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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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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

VOTE

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Death in family. Will return next week. PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE.

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

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Black women candidates dominate 2020 elections

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When the election dust settles on Nov. 3, North Carolina Democrats hope that, in addition to a new President of the United States, a new legislative majority, and a continuing successful governor, will be four African-American female elected officials, blazing historic trails of authority and service. Highest on the list, Cheri Beasley (ChiefJusticeBeasley.com), current Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, is running to be officially elected to that post for a full eight-year term. Justice Beasley was appointed Chief Justice by Gov. Roy Cooper in February 2019, after serving as an associate justice since 2012.

"I believe all North Carolinians should have access to fair and impartial justice, no matter who they are," Chief Justice Beasley told the NC Judicial Guide. "I will continue to work for an independent court system that people can trust."

Beasley has been endorsed by Democratic vice presidential candidate, Sen. Kamala



CHIEF JUSTICE CHERI BEASLEY

Harris, among others.

Chief Justice Beasley is running against Republican Associate Justice, Paul Newby (PaulNewby.com).

Next highest, Yvonne Lewis Holley (YvonneLewisHolley.com), currently a State House Representative from Wake County, is running to become the first African-American lieutenant governor in North Carolina history. If elected, Holley says she wants to continue her work combating food deserts across North Carolina and increasing job opportunities for low income families. Lewis-Holley has been endorsed by former



NC REPRESENTATIVE YVONNE LEWIS HOLLEY

President Barack Obama and Sen. Kamala Harris.

Rep. Lewis-Holley's opponent is Black Republican, Mark Robinson (MarkRobinsonForNC.com).

Another Black female candidate running for a significant statewide office is current Wake County Commissioner Jessica Holmes (JessicaHolmesNC.com), candidate for N. C. Commissioner of Labor. Holmes, a Pender County native, has been a Wake County Commissioner since 2014. She is the youngest ever in history. Two years later, she was elected as chair of the Wake Commission



WAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER JESSICA HOLMES

Board. Professionally, Holmes is a labor attorney, focusing on workers' rights.

Holmes says, if elected, her top priority will be "ensuring safe and healthy work environments, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Holmes is endorsed by the NC AFL-CIO, NC Association of Educators, and Lillian's List.

Holmes' Republican opponent is Rep. Josh Dobson (JoshForLabor.com)

Finally, for the N. C. Court of Appeals Seat 5, Judge Lora Christine Cabbage (CabbageForJudge.com).



JUDGE LORA CUBBAGE

Judge Cabbage currently presides in Superior Court, where she has been since 2018. She previously served as Assistant District Attorney, Assistant Attorney General, and District Court Judge.

Judge Cabbage believes in the protection of rights given by the N. C. and U. S. Constitutions; equal justice for all in order to regain the public trust in our judicial system; equal access to justice for all; and an independent, fair, and impartial judiciary.

Judge Cabbage is running against Black Republican, Judge Fred Gore (Judge Fred Gore.com).

Civil rights groups oppose fast-tracked Supreme Court nominee: Nation's diversity not represented in its courts

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

One of the most consequential decisions that presidents make are lifetime federal judicial appointments at every level: circuit, appellate and the U.S. Supreme Court. The independent federal judiciary is charged with ensuring that the nation's courts are fair to all people. Even the phrase "equal justice under law" is carved in the stone façade of the Supreme Court building.

A recent American Bar Association blog states, "For the nation to continue to have trust in the integrity and independence of the federal judiciary, the process that places judges on the bench must be viewed as fair, unhurried and unbiased."

But for Black America and other communities of color, throughout our history and continuing even today, 'justice' is often far from fair, nor is it unbiased. In recent years, the Supreme Court has declared that corporations should be treated like people, and that voting rights no longer need to be protected. In November, the high court is scheduled to revisit the

Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

Other issues that may reach the Supreme Court could include whether federal agencies can preempt state laws protecting consumers from bad actors in the student loan servicer arena, and in payday, auto-title, and high-cost installment loans. Even the nation's half-century old Fair Housing Act could be revisited due to the Trump Administration's roll-back of an Obama-era fair housing rule known as disparate impact. If allowed to stand, the burden of proving discrimination will be shifted to consumers instead of powerful corporations and others alleged to have violated the law.

"Over the next several years, the Supreme Court will make important and lasting decisions that affect every facet of our lives, including income inequality, the racial wealth gap, access to health care - including reproductive rights - and many other issues," states a new CRL policy brief.

For these reasons and others, the passing of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg created a significant moment for the future

of the court. As the second woman to ever serve as a Supreme Court Justice, the fondly-recalled 'Notorious RBG' broke gender barriers throughout her legal career, forging freedom and access for many who were historically marginalized.

And the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to fill that vacancy has triggered a chorus of civil rights organizations expressing their adamant opposition. As a former clerk to Justice Scalia, 1998-1999, Judge Coney Barrett has frequently lauded him as her mentor, and praised his judicial philosophy both as a law school professor and as a judge.

At the September 26 White House Rose Garden announcement of her nomination, Judge Coney Barrett said, "I clerked for Justice Scalia more than 20 years ago, but the lessons I learned still resonate. His judicial philosophy is mine too: A judge must apply the law as written. Judges are not policymakers, and they must be resolute in setting aside any poli-

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DR. IRVING PRESSLEY MCPHAIL

New St. Augustine president dies of COVID-19

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The St. Augustine's University Falcon family is still in mourning a week after their new president, Dr. Irving Pressley McPhail, died of complications from the novel coronavirus on Oct. 15.

He will be memorialized in a special on-campus virtual ceremony on Oct. 27.

