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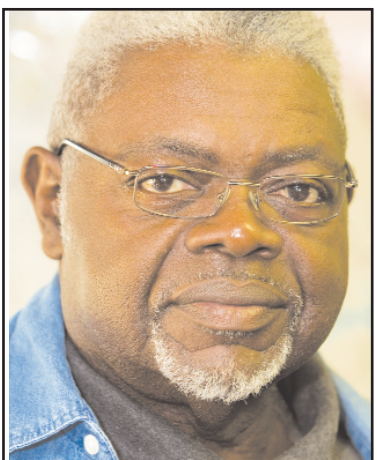
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**BEN JEALOUS**

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**BRUNSWICK  
COUNTY**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**PROBLEMS  
NEED TO BE  
ADDRESSED**

**BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

Our people must see the lies and propaganda being dealt out to the American people by the leaders in this Trump Administration. It's hard to think that the average person would vote for him or his followers. I hear this elected administration talking about the Democratic Party is going too far to the left by calling for civil rights, women's equality, more jobs and higher pay for all people. We have a lot of problems that need to be addressed with straightforward action. Looking at the problem coming to a solution that the problem will solve it or remove the problem and not try and cover it up or results to violence. Some people don't want to face the

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REV, WILLIAM BARBER

## STAY ENGAGED AFTER THE ELECTION, SAYS REV. BARBER

**BY CASH MICHAELS  
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"The election of 2020 may be over, but the deep healing needed to recover from the past four tumultuous years is set to begin," says The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber, II, president and senior lecturer of the non-profit social justice organization, Repairers of the Breach.

While Rev. Barber is pleased that President-elect Joe Biden and Vice Pres. elect Kamala Harris won the election - feeling they will be much more sensitive to the needs of the poor than Pres. Trump was - with the holiday season now upon Americans, Barber says the tremendous pain caused by Trump should not forgotten.

"Donald Trump's refusal to concede is not just him alone, and we should stop saying it is," the former president of the

NCNAACP said in a recent release.. "It's Mitch McConnell and the entire (virtually all-White) Republican power structure placing the nation at risk, following the lead of the narcissistic racist they've chosen to line up with and follow."

Together this unpatriotic allegiance has done more to hurt American progress than any other group in recent history," Rev. Barber continued. "It is currently putting at risk the nation's response to addressing the COVID pandemic, which has now claimed the lives of more than 250,000 people. "We can't just pass over that!"

Rev. Barber goes on to condemn Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell for adjourning the U. S. Senate last week, not planning to come back until November 30, as "...millions of Americans continue to suffer, facing unemployment, financial devastation, and mass evictions (because of the pandemic), because Congress has

once again failed to pass another COVID relief bill."

Barber virtually led "National Memorial Service Moral Monday" caravans across the country in memory of the 250,000 who have died because of COVID-19, and later that evening, delivered a sermon titled, "In Their Remembrance: From Mourning to a Moral Mandate."

Regarding the way forward with the new Biden-Harris Administration, Dr. Barber maintains that, even though he was pleased that they won, pressure must continue to bring about much needed action to help the poor and end systematic racism."

"If his administration can answer the cries of mourning people with real transformative policy that addresses systematic racism, poverty, ecological devastation and the denial healthcare, it will indeed be a new day in America," Rev. Barber said in a statement.

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truth about the problems in our society. We face racism, unequal civil rights, inequality for women, insensitivity to the Black Lives Matter movement, etc. When these problems come up, some people don't seem to want them heard, but open talk is what's needed. It is time for these problems to be discussed and for the truth to be opened up. Then we can prevent the burning and looting from people who feel that there is no hope by any means other than violence. The truth has to be told and faced so we can come to a profitable conclusion. We can't go with "that's the way it always was." Let's start working on these problems.

We have to have action now and begin to see positive changes from the action and these talks and meetings. Time is out for stalling and offering empty excuses. We must stand if we have to stand by ourselves! Our actions speak for themselves.

*Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.*

**STATE BRIEFS**



**MAN SENTENCED FOR THREATENING BLACK NC FAMILY**

[GREENVILLE] A White North Carolina man was sentenced to 28 months in prison for threatening a Black family who rented a dwelling because of their race. Douglas Matthew Gurkins, 34, pled guilty to one count of criminal interference with the Fair Housing Act. According to a release from the U.S. Justice Dept.,

"Gurkins admitted that in December 2014, he drove to the home of an African American family and yelled racial slurs at the family. The defendant told the family that they did not belong in their home and then threatened to shoot the family, including four minor children, and any other African American that came onto the property. After making this threat, the defendant brandished a metal rod in a threatening manner. The family moved out of the neighborhood a few days after this incident. Within the next four years, the defendant engaged in similar criminal conduct toward two other African American fam-

ilies living in the same neighborhood."

**THREE HBCUs RECEIVE \$3 MILLION FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR PLANT SAFETY**

[DURHAM] North Carolina Central University Math and Physics Dept researchers received \$3 million from the National Nuclear Security Administration "...to develop better materials and sensors for early detection of defects in nuclear facilities as they age." NCCU will lead a consortium of research teams in the project involving faculty and students from NCCU, Elizabeth City State

University and Southern University at Baton Rouge.

**STATE HIGHWAY PATROL ISSUES HOLIDAY TRAVEL GUIDELINES**

[GREENSBORO] The State Highway Patrol is gearing up for the holiday season and for the increased number of roadway users expected across our state. Prior to traveling, the SHP strongly encourages the public to visit the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) for the latest to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Best practices during the holiday season and information on our state's current response to COVID-19 can be

found by visiting the DHHS website.

According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), more than 47 million people will travel by automobile across our nation representing a reduction from last year's predictions. AAA relates this decrease in travelers to our country's current public health landscape. Nonetheless, members of the State Highway Patrol will increase visibility on highly traveled corridors in an effort to promote safe driving habits.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

# COVID-19 PUTS NC "IN DANGER" SAYS GOVERNOR

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As Black families come together to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, they do so in the shadow of extreme risk.

The number of coronavirus cases has risen across North Carolina, according to the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services and, in the words of Gov. Roy Cooper Monday during a press conference, "We are in danger."

"All of the tell-tale signs of COVID-19 approaching critical mass statewide are now present," says NCDHHS Secretary Mandy

Cohen.

North Carolina's syndromic surveillance trend for COVID-like illness is increasing; the trajectory of confirmed cases over 14 days is increasing; trajectory in the percentage of tests returning positive is increasing slightly; the number of hospitalizations is increasing.

Dr. Cohen assured the public that currently the state has the capacity to manage the pandemic, just as long as citizens continue to do their part to stem the spread.

However, now 20 counties across the state are considered "red" on the color-coded alert system chart, up from ten counties when the system was introduced just last week.

As a result, by Executive Order 180, which is now in effect until December 11, "...the Order tightens the existing statewide mask requirement, making it clear that everyone needs to wear a mask whenever he or she is with someone who is not from the same household. The Order also adds the mask requirement to several additional settings, including any public indoor space, even when maintaining 6 feet of distance; gyms, even when exercising; all schools, public and private; and all public or private transportation when traveling with people outside of the household."

"The Order also requires large

retail businesses with more than 15,000 square feet to have an employee stationed near entrances ensuring mask wearing and implementing occupancy limits for patrons who enter."

"I have a stark warning for North Carolinians today: We are in danger," Governor Cooper said. "This is a pivotal moment in our fight against the coronavirus. Our actions now will determine the fate of many."

As of Monday, NCDHHS reported that there were over 339,194 COVID-19 cases in North Carolina, with over 5,000 deaths (almost 1,000 just in the past month).

