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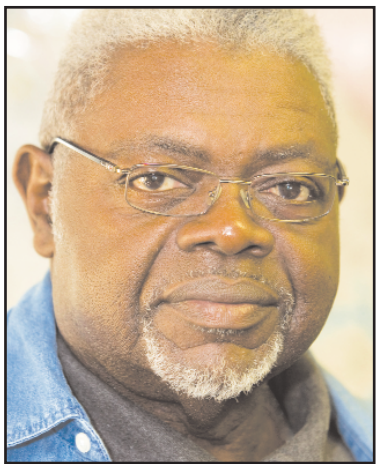
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ATTY. AL MCSURELY

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BERNEST HEWETT

REMEMBERING WORDS OF DR. KING, JR.

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I feel like this is the time to speak and report some of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s thoughts and speeches. This one was about the life of the Negro in America then and now. Here are some of his thoughts:

"Being a Negro in America is not a comfortable existence. It means being a part of the company of the bruised, the battered, the scarred, and the defeated. Being a Negro in America means trying to smile when you want to cry. It means trying to hold on to physical life amid psychological death. It means the pain of watching your children grow up with

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DR. KIZZMEKIA CORBETT

NC Black female scientist responsible for COVID-19 vaccine

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

"Let us salute Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett for her role in developing this vaccine," posted The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President of the NC NAACP, to his Facebook page Monday.

In case anyone seeing Dr. Spearman's post wasn't clear on to what he was referring, it was the notable revelation that a Black female immunologist at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), who graduated from Orange High School in Hillsborough and then UNC at Chapel Hill years later, was one of the leading researchers to unlock the mystery of the vaccine that now protects the world against the novel coronavirus.

"Kizzy is an African-American scientist who is right at the forefront of the development of the vaccine," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, after being questioned at a forum by the National Urban League.

"So the first thing you might want to say to my African-American brothers and sisters is that the vaccine that you're going to be taking was developed by an African-American woman," Dr. Fauci concluded.

Indeed, Dr. Corbett is one of the leading viral immunologists and research fellows at NIH that worked on the Moderna vaccine, which, according to the emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is 94% effective in preventing both illness and infection from COVID-19, which has presently claimed over 300,000 American lives and infected more than 15 million people across the nation.

The Moderna vaccine is expected to be distributed in the U. S. by Friday.

It is a crowning achievement for what was once a young gifted Black high school genius in the American Chemical Society's Project SEED summer internship program at UNC-Chapel Hill. While other young people hung out or went to the beach for the summer, Corbett spent hers in laboratories,



Dr. Corbett studied viral infections at UNC Chapel Hill and earned a PhD in microbiology and immunology. She joined the NIH's Vaccine Research Center, and ultimately Dr. Fauci's team, as a postdoctoral fellow in 2014.

eventually earning an internship at the NIH.

She credits a scientist, Al Russell, with being her mentor.

"Al was a Black man," she once wrote. "At such an impressionable age, seeing, through him, that becoming a scientist was an attainable goal was what stood out to me the most. This left me with an understanding of the necessity of visible representation in underserved communities, and the realization that one's approach to mentorship is equally as important as (or arguably more important than) their approach to scientific discovery. Al planted a seed that summer by taking time away from his experiments to mentor me. Now it is my purpose to resow those seeds in the youth who are the future of science."

Dr. Corbett enrolled in a doctorate program at UNC-CH, and it was there that she chose to study viral infections, ultimately earning a PhD in

microbiology and immunology. Corbett joined the NIH's Vaccine Research Center, and ultimately Dr. Fauci's team, as a postdoctoral fellow in 2014.

When the first indications that a serious viral infection from China had the potential to be widespread earlier this year, Corbett knew that she had to be part of the effort to develop an effective vaccine as soon as possible.

Furthermore, she knew that as an African-American scientist, it was important that she be visible in that effort to help inspire up and coming Black scientists.

"As I trek through my scientific career," Dr. Corbett recently wrote for the online magazine, Nature Medicine, "...making novel discoveries, climbing what seems to be a never ending ladder, I am reminded of my other duties...to mentor...to be visible...to represent."

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clouds of inferiority in their
mental skies. It means hav-
ing your legs cut off and
then being condemned for
being crippled. It means see-
ing your mother and father
spiritually murdered by the
slings and arrows of daily
exploitation and then being
hated for being an orphan.

Being a Negro in America
means listening to suburban
politicians talk eloquently
against open housing, while
arguing in the same breath
that they are not racist. It
means being harried by day
and haunted by night by a
nagging sense of nobodiness
and constantly fighting to be
saved from the poison of bit-
terness. It means the ache
and anguish of living in so
many situations where
hopes unborn have died.

The daily life of the Negro
is still lived in the basement
of the Great Society. He is
still at the bottom, despite
the few who have penetrated
to slightly higher levels.
Even where the door has
been forced partially open,
mobility for the Negro is
still sharply restricted.
There is often no bottom at
which to start, and when
there is, there is almost
always no room at the top!"

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

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or

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STATE BRIEFS

CIAA 2021 BASKETBALL
SEASON HAS BEEN
SCRAPPED

[CHARLOTTE] The
Central Intercollegiate
Athletic Association has
announced that because of
concerns evolving around
the novel coronavirus, the
2021 men's and women's bas-
ketball season has been can-

celled. The CIAA Board of
directors also voted to can-
cel the 2021 volleyball and
football seasons as well.
"Unfortunately, the COVID-
19 continues to challenge
the conference's ability to
see a clear path to move for-
ward collectively," CIAA
commissioner Jacqie
McWilliams said in a state-
ment.

NC STATE SENATOR
SAYS TRUMP SHOULD
DECLARE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY

[CHOWAN] A Republican

NC state senator says he is
suspicious of the November
2020 election results, and
believes that president.
Trump should declare a
national emergency, sus-
pend basic liberties to over-
turn the election, and
invoke the Insurrection Act.
State Senator Robert
Steinburg [R- Chowan] is
echoing other disbelieving
members of his party that
Trump lost to Democrat Joe
Biden. Steinburg says he's
just putting "ideas on the
table," but believes "There's
something going on here

bigger than what anybody is
willing to talk about."

NC GOP LEADERS
FLAUNT COVID-19
SAFETY RULES WITH
VICTORY PARTY

[ELKIN] Republican leaders
from across the state gath-
ered last Saturday at an
indoor resort in Elkin to ce-
lebrate their election victo-
ries, but did so without
masks and a definite lack of
social distancing.
Photographs from the event
show leaders from Sen.
Thom Tillis to House

Speaker Tim Moore without
masks carousing with other
rank-in-file GOP'ers with-
out any COVID-19 precau-
tions. Ironically, North
Carolina hit 6,000 cases on
Saturday, and Elkin is in
Surry County, one of the
state's hardest hit for coro-
na virus.

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CASH MICHAELS

Chief Justice Beasley concedes election to Justice Newby

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

After 39 days, and one of
the tightest elections in the
history of North Carolina, N.
C. Chief Justice Cheryl
Beasley, Democrat, conceded
defeat to Republican chal-
lenger, Justice Paul Newby,
December 12.

Newby will become chief
justice on Jan. 1, 2021. He
will serve an eight-year term.

Beasley, the first Black
woman ever to serve as chief
justice of the NC Supreme
Court, trailed Newby in a
statewide machine recount
and hand-to-eye recount by
401 votes out of 5.4 million
cast.

"Today, I called Justice
Newby to congratulate him on
winning the election for chief
justice of the North Carolina
Supreme Court," Beasley
wrote in an open letter to her
supporters Saturday. "I offer
my very best to him and his
family as he moves into that
new role."

"I have tried my best as
your chief justice to honor
the opportunity set before
me," she continued. "I have
tried not just to speak the
truth but to live it. To not sim-
ply be an expert in the law but
an advocate for equity to
apply the tools of justice to
the cause of equality. My hope
is that those values will con-
tinue to define North
Carolina's highest court as it
meets the challenges of the
future."

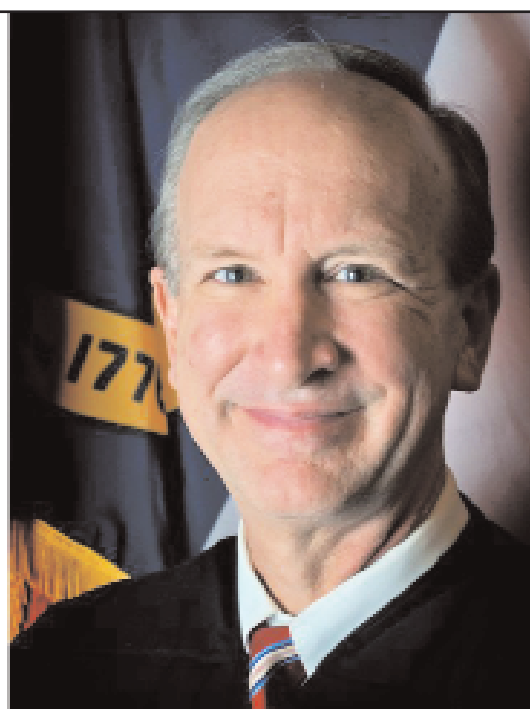
"To serve this State and the
people of North Carolina has
been the greatest honor of my
life," Beasley concluded.