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President McPhail officially began his short term at the private Episcopalian Black institution as St. Augustine's 12th president on July 15. It was mid-September; however, when he learned that he had contracted COVID-19 and quietly self-quarantined, according to St. Augustine's Board of Trustees Chairman, James Perry. An Oct. 12 letter from Perry to the SAU community made clear that Pres. McPhail did not contract the virus at the school. "President McPhail has

been a strong proponent of face coverings and social distancing. He has regularly communicated with the campus community about SAU's COVID-19 protocols and expectations through both formal and informal channels," Perry's letter said. Indeed, as of press time Monday, according to Wake County health officials, there is no record of anyone else associated with the school to have contracted COVID-19, either on or off campus. Testing has been conducted at St. Aug, as at other HBCUs. It was two weeks ago, however, that McPhail experienced difficulty breathing and decided that he needed to

be finally hospitalized. Published reports say that he was taken to the emergency room and remained in care there where he seemed to be improving until he took a turn for the worst and died on Oct. 15. The following day in a driving rain, students, faculty and administration walked to Pres. McPhail's home near campus, and with his wife tearfully standing behind a glass door with her arms crossed on her chest, placed flowers in front of the home as a symbol of respect and sorrow for the New York native, who grew up in Harlem. "Today, we mourn the loss

of Dr. McPhail, a dedicated leader who made a positive impact on St. Augustine's University in the short time he was President," wrote Gov. Roy Cooper in a tweet. "Our thoughts are with his loved ones and the St. Augustine's campus community." There is little question that Pres. McPhail cared about his students at St. Aug. At the end of a day at the office, he was known for driving his car around campus, meeting students and encouraging them to wear their masks and adhere to the COVID-19 safety precautions. One of his primary goals

was to raise St. Aug's enrollment to 1,000 students. Irving Presslley McPhail graduated from Cornell University, earning his master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education, and his doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. McPhail served as the sixth president and CEO of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. before coming to St. Augustine's University. He told a local Raleigh newspaper before he became ill that he prayed that "no one get's ill" from COVID-19.

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cy views they might hold." Despite high praise by conservatives and the Senate Majority's commitment to ram through her nomination, civil rights organizations and other advocates have expressed strong opposition to Judge Coney Barrett. "We stand opposed to her confirmation to the Court," said Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. "Her confirmation would dramatically alter the Supreme Court in ways that would prove devastating for Black communities and other people of color across the country."

Similarly, the head of the nation's largest and oldest civil rights organization recently advised the Senate Judiciary Committee of the NAACP's position on the nomination. Coming in the middle of a presidential election in which over seven million people have already voted, the Barrett nomination is as illegitimate as it is corrupt," wrote Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO to the Judiciary Committee. "On issue after issue, we have found her to be stunningly hostile to civil rights."

"Early and absentee votes are already being cast for the November election -and nominating a candidate for a lifetime appointment to this nation's highest court during this electoral period undermines the democratic process and is a disservice to the American public," said Sherlynn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "Senators must also respect the clear will of the American people, and honor the precedent they set in 2016, by declining to consider any nominee until the winner of the presidential election is inaugurated."

"The Senate majority needs to prioritize COVID-19 relief legislation for the rest of this year and not use the remaining time of this session to confirm judicial nominees, leaving millions of Americans vulnerable to financial hardship", said Mike Calhoun, President of the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). With less than three weeks before election day, the Senate began the confirmation process on Monday, October 12 with its Judiciary Committee hearings, chaired by Senator Lindsay Graham of South Carolina. The committee is expected to vote on the nomination on October 22. As Senate Majority Leader, Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell is planning a floor vote for the week of October 26.

The rapid review of Judge Coney Barrett is a stark contrast to the lengthy, Senate-engineered delay of President Obama's 2016 election year Supreme Court nomination. On February 13, 2016, Associate Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia passed. Weeks later on March 16 that year, President Obama nominated Judge Merrick Garland, Chief Justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of

Columbia Circuit. But the U.S. Senate refused to hold committee hearings or a floor vote for almost a year, and thereby denied President Obama the right to fill the court vacancy. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell publicly boasted in a speech that August, "One of my proudest moments was when I looked Barack Obama in the eye and I said, 'Mr. President, you will not fill the Supreme Court vacancy.'"

Nearly a year later, the lengthy high court's vacancy enabled President Trump to nominate Neil Gorsuch on February 1, 2017. The Senate confirmed Gorsuch on Friday, April 7, 2017 and was sworn in the following Monday, April 10. In real time, that nomination process took just two months. It is also noteworthy that as the nation is increasingly diverse, the federal bench remains dominated by White judges.

A recent Associated Press analysis of the Trump Administration's judicial appointments found that White men were nearly 86% of the 206 lifetime appointments made. Similarly, White men were 85% of all Senate-confirmed U.S. Attorneys.

A court system that does not reflect the people it is sworn to protect is hard-pressed to ensure diverse back-

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"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit." --AN AFRICAN PROVERB



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STATE BRIEFS



US APPEALS COURT ALLOWS ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE EXTENSION

[RALEIGH] Two developments in the battle over absentee mail-in ballots in North Carolina. The US Fourth Circuit of Appeals late Tuesday ruled that absentee mail-in ballots should count as long as they

are postmarked by Election Day, Nov. 3rd. Republicans have opposed the extension. And an agreement has been reached where mail-in absentee ballots without witness signatures in North Carolina will not count, but a "cure" process will allow affected voters to fill out to new ballots with the appropriate witness signature needed. There was some legal wrangling, thanks to the state Republican Party, about the cure proposed by the NC Board of Elections, and ballots were being held until a

settlement could be reached. **1.5 MILLION EARLY MAIL-IN AND IN-PERSON BALLOTS HAVE BEEN CAST IN NC** [GREENSBORO] As of press time Tuesday, over 1.5 million early mail-in and in-person ballots have already been cast in North Carolina. Mail-in absentee balloting began on Sept. 4th, with One Stop Early Voting commencing Oct. 15th statewide. On that day, almost 230,000 early voters had lined up to cast ballots. By the next day,

almost half a million had. Those numbers are virtually twice of what they were in 2016. In-person early vote continues until Oct. 31st.

DISGRUNTLED REPUBLICANS PURCHASE 25 NC BILLBOARDS IN 15 COUNTIES OPPOSING TRUMP

[FAYETTEVILLE] A group

of prominent Republicans called The Lincoln Project seeking to separate themselves from their erratic president have purchased 25 billboards in 15 North Carolina counties denouncing Donald Trump prior to the Nov. 3rd election. The billboards use Trump's alleged words like "sucker" and "What's in it for them?" superimposed over

pictures of American service members near Fayetteville. Another billboard blasts Trump's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lincoln Project has endorsed Democrat Joe Biden.

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grounds, experiences and viewpoints in judicial deliberations. Continuing the trend of nominating and confirming White, conservative justices strain - if not ignore - the nation's pledge of equal justice.

In the words of the Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights,

"During this pandemic and amid nationwide calls for racial justice, we cannot allow Trump to select a third justice who he has pledged will devastate our hard-fought civil and human rights - including access to health care for millions of people."

The approaching electoral decisions include the future of hard-won civil rights, and whether they will continue to

be systematically dismantled. It is in the hands of voters to decide. And the choices should be clear: a return to the multiple ills of bygone years or hopeful future with justice and opportunity for all.

