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EBONEE SPEARS

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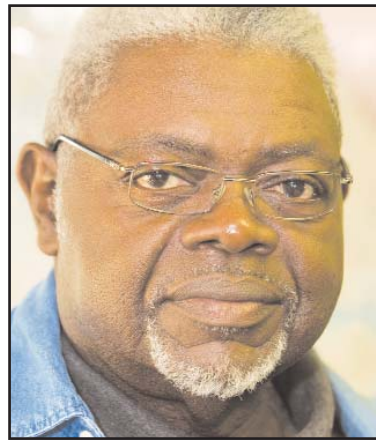
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OUR VOICE



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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

MOVE FORWARD

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This election year has made a real statement to people of color about your freedom here in the United States of America! People who claim to be Christian hearted and God fearing are not so clean. Their views on race and equality is only for themselves, not so much for Blacks and other people of color. These are people whom I thought were fair and were fighting the system every day to make this world a better place for all people, I find now that, with this governmental administration, this is not what they want. I was told that the system had to change because the Obama Administration was too far to the left with its ideas on freedom, border control, religious freedom, constitutional interpretation and men and women of moral standing, I was under the impression that these were some of the things this nation needs to move forward, I find, though, that

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READY TO VOTE?!!!

BY CASH MICHAELS

It seemed as if it would never get here, but this coming Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, Election Day will finally arrive!

By all accounts, this will be the biggest, most important election in our lifetimes. Many observers say this is thanks to the contentious presidential race between incumbent Republican Pres. Donald J. Trump, and challenger, Democratic former Vice President Joe Biden.

According to the most recent polls, the presidential race in North Carolina is a virtual tossup. So, whoever wins, it will be by the thinnest of margins.

There is no question that the controversy generated by the Trump vs. Biden race is what's primarily driving the historic early absentee vote counts going into Election Day.

If you haven't voted yet, you still have time.

For One Stop Early Voting - Same Day Registration, you may still vote today and Friday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p. m. and Saturday, Oct. 31 (the last day) 8 a. m. to 3 p. m..

As long as you are standing in the line when closing time comes, you will be allowed to vote.

You may early vote at 230 Government Center Dr., Suite 34, in Wilmington 28403. There are additional early voting sites available. Please go to https://elections.nhc.gov.com/voting-registration/one-stop/ for their locations, days and times.

Now, if you are one of those who insists on waiting until the actual Election Day to cast your ballot, in this case, Tuesday, Nov. 3, the first thing to know is that polls open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 7:30 p. m..

Unlike early voting, depending on where you live, you are already assigned a voting precinct at which to cast your ballot. Please check your voter registration card for that location, or, if you don't know, call the New Hanover County Board of Elections at 910-798-7330.

Given how early voting has been going thus far, expect long lines on Election Day at the polls. So give yourself plenty of time and remember, regardless of the polls closing at 7:30 p. m., as long as you are still on that line, legally you are to be allowed to vote.

If you still have a mail-in absentee ballot that you haven't sent in yet, get it done now! Just make sure it is postmarked no later than Tuesday, Nov. 3 if you're mailing it, or that it is dropped off no later than Tuesday, Nov. 3.

And before you return it, make sure you have signed it, and have one witness sign it, along with his or her address.

Who will be our next governor, senator, or even President? Hopefully, we'll find out on Nov. 3!

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Redistricting for the next ten years is on the ballot

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Of all of the vitally impor-
tant elected offices and issues
on which North Carolinians
will be voting during the last
days of early voting this week-
end, or Election Day itself
(Tuesday, Nov. 3), there is one
about which few people talk.
Yet it is extremely important
to voters.

Who will redraw the con-
gressional and legislative vot-
ing district lines for the next
ten years?

Answer: Whichever politi-
cal party wins the majority in
the State House and Senate.

Thirty-one states, including
North Carolina, mandate that
their legislatures redraw the
voting district lines, the con-
struction of which are defined
by the Constitutional mandate
of "one person - one vote", and
thus, all voting districts must
equal one another in terms of
citizenry.

However, again, the reason
this process is so important is
that the political party in
power in the state legislature

decides where and how those
voting district lines are drawn,
thus determining where sub-
stantial political power will be
centralized for the next decade.

There are rules laid down by
the state and federal courts
that are supposed to guide law-
makers in redrawing voting
maps. Redistricting lines
should not be racially gerrym-
andered, meaning that
African-American or Latino
voters should not be "stacked
and packed" into areas for the
purpose of diluting their vot-
ing strength on an overall elec-

tion.

Yet North Carolina has
repeatedly been dragged into
either state or federal court in
recent years, accused of both
racial and partisan gerryman-
dering, both of which are ille-
gal.

Since 2011, when the
Republicans won majorities
in the N. C. General
Assembly, they have been
found repeatedly guilty of
both constitutional viola-
tions. In recent years, the
courts have forced
Republicans to be more trans-

parent in how they devised
their voting maps, thus forc-
ing them to create more
Democratic seats than before.

Bottomline is, if Democrats
are able to win more legislative
seats in the State Senate and
House, they will be in control
of redistricting for the next ten
years, after being absent from
control for the past ten.

Thus, legislative races in the
2020 campaign are very impor-
tant because whichever party
wins control wins the right to
redraw North Carolina to its
benefit.

EXCLUSIVE

Biden's Black childhood friend: "He'll be a great president"

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

You can think what you want
about Joe Biden and his some-
times shaky relationship with
African-Americans because
"Mouse" doesn't care.

Richard "Mouse" Smith, cur-
rently the Delaware State
NAACP president, knows the
man. Indeed, grew up with
Biden back in segregated
Wilmington, Delaware when
they were teens during the
early 1960's. Whatever the once
young handsome Irish Catholic
Biden first learned about Black
people back then, talking
smack, not backing down from
a challenge, learning how to
communicate, Mouse helped
him do it.

