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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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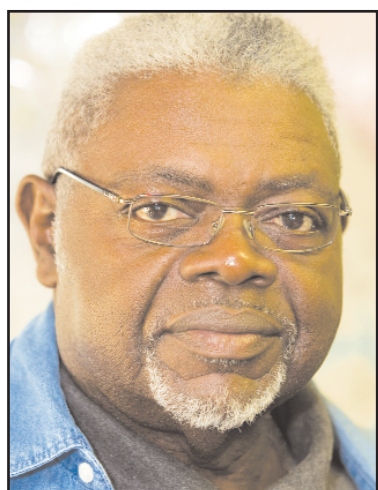
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A PLEA

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The year 2021 has come upon us, and we are looking for bigger and better things for this society. I am making a plea for the Black Press. I find that *The Wilmington Journal* has faced many hardships in the last few years. We have had great damage from storms and natural disasters that have left our equipment and building damage to the point at which we have to print and publish the paper outside our building. We are

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Black legal experts blast Trump call and Jim Crow caucus move

"So what are we going to do here folks? I only need 11,000 votes. Fellas, I need 11,000 votes. Give me a break!"--President Donald J. Trump on leaked telephone call to Georgia Secretary of State Raffensperger Jan. 2, 2021

BY CASH MICHAELS
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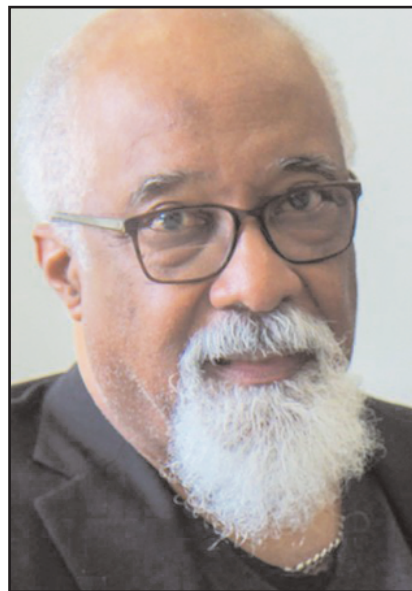
Irving Joyner, law professor at NC Central University School of Law, and chair of the NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee, was livid when he heard a recording of Pres. Trump's Jan. 2, 2021 phone call with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, allegedly trying to illegally pressure the fellow Republican officeholder into "finding" 11,780 votes from the Nov. 3, 2020 presidential election there so that Trump could officially claim Georgia's already certified 16 electoral votes.

"Had you done what Donald Trump did with Brad

Raffensperger, or anyone else for that matter, you would have already been arrested, prosecuted, and executed or deported back to Africa," Joyner exclaimed in an email, echoing other legal experts that Trump may have violated federal and state laws. "What the hell is going on in America?"

For the record and history, Democratic challenger, Joe Biden, beat incumbent Trump by approximately 12,000 votes in Georgia, and over 7 million votes nationally. However, that hasn't stopped Trump, who is scheduled to officially leave office at the stroke of 12 noon on January 20, from

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ATTY. IRVING JOYNER



(RET.) JUDGE CARL FOX

Save The Wilmington Journal



SUPPORT THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL'S 'GOFUNDME' CAMPAIGN

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Other than the Black church, no other institution in the African-American community has fought harder for freedom than the Black Press, and in Wilmington, that institution is *The Wilmington Journal*.

No matter what the cause, concern or story, if it affects the African-American community in the Port City or surrounding areas, *The Wilmington Journal* covers it to ensure that Black people are properly informed and empowered and has been doing so since 1927.

However, today, with dramatic changes in the economy, not to mention the drastic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, *The Journal* is in desperate need for community support to maintain its high level of service and commitment.

Its Seventh Street headquarters is in need of critical repair from years of storm and wind damage. Without needed repairs, the building will be auctioned, and *The Journal* will cease to exist.

Thus, members of the Wilmington community, led by Dorian Cromartie of the Black Leadership Caucus, and Deborah Dicks Maxwell, president of the New Hanover County Branch of the NAACP, have come together to kick off a GoFundMe page titled "Save *The Wilmington Journal*," with the goal of raising \$95,000.

As of January 7, 2021, \$5,746 has been raised in the effort from 77 donors. Ms. Cromartie herself has raised \$470 from nine donations. Ms. Maxwell has raised \$1,725.00 from 20 donations.

"*The Journal* must continue to be a voice in our community as it has for the past 93 years," she says. "It is time to support them as they have support-

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WARNOCK



OSSOFF

Black vote makes history in Georgia

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The first African-American U. S. senator in history from the state of Georgia was elected Wednesday morning, thanks to the brilliant voter registration and mobilization of Georgia organizer/activist, Stacey Abrams.

The Rev. Raphael Warnock, a Democrat and the senior pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., defeated incumbent Republican Sen. Kelly Loeffler in a tight runoff to claim the seat. His race was called by the Associated Press and the major television news networks before 1:00 a.m..

Rev. Warnock's Democratic running mate, Jon Ossoff, was leading his Republican opponent, incumbent Sen. David Purdie, by over 16,000 votes, Wednesday morning. Once Ossoff was officially projected to be the winner, and his victory certified, he joined his colleague, Senator-elect Warnock in the U. S. Senate.

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What is the latest on vaccine availability in N. C.?

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for COVID-19 have been out several weeks now, and just over 4.5 million people across the nation have taken their first dose thus far.

What is the status, however, of

vaccine treatment now in North Carolina, and how soon will it be before communities of color, which have suffered up to three times as much as their White counterparts from the coronavirus, receive their dose?

According to the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of Monday, January 4, North

Carolina is one of seven states that have vaccinated fewer than 1000 people per every 100,000.

The CDC also notes that North Carolina ranked among the ten lowest for vaccine distribution.

Part of the problem with both vaccination and distribution is the considerable degree of confusion associated with them. Some com-

munity health centers have designated those 75 and older to be the among the first to be inoculated. Some areas designate those in long term care facilities to be the first to receive shots.

Confusion comes when those not sure of their status show up to

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The Wilmington Journal is still partially operating from a remote area. Our building has much damage and some of our equipment is still inoperable. Please continue to bear with us as we work to return to normalcy. *The Staff and Management of The Wilmington Journal*



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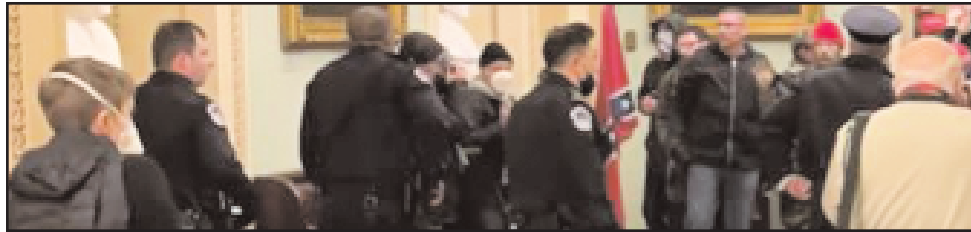
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in dire need of financial assistance in order to get back up to a full course paper published for the good of the people, especially the Black news. Our story is not always accurately told. We must save our news! The Wilmington Journal has survived since 1927 and has carried the cause of Black people. It has served our community in good times and bad times! Please see article on this page for information on where to send your donation

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

Domestic terrorist attack at U. S. Capitol



Crucial questions must be answered in days to come

By Hazel Trice Edney

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The U. S. Capitol in the heart of Washington D.C. was hit with a violent domestic terrorist attack on Jan. 6 as thousands of vastly White American citizens, right wing groups and Trump supporters stormed the building.

Capitol Police barricaded doors and drew guns to stave off the terrorists.

After it was over; four people were dead; members of Congress and their staffs were terrorized, and dozens of crucial unanswered questions remain. Among those questions:

•Why were there not more security officers on duty since this rally was openly planned?

•Why weren't police, Secret Service, FBI, ATF among other security agencies on the ground in preparation for this insurrection as hundreds of them were in attendance during protests by Black Lives Matter?

•Is it because these masses of insurrections were White that they did not receive the same treatment as Black Lives

Matter protestors and they were not expected to do the damage that they did?

•Were any members of these law enforcement groups accomplices in sync and in cooperation with the terrorists?

•In addition to Trump himself, were there any members of Congress who were accomplices in sync and in cooperation with the terrorists.

•What part did Twitter, Facebook and other social media sites play in failing to flag the plans for this terrorist attack; including the failure to end Trump's use of Twitter and social media to help encourage and organize it?

•What about those members of Congress who had remained silent for the past two months as Trump railed, claiming to have been the rightful winner of the election.

•Will there be a Congressional investigation to answer these questions and will there be more arrests?

The insurrectionists had been invited to D.C. and sent to the Capitol by President

Donald Trump and his lawyer, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani who, at a rally Wednesday morning, encouraged the crowd to go forward and "Let's have trial by combat!"