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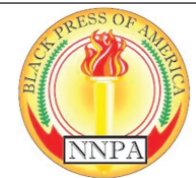
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Our endorsements 2020-FINAL

REPRINT

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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for U.S. Senate

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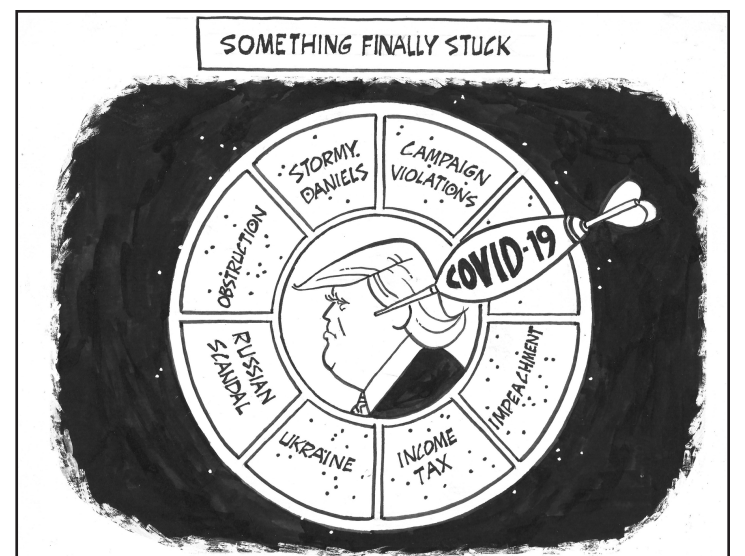
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N. C. Supreme Court Associate Justice (Seat 2)

MARK DAVIS
NC Supreme Court Associate Justice (Seat 4)

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YOUR VOICE

"STAY IN THAT LINE"

You are standing in a long voting line. Your legs are tired, your back is starting to hurt, and your left foot is killing you. You can quietly slip out of that line go to your car and none of your friends will ever know but, a few people looking down on you will say "STAY IN THAT LINE".

Your slave ancestors who were taken from their homeland, transported in the bottom of a ship, and treated less than dogs but never gave up are saying to you. "STAY IN THAT LINE". Harriet Tubman (our Black Moses) who escaped to freedom but made at least 13 trips back to free other slaves would say "STAY IN THAT LINE". Thousands of people were demoted on their jobs, fired, beaten, run out of town, and some killed fighting for Congress to pass the Civil Rights Bill in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act in 1965. Both bills were signed by Democrat President Lyndon Johnson. They all would say to you "STAY IN THAT LINE".

The three M's, martyrs Medgar Evers (field secretary NAACP), Malcolm X (a thief, pimp, drug user, and pusher who turned his life around by writing down every word in the dictionary and memorized them while he was in prison. He later became a Muslim

Minister and one of our greatest leaders.), and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Baptist Minister/SCLC and Nobel Peace Prize laureate) all assassinated (1963, 1965 and 1968) fighting for civil rights would say to you. "STAY IN THAT LINE". Your family members who taught you how to register and vote will not physically be in line with you but will be there in spirit are whispering to you "STAY IN THAT LINE". The 9 unarmed Christians killed during a Wednesday night bible study at Mother Emanuel AME Church, 11 unarmed Jewish worshipers at The Tree Of Life Synagogue and the 17 unarmed teenagers at Parkland High School are also whispering "STAY IN THAT LINE". The following unarmed black men and ladies were killed by police officers or vigilantes: Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, George Floyd, Elijah McClain, Botham Jean, Tamin Rice, Dominique White, Trayvon Martin, Jordan Edwards, Freddie Gray, Philando Castile, Terence Crutcher, Alton Sterling, Bettie Jones, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Laquan McDonald, and Oscar Grant. Looking down from heaven saying. "STAY IN THAT LINE".

I call their names because I am all 60 of them. You and I

could have been killed or still can be killed like our sisters and brothers, but for the grace of GOD. In his letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul wrote about harmony with the family, guidelines for slaves/ masters and fighting against evil.

Ephesians 6:13 "Therefore take on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm".

"STAY IN THAT LINE."

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

"RUN, HIDE, AND LIE"

Recently, I wrote about the "Run and Hide" strategy of a Brunswick County political party that is in power.

Their members (Board of Commissioner D3, NC Senate 8, and NC House Districts 17 and 19) refused to "debate" their opponents in the candidate forums sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear (LWVLCF) in 2018 and/or 2020. The description of the strategy used by Dr. Marcia Morgan's opponent in the District 19-combination of Brunswick and New Hanover County precincts-race must be updated to "Run, Hide, and Lie". He has circulated a flyer or an ad full of false accusations (lies)

about Dr. Morgan's views on guns and the funding of police departments. His accusations seem ridiculous when you consider the facts that she is a gun owner and former public school teacher; ROTC instructor; and Army Colonel. As for funding, Dr. Morgan stated in a regional newspaper article earlier this month that she would provide "...underserved communities with equitable access to health care, quality public education, affordable housing, and employment opportunities." Now compare that type of funding proposal(s) with that of the Sheriff Department where her opponent is employed in a leadership position. The Department requested and received \$77,000 for "riot gear" from the BC Board of Commissioners.

Will this gear be used for citizen "protestors" in Southport or Wilmington? If this gear is required outside of the County, then the city requesting the assistance should provide the gear. It is my philosophy that "an ounce of prevention (school) is worth a pound of cure (jail).

As a 44-year resident of Southport and a community activist, I support Dr. Morgan in the D19 race for the NC House.

William Flythe
Southport, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

What a week!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

We've seen a lot of interesting times in the past four years, but each one seems to try to outdo the other.

First, Donald Trump decided not to follow the rules of the Debate Commission that ruled during this highly contagious virus and the fact that Trump had a diagnosis and was hospitalized with the virus, the second debate should be held virtually. After his behavior in the first Presidential debate with his opponent, VP Joe Biden, was a total disaster; he wanted a face to face repeat. I assume he thought he had a better chance of wiping the first debate off the map. This time he couldn't pass an Executive Order to have his way!

We wound up with competing Town Hall meetings. That

didn't! Work out too well for him either. The host was prepared for him and never allowed him to spread unchallenged information. When he said 85 percent of the people who wear masks actually contract the virus. She called him out. That was not the end of host corrections.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

That was the second big event of the week. I listened carefully as the nominee responded to various questions. As one

who is so concerned about the voting process now underway, I could not believe my ears when she said she could not conclude that voter intimidation was illegal!

She could not give an opinion on Roe v. Wade. As a lawyer, and as a woman, I had believed that case was settled law.

She certainly was willing to give her opinion on a felon's right to own a firearm!