"He could 'cuss' like crazy
being around Black folk,"
Smith recalls.

Their long friendship has
stood the test of time, not
because of politics, but because
of a special love a tough poor
Black gang member developed
for a tough working class White
boy, drawn together because 19
year old Joe Biden needed a job,
and, being lifeguard at the

Black neighborhood pool
(which is now named after him)
was a way to make a decent
buck.

Smith protected Biden from
the wiles of the street and the
straight razor carrying gangs
who pushed him but ultimately
learned that he could stand his
ground, and, in return, Biden
helped his Black friend manage
the same embarrassing afflic-
tion he had, stuttering.

Smith later helped the
young White Democrat get
Black votes when he cam-
paign for a seat on the New
Castle County Council in
1970, earning Biden the un-
desirable moniker "nigger-
lover" from disgruntled
Whites because he wanted to
expand public housing.

However, Blacks in
Wilmington had come to trust
Joe Biden's advocacy by then,
thanks to Mouse, especially
when he marched with African-
American picketers years ear-
lier in front of a segregated
downtown movie theater, or
joined the local NAACP, or got
elected to the U. S. Senate.

"Joe was one of us," Mouse
Smith told *The Washington*

Post in July 2019. "We helped
make him who he was."

This week, before what many
say is the most important presi-
dential election of our lifetime,
Smith is it again, helping to
make his friend someone peo-
ple can trust and respect, the
next President of the United
States.

In an exclusive phone inter-
view Monday, while on his way
to North Carolina to campaign,
the 72 year old civil rights
leader talked about why the for-
mer Vice President, 78, is
America's best choice to lead.
("I want [his critics] to think
he's dumb 'cause he'll tear them
down piece by piece"); what
African-Americans must do to
make sure their agenda is part
of a "President" Biden's list of
priorities once he takes office (
"only thing Black folks need to
do is stick together, put a plat-
form together, and move with
the platform..."), and why
Biden almost didn't accept Pres.
Obama's historic offer to serve
as vp in 2008. "He told me,
'Mouse, I don't want to lose my
freedom..., meaning he could
go anywhere he wanted to with-
out the Secret Service tagging
along all the time, and he didn't
want to give that up, but after
his family talked Biden down,
he gladly accepted the position,
and he and Pres. Obama
became close friends."



BIDEN AND RICHARD "MOUSE" SMITH

And a number of Black peo-
ple who worked directly for
Vice President Biden have
since done well in Delaware
state politics.

Smith says, even though Sen.
Kamala Harris was not his first
choice to be Biden's running
mate, he thinks the two work
well together, but he cautions
that she will need to be tough.

Smith also wants to see
President Biden nominate for-
mer National Security Advisor
Susan Rice to the U. S. Supreme
Court.

Given the brutal nature of
presidential campaigns, Smith
is not surprised by the false
allegations made about Biden's
health, mental acuity, or even
his attitude towards race (his
sponsorship of the 1994 Crime
Bill, which many say was

directed at locking Black peo-
ple up for longer prison sen-
tences, was actually something
that African-American leaders
themselves pleaded for because
of the pervasive violence of the
crack cocaine wars on the
streets).

President Joe Biden and the
"real" Joe Biden will be one in
the same.

As Smith told the PBS pro-
gram "Frontline" last June,
[He] was a person that was "a
people person," who, once he
got next to you, like I always say,
once you get close to him, you
talk to him, you see his passion,
you will like him, and you will
support him while he will
become your friend forever."

"He will be a great
President," Mouse Smith
says.

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STATE BRIEFS



AUTHORITIES SAY SEATTLE MAN TRAVELLED TO NORTH CAROLINA TO ASSASSINATE JOE BIDEN
[KANNAPOLIS] A 19-year-

old man allegedly traveled from Seattle to Kannapolis in an attempt to assassinate Democratic nominee Joe Biden.

Police say Alexander Triesman apparently parked his white van at the Fifth Third Bank in Kannapolis, which was stashed with guns, ammunition, explosives and more than \$500,000. Why he chose

North Carolina is not clear. Triesman is being held on child pornography charges after authorities found pictures on his computer. He has continued to threaten Biden's life behind bars.

24 PERCENT OF THE NC EARLY VOTE DIDN'T VOTE IN 2016
[RALEIGH] As of this

week more than 3.3 million people in North Carolinians have cast an early absentee ballot for the Nov. 3rd elections. Of that number, approximately 24 percent not only didn't vote here in 2016, but weren't even registered to vote in North Carolina in 2016. Many are young people who just came of voting age. State election officials say

ultimately they're expecting a record turnout.

WILMINGTON ACTIVIST ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH DAMAGE TO PARKING SIGNS, TRUMP 2020 POSTER

[WILMINGTON] Lily Nicole, leader of the lower-case leaders group, was arrested Oct. 24th and

charged with damage to personal property. This is in addition to being accused of vandalizing the Trump 2020 campaign billboard downtown on North Third Street on Oct. 8th.

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government doesn't present much of a moral standard today or in their very promotion of truth. We have Whites and Blacks who are preparing for unrest and troubled times. It is very upsetting when people go to gun stores time and

time again and are told that ammunition is out. People are stockpiling guns and as much ammo as they can find because people are marching and expressing ideas that are not what White America wants. The truth is the light and what the marching is about is truth. Then why is it wrong or unjust? Why is it so hard to accept that the past was not

always good or true?