Carrying Trump flags, U. S. flags, Confederate flags and other paraphernalia; wearing MAGA (Make America Great Again) hats, the crowds stormed the building during a joint meeting of Congress. The crowd overwhelmed armed Capitol Police officers to gain entry to the building. They broke windows, knocked down doors, climbed inside and outside walls. Pipe bombs were found at the Republican and Democratic headquarters. Four people were killed during the Mayhem. At this writing, their names had not been released. According to reports, 52 people were arrested."

The intent was to stop lawmakers from certifying the presidential and vice presidential elections of Joseph Biden and Kamala Harris. The attack did not work. After members of Congress hid on floors under

their desks and Congressional leaders were whisked away to secure bunkers, hundreds of police and National Guard troops in riot gear were finally able to clear the building.

In the early morning of Jan. 7, the Congress voted to certify the Biden-Harris election. Inauguration is set for January 20th. Vice President Mike Pence, who was presiding over the joint session of Congress, affirmed the Congressional vote. Historians say nothing close to this physical attack on the Capitol had occurred in more than 200 years when British forces stormed and burned the Capitol in 1814.

Members of Congress, Trump's cabinet and the media are now discussing how to prevent continued attacks in this regard; including the possible invoking of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment, which states in part, "Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of

the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President."

In the midst of the attack Trump, in a Tweet, told the terrorists to respect police and said, "We are the party of law and order." Ultimately, he tweeted, "Go home, we love you. You're very special."

Twitter ultimately blocked Trump's tweets on Wednesday, but not until after the damage was done.

On the morning after he tweet through a staffer's account that will go down in history as an ultimate insult. After Capitol Police barricaded doors and drew guns to protect members of Congress from the terrorists that he sent; after, for weeks, calling Jan. 6 a "day of reckoning," Trump tweeted through someone else's account, there will be a "peaceful transfer of power."

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ed us in every battle for social justice in this area."

"The New Hanover County NAACP will support with a \$1,000 check towards this effort," Ms. Maxwell continued. "I believe in what the paper

represents and the need it fulfills in the community," says Robert Bayley, who donated \$100.00.

The campaign runs until February 1st, 2021, so those

who would like to contribute are urged to go to the 'GoFundMe' website, and enter "Save The Wilmington Journal" in the search engine. That will

take you right to the fundraising page.

On behalf of the organizers, thank you in advance for your much needed contribution.

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Rev. Warnock's and Ossoff's victories were immensely important to incoming Pres-

elect Joe Biden and Vice Pres.-Elect Kamala Harris because, not only does the double victory even up the U. S. Senate (50 Democrats vs. 50 Republicans), but allows VP Harris to be the tie breaking

vote on important issues.

Warnock and Ossoff benefitted from the large statewide African-American voting coalition led by Stacey Abrams that helped Joe Biden win Georgia in November:

Long early voting lines and millions of mail-in ballots also marked the over 3.3 million total early votes.

"We were told that we couldn't win this election, but tonight we proved that, with

hope, hard work, and the people by our side, anything is possible," Warnock said. "My story be an inspiration to some young person who is trying to grasp and grab hold to the American dream."

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declaring that the 2020 election was "stolen" from him.

Problem is, after approximately 60 lawsuits, neither Trump nor any of his legal team has offered a shred of provable evidence in various courts or elsewhere to bolster his claims. His Jan. 2, 2021 telephone stunt is now seen as a desperate act by a desperate man.

"This call is despicable and unprecedented!!," said retired Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, and former Orange County District Attorney Carl Fox in a Facebook post. "It should be investigated and submitted to a grand jury for its consideration. Rest assured! This call would be submitted to a grand jury if the caller were Mary Jo or John Q. Public! The President is NOT above the law!"

That feeling isn't just limited to N. C. African-American law professors and former Superior Court judges.

Congresswoman Alma Adams [NC-12], just sworn-in Sunday for her fourth term, joined a congressional resolution, along with North Carolina colleague

Rep. G. K. Butterfield and over 90 other House members "censuring and condemning Pres. Trump for attempting to overturn the results of the November 2020 presidential election in the state of Georgia."

Rep. Adams, however, didn't stop there. She also later added, "Donald Trump belongs in prison. His actions justify it; the integrity of the Constitution necessitates it; the sanctity of our democracy requires it!"

However, approximately 140 Republican House colleagues of Adams disagree, so much so, in fact, that they joined with what was expected to be at least 13 Republican U. S. senators yesterday who declared they would not accept the Electoral College votes certifying Democrat Joe Biden as the new President-elect, instead demanding a 10-day period to appoint a commission to investigate allegations of "voter fraud."

So why should African-Americans care? African-Americans should care because legal and political analysts say this is really about race and discounting the votes of African-Americans.

In the six battleground

states, where Trump's lawyers sought to overturn the election results, they targeted predominately Black areas where African-Americans won the state for Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris. The courts in those states threw out those cases.

In Georgia, Trump claimed that thousands of votes were shredded in Fulton County, where 44 % of its one million population is Black.

Michael Steele, the Black former chairman of the Republican National Committee was blunt. "[Trump] tried to engage a conspiracy to violate the Constitution and the U. S. Code by throwing out duly certified votes of citizens...by "attempting to deprive" Black voters in Georgia of their vote after "a fair and impartially conducted election."

"In every jurisdiction that is presently being challenged by Donald Trump today is where African-Americans eagerly used mail-in balloting to enlarge their participation in the voting process," Prof. Joyner explained. "This enlarged and engaged participation by African-Americans (because of the

pandemic), in those Trump targeted jurisdictions, provided the overwhelming margin of victory for President-Elect Joe Biden.

"As such," Joyner continued, "the attacks on voting that are being orchestrated by Donald Trump and his allies are directed at taking away votes which were cast by African Americans. When the Donald Trump gang rants about the casting of illegal mail-in ballots, they are referring to this large outpouring of African American political power and opposition that ousted him from office. In past elections, mail-in ballots have been primarily used by White voters."

"Trump and his forces are outraged that they can't identify anything illegal or inappropriate in these African American cast ballots to justify not counting them, which has caused them now to focus on "outright" theft of the election in these targeted jurisdictions," Joyner continued.

White moderate Republican "Never Trumpers," like former strategists Stuart Stephens and Steve Schmidt, call the GOP Trump supporters in Congress pushing for the 2020 presidential election

results to be thrown out "the Jim Crow Caucus."

"The Jim Crow Senators are trying to throw away the votes of millions of Black Americans," Schmidt said on Twitter, noting that Trump's current chief of staff, former North Carolina Congressman, Mark Meadows, was on that Jan 2 Georgia call with Trump.

"A man who cried crocodile tears at the death of a great man

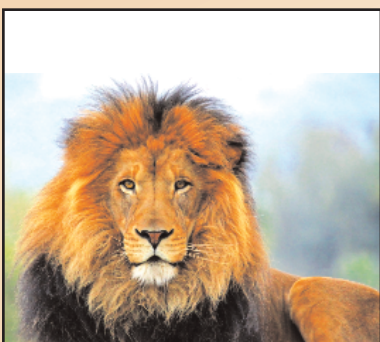
@RepCummings is now seeking to toss out the votes of millions of Black Americans," Schmit said. "Meadows has betrayed his country. His shame will be forever."

Legal analysts note that, if the Fulton County district attorney wanted to charge Meadows as an accessory to violating Georgia election law, she could do it immediately.

"This represents the lowest of the lows," former Judge Carl Fox says of the Republican effort to overturn the election. "So the sore losers with no evidence whatsoever should be able to keep the legitimate winner of the election from taking office based upon their unfounded, unsubstantiated objections, feelings, or beliefs? January 20 cannot,

"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."

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STATE BRIEFS



GOV. COOPER MOBILIZES NATIONAL GUARD TO DISTRIBUTE COVID-19 VACCINE
[RALEIGH] On Tuesday, Gov. Roy Cooper mobilized

the NC National Guard in order to accelerate distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. "Ensuring COVID-19 vaccines are administered quickly is our top priority right now," Cooper tweeted. "We will use all resources and personnel needed. I've mobilized the NC National Guard to provide support to local health providers as we

continue to increase the pace of vaccinations." Approximately 50 National Guard members will be utilized for the effort.

WAKE COMPANY SEEKS BLACKS, HISPANICS FOR NEW VACCINE TRIAL
[RALEIGH] A Raleigh company called Wake Research

is seeking Black and Hispanic patients for a trial of the Novavax vaccine for COVID-19. Doses are administered three weeks apart. It is a two-in-one vaccine. According to Dr. Matthew Hong of Wake Research, the trial has about 40 participants thus far. Novavax is a two-year trial.

WILMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT CHIEF RETIRES
[WILMINGTON] After over thirty years, WFD Asst. Chief Rick Pearsall is retiring from the department this week. A former Marine, Pearsall joined the WFD in November 1990. He is also the second African-American to be appointed

assistant chief with the department, the first being Lorenzo Edge. Pearsall is known and respected for being a leader who always looked after his men as long as they did their jobs.

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receive shots, only to be turned away. Many say they have tried to call numerous times before going, in many cases not being able to reach anybody because of phone problems.

Local health centers are still trying to coordinate with doctors and health specialists as to how and when to schedule vaccinations.

There is general agreement that the frequency of vaccinations is nowhere where it needs to be if CDC

goals are to be met for complete inoculation by this time next year.

Furthermore, as for communities of color, the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services "...has a specific focus building trust with historically marginalized populations," the agency says. "Longstanding and continuing racial and ethnic injustices in our health care system contribute to lack of trust in vaccines. The Department is partnering with trusted leaders and organizations to provide accurate information about the vaccine.

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Take a stand against gun violence terrorizing our streets

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Gun violence spiked across the country in 2020, the most violent year in decades. 19,000 were killed in shootings, the highest death toll in 20 years (and that does not include gun suicides). Mass shootings — defined as four or more shot in an incident — also rose drastically to over 600. Chicago's 769 homicides in 2020 were, according to ABC News, "more homicides than in all but one year in more than two decades."

The 4,033 shooting victims were also drastically higher. The spike in Chicago was echoed in other big cities like Detroit, Washington, D.C., New York and Atlanta and in smaller cities like Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Rockford, Illinois. In all these cities, the victims are disproportionately people of color.

The new year started off where the old ended, with 30 people shot and five killed in Chicago over the holiday weekend. We are killing one another in larger numbers in the midst of the national pandemic. The experts agree on the underlying causes. The COVID-19 economic devastation increased misery, anger, and fear. More and more found themselves under harsh pressure, unable to keep the roof over their heads, get adequate schooling for the young, secure decent health care and adequate food. The pandemic also caused a severe cutback in violence prevention programs, in conflict de-escalation services.

The George Floyd murder and recurrent police violence exacerbated the tensions. And most important of all, of course, is America's perverse addiction to guns. The year 2020 witnessed record sales of guns across the country. There are 5 million new gun owners in America. Sensible gun regulations have been blocked at the federal and state level. In too many instances, state legislatures have blocked the efforts of cities to regulate guns.

Guns are not made in Chicago. There are no gun ranges. Guns are brought in across state lines. The result is, frankly, absurd. The ban on assault weapons, weapons designed to kill people in large numbers in warfare, has been repealed. States across the country allow open carry and camouflaged carry. Protesters surrounded the Michigan legislature armed with rifles and guns.

Others threatened and began to plot an armed kidnapping of the governor, protesting her sensible COVID restrictions. At Donald Trump's calling, the streets of Washington, D.C., will be filled with protesters, many of them armed. This is yet another example of how a rabid minority — dispensing lots of cash and armies of lobbyists — can spurn the will of the majority. The majority of Americans want sensible gun control laws.

Now, however, there is a yawning partisan divide with Democrats and Independents supporting stronger gun control and Republican support waning. With gun violence spiking and political disputes turning into armed confrontations, it is past time for real leadership to step forward. Mike Bloomberg, the former mayor of New York, has shown the way. As a presidential candidate, he put forth a sensible comprehensive reform agenda. As a private citizen, he has helped to support groups calling for reform. He understands, more than most, that gun violence takes far more victims than those who die.

It is a major public health crisis, leaving thousands permanently disabled and in need of care. The incoming administration inherits staggering catastrophes that it must address. Surely one of these is the growing gun violence that terrorizes our streets. This administration should push America to make a real choice about gun violence. Do we want to allow more and more violence, to witness political disputes turning into violent exchanges of gunfire? Or will we make a commitment to making our streets safer with police not having to worry about being outgunned by the violent. Banning assault weapons should be a no-brainer.

Cracking down on the shipping of guns across state lines is another. Real investment in violence prevention services must be increased. Our schools should be teaching the practice and praising the courage of nonviolence. From its endless wars to the spiking gun violence on its streets, America leads the world in violence. This is not a race we want to run or to win. It is time for the majority to be heard.

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

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VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

REALITY CHECK

Black folks should focus on our group's strengths

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

It is way past the time for serious black folks in this country to resolve that in 2021 we are focused all of our attention on identifying, analyzing and building upon our strengths as individuals and as a group. This will do much more to protect our economic, cultural, political, educational, health, legal, technological and self-defense interests than using our meetings to tell can-you-top-this horror stories about the latest actions of white supremacists. If we build upon our strengths, it will send a clear message to those whose goal is to keep us in a permanent position of second-

classhood.

Contrary to popular propaganda and beliefs of our enemies and, unfortunately, too many black people, we do have strengths. Only a strong group of people could have survived the physical and psychological attacks that have been inflicted on us in a basically white supremacist society.

That's why one of the first things we should do is put together a national conference during which we will have divisions

in the above listed arenas of economics, culture, politics, health, education, legal, technology and self-defense. Each division would be required to come up with plans of action in their field that will advance our group's interests in their particular field of action. If a hostile move is made by proponents of white supremacy against us in their arena they should be able to provide us with concrete guidance on how to deal with it.

Believe me, I am well aware that what I am proposing is not going to happen overnight. But I do believe that there are enough serious black folks in this country to begin laying the groundwork in 2021. I share the belief expressed by

the great journalist-historian Lerone Bennett, Jr. who noted that "Given the way we are forced to live in this society, the miracle is not that so many families are broken, but that so many are still together. That so many black fathers are still at home. That so many black mothers are still raising good children. It is the incredible toughness and resilience in black people that gives me hope." Those of us who share Brother Lerone's hope most definitely must walk the walk in 2021.

A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is *Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher*, can be reached at apeterb@verizon.net.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.



A. Peter Bailey



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

We were guinea pigs for the U. S.: It isn't just Tuskegee

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

People who don't know Black history have probably heard more about the Tuskegee syphilis "experiment" in the last month than they have in their whole lives. The chattering class has used the debacle of allowing hundreds of Black men live with untreated syphilis to monitor its effects to explain the resistance that many Black Americans have to accepting the COVID vaccination, thus imperiling the possibility of "herd" immunity.

It wasn't just the men, enticed into the study with the promise of lifetime health care, who suffered. Dozens of wives were also infected because they didn't know their partners had syphilis. At least nineteen children were born with syphilis because they were untreated. There was no known treatment for syphilis when the study, which was supposed to last just six months, began in 1934. Penicillin was the widely accepted remedy in the late 1940s, but none of the men in the study were offered it. The study is referred to as the "Tuskegee" experiment, but it really needs to be called the United States Public Health Service experiment. Our government initiated and funded this abomination and used Tuskegee as its base for this putrid study.

This was not the first time, though, and it is not likely to

be the last when Black bodies were experimented on for white comfort. During enslavement, "doctor" often purchased enslaved people to experiment on them. After Reconstruction, when Black folks died from being overworked, often their relatives were not told of their demise, but nearby medical schools used their bodies to teach medical students about anatomy.

It was legal in thirty-two states to sterilize Black women (and others considered "marginal" without their permission. In Alabama, in 1973, the Reif sisters, aged 12 and 14, were involuntarily sterilized in a federally funded clinic. An *Essence* magazine writer broke the story with the help of a whistleblower. The offending physician seemed to think the girls were mentally deficient and incapable of caring for the children they had not yet conceived. That was their decision to make, not his.

Between 1929 and 1976, at least 7000 people were sterilized in North Carolina by judicial order. Thousands more were sterilized by order of local judges. The state set aside \$10 million in 2014 to pay some of the oppressive state policy victims, but

many don't qualify because they lack documentation. Those sterilized were treated as guinea pigs.

J. Marion Sims, known as the "father of gynecology," perpetuated some of the more chilling experiments on Black women's bodies. He performed sterilizations, unnecessary C-sections, and more on Black women and worked on them until he could perfect the technique to use on white women. Sims performed many of the painful operations without anesthesia. In other cases, Black women were given so much mind-numbing morphine that they became addicted. Sims is credited with inventing the specula, a tool routinely used in most gynecological exams. Actually, he used a spoon, then improved on it, for the examinations. Sims had quite the career, serving for a time as President of the American Medical Association. There was a statue of him in New York's Central Park and tributes to him all over the country. Blessedly the Central Park statue was taken down in 2018, after several protests. Why was it there in the first place?

In her book, *Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black American from Colonial Times To The Present* (Doubleday, 2006), Harriet Washington details the many ways Black bodies were guinea pigs for white

experiments. That's not all. The Institute of Medicine has documented that black folk with broken bones are less likely to get pain medication than whites. And the very recent COVID death of African American physician Dr. Susan Moore, who was denied pain medication and was described as "intimidating" by the medical staff, illustrates how the medical establishment treats too many Black people.