She appeared to be a very intelligent woman until it got to her defense of far-right issues. There she ran into a stone wall. It was obvious she had no shame about pleasing Trump and the far-right.

As a woman, I really wanted to be proud of her, but she left me no choice but to hope that Mr. Biden will level the playing field should he win the Presidency by expanding the Court! Otherwise, for years to

come, we can just give up the rights of women, workers, and immigrants, the LGBTQ community, Black, Hispanic and Native people.

If this week didn't give all of us a reason to vote, we can just forget what happens on November 3rd and forget what happens in our lives for years to come. All of these people asking these cutesy questions that sound like they think Trump may be a better choice of a leader than Joe Biden will be getting just what they deserve if their vote or their refusal to vote allows this election to be stolen for the most undeserving person the country has known in my lifetime!

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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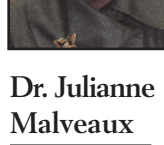
Black girl magic and the 2020 election

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

For the sixth year in a row, Essence Magazine and the Black Women's Roundtable have surveyed Black women about the issues that concern them most. Melanie Campbell, Convener of the Black Women's Roundtable and President and CEO of the National Coalition for Black Civic Participation, summarizes the top concerns: "survival, safety, and stability." Black women are concerned about the rise in hate crimes and the persistence of structural racism. In light of the public lynching of George Floyd and the racist rhetoric of the incumbent President, these concerns are unsurprising. According to the Essence poll, 90 percent of Black women support the Biden/Harris ticket, and 80 percent give the incumbent President failing grades.

Black women aren't only concerned; they are also active and activist. It is heartening to see Black women raising their voices in many arenas, not only at the top of the ticket but also with support for Biden and Harris and further down-ballot with state

and local races. For example, Yvonne Lewis Holley is running for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina. Nobody asked her to run, she said, she just stepped up. She is relying on Black folk all over the country to help her clear this hurdle - imagine a Black woman as second-in-command in a southern state! Some of her support is coming from the Divine Nine - the African-American Greek-letter organizations. While all of the organizations are nonprofit and nonpolitical individual members can be supportive, and the members of her sorority (and mine) have her back.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Political veterans like Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Marcia Fudge (D-In) face well-financed challengers. They need Black girl magic to counter opponents who have been emboldened by 45's racist rhetoric to attack these women. It would be one thing if these challengers had records of community service

and involvement, but they are Republican props who have been encouraged to challenge these mighty women. The effort, of course, is to mute these strong community advocates and to marginalize Black women. Black girl magic isn't having it.

So it is exciting to see Black women raising money to support Black women. Star Jones leads a group that has raised six figures for the Biden/Harris ticket. The Collective PAC, founded by Stephanie Brown James and Quentin James, is building Black political power. During this election cycle, they've endorsed an exciting group of Black men and women running for office and set up a mechanism where people can donate to these candidates. The PAC has been around since 2016 when it became clear that we must increase Black political power/Higher Heights PAC endorsed Kamala Harris for President and describes itself as "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.

Using the hashtag #Blackwomenvote, they are galvanizing Black women around this election, both at the top of the ticket and down-ballot. They are one of the relatively new, inspiring organizations raising both money and awareness for Black women.

Voting is never the most we can do, but the least. These PACS, activists, and organizations remind us that we must not only vote but boost our civic participation. As I write this, just a couple of weeks before November 3, 2020, I am hopeful that the Black women's vote will increase from its 2008 level when we came out in droves to support President Obama. We have to vote like our lives depend on it because they do. But we can't just vote; we can encourage others to do the same thing. We can ask our friends and family members if they've voted. And if we are well enough, we can volunteer to work the polls.

Black women are magic; we are Black girl magic. Now is the time to work it.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES African Americans honor the work of ancestors by voting

Few of us will forget the plea made by the late Elijah Cummings, who shared that his mother said, on her dying bed, "Do not let them take our votes away from us!!" (https://www.huffpost.com/entry/elijah-cummings-voting-rights_n_5c5b2de0e4b00187b557a655)

At age 92, Cummings' mother, a former sharecropper, had been in the fight for the right of African Americans to vote. It had not been an easy fight, and she could see that the powers that be were working to deprive black people of the right to vote yet again.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

"Don't let it happen," she said to her son. John Lewis gave the same clarion call. He worked for the right of black people to vote his entire life, being beaten on the Edmund Pettus Bridge as he and others tried to cross that bridge in Selma and walk to Montgomery to illustrate how serious was the resolve of black people to get and to keep the right to vote. Their work resulted in the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

And now, with those and other icons gone, black people across the nation are honoring their work and their sacrifice by heading to the polls early to cast their votes. In spite of the roadblocks being put up by squeamish Republicans, black people are heading to the polls, determined to make their voices and their votes heard and counted.

It's not easy. Polling places in all states have been shut down - particularly those in black and brown neighborhoods, causing people to have to travel greater distances to vote and once there, having to wait in line for literally hours. (<https://www.npr.org/2020/10/17/924527679/why-do-nonwhite-georgia-voters-have-to-wait-in-line-for-hours-too-few-polling-pl>)

Reports say that as of Sunday, more than 25 million people had already voted early. (<https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2020/10/16/early-voting-transform-2020-election>) People are choosing to go to the polls and vote in person because they do not trust the United States Postal Service (USPS), as the president has done as much as he can legally get away with to hamper and threaten mailed ballots. (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/16/politics/vote-by-mail-vs-in-person-election-2020/index.html>) A touching story appeared in the Washington Post, where a man suffering from terminal cancer insisted that he be allowed to cast his vote at the Board of Elections in his state before he died. (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/16/politics/vote-by-mail-vs-in-person-election-2020/index.html>) Unfortunately, his vote will not count because in Michigan, the votes are not counted as they come in; they are counted beginning on Election Day.

But it is telling that black people are not retreating from voter suppression tactics, but are instead going to their polling places and being willing to stand in line for hours. The fact that black and brown voters are braving the long hours speaks to a determination to beat the voter suppression tactics that they are fighting. Political strategists know that standing in line for a long time is a very successful voter suppression tactic.

But many black voters are saying, by their presence at the polls, "not this time." The work of the ancestors, the words of Elijah Cummings' mother and the words of John Lewis, are resonating, even as the work and words of the Rev. Dr. William Barber of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, resonate.