To say that Chief Justice
Beasley's razor thin election
defeat was stinging to her
many supporters is an under-
statement.

"NC Democrats failed Black
women! Period!" opined
Phyllis Coley, Durham Black
magazine publisher, referring
to the failure of six Black
Democratic female candi-
dates falling short in
November.

"The N. C. Democratic
Party should be ashamed,
considering their failure to
reciprocate the support Black
women have given to the
Party to the Black women
who were on the ballot," com-
plained DeWarren L. online.

It was 2012 when then
Democratic Governor Beverly
Perdue appointed Associate
N. C. Appellate Judge Cheri
Beasley to finish the unex-
pired term of Associate
Justice Patricia Timmons-



CHIEF JUSTICE BEASLEY AND JUSTICE NEWBY

Goodson on North Carolina's
highest court. A former
Cumberland County public
defender and district court
judge, Justice Beasley later
won election to the seat.

In February 2019, after
seven years on the High
Court, Gov. Roy Cooper elevat-
ed Justice Beasley to chief
justice to fill that vacancy,
drawing the ire of the court's
longest serving justice, Paul
Newby. Beasley instantly

made history as the first
African-American woman to
hold the post and the 29th
justice to ever do so. An outraged
Newby immediately chal-
lenged Beasley for her seat,
eventually defeating her dur-
ing the November 2020 elec-
tion.

"Chief Justice Beasley was
an outstanding leader for our
judiciary during a period of
tremendous challenges and
stress," said Attorney Irving

Joyner. "During this time,
where huge racial issues
arose and this deadly corono-
virus pandemic ravished
families and communities,
the chief justice stood firm as
an administrator and manag-
er of the court's operations
and as a strong advocate for
racial justice and equality
within our justice system.
She spoke with a calm and
deliberate voice in order that
our judicial agencies were

open and available to the peo-
ple and that citizens and court
personnel were not placed in
harm's way. During this peri-
od, her voice as a progressive
and concerned judicial
arbiter was loud and clear as
she fought to insure that
Supreme Court opinions rep-
resented holistic view of how
the North Carolina
Constitution and laws spoke
to the rights and protections
of all of the people.

"For African Americans in
particular," Joyner continued,
"we are proud that she rep-
resented us well as the first
African American female and
the second African American
to lead the North Carolina
Supreme Court. We were hon-
ored and blessed to have expe-
rienced her judicial wisdom
and persuasion on the Court."

"With the advent of
Associate Justice Paul Newby
as the incoming chief jus-
tice," Attorney Joyner contin-
ued, "we will experience a
more conservative leadership
and government-centered
administration. Within
African American and racial
minority communities, there
will be significant concerns
about reported racially insen-
sitive comments which he
made following the appoint-
ment of Justice Beasley as the
chief justice and during his
campaign to unseat her."

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GUEST EDITORIAL

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

Can Trumpism Domestic Terrorism Campaign ignite the second violent coup d'etat in the U.S. before noon, January 20, 2021?

Four years ago in December 2016, a month before Donald Trump put his hand on the Holy Bible to swear he would uphold the Constitution, a signal for some of his friends on the Capitol steps to call their stock brokers to profit from their insider information. Around the same time, Casey Michel published a prophetic piece in Quartz, called *How Russia Surpassed Germany to Become the Dangerous New Role Model for Trump-Loving American White Supremacists*. I suggest you will learn much from this article.



Al McSurely

A few months later Duke University's Richard Spencer and a student of his at the quiet college town in Charlottesville, Virginia, decided it would be a good place to test Trump's commitment to support the Klan-Fascist Axis-the goal of extremist Republicans since Hitler and Mussolini brought Aryan supremacist-fascist tactics to power in Germany and Italy in the early 1930's.

The Moral Fusion Movement's Rev. Traci Blackmon of the United Church of Christ was scheduled to speak in Charlottesville Friday evening. The UCC-Congregational Church was the same Abolitionist church that dispatched Rev. Ben Chavis to Wilmington as a trained peacemaker at the historic Gregory Church. His job was to teach non-violent responses to violent KKK tactics against school desegregation.

In Charlottesville, in May 2017, Richard Spencer's domestic terrorists nearly killed Rev. Blackmon, as they raced around like drunken college boys, waving their burning fascies. Rev. Blackmon recognized the same tactics she had seen near her church in Ferguson, Missouri, when she and other anti-racist Christians helped found Black Lives Matter there. In Charlottesville, Spencer's United Right Brown Shirts were more disciplined as they circled the terrorized Jewish congregation in the small synagogue on the UVA campus. The goose-stepping Brown Shirts Spencer had recruited from California and the mid-west breeding ground of Trumpism, the Brown Shirts scream in unison, "The Jews Shall Not Replace Us." "The Jews Shall Not Replace Us."

They did not reveal that Spencer, who organized the criminal acts, was married to a Russian intellectual with close ties to one of Putin's favorite Russian intellectuals who was promoting the concept of Eurasianism, a pet project of Putin and Trump. Its aim was to collapse the NATO and other US-alliances around the world. Ms. Spencer translated Eurasianism into English, introducing the Putin (and Trump) major propaganda initiative to her husband and other English-speaking Putin disciples.

In May, 2017 Trump passed the Spencer's test with flying colors. The minute Trump could get in front of Network News Cameras in Washington, D.C., the News Capital of the western world, he told the Russian President and other backers of Spencer's "United Right" political theater, there were "good people" on "both sides." Despite several clean up attempts, Trump never explained who the "good people" were on Spencer's Klan-Nazi side?

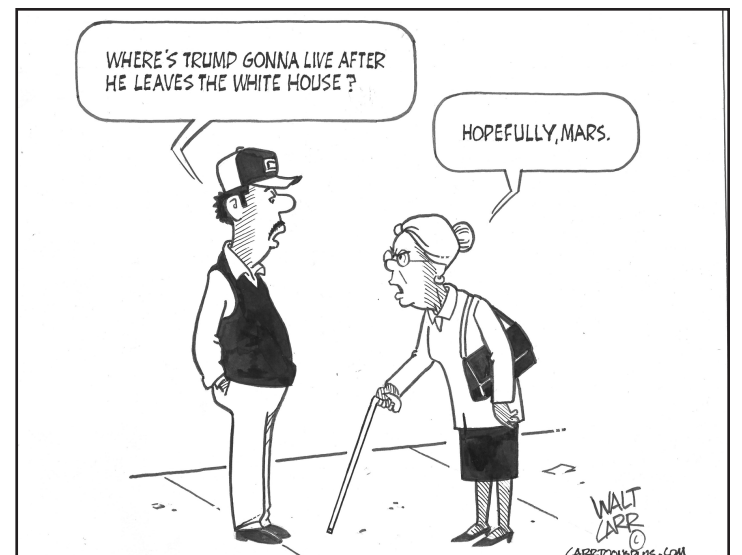
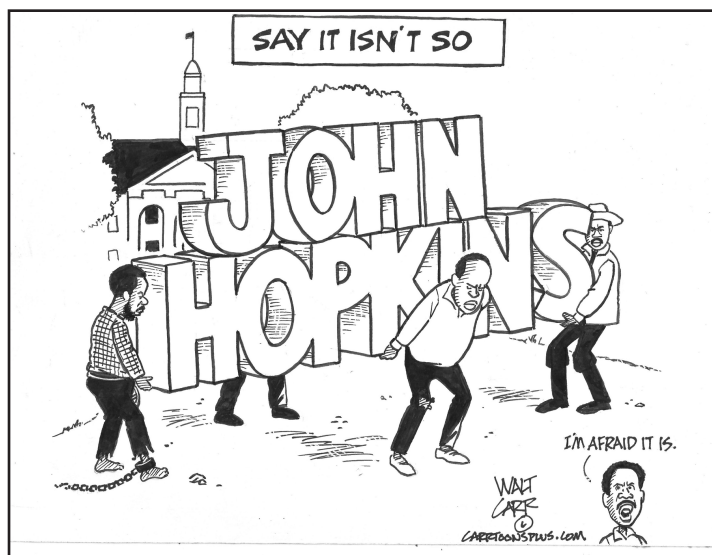
Pay attention to the new government Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are creating. Wear your mask, Wash your hands, and stay at home over the holidays. Get your vaccination at your drug store as soon as you can. That's the plan for O'Linda, Cora and me for the next few months until it is clear there are sane people running the government. I'm also keeping an eye on Trumpism, its disgraced lawyer, Rudolph, the Brown-Nose Reindeer, and the circle of incompetents who twittering away their remaining days. At night they are busy at their paper shredders and hard drives, destroying evidence of their crimes before honest law enforcement achieves power at Noon on 1/20/2021.