# STAY SAFE, STAY HOME

## Happy Thanksgiving!

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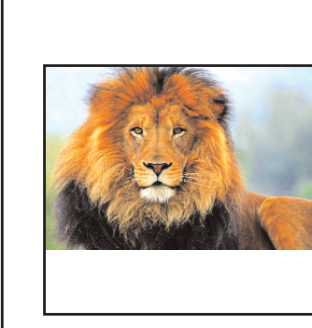
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## OUR VOICE

### GUEST EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving 2020: Grateful for new hope and new direction in our nation

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

This hasn't been a normal year, and it isn't going to be a normal Thanksgiving.

Instead of looking forward to family and feasting, many of us are listening to health officials begging us to avoid large gatherings, and we're weighing the risks against our deeply felt desire to be with our loved ones.

Let's be honest. 2020 has been a brutal year. Many are grieving the loss of loved ones. Many have lost jobs and businesses and the security they bring our families. Students and educators have had to learn and teach in new ways. Some struggle with isolation and others with forced confinement in uncomfortable or unsafe situations.

On top of that, we have all been let down by our national leaders, especially a president who played politics with public health—and is now trying to undermine whatever faith Americans still share in our democracy.

And still, Thanksgiving is here.

My faith encourages us to try to be thankful in all things. I think that may be most important during the hardest times in our lives. During a year like this one, I appreciate the wisdom of our having a national tradition of pausing to count our blessings no matter what else is happening.

Thanksgiving means family to me. I'm thinking about my 104-year-old grandmother, who has given thanks through periods of war, civil strife, and economic devastation. I'm grateful for the lessons her life teaches me about commitment, calm, courage, and perseverance.

I am also thinking about my children, and my gratitude that this election gives me hope for their future. It renews my faith that together we can create a country that will give them every opportunity to follow their dreams.

Thanksgiving and nationalism can be mixed in unhealthy ways. Yet this year, I feel a special patriotic gratitude to live in a country where we are free to choose our leaders.

And I'm proud that Black people showed once again that we can shape our future by pushing back against the corruption and unprincipled power plays and institutionalized racism that are used to try to keep us from participating fully in our democracy.

I am grateful for the multiracial, multigenerational social justice movement that has been brought into being to challenge unjust policing. I'm grateful for all the young people who made their first run for public office. And I am especially grateful for leaders and organizers who use their God-given talents and their hard-won skills and experience to organize, motivate, and mobilize our people—leaders like Stacey Abrams and so many others who worked to bring change to their cities and states—and our country.

Of course, there's more to do. We have important Senate elections coming up in Georgia. And next year, we'll make many demands on local, state, and national officials to address the issues that affect our lives and our future.

For now, let us be grateful for new hope and new direction in our nation, and for everyone who has given of themselves to help our neighbors and strengthen our communities.

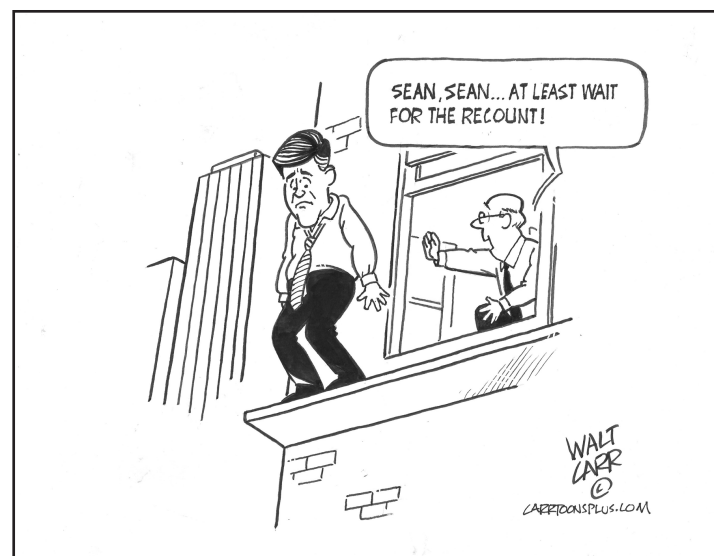
And after we pause to give thanks for our freedom and our accomplishments, let's resolve to be, in the words of the great gospel song, "in no ways tired" of seeking justice and creating positive change. Then we'll have even more to be grateful for next Thanksgiving.

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

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## VISUAL VOICE



## MATTERS OF OPINION

### What more can we expect?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As I write today, our nation has reached significant milestones, which in their differences are connected. We've experienced the loss of a QUARTER OF A MILLION Americans to COVID-19. We've moved toward a total infection rate of 12 million. This upswing in the disease has overburdened and threatens to break our healthcare system. Under the weight of COVID, many hospitals are unable to provide for "routine" care, including accidents and emergencies. These facts often leave the level of stress upon our nation's healthcare providers ignored and under-reported. Consolation for those facts rests in the report that Pfizer and Moderna pharmaceuticals are ready to request emergency use for vaccines with 95% claimed effectiveness in laboratory tests. That good news poses the challenge of developing a viable plan for production, distribution, and the administration of the vaccine to over 330 million people. Forthcoming vaccines cannot ease the pain of loss, but there is some emotional relief for potential protection against this deadly menace.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Concurrent with the clinical impact of COVID, the nation teeters on the edge of disease-related economic devastation. The disease has created major impacts on workers and essential businesses in almost every sector of our economy. Reduced demand for travel services (air, rail, hotel, etc.) have sidelined equipment and personnel in a limbo of undetermined duration and depth. Our restaurant industry has been among the hardest hit by closures ordered for the cause of reasonable health practices. Economic uncertainties created by the disease generally reduce demand for all goods and services and the personnel required to support production, sales, and delivery. Excluding the wealthy or those with specialized technologically essential skills, COVID has had an unquestionably negative economic impact on millions of citizens.

I'm struck by the insufficient emphasis placed on COVID's impact on education. While school infection rates and clinical safety protocols

are debated, funds to refit schools and protect teachers are on-pause. As a result, many school districts are faced with the question of whether to start, close or restart in-person teaching. For most, these stop-again, start-again options construct a learning foundation which can only be described as uncertain.

Overreaching all these facts is the outcome of a national election, contested only in the mind of "THE LOSER" and the actions of those who give him their nominal support. And this brings me to my starting point for the week. I hold certain that at Noon on January 20, 2021, we will celebrate a new President and Administration. I'm also certain that a significant portion of the 74 million voters for "THE LOSER" will deliver non-stop resistance to President Biden.

Observations of the Obama Administration inform me that Mitch McConnell, orchestrator of opposition, will remain as an obstructionist against President Biden. With political philosophies complimentary to the dictator he serves, McConnell has

1. Loaded Federal Courts with (many unqualified) Conservative appointees
2. Stolen two SCOTUS

nominations. Withheld Senate action for 6+ months on a Stimulus (Economic Relief)

Package submitted by the House of Representatives emphasized policies beneficial to the wealthy and demonstrated little or no concern for the welfare of the ordinary citizen

Removal of McConnell as Senate Majority Leader is the only viable change required for the accomplishment of progressive aims of the new administration.

WE CAN: Support Reverend Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff's Georgia Senate run-off elections

Donate to their campaigns. Encourage every eligible Georgian to register and vote. If a Georgia resident, VOTE!!!

Remember, voter registration deadline for the January run-off is December 7th. Voting in this run-off is more important than you think. It transcends where we live. Our opponents know this, and WE MUST SHOW THAT WE KNOW THIS, TOO!