Even in Florida, where lawmakers are trying to keep ex-felons from voting, the spirit of the people is not being daunted. To keep them from the polls, in spite of a law making it legal for them to vote, lawmakers made a stipulation that all their fees must be paid before they can vote. (<https://www.news4jax.com/news/florida/2020/10/16/elections-officials-say-not-enough-time-to-purge-ex-felons-from-florida-voter-rolls/>) It is generally agreed that the requirement that they pay all fees before they vote is yet another voter suppression tactic, but they and supporters are fighting back. LeBron James has said he is donating \$100,000 to pay their fees, and other athletes are contributing as well. (<https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/election-2020/grouped-by-nba-superstar-lebron-james-to-help-pay-fines-for-florida-felons>)

The work to get the right to vote has been ongoing and has been the cause of much violence meted against black people for hundreds of years. In this election, with so much at stake, black people are saying, "not on today." The voices and the spirits of the ancestors are screaming out loud, and the children of the ancestors are listening and acting.

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.

It's up to us to defend the Black vote

(Via NNPANewswire.com)

Just weeks before Election Day, with millions of people voting already, the Black vote is being attacked from every angle. After the Supreme Court's conservatives gutted important parts of the Voting Rights Act a few years ago, many states controlled by right-wing Republicans went wild imposing restrictions on voter registration and voting. This year, they're completely out of control. Massively funded right-wing extremists are using threats and lawsuits against state and local officials to force purges of lists of eligible voters.

The Trump campaign is trying to enlist an "army" of poll watchers to intimidate voters. With millions more Americans expected to vote by mail, Trump's man in charge at the postal service has imposed new work rules that caused chaos and disrupted deliveries. And those are just a few of the examples of voter suppression efforts around the country.

The Republican legislature and governor in Florida overrode millions of voters who passed a constitutional amendment to return the right to vote to people with criminal convictions once they completed their sentences; Republicans added a requirement that returning

voters pay all related fines and fees before voting. That's an unconstitutional poll tax, but courts filled with Trump-nominated judges have let Republicans get away with it.

On top of all that, Republicans are trying to force another Trump justice onto the Supreme Court just in time for the court's conservatives to hear a case in which they could further erode the Voting Rights Act and undermine Black Americans' right to be free from racial discrimination in voting. That justice could also be the nail in the coffin for the Affordable Care Act, which has helped millions of Americans get access to health care.

Even more recently, a couple of far-right activists have just been charged with voter intimidation felonies by Michigan's attorney general after they sent rob calls to voters in Detroit falsely claiming that voting by mail will somehow make people vulnerable to tracking by police and debt collectors. Attacks on the Black vote have a long history. In the early 1980s, the Republican Party was sued for intimidat-

ing minority voters and the party agreed to a federal court order not to engage in "ballot security" efforts.

That order expired in 2018, and this year, the Republican Party is spending tens of millions of dollars to block election officials' efforts to make voting safer and more accessible. It is enraging that 55 years after passage of the Voting Rights Act, the blood-bought gains of the civil rights movement are at stake. But this is where we are. And that's why we must defend the Black vote, and why we must overcome every attempt to misinform, intimidate, and suppress Black voters. Black men, especially young Black men, are top targets of misinformation campaigns.

That's why People For the American Way's Defend the Black Vote Project is reaching out specifically to Black men between 18 and 35 to combat voter suppression and encourage turnout. Since COVID-19 has restricted door-to-door canvassing and public events, we're communicating with Black men through peer-to-peer texting technology. Texting lets us reach younger voters in their preferred form of communication. In key states, where Black voters are most likely to be targeted with misinformation, we are reaching them one-to-one with infor-

mation about how, when, and where to vote-including information about new voting procedures during the pandemic.

A well-trained volunteer can text up to 2,000 messages an hour, reaching many more people than by going door-to-door. We're supplementing that with digital advertising, public service announcements on radio, and tele-townhall meetings featuring young Black elected officials. Every dollar we spend, and every voter we reach, is worth it because there is so much at stake in November's elections: access to health care, a responsible approach to the pandemic, justice and accountability in policing, and voting rights.

Defending the Black vote means defending the dignity and legal equality of Black people. It's up to us. Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation.

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



Ben Jealous

Why African - Americans should vote early, in-person and in droves before election day

Democracy itself is on the ballot

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The other day I had a conversation with Bishop Michael Mitchell, president of the Council of Bishops of the AME Church. I was so inspired to hear that his denomination had set a lofty, but achievable goal for itself. The AME's intend to have 75 percent of their members to cast their votes before November 3rd (election day).

Shortly after our conversation, I thought why shouldn't all of our denominations and other organizations follow suit. I do believe that voting early and in person would be impactful. We should follow all of the CDC's guidelines to protect ourselves from the Coronavirus but voting early and in person will not only have a powerful impact on the outcome of this election it will also determine whether or not the process will be deemed legitimate. For me, personally, the election is a time to re-examine priorities, a chance to ponder the larger questions about American democracy and why it is of paramount importance that we protect it in this country. In other words, a passionate patriotism has taken center stage in my thinking.

You see, since my youth, I have wanted to follow the incredible example of those

civil rights warriors who put everything on the line to advance Black people's progress toward first class citizenship in a country that we fought for, died for and struggled to enrich. Even with all the injustices that we have encountered as a people, we have known all along that our fate is inextricably intertwined with America's fate.

We excoriated Thomas Jefferson for his duplicity in writing that "All men were created equal" while he, himself, held human beings in bondage. But if we had widened the lens of our understanding and placed Jefferson's words a broader historical context, we would have really seen that what he and the other founding fathers did - advertently or inadvertently - was to create a standard for governance. They spoke into existence the words of the founding documents: the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. These documents continue to serve as a framework and a foundation for the creation of a more perfect union.

In other words, like the awe-inspiring evolutionary process

put in place by the Architect of Creation, our founding fathers catalyzed what is today still a work in progress.

Our national motto: E pluribus Unum (out of many, one) may well have found its origins in the teachings of Jesus Christ of Nazareth who said: "That all may be one." OUR ROOTS HAVE GROWN DEEPER IN AMERICAN SOIL!

Other than the Native American, no other group suffered as sacrificial lambs on the altar of America's economic success as did Americans of African descent. And yet, as recent incidents of police brutality so vividly remind us, we are still not "A more perfect Union." However, to claim that African-Americans should not be filled with patriotism is to ignore the progress - though hard won - that we have experienced on these North American shores.

If you would do a quick study of the public record, it would soon be apparent why African-Americans continue to give so much to make this "A more perfect Union." From Crispus Attucks' role in the revolutionary war; to the slaves' enlistment in the Union army during the Civil War; to the ferocious fighting of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, down to the game-changing impact of

Black Lives Matter; we have seen the need to believe in the possibility of "A more perfect union".