Support the *Wilmington Journal* and the Jervy family. I invite you to study the history of the first successful coup d'etat in November 1898, when federal troops and white churches supported Gov. Aycock's brown-shirt machine gun murder of scores of Black people in downtown Wilmington. I believe Wilmington will retain its title as the only major city where a successful coup d'etat occurred. Perhaps our Legislative representatives will get the courage to introduce and pass a law lifting the statute of limitations for heirs of the victims of this only coup d'etat in the history of the U.S.

Stay safe. Stay Strong. We Ain't Tired Yet. Support the restoration of the *Wilmington Journal* Historic Building.

Att. McSurely worked in the Civil Rights Movement from 1960 to 1968, when his family's home was dynamited in Eastern Kentucky. Margaret Herring and he were charged with overthrowing the Government of Kentucky by building moral fusion alliances with Appalachian coal miners and Black voters. He became a lawyer after 15 years of apprenticeship to Bill Kunstler, Arthur Kinoy, and Morton Stavis while they fought off charges of sedition and contempt. He earned his law degree from NCCU Law School and has been suing racist institutions ever since. He has worked closely with his friend, Bishop William J. Barber II. Five years ago, he married O'Linda Watkins, President of Moore County NAACP Branch.

VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

Stimulus or relief?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Demos is a Greek word which refers to the common people of a nation, the populace. It is the root word for many other words to which we often refer. Democratic, Demonstrations, Demonstrators, Demography, Demographics, Demographer, Demobilize and Democracy are some of those terms which come to mind.

Ideally and in the scheme of history, Democracy is a noble idea. The concept of government based upon mutuality and, ostensibly, the belief in the will of the majority of citizens is, theoretically, preferable to any other form of government.

As a principle of Democracy, mutuality is one that my observations determine is more often forgotten or ignored. With the extremely rare exception, no one individual can afford to build or maintain the thoroughfares that take us to and from work. Our public schools are established with the understanding that while we cannot individually afford to finance teachers or facilities, with each of us paying a smaller amount, we can collectively educate our children. The

same principles apply to public safety, national defense, and disaster preparation/management. Despite naysayers, one of the important elements of Democracy is the implied collaborative

agreement that we will work to achieve and "provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty."

We are at war with COVID. Without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, or nationality this disease is challenging the health and welfare of everyone on earth. Unfortunately, while COVID is a world-wide problem, the United States is currently at ground-zero for infections and death. The necessity for social distancing in a COVID environment has wreaked havoc on economies and the people attempting to survive under deteriorating financial conditions. Yet many refuse to acknowledge the common threat facing us all. Even dying COVID patients report-

edly express disbelief in the disease or its ability to kill.

I have always believed that effective communication is essential to problem solving. I value those attempting to accurately describe the nature of the problem with all participants agreeing that problem resolution is the bottom-line goal. It is problematic that those currently responsible for COVID policy management and implementation fail to acknowledge the need for earnest action.

Beyond contracting the disease is the problem of surviving secondary impacts of the disease. Unemployment and lack of funds spawn increasing food insecurity (starvation) and threats of homelessness. Every day, those blessed with an operating television see the surface of suffering by our fellow citizens. Listening to the news daily, I anxiously await a report that the Senate and House have reconciled their differences and that a new economic package is on the way to the White House for signature. Each day, I am met with the disturbing news that Mitch McConnell and his Republican cronies have identified another obstacle in the pathway to mitigating the economic pain that is now

common to so many. What is worse is a President who has abandoned all leadership responsibilities in quest of reversing an election he has unquestionably lost.

Incidentally, the current Republican COVID response presents ample reason to flip the Senate with the election of Warnock and Ossoff in Georgia. Let us all encourage that outcome!

As we approach the winter recess, I wonder what we will face if Congress fails to act before reconvening in January. Will Congress return to a nation that only requires a small nudge to get things moving again? Or will we face a situation so dire as to threaten our internal order and security? Will politicians allow our nation to devolve into social and economic chaos?

I pray our national circumstance will not deteriorate to the point of needing incalculable relief. The consequences of benign neglect should already be emblazoned in our memories!

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



Dr. E. Faye Williams

The Biden Cabinet - Mainstream, moderate middling

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Ineither expected sparks nor extreme surprises as President-elect Joe Biden begin to announce his Cabinet. I did expect diversity, and we've seen it. But I didn't expect the number of Obama-era retirees to be included in this Cabinet. As I write this in mid-December, I can hardly contain my disappointment that Tom Vilsack, the man who fired Shirley Sherrod for specious reasons, is being asked, again, to lead the Department of Agriculture. Many of us had hoped that Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, who served several years on the House Committee on Agriculture, would get this position. Instead, she has been nominated to be the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), still a cabinet position.

HUD, however, is one of those "black folk or people of color" positions. Robert Weaver, an African American Harvard Ph.D. in economics, was the first HUD Secretary. Noted attorney and civil rights activist, Patricia Roberts Harris, was the eighth. Some HUD secretaries were quite distinguished and qualified, others (like present secretary Ben Carson) much less so. In any case Congresswoman Fudge will do an exemplary job, no

matter where she serves. But I am among those, including the legacy civil rights leaders, who is not excited about Vilsack returning to Agriculture.

There is no one under 50 among the Biden nominees.

There are few progressives among the Biden nominees. A glimmer of hope lies in the fact that the Council of Economic Advisors leans somewhat left and is also

labor-centered, with the nominated chair, Cecilia Rouse, a Princeton University labor economist. The others, Jared Bernstein and Heather Boushey, have past relationships with the Economic Policy Institute, a worker focused think tank in DC (I serve on their board). It is also hopeful that Janet Yellen has been nominated as Treasury Secretary. She is worker-focused and the first woman to hold the post. But in retreating Vilsack and Kerry, choosing international expert Suan Rice to lead the Domestic Policy Council, and choosing other mainstream moderates, Biden has thrown ice water on the hopes and dreams of the progressives who put their interests aside to unite around him.

Where is the appointment for Mayor Pete Buttigieg, whose youth and knowledge will bring much to the Cabinet? Who will be the Secretary of Labor? Bernie Sanders would like the position and is highly qualified for it. But so, too, is Thea Lee, President of the Economic Policy Institute, or Bill Spriggs, an African American labor economist who was an Assistant Secretary under President Obama. What about the Attorney General? Of the four top picks, only one, Former Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick, is African American. There are opportunities for the Cabinet to be younger, more progressive, and more diverse. President-elect Biden has to consider their concerns.

For a week or so, I've been encouraging patience, telling people we need to wait to see "the whole thing" of this Cabinet. But I'm reminded (thank you, Congressman Jim Clyburn) of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s book, "Why We Can't Wait", that Black people are always waiting, always being cautioned to be patient, always being told that it is not yet time for our concerns to be addressed. We have been cautioned on patience by both our friends and by those who would oppose us.

President-elect Jo Biden still has selections to make,

and he can make them younger and more diverse. I'd also encourage him to speak up about the racism that has increased in our streets with these "Proud Boys" defacing Washington DC churches and roaming through our streets picking fights with people.

We need a strong voice to stand against this racism. It wouldn't necessarily come from the mainstream, moderate and middling. Those like the so-called Proud Boys (what are they proud of) aren't likely to listen to Biden since they've been given the thumbs up by the tantrum-throwing loser who can't figure out how to concede this election. But President-elect Biden would be well advised to speak firmly about this racism. Perhaps he should, as NAACP President Derrick Johnson said, appoint a race czar, just as he has selected the climate czar in John Kerry. In any case, the middling and the moderate, those who enjoy the status quo, aren't the ones to fix a mess that has been brewing for more than four hundred years. President-elect has never been especially bold, but this is a moment for boldness.

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WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR TODAY

TO BE EQUAL

Health care, voting rights, and pandemic recovery at stake in Georgia's Runoff Election

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Support for the majority vote plan reinforced the moderate segregationist position. It did not remove anyone's right to cast a ballot, but it was common

ly regarded as hampering African Americans-the stigmatized bloc voters-from making their votes count more effectively at the polls. In similar fashion, especially following passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, southern white politicians devised electoral techniques to offset the rising power of black ballots." - **Civil Rights in America: Racial Voting Rights, U.S. Department of the Interior, 2007**

In most states, the winner of an election is determined by a plurality - the candidate with the highest number of vote's wins, regardless of whether that number is a majority of votes.

