legislators use Wall Street as an indicator of national health instead of assessing how many children are going to bed hungry as a more realistic measure. For these transgressions, I criticize and condemn the Republican Senate.

I am not one to criticize without a remedy in mind. I offer to you that those of us who have not forgotten the circumstance of our fellow citizens of lesser means have a duty to call or write to CHALLENGE those in power (who either ignore or forget them) to STOP pointless debates and take actions to relieve the misery. If they do not, we not only face a COVID pandemic, but an epidemic of homelessness, hunger, and hopelessness.

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

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# Monsters are scary. So are brilliant Black women

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I was frightened of monsters when I was a child. Not so sure why, but my brother, who loved to plague me, used to tell me they were lurking under my bed. I shook, and I shivered, and I cried for fear that one of those dreaded monsters would rise from under the bed to strangle me. I don't know what got me over my fear of monsters. Perhaps I realized that my brother got perverse pleasure by mocking me. In any case, one day, he told me that there was a monster under my bed, and I laughed in his face. And the monster myth lost its hold on me.

I got over my fear of monsters, but Donald John Trump is holding on to his fear of his. His demons are brilliant Black women, like Congresswomen Maxine Waters and Fredericka Wilson. He ridicules anyone who opposes him, but he saves his tartest barbs for Black women. We are his monsters, the folks lurking under his bed, inside his consciousness, willing to call him out. According to one dictionary definition, mon-

sters are "a type of grotesque creature, whose appearance frightens and whose powers of destruction threaten the human world's social or moral order. A monster can also be like a human, but in folklore, they are commonly portrayed as the lowest class, as mutants, deformed, supernatural, and otherworldly."



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

threatening the white male social order. Monsters like Democratic Vice Presidential nominee, Senator Kamala Harris.

I wrap myself in the epithet of monster. Like Harris, I am an otherworldly woman who isn't supposed to be a Black woman economist. I live to destroy the white male social order; I reject the notion that I am the "lowest social class" or "deformed." And I embrace the idea of being supernatural and otherworldly. With the roll of my neck, the cut of my eyes, the arch of my brows, I can turn an ignorant white man into

New Orleans blanc mélange, just like Senator Harris did a bland Mike Pence when they "debated."

No wonder the best the Orange Man could come up with was to describe our precious California Senator as a "monster." No wonder that the best he could do was to describe her as frightening. In so describing her, he revealed his own fright, his fright of a woman so capable, so marvelous that he cowers in the wake of her brilliance. He cringes, and his Vice President appears more afraid, so much so that he is too intimidated to allow her to finish a sentence, interrupting her twice as often as she interrupted him. He earned her admonishment, "I am speaking," and ignored the rules he had agreed to. But the marginally elected President and his clone, who only differs from him because he went to both church and charm school, have no regard for rules or decency.

I was angry that the Orange Man described Senator Harris as a "monster" until a friend reminded me that monsters are frightening. And Donald John Trump is not afraid, not scared, but

skered! He is not only skered of losing face and losing the election, but he is also skered of the blue wave of Black women gunning for him, along with the White women who are sick of his dismissiveness. He is skered of suburban women, regardless of race, who have had it with the ignorance that has decimated their families. 211,000 dead at this writing, while he rallies, joyrides, and ignores medical advice. If he ain't skered, then he ought to be.

He is so skered (yes, I spelled it wrong, just so you could pronounce it wrong, with a little bit of flava) that he projected his greatest fear on Senator Kamala Harris by describing her as a "monster." Yes, she is - otherworldly, supernatural, and disruptive to the white male order of being. She is the future. He is the past, and his followers cling to his fading past where anybody but white men were invisible. She is the monster that is our future, a monster only to those who fear progress.

For more information please visit [www.julianne malveaux.com](http://www.julianne malveaux.com) or email [b o o k i n g @ j u l i a n n e m a l v e a u x . c o m](mailto:b o o k i n g @ j u l i a n n e m a l v e a u x . c o m).

## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

### Democracy vs Authoritarianism: Which will win?

In this turbulent political period of our existence, I find myself wondering why anyone would prefer what appears to be the development of an authoritarian regime rather than the democracy which this country has always touted itself to be.

I have heard from some of my Twitter friends that "democracy needs to go," and just last week, we heard a United States Senator say much the same thing. (<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/10/08/nation/republican-senator-mike-lee-says-democracy-isnt-objective-baffling-tweet/?event=event12>) Indeed, some have argued that the president hates democracy, an opinion which seems to be supported by his gradual dismantling of the government as we have known it since the adoption of the United States Constitution. (<https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2020/10/mike-lee-not-a-democracy-republican-trump-authoritarian.html>)

The movement toward an authoritarian government has been slowly progressing. (<https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2016/10/the-gops-age-of-authoritarianism-has-only-just-begun.html>). While the president is calling out the "radical far left," the radical far right is continuing its march toward the type of government it wants. Trump Republicans are not miffed or disturbed by the suggestion that democracy is dying, and they are not upset or worried about Mr. Trump becoming the sole leader of a new government in this country.

The question is, which government will win? If the president wins re-election, this country will continue its march toward authoritarianism. The guardrails that were put in place to protect democracy have all but been displaced or thrown out. The only remaining guardrail is the vote of the people, which the president is working hard to delegitimize even before the votes are counted. Because there is no representative government in place on the federal level, the country as we know it is in real peril as the president will demand that the Attorney General do what he needs to do to make sure he maintains power and in the event of any problems in attaining that goal, he is putting in place a United States Supreme Court which will do his bidding.

