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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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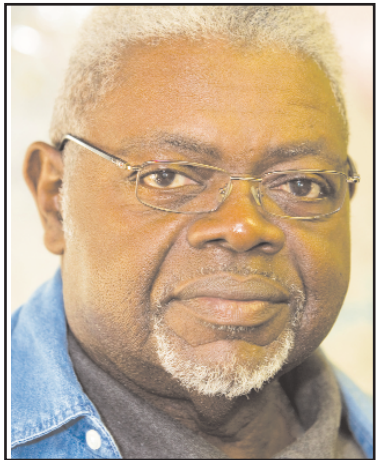
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UNBELIEVABLE

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the last two weeks, I have met with, and talked to, several groups of people, both young and old, both Black and White, and people of other different races, and they are really surprised at the number of Trump supporters who were around them. They could not understand how people whom they thought stood for honesty, truth, justice, fairness, and most of all equality for all people could support Trump. The Trump signs let them know that their so-called friends and neighbors did not believe in the same values that they held. It's time to start the talk with your fellow man or woman and find out what is wrong with the moral traits that I look for in a leader, the President of the United States? Mr. Trump has very little interest in possessing moral standards, but what is it that these people are looking for in a leader of the people of the United States of America? Why is that all these high moral stan-

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PRESIDENT-ELECT BIDEN AND VICE-PRESIDENT-ELECT HARRIS

Biden's first 100-day challenge: Transitioning to a more inclusive economy

BY CHARLENE CROWELL FOR TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The tumultuous 2020 presidential election triggered a record number of participating voters. Never before had so many people cast their preferences. And similarly, together substantiated how divided the nation is.

For Black America, the financial ravages of the year have brought deeper and more devastating circumstances to bear. Disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, our communities have been denied the opportunity to comfort loved ones hospitalized, or even to collectively mourn the loss of family and friends. The continuing pandemic has also depleted the financial resources of those who lack sufficient resources to cover financial emergencies. When these same economically-disadvantaged consumers also suffer job losses, lay-offs and reduced working hours, mounting household debts are inevitable.

"We are in the midst of a pandemic caused by an abject failure of federal leadership that has left tens of millions unemployed, the economy in collapse, nearly half of the nation's Black small businesses decimated, 40 million Americans at risk of foreclosure and eviction, and Black homeownership at levels not seen since the 1960, when racial discrimination in housing was legal," noted the National Urban League's President and CEO, Marc Morial.

In the throes of these challenges, the President-Elect has yet to receive cooperation in our hallmark peaceful transition of power. He must instead draw upon the expertise and insights of those proficient in key areas of concern to construct a myriad of remedies needed now more than ever.

While pundits focus on the first 100 days of the next Administration, people from all walks of life hope in earnest for an inclusive economic recovery, one that includes communities long-marginalized. And lest anyone purport that communities of color are overly-sensitive, we need only remind naysayers of how the housing recovery from the Great Recession left behind the very people who were harmed the most: Black and Latino communities.

If this recovery is to be different, the calls for action must be heeded. Now is the time to stand up and speak out not just for what we want, but for what we also deserve.

A straightforward first step is for President-Elect Biden to move swiftly to restore fair housing rules that were gutted by President Trump's Administration.

In 2015, President Obama's Administration issued the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) regulation, which provided long-overdue guidance for local governments and others to implement a key mandate of the same name in the Fair Housing Act of 1968. This key development in civil rights law's AFFH mandate required active steps to end segregation, promote integration, and ensure all neighborhoods are well-resourced. It also assured that local residents would have access to housing opportuni-

ties.

Under President Trump. The Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, repealed the regulation and replaced it with a rule that was described as "weak and toothless" by Lisa Rice, President and CEO of the National Fair Housing Alliance.

Similarly, the outgoing leadership at HUD promulgated an administrative rule that would defang the "disparate impact" standard, a critical legal tool to uncover and stop harmful mortgage discrimination. Nikitra Bailey, Executive Vice President with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) argued that "[I]t is unfathomable that HUD would gut one of the primary anti-discrimination instruments as the nation reckons with systemic racism."

Even the collection of data on mortgage discrimination has been cut. These rollbacks and others are described in a report entitled, Turning Back the Clock: How the Trump Administration Has Undermined 50 Years of Fair Housing Progress released by Ohio's Sen. Sherrod Brown, the Ranking Member on the U.S. Banking Committee.

At the same time, we know that real progress must be pursued beyond familiar and often ineffective remedies. Preserving the status quo will never provide help that is desperately needed.

Toward this end, CRL has proposed a 100-day agenda for the incoming Administration and the new Congress to address financial justice in all of its forms.

To expand fair, inclusive, and sustainable homeownership, CRL calls for several actions including:

- Targeted reparations in a homeownership program that includes direct down payment grants for low-wealth, first-time Black and Brown homebuyers as well as others disadvantaged by exclusionary federal homeownership policies; and
• Eliminating reliance on credit-scoring systems that entrench historic discrimination.

Recognizing that the broken higher education financing system also perpetuates the racial wealth gap, CRL suggests a range of reforms to immediately relieve the crushing burden of student debt, including broad-based cancellation.

"Too often, predatory financial services and products prevent families and small businesses from accessing opportunities, and instead impede our ability to reduce poverty and close the racial wealth gap", states a new CRL policy brief that includes a combination of administrative and legislative actions.

Even before the dual crises of the pandemic and a faltering economy, U.S. household debt was on the rise, reaching \$14 trillion. CRL's policy recommendations include an end to the collection of so-called "zombie debt", bills that are too old to be legally collected.

Another practice of heightened concern is the increased use of bank overdraft fees. These fees harm consumers with low or no cushions in their bank accounts. These are the same consumers who can least afford added fees in already tight budgets. CRL proposes to halt these regressive fees until the

economy has recovered. Once achieved, CRL recommends a permanent limit to the number of fees that can be charged monthly and annually.

One action the federal government did take in the COVID-19 crisis was to fund small businesses threatened with closure. However, Black small businesses and entrepreneurs were largely shut out of this aid. A key remedy for CRL is to launch a focused effort to meaningfully assist them.

The achievements of Black businesses are often overlooked in analyses of America's economy. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, America's estimated 2 million Black businesses are about 10 percent of all U.S. businesses and about 30 percent of all minority-owned businesses. Collectively, Black businesses have an annual payroll of \$23.9 billion and employ 920,000 people.

As impressive as these numbers are, several reports, including a recent one by Citi Global Perspective and Solutions, show that if Black businesses had greater access to affordable credit, this key sector of the economy would grow significantly and boost the nation's economy as well.

Black businesses are more often created with their own personal resources than are white startups. Instead of business loans, Black entrepreneurs are more likely to use personal and business credit cards that can carry higher interest rates and fees. Additionally, Black-owned businesses are the least likely to receive approval for loans from large banks, or from investors.

The financial playing field could better serve Black and other businesses of color with more robust capital support and technical assistance, according to CRL. A direct grant program tailored to the specialized needs of businesses of color, as well as increased lending capacity at minority deposit institutions and community development financial institutions would be key to accessing affordable credit when needed.

Nor is CRL alone in calling for change that brings genuine relief to Black America. Civil rights groups like the National Fair Housing Alliance and the National Urban League have also identified action plans that will deliver a better day.

If some of these proposals seem familiar to readers, it is because our fight for freedom, equality and the American Dream have remained a quest instead of an achievement.

On April 16, 1963 - 57 years ago, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. penned his immortal, Letter from a Birmingham Jail. In part, he wrote, "[W]hen you are harried by day and haunted by night by the fact that you are a Negro, living constantly at tiptoe stance, never quite knowing what to expect next, and are plagued with inner fears and outward resentments; when you are forever fighting a degenerating sense of 'nobodiness' - then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait."

As a people, let's call upon a new Administration to end our long-suffering wait.

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Drumbright-Crump prevail in court hearing in Alamance on Wednesday

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The Alamance Superior Court denied an unusual Motion from the District Attorney to Banish Rev. Greg Drumbright from the soil of his home while his legal team fights against the two felonies the same D.A. brought against him, on Wednesday Afternoon as the *Journal* goes to press.

Judge J. B. Allen Jr., in the new Courthouse built with federal funds and named for his father, has been the backdrop for the protest movement that has stirred up the old County Seat of Alamance for the

past several months. Veteran attorneys said the unusual legal tactic of the D.A. reminded them of Wilmington in 1898, when Black Fusionists were murdered in cold blood by armed militias, and Black and White fusionists who were rebuilding a biracial business/international trading group in downtown Wilmington were banished from their hometown for life!

Rev. Drumbright was accompanied by Attorney Ben Crump, who has represented the families of George Floyd and two dozen other Black Men and Women killed by white officers and private security guards. Apparently concerned that

the distinguished minister of God and attorney of Truth might make the Court look foolish to national press that is beginning to pick up this story, the Court allowed only one press representative, *Alamance News*, into the Hearing, generally sympathetic to the status quo sentiments that used to dominate downtown. Representatives of the *News & Observers* and the *Wilmington Journal* were banned from the Courtroom, despite NC Constitution's clear mandate that the Courts shall be Open.

The growing fusion Movement Rev. Drumbright has helped pull together in his home County is led by

hundreds of African-Americans, Native Americans, Latino-Americans, Jewish-Americans, and many youth who have moved beyond racial categories and are interested in Human Beings treating each other with respect. The unusually diverse Movement has attracted several older people to the marches and rallies, and those who are in the COVID-susceptible age range, cheer the Movement on watching on facebook and television.