In Georgia, however, if no candidate wins a majority, the top two vote-getters face one another in a runoff. In 1962, the Supreme Court struck down Georgia's old "county-unit system, a "kind of a poor man's Electoral College" that had been created 45 years prior to amplify rural voters' power while disadvantaging Black voters.

The runoff was instituted to

undermine the influence of Black voters. The segregationist state representative who proposed it, Denmark Groover, had been defeated in an earlier race and blamed his loss on "Negro bloc voting." In 1990, the



Marc Morial

Department of Justice sued to overturn the runoff system, saying it has had "a demonstrably chilling effect on the ability of blacks to become candidates for public office," and calling it "an electoral steroid for white candidates." The Department cited elections in more than 20 Georgia counties "where at least 35 black candidates won the most votes in their initial primaries, but then lost in runoffs as voters coalesced around a white opponent."

Now, almost 60 years later, a voting system that was designed to dilute the Black vote could result in the election state's first Black U.S. Senator.

On Jan. 5, two runoff elections for Senate will take place in Georgia. Neither candidate in either race earned more than 50% of the vote in the November 3 General Election.

Voters there will choose between incumbent Kelly

Loeffler, who was appointed to her seat by Governor Brian Kemp last year, and challenger Rev. Raphael Warnock, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Martin Luther King Jr.'s former congregation.

They will also choose between incumbent David Purdue, a businessman first elected to the seat in 2014, and challenger Jon Ossoff.

The results will determine which party controls the Senate for the next two years. If the challengers win, the Senate will be split 50-50, with Vice President Kamala Harris able to cast a tie-breaking vote.

In other words, the election will determine whether the Biden agenda will receive a fair hearing, or face a level of obstructionism unprecedented until Barack Obama's presidency.

The outcome of these elections will determine whether Congress passes a coronavirus stimulus bill that provide more aid for struggling businesses, jobless workers or cities and states facing massive layoffs of frontline workers like police, firefighters, healthcare workers and teachers.

President-elect Biden's proposed COVID-19 response plan calls for expanding coronavirus testing resources and increasing the country's capacity to make personal protective equipment by leveraging the Defense Production Act. He has

also backed legislation that would create a separate COVID-19 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Task Force.

The outcome of these elections will determine the future of the Affordable Care Act. At risk is the insurance coverage for 20 million Americans who have gained coverage either through the exchanges or through the expansion of Medicaid. Millions more are facing the loss of coverage because of preexisting conditions - including, possibly, the more than 13 million who have been infected with coronavirus.

These elections could determine the future of the Voting Rights Act. It has been almost a year since the House passed the Voting Rights Restoration Act, which would reinstate the parts of the act that were stripped out by the Supreme Court in 2013. The bill has been stranded in the Senate.

Also stranded in the Senate has been the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, a plan to hold police accountable, change the culture of law enforcement and build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve by addressing systemic racism and bias.

For more information about the Georgia runoff election, including key dates, visit www.ReclaimYourVote.org.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Can it be over?

Ever since the current occupant of the White House began his candidacy for the presidency, he has kept this country and indeed, the world, in a constant state of stress.

It began in his campaign. His method was to go on television - him and his surrogates - and talk over the journalists trying to interview him. "Excuse me" was his go-to phrase as he shut down questions he did not want to answer. It was like his whole team had been trained to control the media's capacity to get truth and valid answers out of him. It was aggravating for many to watch, but his base, to which he was joined at the hip, loved it. He was giving "the establishment" a beat-down. He was shutting down the forces that his base believed had wronged them for too long. He was showing the world that he had no intention of being "politically correct," meaning he had no intention to be civil or polite to the elites who had for too long batted them down.

How many times did we hear that he was giving "red meat" to his base? He, accompanied and supported by Conservative media - both print and broadcast - had only one intention: to rile up that base and show them that he was on their side as nobody else had been. To hell with consent decrees and criticizing police brutality against people of color, especially black people. To hell with treating this country's allies with respect, and to hell with doing anything that would protect the environment and therefore, the people who lived in the environment. To hell with science, to hell with climate change, to hell with anything that seemed to help make the lives of the vast numbers of American citizens.

This president had shoved protocol in the face of this government from the beginning. He would rule the way he wanted to rule. During the campaign, he would not produce his tax returns; the so-called "audit" was ongoing and apparently has not been yet completed, because even as he nears the end of his presidency, no tax returns have been produced. He used his Twitter account to excoriate and to fire people he did not like - and he did not like anyone who dared challenge him. He was a master at calling people names and lying about everything. He thought nothing of getting on the world stage and using the most crass language a world leader has ever been heard to use. He made grandiose summaries of what he had done; he was the president of superlatives. Everything he did was "better than anything has ever been," or language similar to that.

He was a racist from the beginning. Mexicans were racists and "bad" people. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2015/07/08/donald-trumps-false-comments-connecting-mexican-immigrants-and-crime/) Muslims were "radical Islamic terrorists" who deserved to be kept out of this country. (https://www.cnn.com/2017/01/27/politics/trump-plans-to-sign-executive-action-on-refugees-extreme-vetting/index.html) He was going to build a "big beautiful wall" to keep refugees from Central America out of the United States. (https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2017/04/25/donald-trump-wall-canada/100894606/) When angry whites descended on Charlottesville, Virginia, he said there were "good people on both sides," revealing his racist leanings. (https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-defends-2017-fine-people-comments-calls-robert/story?id=62653478) He encouraged violence meted out by white supporters - including police officers - telling the latter not to be so "gentle" with those whom they arrested. (https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/7/28/16059536/trump-cops-speech-gang-violence-long-island) He reminded people at his rallies that protesters were not welcome, and that there was a time when people were violently gotten rid of in certain situations. (https://www.businessinsider.com/donald-trump-crap-protesters-tomatoes-2016-2) He stoked violence at every turn, and his base loved it.

The relationship between Trump and evangelical Christians - most, not all, of whom were white - was another component of his base. They loved - and still love - him because they were sure he would get judges on the United States Supreme Court to overturn Roe v Wade. It was astounding to watch this group of people who had hitherto pronounced themselves as the highest moral standard in America accept his language, the accusations of sexual impropriety (https://www.npr.org/2016/10/23/498890836/poll-white-evangelicals-have-warmed-to-politicians-who-commit-immoral-acts), they were unmoved when the president insulted the late Sen. John McCain (https://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/19/us/politics/trump-beltittles-mccains-war-record.html), and many of them proclaimed that the president had been sent to this country by God. (https://www.register-guard.com/zz/news/20190813/evangelicals-view-trump-as-blessing) There was no outcry, no objection when this president revealed his ignorance of the Bible as he held up the Bible at a rally and said it was his favorite book, citing "two Corinthians." (https://www.npr.org/2016/01/18/463528847/citing-two-corinthians-trump-struggles-to-make-the-sale-to-evangelicals)

His language and his behavior was troubling and dangerous - and it still is. While we may not be subjected to the daily tweets of this very troubling and troubled man, he is still the knight in shining armor for his base - which loves him to the point of hysteria. This base - which is not a group of uneducated, uninformed people, but which is a mixture of the educated and uneducated, the very rich and the very poor - are convinced that their candidate, their president, was robbed of a second term. In spite of the facts, in spite of multiple recounts, and in spite of state and federal judges - some of whom were appointed by the president - they are convinced that he was wronged and that President-elect Biden stole the election from him. The final decision of the United States Supreme Court, which politely dismissed the case filed by the Texas Attorney General to overturn the election served only to make "the base" even more angry. (https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/11/politics/supreme-court-texas-trump-biden/index.html)

Then there was his total mishandling of the coronavirus, which has taken over 250,000 lives. There was no outrage from his base as he pushed rogue solutions, including using hydroxychloroquine and even bleach. He turned a dangerous and deadly virus attack into a political football, thrown to his base to make them ignore public health recommendations that could have resulted in our country losing far fewer people. He showed no regard or compassion or concern for the hundreds of thousands of people who were dying; he had little inclination to make sure health care workers had the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) they needed to tend to the very sick, and made wearing a mask a sign of weakness. Where did this man come from? Americans are still unable to function "normally," the economy is sinking causing economic distress on top of physical distress, and this man and his minions do not care.