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

## DISTORTIONS, DISTRACTIONS AND DELUSIONS: Rev. Raphael Warnock and the Georgia Senate Race

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The right Reverend Raphael Warnock, the senior pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. Martin Luther King's church, is running for the United States Senate from Georgia. Warnock is a man of God, a humble man, with one of these both booming and melodious voices that pull us up from our feet and inspire choruses of "Amen," "Tell it, brother," and "No, you didn't." Some of them will stand up and wave their handkerchiefs. Others may sit quietly to take in his words.

Warnock, who weaves his biblical reflections with a message of social justice, preaches in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Warnock also reminds me of Rev. William Barber, Rev. Freddy Haynes, and my own pastor, Rev. William Lamar of Metropolitan AME Church in DC. These men don't think the Bible is a book we should put on a shelf and cherry-pick. Instead, they claim the Bible as a guide to Christian living and Christian obligation.

Warnock and Jon Ossoff are Democrats running in Georgia's runoff election, and both are in tight races. The rhetoric that has banded about is laden with untruths. These two races are so important that the candidates are expected spend \$150 million on them. Why? Because the current Senate composition is 50

Republicans and 48 Democrats. If both Warnock and Ossoff win their races, Democrats will control the Senate, with VP-elect Harris as the tie-breaker.

Kelly Loeffler, a multimillionaire Barbie look-alike who uses her hair as punctuation, seems to have had her Republican operatives comb through several of Warnock's sermons.

Without evidence, she describes him as anti-police; anti-Israel; anti-Semitic (it is possible to be critical of Israel without being anti-Semitic); anti-jobs (what Black pastor do you know who is anti-jobs); pro socialized medicine; pro-communist. These words come directly from one of Loeffler's ads, most of which are out of context and amount to only incendiary lies.

Indeed, her condemnations illustrate how out of step she is with many of the African Americans she hopes to represent and her insular reality and cultural disconnect. She partly owns Atlanta's Women's National Basketball Association team but has been openly critical when the players on that team wear Black Lives Matter t-shirts. She has said she thinks the Black Lives Matter movement has Marxist roots. I don't believe

Loeffler knows a Marxist from a telephone pole.

Republicans bandy about terms they believe will alienate voters. To let them tell it, President-elect Joe Biden is a "socialist" (not), Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris is a "far-left liberal," and Rev. Raphael is "pro-communist." Joe Biden is about as moderate as they come. He has not yet said that he supports "Medicare for All," but he supports protections for those with pre-existing conditions, just like 70 percent of all Americans do.

VP-elect Harris has been so frequently mischaracterized that refuting baseless claims is futile. Here is what we know - she is a savvy attorney who has increasing responsibility in the Democratic Party. She brings enthusiasm and energy (not to mention diversity) to the ticket. The attempts to disparage her are at best mean-spirited and anti-black (attack her on the issues, don't call her a "monster").

Warnock has described Loeffler's attacks on him as "division and distraction." I might add "delusional" to the alliteration. Extracting a passage from a sermon in which Warnock reminded us that God comes first, Loeffler attempted to spin his sermon into an attack on the military. The Bible verse Warnock was quoting, Matthew 6:24, remind us that God comes first and should gain our allegiance above money or the military. This

is basic Christian doctrine. Many of us believe in the omnipotence of God. Warnock did not attack the military; he asserted that our primary obligation is to God.

But words like "socialist" and "left-wing radical" are inflammatory terms, even if those who use them don't know quite what they mean. If feeding the hungry is socialist, then so was Jesus. If clothing the naked is socialist, so is our Lord. If healing the ill is a socialist initiative, then, of course, Raphael Warnock seems like a socialist to the woman who is worth at least \$520 million and has all the health care she can afford. Warnock advocates for expanding the Affordable Care Act, a move anathema to conservatives who want to maximize the profit they can extract from sick people.

Rev. Raphael Warnock, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is a Morehouse man. There is an adage - you can always tell a Morehouse man, but you can't tell him much. Warnock would like us to tell him that we have his back in a pivotal race that may determine how effective President-elect Biden can be. Ignore the racist rhetoric and check out this powerful preacher and civic leader.

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RAINBOW COALITION

Get ready for Donald Trump's shadow government

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Leave it to Donald Trump to run brazen subversion — refusal to accept the decision of the voters in the presidential election — as a clown show, marked by wingbat lawyers, delusional tweets, and hailstorms of lies. The noise, however, should not delude us: Trump is leading an American counterreformation right to the edge of secession, if not beyond. And at the core of this is America's continued struggle with race. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, the president's lapdog, who just survived a challenge by an African-American Democrat, gave the game away when he declared — on Fox TV, naturally — "If we don't challenge and change the U.S. election system, there'll never be another Republican president elected again."

race-bait politics to divide working people.

Trump was the extreme expression of the strategy, rising to notoriety by questioning Obama's citizenship, winning with a campaign raising racial fears of lawless immigrants, and governing in the interests of the wealthy, the country club and the special interests.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Trump has sought to undermine this election from the start. For years, he and his party engaged in systematic voter suppression — using gerrymandering, voter intimidation, purges of the voting rolls, restricting the time and places for balloting, imposing new ID requirements and more.

Then, even before a vote was cast, Trump charged there would be massive electoral fraud. If Trump had won, he would have said it was against the odds. Having lost, he claimed it was rigged. Then he unleashed his clown lawyers to paper the courts with lawsuits challenging votes without evidence. When even Republican judges rejected his claims, he

continued to claim the election was stolen, even as he uses his lame duck period to deepen the crises he leaves Biden. He has withdrawn from the open skies agreement with Russia.

His Treasury secretary has closed down loan facilities for small businesses that the head of the Federal Reserve says are important in fighting the recession. He's done nothing to get the Republican Senate to pass a rescue package to aid the millions still unemployed. Legislators fear he will shut down the government unless he gets big money to build his wall. Trump won't succeed in maintaining power, but he is already succeeding in convincing his followers that the Biden presidency is illegitimate. The last time the election of a president was contested — with race at the center of the dispute — was in 1860 with the election of Abraham Lincoln, when the slave states seceded and the country descended into the Civil War.

The Jefferson Davis of this time, Donald Trump is not likely to lead a formal secession. Instead he seems intent on using this lame duck period to undermine the incoming administration. As a lame duck, he is essentially unaccountable, particularly with the Republican Senate not

willing to provide a check on his misfeasance. Clearly, there should be a bipartisan committee drawn from both houses of Congress to oversee the lame duck period and limit the damage a bitter untethered president can do. After he leaves office, Trump is likely to set up a sort of shadow government, using his tweets and media appearances to denounce the Biden administration. Republicans, in fear of the wrath of his supporters, will obstruct Biden at every turn.

What Trump has made clear is that this subversion won't end when Biden is inaugurated. It is likely to get more turbulent rather than less. The stakes are very high. Will the multiracial majority be able to build a governing coalition that can begin to address the fundamental reforms that Americans so desperately need? Or will the embattled minority sabotage that possibility, divide the country or even move toward secession once more? In rejecting the verdict of the voters, Trump is charting a road to division. Americans must find a way to reach out, come together and go a different way.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

What is an American Patriot?

Shortly after Donald Trump was elected president, I remember sitting in a country club waiting to have a meeting with a colleague. Close to my table was another table at which sat four obviously well-to-do white women, talking loudly about their delight that Trump had won. They said a lot of things, but there were two things that I have never forgotten. One was that "our country will never be what it was." And the other was, "I'm so glad he won. He's so patriotic."

While I figured that what they were talking about in terms of the country "going back" to what it was had to do with white people "getting back" their sense of political and social privilege, eroded by the deliberate inclusion of minority groups and minority belief systems.