Voters need to be aware of what is going on, and cast their ballots no matter how intense grow the efforts to suppress their voices. Democracies die because those seeking total power are and have been successful in extinguishing the will of the people. The masses do have power, a fact which a creeping authoritarian regime seeks to disparage. If the people give in to despair, authoritarianism wins.

In spite of the words of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, the truth is that the founders of this country never intended for the masses to have and maintain power, although they were viewed as important for getting the right people into power. Many politicians said back then and continue to say now that they did not want all of the people to have the right to vote. They wanted to keep power concentrated in the hands of a very few. Paul Weyrich, considered to be the "father" of the right wing movement and co-founder of the Heritage Foundation, said as much in an address he made in 2007. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GBAsFwPglw>) In essence he said that when the majority of people vote, Republicans lose.

If the Trump Republicans are successful in their quest to keep this president in power, even the semblance of fairness for all Americans will be lost. The quest is power for the fittest, not for the masses. Unfortunately, many of the masses include people in the president's base. They are putting their hope in a man who has as little regard for their plight as he does for all other marginalized groups. They, however, do not realize it. They are basking in their privilege of being white, and soaking in their bowls of anger and resentment because they feel like "other" people have imposed upon the rights due to them merely because they are white.

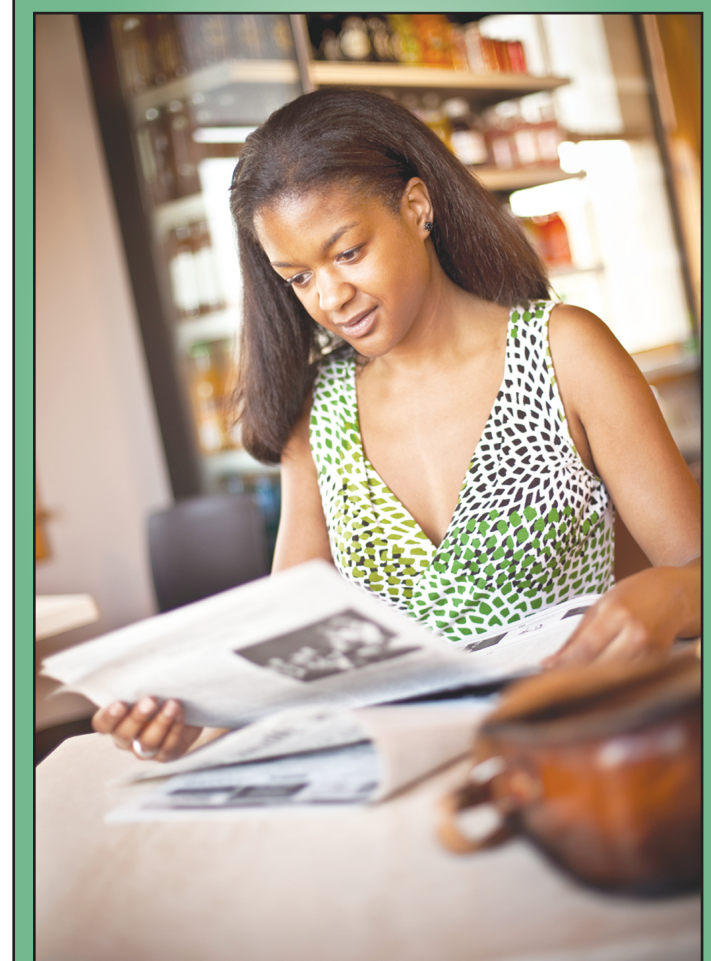
When authoritarians come into power, those who followed blindly are often the ones most severely let down; their anger and disenchantment increases exponentially, but by then, their anger and resentment has spilled over into the hands of the authoritarian rulers, who view them, as most of the populace, as expendable.

The government we have known has not been perfect but it has at least felt stable. With the movement and push toward authoritarianism, that stability is all but gone.

The only thing that will save this country from authoritarianism is a behemoth effort by the masses to stop its progression. Hopefully, in spite of having misgivings about the way things have been in our government up to now, the taste of freedom and liberty will drive people to the polls in record numbers, because that is the only way the spread of this movement to dismantle what we have always known will be stopped.

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

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



## TO BE EQUAL

### Trump turns his back on struggling Americans, small businesses, state and local governments

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Today's failure to deliver badly needed fiscal assistance to cities of all shapes and sizes is going to amount to increased job losses, decreased public safety and a greatly impaired economic recovery. Cities across the country have been struggling with budget shortfalls for months as a direct result of the pandemic, and hundreds of bipartisan mayors have been echoing the call to congressional and administration leaders for an economic lifeline in the form of immediate flexible fiscal relief. The victims of today's failure will be the American people - residents in cities across the country - led by Republicans, Independents and Democrats - who will see critical services further reduced or eliminated entirely." - U.S. Conference of Mayors

I have instructed my representatives to stop negotiating until after the election when, immediately after I win, we will pass a major Stimulus Bill that focuses on hardworking Americans and Small Business," he tweeted.