This president has been a nightmare, and the nightmare may not yet be over: There are too many days between now and January 20, 2021, the day President-elect Biden and Vice-president-elect Sen. Kamala Harris are to be inaugurated. This man is bad for the country, and has been since he entered the political arena. His last act - to work to overthrow the government - has been scary and insulting. He has over 70 million Americans who are with him in spite of what he has done, including some lawmakers (over 100 supported his last attempt to throw out the results of the November election (https://thehill.com/homenews/house/529717-100-house-republicans-sign-brief-backing-texas-suit-challenging-election) as well as some attorneys general.

He has ripped this country to tatters. He has ripped the concept of democracy. He has ripped the spirits of people who have agonized over his antics, actions, and inactions.

It is time for it to be over.
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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president selects the officials that will work to fulfill his pledges of civil rights and criminal justice reform, and as he formulates his initial package

of administrative and legislative actions, he would be wise to include revival of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights as a central element in that agenda.

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

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The other good news from the 2020 Election

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

While President Donald Trump continues to hog media attention with his dishonest "stolen election" claims, we should devote some attention to the good news that a diverse group of young progressive leaders were elected to office all across the country this year.

People For the American Way's Next Up Victory Fund supports young progressive candidates who demonstrate leadership ability and a commitment to making positive change. Since 2017 we have helped more than 300 promising and accomplished young progressives get elected to state and local office.

This year, some of our endorsed candidates were running for office for the first time. Some were running for reelection. Some were stepping up to a position of greater responsibility. A majority were women and more than two-thirds were Black, Indigenous, or people of color. Eighty-five of them will be serving their communities in public office next year, and some of them will be helping to lead our nation in the years ahead.

Here are a few of the 2020 success stories that can give us

all hope for a brighter future.

Baltimore City Council President Brandon Scott was elected the city's youngest mayor since 1904. He was first elected to the city council in 2011 when he was just 27 years old-and he had already built a record of community service work. Next Up endorsed Scott in the primary election based on his record of fighting for better schools, working to end gun violence, and improving opportunities and wages for working families.



Ben Jealous

Christian Menefee became the first Black person and the youngest person ever elected as District Attorney in Harris County, Texas. Harris County's population is greater than the population of more than half the states. Next Up endorsed Menefee as part of a slate of candidates committed to stopping unjust police killings of civilians and protecting Black and Brown communities through greater accountability for law enforcement.

In Florida, Nancy Metayer was elected to the Coral Springs City Commission. An environ-

mental scientist and public health advocate, Metayer is the first Black woman and only the second Black person to serve on the commission in the city's history.

In North Carolina, Ricky Hurtado became the first Latino Democrat to be elected to the state legislature and Nida Allam was elected to the Durham County Commission, making her the first Muslim woman elected to any office in the state.

Rebecca Mitchell was part of the success story in Georgia this year. She was elected to House District 106, unseating the powerful Republican House Ways and Means Committee chairman.

In addition to the importance of putting a diverse group of talented people in office, the excitement generated by these candidates can have "up ballot" effects-boosting congressional and presidential candidates by increasing turnout. According to TIME, part of the story in Georgia this year, where Next Up endorsed 17 candidates was "unprecedented youth voter turnout."

The success of so many young progressive leaders is a hopeful affirmation that America's future does not belong to white supremacists or politicians who try to delegit-

imize and disenfranchise Black voters. Our future belongs to Americans who embrace our destiny as a diverse, multiracial, multicultural democracy.

We all know that everyone doesn't share that vision. Some are fighting it tooth and nail. One of the most harmful legacies of the Trump era is the way that he energized extremists and created a climate in which people could feel comfortable expressing their bigotry.

Those are all reasons why it is so important that we invest in young people who have a clear sense of where we are, where we need to go, and what it will take to get us there. We can't wait to see the great things these young winners will accomplish in the years ahead.

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

RAINBOW COALITION

Biden should revive the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

A new president takes office with the sense of possibility that comes with a new dawn. This is particularly true for Joe Biden, taking office after the divisive turmoil of Donald Trump's years in office. Biden inherits truly fearsome troubles - among them the spiking pandemic, the collapsing economy, corrosive inequality, catastrophic climate change and entrenched structural racism. He stood up for Black Lives Matter and has promised a new day for civil rights, with particular emphasis on police reform. America's institutionalized racism goes far beyond the police, of course.

We've witnessed the spread of brazen voter suppression schemes since the Supreme Court disemboweled the Voting Rights Act. Our public schools grow ever more separate and unequal. Blacks and Latinos have suffered disproportionately in the economic collapse surrounding the pandemic, and from the pandemic itself. The racial gap in housing, health care, wealth and more grow worse. And now as America grows more diverse, discrimination against other minorities

from Latinos to Native Americans demands redress.

Biden will no doubt appoint an attorney general sensitive to these concerns. Across the government, civil rights divisions will be revived and recharged. Action on voting rights, on reducing mass incarceration, on police reform will follow. As part of this renewed commitment,



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Biden should consider steps to revive and empower the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, preferably with new leadership, new authority and adequate staffing, to undertake the crucial mission of monitoring civil rights progress, investigating abuses and recommending remedies.

The U.S. Commission was created under President Dwight D Eisenhower, a Republican, in the 1957 Civil Rights Act. Its mission was "the continuous appraisal of the status of civil rights and the efficiency of the machinery with which we hope to improve that status." It was charged with col-

lecting data, holding hearings, providing a clearing house and coordination of state and private agencies working in civil rights. It would issue regular reports and make recommendations in regard to remedying civil rights abuses.

In its early years, the commission played a vital role. Its prestigious members helped develop the case and formulate the reforms that informed the early civil rights acts, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968 among others. In the 1980s, Ronald Reagan sought to weaken the commission, reducing its staff and resources. After illegally attempting to fire three of the commissioners, Reagan forced a compromise in which eight commissioners would serve staggered six-year terms, with half appointed by the president and two by the speaker of the House and two by the president pro tempore of the Senate. Since that time, the commission has declined in stature and effectiveness.

Biden should seek to revive the commission. He should appoint a new director of national stature, and commit the resources needed to rebuild the staff and the functions of the commission. He should

seek new legislation to give the president power to nominate the commissioners, investing them with greater authority. An active commission could help spearhead the investigations and reforms vital to addressing civil and human rights in this country. It could review how civil rights legislation should be updated to address the challenges of a much more diverse country. It could hold hearings on voter suppression and gerrymandering - and on revising the Voting Rights Act - to bring public attention to what is a growing problem.

It could investigate the challenge of reforming police forces into effective agencies of public safety. What's clear is that no department or bureau of government can undertake this effort. Each has its own sphere of authority and concern. Inter-agency efforts are cumbersome and seldom effective. An independent commission could in fact serve the function Eisenhower envisioned - providing a central monitoring agency across the broad range of civil rights concerns and helping to define the next generation of reforms. As the new

Giving thanks

BY HERB BEATTY
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For over eleven years the Navassa Pinochle Club has been identifying families that may be in need of some assistance during this special time of year. Even though, the club's activities are in suspension, because of the Covid-19 epidemic, we are still committed to assisting needed families in the greater Navassa community.

This year's Thanksgiving Day recipient was Shirley L. Shaw and family. On November 11, some of the club members delivered much needed assistance, according to her: "an assortment of food and some finance was needed and appreciated."

She thanked the club and

her sincerity was evident. We hope that she and her family enjoyed everything as much as we enjoyed giving!

The club members are clock wise:

Charles: Retired after 29 years at Hyatt Regency, Washington, DC;

Robert: Retired after 26 years at Delpro, also "Viet-Nam Purple Heart recipient;

Sgt. Carter: Retired after 23 years of active duty and 19 years GS Project;

Standing - Tony: Retired AME church pastor for 33 years, currently doing missionary work national and international;

Standing - Richard: Retired after 37 years of service at Corning Mfg.

Standing- Ham: Retired after 27 years of service at NHRMC,

as team leader;

Herb: Retired after 34 years with G.E.;

Al: Retired after 25 years with Brown and Williamson;

Eulis: Retired from CPL/Duke Energy after 29 years and currently, the Mayor of the progressive town of Navassa;

Ernest: Retired after 38 years at West Point

Reggie: Retired from Occidental Chemicals after 28 years of service

Not pictured: Butch: Retired after 32 years at Hercules Jimmy: Retired after 37 years from Philadelphia Paper Company

A special thanks to E. J. for the professional photograph.

Note: We are open for new membership, if interested; contact any of the members above.



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LAW(lessness) AND (Dis)ORDER

As a political candidate in four losing campaigns, I can empathize with anyone who has experienced the sting or agony of defeat. However, my frustration or partisan energy was converted into support for important Brunswick County projects—\$152 million bond project (Board of Education) and Brunswick Blue 2024 Project (Commissioners). Unfortunately, the U.S. President (POTUS) and his political supporters have not followed my example. Despite running a presidential campaign based upon "law and order", their false claims of voter fraud have led to lawlessness and disorder.

