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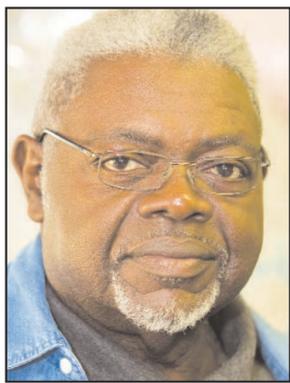
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MORE WORDS OF WISDOM

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In this world in which we live today, with all its problems and hatred of people of color, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote one of his strongest speeches to remind people, Blacks and Whites, that we need each other. We cannot stand alone. This was his speech to the people at one of his town hall meetings:

"In a multiracial society, no group can make it alone. It is a myth to believe that the Irish, the Italians and the Jews ...rose to power through sepa-

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PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN

A NEWS ANALYSIS

Americans, looking for bold leadership, need an aspirational agenda from Joe Biden

BY REV. JESSE JACKSON, JR. OF THE RAINBOW COALITION

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As we turn to a new year, the spotlight shines on the new president and the new administration. Even as he assumes center stage in Washington, profound questions remain about Joe Biden's plans. His initial appointments have been solid, diverse, experienced and capable, drawn overwhelmingly from the established center of the party. He has recognized that the nation faces crises of a scope similar to the Great Depression, calling for bold action. He has repeated his commitment to work across the aisle and seek bipartisan support, despite Republican legislators refusing even to recognize his victory. While recognizing the need for executive action, he has lectured civil rights leaders on the limits of his powers.

As he prepares for what is likely to be a virtual inaugural, it is time for the president-elect to put his cards on the table. What's needed now is an aspirational agenda - an agenda that reveals the scope of action needed to meet the challenges we face, and that provides hope and galvanizes support. There are many sources to draw on. As Bernie Sanders said, Biden ran on the most progressive platform of any Democratic nominee in memory. The Poor People's Campaign and the Congressional Progressive Caucus have put forth The People's Agenda, providing a roadmap for the administration.

Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren have detailed 100-day plans for the administration. Biden ran largely by offering a return to sanity in contrast to the orange menace in the White House. Now it is time to speak to Americans about the scope of the crises he inherits and the first steps he will take to fulfill the promise that "help is on the way." COVID-19

and the pandemic-induced economic collapse pose the first test. The rescue package just passed by Congress is too small to provide much more than a temporary life raft that is already leaking air.

Biden should announce clearly that the vaccines will be provided free to all, and that distribution will be based on need - the most vulnerable first - not on privilege, connections or wealth. The economic rescue package will need to be bolstered and extended, but more importantly, Biden should lay out his plan to make this economy work for working people once more.

That should begin with a bold plan for rebuilding our decrepit infrastructure. This imperative, which should have bipartisan support, was Trump's greatest broken promise. A bold plan will create millions of jobs while addressing the climate crisis with a focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy. Biden should describe the program in bold strokes and summon the Congress to meet the challenge.

The promise of jobs in rebuilding America should be accompanied by a broad workers bill of rights to ensure workers share in the profits and productivity that they help to produce. Begin with a call for a \$15 minimum wage, a measure already passed by a supermajority of Florida voters, even as they voted to re-elect Donald Trump. Champion the Essential Workers Bill of Rights that guarantees a living wage, paid health care and sick leave, safety protections and more to essential workers. Call for a new era of worker organizing, providing both labor law reform legislation and executive orders to require federal contractors to respect the right of workers to organize and bargain collectively, while giving priority to those without an extreme gulf between CEO and worker pay.

This should be combined with a call for bold

reforms to make health care a right, not a privilege. Call on Congress to lower the eligibility age for Medicare to 50, and to cover children up to 25. Empower bulk negotiation on drug prices across the board. Use executive authority to set reasonable prices for essential drugs. To fulfill his promise to address structural racism in our society, Biden could begin by reviving and strengthening the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights to report on areas in dire need of reform. He could add to that a major initiative from the Department of Justice to negotiate reforms with police departments across the country.

He could use his pardon power early to free those held on nonviolent drug offenses, particularly as marijuana becomes legal in more and more states. He can not only revive the protections for the DACA generation, but also launch immediately a review and reform of our immigration practices, even as he puts forth legislation for comprehensive immigration reform. The election once more dramatized the need for democratic renewal. Biden should push Congress to strengthen the Voting Rights Act, end all secret money in politics, make registration automatic and roll back the various voter suppression tactics that so scar our politics. He should push to limit the role of big money in our politics, and to bolster the power of small donations.

Biden should crack down on the real swamp - the bog of lobbyists and fixers, of compromised revolving door regulators and political appointees that corrupt our government for their own profit. This list can go on, of course, but clarity of intent is more important than comprehensiveness. Biden must make it clear that he has a mandate and plans to use it. That the crises we face demand bold action. And that he will drive the change. Americans are looking for bold leadership. Biden must provide that from day one.

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WHITE RACIST SLAVE-OWNING FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS CARTER RUFFIN

Portrait of White racist justice removed from N.C. Supreme Court

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The portrait of a vicious White racist slave-owning former N.C. Supreme Court chief justice has been removed from the courtroom of the N.C. Supreme Court because of the White supremacist legacy of the infamous jurist.

The portrait of former Chief Justice Thomas Carter Ruffin, who served from 1829 to 1855, was removed last week by Dec. 2, 2020, order of the Advisory Commissions on Portraits after final recommendations from that panel in December 2019.

A large seal of the N.C. Supreme Court was hung in its place.

"It is important that our courtroom spaces convey the highest ideals of justice and that people who come before our Court feel comfortable knowing that they will be treated fairly," wrote outgoing Chief Justice Cheri Beasley. "The Court's decision to remove the Ruffin portrait is a tremendous reflection of the progress that has been made since the time Chief

Justice Ruffin served on the Court."

To many legal scholars, Chief Justice Ruffin is considered "one of the most important jurists in American history" for his staunch advocacy for a fiercely independent judiciary from the legislature. Ruffin was also a prominent attorney, state lawmaker, state banker, plantation owner and slave owner in the Piedmont. It was after Ruffin left the presidency of the North Carolina State Bank that he was elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Furthermore, it is there that Justice Ruffin issued his post controversial legal opinion, *State v. Mann*, which found in favor of a brutal White slave owner who was charged with assault and battery after gravely wounding a female slave upon her attempted escape.

"The power of the master must be absolute to render the submission of the slave perfect. I most freely confess my sense of the harshness

of this proposition, but, in the actual condition of things, it must be so. . . . [It] will be the imperative duty of the Judges to recognize the full dominion of the owner over the slave," Justice Ruffin wrote then.

While many legal scholars look up to Justice Ruffin for his strong advocacy for an independent judicial branch of government, not beholden to either the legislative or executive branches, many historians and civil rights activists, especially here in North Carolina, felt that Ruffin's racist history should not be further honored in the State's highest court of justice.

"Disciplinary practices on Ruffin's plantation included bloody whippings,

burning the skin of the enslaved, the use of red pepper and salt on their wounds, even though his slaveholding neighbors complained," wrote NC NAACP President T. Anthony Spearman and historian Dr. Timothy Tyson in a recent op-ed. "Because his peers had come to find the slave trade so distasteful, Ruffin trafficked in Black bodies in secret, selling them from the Upper South at vast profits to Alabama and Mississippi. Ruffin tore enslaved children from the arms of their parents and separated enslaved wives and husbands from one another, despite admonitions against this cruel practice from other slaveholders. He believed that, since profits constituted the

essence of the institution, this should be the accepted practice."