Marc Morial

In response to his recklessness, the stock market plummeted. He immediately backtracked, calling for a bill that would land \$1,200 checks emblazoned with his name in voters' mailboxes days before they cast their ballots, still refusing to entertain a comprehensive aid package.

"All the president wants is his name on a check," Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said. "We're here to honor our heroes, crush the virus, put money in the pockets of the American people beyond a check with his name on it."

Last week, the House passed an updated version of the HEROES Act that includes sup-

port for small businesses; invests in testing, tracing, and treatment; and provides direct payments of \$1,200 per taxpayer and \$500 per dependent. Notably, it includes support for state and local governments - a sticking point for an administration that still thinks it can sabotage Democratic governors and mayors by withholding aid, even as the virus wrecks the economies of Republican-run states and cities as well.

Right now, 26 million Americans are receiving unemployment insurance - payments which were drastically slashed when the federal supplement expired on July 31. Those who lost their jobs early in the pandemic are about to see their benefits expire entirely.

Major companies including Disney, Allstate and two major airlines, have announced plans to fire or furlough more than 60,000 workers.

At least 164,000 businesses have closed since March.

Between 10 million and 14 million renter households are behind on their rent, putting as many as 34 million people at risk of eviction.

And more than 1.2 million jobs in state and local governments have been lost as a result

of falling revenues.

The President's assessment of the situation? "Our Economy is doing very well."

From the vantage point of the wealthiest Americans, it may appear so. But, as Chairman Powell observed on Tuesday:

The burdens of the downturn have not been evenly shared. The initial job losses fell most heavily on lower-wage workers in service industries facing the public-job categories in which minorities and women are overrepresented.... Combined with the disproportionate effects of COVID on communities of color, and the overwhelming burden of child-care during quarantine and distance learning, which has fallen mostly on women, the pandemic is further widening divides in wealth and economic mobility.

Early in the pandemic, President Trump bafflingly retweeted meme that compared him to Nero fiddling while Rome burned. In actively sabotaging the nation's economic recovery, he's doing worse than fiddling; he's pouring gasoline on the fire.

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

## NNPA President, Chavis, launches new public broadcasting show chronicling Black lives

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)

With a soulful sound completed by thumping bass and a picturesque view of the wind blowing the American flag over the White House, civil rights icon and National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., kicked off a brand-new public television show called "The Chavis Chronicles."

Chavis, a student and disciple of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and a member of the famous Wilmington 10 civil rights group, began his new show on Sunday, Oct. 4, featuring Major Neil Franklin, the executive director of the Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) and House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-SC).

Sporting a dark blue suit with a slick necktie and with his NNPA lapel pin for his millions of television viewers, Chavis chronicled the current Black Lives Matter movement, police brutality, the battle for equality, and health disparities in his debut.

The program counts as an extension of his duties as NNPA president, one which provides heightened and needed exposure for the more than 200 publishers of the Black Press of America.

"It's crystal clear that there's a great disparity in the value of Black lives, and not just in this country," Franklin declared during the broadcast. "This is a global issue, and

we've gotten to a point now where action needs to occur; and it's everyone's responsibility to close that gap."

Clyburn spoke of the future of American democracy, particularly as it pertains to those enduring poverty.

"If you think about the world in which we live and who and what makes up the world, you've got to be shortsighted if you don't know that the future growth and development of this country will be determined by how well we are able to diversify the leadership of this country and how well we are able to diversity the resources of this country," Clyburn stated.

Stacy M. Brown

The program fills a massive void for African Americans on public broadcasting stations that opened after the departure of Tavis Smiley. The Chavis Chronicles is seen as a combination of "Meet the Press" and "Fareed Zakaria GPS," but with an urban American flare.

Chavis goes beyond the headlines to offer profound insights on matters that impact the public. Co-produced by Chavis and series creator Clara Wilkerson, The Chavis Chronicles focuses on contemporary reviews and analysis of leaders and innovators of African descent in America and throughout the Diaspora.

According to Wilkerson, Chavis promises lively discussions about "the life-journeys, issues, and historical and social-changing moments of freedom fighters whose genius, courage, and commitments have helped to improve the quality of life for all in the United States and throughout the world in affirmation of the oneness of humanity."

"Last fall, I had a premonition that America was on the verge of mass social unrest," Wilkerson stated. "The constant police brutality videos on the news showing blacks suffering and dying at the hands of law enforcement was akin to seeing kindling wood pile up. It would only take one spark to ignite a flame."

Wilkerson continued: "As we all know the death of George Floyd started this firestorm of protest that continues worldwide. Yet at that time it was just an intuition but I knew we would need Dr. Chavis's voice and his leadership as a civil rights icon. That's why I created The Chavis Chronicles."

"I've produced long format documentaries for Public TV for 25 years. I believed Public Television would be an excellent forum for this type of thought-provoking programming."

"I was thrilled when Dr. Chavis agreed to host and collaborate on the series and now we are contracted to provide 52 episodes. It's a major undertaking, but I am grateful to have the opportunity to



NNPA PRESIDENT AND CEO, DR. BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS, JR.

bring this TV series to a mass audience with Dr. Chavis."

American Public Television has ordered 48, one-hour episodes of the Chavis Chronicles which airs in more than 100 cities.

Melody McKinley and Tracie Caldwell serve as senior producers, and Tom Knier, Omar Teitelbaum, and Elie Mosseri also share editing duties.