Also, there are well - documented instances where our faiths in America's founding creed have produced real, tangible results. The following list is not meant to be exhaustive but to merely reinforce the idea that "This is worth fighting for."

- The signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln to free the slaves.
- The U.S. Supreme Court evolved from 1893 Plessy vs. Ferguson (separate but equal accommodations) to the 1954 Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas decision that ruled that separate was inherently unequal.
- A Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's led by the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. climaxed with the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968.
- Forty years later, America elected an African-American to the highest office in the land. Yes, this social experiment, e pluribus Unum, is worth fighting for.

So during the next three weeks, I will temporarily shift my perennial, parochial passion for advancing Black people in America to an

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absolute devotion to helping serve this great American democracy. For with all its imperfections, America is still the greatest hope on the planet for perfecting e pluribus Unum.

So, if you have read this column, please contact everyone you know, regardless of race, creed, color or place of national origin (if they are now U.S. Citizens) and

implore them to vote in person before election day.

It is not hyperbole to say that what is happening in our country is an existential threat to American democracy. This is still "A government of the people, by the people and for the people" and with God's help, it "Shall not perish from this Earth!"

Michael Grant is former president of the National Bankers Association and former president of the Nashville Chapter of the NAACP.

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New home developments, careful!

This week I want you to know that when you decide to go house hunting and visit these new home developments, use caution if going without an agent.

Many consumers don't understand that the onsite agents in the model homes are looking out for the builder's interest only. By NC Real Estate Commission

rules agents must disclose to you that they are working on behalf of the builder and not you. Most onsite agents disclose this, but many buyers still are totally unaware of what this really means. These onsite agents know it is against Real Estate Commission rules to ask you any of your personal info, but some do not follow the rules. Please do not give the onsite

agent any of your personal information like how much you were approved for, or where you live now, where you work, how many people in your household, nothing. Tell them nothing because they are trained to use what you say to their advantage in trying to get you to sign a contract to build a home in their development. If you go into a contract for a new home without having an agent of your own, you may have many regrets. I have seen many buyers run across problems during construction and after completion of construction. Things like wrong flooring, shotty workmanship, missing upgraded options, stalls in construction timelines to name a few. All these things are on the builder and the onsite agents, contractors are working for the builder, so their alliance is sole with the builder. Who has an alliance with you? Let me highlight the Top 3 that you should do and know if thinking about doing new

construction. 1) GET YOUR OWN AGENT: It cost you ZERO to have your own agent. The builder will pay your Realtor a commission to help watch your back, look after your best interest and be in alliance with you. Be sure it's someone who has experience in new construction and isn't affiliated with the builder. It's important for you to have an agent to represent your best interests, from advising you on making choices that can affect your home's resale value, finding out what items may be negotiable, to what extra perks are available that is not publicly advertised. Some developments have site registration policies that require your agent to accompany you on your 1st visit or at least put on the registration form the name/contact info of

your Realtor. When filling out this form just put your name, your Agent name, and your agent contact info, (NOT YOURS). This way it is known out the gate that you will be assisted with the process. Buyers having their own Realtors is a common practice so it will not prevent the onsite agent from answering any of your questions and providing you all info for the development. 2) CREATIVE NEGOTIATIONS: Builders don't like to drop their prices since future buyers in the development may expect similar discounts. Instead, you will be more successful in getting "on the back end" perks. Like extra upgrades and features in the home at no cost or builder paid closing cost assistance. The best perk for you will be determined with your Realtor so you can maximize the benefits. 3) GET EVERYTHING IN WRITING: Don't sign anything until everything has been negotiated, agreed upon and written into

the contract. If you're considering purchasing a home that is not yet complete, it's very important to spell out how the home will be finished, what will happen if construction is not completed on time and the deadlines for decisions that will occur through the process. Verbal agreements are worthless and not binding, so everything important must be put in writing and signed by all parties. There are many other things that you should be aware of so do your family a huge favor and get your own Realtor to avoid the pitfalls.

Until next time, share this article with at least 3 people and with Realtors you know that loves helping people. For anyone that desires homeownership, reach out for your free personalized game plan to purchase 1st-home in the next 18 months or less no matter the current finances.

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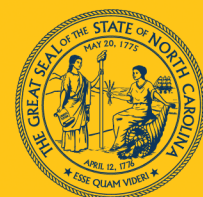
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Annie Pearl Harris

Annie Harris was born on March 17, 1927 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Dorothy and Thomas Dixon.

She attended and graduated from Williston Industrial School in Wilmington, North Carolina. After a short stint of living in Wilmington, NC, she decided to move to the New York area where she met and married her late husband, Frank. She moved as a Dietary Aid at the Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY up to her medical retirement.

Annie was known as "Mama Harris" to many on her block in Brooklyn, NY where she resided until her demise. Annie was a loving force in her neighborhood as well. During the length of time that she lived on Warwick Street, she gave freely of herself. Together with her late husband, Frank Harris, food baskets were distributed yearly to the neighborhood's needy. Her garden served as a bounty to the neighborhood, and the children received love tokens as well. Annie often opened her home to those who needed a place of refuge. She will always be remembered for giving advice and her opinion, always in the name of love.

Mama Annie was a member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church for over seventy years, she served as a Sunday school teacher, member of the Mother's Club, the Vestry, the Acolyte Guild and the American Cluster.

She was preceded in death by siblings: Dorothy and Herbert. She leaves to cherish her memory: three sons, Kirby (Michelle), Ricky and David. Five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister, Ida King of Wilmington, NC; one sister-in-law Lillie Dixon and nephew, Alton Dixon of Woodstock, GA; niece, Sandra (Kenny) Roberts of Lithonia, GA; cousins - Deggie Galbreath, of Raleigh, NC; Katie Isley and Torrence Montgomery of Wilmington, NC; symbolic sons and daughters: Glen and Brenda Kirkland, Randolph and Vernell Kelly, Leon and Loraine Barrington, Dishorne McKoy, a special

care taker and a host of grandnieces and nephews, cousins and friends. *Funeral Arrangements entrusted to R. Steven LeGall Home for Funerals, LLC.*

Twila Kasandra Dowe

Twila Kasandra Dowe died October 7, 2020. Graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Twila was born on January 31, 1961 in Detroit, Michigan to Edith Grace Dowe and the late Louis Dowe. Twila attended Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. She received her education through the New Hanover County School System. She was employed a Hardees on 17th Street for over 10 years and was loved by her customers. Twila enjoyed laughing and dancing. She loved and adored all of her nieces and nephews and treated them as if they were her own children.