Older natives of the Alamance Region, and the newer residents from Elon College, Burlington, Mebane, and those who commute to Chapel Hill, have

created the possibility for a majority multi-racial front against the dwindling number of white supremacists left in the County. People who have watched the racist history of Alamance for years recommend the younger Movement activists should study the findings of the U.S. Civil Rights Division against Sheriff Terry Johnson in 2012-14. The new Administration in Washington, and the Alamance County Commissioners, who fund the Sheriff Office's budget request every year, should be asked whether the Sheriff has improved in his discriminatory tactics in the past 8 years?

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Justice Department Releases Investigative Findings on the Alamance County, N.C., Sheriff's Office Findings Show Pattern or Practice of Discriminatory Policing Against Latinos

Following a comprehensive investigation, the Justice Department announced today its findings that the Alamance County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) in North Carolina, under the leadership of Sheriff Terry S. Johnson, engages in a pattern or practice of misconduct that violates the Constitution and federal law. The department conducted its investigation, which it opened on June 2, 2010, pursuant to the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI).

The Justice Department finds reasonable cause to believe that ACSO engages in a pattern or practice of discriminatory policing against Latinos in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, the Fourth Amendment, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act and Title VI. ACSO's discriminatory policing activities include:

- ACSO deputies target Latino drivers for traffic stops; A study of ACSO's traffic stops on three major county roadways found that deputies were between four and 10 times more likely to stop Latino drivers than non-Latino drivers;
 - ACSO deputies routinely locate checkpoints just outside Latino neighborhoods, forcing residents to endure police checks when entering or leaving their communities;
 - ACSO practices at vehicle checkpoints often vary based on a driver's ethnicity. Deputies insist on examining identification of Latino drivers, while allowing drivers of other ethnicities to pass through without showing identification;
 - ACSO deputies arrest Latinos for minor traffic violations while issuing citations or warnings to non-Latinos for the same violations;
 - ACSO uses jail booking and detention practices, including practices related to immigration status checks, that discriminate against Latinos;
 - The sheriff and ACSO's leadership explicitly instruct deputies to target Latinos with discriminatory traffic stops and other enforcement activities;
 - The sheriff and ACSO leadership foster a culture of bias by using anti-Latino epithets; and
 - ACSO engages in substandard reporting and monitoring practices that mask its discriminatory conduct.
- Taken together, these practices undermine ACSO's ability to serve and protect Alamance County's Latino residents and the community at large.

"The Alamance County Sheriff's Office's egregious pattern of racial profiling violates the Constitution and federal laws, creates distrust between the police and the community and inhibits the reporting of crime and cooperation in criminal investigations," said Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division. "Constitutional policing and effective law enforcement go hand-in-hand. We hope to resolve the concerns outlined in our findings by working collaboratively with ACSO, but we will not hesitate to take appropriate legal action if ACSO chooses a different course."

The Justice Department's thorough and independent investigation included an in-depth review of ACSO policies, procedures, training materials, and data on traffic stops, arrests, citations, vehicle checkpoints and other documentary evidence. Department personnel also conducted interviews with more than 125 individuals, including Alamance County residents and current and former ACSO employees.

Addressing these findings and creating sustainable reforms will require ACSO to commit to long term structural, cultural and institutional change. In particular, ACSO must develop and implement new policies, procedures and training in effective and constitutional policing. Any reform efforts must also include systems of accountability to ensure that ACSO has eliminated unlawful bias from its decision making at all levels.

The department will seek to obtain a court enforceable, comprehensive, written agreement remedying the violations and incorporating these reforms by attempting to work with ACSO officials.

The Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division conducted this investigation with the assistance of consultants in law enforcement and statistical analysis. Members of the Alamance County community who wish to provide information to the department may call 1-877-871-9726 or email alamance.info@usdoj.gov.

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dards for leadership were required for President Obama but now they have changed for President Trump, who openly expressed his opinion.

Meeting with the people and groups, some new, some a few years old, but all started when people became angry and upset about an issue, my question to all of them was "Do you belong to the NAACP or the Black Caucus? Have you any knowledge of the Justice League? It's not why. It's why not!! Their answer to the question most of the time is that that's an old people's organization. They indicate a desire to belong to a younger group which can get things done. This attitude has caused people of color a lot as far as human rights and moving forward in today's society matter.

You need to join and fill the rolls of these organizations! These organizations have fought for voter rights, housing, civil, and human rights, integration and many more freedoms we have today. Learn what these groups of people have done! Join and get that experience. Then go out and help change more for our people (Blacks Whites, Hispanics, Native Americans, whomever) The NAACP and Black Caucus have had success in the fight against racism and the evils of our elected officials.

The fight for justice is always right. The fight for freedom is always justified. Every man, woman or child deserves to be free. It is written in the Bible. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path (Proverbs 3:6)."

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

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STATE BRIEFS



GOVERNOR SAYS STATE PREPARING TO RECEIVE VACCINE

[RALEIGH] North Carolina is preparing to receive the Pfizer vaccine for coronavirus once it's approved, and distribute the first batch of 85,000 doses to healthcare

workers fighting the disease., Gov. Roy Cooper said during a press conference Tuesday. He added that hopefully they'll see the first batch later this month. Most importantly, when it is distributed, it will be free to the public, regardless of health insurance. But Cooper warned the state has to go through another deadly wave of infections first, brought on by the Thanksgiving holidays.

REV. DRUMWRIGHT, ATTY CRUMP TARGETED BY ALAMANCE DA

[GRAHAM] The Rev. Greg Drumwright, leader of the Oct. 31st march in Graham where police and sheriff's deputies pepper sprayed peaceful marchers, and Attorney Benjamin Crump, who took part in that march and rally, notified by the District Attorney's office in Alamance County that they have been banned from coun-

ty property, and would have their bond doubled and face arrest if they violate the order. Drumwright, who was arrested after that march, also faces an upgrade in charges. Both attended a criminal court hearing in Graham Wednesday.

WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSED FIRING OF RACIST OFFICER

[WILMINGTON] Because

they did so in close session, the public does not know what was said, but we know that last Monday, the Wilmington City Council discussed the June firing of former police Officer James Gilmore. Gilmore was one of three officers heard on a patrol car recording making racist remarks about Black people during civil unrest last Spring, and was fired Police Chief Donny Williams. He is appealing his

termination to the Wilmington Civil Service Commission. Gilmore's case was an agenda item for the Council meeting Monday. Because it was a personnel matter, the council voted to discuss it in closed session. Gilmore maintains that he is not a racist.

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PROTESTORS RETURN TO GRAHAM MONTH AFTER POLICE CONFRONTATION

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A month after police and sheriff's deputies confronted them with pepper spray during an otherwise peaceful "March to the Polls," protestors, again led by Greensboro pastor, The Reverend Greg Drumwright, and Justice 4 the Next Generation, along with members of Alamance Alliance for Justice, returned to Graham in Alamance County Sunday to demonstrate against police brutality.

Over one hundred protestors, who did not have a permit to march and, therefore, couldn't legally block roads, also demanded that both Alamance County Sheriff Terry Johnson and Graham Police Chief Kristy Cole resign because of the pepper spray incident by their officers. The incident drew national attention.

Law enforcement officials said the pepper spray was necessary to move kneeling marchers who were blocking the street around the Confederate statue in front of the courthouse downtown. Marchers counter that they were given any warning before officers moved in. Several marchers have been charged, and a lawsuit has been filed against both the sheriff and police departments as a result.

Last Sunday was different, however: Officers did not escort the protestors during their three-hour march through Graham, though they did watch them closely.

With NC NAACP president, The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, joining them, the protestors, chanting "Ready for Change," marched to the Alamance County Courthouse, Sheriff's Office, Graham Police Headquarters, and the

Alamance County Detention Center, demanding criminal justice reform.

Through it all, The Reverend Drumwright re-emphasized that the rally and march would be peaceful, even if provoked by counter demonstrators, who met protestors at the Courthouse Square and openly challenged them on their opposition to the Confederate statue there.

"We come together to gain justice for the next generation; we don't fight for ourselves; we fight for our children and our grandchildren," Rev. Drumwright told the marchers.

Even though there were some harsh words exchanged at some points, "Black Lives Matter" marchers stepped in to calm things down and make sure that things ended peacefully.

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ANGRY OLD CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER; I'M NOT TIRED YET!

Let's get back to work, speaking truth

Impeached President Trump and Rudolph the brown-nosed lawyer lose their qualified immunity at noon, Jan. 20, 2021. Let's thank Black, Brown, Gay, Muslim, Jewish, Christian, people who have lost faith but voted anyway and the God of Justice. Now let's get back to work, stopping rumors, exposing the racist tricks of the haters, and speaking truth.