"We have chronicled in-depth, our voices, our dreams, our pains, our aspirations, our struggles, and our challenges, opportunities, and our commitment to ensure freedom, justice and equality for all," Chavis declared on air following the initial broadcast.

"Whether it's Black lives matter, calls for action, and racial justice, health disparities, or income inequities, we'll be here to report and share freedom's constant struggle."

Stacy M. Brown is the NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent.



GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Goal-time, YOU READY?

Have you said you wanted to stop renting? Tired of being told what you can and can't do at the place you lay your head, because it's not yours? Have you had a mindset shift but no actions taken? The rules apply to every area of life. Doing the same non-productive habits will continue to yield the same not so good results. cross over with me, TRUTHS: There is no magic fairy dust, you got to get a plan, get into the action with it, and get the results. IF YOUR GOAL IS TO BECOME A HOMEOWNER, let me tell you, it is possible for you. No matter your current finances, you can become a homeowner if your mindset is made up. I'm going to give you some steps

to start your journey towards homeownership:

It's time to GET THAT D.E.E.D

D... Decide.. MAKE A DECISION that you're finally sick and tired of your family not having your own

E... Evaluate.. See where you are and get that game plan to get you where you need to be

E... Educate.. Learn the steps A to Z with guidance at a comfortable pace. No anxiety, stressing, nor pressing.

D... DO IT!. Just DO IT! How many years it's already been throwing away \$\$\$ Thousands?... Yes, it's time to JUST DO IT!

I challenge you to fight for this. Get out the calculator and figure out your monthly rent amount x 12 months and

see how much money is being thrown out the window every time you renew that lease. Look at your current lease and see how much time is left on it. Determine if you can get your finances in order before it ends, or will you need to go just ONE more round of leasing. I plead with you not to let the disappointments of yesteryears tell you it's not obtainable for YOUR family. I know you want it for them, you work hard, and you all definitely deserve it. Make it a priority to reach out to a Realtor in your area that has a track record of helping 1st-time buyers. You can search by google, ask your friends, co-worker, and family that has purchased if they have a referral. Finding a Realtor

with a heart of service to help guide you from the beginning is so key. This is the biggest investment of your life to date, and you need sound guidance. No matter how you find the Realtor, interview them. Yes, that's right. You want to make sure they have the knowledge and skills to help you. IMPOR-TANT: Please keep in mind

not to share any of your personal information with Realtors while doing the initial interviews. You only want to share your personal financial info with the Realtor you decide to hire as your Buyer's Agent. Only that Realtor will be mandated to keep your info confidential. In the coming weeks, I will continue to share info

that will help you with this Blessed major milestone.

Until next week, please share this article with 3 other people and feel free to reach out for your personalized game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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**Delia Lloyd**

Mrs. Delia Lloyd died October 1, 2020. Graveside service was held on Friday, October 9, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Delia was born October 4, 1922 in the "Seabreeze" Community in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late William Lincoln and Amelia Bryant Mitchell. Delia attended New Hanover County Schools, graduating with the Class of 1941 of Williston Industrial High School. Delia was a member of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church during her childhood and young adulthood. Delia was united in Holy Matrimony to David W. Lloyd on Sunday, August 8, 1943. They were blessed with two daughters and one son. David preceded her in death on Sunday, July 2, 1989. Upon moving to the city, Delia joined First Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend T.O. Mills. She chose to be baptized by complete immersion on Sunday, October 14, 1951, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. She worked in many departments of the church faithfully. With constant urging by her children, she followed them to Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in 1961 under the Pastorship of Reverend M.T. Phillips. She remained there working tirelessly in many departments of the church until her health began to fail and now her eternal rest. In addition to her parents, Delia is preceded in death by her siblings, Earl, John, Harriett, Adolphus, Alfred, and Amelia.

Delia leaves the following to remember her in their own way: her loving children, Cherie Lloyd Corbett, Felecia Denese Lloyd and David Lamont Lloyd all of Wilmington, NC; seven grandchildren, Elwin "Rusty" Corbett II of Wilmington, NC, David "Ten-Two" Lloyd Jr. of Bealeton, VA, Nakia "Nikki" Corbett Ballard (Maduka Ballard) and Crystal Corbett all of Wilmington, NC, Sergeant First Class Brandon Lloyd of San Antonio, TX, Aiereal Lloyd and Rhykia Lloyd both of Wilmington, NC; five great-grandchildren, Nalani Ballard, Jaziah Fullwood, Jamere Lloyd Beatty, Myles Ballard and Aubrie Langston; an extended son, Larry Faison; a host of nieces and nephews; godchildren, Camesha Richardson, Doris Jones Damon, Laura McCarthy and the Sterling family of NYC; friends, Jacqueline Allen, Jane Mitchell, Doris A. Gaines, Ethel J. Brown, Elwin Corbett Sr., Fred L. Walker, Carol Phillips and the Class of 1941 of Williston Industrial High. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Josephine Jones Watson**

Josephine Jones Watson died October 3, 2020. Funeral service was held Friday, October 9, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Josephine, daughter of the late Clarence Jones and Everlena Brewington Jones of Winnabow, North Carolina, was born April 3, 1935. She was very active in the community. She was the president of Residence of Excellence in the Jervay Community. She had an organization known as the "Jr. Runts", which was a youth program. Mrs. Watson was also a candidate for Mayor of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina in the 90's. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Clifford Marshall and her sister, Julia Collins. I could go on and on about Mrs. Watson but I would need another page!