Even one of Chief Justice Beasley's colleagues, Justice Michael Morgan, weighed in after the Ruffin portrait was removed.

"From where I sit, the N.C. Supreme Court's immediate removal, after its historic vote, of the sizeable portrait of Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin, a slave owner who actively defended the horrors of slavery and utilized such practices himself, which dominated the Court's hallowed halls, not only causes the courtroom to look different; it also causes it to feel different," Justice Morgan wrote on Facebook under video of courtroom staff removing the portrait.

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ratism. It is true that they stuck together, but their group unity was always enlarged by joining in alliance with other groups such as political machines and trade unions. To succeed in a pluralistic society, and often hostile one at that, the Negro obviously needs organized strength, but that strength will only be effective when it is consolidated through constructive alliances with the majority group.

In the final analysis, the White man cannot ignore the Negro's problems because he is part of the Negro and the Negro is a part of him. The Negro's agony diminishes the White man, and the Negro's salvation enlarges the White man.

What is needed today on the part of White America is a committed altruism which recognizes this truth. True altruism is more than the capacity to pity. It is the capacity to empathize. Pity is feeling sorry for someone; empathy is feeling sorry with someone. Empathy is fellow feeling for the person in need—his pain, agony, and burdens. I doubt if the problems of our teeming ghettos will have a great chance to be solved until the White majority, through genuine empathy, comes to feel the ache and anguish of the Negroes' daily life."

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



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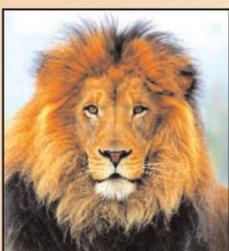
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TIME FOR A NEW NC LICENSE PLATE

[RALEIGH] If your regular NC license plate is seven years old or older, it is time to have it replaced starting Friday, January 1st. You can have that done when your plate's annual registration renewal is due.

There is no extra charge for the new plate, and you can keep it the style of your old one. You can register in person at your local DMV office or by mail. This move by law is to help make license plate identification easier for new technology.

LONGTIME FORMER SENATE PRO TEM MARC BASNIGHT, 73, DIES

[MANTEO] He is remembered as one of the most powerful legislative leaders

in North Carolina history. Former Democratic Senate Pro Tem Marc Basnight, 73, died Monday. He led the NC Senate for 18 years. Gov. Roy Cooper lauded Basnight for his exemplary leadership.

"North Carolina lost a giant today with the passing of my friend, Sen. Marc Basnight," Gov. Roy Cooper said in a statement. "His positive influence on our public universities, transportation, environment and

more will be felt for decades. A man of great power and influence, his humble, common touch made everyone he met feel special, whether pouring them a glass of tea in his restaurant or sharing a pack of nabs at a country store. He believed in North Carolina and its people, and our state is stronger because of him. Our prayers are with Vicki, Caroline and the whole family." Current Senate

President Pro Tem Phil Berger remembered Basnight as a man of grace.

HOSPITALS STATEWIDE NEAR CAPACITY WITH COVID-19 CASES

[SMITHFIELD] As of Monday, there are a record 3,192 COVID-19 patients being treated in hospitals across North Carolina, which is near capacity, experts say. And in many cases, there aren't enough nurses to take care of the

load. Administrators say that their staffs are stretched. The rise in cases is due to Thanksgiving gatherings, and more are expected now in the aftermath of the Christmas holidays.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

New Hanover County sees continued COVID-19 surge, reports 14 additional deaths, and continues with Phase 1a of vaccine distribution

New Hanover County Public Health is seeing a continued holiday surge of daily COVID-19 cases, with 1,158 new cases reported over the last two weeks. In addition, Public Health has been informed of 14 deaths of residents from COVID-19 since Dec 23.

The 14 individuals who died were all at risk of severe illness because of age (ranging in age from 60 to 90 years old), underlying health conditions or both. This brings the total number of New Hanover County residents who have died from COVID-19 to 91.

Of the New Hanover County residents who have died from COVID-19, 85.7 percent were 65 or older, 12.1 percent were between 50 and 64 and 2.2 percent were between 25 and 49 years of age.

"The most vulnerable to this virus are our seniors, and that is clearly seen in the ages who have passed away," said Assistant Health Director Carla Turner. "We have to do all we can to protect this high-risk population, and at Public Health, we have already started our work in vaccinating this population who are in long-

term care facilities. We hope to begin vaccinating even more of our older adults with chronic conditions in the coming weeks as we transition forward in the vaccination plan - but we aren't quite there yet."

Since receiving its first shipment of the Moderna Inc. vaccine on December 22, New Hanover County Public Health had administered more than 1,300 doses of the vaccine to those eligible in Phase 1a of the state and county's vaccine distribution plan. The goal of Phase 1a is to protect health care workers caring for COVID-19

patients, those working on the vaccine rollout, other healthcare workers in high exposure settings, and staff and residents of long term care facilities.

"The four phases of the COVID-19 vaccine plan outline priority populations based on risk of exposure and risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19, and right now we are in the very early stages of this plan," said New Hanover County Health and Human Services Director Donna Fayko. "We are reaching out directly to organizations whose personnel are eligible to be vaccinat-

ed in Phase 1a. As we transition to other phases and more of our community is eligible for the vaccine, we will continue our outreach and share that information, along with where to get vaccinated. We have to be focused in our approach based on the amount of vaccine we have, and can't open it up yet passed phase 1a. So we ask everyone for their patience as we work through these prioritizations, which are in line with the state's phases - and just know that we will eventually get a vaccine to everyone who wants one." Moving into subsequent

phases of the vaccination plan will depend on supplies received each week. Full execution of the COVID-19 vaccine plan is expected to take up to nine months, so health officials encourage residents to continue to follow all protective measures like wearing a face covering, maintaining physical distance from others and avoiding gatherings.

More information on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan, and a current status of what phase New Hanover County is in, can be found at Health.NHCgov.com/Coronavirus.

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The broader view

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Remember the commonly accepted phrase describing politics as, "All politics is local." The obvious understanding is that the individual politician and his/her constituents are best served when the interests of the 'local' constituents, not partisan interests, are paramount in policy decisions. Then, it was not uncommon for votes in the U.S. Senate and House to cross party lines as well as the development of deep and abiding cross-party friendships which are unthinkable today. Those who speak of those days frequently refer to the friendship between John McCain (R, AZ) and Ted Kennedy (D, MA). Although in opposition on many issues, they were known as best friends, dedicated to achieving policies that benefitted the majority of Americans.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Their friendship notwithstanding, from the time they joined the Senate until their final appearances there, an erosion of collegiality and willingness to separate partisan politics from the interests of Americans occurred. Whatever the source or reason you choose, it has crippled the ability of legislators to achieve their greatest Constitutional mandate to "create a more perfect union." Rather than seeing their political opponents as differing in opinion, they now view them as enemies whose ideas and interests have to be crushed into the dirt of political preference - nationwide. Sadly, those who vote for them accept the same enmity.