In North Carolina, wonderful candidates were trounced by a juiced Tea Party with AK-47s. Trump flew to N.C. five times to meet with the forces of hate who have driven every Black legislator from the Republican Party of NC. since 2006. The Hate and Lies and voter suppression tricks spewing from the Tea Party went up with each visit. In Moore County, the most qualified group of candidates ever stepping up to run against the powerful Tea Party here, all lost. We must not sugarcoat these defeats. Racism is alive and well. Trumpism played racial prejudice like a fiddle. Judge Tiffany Bartholomew, who loves Ruth Bader Ginsberg and brought an intelligent grace to our courthouse, was trounced. Ariadne DeGarr, whose WW II vet grandfather was dying throughout her valiant attempt to be the first independent Black person elected to the County Commission lost. NC Senate and House candidates, Helen Probst Mills and Lowell Simon ran creative races, standing tall in their support of Black



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and poor people in the county. Their Republican opponents went as low as their national Republican funders asked them to, with their gross attack ads.

Patricia Timmons Goodson, one of the most qualified political leaders in NC, was defeated by a Tea Party Hack closely related to a White House insider. He believes if you got a license in Wyoming to carry a concealed weapon, you have the right to carry it into recreation centers in Moore County. Yvonne Lewis Holley's opponent was practically unknown in Moore County, but he rolled in with the big R by his name. As we go to press. Chief Justice Cheri Beasley and Paul (Republican) Newby have been exchanged leads in the first recount, and there will probably be another one when the first is completed. You can get up to the minute numbers on the State Board of Elections Website. Cal Cunningham's infidelity triggered PTSD for me, like Bill Clinton and John Edwards. It made the old man sick and tired!

The New Abolition Movement anchored by the Black press, progressive Black and White Churches, and the Moral Monday Movement in North Carolina, must not be sidetracked by Trumpism's moral low ground. Although all of his voters could not possibly support his "let us all get sick like I did, it's good for you," spitting his mucous in the faces of the survivors of the 260,000 deaths Americans who have lost family members to the virus.

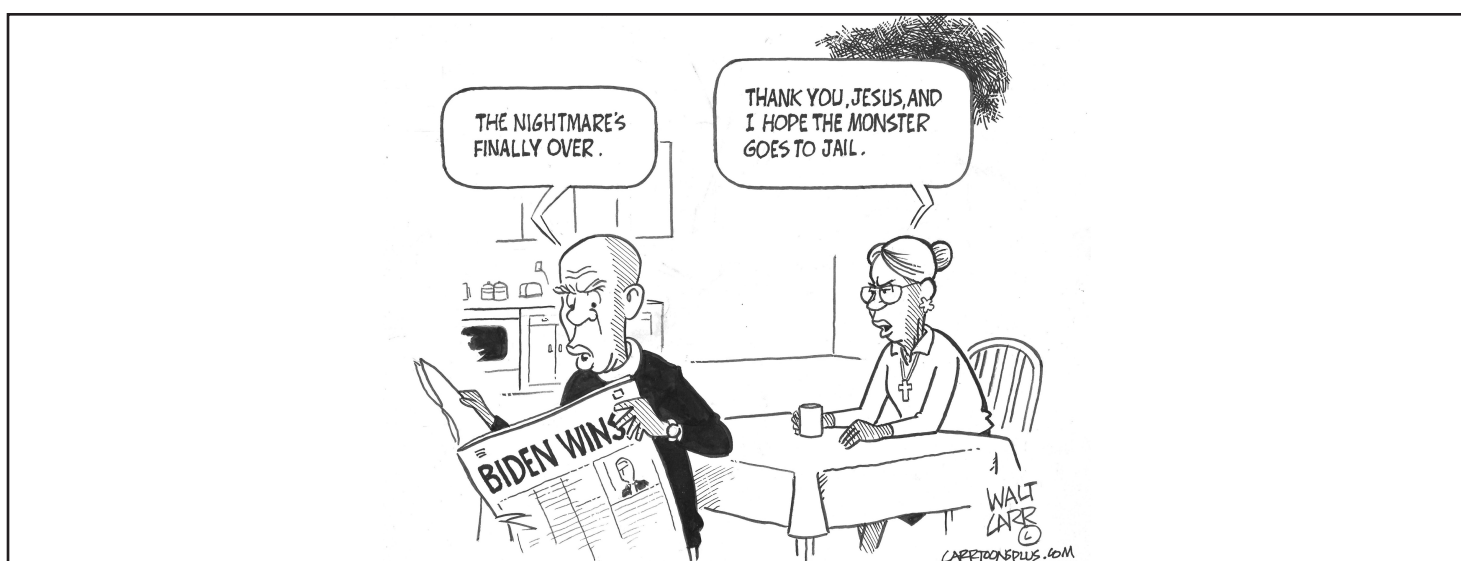
The Third Reconstruction, as brother Rev. William Barber calls it, which we are re-entering after a hellish detour while an opening racist and classist attack on people of color and working people, is where we are now. The Black Press, if not the mainstream media which is jumping all over the political map, must cover the grass-roots efforts to dismantle, county-by-county, the structures and ideas of Jim Crow. And the sworn enemy of the anti-racist movement, with its secret infrastructures and financial operations, like trump, is still pumped up by steroid shots of the number of votes they Did Get. Yes, forces of democracy will end up with 10 million more. But a man who openly supports fascism and the fascism's unique cousin because of the history of 400 years of slavery and Jim Crow, will use the superstructure he has built to promote hate and acts of hate if he believes it helps build Trumpism.

I'm 84 years old. I was a civil rights activist for 32 years, and a N.C. civil rights lawyer for 32 more. I worked for the Black Power Movement in Appalachia with Margaret Herring for the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), led by Ella Baker; Anne Braden, C. T. Vivian, Fred Shuttlesworth, Modjeska Simkins, and other veteran southern Abolitionists. SNCC leaders John Lewis, Stokely Carmichael, James Forman and others asked us, as proven anti-racists, to experiment how to rebuild Black-white voting alliances, after John Lewis and others gave up their bodies in Selma to get the Voting Rights Act passed in 1965. The vision of moral fusion voting alliances, similar to the vision of Alex Manly and other Black Press pioneers in Wilmington in 1895-1898. A violent racist attack burnt Manly's newspaper, and white assassination teams, undeterred by any "law enforcement officers" murdered scores of Black people and chased the black and white leaders of the Moral Fusion Movement up the coast. The Voting Rights Act in 1965 for the first time since this white terror, opened the possibility of Black Power in majority-Black southern counties and the center cities of many Northern and Southern metropolitan areas.

In late 1967 Dr. King invited me to help SCLC, and other racial groupings, helped organize a large group of Appalachians to participate in the Poor Peoples Campaign he had been promoting. At the same time J. Edgar Hoover and his all-white special agents in the FBI organized POCAM, an undercover counterintelligence campaign to prevent Dr. King's Poor People's Campaign from materializing in DC during the 1968 voting season, putting

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AUDACITY: *Boldness, especially with confident or arrogant disregard for personal safety, conventional thought or other restrictions; Effrontery or insolence; Shameless boldness.*

In the region of my birth, people reared there are familiar with the Presidential Pardon. We associate "the act of pardon" with French pirates Jean and Pierre Lafitte who were best known for their nautical crimes in the Gulf of Mexico. The brothers were audacious smugglers of goods and enslaved people into Louisiana. Jean Lafitte's significant participation in the defense of New Orleans during the War of 1812 led to the defeat of British forces and earned a pardon from President James Madison for previous crimes.

History is replete with records of Presidential pardons. Many pardons, like that of Richard Nixon, received significant criticism and rightly so. Because of its unpopularity, Nixon's pardon also notably ended the career of President Gerald Ford, making him the only President in history never to have been popularly elected

President or Vice-President. Like all political decisions, universal acceptance of specific pardons cannot be expected.

Many people deserve pardons, but those sworn to protect and serve us don't make the cut.

Article II of the US Constitution specifically gives the President authorization

to pardon punishment for federal crimes. The U.S. Supreme Court has interpreted this as the power to grant pardons, conditional pardons, commutations of sentence, conditional commutations of sentence, remissions of fines and forfeitures, respites and amnesties. Although critics argue this authority gives too much discretionary power to one person, supporters argue that pardon powers afford necessary protections against judicial excess.

Like most legal constructs enshrined in founding documents and traditions, faith was placed in a continuity of honorable men using measured judgment to reach principled

decisions. Despite the questionable character of some leaders in history, most have adhered to the principles of contemporaneously practiced democracy. Few leaders have posed a direct assault against our democracy...Until now!

In the past four years, Donald Trump has debased and distorted principles and traditions of government and leadership that have been foundational for our nation. From the day of his inauguration, he's supported and promoted laws and practices that buttress his political positions and financial bottomline. He's ignored requirements for compliance with laws, traditions and practices with which he disagrees. It's been determined that he's told over twenty-two thousand lies to the American public.

Throughout his unwelcomed term, Trump has acted with audacity - an evil type of audacity. He acts with boldness - the type of boldness born of arrogant disregard for personal safety of our citizenry, conventional thought or restrictions of tradition. He's shameless in the obvious distortions he presents to the American public and totally disrespectful to those who disagree with him or who refuse to pledge their personal allegiance to him.

One year ago, Trump audaciously commuted the 40-month prison sentence of Roger Stone who had been convicted in Federal Court of seven felony counts. Adding insult to injury, we recently awakened to the news that Trump had pardoned former National Security Advisor and convicted, self-admitted felon, Michael Flynn. Flynn was fired over revelations that he had discussed lifting US sanctions on Russia with the Russian ambassador before he took office - a breach of government protocols - and that he had lied to the Vice-President about that conversation.