Mrs. Watson leaves behind to

cherish her memory: three daughters, LaQuida (William) Ray, Adrienne Watson and Jacinta Watson Powell (Thurston); seven grandchildren, Jeffrey Watson of New Jersey, Enishia Conyers (James Eaddy) of South Carolina, Jarrett Ray, Ronenia Williams, Thiabete Irving, Chinae' Watson and Cierra Winston, all of North Carolina; nineteen great-grandchildren; two brothers, Clarence Jones, Sr. and Charles Jones; one sister, Vera Banks; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Robert Henry "Bobby" McLaurin**

Robert Henry "Bobby" McLaurin died October 4, 2020. Graveside service was held on Friday, October 9, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Robert, son of the late William McLaurin and Evelena Dais McLaurin was born on June 22, 1934 in Phoenix, North Carolina. Bobby graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1954. Following graduation, he served in the Army, decorated as a sharpshooter, marksman and received a good conduct medal. He met his loving wife, Vera in 1968 and married her in December 1980. He was invested in his community. He was a Master Mason of Giblem Lodge #2 F & AM (PHA) - joining in 1976. Additionally, he was a Marshall in the Grand United Order of Salem-Jubilee Lodge #197. Bobby was a successful entrepreneur; owing convenient stores on 7th and Castle and 13th and Ann. More importantly, "Mr. Bob" was a friend to all he knew. He loved his family and friends, often offering a smile and big hello from the porch of the little green house on Ann Street. The only thing stronger than his love for his family and friends was his faith; He was a fervent lover of Christ and read his Bible daily. He was the oldest living man of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and was a member for more than 80 years. He was the Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees, member of the Men's Choir; active participant in the Men's Sunday school and Noon Day Bible Study, and even served as a Boy Scout Troop Leader.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Vincent McCoy and two brothers, Donald McLaurin and William McLaurin. Those remaining to cherish the loving and fond memories include: his loving wife, Vera K. McLaurin; children, Barbara McLaurin, Marilyn McLaurin Miles (Clarence), Pamela McLaurin, Sarah McLaurin, Lamont McLaurin, Angela Moss (Joel), Lisa Johnson (Shay) and Benda McCoy; 8 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; siblings, Alonzo McLaurin, Tomas McLaurin, Geraldine M. Smith, Sara M. Bragg, Kenneth McLaurin, Sr., Evelena McLaurin and Gloria M. Kinsey; sister-in-law, Lena Logan; a special niece, Tia; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Charles Bernard Ross, Jr.**

Charles Bernard Ross, Jr. died October 5, 2020. Graveside service was held on Sunday, October 10, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Charles, lovingly known as CJ, was welcomed into this world on October 6, 1988 to Deidra Parker and Charles Ross, in Wilmington North Carolina. On the morning of October 5, 2020 God sent His loving

angels to escort him home. Charles was preceded in death by his grandparents, Leon Ross, Deloris and John Parker and sister, Deona Ross. "CJ" attended Mount Roney Baptist Church. He received his education through the New Hanover County School System. He was an exceptional athlete, but football was his game. While attending New Hanover High School, he played for the Wildcats. He was presently employed with Coastal Precast System. CJ loved his family and we loved him back. He had no problem popping in on his family unannounced with that beautiful smile. If you were ever in their presence when they got together you could feel and see the bond, it was a beautiful thing. He was a good dad that loved his children and spent time with them. He wanted them to know him and that they were loved.

Charles leaves to cherish in his memories: his children, Jazyln Ross, Malachi Doughty and Tristan Ross; mother, Deidra Parker; father, Charles Ross; siblings, Cordelia Ross, Shania Hogley, Anthony Parker; Desire Brown, Laila Ross; grandmother, Melvena "Judy" Ross; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Twila Kasandra Dowe**

Twila Kasandra Dowe died October 7, 2020. Graveside service was held 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Shelita Baldwin**

Shelita Baldwin died on October 8, 2020. A memorial service will be held at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 801 Castle Street. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**William Jones Jackson**

William Jones Jackson died October 10, 2020. Graveside service will be held 12:00 Noon on Friday, October 16, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Veronica L. Haynes**

Veronica L. Haynes, age 62, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, September 25, 2020. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed at Dark Branch Cemetery. Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her father, Leroy Horton of Wilmington; children, Mariah Haynes, Tiffany Haynes, Dominique Haynes and Latoya Haynes all of Wilmington; brother, Leroy Horton, Jr. of Wilmington, 8 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

**Leonard R. Hayes**

Leonard R. Hayes, age 66, of Leland, passed away Friday, September 25, 2020. A public viewing was held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife,

Janice E. Hayes of the home; father, Joe Hayes of Denver, CO; children, Michael L. Jefferson of Lakeview, CO, LaMonica Redd of Wilmington, Eric L. Hayes of Amarillo, TX and Olivia L. Hayes of Atlanta, GA; siblings, Terry Hayes of Leland and Pamela Richardson of Denver, CO, 12 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

**Edward E. Jones**

Edward E. Jones, age 75, of Southport, passed away on Friday, September 25, 2020. A graveside service was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at Northwood Cemetery (Southport).