Having said all that, I'll still be standing in lines soon as my number is called for the COVID vaccination. I prefer the Pfizer vaccination from the research I've done, but I'll take the Moderna if available. Why? I'm over 60, diabetic, and thus at high risk for getting COVID. I want to travel again, get on a plane, and see my mama and my friends. I don't know about eating out — my culinary skills have improved. But I know that my limited exposure to the world has gotten on my last nerve.

We were their guinea pigs, and the medical establishment has been negligent toward Black people. By now, though, enough white people have had the vaccination that by some wicked irony, they are my guinea pigs. Get the vaccination if you can, medical racism notwithstanding. Black folks are twice as likely to die from COVID as white people. Protect yourself!

Dr. Julianne Malveaux is an economist and author.



**"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."
--AN AFRICAN PROVERB**

Attorney Ben Crump wants White woman who attack Black teen over cell phone prosecuted

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)
 Civil Rights Attorney Ben Crump said, "enough is enough." The famed lawyer has demanded that New York prosecutors bring charges against a white woman who viciously attacked a young African American teen in a hotel lobby after she falsely claimed the youth stole her iPhone.
 "As this year of racial awareness is drawing to a close, it's deeply troubling that incidents like this one, in which a Black child is viewed as and treated like a criminal, continue to happen," stated Crump, who in 2020 has represented the families of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and Jacob Blake.
 On Tuesday, December 29, 2020, a spokesperson for Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance, Jr., confirmed that

the office was investigating the assault on Kenyon Harrold Jr., the son of jazz trumpeter Kenyon Harrold.
 The incident, which the senior Harrold captured on cell-phone video, occurred on December 26 at the Arlo Hotel, a boutique four-star hotel in New York's Soho section.
 While the Harrold's were grabbing breakfast, the still-unidentified white woman lashed out, tackled, and scratched the innocent teen, accusing him of stealing her phone.
 When the elder Harrold stepped in with his camera recording the incident, the woman allegedly assaulted the Grammy-winner as well. She then confronts a hotel

manager and accused Harrold, Jr., of stealing her phone and again lunges at the youth.
 "Take the case off, that's mine," the angry woman yells in the video. "Literally, get it back," she demands of the hotel manager.
 A few minutes later, the woman's missing phone was returned by an Uber driver, who noted that she mistakenly left it in the car. "I am furious!!!" the elder Harrold, who counts Prince, Common, and Dr. Dre as influences, wrote on Instagram.
 "We see this crap happening all the time, but it hits different when it hits home!!! I typically try to keep things positive, but nothing about this video is positive."
 The hotel issued an apology and called the Harrolds' experience "inexcusable" before offering that "more

could have been done to de-escalate the dispute."
 Crump remained furious. "Compounding the injustice, the hotel manager defaulted to calling on 14-year-old Keyon to prove his innocence, documenting that we have two justice systems in America and that Black people are treated as guilty until proven innocent," Crump exclaimed.
 "We strongly urge Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance Jr. to bring assault and battery charges against this woman to send the message that hateful, racially motivated behavior is unacceptable. This is what it will take to drive change. We also call for a civil rights investigation into the Arlo Hotel for its implicit bias in its treatment of Keyon."
 Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent.



Stacy M. Brown

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
 The domestic abuse of America by the GOP

It is said that rape is not an act of love, but is, rather, an act of power.
 And it is also known that people commit domestic abuse is learned behavior; it occurs for a number of different reasons, including one having a sense of entitlement and a belief that one should have control and power over their partner: (http://greenhillswom-ensshelter.net/blog/domestic-violence-2/what-causes-domestic-violence/)
 And from the outside, it looks like the United States and its form of government are being abused and assaulted by men in power who feel like they have the right to do it. Their actions and verbiage are emotionally, politically, and psychologically abusive, and they, like so many abusers who scoff at authority and too often are excused for their behavior, are arrogantly flouting the constitution and the law. Their entitlement makes them believe that they can and will get away with what they are doing and they feel like they have the right to do whatever they want with "their" country.
 They are advocating for violence if the president and his friends are not successful in overturning the election. They are, in fact, practicing voter suppression and voting fraud in plain sight. Members of the Congress and the Senate, cabinet members including the Chief of Staff, and a former military officer are all pushing the president to declare martial law.
 Like toxic abusers - be they male or female - who beat, scream and yell and, and oftentimes rape - these men in power are strutting around like peacocks, daring anyone to stop them.
 And nobody is.
 One of the greatest disappointments is that there are so many people in elected office who do not like democracy. While they say "the Democrats" will make this country a socialist nation, they are, in fact, working to make fascism an American reality. They are not interested in the masses of people having rights - and neither are over 70 million people who support them. They make a mockery of the law while saying they supportive of "law and order." It is like a law enforcement officer beating his wife, even while in uniform. Law enforcement officers are supposed to uphold the law, not blatantly break it.
 It feels like American democracy is on the ropes, doing very little to fight back. Like an abused spouse, America is taking the abuse, save for the courts that have rejected the over 60 lawsuits that have been filed to try to invalidate the election results.
 The men in power, supported, by the way, by a base which includes many who need democracy in order to have quality lives - are bullies, and are proud of it, doing everything but baring their chests and showing their erect genitals. They are walking fearlessly, indicating that they believe in white power, even if that means committing sedition and perhaps treason. They are not afraid of "the law." Many who abuse others likewise dismiss the law even as they disrespect it. Law enforcement, especially as concerns violence against black people, act in much the same way and have done so historically because abuse of "the law" is built into their very formation. As early as 1740, civilians were required to serve in Slave Patrols, created to keep black people in line by any means necessary. They were trained to abuse laws that gave freedom and dignity to black people; invalidation of and breaching "the law" was what they were supposed to do.
 The man in the White House is a pitiful sight; though many say they desire his strength, in reality, he - and his friends - are weak to a fault. It is a weak person who believes that the only way to exist is by controlling others; similarly, it is a weak person who cannot see anyone's needs but his or her own. The weakest people are the ones who commit domestic abuse, who shoot and kill unarmed black people, and who ignore the laws and the constitution of this country, even as they present themselves as "strong." They simply are not.
 The president and his friends are beating American democracy up, using the fists provided by their status as elected officials. America is showing the effects of the beating.
 My prayer is that the abusers will be stopped, arrested, censured, whatever can be done. The newly elected senators and representatives were sworn into office yesterday, and it was like an abuser being honored and promoted in spite of having engaged in reprehensible behavior: Those sworn in promised to protect the Constitution and this country but their promises were empty and meaningless.
 People who are abused take it until one day they cannot. When they fight back - if they do - the end result is often tragic. The abuse and assault of this nation by these power-grabbing men will only get worse. The question is, what will it look like when those who believe in democracy say "enough!"
 That is a word which should have been said long before this. God help us all.
 Dr. Susan K Smith . To inquire about booking her, contact cassady2euca@icloud.com. Please consider purchasing my latest book, With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution and Racism in America.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet
 Who is North Carolina's Stacey Abrams?

Alleluia! Alleluia! Senator Raphael Warnock! Senator Raphael Warnock!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Senator Jon Ossoff! Senator Jon Ossoff!
 We weep with joy as History's trash collectors fill their trucks with the voter suppression tricks Stacey Abrams and her disciplined movement built from years of steady work in the Georgia State Legislature, exposed in Georgia. A new day, a new south is coming into focus.
 We in North Carolina did not defeat Trump! We underestimated his Tea Party cadre and use of unlimited financing by his Bankrollers. And many of us never accepted how their Voter Suppression Trick-Bags that represent the main agenda of the Jim Crow Republican Party main agenda on Jones Street.
 North Carolina Movement activists need to ask ourselves, 'How did the Tea Party (that is the Republican) Caucus pull off a smashmouth defeat of an excellent group of candidates that were poised to take out

Sen. Tillis, and a dozen or so legislators? I'm thinking of some of our most experienced leaders like former Chief Justice Cherry Beasley, former US N.C. Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons Goodson and Yvonne Lewis Holley.
 Where's North Carolina's Stacey Abrams?
 Voter Suppression in Georgia and North Carolina-key battlegrounds in the 15 soft-target states by Tea Party infiltrators. Stacey Yvonne Abrams' three books are required reading for those who believe we need a Stacey Movement here. Lead from the Outside. Our Time is Now. And her book, co-authored with several civil rights lawyers and writers about the history of Jim Crow Voter Suppression. Anti-Voter Suppression Movements must begin in State Legislatures. Our friend, Ari Berman, wrote

a classic book in 2016, Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America. Another friend, Jim Rutenberg, published a long article in the NY Times Magazine on August 2, 2015, called A Dream Undone, both required reading for our Stacey Abrams' Movement.
 The Proud Boys have led a violent assault on Congress, encouraged by the President of the United States. Their entry into the Capitol Building was obviously facilitated by confederates on the inside. As we wrote before, the Anti-Racism Movement which began in 1619, must provide Moral, Strategic, and Tactical Leadership based on the concrete conditions of our era.
 Modeled after the 911 Commission about the Al Qaeda Terrorist Attack in September 2000, President Joseph Biden and VP Kamala Harris and their Transition staff, need to be working on a Commission and Full Subpoena Authority to discover the Origins and

Collusion involved between the President and Government employees, the Proud Boys, and Radicalized Violent Racists, to be formed and with its Marching Orders, as the First Official Act of their Administration.
 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.