Twila leaves to cherish her memory: here brothers, Douglas (Inez) Spicer, Richard Dowe and Timothy (Glenda) Dowe; two sisters, Sabrina Dowe and Felicia (Alvin) Thomas; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

William Jones Jackson

William Jones Jackson died October 10, 2020. Graveside service was held on Friday, October 16, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

William Jones Jackson was born to the late Thomas and Minnie Jackson on September 13, 1944, in Wilmington, North Carolina. William was the third of seven children born of this union. As time went by, the family moved to Clarendon County, South Carolina where he was raised in a Christian home with loving help from his grandmother. William graduated from Scotts Branch High School in Summerton, South Carolina. After graduation he moved to New York City. In 1968, he was united in holy matrimony to Regina Howell, and they were blessed with two sons. He held various jobs working as a mechanic. He also had a successful career working at Con Edison in New York City, where he retired. After retiring, he relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina, his place of birth with his wife Regina. They enjoyed a retired season and joined Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Albert L. Gee. At Ebenezer, William was a member of the Usher Board and served faithfully. He enjoyed his retirement until

his health began to fail.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Sidney Jackson; sister, Julia Burns and grandson, Gregory, Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Regina Jackson; two sons, William Jackson, Jr. (Crystal) and Gregory Jackson (Lisa); four grandchildren, Cyanne, Christopher, Charain and Paris; two brothers, Aaron (Mary) and Robbie; two sisters, Ida and Marie; three sisters-in-law, Eva, Betty (Walker), and Verdonia; one brother-in-law, Raymond (Joyce); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Phyllis Oliver

Phyllis Oliver died October 15, 2020. Graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the John Smith Cemetery, Southport, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Emmanuel Taylor

Emmanuel Taylor died on October 13, 2020. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Tracy "TK" Keels

Tracy "TK" Keels died on October 14, 2020. Graveside service will be 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 24th at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 5:50-8 PM on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Sarah Glaspie

Sarah Glaspie died October 15, 2020. Funeral service is 11:00 AM on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church; 4925 New Centre Drive. Visitation is 3:30 to 8 PM on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Andrew "Lefty" Jones

Andrew "Lefty" Jones died October 15, 2020. Graveside service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 23, 2020 at Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation is 5:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. on Thursday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Shamia Stokes-Greene

Shamia Stokes-Greene passed on October 16, 2020. Memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2020. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. on Saturday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Carolyn McKoy Hammonds

Carolyn Mckoy Hammonds died October 17, 2020. Graveside service will be 1:30 p.m. Sunday, October 25, 2020 at St. Thomas Cemetery, Leland, NC. Visitation is Saturday 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Pearl Nixon

Pearl Nixon died October 18, 2020. Memorial service will be held 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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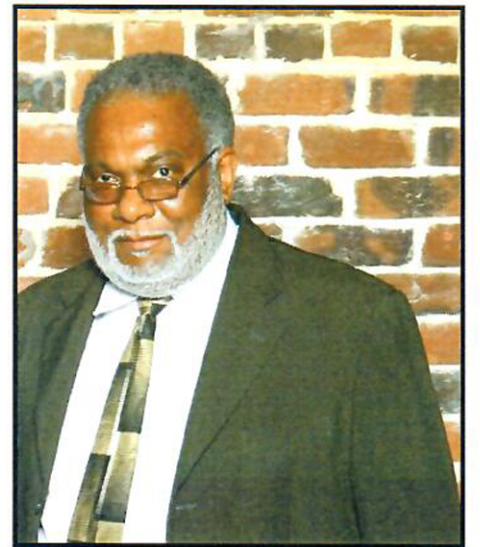
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TELL SOMEBODY

"For God hath not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Fear: Unpleasant, often strong emotion caused by expectation or awareness of danger; Anxious concern

Christian Believers live victorious lives when walking by faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the proving of things not seen. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Because we want to please

God, we are willing to walk by faith and to live by faith, as he asks us to do in His word. Faith allows us to lay hold to the promises of God and to receive many blessings from above. This is why we should, Fear Not!



Sylvia Hooper

Fear is the opposite of faith. Fear cancels faith and causes one to make many mistakes in judgement. Fear promotes anxiety, which leads to a rush to judgement and rash decisions. I John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made

perfect in love." Fear breeds anger, hatred, paranoia, and suspicion. Fear will not allow you to walk in love towards your brother or sister. Fear magnifies differences and minimizes commonalities. Fear separates and divides families, and communities racially, socially, and economically. On the other hand, Faith brings us together for the common good and with a common goal and purpose. This is why we should, Fear Not! God has not given us a spirit of fear for that very reason. God wants his children to get along and to live in peace and harmony. Fear will not allow people to dwell together in unity because fear is not of God. As a church, we cannot be fear based and faith based at the same time.. We are either walking by faith or liv-

ing in fear.

Fear based politics is very prevalent today. When candidates contend for office, by seeking to frighten people of their opponent, that campaign is fear based! The campaign run by fear seeks to separate and isolate voters with biased logic, that hurts more than it helps. . Instead of focusing on the candidate's actual ability, experience, conduct, character or potential.... They use dirt as a distraction to cloud the real issues, muddy the waters, and to confuse the voters as to who is the better candidate. . Fear based voting can cause people to lose sight of God, and see the need to do God's will without waiting on the Lord. Fear based politics use extreme negativity to gain votes. Fear based politics is bad for the community,

and the world. When people use fear to get in office, they will use fear to stay in office. Christian voters should vote their faith according to the facts and not their fears. This is why we should Fear Not!

Faith based politics, based on the fear of the Lord, can be used in a positive way to impact our communities. Faith in God and his word shows, a level of humility affecting conduct and character, that is needed for those who hold office in our local, state and federal government. Fact and faith can work together, and produce great results for the common good and to the glory of God. That is, if we, Fear Not!

Prayer: Father, teach us to walk in faith, and not give way to the spirit of fear. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

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!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Faith is a spiritual principle or law that governs the kingdom of God

The word principle is defined as a basic truth, law, or assumption. A fixed or predetermined policy or mode of action. A basic, or essential quality or element determining intrinsic nature or characteristic behavior. Intrinsic is defined as of or about the essential nature of a thing; inherent. (the power of the king) faith is the currency of the kingdom.

What is a kingdom? "A kingdom is the governing influence of a king over a territory, impacting that territory with his will, his purpose, and his intent, producing a culture and a moral standard for his citizens." "We must have a kingdom mentality to function in the kingdom: "Let this mind be in you which was also was in Christ Jesus." "and be ye transform by the renewing of your mind."