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Myrna Jones of Corpus Christi, TX; children, Bryan E. Jones (Millicent) of Bolivia, Monica R. Jones and Cynthia Jones both of Southport, Marvin D. Jones of Concord, Erica Brown of Aransas Pass, Tx, Demetrius Ray of Lawrenceville, GA, Tamika Thiergood (Sanford) of Bay City and Izaiveon "Bubba" Chance Jones of Southport (special son); siblings, Lillie M. Jones, Joan Smith, Songya Isidore, Donesia Williams, Brigette Bolton, Felecia Robinson, Juan Smith, Kendrick Jones, Sr and Michael Parker all of New Orleans and Thomas McNeil of Southport, 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

**Anthony V. Jeffery**

Anthony Vaughn Jeffery, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, September 28, 2020.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Paula Jackson of the home; children, Paul Newton (Danielle) of Wilmington (Porters Neck area)

and Desiree Wilder of Wilmington; siblings, Renee Kelly of Florida, Christopher Jeffery of South Carolina and Tyrone Jeffery of Wilmington, 4 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

**Cory J. Walker**

Cory J. Walker, age 43, of Burgaw, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2020. A celebration of Cory's life will be announced at a later date.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Miesha Walker, Cory J. Walker, Jr., Dollar Kendrick, Shamaria Walker and Jamaria Young all of Georgia; father, Chesterfield Walker, Jr. of Wisconsin; mother, Cynthia Johnson of Florida; siblings, Chesterfield Walker, III (Keeley) of North Carolina, Awdawn Johnson of Florida, Gad Walker of Texas,

**In Loving Memory Of**



**Mildred Evans Spencer**  
Sunrise March 4, 1923  
Sunset October 19, 2019

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *Matthew 5:16*

Love,  
The Family

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**In Loving Memory Of**



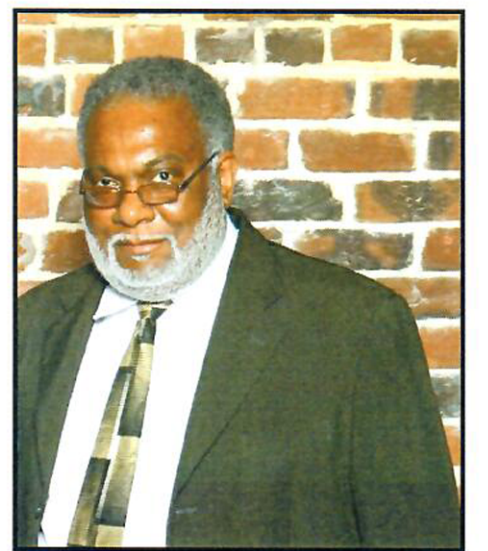
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This morning when I wakened and saw the sun above, I softly said, "Good Morning, Lord, -Bless everyone I love! Right away I thought of you And said a loving prayer That he would bless you specially And keep you free from care! I thought of all the happiness A day could hold in store; I wished it all for you because No one deserves it more! I felt so warm and good inside My heart was all aglow- I know God heard my prayer for you -He hears them all you know! Just to let you know We are thinking of you

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## TELL SOMEBODY

*Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."*

**Rebellion** - resistance to authority  
**Reproach** - Discredit; To Blame  
**Seduction** - To persuade to disobedience and disloyalty

Those who would cringe at the thought of idolatry in our American society should take another look at the changing of the laws of the land. When something has been declared legal and lawful, and is in direct resistance to the authority of God's word, we are legalizing idolatry in the form of rebellion. We, as a society and nation have made many advances, scientifically, socially, technologically, and medically. Yes, glory to God; we have come a

long way! But spiritually, there are some of us who feel, that we as a nation, have "backslidden!"

When we pass bills and sign laws that resist, defy, or deny the authority of God Almighty, we embrace a form of spiritual idolatry in the form of religious rebellion!



Sylvia Hooper

In too many cases, we see where rebellion started in the home when children were allowed to disrespect the authority of the parents with no discipline, training or correction. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." When some parents

rebel, and fail to train their children as God's word decrees, it breeds a generation that knows not about the True and Living God. Sometimes these same children go into society and rebel because they were never taught or "trained" to respect authority in the community, in the school, or even in the House of God. Where rebellion and lack of knowledge coexist, there will be a form of idolatry.

Rebellion has spread across the land because many people in authority have abused their power, with a reckless abandonment of right and wrong, with much prejudice and malice shown towards those they were sworn to protect or to represent. As a result, there are growing numbers of law abiding citizens who are losing hope and respect for a system which protects the

guilty and persecutes the innocent. It is the abuse of authority which has created a breeding ground for idolatry, rebellion and the reproach of sin.

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Rebellion in government is escalating with little regard or respect for God's people, or for God's holy Word. Rebellion in the house of God is unacceptable. The church must not sway on the side of error which questions the integrity of God's Word. The true church will forever uphold the sovereignty and finality of God's word in spite of society's trend to doubt and unbelief. The true church will forever seek to please the Lord, and not to please men. The True church will walk in love and practice forgiveness. The True church will let its light so shine, that men will

see its good works in spite of the spiritual darkness spreading across the land! The True church will praise, magnify, and glorify the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! The fact is that God will always have a nation and a people that will obey him! Jesus said, "Upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!"