Al McSurely

TO BE EQUAL

With Tamir Rice decision, Trump's Justice Department once again protects the powerful at the expense of the powerless

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)
 "Anyone with decent vision can see from the parking-lot video of the shooting that the claim that Loehmann was able to repeatedly warn Tamir warrants incredulity. In less than two seconds, Garmback screeches to a halt in the cold mud, Loehmann pops out of the passenger door, and he fires the shot that eventually killed Tamir. He'd have had to be speaking like one of those speed readers dictating legal disclaimers on radio advertisements. However, despite that common-sense view of things, Fishman and Reddick reportedly encountered tension within the DOJ. You see, they had to write a memo requesting a grand jury to subpoena documents and testimony from witnesses, and that memo needed approval from a deputy assistant attorney general who works alongside Trump political appointees within the DOJ. And no one responded. ... Quite simply, the DOJ let the clock run out on accountability for two cops involved in killing an unarmed black child." - Jamil Smith, Rolling Stone

Black life.
 Tamir Rice was a child playing with a toy. It would have taken Timothy Loehmann and Frank Garmback only a few seconds to ascertain that he posed no threat to anyone. But they didn't bother to spend even those few seconds because all they needed to see was the color of Tamir's skin to decide he was a threat.
 They didn't even bother to stop their car completely. As Judge Ronald B. Adrine wrote in his ruling that probable cause existed to charge the officers, "This court is thunderstruck by how quickly this event turned deadly ... the Zone Car containing Patrol Officers Loehmann and Garmback is still in the process of stopping when Rice is shot."
 The toy gun wasn't even in Tamir's hands when the officers shot him. The video "does not appear to show him making any furtive movement prior to or at the moment he is shot," Judge Adrine wrote. Tamir's arms "do not appear to be raised or outstretched."
 A grand jury declined to indict the officers in 2015,

calling the killing a "perfect storm of human error, mistakes, and communications by all involved." However, because grand jury proceedings are shrouded in secrecy it's unknown what evidence the grand jurors heard or what recommendations the prosecutors made. After a judge granted grand jurors in the Breonna Taylor case permission to speak publicly, the public learned that prosecutors had not given them the opportunity to bring homicide charges against the officers. Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron falsely claimed the grand jury "agreed" that the shooting was justified.
 The city of Cleveland last year settled a wrongful death lawsuit filed by Tamir's family for \$6 million.
 This brutal year of COVID-19 has seen armed protesters storm state capitols, threatening lawmakers and even menacing police, and not one was harmed. The armed protesters were white.
 In Kenosha in August, police nonchalantly allowed accused killer Kyle Rittenhouse, armed with a AR-15 style rifle, to walk by them even as witnesses shouted that he had just shot someone. Rittenhouse is white.
 The same week as the Kenosha killings, police in Utah arrested an

unharmd Richard Grant Lees after he fired shots at the officers with assault rifle. Lees is white.
 Time and again, Black people are considered a threat just for existing, while violent white men are cossetted.
 A Justice Department that does not consider Tamir's death a crime is a Justice Department that has decided that white officers must never be held accountable for taking Black lives, under any circumstances. Among those recently pardoned by President Trump were a white police officer who unlawfully ordered her police dog to attack people of color; a Border Patrol agent who brutalized a Latino man trying to cross the border; an immigration agent who illegally harassed Latino store owners, and a sheriff who defied a court order to stop racial profiling and who once said it was "an honor" to be compared to the Ku Klux Klan.
 It may be too late for the incoming Biden Administration to re-examine this case. But we expect the new Attorney General to be committed to police accountability, and to pursue such cases with a sincere motivation to seek justice for the victims rather than to protect their killers.
 Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.



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Co-signing, look at your neighbor and say....

"DON'T DO IT!" Let me tell you I recall countless times that families were forced to continue renting due to helping others and it turned into a great mistake. They were doing it out of the kindness of heart. Just wanted to help their friends and loved ones only to find out later the carnage that came from it.

Being too debt-heavy (high debt ratio) is the #2 reason (after bad credit) that most can't get a home loan approval. Oh, I know not all co-signing situations end badly but unfortunately, some stats reveal in most cases the bad out ways the good... SMH, it can also be challenging to be removed as a cosigner from a loan. To gain a better understanding, let's look at why a cosigner is needed at all. A cosigner is needed when the borrower's own credit and/or income isn't

enough to qualify for the loan by him or herself. The cosigner has stronger credit and income and is required by the lender or creditor to help guarantee that the loan will be repaid. Please believe me when I tell you that IF you



Brenda Dixon

sign that document saying you will pay if they don't, YOU WILL BE HELD TO THAT. So many blindly believe that it could never happen because they know that person so well and I know they won't leave me hanging like that, but sometimes things happen that are out of their control. What if that person loses their job? What if their job decides to downsize or just close altogether with no warning? What if that per-

son gets sick and can't work? What if that person dies? The what IF'S are the unknowns, but they can happen. When that borrower is 30, 60, or 90 days late, you are 30, 60, and 90 days late and both of your credit files will show that. Their credit is getting reported negatively and your credit scores are being affected at the same time. Truth is "Life Happens" and it's out of our control so know that if you sign that doc saying you will if they don't... GET READY BECAUSE THEY ARE COMING for you to make that word good. Now that you know the role of a co-signer let's look at what you may could do to be removed from a co-signed account. I have found that co-signing for a car is the most common mistake most make. I'm going to be upfront with you and let you know that if you didn't ask upfront if there is a way to be released from this obligation,

you may have a real uphill battle, but nothing beats a failure but a try.

So, you could try (1) asking for a "CO-SIGNER RELEASE": Some loans have a program that will release a cosigner's obligation after a certain number of consecutive on-time payments have been made. Two years of on-time payments have been most common. Read through your loan documents to see if there's any type of program associated with your loan. Or, call the lender and ask if something like this applies to your loan. Generally, the bank won't remove your name from a co-signed debt unless the other person has demonstrated they can handle the loan on their own. Think about it: you would never have been asked to cosign if the other borrower had shown this ability from the beginning. People can change and become more

responsible, yes but the bank will definitely want proof. (2) The less hectic way to get a co-signer removed from a loan/car loan is to refinance the loan. Reach out to the lender and see if they will allow the refinance since so many payments have been made on-time by the primary borrower. It is important that the payments be made in a way they can be tracked with a paper trail showing that the primary borrower, not the co-signer made these payments. NO CASH, the most effective way is to pay with a personal check or make a payment with a card that can be easily verified by monthly statements. (3) Lastly, if being released from the loan, or a refinance is not an option, you just got to work overtime and throw every extra dollar at this debt and pay it off. This is the most disturbing option to most. Who really wants to pay off a debt for

another person? Nobody that's who. However, when this boot is on your neck and you can't buy a home because you have this car payment or whatever you cosign for being count against you, it sometimes is worth biting the bullet and paying it off. At the end of the day, if this cosigned debt keeps coming up as the reason you can't get the things needed for you and your family, something has to be done. Plan your way out of it and chop it up as a serious lesson learned. Help others if you can and tell them "JUST DON'T DO IT!"

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UNCW College of Arts & Sciences launches Diversity and Inclusion Cluster Hire Initiative

As part of coordinated diversity and inclusion initiatives within the UNCW Division of Academic Affairs, UNCW's College of Arts and Sciences is launching a cluster hire initiative in the areas of Africana studies, race, racial inequality and social justice.

New faculty will serve within existing departments and programs connected to their specific discipline and will also form a cohort of scholars to contribute to the college's interdisciplinary minor in Africana studies and the planned interdisciplinary bachelor's degree in Africana studies.

"When I took over as inter-

im dean, a primary focus was to increase diversity and inclusion within the College of Arts and Sciences. This specific initiative was within that charge and driven by department chairs and faculty who felt the need to move beyond just understanding the need and having the desire to diversify our faculty," said Richard Ogle, interim CAS dean. "We realized that given the history of Wilmington and our region, we should take action and develop UNCW as a leader in these areas of study. We had a level of investment in this idea that led to departments changing the focus of planned replacement hires to

areas of study that would allow us to begin to build this strength."

Diverse representation and voices are also essential to providing a rich educational experience to students, Ogle added. The initiative will also improve the college's ability to attract diverse and underrepresented students.