Over one hundred years of free labor (slavery), unjust laws and prison time (Black men would spend 10 years in prison for looking at a White woman) there is a trail that leads to today, and the gains to where God has allowed the Black man to come. Nothing was given to us. It came with hard work and determina-

tion, but now I see a society that seems to see no wrong in George Floyd's death and Breonna Taylor's death. Instead of seeing a problem that needs to be investigated and a change that needs to come about in order to solve these problems, some had rather bring in the Army or National Guard with orders to use the kind of force that will

do harm and yet not stop the problem of bigotry and racism that so prevalently exists. When people feel that there is no way out, there will be confrontation. almost to the point now, but we can change, vote, elect people who are willing to sit down at the table and talk and then go out in the community with an attitude of let's move America

forward Together for all people.

Let's make some changes to the system that will make it better for all. We must stand together and move forward for the good of the nation and all its people!

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

'Through the roof' prescription drug prices hit communities of color the hardest

Grassroots advocates insist there's got to be a better way

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Seventy-three-year-old Leonard L. Edloe, a pharmacist of 50 years and pastor of a predominately Black church in Middlesex County, Va., knows the personal and professional sides of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes well. He also knows the astronomical costs of prescription medications and the related financial struggles.

His father-also named Leonard L. Edloe-opened the first of their four family-owned pharmacies in 1948. But he was only 65 when he came home from work one day, sat down, had a sandwich and a beer and then died of a massive heart attack. It was a major emotional blow to lose his father and mentor that way. But then Edloe's sister died at 60 and his brother at 54 - also both of heart attacks.

"I had to get out," he said sternly, reflecting on his now determined self-care through exercise and healthy eating. "I'm 73 now."

For decades, Edloe has been a prominent household family

name in Richmond, Va. where his father's first pharmacy was established. Since his family was upper middle class, he acknowledged they had no problem paying for prescription medication. But given his father's legacy and his own community service through his profession and dedication to help people in need, he is known for being on the cutting edge of the struggle to establish health equity. That includes exploring ways to make prescription drugs more affordable and accessible to all.

"The pricing has gone through the roof," he said in an interview. "I mean, insulin - a month's supply for some people - is \$600." That's \$7,200 a year. "Even the generic pricing has gone up," he points out. "That has become worse because so many of the drugs are imported. Seventy-five percent of the drugs in the United States have an ingredient that's made in China, India or Germany."

Edloe explained that "Because there's no control over pricing in the United States, they can basically

charge what they want to; whereas in other countries, the government decides."

As a former long-time member of Medicaid HMO Virginia Premier Health Plan's board - Edloe pointed out that the drug used to treat Hepatitis C costs \$1,000 a pill. But in Egypt, it is \$1 a pill.

Edloe has expressed these concerns vehemently over the years in various leadership roles, including as chair of the Virginia Heart Association for the Mid-Atlantic Region; president of the American Pharmacists Association Foundation, and board member of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems Authority.

"My blood pressure medicine for myself has tripled in price. I was paying \$15 for three months. Now it's \$45," he said. "Fortunately, that's with my insurance."

For people who lack health insurance, medicine for hypertension can cost upwards of \$300-\$600 a year, which, can be difficult to manage financially along with paying for other medications and bills. "So, it's real serious,"

Edloe concluded.

Community health workers and researchers around the country have long recognized the increasing costs of prescription drugs and the difficult choices some people must make to afford them.

An article in Harvard Medical School's Harvard Health Publishing, titled, "Millions of Adults Skip Medications Due to Their High Costs" highlights findings from a national survey conducted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics:

"Eight percent of adult Americans don't take their medicines as prescribed because they can not afford them."

"Among adults under 65, sixpercent who had private insurance still skipped medicines to save money."

"10 percent of people who rely on Medicaid skipped their medicines."

"Of those who are not insured, 14 percent skipped their medications because of cost."

"Among the nation's

poorest adults- those with incomes well below the federal poverty level - nearly 14 percent "did not take medications as prescribed to save money."

Those statistics get even worse when exploring prescription drug affordability in the Black community. According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, a division of the National Institute of Health, "Elderly black Medicare beneficiaries are more than twice as likely as white beneficiaries to not have supplemental insurance and to not fill prescriptions because they cannot afford them."

Likewise, an AARP survey of 1,218 African-American voters last year found more than three in five (62 percent) said "prices of prescription drugs are unreasonable" and nearly half (46 percent) said they did not fill a prescription provided by their doctor, mainly because of cost.

The inability to pay for prescription drugs - even for those under the age of 65 - has significantly impacted Blacks, Latinos and other people of color due to economic disparities.

"Though the Affordable Care Act (ACA) reduced the number of uninsured Americans, over 28 million remain without insurance," says PublicHealthPost.org. "More than half (55%) of uninsured Americans under the age of 65 are people of color. For those with no insurance, paying retail prices for medications is often financially impossible."

This is no secret to those who have been working in the trenches on critical health care issues daily for years.

Ruth Perot, executive director/CEO of the Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, Inc. (SHIRE), serves the 92 percent Black and largely low-income families of Washington, D.C.'s 6th, 7th and 8th Wards. She has been working on grassroots health equity issues in communities of color for more than 23 years.

"I am certainly aware of the extent to which folks have to, of course make that choice between the cost of a prescription and the other

commitments that they have, whether it's rent or whether it's food on the table or something related to the education for their children," Perot said. "The cost of prescription drugs has always been out of control. It's been a major profit-motive driven industry. That's been true for some time. And so, whatever we see at the national level from a policy perspective still hasn't addressed the fundamental issue that the drug prescriptions cost too much...I don't think the federal government has ever used its power as the principle buyer of drugs to get those prices down. So, it's been a persistent problem for many, many, many years if not decades."

Edloe, having owned pharmacies in predominately Black communities, vehemently agrees. In addition to his medical career, he also interfaces with the community as pastor of the New Hope Fellowship Church in Hartfield, Va. As he personally works to avoid his family's history with heart disease, he passes along health lessons to his congregation, and is intimately familiar with their struggles to pay for prescription drugs. Currently working with two groups involving health disparities and pharmaceuticals, he says he believes the answer to achieve equity will ultimately be "some form of universal health care."