To understand his actions, one must only ask, "What's in it for Him?" The common thread between those he has pardoned and those "lining up" for pardons is that they stood witness to the crimes allegedly committed by Trump. When Trump leaves office in January, he leaves the protections against prosecution the Presidency affords him.

I believe Trump is a criminal and I'm eager to see the depth of his criminality!

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Young voters showed up and showed out

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Voters between 18 and 29 made history in the 2020 election. According to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement, or CIRCLE (<https://circle.tufts.edu/2020-election-center>), at least 52 percent of them, and perhaps as many as 55 percent voted.

That turnout is at least ten percentage points higher than in 2016, and the highest voting level among that age group since the 26th Amendment granted those over 18 were granted the right to vote in 1971. Not only did young people vote in unprecedented numbers, but they also voted heavily in swing states like Georgia and Michigan. Arguably, young people are responsible for the Biden victory. Virtually every population subgroup can claim part of the credit for the Biden victory. Black women voted for him by higher margins than any other group. Latinx voters in Arizona put him over the top in that state. Among young people, every group, except white men, voted for former Vice President Joe Biden. The CIRCLE study of

young voters offers lessons for upcoming elections. Young voters made up their minds about their electoral choice later than other voters. Three-quarters of those over 29 had their minds made up from the beginning. CIRCLE also suggests that information about early voting, mail-in ballots, and other procedures was not as available as it might have been. Despite a

massive attempt to get out the vote by African American activists, fewer African American youth voted in person, partly because many did not get enough information about voting - due to voter suppression, and some may be due to insufficient outreach. Also, many who are students may have faced barriers in voting.

Those of us who are elders have often lamented that young folks don't vote, but the CIRCLE study suggests we need to hold our powder. Young voters did not vote as much as the rest of us (total voter participation hovers at 70 percent), but they voted

more than they ever had, and they had more significant barriers than older voters did. And for those of us who lean left, we must acknowledge that this summer's Black Lives Matter protest may have pulled young people to the polls. According to the CIRCLE studies, young people are concerned about COVID, climate change, racism, and the economy. If federal, state, and local governments manage these issues and offer young people the opportunity for engagement, the 2020 coalition may stick together.

The 2020 youth coalition is, in some ways, our hope for the future. Young people mostly voted for Biden along race and gender lines, but the young white male holdout suggests that some of today's race challenges may persist into the future. Meanwhile, within the Democratic-leaning 2020 youth coalition, there are apparent tensions and differences around how we prioritize these concerns and how we emphasize the intersectionality of these concerns. It's not either/or with the economy, COVID, climate change, and racism; it's all of the above. The Biden team will have to walk a tightrope

to balance everyone's needs and concerns.

I am excited about the 2020 youth coalition and look forward to how they may continue to come together for better health care, a more inclusive economy, planet-saving policies to slow climate change, and the dismantling of systemic racism. I'd be even more excited if young Trump supporters dared to stand up to the man who lives in his own delusional world to tell him to concede this election. Our nation, and the world, have been treated to the obscene image of a grotesque toddler throwing a tantrum on the international stage. If Republican elders don't step up to stop the madness, perhaps young people, especially those who voted for 45, can talk some sense into him. After all, when we say that young people will inherit this world, we don't divide them by party.

Young people showed up and showed out in 2020. For the sake of our future, they need to keep it up.

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the thumb on the Republican campaign's side. Dr. King was assassinated in early April in Memphis. I was enraged. Within weeks a group of Appalachian young people pulled off a sit-in, demanding two buses to carry about 80 Appalachians over the crooked roads of W.Va to Washington,

D.C. We spent two highly educational weeks with our Black, Chicano, Puerto Rican, and Native American, and Appalachian brothers and sisters. Like we have these past few years, we learned much from the violent tear gas raid by the cops that ravaged Resurrection City. Over the years, I have continued to learn that, when we win something big, we must keep our eye on the forces of hate

and cynicism, always causing bad trouble. Today, for a moment, let us enjoy the fruits of our labors as the Biden-Harris' landslide margin grows daily.

And help save *The Wilmington Journal* and the Black Press. Angry? Yes. But I'm not tired yet!

Al McSurely considers himself a ju jitsu lawyer, using the law and the legal process to defend people of

color and turn the tables on governmental entities acting unconstitutionally.

For more than 30 years, McSurely has been an uncompromising civil rights activist and attorney, helping reconstitute the NAACP branch in his adopted hometown of Chapel Hill, and volunteering as a leader of the North Carolina state NAACP conference and the new Poor People's Campaign.

All eyes on Georgia

Senate control crucial for the Nation

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

These days, like the old Ray Charles song says, I've got Georgia on My Mind. We should all be thinking of Georgia because come January 5, the state is positioned to make a tremendous change for the better — a change that will give President-Elect Joe Biden the opportunity for real legislation and real reform; for lasting and potent legislative buy-in to make laws once again (and it has been a while now!) in service to the people. Laws that address issues important to the working men and women of this nation: healthcare, the economy, health and safety, equal justice for all, the environment, and the right to organize. And a real plan to take COVID-19 head on with a coordinated nationwide policy to address the ill effects, including relief for both businesses and the millions of sidelined workers who are just trying to hang on.

Come January 20, 2021, we will have a new President of the United States in Joseph Biden and the first female African American Vice President Kamala Harris. This election was a hard-fought, intense race full of division and emotion. But in the end, as a record number of voters turned out (in person and via mail), it was a fair and legal vote that now gives us a leader who has been a long-time friend of labor, and an individual who represents much needed progress for this country. I want to thank all my brothers and sisters from coast to coast for making sure our voices were heard in this election.

Now however, we must col-

lectively stand and fight with him. Simply put, there is still much to do to ensure that the President-Elect has the ability to accomplish his restorative plan. Biden's plan includes working together during this pandemic to find solutions, battling the current devastating economic and health care challenges, and continuing our fight for workplace rights and safety.

Accomplishing this critical work must include control of the Senate — which has been held by Republicans since 2015, and has in that time, often served as a barrier to progress rather than a forward-thinking channel for progress. And it is down in Blue Georgia (never thought I would be saying that, but Sister Stacey Abrams knew) that we have the opportunity to remove that roadblock.

What's a runoff?

On election day, neither of Georgia's Republican senators drew a majority vote. This moves both of their races to special rematches taking place in January. The outcome will determine control of the Senate and if we have a legislature that works together for working people — and with our President. Or it will determine that the political stalemate we have now continues; that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell will keep things in the same go nowhere circle we have had for years.

A runoff election is required, under Georgia law, if candidates do not receive a majority (50% or more) of the

vote. The Georgia runoff will occur on January 5, 2021. The results — depending on who wins — will swing the Senate majority to Democrats or leave McConnell and the Republicans in charge.

It's the difference between do something or do nothing. What's at stake?

Georgia Democratic candidates, Reverend Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, will go head-to-head with Republican incumbents Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue in two separate runoffs. Warnock and Ossoff have been endorsed by the UAW because they are the best choice for UAW members, retirees, and their families. They are the best choice for America, and the best choice for labor.

Both candidates understand that two essential things that must happen, and must happen quickly to address the economic and health care crisis in this country:

From the very beginning, Ossoff and Warnock have taken the pandemic very seriously. Together — working with the new president and fellow Congressional members — they will work to get the COVID-19 pandemic under control to save lives and get people fully back to work.

Warnock and Ossoff also understand that the economy isn't working for working people. They will work to repeal tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations. They will encourage bringing back our jobs from overseas. Additionally, they will protect the Social Security and Medicare benefits we earned, defend our pensions and 401(k)s, and make it easier for workers to organize and form a union.

On the flipside, their opponents — Loeffler and Perdue — both support more than \$24 billion cuts to Social Security and \$500 billion cuts to Medicare. More importantly, they have both used the dire circumstances of a global pandemic to their benefit as both were caught red-handed making insider stock deals based on information about the severity of the pandemic that they kept from the public. Not exactly a move that gives you faith in their ability to serve on the behalf of the citizens they represent.

So, the good trouble that we must make this time around is going back home to the place where good fighting got its name. This is a historic moment in our history and Georgia holds the key. If Democrats gain both Georgia seats, the 50-50 tie in the Senate will mean that Vice President-Elect Harris will cast tie-breaking votes, carrying out a pro-labor agenda.

Given the rise in COVID-19 cases, President-Elect Biden must be able to make immediate decisions and pass legislation that address the challenges we all face and make tough decisions to protect all working Americans.

Georgians, please vote!

So please, if you live in Georgia, participate in this election. If you do not live in Georgia, consider finding a way to make your own good trouble: assist through phone banking or offer assistance to organizations supporting the Warnock and Ossoff campaigns.

On January 5, the entire country is looking to Georgia to make an essential differ-

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Fighting to preserve White Supremacy

People have voiced surprise that the outgoing president received so many votes in the November 3 election, (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/09/opinion/trump-biden-nation-divided.html>) but that fact is not so difficult to swallow if one considers that this country is desperately trying to hold onto white power under its white supremacist system.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

Ever since the report came out that America would soon no longer be a majority-white nation (<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/the-avenue/2018/03/14/the-us-will-become-minority-white-in-2045-census-projects/>) (<https://www.chicagoreporter.com/the-us-white-majority-will-soon-disappear-forever/>), it seems that efforts ramped up to try to control the rise in America's non-white population. But America has long been concerned - perhaps even obsessed - about a decline in the white citizenry.