Until there is a willingness to revert to the attitude of 'doing what is best for all or most citizens,' we will be mired in a swamp of conflict and discontent. This we see in the current COVID-economy. While a select number and class of Americans prosper and billionaires increase their wealth exponentially, larger numbers of Americans face imminent eviction, food insecurity and a myriad of problems associated with looming or absolute poverty. Small business owners who have spent their years, effort, and meager wealth to serve their communities are witnessing their efforts evaporate.

For eight months, our Republican Senate refused negotiations or acting on a relief package for the average American. Proposals offered by the House of Representatives have been 'gathering dust' on the desk of Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell. He has single-handedly held the majority of Americans dangling on a string of economic insecurity. In the 'Eleventh Hour,' he and his Republican Caucus have agreed to negotiate a 'miserly' relief package that will not meet the real needs of those who have suffered since May. As the 'Grim Reaper' to Democratic policies, his singular interest has been in shaping the Federal Court System with conservative (many unqualified) judges who will legislate conservative causes from the bench.

All is not lost! As has been done in our short national history, citizens can act in concert to achieve legislation that does not extend the hand of preference to the wealthy or industrial class. Our challenge is to abandon the belief that our only concern is what is happening in our own city, county, or state. As most voters know, the State of Georgia has two unresolved Senate races that have scheduled run-off elections. The result of these elections will determine control of the Senate. Because the election outcomes have a broader impact on the nation, we MUST broaden our view of how we can affect the outcome.

If we are Georgia residents who are registered to vote, we must evaluate the candidates who best represent our interests and the interests of those we value. We must then VOTE! It's that simple!! If we are not Georgia residents, we cannot vote, but we can encourage the Georgians we know to GOTV and we can contribute! Political campaigns run on money. Presently, for many, money is scarce, but we must consider the chaos another McConnell term as Senate Leader will cause!

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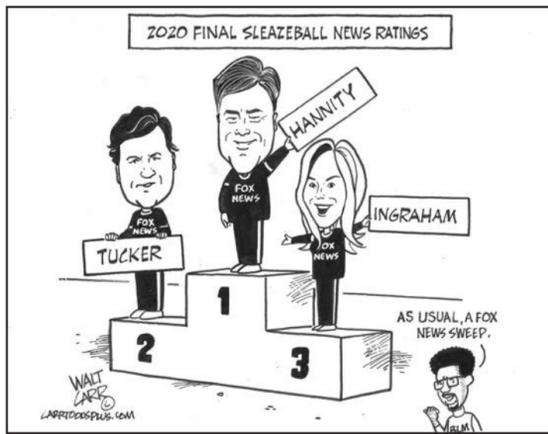
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THE STATE OF GEORGIA PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE OUTCOME OF THE CIVIL WAR IN 1864 AND CAN MAKE THE PENDULUM SWING AGAIN TOWARD JUSTICE IN OUR 2020 CIVIL WAR

During legal slavery, the slave owners had names like Calhoun and Beauregard. Today, 2020, the GOP slave masters are Donald Trump and Mitch McConnell. They owned the two U.S. Senators who misrepresent the Peach State. If you gave those two, billionaire senators a shopping list to buy groceries at Piggy Wiggly like the average citizen, they would not know the price of any item.

This is the list: 6 spots, 6 sweet potatoes, 6 ears of corn, 1 lb. of grits, one bag of cornmeal, 3 lb. bag of Vidalia onions, 6 peaches and one big watermelon. Yes, this is a real

civil war and we all need to do something to save our democracy.

The preachers will say pray, pray and pray. The teachers will say education is the key, key and key. The brave diverse nonviolent protesters will say march peacefully, practice civil disobedience, register and vote. The cowardly violent bigot protesters will hide behind their guns and say hit them "two times" then run when they start hitting us back. The very well paid with dark money mercenaries will do as much damage to people, police and property, start a fire, then slip quality into the night.

My grandmother would say, call someone in Georgia and tell them to vote. When I was growing up before cell phones, we had to pay for long-distant calls. My sisters and brother would catch a Greyhound bus back to HBCU Fayetteville

State University after a holiday. They would use a pay phone to call back home and ask the operator if we would accept a collect call from Charles and we would say no. We did not consider it lying or cheating because we said no (smile). We knew then that they were in Fayetteville, NC and we did not pay for that long distant call.

Almost all of us know someone in Georgia. If you do not know ask your family historian/ nosiest person. They will tell you the person, who they married, how long the marriage lasted and a few other things for your information (smile).

There are two articulate and altruistic democrats in the runoff for the U.S. Senate seats. They are Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock. They will vote to use some of your tax money to help you and

your family with rent, mortgage payments, car payments, food, utilities bills, add to your unemployment checks and give you enough cash each month until this Covid-19 files away.

The two greedy Republican senators, Kelly Loeffler Scrooge and David Perdue Scrooge evidently never read about the money poor MAN who took, a snack pack, two fish and five loaves from the value menu, blessed it and fed five thousand men. This same itinerant preacher said the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

Will you please do your part and call someone in Georgia out of respect for the late freedom fighter John Lewis. "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

Don't let William Barr slide out the backdoor while Trump does his distraction show

Last summer, the NAACP Convention passed a Resolution to Impeach William Barr; a man who probably did as much damage to our Democracy as Impeached, but Not Convicted Donald John Trump. I went to work immediately on researching the best, most accurate charges that Congress might want to bring against him. As we go to Press, Barr

Al McSurely

has packed his bag and is sneaking out the Back Door of the Department of Justice, hoping the damage he helped Trump's wrecking crew do to vulnerable minorities in 2020 would be overlooked in the last-month Chaos before Joe Biden and Kamala take office on January 20, 2020.

Here's my Draft of the main Article of Impeachment against Barr:

Article I
WILLIAM BARR failed to Recuse Himself from the High-Profile Sex Trafficking and Extortion Cases against Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell Despite His Family-Connections; Instead He Lied to and Bribe the Man Responsible for their Prosecution.

1. At 7 a.m. on August 10, 2019 the Director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons called his direct supervisor, US Attorney General WILLIAM PELHAM BARR, to report the highest profile U.S. prisoner, Jeffrey Epstein, had been found dead 30 minutes before.

2. WILLIAM BARR, 69, had known the dead man, Jeffrey Epstein, 66, since the 1970's. BARR's father, Donald Barr, had been the Headmaster of the elite Dalton school on 89th Street catering to rich and powerful families who wanted their children to go to elite Universities. Donald Barr, who had been in charge of the U.S. Intelligence agency in Europe during WW II, the OSS, had already been tapped to help set up the CIA and his son,

William Barr had told his private school teachers, that he wanted to be the Director of the CIA. Headmaster Barr, knowing Epstein did not graduate from college, hired the ambitious young man and gave great liberties working with the Dalton students.

3. WILLIAM BARR knew Epstein's girlfriend as well, when he got the 7am phone call about Epstein's death, and that Ghislaine Maxwell trolled the Dalton neighborhood on Fifth Avenue for underage girls to model for Epstein's financier, the owner of Victoria's Secret. Maxwell would promise girls they would get paid well to be models for Victoria's Secret ads, and meet interesting people. BARR knew that Maxwell was a target of Southern District of New York (SDNY) prosecution of the couple's sex trafficking conspiracy.