But I was stunned by their proclamation that the president-elect was a patriot.

To me, a patriot is one who is willing to fight not only for the country in which he or she lives, but also for its principles and values. America was a democracy, or at least we claimed it to be, and there was nothing said that made me believe that this president was the least bit interested in preserving America's principles and values. In fact, he seemed disappointed with what America was, and intent upon draining the swamp of the "deep state," which included those people and principles in which he believed.

In the ensuing days of his presidency, this man made it obvious that he believed in himself but not so much in American values. He isolated America from her allies. He opposed DACA. He was not interested in saving the climate, he hired a secretary of education, Betsy DeVos, who does not believe in public education. He encouraged police to continue their methods of dealing with suspects of crimes, and encouraged them not to be so nice to them when they put suspects in police cars. He called rabid and murderous racists "very fine people." He lied about nearly everything as he worked to demonize the Democratic party; everything that was wrong was because of the Democrats, he led us to believe. He continued to push for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), he lifted regulations that had been put in place to protect the environment. (https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/19/opinion/trump-policy-mean.html)

He attacked the media mercilessly, calling them the "enemy of the people," and encouraged his followers to treat them poorly (https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2017/02/21/trumps-troubling-relationship-with-the-press/) He cozied up to Fox News personalities, using them as assistants in getting his message out. (https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/23/books/review/brian-stelter-hoax.html) He also became "best friends" with some of the most hated dictators in the world (https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2018/03/trump-xi-jinping-dictators/554810/).

He has disparaged the military (https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/atlantic-report-highlights-trumps-complex-relationship-with-the-military) but has yearned for the military to bow to him as does the military in other autocratic regimes. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trumps-marching-orders-to-the-pentagon-plan-a-grand-military-parade/2018/02/06/9e19ca88-0b55-11e8-8b0d-891602206fb7\_story.html)

He worked on "giving red meat to his base," a phrase I grew to abhor, but which was continually used to describe the people who followed and believed in him. The going argument was that this group of people was primarily white and non-college educated, but that day in the country club confirmed what I suspected: that his base was far more diverse than the media wanted us to believe.

Little to nothing he did seemed to be in the best interest of the country. As did those women in the country club said when he was elected, plenty of people are saying today that he is an American patriot, but that's confusing. What is a patriot? Patriots fight for their country, but this president and his followers seem intent on tearing down the country that brought them this far. It feels like we are seeing in real time the situation that was in existence during the Civil War: The Confederate men who fought in the Civil War were born in America, which made them Americans, but they were not fighting for this country. They were fighting against this country because they wanted to preserve the institution of slavery. By the time the first shot of the Civil War was issued from Ft. Sumpter, states had seceded from the Union. They were not allied with the Union or its principles. If they were patriotic, they were patriotic to the cause of the Confederacy, not "the United States of America." They did not want to be a part of the nation; they wanted a nation of their own.

Those who are aligned with the current president seem to be on the same wavelength. In spite of former Vice President Elect-Joe Biden's victory in the November 3rd election, the president and his followers are working hard to undo the results of the election by having legitimately cast ballots thrown out - cast primarily, it must be said, by black and brown voters. They are trying to get their "case" first to state legislatures and ultimately to the US Supreme Court so that the Court can make the decision that this man should have a second term.

So when I see his followers gathered in his rallies - not wearing masks, but waving American flags, alongside Confederate flags and some flags with swastikas, I stand in awe. They claim to be American which, again, they are if they were born in this country. But they also claim to be patriots, and unfortunately, one cannot be a patriot and fight to bring his or her country down.

The most that person can be is a traitor. And that is a sobering reality.

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.

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with underlying conditions such as cancer, serious heart conditions, or sickle cell disease, that put them at significantly higher risk of severe COVID-19 disease or death. African Americans are disproportionately represented among this group. As the National Academies noted:

Black, Hispanic or Latinx, American Indian and Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 with higher rates of transmission, morbidity, and mortality. This reflects the impact of systemic racism leading to higher rates of comorbidities that increase the severity of COVID-19 infection and the socio-economic factors that increase likelihood of acquiring the infection, such as hav-

ing front-line jobs, crowded living conditions, lack of access to personal protective equipment, and inability to work from home.

While we are making every effort to plan for an equitable vaccine distribution plan, it's important to remember that there is no vaccine right now. FDA approval may be imminent, but it hasn't happened yet. Until a vaccine is available our best chance of survival is to mask up, and avoid large gatherings.

Avoiding large gatherings is a bitter pill to swallow during this holiday time, when we're missing our friends and family, especially after more than eight weeks of social restrictions. But there is a light at the end of this tunnel, and we're working to make sure it shines equally on Black America.

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

The DNA of a Black Woman

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

There is something magical about a fearless, intelligent, incorruptible black woman. A woman willing to sacrifice and face any obstacle she must for a greater cause than herself. Black women have been, and continue to be, the crucible of fortitude. Harriet Tubman, Ida B. Wells, Mary McLeod Bethune, Fannie Lou Hamer and thousands beside them have been the bedrock of African-American progress.

I realized in my late twenties that if you want to get it done — you better have black women involved. That was when I, in 1977, ran for and won a seat on the first majority Black city council in Richmond, Va. It was the determination of Black women, some more than twice my age, that made the history possible.

When those Black women spoke, weathered by storms of racism, deprivation and personal abuses, it changed the atmosphere. A crowd of timid, doubtful or unfocused lambs became ferocious lions. People today might speak of my legacy of achievements in Richmond, but they don't know the source of my confidence. I can't recall the number of times strong black women lifted me and forged new inspiration.

From the late seventies to the early nineties, I won nine consecutive re-elections. Any success reached by fighting the good fight, including my relentless efforts over two decades to remove the Confederate monuments on Monument Ave, were

only possible because of the victories won for me by these women. Black men in my campaigns were strong and forceful, the physical image the organization needed, I don't deny that. But diligence was more often worn by the women.

I remember one election when I needed 20 new people registered as voters in each precinct. The young volunteers would bring back three or four and a handful of excuses. But there were elder women, some who did not walk easily, who would return with the full number. One of them said to a young person, "You don't win elections with good excuses — you need voters!" Women like Bessie Jones, Elaine Dunn or Luetta B. Wooldridge, who were managers and coordinators for my campaigns. And they stood with me in difficult times when very few had the will.



Chuck Richardson

Rev. Sarah Goshen, an older Black woman with a calm but convincing demeanor, stood up in a storm of attacks on my character during a controversial and profound personal battle. She admonished the men who chose to disregard my history of service to my country, and more directly, to the African-Americans in Richmond. Rev. Goshen stood with the same solidarity and courage that defined her fore

mothers, "Don't abandon the bridge that brung you cross!" she demanded. My spirit rose to the ceiling.

"Don't abandon the bridge that brung you cross." It has indeed been a bridge, one more river to cross for Black Americans. Two-hundred fifty years of slavery and Jim Crow seems to have developed a certain 'DNA' in Black women. Because, to watch as your child is torn away, or your man absolutely emasculated and denied any dignity, to have your body raped and to endure a brutalized life of labor, something had to evolve in the 'DNA' of Black women.

A new measure of courage, strength, dignity and faith saved them; the crucible of fortitude. They marched on and we march on today. America is more divided perhaps since slavery itself. But Black women have our backs, still enduring, fighting the good fight.

Women like my own sister, Valerie Richardson Jackson, the former first lady of Atlanta, who persevered with myself as one of the first students integrating our high school. Becoming one of the first black women to attend the Wharton School of Business (now led by a black woman), working and paying her way through, earning her M.B.A. She went on to market General Foods products and gained a regional role at Trans World Airlines corporate headquarters in New York. Because a strong, smart black woman is not to be passed over, she won the heart of and married a man who was certainly the most

consequential politician in the history of Atlanta: Mayor Maynard Jackson. Maynard always said of Valerie, "She enables me."