The definition of "white" has morphed over time; Benjamin Franklin once bemoaned that some people were too "swarthy" and therefore, not really good candidates for American citizenship; in this group he included, interestingly, Germans. But America has always been concerned about keeping America white. It is our history. (<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/04/adam-serwer-madison-grant-white-nationalism/583258/>) (<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2008/02/swarthy-germans/48324/>)

We are ever evolving from the places from which we've come. In those spaces, we have heard the stories, been taught our values and beliefs, and been given the tools needed to carry the stories of our existence forward. Just as African Americans have heard stories of our journeys in this country, so have Caucasian-Americans. And the story for many of them was that America was built by white people for white people.

And so when it seems that too many non-whites are gaining in population, the narrative of the inevitability of white supremacy is rocked and threatened. When the current president began his bid for the presidency in 2015 and attacked Mexicans as being "rapists" among other things, a substantial bloc of white Americans breathed a sigh of relief. Here was a man who was going to speak to their apprehension. When the president went even further; vowing to enact a ban on all Muslims entering this country, along with building a "big, beautiful wall" on the southwest part of the country, the collective sighs of relief grew louder.

The "undesirables" would be controlled, they were hearing, and they were relieved. With leadership like that of the 2015 candidate, their white country would remain white.

Interestingly, even though this way of thinking is inherently racist, those who espouse and support it claim that they are not racist at all. The president himself says he is the "least racist person you could ever meet," in spite of a history smattered with racist behavior. (https://www.huffpost.com/entry/trump-kristen-welker-least-racist_n_5f923e9dc5b686eaa0fb460) (<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/01/15/opinion/leonhardt-trump-racist.html>) Those who think this way deny that their thoughts are racially problematic; they do not or will not realize that what they say exposes the way they feel, i.e. that black people have their "place" in this country and wanting them to stay there does not make them racist, but, rather, American. Many who support and mimic the words of the president declare they are not racist because they do not say the "n" word and because they have a couple of black friends. What they will not confront and deal with, however, is their deep-seeded belief that blacks need to stay in their place. If they do that, America will be fine; America will be "great" again.

The attack being waged on the outcome of the November 3 election, with focus on the numbers of ballots cast and counted in large urban areas speaks to the belief that black people are not supposed to vote and that if the numbers indicate - as they do - that blacks voted in large numbers, numbers large enough to defeat an incumbent racist president - then something is wrong; they go to one of the inherent beliefs held by those who support white supremacy, i.e., blacks are inherently criminals, and nothing they do should be accepted as valid.

That the black and brown presence in this country is not shrinking but is, instead, increasing, is causing a fair amount of panic in the spirits of those who believe that America was created for white people. They will do anything to protect their numbers which indicate that they are the predominate racial group in this country, but in their hearts, they know they are wrong; they see the browning of America, and they see it increasing.

They will continue their fight to "make America great again," but it seems that the ship of white supremacy has already left the harbor. Globalism has changed the landscape of this country and of this world, and ironically, capitalism in this country which has inspired entrepreneurs and capitalists to seek the most amount of work for the smallest amount of money, resulting in a rising immigrant population, has created, in their minds, a monster called pluralism.

A friend of mine said that what we are seeing is white supremacy taking its last gasps of breath in order to stay alive, but last gasps, which lead to Cheyne-Stokes breathing, is a sure sign that death is near.

That is surely the hope. Please consider purchasing my latest book, *With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution, and Racism in America*. It is available at all booksellers.

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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ence in the future of our nation. We are looking to voters to elect candidates that will protect retirement security, rebuild our economy and implement a national plan to respond to the pandemic. The outcome of this election will

affect every single person in this nation for decades to come.

Let us send our hearts and minds south this January. Let us get back to work for working men and women. Let us take an old sweet song and make it America's. Georgia On My Mind.

Ray Curry, Secretary-Treasurer, UAW.

Biden's proposed cabinet – A kinder and gentler Imperialism

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Tonight, the whole world is watching America. And I believe at our best, America is a beacon for the globe. We will lead not only by the example of our power, but by the power of our example." - Joe Biden, Nov. 7, 2020

In his first address to the nation as president-elect, Joe Biden told America and the world that power comes first; power is the key. He went on to say "Our nation is shaped by the constant battle between our better angels and our darkest impulses...It's time for our better angels to prevail..."

It is time for America's "better angels to prevail". But I think Biden has it backwards. He should have said, we will lead by the power of our example and if necessary, by the example of our power. Like his predecessors, he is defaulting to the Military Industrial Complex (MIC).

When you look at Biden's cabinet announcements it takes me to former Giant's coach Bill Parcells who said, "you are what your record says you are." In this case, you are what your cabinet says you are. It is the people who make the policy; policy does not make itself. The history of many of these nominees reflects America's darkest impulses not its better angels.

What was good about America "green lighting" the NATO bombing of Libya and the resulting execution of Muammar Gaddafi? This led to the destabilization of the country and the region. According to The Atlantic, "The Libya intervention marked the third time in a decade that Washington embraced regime change and then failed to plan for the consequences." America's better angels? I think not.

What good has come from America "green lighting" Saudi Arabia's invasion in Yemen and the continuing logistical support for what the UN has called the worst man-made humanitarian crisis in the world? Per the UN, after nearly six years of conflict, "14.3 million people are classified as being in acute need, with around 3.2 million requir-

ing treatment for acute malnutrition; that includes two million children under-five, and more than one million pregnant and lactating women." If America were winning the battle of our better angels, we would stop our support of the Saudi's and provide these starving people food, water and medicine.



Dr. Wilmer Leon

Instead, America is losing the battle to the MIC, big oil and its darkest impulses. These impulses convince you that it is more important to sell weapons and take resources than provide humanitarian aid.

America's imperialist, hegemonic and evil regime change policies did not make themselves. Again, it is the people who make the policy. Look at the record of some of Biden's cabinet nominees and their involvement in these atrocities.

Biden's choice for Secretary of Defense is projected to be Michele Flournoy. She was the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy during the Clinton administration. During her tenure she authored the May 1997 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR). The founding principle of this document is that the unilateral use of force is acceptable to defend any US interest the US deems important and the US is the sole arbiter of these issues. She is the proponent of permanent war or as she calls it, "full spectrum dominance." As the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy during the Obama administration, she was instrumental in designing the horrific regime change policies that led to the invasions of Libya and Syria.

Biden's choice for Secretary of State is Tony Blinken. He was a top advisor to then Sen. Joe Biden who was Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. They played a major role in shoring up support among the Democrat-controlled Senate for Bush's illegal invasion of Iraq.

We can also thank Avril Haines, Biden's pick to be Director of National Intelligence for his role in the Yemen, Libya and Syria policies. Haines also supported arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

On the domestic policy front, Biden has named Neera Tanden as his nominee to lead the Office of Management and Budget. It should be troubling that a nominee for this position has advocated for cuts to social security and other vital social safety net programs. During a pandemic, an economy in recession and 30-40 million Americans facing eviction, austerity is not the appropriate response.

Tanden also has a hawkish foreign policy side. Leading up to the Libya bombing she was advocating taking Libya's oil as repayment for the US backed bombing of the country. "If we want to continue to engage in the world, gestures like having oil rich countries partially pay us back doesn't seem crazy to me..." This is the same mindset that Trump articulated in Syria.

In his speech, "Time to Break Silence" Dr. King warned us about austerity, "A few years ago...it seemed as if there was a real promise of hope for the poor...through the poverty program...Then came the buildup in Vietnam, and I watched this program broken and eviscerated, as if it were some idle political plaything of a society gone mad on war, and I knew that America would never invest the necessary funds or energies in rehabilitation of its poor so long as adventures like Vietnam continued to draw men and skills and money like some demonic destructive suction tube." Just replace Vietnam with Afghanistan, Syria or Yemen, etc. We are still "a society gone mad on war".

As the "Manhattan Mussolini" aka President Trump talks about withdrawing US troops from Afghanistan, what does Jeh Johnson (possible nominee for a defense position) have to say? "...in trying to strike a deal, you don't unilaterally surrender your greatest point of leverage by unilaterally withdrawing troops before the Afghan government and the Taliban have struck a deal..."

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Heir property

Over the last few weeks, I have run into several different families having some tremendous situations. When loved ones die and certain things have not been put in place, it will cause further heartache.

I want to share with you some of the different ways owning Heir property can be a blessing and sometimes on the other hand, not so much. I'm going to give you FOUR real-life scenarios.

(ONE) Starting with my own, I own a family home with my eldest brother and younger sister. I'm in the middle and was Executrix of both my parent's Estate. When my last parent died, he had in his will that the family home was not to be sold to satisfy any of his debt. That was good even though it had a mortgage on it, the 3 of us split that cost monthly and has vowed to keep it in the family. That is working well thus far and if the mortgage company continues letting us keep our parent's old loan, none of us must refinance and get that mortgage into one of our names. If made to do that, the new debt would hurt chances if we tried to apply for more debt for other things we personally want and need. Let's keep hope alive on that.

(TWO) I know a sibling that is the Executrix of a parent's Estate and she inherited/owns a home with a sibling. That sibling is out in the world consumed with drug addiction and seldom contacts the sibling handling

the Estate affairs. The Executrix is ready to sell the property and after several attempts to find the sibling in the streets, they are exercising their rights to sell. As Executrix, they have that right and once the sale is complete, they will leave the portion due to the missing sibling with the Clerk of Court to be claimed whenever they are ready.