4. WILLIAM BARR knew immediately, as he hung up the phone in his upscale DC home, that news of Epstein's death would set off public outcries from the dozens of female victims of the Epstein-Maxwell conspiracy, and he would be under great pressure to arrest and charge Maxwell as co-conspirator for sex trafficking and extortion crimes.

5. WILLIAM BARR knew the SDNY was managed by U.S. Attorney Geoff Berman, and he would be under great pressure to "bring her in" from an arrangement her lawyers had made with the FBI for her to remain accessible but free in rural New Hampshire, until Berman's team decided to arrest and indict her. BERMAN's Team was already trolling the troller, trying to soften her up to cooperate with the prosecutor to get as much evidence as possible on the now deceased Epstein. Surely she did not want to be put in prison, where Epstein had just died.

6. WILLIAM BARR knew his father, Donald Barr and other WW II intelligence agents who had worked with the Soviet (now Russian) intelligence services had trained young women to seduce married men on overseas assignments and tape sex acts for extortion

traps. WILLIAM BARR had heard the stories of the compromising materials that showed DONALD TRUMP, BILL CLINTON, and European Royalty in films and on tapes. He knew that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover made illegal tapes of 'sex parties' attended by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which were mentioned in a letter shown to Mrs. King, trying to get Dr. King to commit suicide before he took off to be Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

7. In short, WILLIAM BARR knew the back story of the sex trafficking business of the man he had custody over, Jeff Epstein, until 7 a.m. that morning. He also knew, that U.S. Attorney Berman knew, or would soon know, extremely embarrassing personal information about his and his Father's relationship with the man found dead that morning.

Lunch at Pierre's Several Months Later

8. WILLIAM BARR invited U.S. Attorney Berman to meet him for lunch at the upscale Pierre's Restaurant in lower Manhattan Saturday afternoon, June 19, 2020. BARR knew

Berman would arrest and charge Maxwell within weeks.

9. BARR offered Berman inducements to resign his powerful U.S. Attorney position immediately before the lunch was over, and put some sugar on the offer by offering a new, much more lucrative and powerful position in government. Berman declined both inducements. He told BARR he would get back to him on Monday, June 21, 2020 about what he was going to do.

10. WILLIAM BARR did not wait until Monday. Instead on Sunday, June 20, 2020, he wrote and issued a statement he knew was false and issued it to the media: Berman had resigned.

11. Just hours after BARR's patently false statement was being broadcast, Berman issued his response to the media: a Federal Judge had appointed Berman to the U.S. Attorney position, and he could not resign without the Judge's consent.

12. WILLIAM BARR knew he had been caught red-handed. He had lied to the media. He had given two inducements to a prosecutor, to bribe him to obstruct a prosecution, and the prosecution was directly related to his own personal interests which he had not disclosed or told his superiors that a recusal was required.

13. WILLIAM BARR contacted President Trump and said he must fire Berman. Trump did.

14. WILLIAM BARR knew the elements of the crime of Obstruction of Justice: a "false statement" was a per se violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1503 ff.; the state of mind of the prevaricator was unnecessary to prove the crime when a law enforcement officer, like Berman, functions were obstructed by the lie, which they were.

15. Over the next week WILLIAM BARR capitulated to every condition Berman asked for; as two experienced lawyers negotiated the terms of Berman's future. BARR agreed Berman's deputy, Audrey Strauss and their team, would face no interference from Barr or his associates, on the Epstein-Maxwell sex trafficking case, or any other case the team was working on.

16. On July 2, 2020 Audrey Strauss, Acting U.S. Attorney for the SDNY, and members of her Team, announced at a News Conference: "GHISLAINE MAXWELL was arrested this morning and charged with enticing a minor to travel to engage in criminal sexual activity; transporting a minor with the intent to engage in criminal sexual activity; conspiracy to commit both of those offenses; and perjury in connection with a sworn deposition. The Indictment unsealed today alleges that between at least in or about 1994 through 1997, MAXWELL and co-conspirator Jeffrey Epstein exploited girls as young as 14, including by enticing them to travel and transporting them for the purpose of engaging in illegal sex acts. As alleged, knowing that Epstein

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had a preference for young girls, MAXWELL played a critical role in the grooming and abuse of minor victims that took place in locations including New York, Florida, and New Mexico. In addition, as alleged, MAXWELL made several false statements in sworn depositions in 2016. MAXWELL is expected to be presented this afternoon in the federal court in New Hampshire. This case is assigned to U.S. District Judge Alison J. Nathan.

Acting U.S. Attorney Strauss told the media: "As alleged, Ghislaine Maxwell facilitated, aided, and participated in acts of sexual abuse of minors. Maxwell enticed minor girls, got them to trust her, and then delivered them into the trap that she and Jeffrey Epstein had set. She pretended to be a woman they could trust. All the while, she was setting them up to be abused sexually by Epstein and, in some cases, Maxwell herself. Today, after many years, Ghislaine Maxwell finally stands charged for her role in these crimes."

FBI Assistant Director William F. Sweeney Jr. told the

media: "Preserving the innocence of children is among the most important responsibilities we carry as adults. Like Epstein, Ms. Maxwell chose to blatantly disregard the law and her responsibility as an adult, using whatever means she had at her disposal to lure vulnerable youth into behavior they should never have been exposed to, creating the potential for lasting harm. We know the quest for justice has been met with great disappointment for the victims, and that reliving these events is traumatic. The example set by the women involved has been a powerful one. They persevered against the rich and connected, and they did so without a badge, a gun, or a subpoena - and they stood together. I have no doubt the bravery exhibited by the women involved here has empowered others to speak up about the crimes to which they've been subjected."

17. WILLIAM BARR, on information and belief, has never recused himself from these cases involving his friends and his father's pet teacher and associate during Barr's adolescence. He has obvious ethical conflicts, just as his predecessor Attorney General had under DOJ guidelines, when he recused himself.

18. As of today, December 23, 2020 WILLIAM BARR has abruptly resigned as Attorney General and has no power to intervene in any prosecutions the Department of Justice has anything to do with. That does not mean he cannot be called as a witness in the SDNY's ongoing prosecution of Ghislaine Maxwell. She remains in federal prison, apparently on suicide watch, and wearing paper prison garments issued by the US Bureau of Prisons. It has been six months since Epstein was found dead. The Attorney General of the Virgin Islands has conducted her own investigation of the Epstein-Maxwell crimes which took place in the Islands under her jurisdiction. The NAACP, at its 2020 Annual Convention in October, passed a Resolution that WILLIAM BARR should be impeached and convicted.

There are strong motives for former Attorney General Barr to shred and destroy electronic and paper form of evidence about the allegations in the Article I Draft. Justice loving activists should request clear requests from Congress and the SDNY to prevent Barr, in his private and public capacity, from destroy evidence to relevant to the

Maxwell prosecution. * * * * *

Happy New Year from the Old White Civil Rights Lawyer. Not tired yet.

Save the Historic Wilmington Journal Building. Restore it to its Historic Center of the Wilmington's Black Community of Truth, Justice and the Prince of Peace. Stay safe.

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.

We will sit at the children's table

Joe Biden continues to assure the world that America is ready to take its place at the head of the table and lead the nations of the world. But this hubristic assertion makes one wonder if the soon to be 46th president of the United States has been dozing for the past 47 months.