"We cannot truly fulfill our mission of educating students to be the next generation of problem solvers and global citizens unless our faculty are truly representative of the multitude of voices and perspectives we see in the United States and beyond," he said. "A wealth of research shows that diverse

teams provide better solutions to problems. We know that culturally competent individuals succeed in the current marketplace. We owe it to ourselves, our students and our world to ensure that students have the experiences necessary for them to succeed - awareness of and understanding underrepresented voices is one of these critical experiences. Students often choose a university where they hear their voice and where they get to see its importance lived out on a day-to-day basis."

Department chairs who were the driving force behind the initiative are Mike Maume (sociology and crimi-

nology), Theodore W. Burgh (philosophy and religion), Lynn Mollenauer (history), Julian Keith (psychology), and Mariana Johnson (film studies).

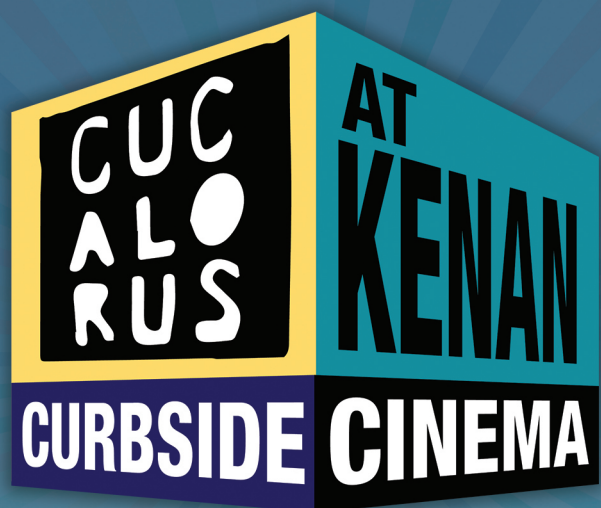
"It's a solid step in a positive direction, but the energy, time, money, and a committed, collective effort must be maintained for as long as it takes," said Burgh. "UNCW's past actions and incidents continue to make it a challenge to bring faculty from underrepresented groups to campus. Nevertheless, new hires will benefit the university with fresh ideas, enthusiasm and innovative courses. However, along with the challenge of hiring new faculty,

UNCW must work to make them want to remain here."

The hires will be in the area of psychology, history, sociology, criminology, film studies and philosophy. As this is a multi-year initiative, additional future hires in other disciplines are planned.

"This is not the only way in which we are focusing on increasing the diversity of the faculty and staff in CAS," Ogle said. "We are also working with Academic Affairs on best practices to ensure that all our recruitments allow us to maximize our ability to diversify our faculty and staff and to create an inclusive environment for all."

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SOC Emancipation Day Program

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
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The Save Our Community (SOC) Organization of Southport held its twenty-ninth Emancipation Day Program with Friendship Baptist Church serving as the ZOOM host on January 2. The theme was "Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Rev. Lenda Hankins (St. John Baptist), mistress of ceremony, opened the program by singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" with Corbett Hankins (musician). Syrianah Reyna (First Baptist) read the Scripture (Exodus 3:7-12), DeShondra Smith (Brown's Chapel AMEZ) prayed, and Makayla Simpson (Friendship Baptist) gave the welcome. Brayden Jackson-Brown (St. James AMEZ) gave the purpose of the SOC Organization. He noted that SOC has concentrated in recent years on sponsoring the Emancipation Proclamation Program in December, the Student Recognition Program in June, and a Bible Quiz Bowl in September.

Youth representatives from five local churches-Davina Daley (Friendship), Aviana Ray (Brown's Chapel), Cassie Pollock (Mt. Carmel), Sara Francis (St. James), and Samantha Lindsey (First Baptist)-shared information on Mary Jackson (engineer), Susan McKinney-Steward (anesthesiologist), Dorothy Brown (medical doctor), Kamala Harris (Vice-President-elect), and Marie Daly (biochemist),



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Terri Smith Williams, chemical engineer and plant manager, gave the inspirational message.

respectively.

The introduction of the inspirational speaker, Sis. Terri Smith Williams, was made by her cousin, Sis. Regina Alexander. Terri, plant manager at a major manufacturing facility, talked about her introduction to engineering in the ROCAME program at South Brunswick High School and in classes at A&T State University. She gave her three key words for success: "Preparation, Dedication, and Inspiration". Terri said that a successful person must emphasize communication in their preparation, be committed to their goal, and be

inspired by the three Fs-family, fun, and faith. She encouraged students to take their studies seriously and hold themselves to a higher standard.

Musical selections were presented throughout the program by Rev. Lenda Hankins and Corbett Hankins. Deacon William Flythe, SOC President, gave remarks and announcements: cancellation of the Brunswick County ROCAME Jamboree (regional only) and 100th Anniversary of Friendship Baptist Church (2021). Reverend Hankins gave closing remarks and benediction.

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Odessa M. Hill

Odessa M. Hill, age 86, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, December 18, 2020. Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 24, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home.

Odessa was educated in the public schools of Pender County. She received her most quality spiritual education as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She served in this capacity as a Regular Pioneer for some fifty-nine years! Odessa was an avid bible reader, a homemaker and a horticulturist. As a bible reader and teacher, she inspired many to serve Jehovah.

She is survived by nieces, Carolyn Smith (Robert) and Elizabeth Wilson; special cousin, Ethel McRae (Solomon) 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.*

Blanchie L. Knox

Blanchie L. Knox, age 79, of Leland, passed away Tuesday, December 15, 2020. A celebration of Ms. Knox's life was held on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Christian Hope Christian Church cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her children, Pamela Croft (Ronald) of Ashburn, VA, Charles Knox, Jr. (Cleo) of Rocky Point, Kimela Dickerson (Michael) of North Chesterfield, VA, Angela Rascoe (Golden) of Winnabow, Christopher Knox of Leland, Cristina Knox and Lateisha Knox both of Ellenwood, GA; siblings, Kenneth Beatty (Rose Mary) of Riegelwood, Lester Beatty of Durham, Alton Beatty (Sarah) and Nathan Beatty (Clara) both of Bolton and Janie Rose Freeman of Lake Waccamaw; companion, Harold Shaw of Riegelwood, 13 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren 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.*

Almonda F. Nixon

Almonda Frank Nixon was born on December 24, 1973 to the late Charlotte Nixon and Rosevelt Johnson in Los Angeles, California. He was the first of six children. He departed this life on December 19, 2020. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home.

His early years of education was spent in Los Angeles, California. The family relocated to Clovis, New Mexico. Almond attended Clovis High School and played football. In 1993, during his senior year, Almonda moved to Alamogordo, New Mexico. He also played football there and graduated from Alamogordo High School. He was a member of the Gospel Service and acknowledged Christ in his heart.

In January of 1994, he along with Kenya Daye became the proud parents of Almonda D. Daye. He was loving and caring in taking care of his son. Military assignments separated him from his son. After a few years he reconnected and reestablished his relationship with his son. Having a strong desire to be closer to his son, he moved to Wilmington, North Carolina in 2014. He had the joyous

occasion to witness the birth of his first grandchild, Kennedi. Almond was quiet and loveable. He touched many people with his big heart and gentle smile. He was a dedicated and faithful employee (cook) at Cracker Barrel in Wilmington. Although he loved cooking, drawing was his passion. He was a very talented and skilled artist and could capture the details of any picture.

He leaves to mourn: two sons, Almonda O. Daye of Wilmington, NC and Skyzen Ismeal Deshawn of Rivera, CT; one daughter, Kamika Baldwin; grandchildren, Mikiyah McCullough, Kennedi, and twins, Princess Armena and MySon Daye all of Wilmington, NC; three brothers, Raydale Johnson and Allen Bishop of Las Vegas, NV and Rosevelt Johnson, III of Oklahoma City, OK; two sisters, Rachel Bishop of Las Vegas, NV and Sequoia Bishop of California; adopted mother, Dr. Linda Daye; very special friend and mother to his oldest son, Kenya Daye of Greensboro, NC; adopted brother and sister, Danny Daye and Daveta Shaw both of Wilmington, NC; special friend of the family, Taneisha McCullough; fiancé, Stephanie Rivera of Connecticut and best friend and co-worker, Steve Marmor. *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.*

Nathaniel Boston

Nathaniel Boston, age 52, of Castle Hayne, passed away Monday, December 21, 2020. A celebration of Nathaniel's life was held on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Nathaniel "Truck" Boston was born on this day, December 27, 1968 in Wilmington, NC. He departed his life on earth on December 21, 2020 at his home in Castle Hayne, NC.

Nathaniel received his education through New Hanover County Schools. He loved sports, especially basketball and football. He also loved to cook, and would often take over the kitchen or the cookout when he arrived onsite. He joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in 2017.

Friends since high school, Nathaniel reunited with and then married Regina James, whom he often referred to as his rock and his best friend.