But, there must also be a culture change, he said. "Because a lot of health care providers still are not trained and the materials are still not designed for diverse communities. So it's all about getting equity - not equality - but equity in health care. Because there's a big difference. If everybody stands beside the fence and the fence is six feet and you're 6 feet 5 inches tall, you can see over it, but other people can't. Equity means you might have to give them a stool to see."

This article is part of a series on the impact of high prescription drug costs on consumers made possible through the 2020 West Health and Families USA Media Fellowship.

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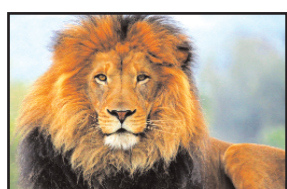
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Our endorsements 2020-FINAL REPRINT

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.

Furthemore, 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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MATTERS OF OPINION

Don't be confused

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I was ready to be forgiving of people who hadn't decided for whom to vote this late, but no longer after hearing the latest news about foreign interference in our November election-and not hearing a mumbling word from the President of the United States!

This President has not shown any interest in protecting our democracy from foreign intervention in our election. He's already asked homeland terrorists to simply standby after the governor of Michigan and others have been threatened with kidnap and murder; he leads chants to lock up perfectly loyal Americans. I can't imagine a sane person who chooses Donald Trump over Joe Biden to be our President.

Isn't it obvious that Trump has shown no interest in helping or protecting anybody other than himself? I'm convinced he cares nothing about his family or his friends. I use the term "friends" loosely because he throws them

under the bus as soon as they don't agree with his dangerous requirements. He's already threatening to fire his FBI Director and has given warning to his Attorney General while rushing him to arrest political opponents for no reason. He's called Dr. Fauci a disaster for trying to

provide health advice to stop killing people with COVID-19.

We've heard more than enough of his angry, vulgar, insulting, rhetoric to vote him out of the White

House. No one else would be allowed over 20,000 lies and still hold such an important position. In a democracy, truth matters. Who are these people who enable him to continue holding such a powerful position without speaking out against such behavior? Who are these people who act like there's no difference in Joe

Biden and him when the differences are so obvious? Joe Biden is an honorable man who can admit, and has admitted, his mistakes and worked to overcome them.

It's so disappointing that Kanye West is lending his name to keeping the current President in office. I don't think he understands what he is doing in trying to take a few votes from Black men over to Trump.

On the other hand, I think Ice Cube, as he calls himself, seems to be pretty bright. He knows how much Black people are suffering under Trump who has no interest in doing anything to help our people. We risk losing the health benefits President Barack Obama and VP Joe Biden worked to get even for people with pre-existing conditions. I have no problem with his Contract for Black America, but I haven't spoken to a single Black man who was asked what he wanted and do they want it so bad they're willing to not vote and deliver the Presidency to Trump.

I have no problem with the

contents of Ice Cube's Contract. My problem is with his timing and his approach to selling it that gives a few Black men an excuse for not voting without telling them not voting is a way of supporting Trump. Joe Biden has shown his ability and willingness to help our community. I think it's wrong to say both men are evil. Even if it is true, he knows one is more evil than the other. Such a time as this is reason for voting for the lesser of two evils. Any sensible person would take one mistake over 20,000 lies any day.

My plea to Ice Cube is to stop confusing people about the best person to vote for. Lord knows our community is owed a lot of help by a lot of politicians, but we risk too much to take another chance with a reality show man who hasn't a clue as to what the reality is on needs of our community.

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.

We know what we have to do - Beyond the 2020 Elections

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

No matter what the outcome of the 2020 election, there remains much work to do. Our economy is wrong-sided, and we have to right-side it. Our tax code rewards the wealthy and penalizes others. Our regulatory system protects corporations, not people. Almost a hundred environmental regulations from the Obama years have been reversed. Schools have fewer protections than they once had. Workers have fewer protections, and unions are under attack. And the Supreme Court has been stacked to favor oligarchs, not everyday people. The very right to vote has been compromised with rules that marginalize too many people.

It is my fervent hope that the Biden-Harris ticket will prevail in this election, but even if they win, there is still much work to do. First, the coronavirus needs to be controlled. Mark Meadows, the 45th President's chief of staff, says the administration will do nothing to contain the virus, and their wanton disregard of essential public health tenets (hand-washing, mask-wearing, social distancing) reflects their casual approach to the virus. A President Biden would tackle this issue, but he will need to be pushed to ensure that the

process is egalitarian and that those who have suffered disproportionately, like Black folks, will get more remediation than those who have not so suffered.

Economic recovery and economic expansion should be high on the agenda. Again, those who have suffered from

covid and repressive economic policies need special attention. Biden-Harris must address the racial wealth gap, the relentless unemployment rate differential, and systemic poverty. Some of the employment situation can be addressed through an infrastructure improvement program. The American Society of Civil Engineers consistently grades our roads, bridges, water quality, and public buildings with substandard grades. The appropriate investment of federal dollars would not only be good for employment but also for the economy.

Our criminal justice system must be fixed, and federal initiatives to stop police brutality must be developed. Environmental issues must be vigorously addressed. Health care must be treated

as a right, and it must be universal. The "do" list is long, and it may include expanding the Supreme Court's size. It's not court-packing, as some would suggest; it's right-sizing something that has gone wrong. The point is that a Biden-Harris victory may be cause for celebration, but it is also an invitation for all of us to roll up our sleeves and get to work, not only at the federal level but also at the state and local level.