The people who voted Donald Trump into office in 2016 and tried to give him a second term in 2020 are still running amuck in the "U.S. of A." and they are getting more unruly by the hour. It does not take a great deal of scholarly research to realize that very few nations would be willing to follow the lead of the United States going forward.

It is too easy and too simplistic to blame Donald Trump for all the ill that befell the global community during America's delinquency during the past four years. And no one, other than the smug self-satisfied proponents of the myth of American exceptionalism, is buying the argument that "this is not who we are." For four years, we have made it very clear that this is exactly who we are as a country - "greedy," "ruthless," "unempathetic," "uncharitable," "hateful" and "narcistic." These are just a few words that come to mind when describing the American character that has been laid bare by Trumpism.

Not only is America not deserving of sitting at the head of the world table, it will have to sit at the children's table along with the other anti-democratic republics led by autocrats. And if this country tries to use bullying tactics to bend other nations to its will, it will suffer the same humiliation that met the French government when it assumed it could return to Vietnam in 1945 and resume colonial control after abandoning the Vietnamese to the cruelties of the invading Japanese in the early days of World War II.

Under Trump, America abandoned the rest of the world when it came to working to solve global warming, poverty, human rights, the worldwide refugee crisis and many more problems facing humanity. No one will willingly give a fraud and a hypocrite. And every disgusting characteristic Donald Trump exhibited during his term in office reflects those of a large swarth of the American public that supported him with their votes. Even now, freedom-loving Americans hold their collective breath while Republicans try to lock in their hateful agenda by maintaining control of the U.S. Senate.

Those Republicans slavishly following Trump have made it clear that they do not care about American values to which we claim to aspire. Nor do they care about the U.S. Constitution or the American people it was designed to protect.

The nations watching us from the far shores of the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans and our neighbors to the north and south are keenly aware of the weakness of our character and our moral bankruptcy. We have squandered our good name on a cruel buffoon intent on bullying his way across the world stage with a huge economy and the largest military on earth to back him up. We did not denounce him soon enough when he was clearly in the wrong. We overlooked his lies and his evil ways for months on end while they were in plain view.

It is often said that you show people who you are by what you do, not by what you say. No matter what Joe Biden says, the world has had ample opportunity to witness the harm America is capable of inflicting on our fellow man.

We can strut and preen in a self-congratulatory promenade celebrating the ousting of Trump, but we still will have to sit at the children's table because it is clear that Trump was merely a boil that rose and erupted when the pus of white supremacy and other evils was allowed to fester beneath the skin of America's body politic.

We have lanced the boil, but we now know that the corruption that gave rise to Trump is still in America's bloodstream and we must work diligently to find the cure. Until we find that cure, we will be relegated to the children's table.

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Oscar H. Blayton

TO BE EQUAL

Inadequate Covid-19 relief passed by Congress Akin to "Sending Firefighters in to Clear Up Embers"

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"I wish they would put themselves — the White House and Congress and everybody else making these decisions — in the shoes of us, the normal working people, who need help due to no fault of our own. I'm asking to be able to keep my apartment. To be able to live, and not live on the street. I'm not asking to be put in a golden apartment or anything. I just want to be able to live." — Unemployed teacher Stephanie Lott, quoted in The Washington Post

Early last week, it appeared President Trump was about to sign the long-overdue and grossly inadequate - COVID-19 relief legislation that Congress passed on Monday night. As of Christmas Eve, however, the fate of the bill remained uncertain as President Trump threatened to veto the bill unless the amount of direct payment checks were increased from \$600 to \$2,000.

Taking the President at his word, House leadership advanced a measure to approve the payments, but the effort was blocked.

Perhaps recognizing the almost comic callousness of his own proposal, President Trump also took issue with the inclusion of a tax deduction for the proverbial 'three-martini' business lunch to benefit the wealthiest corporate executives.

Even if President Trump does sign the legislation, the incoming Biden administration should consider it n o t h i n g more than a down payment, must prioritize a more comprehensive stimulus package during its first 100 days.

After nearly eight months of delay, the legislation Congress passed is akin to sending in firefighters to clear up smoldering embers. The time for "rescue" has passed. We must now focus on rebuilding an economy that is inclusive and equitable and provides opportunity for every American.

While working-class families who have exhausted their unemployment benefits have

been waiting in miles-long bread lines, the bill provides a breathtaking \$1.4 billion to be squandered on an ineffectual and pointless border wall.

While the bill provides no direct aid to states and municipalities struggling to keep police, firefighters, doctors, nurses and teachers on the payroll, it includes billions in tax deductions for the wealthiest corporations that received Paycheck Protection Loans meant for small businesses.

On the plus side, the bill does include an extension of the eviction moratorium and rent relief, along with a desperately-needed expansion of broadband internet access for K-12 students.

Also encouraging is a revival of the Paycheck Protection Program, this time without the restrictions that prevented the funding from reaching the hardest-hit companies, including the Black-owned small businesses that form the backbone of our communities.

But no economic recovery is possible without a focus on bringing the virus under control, and the bill does almost nothing on that front. Black

Americans remain are more than four times as likely as whites to be hospitalized for COVID-19, and nearly three times as likely to die. And without mandatory paid sick leave for essential workers - who are disproportionately Black and Brown - the virus will continue to spread as infected persons are forced to report to their workplaces.

Nor does the legislation provide funding or a framework for states to deliver vaccines or educate hesitant communities on vaccine acceptance. The HEROES Act, passed by the House in May, provides a framework for a comprehensive bill that not only supports working families and small businesses through the pandemic-induced recession, but also aims to end the pandemic itself through scaled-up testing, contact tracing, and treatment.

The National Urban League intends to continue pressing Congress and the incoming Biden administration to address the gaps in this legislation.

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



Marc Morial

Pandemic relief and the Georgia elections

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Fair warning: this isn't a traditional Christmas-week column.

If we think of clarity as a kind of gift, though, we can be grateful that the effort to pass a much-needed COVID-19 relief bill in the waning days of this Congress makes one thing crystal clear: hurting families and small businesses will be abandoned if Republicans keep control of the U.S. Senate by winning Georgia's January 5 runoff elections.

There is some good news. The \$900 billion package includes emergency relief for renters, families, small businesses, and more. That relief, that, includes direct help to individuals, is urgently needed. It will extend some protections against evictions for another month. It will give small businessowners a little more breathing space to try to survive the pandemic.

About 12 million unemployed people who were going to be cut off at the end of the year will receive \$300 weekly in federal support and an extension of the unemployment assistance program until mid-March.

All this is necessary. But it is a temporary fix that falls far short of addressing the pain people are experiencing and truly setting us on the road to recovery.

Almost 12 million renters will be behind on their rent by an average of almost

\$6,000 at the end of this month, according to one study. The Census Bureau says that about 29 percent of Black families are behind on rent. Much of the back rent has piled up since unemployment benefits under the CARES Act—the first relief bill—expired during the

s u m m e r. According to some estimates, as many as 20 million tenants—about the population of Florida—are at risk of eviction.

With a problem that huge, David Dworkin, CEO of the National Housing Conference, told MarketWatch that the bill's \$25 billion in rental assistance is just a band-aid, "a practical start for staving off the immediate threat of mass evictions across the country."

Because the bill falls short of what is needed, some people are blaming "Congress" generally.