Nathaniel was preceded in death by his mother, Corine Boston, his father George Pugh, and a brother, James Boston.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Rev. Regina Boston of the home; his daughter, Talia Boston of Wilmington, NC. His sister, Jacqueline Jones; his twin brother, Emmanuel Boston (Thelma) of Leland, NC; his sister, Pamela Sidbury (Harold); his brother, Donald Ray Boston; his aunt, Wanda Thompson, and a bonus daughter, Eulisha James-Fowler (Brandon); his grandchildren, Joshua Freeman and Eva Merrick, and Cadmin and Raigan Fowler; all of Wilmington, NC; along with a host of other cousins, nieces, nephews, 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.*

Lauris L. Bell

Lauris Lee Bell, age 70, of

Leland, passed away on Monday, December 21, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Bell's life was held on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed at Summerville AME Zion Church Cemetery

He was preceded in death by his siblings: Jacob, Dudley, George, Lillie and Willie Joe Bell.

He leaves to cherish his memories a loving daughter, Cheryl Bell of New Haven Connecticut; three sons, Ceasar Bell of New Haven Connecticut, Lauris Bell Jr. (Cindy) of Riegelwood, North Carolina and Jemar Bell of Leland, North Carolina; eight siblings; Julia Grady (Wilson), Henry Bell (Linder), Lula McMillan, Ethel Bell (Loretta), J.L. Jimmy, Warren, Harry Bell of North Carolina; 10 grandchildren 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.*

Jalisa B. Bellamy

Jalisa B. Bellamy, age 31, of Wilmington passed away Friday, December 25, 2020.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Jalisa Brittany Bellamy was blessed to have lived on this earth for thirty-one wonderful and amazing years. On December 25, 2020 Jalisa took flight and landed in the arms of our Lord savior, Jesus Christ, there to live evermore.

Jalisa was born on May 24, 1989 to Pamela Skinner and John Bellamy, Jr. Growing up Jalisa was a fun loving, but oh so sensitive child, clinging to her mother every chance she got. The bond she shared with her brother and sister was unmatchable.

Jalisa attended New Hanover Public Schools and graduated from Cape Fear Community College through the Adult High School Diploma Program, there she earned a certificate in Billing and Coding. Jalisa was a faithful and dedicated employee of Wave Transit in Wilmington, NC.

Jalisa left a legacy of beautiful memories that will be shared by many: her two sons, Ahmad Bellamy and Jeremy Williams, Jr.; her parents, Pamela Whitfield (Antonio) and John Bellamy, Jr.; grandparents, John Bellamy, Sr. and Bardee Davis; siblings, Joshua, Jasmine, Sean, Clastimile, Elijah and Antwain; aunts and uncles, Brenda Brunson (Harry), Victoria Canty (Joseph), Lillie Marsh (Timothy), Cindy Barnett (Stephen), Linda Allen (Charles), Delisa Derseraux (James), Mark Sellars (Debbie) and Terry Wise; one great-aunt, Annie Robinson; special cousins, Ronald Jr., Reggie, Damali, Jahdiel, Trinti and Reginae; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins 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.*

Lonnie McKeever

Lonnie McKeever, age 79, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, December 27, 2020. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his siblings, Mattie Johnson of Wilmington, Jessie Grady of Castle

Hayne, Mary McDonald, Maris McKeever and Roy Lee McKeever all of Wilmington 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.*

Ernest H. Bellamy

Ernest H. Bellamy, age 79, of Supply passed away Sunday, December 27, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Bellamy's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia, 1705 Southport Supply Rd., Bolivia, NC 28422. A public viewing will be held started at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

***Kindly note that for the protection of all in attendance, current health and safety protocols are in place where masks and social distancing are required.

Interment will follow at Galloway Cemetery. *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.*

Barbara Johnson

Barbara Johnson died December 17, 2020. Graveside service was held Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Mrs. Barbara E. Jones-Johnson, daughter of the late Mr. Stanley Jones and Mrs. Beulah Green Jones, was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on January 23, 1957, and departed this life December 17, 2020. She was preceded in death by her brother, Eulace "Beany" Jones. She has always credited her Uncle Randall Green, "Big Randall" as the primary father figure in her life. Barbara-Barbe (French), Barba' al (Hungarian), Barbro (Swedish), Barabal (Scottish), Ducky (Big Randall). During her childhood years, Barbara attended Gregory Congregational Church. She attended Gregory Elementary School, Williston Junior High and was a 1975 graduate from John T. Hoggard High School. Immediately

after high school, Barbara attended Cape Fear Technical Institute, completing course work to earn a Nursing Assistant Certificate, including ongoing staff development classes over the years. She worked for forty years at New Hanover Memorial Hospital with a major portion of her career tenure at Betty H. Cameron Women and Children's Hospital- Mother Baby Unit. Barbara loved to spread love and receive love, especially from her family and friends from Wilmington. Oh, how she loved her, "Seventh Street Neighborhood Family" The vehicle which drove her HEART was her love for children and especially her grandchildren. It is no secret, that she had a soft spot in her HEART for the elderly. Barbara loved to dip her big toes into "The Art of Photography". And, yes indeed, she was a huge Eddie Murphy fan.

Her life is treasured and Barbara leaves an extended family to cherish many memories: her husband, Hansley Johnson; two daughters, Tanicesha and De'Shera Johnson; four grandchildren; Tanahri, Taylenn, Taige and Trace; brothers, Darryl (Vonzella) and Derrick (Denise), her aunt, Mrs. Avery G. Jones, which she devoted lots of time; uncle, Mr. Wilbur Green (Aunt Rosalyn), aunts, Pauline W. Green and Shirley Fowler; sisters-in-law, Diane Jones, Angela Brown and Agusta Brown; brothers-in-law, Allen Brown, Jr. "Champ" and Irving "Eddie" Mitchell, Jr.; nieces, Sherwan and Da'Yanna; as well as a host of cousins, other relatives and faithful friends, including Karen Pierce and Tammy Jones. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

James Ellis

James Ellis died December 14, 2020. James Ellis graveside service was held Monday, December 21, 2020 at Marsh Branch Cemetery, Winnabow, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Anthony Oliver

Anthony Oliver funeral service was held Sunday, December 20, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Chapel. A

Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Thelma Williams Mallette

Thelma Williams Mallette died December 17, 2020. A private service was held December 23, 2020 at the Wilmington National Cemetery.

Thelma was the daughter of the late Catherine Williams. She was born on February 8, 1929 in Wilmington, NC. In addition to her mother, she was also preceded I death by her husband, Sgt. First Class Johnnie Mallette and a sister, Lucille. Thelma graduated from Williston Industrial School in 1946 where she was among the upper twelve of her class. Because of that achievement she received a scholarship to Fayetteville State Teachers College, however circumstances prevented her from attending. After marriage, she and her two children accompanied her husband to Holloman AFB NM and resided there until his untimely death in 1957. She then returned to Wilmington, NC. and was employed by New Hanover County Schools as Coordinator of the Day Nursery Program at Williston Junio High School. Later in life she attended the University of North Carolina- Wilmington where she studied business courses that prepared her for a career in banking. Thelma was a lifetime member of St. Stephen AME Church where over the years she served in many capacities, including the music ministry, the Junior Steward Board, the Board of Religious Education and the Deaconess Ministry. "Guy=Guy" as she was affectionately known to their grandchildren, loved to make them their favorite dishes of macaroni and cheese, sweet potato pies, and potato salad. She was a friend to everyone she met. No one was ever a stranger.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two children, Angela Sparrow ad Andre Mallette (Mary) all of Wilmington, NC; two grandchildren, Erica J. Sparrow of Clayton, NC and Andre Mallette, Jr. of Van

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TELL SOMEBODY

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Rev. 1:8

The True source of new beginnings, is Jesus Christ, according to Revelation 1:8 It is in him that we live, move, and have our being, and He gives us the power to start all over again, when ever the need arises. If we make ourselves available to him, he will work in us, through us, and for us to bring about the manifestation of the grace of a new beginning. There are many things we

need to let go of, in order to achieve the new beginning.



Sylvia Hooper

One of the first things to let go of... is the past. Whether we failed or succeeded, the past has passed, and we need to prepare for the future. Even when we do not have a plan, God has a plan for each of us, if we would dare to ask him what it is.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith

the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13.

We need to let go of past offenses. It is a waste of time and energy to hold on to grudges, feuds, and unforgiveness. Vengeance belongs to the Lord, and he will repay. Let go and let God have his way. God is not blind, deaf, nor is he forgetful. All of us will one day reap what we have sown. God has promised this to each and every

one of us in Galatians 6:7.

We need to let go of the familiar, and trust God when he leads us into unfamiliar territory. We must be willing to change and make great effort to do so, realizing we can do nothing in our own strength, but by his power, we can do all things! Phillipians 4:13.