The nation has recently come to know two more amazing Black women: Democratic activist, Stacey Abrams, and Sen. Kamala Harris; now Vice President-elect. Stacey Abrams showed her ability early, in front of the very Atlanta City Hall that Maynard occupied. She led a large group of university students calling on the mayor to address student issues. Maynard was impressed and invited her to meet with him. Afterward, he gave Ms. Abrams her first job in politics. The rest is history: a heroic race for governor of Georgia, and a voter registration movement that is unprecedented, and driving the numbers to heights heretofore unseen - a democratic movement that has already become a model for the nation.

Valerie was always been a strong supporter of both Stacey Abrams and Kamala Harris. Three friends, three Black women, three lessons we should take from them - and history. With a Black woman becoming vice-president, we should keep in mind what it took, because we will need it going forward: patience with diligence, courage with wisdom, boldness with conviction. In other words, Black women.

Chuck Richardson, a former 18-year veteran of the Richmond City Council, is founder of the National Organization of Rehabilitated Offenders (NORO).

TO BE EQUAL

National Urban League is working with a landmark coalition Of Black medical professionals to ensure a COVID-19 vaccine is safe and equitably distributed

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Because of the racial inequities we have built into our essential systems, they have become combustion engines of misery. The virus flows freely in high-risk areas like holding cells, police encounters, low-wage workplaces, and public transit. The pistons of residential segregation, generational poverty, and targeted disinvestment along racial lines apply pressure ... We can only defeat this pandemic by accepting those essential truths, and making the choices to shut down the engines of misery for good." — Phillip Atiba Goff, Amelia M. Haviland, Tracey Lloyd, Mikaela Meyer, and Rachel Warren; authors of the Center for Policing Equity's COVID-19 Modeling Project.

revealed that Black, Latino, and Native American people are being hospitalized at nearly four times the rate of whites.



Marc Morial

Just a day after the CDC's findings were reported, Stanford University researchers published a study that found more than half of hospital deaths from COVID-19 were Black or Hispanic patients.

Bringing the pandemic under control in the United States starts with controlling it in the worst-hit communities. And that starts with the guidance and expertise of Black health professionals.

The National Medical Association's task force of infectious disease and immunization experts has been reviewing data to confirm the strength of scientific evidence and that diversity is represented in clinical trials.

"We're really doing this to be a source of trusted information for our physicians and our community ... in order for us to speak to the safety and allocation within the African American community," NMA President Dr. Leon McDougle told CBS News.

This week, the National Urban League joined forces in that effort, initiating a first-of-its-kind conversation between Black journalists and a coalition of Black health professionals including NMA, the Black Coalition Against COVID-19 have partnered with Meharry Medical College, Howard University College of Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, the National Black Nurses Association and

BlackDoctor.org.

On December 10, we will present a town hall on the development and potential distribution of a vaccine.

The National Urban League has repeatedly demanded that any vaccine distribution plan avoid the mistakes that were made with test distribution in the spring. Rather than rely largely on private physicians and chain pharmacies — largely absent from poor Black neighborhoods — distribution must incorporate community-based providers like churches and other faith-based organizations, community centers, and Urban League affiliates.

The equitable framework for vaccine allocation developed by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine recommends that "special efforts are made to deliver vaccine to residents of high-vulnerability areas."

The first of the framework's four phases include people

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### Inner City Beautification Project

*Williston Middle School and the International School at Gregory*

This past Saturday, November 21, 2020 there was an inner city beautification project on the historic Williston campus.

This effort was coordinated by the Friends of Williston organization, Wilmington Rotary Club, Precinct 29, and both the PTA groups from Williston Middle School and the International School at Gregory.

Both of these schools make up the campus covering the entire city block. This was the beginning of a multi phase project to beautify the historic Williston campus.

We would like to extend our

sincerest gratitude and thanks to Friends of Williston, the Wilmington Rotary Club, representatives from Precinct 29, the Williston Alumni Association, the Gregory PTA, and the Williston PTA.

We are also very grateful to Amy Mead from the New Hanover County Arboretum for supervising the project and North State Gardens for donating all of the plants. There were many Wilmington dignitaries present and we are especially thankful for their presence and support.


Those in attendance included Superintendent of

New Hanover County Schools Dr. Charles Foust, District Court Judge James H. Faison III, County Commissioner Rob Zapple, NC Senator Harper Peterson, Gene Merritt, Ronald Sparks, and Andre Brown. A special thanks to E.B. Davis, Dale Smith, Sonya Green, and Chris Furr for taking their time to coordinate this project.

This was a great show of community support and willingness to keep our campus beautiful. There will be many more opportunities moving forward for everyone to get involved.

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**Hazel Vernell Black**

Hazel Vernell Wood Black was born March 5, 1935, in Wilmington, North Carolina and was called to her heavenly home on the night of November 13, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents Mary Cromartie Wood-Williams and Hazel Walter Wood; and her step-brother, Eugene Green (Pearlene).

Hazel graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1955, and also graduated from Deshazers Beauty School of Cosmetology where she pursued a career in cosmetology, and later settled into becoming a homemaker.

She was married to the late CW4 Carl E. Black, Sr. on July 10, 1953. They traveled extensively during Carl's military career and their lifetime together. Hazel loved singing, traveling, playing cards, family activities / gatherings, collecting antiques, and cooking. As a military spouse she served on numerous military boards, including the Commissary and Military Exchange Boards. She also belonged to the Officer Wives Club and enjoyed many fun activities as a member of the Pokeno Club. Hazel was a devoted member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where she was an original member and served as President of the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary's Catholic Church's Gospel Choir for many years.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Debora Black Gibson (John) of Jacksonville, NC, Carl Black, Jr. of Wilmington, NC, Anthony Gregory Black of Wilmington, NC and Kristen Black Jones (Devante) of Wilmington, NC; one sister Delores "Lobbie" Wood Bryant (Sylvester) of Wilmington, NC; two grandchildren, Noah Anthony Jones and Jonah Wesley Jones; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, Godchildren and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, N C 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).*

**Russell W. Davis**

Russell Wayne Davis, son of the late Shirley Davis Berry and step-father, Thornton L. Berry, Sr. was born August 9, 1953. He departed this life on October 30, 2020 at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center, Wilmington, North Carolina. A celebration of Mr. Davis' life was held on Friday, November 13, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home.

Russell grew up in New Haven, Connecticut and loved working with youth in several youth groups and the Boy Scouts. He graduated from Hillhouse High School

in New Haven, Connecticut.

Russell accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and attended several churches, the last being Union Bethel AME Church, Hampstead, North Carolina, until his health began to fail. Russell was named the 2019 Man of the Year at Union Bethel. His favorite songs were "Something About the Name Jesus" by the Rance Allen Group and "Take Me to the King" by Tamela Mann.

One sister, Dorcus Ann Berry also preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving and devoted companion, Ms. Annie Mitchell of Hampstead, NC; step-daughter, Olga "Rochelle" Larry of Wilmington, NC; granddaughters, Marquita Larry of Wilmington, NC, Tammy Mayhew of Mooresville, NC and Dominique Lennon of Peachtree City, GA; brothers, Thornton Berry, Jr. of Chicago, IL, Alphonzo Berry (Mable Brooks) of Wilmington, NC, Corey Miller of Charlotte, NC, Pastor Tony McGee of Wilmington, NC, and Drexel Lambert of Philadelphia, PA; sister, Joyce Berry of Charlotte, NC; aunts, Arlene Grady of Castle Hayne, NC, Vivian Smith of Wilmington, NC, Audrey D. Deas of St. Marys, GA, Gwen Stringfield of Wilmington, NC, and Gennie Davis of Castle Hayne, NC; uncles, Thomas (Mary) Davis of Yakima, Washington and Frederick Davis (Patricia Lofton) of Castle Hayne, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.