I can hear my conservative friends already asking what all this will cost. We know the 2017 tax cut cost the Treasury trillions of dollars. We seem only to be interested in cost when we are looking at people on the bottom. There appears to be much less concern about programs designed to benefit the wealthy. Then, some of the work we have to do is to transform our mindset, decide what kind of economy we want, and then work to create it. That may mean a very different approach to our predatory capitalist system, and it may mean restructuring the system to make it more people-focused. It is a possibility!

Now we know what it is like to live with a graft-centered leader who has thrown our nation under the bus for his selfish gains. We have the opportunity to learn what it is like to live with a more peo-

ple-centered leader. Still, we should be clear that Biden-Harris leadership will be center-left predatory capitalism. They will need to be pushed, and we need to be prepared to push them. If we have learned nothing from the Obama years, we should have learned that a closed mouth won't get fed. Black folk were so happy to have a Black president that we were reluctant to push him and his administration very hard. Much as we may like Biden-Harris, we must be willing to push them.

When he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King said, "I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, men other-centered can build up." Biden-Harris will move us closer to King's dream, but they won't take us all the way there. Not unless we push. We know what we have to do.

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First UNCW Alumni Association Distinguished Diversity Award to be presented at Homecoming 2021

WILMINGTON -- A new award has been added to the UNCW Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni awards, which are presented each year during Homecoming. The Distinguished Diversity Award will be presented to an

individual who has made exceptional contributions in the areas of diversity, equity, access, inclusion and social justice. "This award was established by the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors, as a lead support-

er of the university's strategic vision, to help strengthen the university's commitment to diversity and inclusion," said Lindsay LeRoy, executive director of the Alumni Association. Diversity and inclusion are key components of

UNCW's Strategic Plan, and the Alumni Association wanted to add an award that celebrates individuals who embody those values. Visit <https://alumni.uncw.edu/awards-scholarships> to nominate someone for the new award.

Dec. 1, 2020 is the deadline to nominate someone for the first Distinguished Diversity Award, as well as Distinguished Alumnus/a, Young Alumnus/a and Distinguished Citizen of the Year. More information can be found

<https://alumni.uncw.edu/awards-scholarships>. The Alumni Association's annual awards recognize UNCW alumni and friends for outstanding achievements and service to the university and the community.

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CFCC Winter Session offers students a way to get ahead on their degrees

WILMINGTON, NC – Cape Fear Community College is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the virtual 2020 Winter Session. The Winter Session is a 4-week term that offers classes to degree-seeking students and consists of classes that can be transferred to all North Carolina community colleges, as well as most NC four-year colleges and universities. CFCC's Winter Session courses will be offered online in order to maximize student access to courses and help them make additional progress on degrees at their home institutions.

The Winter Session offerings for the 2020 session include courses in art, computer science, English, history, mathematics, music, philosophy, psychology, and sociology, all of which are

Universal General Education Transfer Components courses. These classes have been universally approved for transfer to most degree-granting four-year colleges and universities in North Carolina. In order to simplify the process for students, a list of the current offerings is available online at cfcc.edu/winter, with full course descriptions - along with UNC System school equivalent course numbers, which correlate to courses at their home institutions.

"We realize that both Cape Fear Community College students and university students from around the state may want to use the winter break to progress with their studies," said CFCC Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jason Chaffin. "While rigorous, these accelerated, short-term classes are

a great and affordable way for students to reduce their spring term class-loads."

Current and recent CFCC students can access registration for the Winter Session through their student portals, while new students should follow the new student enrollment steps prior to registration. Specific details on the process for both new and existing students can be found at cfcc.edu/winter. Courses in the Winter Session are accelerated and time-intensive; CFCC suggests that students take only one course per Winter Session.

Those with questions about enrolling in the Winter Session or those interested in taking other courses at CFCC should contact the Admissions Office at cfcc.edu/admissions or by calling 910-362-7000.

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Natacha Buchanan applauds ONG industry's outreach to minorities

BY STACY M. BROWN
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Natacha Buchanan personifies all that the oil and natural gas industry projects for the future of its well-paying workforce.

She's a woman who identifies as half-Black and half-Hispanic – a paradigm shift for an industry that previously hadn't demonstrated such diversity.

Buchanan, the Director of Inclusion & Diversity at Phillips 66, manages and executes the global enterprise inclusion and diversity strategy and supports its strategy implementation.

She noted that the lack of diversity wasn't necessarily because the industry practiced any discrimination.

"It wasn't something I was interested in as an industry," Buchanan recalled. "I came into the industry by happenstance. I was recruited out of college at a career fair and by an incredibly approachable recruiter."

Perhaps like many others when it comes to the oil and natural gas industry, Buchanan only knew about gas stations and that oil was found in the ground.

"I didn't want anything to do with working at a gas station. I went to college," Buchanan exclaimed.

"But I was ill-informed and got the opportunity to interview and learn about the organization and the industry."

Originally from Junction City, Kansas, in 2002, Buchanan earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Kansas State University, where she's currently serving as a member of the Finance Advisory Board and College of Business Diversity Advisory Council.

Buchanan began her career more than 18 years ago as an intern at Phillips 66, where she said she realized how much oil and gas plays a part in everyday life.

Rising through the ranks, Buchanan's love of the industry has only increased.

"I think that I have such a passion for this industry, but I don't think we as an industry have done a great job in telling our story," she remarked. "What we do in protecting the environment ... we get a bad rap."

Buchanan acknowledges that, as currently constituted, the oil and natural gas industry must do a better job in diversity and inclusion.

"It pains me that our industry doesn't better reflect our nation from gender and ethnic standpoint," she determined.

However, industry projections show greater participation lies ahead.