Let's get real. If congressional Republicans had their way, there would have been no bill—or a far worse one.

Republicans have been resisting a meaningful relief bill for months. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told President Trump not to make a deal with Democratic lawmakers before the election. He tried to hold the current bill

hostage to a provision that would make it harder to hold big companies accountable for providing unsafe workplaces. Another Republican senator held up the bill to try to impose restrictions on the Biden administration's options for encouraging economic recovery.

Look at what the Senate Republicans proposed at the beginning of December. Their plan had no new money for federal employment and a January 31 cutoff for extensions in unemployment insurance.

The Republican plan had zero dollars—zero!—for rental assistance.

The Republican plan had zero dollars—zero!—for direct relief to individuals and families.

The Republican plan had zero dollars—zero!—for the SNAP nutritional assistance program often known as food stamps.

Millions of people will get emergency help because Democratic congressional leaders refused to accept Republicans' demands.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is famous for using and abusing his power to stop legislation dead in its tracks. I believe there is only one reason he agreed to the compromise: he knew that throwing millions of Americans off unemployment and out of their homes just before Christmas would have encouraged Georgia voters to make sure that Republicans and McConnell

don't hang onto power in the next Senate. But Georgia voters are smarter than that and will see through Mitch McConnell's schemes.

President-elect Joe Biden, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, and Democratic congressional leaders know that much more is needed to help Americans get through the current economic crisis. They'll only be able to give Americans what we need if we give them what they need—victory in the Georgia Senate races and a Democratically-controlled Senate.

So, try to find some time this holiday season to join one of the many efforts that are encouraging Black voters in Georgia to show up for the Senate runoff elections the way they did in November. It's not very often that voters have a chance to shift the direction of the country twice in just two months. Let's make it happen.

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



Ben Jealous

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

2021 housing predictions are all over the place!

As we end 2020, this year will go down as one of the most disruptive, unsettling, and unpredictable in my lifetime. In so many areas of life, many were affected, and sadly many lost the most precious gift of all, life.

Amongst all of the emotions of finances and losing loved ones, many had to also deal with whether they could keep a roof over their heads. We are in uncharted waters when it comes to tenants not paying their rents for months on end, but these Covid-19 rent protections are ending.

Some economists are say-

ing that when eviction moratoriums are lifted in 2021 and landlords begin to pursue eviction for nonpayment of rent, it's not unlikely that we will see a housing market crash. Tenants who have been unable to pay rent will be tens of thousands of dollars in debt to their landlords, who themselves may have been forced to defer or default on their mortgage payments. The rental market



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could be flooded with vacancies as supply reenters the market, which means property values and rental rates could drop overnight. All of these factors could contribute to a drastic housing market crash.

Then you have some other economist saying with more disaster relief, two vaccines being administered and more in the works, we do see the light at the end of the tunnel. Truth is that this year has been a unique one for real estate. Though the pandemic slowed the majority of the economy down, the housing sector boomed in 2020. Even

during a pandemic, locally over 25 families purchased their first homes with our Get That Deed program in 2020. Yes, collectively local essential working families purchased over \$6 Million Dollars in real estate. That is to be celebrated and applauded for sure, and we do. So, where do we go from here? I truly can say, I do not know. So many different predictions, so much uncertainty as the dusk of Covid-19 will rest upon us in 2021. The only thing I do know for certain is that families are going to need a roof over their heads one way or another. I know that these are the best of

times for some, and the worst of times for others. I encourage all of you to keep your ears open to the latest as it unfolds and judge yourself accordingly.

I am hopeful, and I am going to continue to help families by being an advocate to position themselves for ownership. At the end of the day, even when times get hard, there are ways to make income from that home if you own it. There are many ways, and if you currently own and are struggling or know someone struggling to keep it, reach out for the free information and resources.

Don't give in, and don't let go without a fight. In the end, if you just can't keep it, at least make some money from it as you go. You've earned at least that.

Until next week, please share this article with 3 people and reach out if you want to get a free game plan to own in the next 18 months or less. Have a Happy New Year Journal Family. Brighter days are ahead of us, See you in 2021!

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BESDF, Inc: GHW Pioneer Award for 2020

Honors past, builds future



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GEORGE HENRY WHITE COMMUNITY MEMORIAL CENTER

Farmers Union resident, Ocie Jones, has been honored with the George Henry White Pioneer Award 2020, for his outstanding efforts to establish a community center to serve the people of Bladen and Columbus Counties.

"Congressman George H. White bootstrapped himself from his family farm in Rosindale to the leadership of our country at a crucial moment in history," said Vincent Spaulding, Project Leader of the George H. White Memorial Health and Education Center. "Mr. Jones exemplifies the values Congressman White lived by—helping build a much-needed center for this rural community."

Mr. Jones retired from INVISTA, a Wilmington chemical company, where he worked for 31 years becoming the Site Safety Supervisor and Safety Analyst. Prior to that, he served four years in the US Air Force as a Military Policeman. Since 2015, he has been helping restore an aging farmhouse that was donated to the Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation (BESDF) Inc. to create a living memorial to the legacy of George H. White. With donations and in-kind services, the structure is being remodeled to provide a place where a wide range of activities and services can be delivered.

"Ocie Jones has been an outstanding ambassador and supervisor of many of the key initiatives for the project," said Mr. Spaulding. "He started a Community Watch program (serving Farmers Union, St. James, Welches Creek) which patrols the property as part of the larger area. He has researched and hired appropriate contractors for the repairs and new structural work. He planned and implemented the landscaping, creating a memorial garden, rose garden, flagpole and regular lawn maintenance. He organized the installation of a water pump to deliver well water to the facility and built a pump house. He has also been the

on-site spokesperson for the public officials, media and representatives of social service, historical and educational agencies that have agreed to partner with the center."

"Thanks in large part to his constancy and hard work, the project has progressed steadily," Spaulding said. "We are now in a big push to complete the vital last steps—HVAC, Internet Services, and Storage Modifications to provide food pantry for local residents."

"Once fully operational, the GHW Memorial Health and Education Center will serve as a multi-functional community center for the residents of Bladen and

Columbus counties," said Spaulding. "It will be used for civic meetings; SAT and GED exam preparatory classes; food pantry distribution point; public meetings on topics of interest to the community: workforce training; and an immunization site to name a few. In other words, this is a center that can be used by the entire community to help improve the overall quality of life for all citizens by providing easy access to information and services".

"Ocie Jones embodies the servant leadership, social entrepreneurship, visionary action and family cohesiveness of the BESDF, Inc. George Henry White Pioneer Award," explained

Spaulding. "He has been tireless in building a place that serves the hardworking people of our community. Through his work, he honors the past, and he is building a new future. The legacy of George H. White continues through such outstanding individuals as Mr. Jones, and through the establishment of a center where resources can be brought to all the people."

The efforts being led by outstanding residents of the Bladen and Columbus county area are attracting partnership and support from many sources. For more information on the project's status and needs, check the website: www.georgehenrywhite.com.

Congratulations Herbert "JaMykal" Carr

Congratulations to our son Herbert "JaMykal" Carr who recently graduated on December 17, 2020 from New Hanover High completing academic requirements early.

JaMykal graduated high school having a strong history of volunteer service with the Good Shepherd House Food Pantry, The Voting Polls, The Special Olympics, The Queyshon King Memorial Scholarship Foundation and others. JaMykal has also been involved in boxing (Port City Boxing) and has a passion for football.