In Michigan, the Secretary of State had to "hide or cower" in her home while

protestors shouted threats and presidential electors met in a Capitol building that was emptied because of credible threats. Supporters of the President were involved in Washington, DC protests that led to four killings and damage to an African American church. More than 100 Congressmen joined the Attorney General of Texas in filing a bogus claim of voter fraud with the Supreme Court.

As fellow citizens, we need to tell the POTUS and his supporters to stop playing this dangerous game of raising PAC funds while undermining the democratic principles of our country. Tell them to practice "law and order" by following the U.S. Constitution.

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The African American Wellness Project partners with VNR1 Communications in PSA Campaign to combat health disparities in the African American community

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The African American Wellness Project (AAWP) has announced a partnership with VNR1 Communications to release a nationally syndicated Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign on the health issues that disproportionately affect the Black community.

According to a news release, the partnership formed because of healthcare inequities between the African American community and the rest of America.

The PSA's will highlight healthcare issues that disproportionately affect the African American and other minority communities at higher prevalence and severity.

"We are at an unprecedented time in our nation's history. Racism is an omnipresent public health burden," said Dr. Michael LeNoir, one of the nation's top Black physicians and AAWP's founder.

"We believe that health disparities will exist if we allow them to continue and that through partnerships with companies, like VNR1, we can help eliminate disparities in health and healthcare for African Americans," added Dr. LeNoir, a past president of the National Medical Association who also has more than 25 years in broadcasting.

VNR1 counts among the largest PSA and media relations groups in the U.S. with more than 33 years of production and media experience.

Pioneering digital media distribution systems with Digital PSA Platforms, Digital News Releases, and Digital Thought Leader platforms, VNR1 has created new

capabilities for organizations to place multimedia content directly in the hands of clients, the public, and media.

Through this first-of-its-kind partnership, the PSA's will be distributed monthly to 10,000 radio stations and 2,500 TV stations and networks, and it will address critical topics like asthma and diabetes.

"We are extremely excited about partnering with AAWP and Dr. LeNoir to make a difference," said Jack Trammel, president of VNR1 Communications.

"Dr. LeNoir is a respected and trusted voice in the African American community, and this partnership represents what VNR1 stands for, delivering relevant, timely, and needed multimedia content to diverse audiences."

AAWP officials noted that the COVID-19 pandemic and the racial and ethnic divide in America had taken an unprecedented toll.

Inferior housing and economic conditions have caused minority communities to be placed at a higher risk of contracting and dying from COVID-19, AAWP officials noted, citing statistics showing that African Americans are three times more likely to die from COVID-19.

"We are at an unprecedented time in our nation's history," Dr. LeNoir proclaimed.

"Racism is an omnipresent public health burden. At AAWP, we believe that health disparities will exist if we allow them to continue and that through partnerships with companies, like VNR1, we can help eliminate disparities in health and healthcare for African Americans."

For more information, visit www.aawellnessproject.org.



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Larry D. Young

Larry Darnell Young was born to the late John Edward and Martha S. Young on April 10, 1951. He departed this life December 7, 2020.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Halls Family Cemetery in Leland, NC.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Alice Young Dunbar and brothers, Thomas Young, David Young, Edward Young Jr. and Lorenza Bryant.

Larry accepted Christ as his Savior a number of years ago and became a member of Holy Covenant Church. He read his Bible religiously knowing that God would take care of him. Larry was kind and loving. He was always willing to give to others and help anyone in need. He graduated from Leland High School and worked for Mundy Construction until he retired.

Surviving to cherish his loving memories are: his wife, Ella H. Young; two sons, Adrian D. Young of Leland, NC and Larry Young Jr. of Patterson, NJ; one daughter, LaToya Young of Patterson, NJ; two step sons, Michael Hudson of Fort Mill, SC and Ronald Harmon of Patterson, NJ; twelve grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Gloria McNair and Martha A. Young both of Leland, NC; two brothers, William Hobbs (Shula) of Prospect, CT and John H. Young of Patterson, NJ; sister-in-law, Mae Frances Henry of Philadelphia, PA; special nephew, Kelvin Young; special niece, Veronda Williams; Pop Pop's girl, Adriana Young, and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901*

S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Alton R. Horne

Deacon Alton R. Horne, age 83, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

Public viewing 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Walk through only - NO GATHERING OR LINGERING.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 18, 2020 at Oleander Memorial Gardens, 306 Bradley Dr., Wilmington, NC 28409.

***Livestream link: <https://my.gather.app/remember/deacon-alton-horne> *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Conway Williams, Jr.

Conway Williams, Jr., age 77, of Castle Hayne, passed away Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Public viewing 4:00 - 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Walk through only - NO GATHERING OR LINGERING.

A celebration of Mr. Williams' life will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Friday, December 18, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

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Lula Mae Parker

Ms. Lula Mae Parker was born in Brunswick County, North Carolina on October 3, 1922 to the late William and Nora Parker. On Saturday, November 28, 2020 in the early evening hours, her soul took its flight to a new home not made by man. Ms. Lula was the youngest of nine children, all of whom predeceased her.

Ms. Lula was the ultimate fashionista. While most of the time she said that she was just "window shopping," she was actually buying as her closets in the hallway, bedroom, and back of doors bear witness.

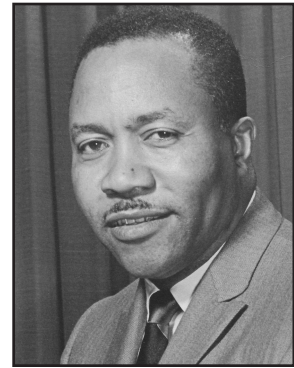
She loved to travel, going on cruises and trips to various places in the United States. If travel was mentioned, all you would have to say is "Let's" and she would be packed and ready to go. She was an avid reader and loved to work crossword puzzles.

Ms. Lula was a member of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church for over seventy-five years and faithfully attended services until her health failed. As a member, she sang with the Senior Choir and the Jewel Choir. She was also a member of the Missionary Society, the Willing Workers Club and an usher. She worked for various families in the Wilmington area as a domestic engineer and the relationships continued until her death.

She is survived by her devoted caretakers Mr. Willis "Tommy" Bannerman, Atkinson, North Carolina; Ms. Margie Parker, Wilmington, North Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews, and friends along with the Pastor and members of Mt. Nebo

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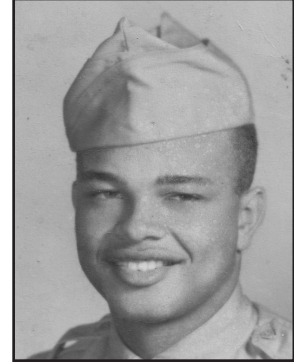
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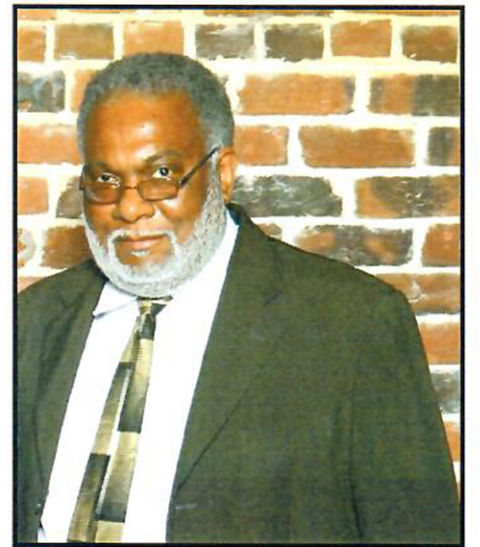
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TELL SOMEBODY

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem saying, where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

Wise - Displaying common sense
Discernment for what is true, right, lasting
Seek - To search for
To try to find or discover

getting get understanding." Proverbs 4:7

The wise men spoken of in this passage had spiritual discernment of something true, right, and lasting. In their search for the newborn Christ, they were guided by a shining star, which first appeared to them in the east, and brought them to Jerusalem on their way to Bethlehem, the location of the prophesized birth of the newborn King.

These wise men were gifted with understanding of the royal status and significance of this special birth. They



Sylvia Hooper

comprehended both the honor and the importance of being in the presence of this wonderful child. Before they made their presentations, they fell down and worshipped him, giving glory and honor to God. Even though Jesus was yet a young child when they found him, they also gave him gifts that were worthy of a king. They brought him the precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

GOLD is a precious and appropriate gift fit for a newborn king.

FRANKINCENSE illustrates the role Jesus plays in our lives as our eternal High Priest and mediator between God and man.

MYRRH was made famous by the Egyptians who used it for embalming and could possibly signify that he was born

to die for the sins of the whole world. In John 19:39, myrrh was in the mixture of the burial spices used to anoint the body of Jesus for his burial, after he was crucified.