Interment followed at John Chapel Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).*

**Mary H. Brown**

Mary Edna Henry Brown, daughter of the late Joseph and Winnie Henry was born on January 19, 1922 in Myrtle Grove, North Carolina. She took her earthly leave peacefully Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at Huntersville Health & Rehabilitation Center in Huntersville, North Carolina. She was 98 years old.

A celebration of Ms. Brown's life was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Edna Brown was educated in the New Hanover County School System and attended Williston Industrial High

School. She received Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and attended Mount Olive AME Church. As a young adult she moved to New York and began her great career as a seamstress. Upon returning to Wilmington, she continued her career for many more years at the Wonder Shop before retiring in the late 1980s.

Edna Brown was a sweet, loving, and adored matriarch of the Henry family. In addition to her own three children, she played an intricate role in raising her grandchildren, her niece, and her niece's daughter. Grandma Brown was a magnificent cook. She hosted countless holiday dinners and passed her talent for cooking down to her children and grandchildren. In her golden years Edna traveled to many places visiting her family and living with her children. When she briefly returned to Wilmington, North Carolina she joined Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church along with her sister, Henrietta Norwood.

In addition to her parents, Edna was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Nailor; her husband, James Brown; sisters Eleanor Henry and Vivian Clemmons; and brother Randolph Henry.

She is survived by: her son, Eugene Baldwin (Barbara) of Goodyear, AZ; daughter, H. Yvonne Smith of Charlotte, NC; 6 grandchildren, Chuck Baldwin and Brian Baldwin of Phoenix, AZ, Dr. Tracy Nailor of Atlanta, GA, Devin Smith (Denise) of Knightdale, NC, Valerie Smith of Charlotte, NC, and Sultana Nailor of Tulsa, OK; her sister, Henrietta Norwood of Wilmington, NC; special nieces Helena Lee of Summerville, SC and Cheryl Clemmons of Charlotte, NC; 18 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, a host of nephews, nieces, and cousins. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).*

**Norman L. Toliver**

Norman Lee Toliver, age 82, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, November 16, 2020. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home.

Norman was born to the late Ruth Ferrell Toliver and Earnest Toliver on September 29, 1938, in Wilmington North Carolina.

Norman attended Williston High School. During that time Norman's passion was reading. He and several of his classmates

used to exchange books and later discuss them ( which is now called Book Club). He later married Miss Rosa Lee Thames.

Norman held employment with several companies. He worked with the Railroad under the direction of Albert Griffin, contracted with W.R. Grace and also did Security at Corbett's. Norman was a man of many trades. The one that stood out was Masonry also known as Bricklayer. Norman retired from Whites Tires.

Norman's passion was riding his bike, visiting 10th street Park (Portia Hines Park), and sharing his love through history.

In addition to his parents, Norman was preceded in death by: his wife, Rosa Lee Toliver; a daughter, Carman Mae Thames; stepson, Russell Thames; sisters, Elnora Jones (James) and Hattie Mae Simmons (Wilson); and his brother, William Henry, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his children, daughters, Gale Griffin Hall (Kently) and Cleo Toliver; stepson, Cargle Thames; grandchildren: Antoinette Mumford, Kently Hall, II (Adrienne), Desmond Hall and Deron Hall; great-grandchildren: Markis, Hamilton, Tamera Perry, Skyler Hall and Kently Hall, III; sisters, Annie Smith (Rev. Larry) and Juanita Villa (James); brother, Melvin Bryant (Darlene Williams); and a host of nieces and nephews. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).*

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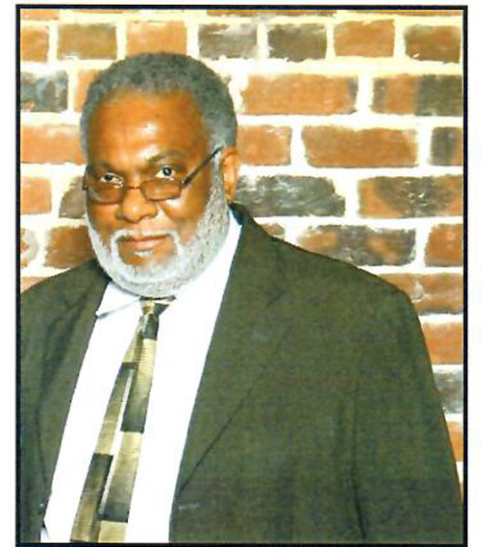
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## TELL SOMEBODY

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

As we come together with family and friends to celebrate the time honored holiday of Thanksgiving, before we carve the turkey, toss the salad, eat the greens, and serve the cobbler...let us remember to offer unto the Lord our God, a Thanksgiving Praise! Praise never takes a holiday, because everyday is a day of thanksgiving!

Psalm 33:1 says, "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright." "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Psalm 92:1 It is always good and proper to give praise unto the Lord. As a matter of fact, Saints of God understand the

purpose and power of praise.

The purpose of praise is to exalt the name of the Lord. Psalm 34:3, says "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Praise brings us into the presence of the Lord. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:

be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psalm 11:4 "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." Psalm 22:3

Praise reminds us of God's greatness. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3 "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?"



Sylvia Hooper

## "A Thanksgiving Praise"

The power of praise can edify the Believer. The more we bless the Lord, the more he blesses us. This is important to know because, there will be times when we do not feel like giving God praise. Our praise should not be predicated on a feeling, because feelings change. Hebrews 13:8 states, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

The economy is down, unemployment is up, and sickness has no respect of person. Nevertheless, when we assume an attitude of gratitude, praise will pick us up every time! Praise is what we do, even when we are going through. The power of praise can lift us up out of despair, despondency, and depression. When we stop and give God praise, we focus on Truth, rather than facts. Facts say you may be broke, but Truth says, "Our God shall supply all our need

according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Facts, may say you have a bad report from the doctor; but whose report are you going to believe? Facts say you are sick, but Truth, says, "with his stripes you are healed!" The facts may determine that you need a miracle. Truth reminds you that, "With God all things are possible."

David the psalmist said in Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times; HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUALLY BE IN MY MOUTH."

This praise warrior had a made up mind, and a double determination to give God praise in whatever state he found himself in. When he declared that he would bless the Lord at all times, it was because he trusted the Lord at all times. The words of his testimony showed great confidence in the Lord's ability to deliver him out of any and every situation. He even

said, "Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me..." Psalm 23. He had so much faith in God's ability to deliver him, he offered God praise in advance. On at least one occasion, he gave God an undignified praise. He praised God in the dance until he felt better! He didn't care who saw him praising the Lord. He was so full of thanksgiving!

Like our brother, David, let's keep the high praises of God in our mouth, before, during, and after this holiday season. "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee." Psalm 67:5

Prayer: Dear Lord, touch my heart, so that I can give you praise every day of my life, because everyday is a day of thanksgiving! And you are so worthy! In Jesus'Name Amen. Happy

Thanksgiving! Tell Somebody!