(THREE) There is a sister that owns 10+ acres with Nine other heirs. Three of the original 9 have since died and now their portion of the acreage past to their legal heirs. How many more heirs were gained when those 3 died? That is still being determined. That is the most troubling thing about having so many heirs owning a property. When one person dies, then their heirs now own that 1-person's share. That means the number of people involved now multiplied. Did you know that when someone inherits a property and if they have ANY KIND of judgments filed in that County's records it attaches to the entire heir property? That is judgments like IRS or State income tax liens, bad debt personal loans, furniture debt, whatever. If it is filed downtown as a judgment, it attaches to the real estate, and the Estate must deal with the satisfaction of that debt in one way or another.

er. Lastly, there are 4 siblings and 1 of the siblings has extensive medical needs and can't get Medicaid due to having ownership in this heir property. The other siblings agreed to sell it to help the one but were discovered it had two mortgages and the market will not support selling it for enough to clear both notes. The only option let the 1st mortgage holder foreclose on the property and that will get it off all 4 Heir hands so the 1 can get the help they need. (Little FYI: The 1st company foreclosing will automatically knock out the 2nd mortgage holder. We will talk about that more at another time.)

So, as you can see there are many ways owning Heir properties can bless and on the other hand, TEST. At the end of the day, I'm always going to be an advocate for owning real estate to leave as an inheritance to your loved ones. The smart thing to do is to truly evaluate your loved ones' personal situations and choose how best to leave the property behind that will benefit them the most. If you currently have Heir property and need some guidance on your options, consult any real estate attorney and let them guide you.

Until next week, please share this article with 3 people and reach out if want to get a free game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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Carrie Jacobs

Carrie Jacobs died November 21, 2020. Graveside service was held on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

The earthly journey of Carrie Othalia Flowers Jacobs, daughter of the late Eunice Flowers Ingerman and the late James Maultsby, and stepfather Alden Ingerman began on February 6, 1927 in Columbus County, North Carolina. Carrie was reared in a Christian home, raised by her loving grandparents, the late Charlie Flowers and Nolie Rebecca Hudson Flowers. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (Sandyfield Community) Riegelwood, North Carolina under the leadership of the late Rev. C. R. Murray. She attended the Sandyfield School which was taught by Miss Sophie Henry, and also Armour High School in Armour, North Carolina. Carrie was united in holy matrimony to the late James Telpia Jacobs on March 4, 1945 in Marion, South Carolina. This union was blessed with three children: Gerald Telpia, Charles Thurston and Carolyn Virginia. In the early 50's, Carrie and her family relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina. Maintaining her spiritual growth, she sought another church home and became a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. Dr. W. B. Lewis. Carrie loved her church and working for the Lord. She served Shiloh in several capacities: a member of the former Mothers Board, Senior Choir, Missionary Circle and could often be heard delivering the welcome address when needed; for she had a heart for connecting with others. Carrie was an excellent cook, and she found great joy in preparing Sunday Dinner for her pastor and other ministers in the community at her home on 1210 Dock Street. She possessed an open heart and an open space at her table. Carrie was a loving and devoted grandmother. "Granny", as she was referred to by her grandchildren and others had a love for her family. She possessed the ability to love unconditionally and had a forgiving heart. She never met a stranger. Her sweet spirit and motherly wisdom will never be forgotten. In her later years, her health began to fail, but her faith in God remained firm. She loved to be in the service for the Lord whenever her health permitted. One of her favorite songs was "You don't know what the Lord told me," this was also her testimony. Throughout her life's journey she prayed and remained steadfast and the Lord blessed her with 93 beautiful years.

Left to cherish her fond memories and continue her legacy are: Her daughter, Carolyn Jacobs Robinson (James) of Castle Hayne, NC; daughters-in-law: Carolyn McGhee Jacobs of Boiling Springs, SC, Eleanor Powell Jacobs of

Snellville, GA; grandchildren: Erica Jacobs Brown (David) of Boiling Springs, SC, Kevin Robinson (Divina) of Wilmington, NC, Gerald T. Jacobs II of Wilmington, NC, Mychal Robinson (Courtney) of Castle Hayne, NC; twelve great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two adopted grandchildren, LeRon T. Montgomery (Alicia Jones) of Wilmington, NC Tikinia Davis Moore (Lewis) of Burgaw, NC; two sisters-in-law, Doretha McNeil of Riegelwood, NC, Doris Davis of Leland, NC; one brother-in-law, James McKoy, Jr. of Leland NC; a special niece and nephew, Shirlene Flowers Bryant (James) of Leland, NC, Elmer L. Flowers of Riegelwood, NC; a special cousin, Lillian Flowers Webb, Riegelwood, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Willie "Gene" Aiken

Willie "Gene" Aiken died November 12, 2020. Graveside service was held Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Willie Eugene Aiken was born on December 16, 1944 to Norman Aiken, Sr. and Evelyn Aiken Dicks. Gene was a free spirit who enjoyed life. To know him was to like and love him. He was a very loveable and straight forward person, very intelligent and he was a great chess player. For many years Gene worked at Queensboro Steel and retired after over 40 years of service at Holsom Bakery. During his earlier years he attended school in New Hanover County and played baseball.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Norman, John and Robert Lee.

He leaves to mourn his life: his children, Willie Aiken, Jr. (Evelyn), Jeffrey Aiken, Antonette Aiken and Devrie Monroe Bell; grandchildren, Sade Aiken, William Aiken, and Preston Polton; siblings, Gwen Anthony, Terry Aiken (Deborah); special friend, Debra Williams and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Gerald Sellers, Jr.

Gerald Sellers, Jr., died November 13, 2020. Graveside service was held Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Calvary Cemetery. Gerard was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on December 2, 1963 to the late Gerald Audrey Sellers, Sr. and Frances Redd Sellers. He departed his life on November 13, 2020 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Gerald was preceded in death by his son, Kareem Thomas. Gerald attended John T. Hoggard High School where he was competitively involved in sports and mentored many youths, over the years. He was employed by New Hanover County Environmental Services and New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Gerald was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and a true friend. He lived a fulfilled life, full of love, laughter, wisdom, and understanding; of which he invested unmeasurable love to all he came in contact with. All who knew him will truly miss him. He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife and best friend of 27 years, Priscilla Ann Sellers, who he loved with no limits; daughters: Latisha Thompson, Sherrieka Thompson, Shaniqua Truell, Son: Kevin Dillard, Grandchildren: Alaysha, Cameron, Rai'Qwan, Darrius, Sharod,

Ta'Nya, Italie, Javon, Eden and Binky, Great-Grandchild: Raya, Sisters: Michelle Sullivan, Melissa Davis (Roderick)

Toni Toby (Kenya), Brothers: Lynel Sellers (Sheena), Antoine Sellers (Chaquetta), Shaki Dekine Mother-in-law: Harriet "Sissy" Thompson, Father-in-law: Willie Thompson, Sisters-in-law: Jackie Williams, Annie Johnson (Nick), Brothers-in-law: Clarence Williams, Darrell Mishoe,

Special Cousin: James Lewis, Special Cousins: Kevin Fullwood, Vincent Drayton, Larry Wright, Jerome Griddle. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

David McIntyre

David McIntyre died November 13, 2020. Graveside service was held Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

David was born on July 22, 1952. His life was based on the righteous principles and precepts of kodesh AL (Holy God). He will be remembered for helping others and sharing the good news of Torah (the Law of Yah).

He will never be forgotten by his little sister, Shardi, who he referred to as "the Wonder", nor his emah Angels, his grandmother, Doris, nor his friends, Ernell Gore, Quan Jones or Big Al. In addition to those who knew him prior to his crossing over, he will be tremendously missed by his Hebrew mishpachim. He was a great light of love, strength and truth to all those whose lives he came in contact with. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Shirley Farrow Hill

Shirley Farrow Hill died November 13, 2020. Graveside service was held Sunday, November 22, 2020 at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Shirley, 85 years young, daughter of the late Joseph and Evelyn Wade Farrow was born September 29, 1935 in Wilmington, NC. She grew up in the Seabreeze community and was educated in the New Hanover County School System. Shirley was a strong, loving and humble woman, a genuinely good-hearted lady. She loved her family very much and was always willing to sacrifice for the sake of others. She was a hard worker; an amazing cook and a great dancer. In her younger days she spent much of her time showing off her dance skills on Seabreeze, having fun with her loved ones. She was so proud of being from Seabreeze and at every opportunity looked forward to visiting there. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Evelyn Lizzie Lofton

Evelyn Lizzie Lofton died November 15, 2020. Graveside service was held Friday, November 20th at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Evelyn Elizabeth Lowe Lofton, affectionately known as "Lizzy", was born on August 4, 1946 to the late James E. Lowe and Evelyn C. Lowe. After graduating from Williston Senior High School, Evelyn attended Cape Fear Technical Institute, beginning her career as a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1967. Furthering her education, she later attended James Sprunt Community College, receiving a degree and fulfilling her dream to become a Registered Nurse. After more than 30 years of service, she retired from New Hanover Regional Medical Center in 2001. Evelyn was a faithful, life-

long member of Hanks Chapel A.M.E. Church, serving as Steward, Missionary President, LAY member, and member of the Senior and Singing Angels choirs. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, fishing, crossword puzzles, and laughter with loved ones. Family and friends will miss her delicious homemade potato salad, crab cakes, and peanut brittle.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her loving husband, William Lofton, Jr.; brothers, Thurman Lowe and Ronald Lowe; sisters, Dora Farrow, Carolyn Irving, and Maggie Bryant.