Wise men are still seeking Christ. We see these first wise men go to great lengths to seek and find the Savior. They traveled a great distance and left the comfort and convenience of their home to search for him. They invested their own time and resources to get in his presence and to worship him. If we are wise, we will seek to do the same, seeking to get in his presence.

Wise men are yet seeking the Savior. Hosea 10:12 says, Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, til he

come and rain righteousness upon you." Isaiah 54:6 says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus placed great emphasis on seeking the Lord first to receive life's blessings. He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

When seeking the Lord becomes a priority wise men understand the importance of timing. Psalm 8:17 says, "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." Jeremiah 29:13, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Wise men still seek him! Tell Somebody!!!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The two Christmas stores- Part 1

The two Christmas stores, one is grounded in the eternal truth (John 3:16-17 (KJV) 16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 10:10a I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.

The other is grounded in a lie: John 10:10b (KJV) 10The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: (deceit), which is the action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth. It is called Santa Claus who comes from the north pole with his Reindeers on Christmas eve night brings toys and gifts to all those who have been good. The church has accepted this lie and practices it at the expense of the true story and the same with the Easter store or the resurrection of Jesus Christ is replaced by the Easter Bunny. These are the tricks of the

devil to deceive the people of God, to give him worship and praise rather than God. It is the spirit of the antichrist!

1 Peter 5:8-9 (KJV) 8Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9Whom resist steadfast in the faith,



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

"What is our duty in standing against the attacks and temptations of Satan? Our duty is twofold. 1. We must resist the devil; we must resist him steadfastly in the faith. The word "resist" (antist?te PWS: 3265) means to withstand the devil; to stand firm against him; to strive and struggle against him. Note that we must be steadfast in our resistance."

"It might look good, taste good, and feel good, but we must resist the desire and lust

and be steadfast in our resistance. We must not give in at all. Giving in one step leads to a second step, and before we know it, we have caved in and are engaged in the sin. Satan has devoured us.

Our duty is to resist the devil and to be steadfast in our resistance. Note what it is that Satan is after: the believer's faith. He wants the believer to deny his faith, to turn away from Christ." (POSB-C)

This is the spirit of the antichrist already on the scene and deceiving the people of God: 1John 4:1-3 (KJV) 1Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

"First, test the spirits of teachers; test them to make

sure they are of God. This is a strong charge given to believers. Note the word beloved. This was John's tender address to the believers of the church. He is definitely addressing believers, and this tells us a significant fact: believers can be misled by the spirits of false teachers. What kinds of spirits dwell within a false teacher?

Second, test the confession of teachers. What is it that makes a teacher true or false? Jesus Christ. What a man believes about Jesus Christ makes the teacher true or false. What a man confesses about Jesus Christ exposes his spirit, a spirit of truth or a spirit of error. And note what it is about Jesus Christ that exposes a teacher: the incarnation. That is, did Jesus Christ come in the flesh or not?

"The true Spirit, the Spirit of God Himself, confesses that Jesus Christ did come in the flesh, that the incarnation is true. If a teacher has the Spirit of God dwelling in him, then he confesses the incarnation, the wonderful truth that God did become Man and did come to earth to save man. The Spirit of God

cannot confess anything other than the truth; therefore, every teacher who has the Spirit of God will confess the same truth. He cannot confess anything else because the Spirit of God Himself dwells within him. If he confesses anything else, then the spirit within him is not the Spirit of God. Now note the confession in detail, exactly what it is that a true teacher confesses: "Jesus Christ is come in the flesh."

a. The true teacher confesses Jesus. The name Jesus means Savior. It is believing that Jesus Christ did come from God to save man, to be the Savior of the world.

b. The true teacher confesses Christ. The name Christ means Messiah, the Anointed One of God. It is believing that Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah of Scripture; that He is the fulfillment of all the prophecies of Scripture; that He is the Anointed Savior sent from God to earth.

c. The true teacher confesses that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; that God did send His Son out of (ek) heaven, out of the spiritual world and dimension into this world; that God

sent His Son in human flesh to save man in fulfillment of Scripture. It means that Jesus Christ fulfilled the Scripture predicting the coming death, resurrection, and exaltation of the Messiah. Simply stated, it means that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to earth to save man." (POSB-C)

The celebrations of the Christmas and Easter store began over 2000, a year ago one in Bethlehem of Judaea and the other on the Cross of Calvary in Jerusalem. Let's turn to the teaching of the infallible word of God which is the fountainhead of all spiritual truth and the revelation of the complete will for mankind. The store really began eons ago in the dateless pass in the mind of God, before the foundation of the World. John 8:31-32 (KJV) 32And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.(To be continue) Father, give us hearing ears and a receptive heart.

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

Dangerous rhetoric + false claims = Violence and havoc in cities across America

(Via NNPAnewswire.com)

President Donald Trump's refusal to accept the results of the 2020 election and his and the Republican Party's dangerous actions and rhetoric are now causing damage that might not easily be undone.

Led by the Proud Boys, whom Trump infamously asked to "stand back and stand by," Pro-Trump demonstrators wreaked havoc on the nation's capital over the weekend, clashing with counter-demonstrators at Black Lives Matter Plaza.

The result was several stabbings, at least 23 arrests, and the vandalizing of historic Black churches in Washington, D.C. Two police

officers were reportedly injured and transported to a local hospital.

There were other demonstrations and unrest in cities around the nation as organizers of "Stop the Steal," which reportedly is linked to pro-Trump operative Roger Stone, and church groups urged people to gather for "Jericho Marches."

Protests also occurred in Georgia, a state where Trump's campaign has sought to overturn President-Elect Joe Biden's victory, and



Stacy M. Brown

Mobile, Alabama.

In the Washington state capital of Olympia, local media reported that one person was shot and three arrested after clashes between pro and anti-Trump protest groups.

The Proud Boys clashed in all-out brawls near the White House, the Supreme Court, and Black Lives Matter Plaza, with D.C. Police using pepper spray to break up several melees.

Reuters reported that about 200 members of the Proud Boys, wearing combat fatigues and ballistic vests, flashed white nationalist hand signals while carrying helmets as they menaced people in the nation's capital.

While flying to a college

football game in New York, Trump directed the Marine One helicopter to fly over the protestors, where he basked in the cheers they heaped upon him.

"This is all because Donald Trump can't accept defeat," said Carol Gray, a Washington, D.C., resident who said she and her boyfriend were "heartbroken" to see Black Lives Matter banners ripped from churches and other sites by the Proud Boys.

"This is so dangerous for a United States President. It's the bloodiest of all stains America has seen since Jim Crow and slavery for [Senate Majority Leader] Mitch McConnell and all of those Republicans who are backing

Trump in his plot to overthrow the government and in his plot to destroy democracy," Gray remarked.

Her boyfriend, Rashawn Hilton, agreed.

"As bad as 2020 has been, I don't think anyone in this country, or around the world, would have ever thought they'd see an American President instigate what might eventually be a civil war," Hilton offered.

At least 50 federal and state court rulings have upheld Biden's victory. Most recently, the U.S. Supreme Court - which includes three Trump appointees - rejected a lawsuit filed by Texas and backed by Trump seeking to throw out voting results in four states.

That hasn't stopped Trump and many in the GOP from falsely claiming the election was rigged or stolen. Many believe if Trump or GOP leaders would take a stand by refuting the false claims about the election and denounce the Proud Boys and other violent groups, America could return to some political normalcy.

"Notice how quiet Senate GOPers are about their Proud Boys white supremacist terrorists trashing D.C. last night and causing chaos with fights, stabbings, and bare [bottoms] on display?" Singer Ricky Davila tweeted. "It's who they are and who they represent."

Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent.

No going back

It is not unfair to say that President-elect Joe Biden misappropriated the moral authority of the progressive movement in America to win the White House.

The voters who joined forces to rid our nation of a vile cancer symptomatic of our body politic being riddled with the disease of white supremacy were not harmonious in their vision for America's future. Self-identified moderates and conservatives who were sick of Trump were content to vote to re-set the country on its slow track to a community for the common good. Progressives, on the other hand, still seek to cure the nation of the illness of white supremacy and push forward with all deliberate speed towards a society that values all human life as well as the planet on which we live.

While progressives, moderates and some conservatives made common cause to save this nation, progressives must stay true to their values.

During the campaign, Biden paid lip service to some progressive ideas in order to



Oscar H. Blayton

get a r n e r enough votes to defeat the mad king of Trumpland and end his reign of bigotry and hatred. But since the election, Biden's conservative slip has been showing, metaphorically, and he has ceased to be as meticulous about appearing to be someone who wants to move the country forward. "Just plain Joe" wants to take us back to the way things were before Trump. But the way

things were before Trump is what led to Trump in the first place. Trump did not create Trump's America. He just recognized that this country is filthy with his kind of people and exploited that fact. Going back to the way things were will deliver us into the hands of another Trump in very short order.