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

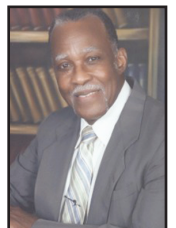
## A WORD FROM THE LORD

## O give thanks unto the LORD, all you people for HE is good

Psalm 107:1-2 (KJV) 1O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. 2Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; "Introduction: occasions for the celebration are among life's greatest joys. Families celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other significant events. Nations celebrate momentous occasions in their history. Special honors, achievements, and victories also offer opportunities to celebrate.

Psalm 107 "was written for a joyous celebration by God's people. After seventy years of captivity in Babylon, God had moved to bring about Israel's release. Most of the people chose to remain in Babylon, as their lives and families were now established there. But 42,360 (not including servants and singers) continued to believe in God's great promises and returned to Jerusalem to rebuild their city and society (Ezra 2:64-65). After a year of exhausting work throughout the city, the time had come to rebuild the temple-the place where God had especially dwelled among the nation. The people held a great celebration to mark the laying of its foundation."

The first Thanksgiving did not originate here in America on October 1621, but thousands of years ago, they found the seed and roots of thanksgiving in the Word God which was planted and transplant into the heart and culture of those who came to a land that



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they could have the freedom to worship the God of the Bible as we shall see in this lesson. Celebration of thanksgiving is more than a turkey dinner with family and friends. The celebration of Thanksgiving has become a pagan holiday, like Christmas and Easter, which suppose to be a time of worship to the only true and living God, the Creator of the heaven and the earth!

Let us now turn to the teaching of the infallible Word God on this subject of thanksgiving and we will allow the Word God to speak for itself because it's alive and full of power (God's word is alive and working Heb.4:12a: John 6:63 (KJV)

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

1 Chronicle 29:10-13 (KJV) 10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed, be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever: 11Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power; and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest overall, and in thine hand is power and might, and in thine hand, it is to make great and to give strength unto all. 13Now therefore, our God, we thank thee and praise thy glorious name.

Standing there before the massive crowd of leaders, David's heart overflowed with joy and rejoicing over the generosity of the leaders. Unable to contain himself, he burst out in praise and prayer to the LORD. The entire assembly was gripped with a deep sense of God's presence, for they were flooded with a spirit of joy and rejoicing (Gal. 5:22). This is one of the most glorious and God-honoring prayers in all

the Bible: (I have made this prayer my prayer, I have taken possession of this prayer as my prayer and it can become your prayer). 1. First, David praised the LORD, and in praising Him he acknowledged six breathtaking facts about the LORD: He acknowledged that the LORD is the God of Israel (true believers), their Father forever and ever (v.10). In thinking through this particular praise of David, remember that all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are counted a part of Abraham's seed. The LORD becomes the Father of us all. David acknowledged that the LORD possesses and controls everything (v.11): ? all greatness and power ? all glory, majesty, and splendor ? all that is in heaven and earth c. David acknowledged that the kingdom is the LORD's (v.11). All the kings and kingdoms upon this earth are subject to Him. He is the sovereign, supreme ruler overall. d. David acknowledged the LORD as being the exalted head over all (v.11). Thus, He is to be worshipped as the ruler and LORD of the universe. e. David acknowledged that the LORD is the source of all wealth and honor, the ruler

who possesses all things (v.12). Whatever wealth and honor a person has, it has come from the LORD. f. David praised the LORD, acknowledged that He is the provider of all strength and power (v.12). He is omnipotent, able to do everything and to meet every need a person may have.

2. Second, after offering up praise, David thanked the LORD for enabling the people to give (v.14). Standing amazed at the generosity of the leaders, David was overwhelmed at the blessings of God upon him and his people. He simply could not understand how God could bless them so much. He even asked the LORD, "Who am I, and who are my people, that they should be blessed so much that they could give so generously as they have?" By asking this question, David was thanking God for blessing them and for arousing them to be so generous. 3. Third, after praising and thanking God, David confessed his own and his people's weaknesses (vv.15-16). a. They were only aliens and pilgrims or strangers before the LORD, just as their fathers had been in the promised land. By this confession, David meant that they did not

deserve the inheritance of the promised land. Far too often they had acted as aliens and strangers before the LORD. They had lived like the unbelievers of the world instead of like the people of God." (POSBC) Father, in the Name of thy Son Jesus Christ I come into your presence to ask forgiveness for our sins and failure of truly representing You according to Your Word. You have given us example after example of how this shall be done in spirit and in truth and as Israel failed and suffer the consequences and so shall America suffer for the consequences of the rejection of your Word, and your Son Jesus Christ. I pray that the church who are sleep or ignorant of the times in which we are living and have become a part of the world view, rather than having a Biblical world view, which means seeing through the Lens of the Bible and Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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

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## No time to rest

Now that the 2020 election is over, people have been celebrating in the streets across America. But as we survey the rubble that is left of an America battered by the last four years under a Trump administration, we see there is a lot of work to be done.

Children are still in cages along our southern borders. Police murders of innocent people of color are still rampant. Conservative politicians refusing to wear masks during the COVID-19 pandemic and yelling "My body, my choice," are prepared to imprison any woman who exercises her reproductive rights over her own body.

America is in a dangerous place. Donald Trump has emboldened and encouraged the inner demons of white

supremacists to act out their hatred toward anyone they consider to be an "other." The vast majority of white, self-proclaimed Christian evangelists have



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abandoned any pretense of human decency and make it clear that brotherly love and Christian charity are not meant for people of color.

White middle-class Americans, coded as "suburban moms," have demonstrated by a majority of their votes that they are willing to accept the brand of raw racism that Trump represents. This, while engaging in "woke per-

formances" to make an outward show of believing in human decency towards all.

Joe Biden's election has not bent the arc of the moral universe toward justice. It has merely flattened it back to its previous course of injustice. Joe has a history of making common cause with racial conservatives, many of whom were segregationists. And we should not wait to see if his words of equality are turned into dust by his actions. Instead, we must stay on the move and continue to push, and push hard, for our own freedoms.

Yes, communities of color are exhausted. It is understandable why we are tired. We barely eked out a win after a bruising political battle with a hateful and determined segment of this coun-

try that pins its rising quality of life on our oppression. Now we want to take a break from this constant struggle, sit back and feel good about what we have accomplished so far. But this is no time to rest.

For us to rest now would be as disastrously careless as an athletic team celebrating its stellar performance during the first period of play and then not showing up for the remainder of the game.

We must be mindful of the history of our continued struggle. In the 1960s, the civil rights agenda was being pushed forward and the sense of accomplishment in the Black community was exhilarating. But although we celebrated the progress we had made at the time, we knew that the goal of universal

equality had not been achieved, and we fought on.

The struggle must continue because victory has not yet been won.

We have more people of color in elected office than ever before. But now that they are in office, we cannot sit back and wait for them to deliver. We must ask them, "What can we do to help you deliver for us?" We must partner with the people we put in office.

One of the persistent complaints voiced by Black elected officials is that when they sit in their city council or school board meetings, seldom do they see the people who put them there. This is a problem on the local, state and federal levels of government. It is difficult to make a convincing argument on

behalf of people who do not bother to show up in support of their own demands. And it is particularly difficult when other elected officials, who are not interested in our welfare, must be moved to support our interests.

Winning an election is never anything more than a beginning - a first step on a long journey towards achieving a goal. So, sure, stop and take a deep breath. Stretch your political muscles and loosen them up. Straighten your back and strengthen your resolve. And then take the next steps towards making this country and this world what we want it to be.

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

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Hilda Myers Langley** (20-E-1165), 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 **February 8, 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 5th day of November, 2020.

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

November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Joy Christine Sutton**, 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 **5th day of February, 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 5th day of November, 2020.