She leaves to cherish her wonderful memories: daughter, Tara Conner (Robert) of Charlotte, NC; sons, William Lofton, III (Evelyn Denise) of Charlotte, NC and Kelvin Lofton of Wilmington, NC; brothers, James E. Lowe, Jr. of Wilmington, NC and Rev. David P. Lowe (Sandra) of Bahama, NC; godson, Steven Harrison of Durham, NC; five lovely grandchildren, Kelvin Jr., Myah, Bryce, Joshua and Aubrey; brothers-in-law, Preston Lofton (Yoko), Clarence Lofton, and Kyle Ballard (Wanda); sisters-in-law, Gloria Lowe, Doris Atkins, Shirley Troy, and Dorene Lofton; special family friend, Barbara Bozeman and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Walter Edward Waters, Sr.

Walter Edward Waters, Sr. died November 14, 2020. Memorial service was held on Wednesday, November 18th at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Walter, son of the late Leon and Elsie Waters was born on June 19, 1934 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Walter loved working with his hands, always fixing something. He loved working on bicycles and riding them. Dancing and playing cards were two of his hobbies. He worked previously with Longley Supply and Channel 3 Television Station. Walter was a people person and got along with everyone. He served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged.

His loving memories will always be cherished by those who are left to mourn: his wife, Geneva Waters of the home; three sons, Royce Waters of Philadelphia, PA, and Terry Waters and Walter "GoGo" Waters, Jr. of the home; one daughter, Geneva "Dibbie" McMillian of the home; three sisters, Edith R. Brown, Viola J. Benjamin and Barbara Wilkins all of Philadelphia, PA; three sisters-in-law, Betty Ford of Baltimore, MD, Jean Sharpe of Wilmington, NC and Mae McMillian of Jacksonville, NC a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including a special friend, Glenn Messiah and his loving cat, Calico. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Otto Thomas "Midge" Midgett

Otto Thomas "Midge" Midgett died Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Midge was born May 26, 1948 in New York to Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Midgett. He was an only child. While a young boy, both of his parents died and he was sent to New Bern, NC to be raised by his aunt. Midge served in the US Marines and was a Vietnam Veteran. When he completed his military career, he began working at Babcock & Wilcox until he retired. He married Annie Mae Midgett on June 25, 1978. He was a loving husband and cared for Annie up to her transition from life to her eternal rest. Together they raised 8 of her 9 children. He was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church where he served in the choir and participated in many activities in the church. He attended church also in Lynchburg, SC with his daughter, Annie and 5 of their children preceded him in death, Reginald Williams, Michael Jones, Bernus, Wanda Tomlison "Mike" and Audwin Jones.

He leaves to mourn: children, A. Denise Jones, Kathy A. Jones (Ron Munnings), Valerie Galloway (James), Novella Jones; 41 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, loved ones and friends. A Service

of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Elnora Smith

Elnora Smith died November 15, 2020. Funeral service was held Saturday, November 20, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Elnora, daughter of the late James and Bella McDonald was born July 3, 1928 in Wilmington, North Carolina. In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband, Reverend J.W. Smith, a former pastor of St. Phillip AME Church and two brothers, James Fowler and David Fowler. Sister Elnora Smith was a life-long, dedicated and faithful member of St. Phillip AME Church. She was a former first lady of St. Phillip and served in numerous capacities, including member of the Official Board, Church School, Lay Organization, Pastor's Aide Club, Pulpit Aide Club, Choir, and Leader of Class #8. She was the immediate past president of the Blanchard Solomon Women's Missionary Society. She was our church historian, recycled teenager and a true soldier on the battlefield. Elnora was a dedicated member of Meals on Wheels and the United Order of Tents. She retired from UNC-W after 25 years of service. Sister Elnora loved the Lord and served and worshipped Him in spirit and truth. She loved and was very proud of her family, children and grandchildren. Elnora loved St. Phillip African Methodist Episcopal Church and her Williston Industrial School Class of 1949. She served the AME Church Women's Missionary Society. Her great love locally was the Blanchard Solomon Missionary Society, the Elia Price Sarah Allen Area, the North Carolina Conference and the 2nd Episcopal District. Sister Elnora was a life member of the North Carolina Conference and served as hostess and delegate. She attended the Quadrennial as a delegate and

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TELL SOMEBODY

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight. O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

Once a word is spoken, it can never be retrieved, therefore, we should be ever so careful to watch the words that come from our mouths!

David, the great Psalmist, prayed for grace (unmerited favor) as he sought to live a life that was pleasing in the sight of the Lord. He prayed for God to give him an understanding of his errors, for he genuinely wanted to know what it was that he was doing wrong. David was referred to as, "A man after God's own heart", because after he would sin, he

would humble himself and repent (be Godly sorry) for his sins, and sincerely seek to be restored in the sight of the Lord. (Psalm 51)

David even asked to be cleansed from secret faults. He admitted that there were things in his heart, that only God could see. His earnest and honest attitude toward God was often met with mercy, because he truly meant what he said. He truly wanted to be saved, and he truly wanted to be delivered from himself.

Sylvia Hooper

"Who can understand his

errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:12-14

The words of our mouths as Christian Believers, should be filled with wisdom. This wisdom of words works harmoniously with wisdom of thought and mind. "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." Psalm 119:59

Ecclesiastes 5:2 says, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty (in a hurry) to utter anything

before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy word be few." If we were to limit ourselves to saying only the things that we know to be fact, and not what we hear from second hand smoke, our words indeed would be few!

Proverbs 18:21a says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." The words of our mouths should be carefully spoken and righteously weighed, for our speech reveals our true character. Jesus said that we will accountable for the words we speak!

Matthew 12:36, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou

shalt be condemned."

Through the wisdom of the Word of God, we are told repeatedly to put restraint on our tongue. "Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile." Psalm 34:13 "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." Proverbs 21:33 "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth." Proverbs 6:2

Prayer: Heavenly Father, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

Psalm 19:14 In Jesus' Name, Amen. Tell Somebody

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, mar-

ried 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

You don't have to stay the way you are change is available

(I will be quoting Scriptures from several translations for clarity)

Gal:3:13-14 (KJV) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (AMPC) 13 Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified);14 To the end that through [their receiving] Christ Jesus, the blessing [promised] to Abraham might come upon the Gentiles so that we through faith might [all] receive [the realization of] the promise of the [Holy] Spirit.

"Scripture says that "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law." The word "redeemed" (means to buy back or to buy from or to ransom. Christ has bought man back and ransomed him from the curse of the law. That man has broken the law of God is unquestionable; every honest man knows this. Therefore,

every man stands guilty before God and must be judged and condemned to bear the curse and punishment of the law. But this is the glorious news: Jesus Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. How?

"1. Jesus Christ was made a curse for us. Simply stated, Jesus Christ took our condemnation, doom, death, and punishment upon Himself and bore them all for us. Jesus Christ took our place as the lawbreaker and guilty party before God, and He bore the punishment of the lawbreaker for us. How was this possible?

"Because Jesus Christ had obeyed and kept the law of God perfectly. He had never broken the law, not even once. He was sinless and perfect. He had secured the Ideal Righteousness and Perfection before God. Therefore, He bore no guilt and no penalty, and no mark of death. He had the right to stand before God and claim eternal life, the right to be accepted by God and to never experience death. He

was perfect; He had secured incorruptible righteousness.

"Because God is love. The glorious gospel is that instead of claiming the right to live in God's presence, Christ determined to give His perfection and righteousness to the people of the earth and to take their sin upon Himself. He was determined to swap His ideal righteousness for man's unrighteousness, to swap His ideal life for man's sinful life.

Stated as simply as possible, Jesus Christ substituted Himself, His perfect life, for man's sinful life. He substituted His obedience to God for man's disobedience. He bore man's sin and punishment so that man might stand righteous and perfect before God. Jesus Christ bore the curse of the law for us (Jesus took the sins, sickness, and diseases of the whole world into His body on the cross and paid the sin debt in full and provided a vaccine through His Shed blood for the whole World." (POSB) Romans 5:8-9 (KJV) 8But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 2 Corin. 5:21 (KJV) 21For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteous-

ness of God in him. (saved and healed is translated from the same Greek work).

James 5:14-16 any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:15And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.6 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (AMPC) 14 Is anyone among you sick? He should call in the church elders (the spiritual guides). And they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Lord's name.15 And the prayer [that is] of faith will save him who is sick, and the Lord will restore him; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.16 Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another; that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. (ERV) 14 Are you sick? Ask the

elders of the church to come and rub oil on you[a] in the name of the Lord and pray for you. 15 If such a prayer is offered in faith, it will heal anyone who is sick. The Lord will heal them. And if they have sinned, he will forgive them.16 So always tell each other the wrong things you have done. Then pray for each other. Do this so that God can heal you. Anyone who lives the way God wants can pray, and great things will happen.