This coming May, JaMykal will participate in the cap and gown ceremony with the New Hanover High School 2021 graduates. JaMykal will be furthering his education this spring semester at CFCC pursuing an Associate of Arts Degree.

JaMykal is the son of proud parents Mr. and Mrs. John and Retha Carr; and grandson of Ms. Nolan Pittman.



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Mr. Gary Collins, Sr.

Mr. Gary Collins, Sr. was born on February 15, 1935 to the late Allen Brown and the late Edna Collins. Early in the morning on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 he entered into his eternal rest. Graveside services were conducted on Saturday, December 26, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

"Big Gary", as he was fondly called, graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1952. After graduation, he joined the United States Air Force. Gary serviced his country with honor and distinction for 20 years until his retirement. After retirement from military service, he became a loyal employee of General Electric for over 18 years.

In 1963, Gary married the love of his life, Joletha Collins. Gary and Joletha shared 57 amazing years of marriage together. To this union one son Gary II was born.

"Big Gary" was an avid golfer. Golfing wasn't just a hobby for him it was a passion. His passion for golf began at an early age. He was first introduced to the game of golf as a young adult as he caddied at a local golf course. Paving the way for others, Gary broke racial barriers being one of the first black men to play golf at several local courses in the area. He was also a lifelong member of the Port City Golfer's Association. Over the years he played in numerous tournaments and received many awards and recognitions. His zeal for the golf spilled over to anyone he met as he loved to share his passion and love for the game with everyone young people.

"Big Gary" leaves to cherish his memory; His loving wife, Joletha Collins; his devoted son, Gary Collins, II; one brother, Edward Collins; one sister, Wansley Williams; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. *Service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Mrs. Virlyn "PIG" Howard McGrew

On December 23, 2020, Mrs. Virlyn "PIG" McGrew entered into eternal rest. Virlyn was born in SC on November 4, 1943 to the late Janes and Elouise Howard. Virlyn and her siblings were raised in Wilmington, NC. Virlyn attended Williston Senior High School but received her GED in 1982. Graveside services were conducted on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Virlyn met the love of her

life, James McGrew Jr. and they married in June 1964. Virlyn and James had seven children. James preceded Virlyn in death in December 2004. Virlyn spent the last nine years of her life caring and providing for her grandson Zachary, who resided in the home with her. One thing Virlyn would talk and tell you about, were her grands and great grands. They were the world to her and she loved all of them the same.

Virlyn was employed with New Hanover County Schools for 35 years. She held various positions within the cafeteria staff with her eventually becoming the Cafeteria Manager in 1985. She retired in 2001 from Sunset Elementary School. Virlyn enjoyed cooking and making meals for others. Her most joyful moments were spending time on Sunday with her "Sunday Best Crew" eating and laughing.

In 1995, Virlyn joined New Covenant Holy Church and was a faithful member until her death. Virlyn attended and completed Christian Covenant Bible College. She loved all of her church family and ministerial staff especially Bishop and Pastor Nesbitt.

Virlyn was preceded in death by her baby sister Devonia Allen, her oldest child James Howard and his wife Brenda, a niece Nadja, a nephew Charles and a great grandson, Kairo.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Her daughters; Sharea (Eric) Cook, Vernesa (Berry) McGrew and Stephanie McGrew; sons; Derrick (La'Tanya) Howard, Cedric and Mario McGrew; a sister Betty Morris; a brother, Robert (Ilean) Howard; an aunt, Rosalee Howard; grandchildren; Roderick, Temeka, Aneka, Eric Jr. (Jessica), Derrick II, Donte (Terri), Keon (Meski) Jalen, Cedric, Lisa, Rashaad, Sade, Jalen, Anthony, Nia, Tia, Zachary and Austin; 33 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; three nieces Wanda, Latisha, Nicole (Jason), two nephews, Jeffrey and Pete (Angie); two friend who were like her daughters; Shirley Jordan and her beautician, Rochell; a host of other family members and friends. *A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Mr. Bobby Jerome Myers

Mr. Bobby Jerome Meyers departed this life on December 21, 2020 at his home. Memorial services were held on Monday, December 28, 2020 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service Chapel. *A service of Adkins-*

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We learned to live with the loss of a mother in a spiritual way because 'God's Will Be Done,' (W.J. Simmons-Canty)

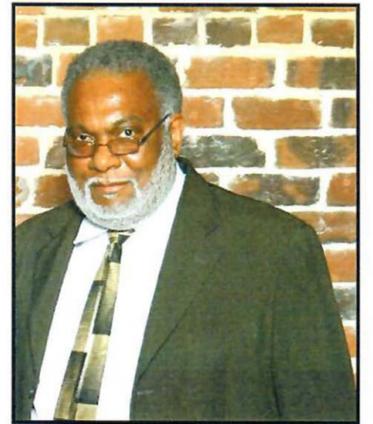
The Year 2020 has come to an end and in this year, I lost a precious jewel, my beloved mother and my best friend. This will indeed be a year for me to always remember. Losing my Mother and Mama as I called her was hurtful while leaving a void; however, my mother left an implausible mark on my life and one that will stay with me forever. That mark will never be erased as I live today and look forward to tomorrow on this journey of life. As I loved my dear Mother every day, I truly miss my dear Mother every day and especially on special holidays such as Mother's Day, her Birthday, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The mark which my Mother left on me, made me and shaped me in life, ultimately making me the lady I am today. For that I am truly grateful to her.

Death separated us this year, but my love for my Mother remains and is endless as she never said, "good-bye", instead she said, "I love you." As a result love was converted and my dear Mother will always remain with love in my heart. The beautiful words, "I love you" are very comforting to me and eases the sorrow, hurt and pain I feel as I grieve. On the other hand, the words, "I love you" brings joy to me and I can look up and smile with laughter for earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. I am grateful to God for allowing and giving me the opportunity to share the many years, precious hours and moments with Mama. These memories of Mama will live on forever in my heart.

She lived with adversity and overcame each defeat as she faced the challenges of life while rearing me and protecting me. She walked - her steps in grace and in God's way with love and dignity in every thought, deed, and gesture. With this in mind, she wonderfully served her church and joyfully served her community. She set her goals for me and pushed me to always strive for better. She reached her goals for me and I met with success. I will always remember the happiness she felt each time I received a degree and especially the day I received my Doctoral Degree in Education-Leadership/Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Phoenix. She was honored with a bouquet of red and white Roses as one of the oldest Mothers attending the ceremony in Washington, D.C. I am who I am because of my dear mother who gave me everything she could.

As I say 'Farewell' to the year 2020, I say 'Farewell' to my mother-Mama with gratitude as she was an amazing woman and my rock. May she rest in heavenly sweet peace. Let the memory of times shared and the memory of joyful times be a blessing and a comfort to me.

Dr. Willie J. Simmons-Canty, EdD
Daughter and Caregiver
December 1-3, 2020



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"Words Matter !"