Prayer warriors, we have our work cut out for us. We must fight for our nation in prayer (II Cor. 10:4) in order to bring down strongholds, and take captive every twisted thought and imagination of corrupt men, to the obedience of Christ!

Prayer: Lord, keep your church (Bride of Christ) unspotted from the world. Make us ready for your return. Bring us back to you Lord, our first love! Save Our Nation ..... In Jesus's

Name we pray, Amen. Tell Somebody!

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

## OBITUARIES

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Ashlee Walker of Wisconsin, Alexandria Walker and Andrew Walker both of Georgia and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Larry D. Willis

Larry D. Willis, age 67, of Navassa, passed away Friday, October 2, 2020. A graveside service was held on Friday, October 9, 2020 at Summerville A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Anquantee Willis of Clarkton and Meshach Willis of Whiteville; siblings, Carlton Willis, Ronnie Willis, Sherry Hall, Tina Butler and Adrienne Willis all of Navassa, 2 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Margaret R. Smith

Margaret R. Smith, age 85, of

Bolivia, passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2020. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her children, Camella Smith of the home, Danny James Smith of Bolivia and Dartridge Smith, Jr. of Philadelphia, PA, 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Ida A. Moore

Ida A. Moore, age 63, of Clarkton, passed away Monday, October 4, 2020. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at Mitchell Field Cemetery in Clarkton.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her children, Casie D. Moore (Cindy), Genesis James Moore and Joshua D. Moore all of Clarkton; siblings, James Moore and Virginia Graham (Collis) both of Clarkton. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Rev. Ronald S. McClendon

Rev. Ronald S. McClendon (Former pastor of Price Cathedral A.M.E. Zion Church), age 79, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, October 4, 2020. A celebration of Rev. McClendon's life will be announced at a later date.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Cynthia McClendon of the home; son, Anthony Stanford McClendon (Adena) of Maryland; daughter, Erica Tonya Moore of Nashville, TN; brother, John McClendon (Betty) of Silver Spring, MD, 4 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Otis W. Bryant

Otis Wayne Bryant was born on August 6, 1952 in Brunswick County, North Carolina to William H. Bryant, Sr. and Ruby Mae Bryant. He departed this life on Monday, October 5, 2020. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia. Interment followed at Angela Faye Cemetery.

Otis went to Shallotte High

School. Otis was an avid carpenter, a long-standing sports fan and enjoyed cooking, fishing, hunting, playing horseshoes and watching old western shows.

Otis accepted Christ at an early age.

Otis was joined in Holy Matrimony to the former Brenda Lee Thomas on November 11, 1975.

In his new life, he will now join his father, William H. Bryant, Sr., four siblings, JoAnn Grissett, Orié Bryant, Don Bryant and Kathi Gardner.

He is survived by his loving children, Farrah Bryant of Shallotte, Joanna Bryant of Greensboro, Tanya (Derrick) Chestnut of Longs, Tarshal (Ronnie) Wilson of Longwood and Ricky Brown of Charlotte; siblings, Fred (Irene) Stanley of Goldsboro, Hardy (Traci) Bryant of Leland, Mark (Melodie) Bryant of Shallotte, Scott (Miranda) Bryant of Supply, Anna (Reginald) Saunders of Hope Mills, Carmel (Wellington) Wheaton of Bahama, Steve Hardy of Shallotte, William (Lois) Bryant of Shallotte, Hattie Bryant of Seattle, WA, Lionell Bryant of Seattle, WA, Mickey Bryant of Seattle, WA and Cajuan Bryant of Atlanta, GA; 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave,

Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com)

## Roseanna Foy

Roseanna Foy, age 99, of Fayetteville (formerly of Castle Hayne), passed away Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Roseanna was born July 21, 1921 to the late Herman and Gertrude Grady, in Wilmington, NC. She married the late George Henry Foy and gave birth to four children. She was a life-time resident of the Rock Hill Community as well as a life-time member of St. James AME Church in Castle Hayne. She worked many years within the New Hanover County School System and after retirement she worked as a nurse aide caring for the elderly.

Public viewing 5:00p.m.- 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A celebration of Ms. Foy's life will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow at Wilmington National Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her children, Dr. John L. Foye (Mary Ruth), Gloria Q. Jackson and Doris Carswell all of Fayetteville,

10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Julius Davis, III

Julius Davis, III, age 66, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, October 10, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Davis' life will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 18, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A viewing will be held one (1) hour prior to the service.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Effie Davis of the home; children, Mario Watts (Felicia) of Murfreesboro, TN, Chantelle Williams (Terrence) of Durham, Tinita Walker of Durham, Kelda Davis of Oxford, Michael Rigsbee of Fayetteville and Chante Whitfield of Fayetteville; sisters, Patricia Davis of Upper Marlboro, MD and Constance Whitaker (Roosevelt) of Durham, 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Michelle Obama uges empathy for Black women, excoriates Trump in new video released by Biden Campaign

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR  
NATIONAL  
CORRESPONDENT

Former first lady Michelle Obama believes America needs a fresh start and urged undecided voters to empathize with Black women.

"I want everyone who is still undecided to think about all those folks like me and my ancestors," Obama stated in a video released on Oct. 6 by the Biden-Harris campaign.

"The millions of folks who look like me and fought and died and toiled as slaves and soldiers and laborers to help build this country."