Isaiah 52:13-14 (KJV) 13Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. 14As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: (AMPC)13 Behold, My [a]Servant shall deal wisely and shall prosper; He shall be exalted and extolled and shall stand very high.14 [For many the Servant of God became an object of horror; many were astonished at Him.] His face and His whole appearance were marred more than any man's, and His form beyond that of the sons of men-but just as many were astonished at Him,

"He obeyed God, did exactly what God wanted to be done, and accomplished

God's will on earth. Of course, God's will is for all people to obey Him, to know and worship Him, living righteously as they walk through life. By never failing to obey God, Christ became the Ideal Righteousness-the very embodiment, the representative, the pattern of righteousness. Just like the pattern of any product, many copies are made from the pattern, each being exactly like the original. Because Christ is the Ideal Righteousness, His righteousness can stand for or cover all people who put their trust in Him. In other words, when people place their faith in Christ, God no longer sees them as sinners, but as righteous, covered by the righteousness of Christ."

Father, in the name of Jesus we come boldly to the throne of grace in faith through what Jesus accomplish over 2000 years ago on the cross and receive the salvation (saved, healed, and delivered) that belongs to all that will believe and received in Jesus name. Amen.

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

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observer. Sister Elnora Smith continued her missionary work even during her illness! She mentored, counseled, advised, chastised and loved the old, young, babies and all in between.

She leaves to cherish her loving and precious memories: two children, Shelly Douglas of Norfolk, VA and Demure Bell (Ernest) of Wilmington, NC; 9 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Titus Vaughn

Titus Vaughn died Friday, November 13, 2020. Graveside service was held Friday, November 20, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Titus was known to everyone he encountered as "Smook" He was born to Titus Whitaker and Lakesha Vaughn on April 22, 1994. He received his GED from Southern County College. Smook had previous experience in construction and factory work. Smook was a member Grace Fellowship Church in Tabor City, NC He had a smile that would light up a room. He was also known for his love to dance,. He never met a stranger and touched everyone e met in his life. Smook's willing to help others, care for others, compassion and understanding will remain forever.

He loves fond memories with: one daughter, D'Shiya Vaughn; father, Titus Whitaker; mother, Lakesha Vaughn; sisters, Shaquetta Vaughn and Akeira Fashion; brothers, Wizdom Vaughn and Shyheim Thompson; aunts,

Thomasina (Johnny) Maulsby, Cynthis Vaughn, LAchat Vaughn, Ebony (Caleb) Lomax, Angela Pryor and Shalonda Vaughn; uncle, John Vaughn; grandparents, Eugene and Barbara DeWitt and Marilyn Whitaker; great-grandparents, Marion DeWitt and Augusta Whitaker; special friends, Tyshawn and Trey Bender; and a host of great aunts, great uncles, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Samuel Edward Taylor

Samuel Edward Taylor died on November 23, 2020. Graveside service was held on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Samuel Edward Taylor was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on July 3, 1943 and lived a wonderful life until his passing. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel and Mary Taylor, Sr., his two sisters and his two brothers. Samuel was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He was employed with the international Longshoremen's Association, Local 1426 for many years until he could no longer work, due to his injuries.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife of 58 years, Vermell Riley Taylor; his children, Cedric Allen Taylor (Cassandra), Adrian Earl Taylor (Tracy) and special daughter, Sabora Perry; one grandson, Adrian Earl Taylor, Jr. (Shaquan); granddaughter, Jamerican Fleming; great-grandchildren, Aria Taylor and Skylar Taylor; two brothers-in-law, Grady Riley (Delores) and Thomas Riley; two sisters-in-law, Louise Horton and Linda Drew; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and

friends, including a very special friend to the family, Mrs. Deborah Taylor. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

James Williams

James Williams died November 23, 2020. Visitation only was held on Saturday, November 28, 2020. Graveside service will be held at Manasseh Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery at a later date in Franklinton, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

LaShonda Hobbs

LaShonda Hobbs died on November 22, 2020. Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2020 in the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2020. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Carlton "Ice" Sidberry

Carlton "Ice" Sidberry died November 24, 2020. Funeral services were held Monday, November 30, 2020.

Carlton was born October 27, 1965 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Elder Ruby Jacobs and the late Rufus Sidberry. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Wayne Sidberry. Carlton aka "Ice" was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. While residing in Las Vegas he attended Northwest Career College and obtained his Phlebotomist Certification. He was employed with Local 1429 of The International Longshoremen's Association until his health declined. Carlton knew the Lord and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior; constantly

praying with family and friends. He always had a smile that would light up a room, you saw that smile before you saw him. The love of friends and family was a must to Carl. He had a love for sports, including baseball, basketball and the famous sandlot football. You could find #3 of the Jerryv Bulldogs always ready.

His legacy of love is: his loving children, Ashley Sidberry, Devante Sidberry, Morgan Gottfried, Jaida Gregg and Nyasia Gregg-Sidberry; grandchildren, Jyhiem Brewster, Jahni Clark, Madison Williams, Milani Williams and A'Cayden Hines; Mother, Elder Ruby Sidberry; brothers, Trge Sidberry (Adrienda), Tony Sidberry (Treei); sisters, Terri Hansley (Alonza), Tanya Houser (Don) a Laniece Rains; aunts, Hattie Goodwin and Hazel English (Emil); uncles, Edward Wansley (Wilma) and Robert Eaddy (Gloria); caregivers, DeeDee Morris, Tricia Branham and Aretha Session; forever friends, Anthony Atkinson, James Earl, Reggie Green, Maurice Bellamy, Alonzo Mitchell, Dwayne Baldwin, Rodney Beatty and Darien Zanders; a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Elder (Mother) Juerina Johnson Hamby

Elder (Mother) Juerina Johnson Hamby died on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at Faith Soldiers Empowerment Center, Hallsboro, NC. Burial followed in the Cutler Cemetery, Lake Waccamaw.

She was born on September 28, 1936 in Kingstree, South Carolina to the late, Blanie Johnson and Mary G. Johnson. She accepted Jesus

Christ as her personal Savior as a child at Mt. Moriah Untied Holiness Church. When she became of age, she joined Healing Waters Holiness Church in 1963. It was there that she served as a member of the E. S. Hill Choir and president of the Missionary Board for many years. She later became a licensed minister and an ordained Elder. Elder Hamby was part of Williston High School, Class of 1954. She received her LPN certificate from Cape Fear Community College.

She married the Charles Frank Hamby in 1955, who preceded her in death. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was also preceded in death by her son Charlie Frank Hamby Jr.; her daughter, Darlene Hamby, and her brother, Blanie Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Florine J. Davis of Wilmington, NC; her son, Ira Hamby of Wilmington, NC; her daughter-in-law, Annie Hamby of Lamar, SC; two sisters, Lueida Keaton (Top) and Lela Flood all of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Bishop-Elect Dr. Charles W. Davis II (Melissa), Michael Coe (Janice), Marlo H. Mack (Antonio), Charlie Hamby Jr. (Tonya), Lorenzo Hamby (Bernetta), Quatterio Hamby, and Trevor Spicer; three spiritual daughters, Judy Best, Dalphine James and Pastor Sue Briggs; one spiritual son, Pastor James A. Shaw, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Charles Goodman

Charles Goodman died on November 24, 2020. Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5,

2020 in the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Katie Brown

Katie Brown died November 26, 2020. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Spring Green Baptist Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Vida Lewis

Vida Lewis died November 26, 2020. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Betty Corbett

Betty Corbett died November 28, 2020. Due to COVID-19 Rules and Regulations, the funeral service will be for family only. Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Hoopers Chapel Baptist Church, Leland, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Quason Hardy

Quason Hardy died November 27, 2020. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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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

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

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

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 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

BID REQUEST

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract DA00476 in Chowan, Gates & Perquimans Co.'s bidding on 12/16/20. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 12/7/20 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT'S Project Letting website at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Divison1Letting.asp>. For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

December 3, 2020

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

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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, 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 no later than December 21, 2020 by 2:00 PM
- Bid Opening: Tuesday, January 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

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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 failu re to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sou gh t.

This is the 9th day of November 2020.

David Godwin
Attorne 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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Yolanda Denise Denham**, 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 **3rd day of March, 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 3rd day of December, 2020

Marc Smith, Jr., Administrator
1118 Zinna Court
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 25th day of August, 2020, as Co-Executors Of The Estate Of **Leland Leroy Smith, Jr.**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the decedent or said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **March 3, 2021**, a date that is three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. Please direct all claims to the attention of Sharon Smith Gore, Estate Of Leland Leroy Smith, Jr., 530 Sea Castle Court, Wilmington, North Carolina 28412. All persons indebted to said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment thereto.

This the 1st day of December, 2020.

SHARON SMITH GORE, Co-Executor Of The Estate Of Leland Leroy Smith, Jr.

530 Sea Castle Court
Wilmington, North Carolina 28412
LELAND DAVIS SMITH, Co-Executor Of The Estate Of Leland Leroy Smith, Jr.
745 Creek Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

T. SCOTT SESSIONS, Attorney For The Estate Of Leland Leroy Smith, Jr.
The McGougan Law Firm
130 Jefferson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 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.

Toni J. Hardin, State Bar #50754
Olivia B. Chaban, State Bar #50588
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P.O. Box 999
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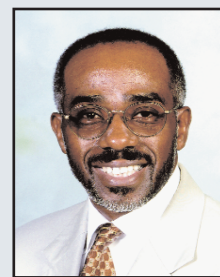
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