An analysis from the American Petroleum Institute (API) revealed a mostly positive outlook for African Americans and Hispanics in the oil and natural gas industry. The 2019 study noted that, with the right policies, African Americans and Hispanics could hold 166,000 of the new oil and natural gas jobs created by this year. That represents 31 percent of the projected 525,000 new job opportunities.

Further, API's analysis noted that by 2030, the number could jump to more than 285,000, or 35 percent of the projected 811,000 new job opportunities.

More than 50 percent of all jobs created would be high-paying skilled and semi-skilled blue-color jobs with a significant range of opportunities at the scientific/managerial level – including petroleum engineers.

"I'm excited that we are going to be very deliberate and say, for whatever reason, we haven't been successful in attracting a specific demographic," Buchanan said.

"The talent is there, and our industry acknowledges that there is talent that we are not getting and we need. We need the best talent, and that the best talent looks like all sorts of different things. Our goal is to get the best talent,

look internally, and realize that we are so underrepresented that we are not leveraging that robust talent out there.

"So, I'm really excited about the opportunity to bring in demographics that maybe have not [previously] considered our industry."

Buchanan makes it clear that being a woman and an ethnic minority hasn't hindered her career.

"When I joined, there wasn't a lot of physical, racial, and ethnic diversity," she recalled. "We still have a long way to go, but I'm proud of the industry. I have really enjoyed the people I've worked with, and I don't feel like my gender or my race has hindered my career."

Buchanan encourages all – particularly those who might aspire to a career in the industry – to brush up on their knowledge of oil and natural gas.

"There's a lot of organizations like API where you can go and get their newsletter and read up on or sign up for them," Buchanan stated.

"The cultures might be different in the various companies in the industry, but all are part of an industry that continues to evolve, so connect with someone who works in the industry and learn about it."

In addition to newsletters, there exists the Community Energy Center (<http://www.communityenergycenter.org/>), which is a project of the NNPA (National Newspaper Publishers Association), a non-partisan trade association of the more than 230 African American-owned newspapers and media companies from across the United States, and the National Association of Hispanic Publications Media LLC (NAHP Media LLC), a Hispanic Publishing media advocacy organization representing over 170 leading Spanish language publications in communities all over the U.S. and Puerto Rico.



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The power of protest and the power of our ballots

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In a year defined by distress and tragedy, no one has felt that chaos more painfully than the Black community; We've seen the coronavirus pandemic tear through our neighborhoods at a devastating rate. Job losses have surged, evictions are looming, and economic damage has mounted. And the deaths of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd and the shooting of Jacob Blake have brought the crisis of police violence into stark, horrifying relief for the broad American public.



Kristen Clarke

Yet at the same time, we have also seen a nearly unprecedented explosion of protests in virtually every American city. In the face of militarized, mobilized opposition, we have seen our community take to the streets and demand justice for victims and reform of broken systems.

As Election Day nears and tens of millions of Black voters head to the polls to turn those demands into reality, we may have one more obsta-

cle to overcome: voter intimidation.

Our community has been forced to deal with legal (and illegal) hurdles on our path to the ballot box since the very moment we won the right to vote. No matter what it said on paper, our ability to vote has never been guaranteed. This year, we should expect to see desperate 11th hour attempts to stifle and silence our voices.

The reason is simple: Our votes matter and they can make the difference in races all across America. The power of our collective ballots is just as strong as the power of our collective protests.

Those are the tools that -- together -- will bring about the change and transformation we want to see.

Of course, the outcome of the presidential race will have profound impacts on

our community. But, so too will countless down-ballot races. On November 3, we will elect District Attorneys who will make decisions about how to enforce laws in our communities. We will elect sheriffs who run jails and make decisions about policies like solitary confinement and how to treat those who are incarcerated. We will elect mayors who will choose who leads our police departments. We will elect City Councilors who determine the budget size for local police departments. We will elect local and state judges in some states who help determine who are charged with ensuring equal justice under law. Simply put, the ballot is an important vehicle to promoting accountability and addressing demands for criminal justice reform that have been at the heart of this year's historic protests.

Just as we saw during the Civil Rights Movement, our movement today must be fought on the streets, in the courts, and through the power of our ballots.

That is why my organiza-

tion, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, leads the Election Protection program today. Election Protection is the nation's largest and longest-running, non-partisan voter protection program, anchored by the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline. And, given the extraordinary challenges that we face during the pandemic, it's why we have more than quadrupled the number of legal volunteers supporting that hotline to 23,000 legal volunteers, seven days a week.

Since the pandemic, we have mounted nearly 3 dozen voting rights lawsuits to ensure that Black voters and all voters will be able to vote this season. We have successfully sued to defeat restrictions such as notary and witness requirements for absentee voters, we have fought to ensure that voters will receive notice and an opportunity to cure any issue that might arise with an absentee ballot and we have fought to ensure that absentee ballots would be available to all voters, without limitation. We have worked to beat back the

efforts of operatives who are trying to limit access to drop boxes and more.

Since July 1, we've received more than 100,000 calls from voters seeking help with vote by mail, those wondering whether the rhetorical claims that vote by mail is not safe or secure are true, and voters seeking information on drop box options for returning ballots and more. We've also requested some reports of voter intimidation and voter suppression, which are not uncommon during the 11th hour of an election season and which are, far too often, targeted at Black voters and voters of color. Robocalls seeking to frighten voters, social media posts imparting false information, and disinformation campaigns targeting Black voters with inaccurate information about vote by mail. We see these thinly veiled schemes for what they are -- attempts to deny Black people voice in our democracy. They haven't stopped us in the past and should not stop us now. We are here to help.

This election is one of the

most consequential elections of our lifetime. It is a capstone to a year marked by historic protests and an unprecedented pandemic -- two events that raise profound questions regarding systemic racism, and the health, safety and quality of lives of Black people in our country. As this year comes to a close, the power of our ballots will prove to be a critical tool in our arsenal as we seek to ensure that Black Lives Matter and achieve those goals aimed at elevating the standing of Black people in our democracy. The collective might of Black protests and Black votes are forces to be reckoned with.