Peggy Ann Sutton Wilkes, Executrix of the Estate of Joy Christine Sutton  
609 Long Leaf Acres Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28405  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101  
Wilmington, NC 28403

November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Edna Coleman Strickland (20-E-1343)** 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 **February 12, 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 12th day of November, 2020.

Debra P. Smith  
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified on the 4th day of November, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **JAMES LEWIS MARTIN**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Beverly Foscolo, at 523 Wallington Road - Wilmington, NC 28409, on or before the **17th day of February, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 13th day of November, 2020.

Beverly Foscolo, Executor  
Attorney for the Estate:  
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA  
Carolina Legal Counsel  
P.O. Box 12028  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
Telephone (910) 256-3364

November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2020.

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Garrett Jay 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 **26th day of February, 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 26th day of November, 2020

Brenda G. Johnson, Executrix  
2615 Hwy 301 N  
Dillon, SC 29536

November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE WAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 20 CVS 5080**

**CASSANDRA BROOKS, Plaintiff, v. OLLIE'S BARGAIN OUTLET, INC., and JAMES THURMAN, Defendants**

**To James Thurman, 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 for recovery of damages suffered by the above-named Plaintiff as a result of an incident on August 29, 2018.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the (date), 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 19th day of November, 2020.

Isaac L. Thorp, Thorp Law  
150 Fayetteville St.  
Suite 1900, Raleigh, NC 27601  
Phone: (919) 833-6408  
Fax: (866) 313-1193

November 19, 26, December 3, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JT 185-186**

**IN THE MATTER OF: A.F.H. (DOB: 02/16/2017) J.J.S. (DOB: 09/14/2018)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS: SHIDAVIA SANSBURY, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO SHIDAVIA SANSBURY**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following November 19, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Megan Schultz, was previously appointed to represent Shidavia Sansbury, and she can be reached at 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 251-6088.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR January 25, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, via Web-Ex, at the Office of Juvenile Clerks, 216 North 2nd Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 13th day of November, 2020.

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

November 19, 26, December 3, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified on the 14th day of October, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **TERRY TURNER WELLS**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Gail M. Wells, at 153 Spring Creek Lane - Wilmington, NC 28411, on or before the **3rd day of February, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 19th day of October, 2020.

/s/GAIL M. WELLS, Executor  
Attorney for the Estate:  
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA  
Carolina Legal Counsel  
P.O. Box 12028  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
Telephone (910) 256-3364

November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified on the 27th day of October, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **JACK R. ELLIS**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Antony R. "Tony" Ellis, at 14609 Snapdraggon Circle - North Potomac, MD 20896, on or before the **3rd day of February, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 29th day of October, 2020.

/s/Antony R. "Tony" Ellis, Executor  
Attorney for the Estate:  
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA  
Carolina Legal Counsel  
P.O. Box 12028  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
Telephone (910) 256-3364

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joann Yeip Hanley**, 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 **26th day of February, 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 26th day of November, 2020

Andrew Hanley, Executor  
31 Robert E Lee Dr  
Wilmington, NC 28412

November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 2020

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) SOLICITATION NO: CFP18.10**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA Houston Moore Renovations / Rehabilitation Lifespan Extension**

Proposals will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below.

- Project Information will be available for pickup on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at the Central Office for a non-refundable charge of \$15.00 for project manual. Pick up, or Download Project Manual from our website at [www.wha.net](http://www.wha.net), click on Business Opportunities then IFB- no charge
- Pre-Bid Conference/Site Tour: Central Office on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 11:00 AM
- Questions; E-mail to [cburns@wha.net](mailto:cburns@wha.net) no later than December 21, 2020 by 2:00 PM
- Bid Opening: Tuesday, January 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

The WHA does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

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November 26, December 3, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 20 CVD 3378**

**MONTREE IVORY STEWART, Plaintiff, vs. ALEXIS STEWART, OCTAVIA STUKES, MICHAEL L. MILLER, JR., Defendants.**

**TO: MICHAEL L. MILLER, JR.**

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 : Complaint for Child Custody.

You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than (40) days after November 9, 2020, the first date of publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 9th day of November 2020.

David Godwin  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
8 South 6th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 762-0410  
NC State Bar No.: 15867

November 12, 19, 26, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY**

**In the Superior Court Before the Clerk New Hanover County File Number: 20-SP-379**

**In the Matter of the Estate of Berton N. Wright, deceased (New Hanover County File No.: 19-E-1205)**

**To: Unknown Heirs of Berton N. Wright:**

Take notice that a special proceeding has been filed in New Hanover County to determine the heirs of Berton N. Wright. Berton N. Wright ("Decedent") died on August 21, 2019 in New Hanover County, North Carolina without leaving a will. The Administrator of the Estate of Berton N. Wright seeks to determine the heirs of the Decedent.

All Unknown Heirs of Berton N. Wright are asked to contact the Administrator of the Estate, Charlotte Noel Fox, 701 Market Street, Wilmington NC 28401.

You are required to file a written response no later than Wednesday, January 6, 2021, and upon your failure to do so any order entered by the Court shall be binding as if you were personally before the Court and any payment or distribution made by the Administrator under orders of the Court shall have the effect of fully discharging such personal representative and any sureties on the personal representative's official bond to the full extent of such payment or distribution as ordered.

This, the 26th day of November, 2020.

ESTATE OF BERTON N. WRIGHT  
Charlotte Noel Fox  
Administrator of the Estate of Berton N. Wright  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Phone: (910) 815-0085  
Fax: (910) 815-1095

November 26, December 3, 10, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 20-E-1163 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN V. SUTTON, JR.**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **John V. Sutton, Jr.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the address set out below on or before the **19th day of February, 2021**, or this Notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address set out below.

This the 19th day of November, 2020.

John Matthew Sutton, Executor of the Estate of John V. Sutton, Jr.  
c/o H. Kenneth Stephens, II  
STEPHENS LAW FIRM, P.C.  
Post Office Box 2237  
Wilmington, NC 28402

November 19, 26, December 3, 10, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 20 JT 20**

**IN THE MATTER OF: C.L.J. (dob: 14 January 2020)**

**TO: AMBER DAWN BASS, CLIFTON NICHOLAS JENKINS, ANDREW BECK AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF C.L.J.**

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 C.L.J.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, November 12, 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.

Amber Dawn Bass has been assigned Attorney Lyana Hunter. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 343-5423, 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Clifton Nicholas Jenkins has been assigned Attorney Mark Innat. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 769-6884, 314 Walnut Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Andrew Beck has been assigned Attorney Garron Michael. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 769-7339, 902 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the New Hanover County Courthouse located at 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 400, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 12th day of November, 2020.

Jennifer G. Cooke  
Attorney - New Hanover Co.  
Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
(910) 798-3512  
(910) 798-7833 \* fax

November 12, 19, 26, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Norval Stirling Herbert**, 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 **26th day of February, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of November, 2020

Gary Stirling Herbert, Executor  
777 Bonaire Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28412

November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 2020

**BID REQUEST**

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested HUB Certified minority business firms for the NCWRC Washington Baum Bridge BAA Parking Lot Paving project in Dare County, NC bidding on 12/8/20. There will be a pre-bid conference at 12:00 PM on Monday 12/1/20 at the project site, 1205 US HWY 64, Manteo, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the office of RPC Contracting 934 W. Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk, NC 27949. For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

November 26, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT COURT FILE #: 19-CVD-4215**

**JANE HALL BROWN v. CHARLES HUEGEL**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-titled action. The nature of the relief sought is as follows: Breach of Contract and Money Owed.

**YOU ARE REQUIRED TO** make defense not later than January 13, 2021 and upon your failure to do so, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This, the 26th day of November, 2020.

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