We must recognize the fact that a huge portion of America pines for a "Leave It to Beaver" version of a country where June Cleaver vacuums the house in her pearls and high heels while dinner is in the oven in anticipation of the arrival of the master of the house. But viewers of this American fantasy would be hard-pressed to recall seeing a Black person or an Asian or a Native American on that program, let alone a Muslim or someone with physical or mental disabilities.

Too many white

Americans are wrapped in a comfortable gauze of white exceptionalism and exclusivity and must push out of their privileged cocoons if they are to enter into the warm, life-giving sunlight that is our global humanity. Their avaricious hoarding of the world's resources to the detriment of all others harms us as a people within the larger community. "America First" has never meant anything other than "We will do whatever it takes to get what we want and whatever is left over can be shared by the rest."

We must not go back to the way things were. We must not go back to our painful past where police murders of people of color went unnoticed by public officials and news media.

We must not go back to a time when abusive behavior towards women and sexual

assaults were normalized as unfortunate embarrassments that are the price of patriarchy.

We must push forward to an era where Black and brown crime is not viewed as deserving of more punishment than white crime. We must go forward to an America where politicians do not equate justice movements with hate groups and argue that they should be treated in the same manner.

Joe Biden will become president of the United States on Jan. 20, 2021, and as citizens and residents we must do everything we can to help him move the nation forward. But we also must do all we can to prevent him from taking us back to where we do not want to go.

It will not be easy to cure this nation of its ills. The majority of white voters voted for Trump in 2020

knowing him to be a racist, xenophobic bigot. But, as people of color, we have allies in millions of right-thinking white Americans who know what this country can be. And together we can provide the cure.

We need progressive politicians if we are to make progress. We need progressive candidates if we are to have progressive politicians. And we must think progressively and proactively if we are to find, promote and elect progressive candidates.

Moving America forward is not in the hands of any politician. It is in the hands of the American voters, the American people - the people who look back at us in our mirrors.

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

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The undersigned, having qualified as 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
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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
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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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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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 Zinnia Court
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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THE UNDERSIGNED, Mandy Welch, having qualified on the 24th day of November, 2020, as Administrator of the **Estate of Michael W. Welch (20-E-1434)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, C/O Attorney Rick Graves, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **16th day of March, 2021**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 11th day of December, 2020.

Mandy Welch, Administrator
Estate of Michael W. Welch
Rick Graves
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
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December 17, 24, 31, 2020,
January 7, 2021

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**NOTICE OF ACTION
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
(NO PROPERTY)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BROWARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: FMCE-20-007893
(41)
FAMILY DIVISION
JUDGE: BAILEY**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
TERMINATION OF
PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE
PROPOSED
ADOPTION OF:
JAMARI PRINCE JAMES DUDLEY
GILES,
D.O.B. 05/21/2008,
Adoptee/Minor Child.**

**NOTICE OF ACTION ON
PETITION TO TERMINATE
PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR
THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A
MINOR CHILD**

**TO: JAMES DESMOND DUDLEY
217 WESTCHESTER RD.,
WILMINGTON, NC 28409-8509**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that petitioner, SHAYLISA HAYNES, has filed an action for adoption of your child, JAMARI PRINCE JAMES DUDLEY. A final hearing has been scheduled in this matter for 2/25/2021 at 8:45 a.m. in front of the honorable Judge Dennis Bailpy in Room # WW11172 of the Broward County Courthouse located at 201 SE 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, or via Zoom Conference, if the courtroom is closed to the public, on that date, at the below information: Link: <https://17thflcourts.zoom.us/j/462550124> Meeting ID: 462 550 124 Phone: (888) 475-4499; (877) 853-5257; (833) 548-0282; or (833) 548-0276

If you fail to appear, an order granting the adoption and termination of your parental rights of your child will be entered for the Petitioner. You are required to serve a copy of your written answer and defenses, if any, to ELISAVETA ALEXIEVA, attorney for Petitioner, whose address is LEGAL AID SERVICE OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., P.O. BOX 120910, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312-0016, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 201 SE 6th Street, Room 04130, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, on or before January 20, 2021, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and Information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

This the 19th day of November, 2020

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: BRENDA D. FORMAN
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December 10, 17, 24, 21, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF
MARJORIE POWELL, Deceased.
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILE NO: 20E 1426**

The undersigned qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Majorie Powell**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them same to **LaTonya Myers**, Administrator, at the address set out below, on or before March 10, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded as bar to recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either address set out below.

This the 10th day of December, 2020.

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.
2803 Market Street
Po Box 696
Wilmington, NC 28402

December 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
FILE NO. 20 E 001444
IN THE MATTER OF:
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
ADELAIDE SCALES WARD**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Adelaide Scales Ward** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Adelaide Scales Ward to present them to the undersigned on or before **March 10, 2021**, that being three (3) months from the first date of publication of this Notice or same shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 10th day of December, 2020.

Edward L. Ward, Junior
Executor of the Estate of
Adelaide Scales Ward
c/o Stephen E. Culbreth
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P.O. Box 446
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December 10, 17, 24, 31, 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 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-399**

**CHARLOTTE NOEL FOX,
Administrator for the Estate of
LISA ANNE WOLAK, Petitioner,
vs. ELIZABETH ANN SCHOPF
COLE, MEGAN LITZAU KANAL,
BRIAN K. HUGHES, JOAN
MARIE SCHOPF LEHMAN,
JASON LITZAU, EDWARD
WOLAK, AND UNKNOWN
HEIRS OF LISA ANNE WOLAK,
Respondents.**

**To Unknown Heirs of Lisa Anne
Wolak:**

TAKE NOTICE that a special proceeding seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

A Petition for Possession, Custody and Control of Real Property and Sale of Real Property by Private Sale to Pay Debts of Lisa Anne Wolak. The real property sought to be sold is described as follows:

"Being all of Lot 182, of Glen Oaks, Phase II, at Porters Neck Plantation as the same is shown on a map thereof entitled, "A Final Plat of Glen Oaks, Phase II, at Porters Neck Plantation", recorded April 27, 1999 in Map Book 38, Page 349, of the New Hanover County Registry.

SUBJECT to the Protective Covenants Porters Neck Plantation, recorded June 13, 1991, in Book 1555, at Page 957; and to the Protective Covenants Porters Neck Plantation Golf and Recreational Facilities, recorded June 13, 1991, in Book 1555, at Page 982, all of the New Hanover County Registry, and all Amendments thereto."

Also being identified as Tax Parcel ID # R03700-002-145-000

Address: 8805 Champion Hills Dr., Wilmington, NC 28411.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S § 28-A-13-3, Petitioner seeks to take possession, custody and control of said real property and sell the real property at a private sale in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 29A of the North Carolina General Statutes and to apply the proceeds of the sale of the real property; first, to the satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and the costs of administration; and after satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and costs of administration, distribute to the heirs.

You are required to file a written response by Wednesday, January 20, 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 10th day of December, 2020.

CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC
Charlotte Noel Fox
N.C. State Bar No. 32678
Administrator of the
Estate of Lisa Anne Wolak
701 Market Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Telephone: (910) 815-0085
Facsimile: (910) 815-1095

December 10, 17, 24, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **James Timothy Chadwick**, 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 **17th 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 17th day of December, 2020

Teresa Chadwick Stanley, Executor
1604 Oakley Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

December 17, 24, 31, 2020,
January 7, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
N.C. GEN. STAT.
§ 1A-1, RULE 4(J)(1)
20 CVD 2633**

**MOHAMMED YOUSSEF,
Plaintiff,
vs.
REBECCA MARTINEZ LYNN,
Defendant.**

**To: Rebecca Martinez
Lynn**

TAKE NOTICE that a Pleading seeking relief against you has been filed on 24 August 2020 in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Absolute Divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleadings no later than 27 January 2021, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 9th day of December, 2020.

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(Counsel for Plaintiff)
By:/S/ Richard Forrest Kern
Richard Forrest Kern
NC Bar #: 39146

December 17, 24, 31, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Zacky Carl Sessions**, 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 **17th 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 17th day of December, 2020

Sue-Anna S. Patrick, Administrator
104 Bavarian Dr.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

December 17, 24, 31, 2020,
January 7, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Allene Williams Brown**, 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 **17th 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 17th day of December, 2020

Scott R. Brown, Executor
6061 Martins Point Rd.
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

December 17, 24, 31, 2020,
January 7, 2021

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