"Racism, fear, division, these are powerful weapons. And they can destroy this nation if we don't deal with them head-on."

During the 2016 presidential campaign and amid constant attacks by then-Republican nominee Donald Trump against Democrat Hillary Clinton, Obama spoke of raising the bar in the battle of barbs and innuendo.

"When they go low, we go high," she famously stated.

In the new video billed as Obama's "closing argument," the popular former first lady pointed out Biden's decades of public service and his perseverance in the aftermath of the tragic deaths of his wife and young daughter and eldest son.

She also pleaded for a large voter turnout.

"We don't have the luxury to assume that things are going to turn out OK," Obama declared. "We cannot afford to withhold our votes or waste them on a protest candidate. Work like this may not feel as impactful as attending a protest, but trust me, it is absolutely the most important thing that we can

do right now to save our democracy."

She continued:

"We can no longer pretend that we don't know exactly who and what this President stands for. Search your hearts, and your conscience, and then vote for Joe Biden like your lives depend on it."

Obama cautioned minority voters not to give in to frustration and allow distraction to lead to disenchantment.

"Right now, the President and his allies are trying to tap into that frustration and distract from his breathtaking failures by giving folks someone to blame other than them," she said.

"They're stoking fears about Black and Brown Americans, lying about how minorities will destroy the suburbs, whipping up violence and intimidation - and they're pinning it all on what's been an overwhelmingly peaceful movement for racial solidarity."

"So, what the President is doing is, once again, patently false. It's morally wrong, and yes, it is racist. But that doesn't mean it won't work."

Obama then seized upon Trump's mishandling of the coronavirus that has led to more than 213,000 American deaths and millions more getting sick.

"Seven months later, he still won't wear a mask consistently and encourage others to do the same, even when those simple actions could save countless lives," Obama observed.

"Instead, he continues to gaslight the American people by acting like this pandemic is not a real threat."

She excoriated Trump for his repeated demand that schools immediately reopen.

"Everybody wants their kids back in school as soon as it's safe," Obama reasoned.

"But as a mom, it is frightening thinking about all of these young people, who were just our babies yesterday, quarantined alone in dorms or apartments with little or no support as the disease continues to spread, unable to come home if their symptoms get worse."

The emphatic statement by Obama continued as she aimed arrows at white privilege.

"Think about it: You've worked hard all your life, and for too long, you've watched the rich get richer ... you've seen your beloved towns shattered by joblessness ... and it's frustrating to hear some folks say that you've been the beneficiary of privilege, that the color of your skin gives you a head start," Obama said.

"The President and his allies are stoking fears about Black and brown Americans, lying about how minorities will destroy the suburbs, whipping up violence and intimidation. It's morally wrong, and yes, it is racist."

"Imagine how it feels to have suspicion cast on you from the day you were born simply because of the hue of your skin, to walk around your own country scared that someone's unjustified fear of you could put you in harm's way. Terrified of what four more years of this kind of division might mean for the safety of you and those you love?"

"Electing Joe Biden is a chance for a fresh start."

Former President Barack Obama re-tweeted his wife's video.

"This is as powerful an argument as I've ever heard about the stakes of this election," the popular ex-president wrote. "Watch it. Share it and get everyone you know to vote for Joe Biden."

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor 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, Executor  
1209 So. 9th St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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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  
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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  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix 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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **John P. Lilly (20-E-1190)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned 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 the 15th day of October, 2020.

William J. Lilly, Executor  
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2020

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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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 Simulel 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 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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified as Executor of the ESTATE OF **GARLAND B. GARRETT, JR.**, deceased of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of January, 2021** or this Notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment. Claims should be presented or paid on behalf of the undersigned at 5228 Woodscape Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409.

This the 15th day of October, 2020.

GREGORY BRYAN GARRETT, EXECUTOR  
ESTATE OF GARLAND B. GARRETT, JR.  
Janet R. Coleman  
The Rhine Law Firm, P.C.  
1612 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 300  
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2020

**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

LEGAL NOTICES

**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 TO CREDITORS  
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Miriam A. Howe (20-E-1183)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, **2021** on or before **January 18, 2021** 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 15th day of October, 2020.

Daniel C. Howe, Executor  
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Randolph 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 **18th 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 15th day of October, 2020

Aileen Price, Administrator  
229 Wallington Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28409

October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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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 Executor of the estate of **Eleanor Pridgen 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, Executor  
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  
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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

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
20 CV 000046**

**SHERRY LYNNE VALENTINE, Plaintiff**

**v.**  
**CARA LYNNE BAIRD AND UNKNOWN FATHER, Defendants**

**TO: CARA LYNNE BAIRD AND 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 for child custody.

You are summoned and notified to answer the complaint, which has been filed regarding child custody for the listed Plaintiff. You are to file this with the Clerk of Superior Court of the county named above a written answer within forty days after the first date of publication. You must also serve a copy of your Answer upon the Plaintiff. You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than the 11th day of December, 2020 which is 40 days after 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 15th day of October, 2020

Sherry Lynne Valentine  
6351 Greenville Loop Rd.  
Wilmington, North Carolina  
28409

October 15, 22, 29, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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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.

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  
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October 8, 15, 22, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

**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.

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NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
THE GENERAL COURT OF  
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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 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.

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