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

As we prepare to enter into a new year, why not challenge ourselves to do better? When we know better, we should do better. Instead of focusing on the harmful words that have been spoken to us, let us endeavor in the new year to use helpful words to make this world a better place? Let us dare to be different from the status quo by creating an atmosphere of positivity where there seems to only be negativity? Let us purpose in our heart and mind to use our words to edify and uplift others? Let us seek to be a source of encouragement and enthusiasm, as we face a world full of cynicism and sarcasm. Beginning with the words that come out of our mouths, let us "frame our world, by the words that we speak". Our Words Matter!!!!



Sylvia Hooper

can never be retrieved, therefore, we should be ever so careful to watch the words that come from our mouths! David, the great Psalmist, prayed for grace (unmerited favor) as he sought to live a life that was pleasing in the sight of the Lord. He prayed for God to give him an understanding of his errors, for he genuinely wanted to know what it was that he was doing wrong. David was referred to as, "A man after God's own heart", because after he would sin, he would humble himself and repent (be Godly sorry) for his sins, and sincerely seek to be restored in the sight of the Lord. (Psalm 51)

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

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

The words of our mouths as Christian Believers, should be filled with wisdom. This wisdom of words works harmo-

nously with wisdom of thought and mind. "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." Psalm 119:59

Ecclesiastes 5:2 says, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty (in a hurry) to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy word be few." If we were to limit ourselves to saying only the things that we know to be fact, and not what we hear from second hand smoke, our words indeed would be few!

Proverbs 18:21a says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." The words of our mouths should be carefully spoken and righteously weighed, for our speech reveals our true character. Jesus said that we will accountable for the words we speak! Our words matter. Matthew 12:36, "But I say

unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Words Matter!!!

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

Prayer: Heavenly Father, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." WE want our words to be found pleasing in the your sight. Our words

really do matter !!! Tell Somebody, Happy New Year!!!

"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!

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

At the end of a rough year

This is my last article for this year, and it is written with angst, mingled with hope.

Angst because the current president is working as hard as he can to destroy what is left of this government. Like a petulant child, he is sulking, hiding, and pouting, and, of course, tweeting - but not about the plight of the American people but because he is angry that he has not been able to get his cronies to do his bidding and delegitimize the results of the presidential election.

He has refused to sign the COVID relief bill, interjecting himself into the process after it had been completed. (<https://www.kiro7.com/news/trending/deadline-passes-trump-does-not-sign-covid-19-relief-bill/47QUUNUH-FGCTP6DB6SJUYNTDA/>) Unemployment benefits for millions of Americans expired early Sunday morning, and

this president seems not to care.

As economic resources diminish for Americans, the avenues for their suffering is increasing exponentially. People do not have enough money to feed their families; long lines of cars with people seeking food are increasing all over the country. Reports say that many people in these lines seeking food were once donors to food pantries. (<https://www.motherjones.com/food/2020/12/i-never-thought-id-be-standing-in-one-of-these-lines-stories-from-people-seeking-food-aid/>) Many people will face eviction because their relief money has



Rev. Susan K. Smith

dried up and with the president continuing his temper tantrum, the possibility of getting enough money to thwart that hardship is diminishing. (<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/12/27/stimulus-checks-unemployment-benefits-trump-covid-relief-package/4050133001/>)

And the president, in full pout mode, does not care. The suffering of the people of the country of which he is fighting so hard to retain country simply do not matter to him - not even his base.

He is encouraging his followers to engage in violence to overturn the election results - if not overtly, then by silence as they engage in and instigate violence; he has asked that his followers show up on January 6 in Washington, D.C. to protest the certification of the results of the electoral college vote. (<https://www.newsweek.com/trump-encourages-wild-protests-dc-date-electoral-college-vote-count-1556153>) Spates of violence have broken out in different parts of the country and he has been silent. With his silence, he is an accomplice to the efforts to kill this country.

Of course, there is the pandemic. Over 300,000 people in this country have died, and hospital hospitals, including their ICUs, are filled to capacity. Maddeningly, members of the current administration have been among the first to receive early doses of the vaccine, though they have been doggedly insistent on supporting the view of the president that the virus is a hoax. While some bucked the warnings to be careful, many families spent quiet - and lonely - Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

And yet, the president golfs and tweets, his actions illustrating what it looks like to have a spirit clogged with the

disease of self-absorption, largely caused by white supremacy, wealth, and the privilege provided by both. For a couple of days after it was clear that Joe Biden had won the presidency, there was buoyancy in the air. A collective sigh of relief could be heard and metaphorically felt across the country as people took to the streets, relieved the president had lost, and looking forward to a new beginning after four years of stress and confusion.

The jubilation fizzled as the president began his quest to overturn the results of the election. Court case after court case, the American public breathed in anxiety even as it exhaled anger at being so manipulated, and at seeing one who was charged with, and who took an oath to - protect and preserve the Constitution work blatantly to destroy it.

And now here we are at the end of a rough year with a few more tumultuous days before us. People are suffering and it is not clear that the Republicans - or Trumplings, as I now call them - will have the courage, the integrity, and the honesty to prevent this man we call president from wreaking too much more havoc. It has been a rough year.

We are ready for a break. Please consider purchasing my newest book, *With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution, and Racism in America*. 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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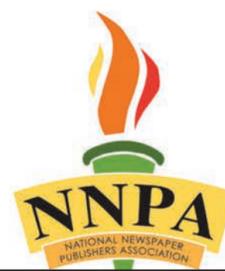
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THE UNDERSIGNED, Mandy Welch, having qualified on the 24th day of November, 2020, as Administrator of the Estate of Michael W. Welch (20-E-1434), deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that 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

**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 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 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

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Emily V. Mack**, 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 24th 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 24th day of December, 2020

Jerome Mack, Executor
432 S. Kerr Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 24, 31, 2020, January 7, 14, 2021

**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 17th day of December, 2020

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

**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 DUD-
LEY 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 court-house 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 19th day of November, 2020

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: BRENDA D. FORMAN
As Deputy Clerk
Respectfully submitted,
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December 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 18 JT 103**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.W. (dob: 27 January
2011)
TO: RESPONDENT-FATHER,
KELLY ALONZO WALKER**

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to A.W. You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, December 31, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Attorney Megan Schultz has been assigned to represent you. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 251-6088, 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter via Webex or 216 N. 2nd Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 31st day of December, 2020.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Senior Attorney
New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615
(910) 798-7833 * fax

December 31, 2020, January 7, 14, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 20 JT 24**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
K.K.M. (dob: 27 January
2020)**

TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to K.K.M.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, December 31, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

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December 31, 2020, January 7, 14, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

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

RICE LAW, PLLC
105 N. 6th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone: (910) 762-3854
Telefax: (910) 251-6346
(Counsel for Plaintiff)
By: /s/ Richard Forrest Kern
Richard Forrest Kern
NC Bar #: 39146

December 17, 24, 31, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 19 JT 176**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
N.D. (dob: 14 July 2019)**

TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to N.D. You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, December 31, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter via Webex or 216 N. 2nd Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the day of December, 2020.
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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:
THE ESTATE 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
CULBRETH LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 446
Wilmington, N. C. 28402

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF CATHERINE W. EDENS
20-E-1538**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Catherine W. Edens**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the address set out below on or before the **26th day of March, 2021**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address set out below.

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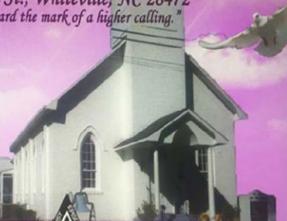
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