With just several days remaining in this election season, let's use the ballot to underscore, in no uncertain terms, that Black Lives Matter.

Kristen Clarke is president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which leads Election Protection, a non-partisan voter protection program anchored by the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline.

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Racism leaves America vulnerable to foreign manipulation and exploitation of the threat of violent voter intimidation

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"We have to accept that foreign powers seize upon these divisions because they are real - because racism remains the United States' Achilles' heel. Indeed, it is, and always has been, a national security vulnerability - a fundamental and easily exploitable reality of American life that belies the image and narrative of equality and justice we project and expand around the world." -- Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

operation.

But the threat of election-related violence from white supremacist terrorists is real, not an invention of Iran or Russia. In the last presidential election, Neo-Nazis and groups related to the Ku Klux Klan - threat-



Marc Morial

ened to send "armies" to Black precincts. Arsonists who set fire to a Baptist Church in Mississippi spray-painted the message

Voters in Florida and Alaska woke up to a chilling message in their email this week.

"We are in possession of all your information. You will vote for Trump on Election Day or we will come after you."

The messages seemed to be coming from the far-right white supremacist group, Proud Boys.

It was a terrifying reminder of America's long history of white supremacist terrorist tactics used to keep Black Americans from exercising their right to vote.

Intelligence officials have determined the messages were the work of Iranian operatives and that more of this kind of interference could be in store from Russia.

Russian interference in the 2016 election is well-documented - and the largest parts of their efforts were aimed at suppressing the Black vote.

Exploitation of American racism by both Russia and Iran extends back through the decades. In the 1960s, KGB and Soviet influence operations were aimed at discrediting Martin Luther King Jr. During the Iranian hostage crisis that began in 1979, the hostage-takers declared a unified stance with "oppressed minorities" in the United States, and released all Black and woman hostages in an attempt to use American racial tensions as a wedge issue. In the 1980s the Soviet Union stoked racial tensions ahead of the 1984 Olympics.

The simple truth is American racism - which is very real -- makes us vulnerable to foreign adversaries intent on weakening our democracy.

The threat of violence contained in the emails sent by Iran appears to be an empty one. And Black voters do not appear to have been singled out in this

"Vote Trump."

Devin Burghart, executive director of the Institute for Research and Education on Human Rights, told WBUR, "We are seeing a high level of activity from militia-type groups and other far right organizations discussing the possibility of interfering in the electoral process, either on Election Day or after the ballots are cast."

The Department of Homeland Security's October Threat Assessment warned that violent extremists might target events related to the 2020 Presidential campaigns, the election itself, election results, or the post-election period. "Among [Domestic Violent Extremists], racially and ethnically motivated violent extremists-specifically white supremacist extremists (WSEs)-will remain the most persistent and lethal threat in the Homeland."

In the same document, the Department also warned that Russian actors would exploit "perceived grievances within minority communities, especially among African Americans" and "engage in efforts to discourage voter turnout and to suppress votes" in the 2020 election just as they did in the 2016 election.

The fact that both foreign and domestic actors have focused their efforts on Black Americans is proof of the power of the Black vote. If your vote didn't matter, they wouldn't fight so hard to block it.

We won't be intimidated, and we won't be fooled. Please make a plan to vote, early if possible.

"Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:34-35

Racism is defined as a belief or doctrine that inherent differences among human racial groups determine cultural or individual achievement; usually involving the idea that one race is superior and has the right to dominate others, or that a particular racial group is inferior to another. Systemized racism is when policy, system of government, based on fostering this doctrine ...leads to discrimination
 Racism - Hatred or intolerance of another race
 Sin - All unrighteousness; Disobedience to God

"And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways,

and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deuteronomy 10:12

"For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: He doth execute the judgement of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt." Deu. 10: 17-19
"Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the Land of Egypt. Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. If thou afflict them or in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;" Exodus 22:21-23

The bible has wisdom that we all need to hear. If we are Christians, we cannot practice racism with God's permission.

The sin of racism

It can be hurtful to know that even though God accepts you, there are men professing Christ, who reject you. Nevertheless, God is love.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another,

God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit." I John 4: 7-13

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

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. 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?

Jesus answered. Verily, verily (really, in truth) I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is

flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again." John 3:1 - 7.

One of the jobs of the Holy Spirit is to convict. John 16:8, "And when he is come, he will reprove (convict) the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement."

The sin of racism is a reproach (discredit) to any people. Proverbs 14:34 says, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Prayer of Intercession: Father, we as a nation have sinned. We have sinned against you. We have sinned against one another. Please forgive us for the sin of racism and all other forms of unrighteousness. God, please heal our nation. Our land is sick. We need healing in our land. Help us to repent. Show us how to change/ turn from our wicked ways. Help us to forgive others as we pray for forgiveness for ourselves. Let

your people embrace II Chronicles 7:14 - 15 Deliver us from the Sin of Racism. In Jesus' Name. Amen TELL SOMEBODY!

Tell Somebody!
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A WORD FROM THE LORD

What is Biblical faith? 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 the 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 in Christ Jesus." "And be ye transform by the renewing of your mind."
 We must learn the native language of the Kingdom of God: and faith is that language, it is the language of our heavenly Father, it is the

of His Son Jesus Christ, it is the language of the Holy Spirit, it was the language of the apostles and it is the written language of the word of God and it is of necessity our language today.
 Notice how Roman 10:8-14, describes faith and how it works, let's read it: 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation.11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how

What is Biblical faith?

shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? V.17, So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

Romans 15:4a, for whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning.
 Let's look at and examine the History of faith (read), in Hebrews 11:4-14, gives the hero's of faith, lets read it from the Amplified: Let me make this statement first, there is only one faith: Eph.4:4-6, 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
 The power of Faith is activated by speaking faith-filled words or acting on the word of God. 2Corin. 4:13, (KJV) 13 We

having the same spirit of faith, according to as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe and therefore speak;

Let's examine in the Word God of those who believed and acted on the word of God: Matt.8:2-3, 2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Matt. 5:5-10, 13, 5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth;

and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. V.13, 13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour.