Faith is the potentiality in seed form, Jesus describes it in several passages of Scripture: Matt.17:20, 20 "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say

unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Mark 4:30-31, 30 "And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:" Luke 13:18-22, 18 "Then said he, Unto what



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

Luke 17:5-6, "And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you."

How to become a citizen of the kingdom of God is describe by Jesus: John 3:3-8, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it

cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Faith is not an option, it is a necessity, it is practical which means governed by or acquired through practice or action. Legs are for walking, but walking is acquired through practice. We must practice what the Bible teaches

Matt.4:23-24. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them." The kingdom of God depicts or describes the power of God: The apostle Paul says 1Corin. 4:20, (AMPC)"For the kingdom of God is not based on talk but on power.

Luke 12:31-32, 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"(the power of the kingdom). Matt. 6:33 (AMPC) "But seek (a)aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (b)His way of doing and being right), and then all these things [c]taken together will be given you besides."

The Church, the believers, which are call the body of Christ and Christ who is the Head of church according to the word of God: Eph. 1:22-23, (KJV) "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." The church is no longer receiving directions or instructions from its head through the word of God, but is being influence by the ungodly world and is no longer the light of the world a city that sit upon a hill that

cannot being hidden. The Book of Acts is the Pattern, the blueprint for how the church is to function in this ungodly world. Jesus says, also the church is the "salt of the earth but if the salt has lost its saltness it is good for nothing but to be thrown out and be tramped under the foot of men." "Matt 5:44-45, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." Our Father in heaven, in Jesus name, forgive us for our failure to be who you call us (the church) to be in this World. Amen

Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.

Deadly serious

Black folks' struggle to exist in America is no game. It is deadly serious. The bloody opposition to our survival in this white dominated society is a daunting challenge for all people of color.

Since arriving in the Americas as captive and enslaved human chattel, Black folk have suffered every conceivable deprivation of human rights, including rape and murder. Our entire history is ingrained with resistance to being ground into the dust by white supremacy.

It is important to remember that the sons and daughters of Africa are not the only people to suffer so. The people of the First Nations who inhabited this land before European invaders stumbled upon it were slaughtered in countless numbers from the very first years of the appearance of these aggressors with their firearms and priests. And for centuries,

there has been the "othering" of Latinx people by white Americans who believe their own ancestors hail from pure European stock. Blacks, Latinx and people of the First Nations all have suffered horrendously because of white supremacy.

And now what? Is the past prologue?



Oscar H. Blayton

The warning signs of impending calamity grow louder and more clear every day. White supremacists are arming themselves and clustering into vicious groups such as the Boogaloo movement, the Proud Boys and countless others. The racist in the White House has emboldened white supremacists and encouraged their violent and threatening behavior. Worse still, many law enforce-

ment agencies, whose job is to protect the citizens of our communities, are riddled with members and sympathizers of these white supremacist hate groups.

White supremacy in American law enforcement is no surprise given its history and the reason it came into being, particularly in the American South. The evidence of this is in the cultural residue it leaves behind. People of color always have had to give our children "The Talk." The reason white parents do not have to give their children the same warning for self preservation is because of white supremacy. White supremacy does not kill white children, but the multitude of Black and brown bodies murdered by the police gives passionate testimony of our suffering.

The appalling image of George Floyd being tortured to death by police officer Derek Chauvin has struck a

nerve in the American psyche. Thousands of white people who never before protested police brutality took to the streets in solidarity with people of color demanding an end to police brutality. But the evidence of white supremacy within American law enforcement has been on full display time and again for decades. Those who claim that they did not know about this problem until recently were a part of the problem. And those who turned their heads away from injustice before must decide whether they are committed to now look white supremacy in the eye or whether their current demonstrations are nothing more than woke performance.

Those who claim that they do not know what to do are also a part of the problem. If these people saw the same violence visited upon their own children, they would know exactly what to do. But the

problem here is that white people too often see the problems of Black people as other people's problems.

White people must decide whether they are in the fight for justice for all people. Mere lip service will not suffice. There is a winter of violence coming to engulf this land. The first leaves of peace have begun to fall, deadened by the chill of rampant white supremacy. The new war cry of the oppressor is "Law and Order." But "law" does not equate with justice, and "order" is often the order of the unjust - established to keep the unjust in power. Oppressors often perfume their actions with words like "peace" and "quiet" because they want us to equate quiet with peace. The first defensive position of the oppressor is, "I never heard anyone complain." But without justice, there can be no peace. Under oppression, silence is the

silence of the oppressed.

America has entered an era where the notion of law has devolved into reckless power. Truth has been abandoned for justification, and many of the norms which hold a society together are trampled underfoot. The Republican Senate has been corrupted. The Supreme Court has been corrupted. Many of the state houses have been polluted by petty dictators and cheating has become the accepted norm. If we are not vigilant, America will become a society that is more unjust and more unsafe because the law will not protect us.

The only weapon we have against this onslaught on our freedom, and that of our posterity, is the vote. You have the vote. Use it or perish.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.



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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
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

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 of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 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.

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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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
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Estelle J. Caporale**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of January 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 8th day of October, 2020.

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

October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020

**NOTICE
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Elaine M. Lathrop**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd 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 22nd day of October, 2020.

Carey Franklin Lathrop, Executor of the Estate of Elaine M. Lathrop
15 Leonard Street, Apt. 4
New York, NY 10013
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2020

Notice to Creditors

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Francis P. Martonick (20-E-1170)** late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **January 22, 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 22nd day of October, 2020.

Charlotte Noel Fox
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2020

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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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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, 28401 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

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

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

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

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: a claim for personal injuries arising out of an automobile accident on the 7th day of March, 2017;

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 17th day of November, 2020, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 2nd day of October, 2020.

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

October 8, 15, 22, 2020

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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

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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
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The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Ann C. Surratt**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of January, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of October, 2020.

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

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Eleanor Kenneth Scott Cornwall**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of January, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of October, 2020

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

October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2020

**NOTICE OF MEETING
CANCELLATION**

The Wilmington Urban Area MPO Board meeting of October 28, 2020 has been canceled. The next MPO Board meeting will be held on November 18, 2020 at 3pm. If you have any questions, please call (910) 341-3258 or e-mail wmpo@wilmingtonnc.gov.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning
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October 22, 2020

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

SHERRY LYNNE VALENTINE, Plaintiff vs. 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

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**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.

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
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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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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
20 CVD 882**

CRYSTAL DAWN SHOWALTER VS. TIMOTHY JAY SHOWALTER

TO TIMOTHY JAY SHOWALTER, DEFENDANT

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of 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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