Therefore faith is spirit and belongs to our inner man or born again spirit. 1Corin. 4:18, (KJV) 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Unbelief is evil because it is anti-God and of the devil: Romans 14:23, 23 and he that doubteth is damned if he eats, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Hebrews 3:12-14, 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.13

But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.14 For we are made partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; chapter 11:6, 6 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. Faith activates (save, healing, deliverance) the power of God in His Word to bring to pass what He has promised in His Word. 2Cor. 1:20 for all the promises of God in him are yea and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Father, in the name Jesus, let there be a manifestation of your power in the lives of those persons who read this article and believe and receive it to the glory of God. Amen.

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OBITUARIES

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Idella Davis

Idella Davis died October 22, 2020. Funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020 at Macedonia

Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Drive. Burial will follow in the Bethel Church Cemetery. Visitation is 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mary Summers

Mary Summers died October 25, 2020. Graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Marguerite Burnett

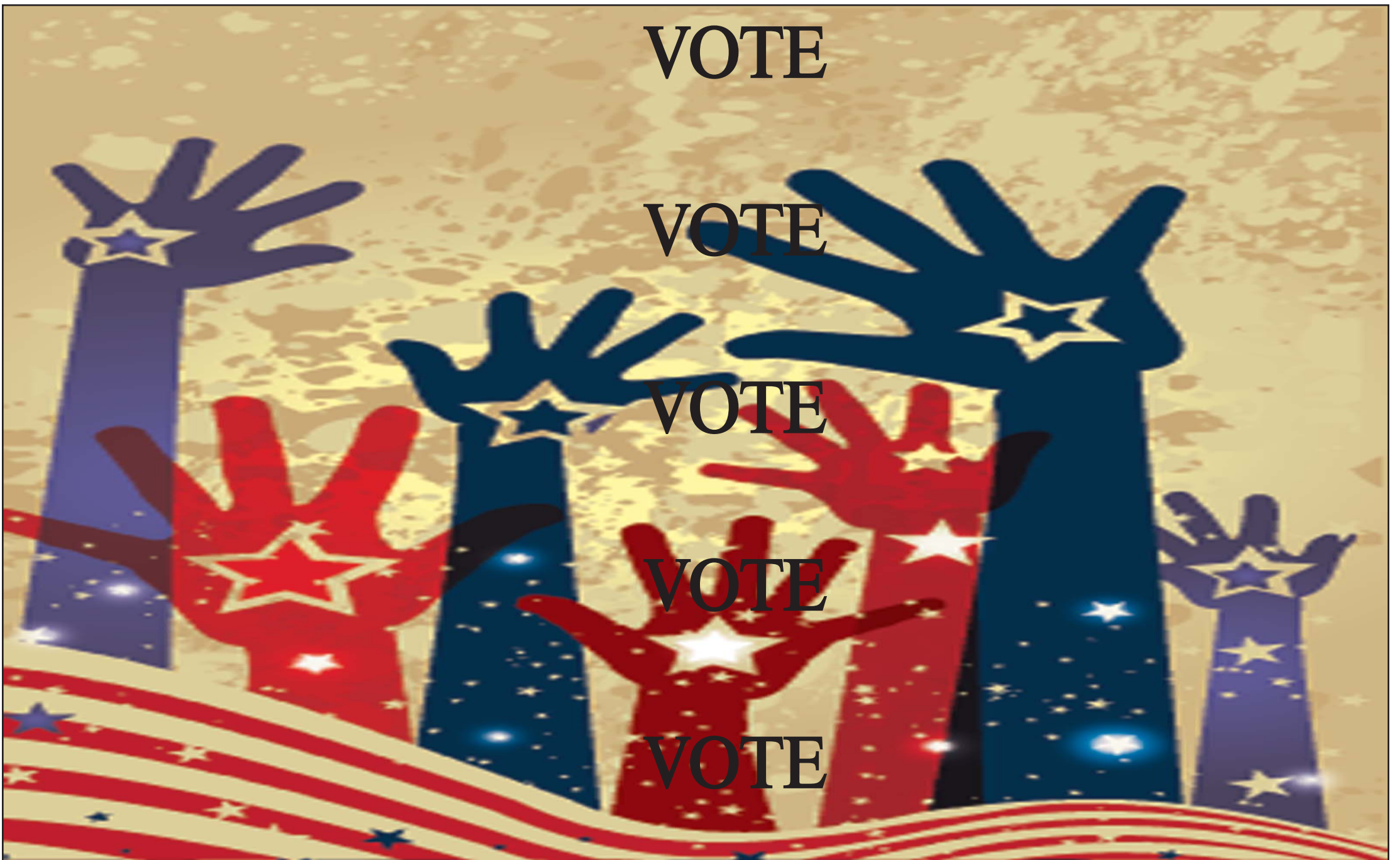
Marguerite Burnett died October 23, 2020. Graveside service will be held 12:00 Noon on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 5-8 PM on Friday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Donielle Durant

Donielle Durant died October 26, 2020. Graveside service will be held 12 Noon on Sunday, November 1, 2020. Visitation 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Saturday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jeffery White

Jeffery White died October 26, 2020 at Novant Health in Matthews, NC. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.



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