In preparing for a new beginning, we must allow God the Holy Spirit to give us a new heart, mind, and spirit. Our personality, character, and attitude could all use an upgrade, as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. II Corinthians 5:17, says,

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Ephesians 4:24 declares, "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Your new beginning is just a prayer away, so, what are you waiting for? Don't say you are waiting on the Lord, for he is always ready to grant a new beginning. He is waiting on you to say those two special words he longs to hear from his children. "Yes Lord!" THANK God for your new beginning.

Prayer: Father, I ask you

for a new beginning. Help me to start over and forgive me for past mistakes as I forgive others. In Jesus' Name, Amen. Tell Somebody!!!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper. Pastor of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She has a heart for women's ministry, starting with young women and girls ages 12 - 18, and also branching out to women of all ages. Her life's mission includes the desire to rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and save the lost all in the name of Jesus to the glory of God the Father.

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Nuys, CA; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Dolly Robinson

Dolly Robinson died December 18, 2020. Dolly, daughter of Mary Lee Stevens and the late Willie Lee Green was born on November 18, 1949 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Dolly was educated in the New Hanover County School System, and attended Williston Senior High School, graduating in the Class of 1968. She was a loving daughter, mother, grandmother and friend who will be deeply missed. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her son, Lopez Robinson and her brother, Charles Green.

Dolly leaves to cherish fond memories: her daughter, Ahneekah "Dee" Salley; son, Dwayne Robinson; grandchildren, Ahsiya Robinson, Zyhenn Lewis and Tequon Robinson; mother, Mary Lee Stevens; nephew, Tony Green; a host of close family and friends, including Roberta Salley, Cathy Roland, Carolyn Vann, Joseph Jenkins, Ms. Dot and Ms. Harnett. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Marvin Eugene Patrick

Marvin Eugene Patrick died December 19, 2020 at NHRMC.

Marvin affectionately known as "Chilly" was born on May 30, 1952 in Wilmington, NC to the late Etta Mae Patrick and Washington Carlos. He was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. At the age of 17, Marvin enlisted in the US Armed Forces and served in the Army for a short time. Marvin returned to Wilmington and became active in the fight for social justice through the black student movement. Most notably he was a member of the Wilmington Ten, nine young men and a woman who were wrongfully convicted and incarcerated following the 1971 Riots in Wilmington, North Carolina. After a long legal battle, the conviction was overturned by the Fourth United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Twenty-two years later in 2012, the former Governor Beverly Purdie granted pardons to the Wilmington Ten. After his conviction was overturned, Marvin's road remained difficult because of his involvement with the movement. Over the Years he worked various jobs as a laborer until his health began to fail. Although "Chilly" endured tough times, he never lost his spirit. He loved to be the center of attention and life of the party. He cared deeply for his family, especially his nieces

and nephews. Chilly Patrick never met a stranger.

He is survived by: Sisters, Linda (William) Simpson of Delco, NC, Mable Brooks, Juanita McDuffie, Janice McDuffie and Alberta Carlos all of Wilmington, NC; brothers, Alex (Mamie) Carlos of Scotts, Hill, NC, Ronnie Carlos and Leon Washington Carlos all of Wilmington, NC; nephews, nieces, a special mother, Ms. Gladys Nixon and a lifelong friend, Clifton "Hard Rock" Horton. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Frazel Eugenia Hall Grady

Frazel Eugenia Hall Grady died December 19, 2020.

Frazel Eugenia Hall Grady was born on November 1, 1938 in Leland, NC to the late John Henry Hall and Olive Waddell Hall. Frazel attended Williston Senior High School where she played the clarinet in the school marching band and played on the girls' basketball team. She was an avid NBA watcher, and she could talk for hours on end about professional basketball games. Kevin Durant was one of her favorite players. Frazel worked at Heatcraft Inc., as a Braser for 20+ years until the closure of the facility. It is an undisputed fact that Frazel was an exceptional cook and phenomenal baker. She would often boast about standing on a stool to bake her first cake (pineapple upside down) when she was just 8 years old. Frazel was a faithful church member of Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Navassa, NC. She loved her Pastor and her church family. She was dedicated and devoted, serving on several committees throughout the years. You could count on Frazel to bake her "award winning" cakes for any social event held at the church. Frazel taught the little children's Sunday school class for many years until her health began to fail in 2019.

Those left to cherish her memories are: a loving aunt, Erma Waddell; three children, Leneir Grady, Milton Grady, Gerthel (Thomas) Wolfe; a devoted and dutiful daughter in love of many years, Melisha Johnson; two brothers, Carle (Delores) Hall, Reginald (Mable) Hall; one sister, Arnita (Alphonso) Williams; one step-sister, Christine Joe; seven grandchildren, Trena, Akeembra, Gerron, Zeric, Taj, Sharma, and Erron; six great-grandchildren; eight nieces, Audrey Anderson, Teagra Tonge, Tonya Greene, Sharnita Harrison, Tasha Hall, Tiffany Hall, Avis Williams, and Karima Williams; six nephews, Michael Williams, Eric Hall, Carleton Hall, Reginald Hall Jr., and Byron Hall; a dedicated nephew in love of many years, Willie Shaw; special cousins, Eulis Willis, Hortense Young, Anthony Waddell, Jerome Willis, Cleo

Willis, Harold Willis, and Russell Willis; spiritual friend, Martha Grady; longtime friend of 52 years and former coworker, Ruthy Lewis. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lee Arthur Wooten

Lee Arthur Wooten died December 19, 2020, at the age of 74.

Lee Arthur Wooten, affectionately known to his family and close friends as "Tom", was born on March 19, 1946 in Pitt County to the late Arthur Wooten and Susie H. Wooten. Lee attended Pitt County Schools and for many years he worked for the City of Greenville, North Carolina in the Sanitation Department. He relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina where he worked for TKF Moving Company, moving and relocating houses. He retired at the age of 62. Lee enjoyed working on cars and motors. He loved his family and stayed in touch with them. Lee was preceded in death by four sisters, Earlene W. Johnson, Doris W. Crandall, Delores W. Cherry and Mary W. Blount.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Barbara Wooten of the home; his children, Melissa Prather, Ebony Silman, Corey Prather and Carletta Silman; his adopted children, Michael Gomez, Warren Green, Shared Wooten and Amanda Wooten; one brother, Elder Joe Louis Wooten (Elder Mattie) of Greenville, NC; two sisters, Brenda C. Wooten of Greenville, NC and Carolyn A. W. Ingraham of Akron, OH; his sister-in-law, Merdean Silman and her husband, Samuel; one aunt, Ester Whitehurst of Greenville, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ms. Irene Brown Hooper

Ms. Irene Brown Hooper died December 21, 2020.

Irene, daughter of the late Phillip Brown and Loubertina Brown was born on June 3, 1945. Irene was educated in the New Hanover County School System and graduated from Williston Senior High School. Following high school, she attended Cape Fear Community College for accounting. In addition to her parents, Irene was also preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby Brown (Shirley) and Billy "Juke" Brown (Grace). She is survived by: her two loving children, Kimberly Brown Meredith and Tony Tremaine Russell (Telia); five dear grandchildren who she loved, Kiera Brown, Deorion Meredith, Tonyqua Russell, Tony Russell, Jr. and Travvion Russell; two sisters, Dortha "Cuda Brown" Barnett and Cynthia Simpson; one brother, Phillip "Mickey" Brown; a host of other

relatives, extended family and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Matthew Louis Caldwell

Matthew Louis Caldwell died December 24, 2020. Funeral service was held January 1, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Matthew, son of the late Leroy Caldwell, Sr. and Eleanor Caldwell was born October 20, 1950 in New Hanover County, Wilmington, NC. Mack was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He left Wilmington, relocating in Washington DC where he worked for Safeway Food Stores. After a few years, Mack moved to Philadelphia, PA where he resided for many years. While in Philadelphia, Mack performed construction work. In about 1995, he returned to Wilmington and worked as a Maintenance Supervisor at Independence Mall until his retirement in 2020. (We used to call him the "Mayor of the Mall"). Mack was a member of Gregory Congregational United Church of Christ for many years where he served as a deacon and an usher. He was well thought of by his church family members. Mack was an avid pool player, loved having political debates and he also enjoyed old western movies. He was truly loved by his family and friends. In addition to his parents, Matthew (Mack) was preceded in death by his daughter, LaTisha Sanders.

Mack leaves to cherish his memories: his granddaughter, Andrea Moore; three great grandchildren, Damar Sammie and Mahlia Sanders of the city; two sisters, Dorothy (Perry deceased) Wright of Upper Marlboro, MD and Ida (Lewie) Greene of the city; two brothers, Leroy (Gloria) Caldwell and Jessie Caldwell all of the city; two uncles, Matthew "Sonny" Ragin and David "Boot" Ragin both of the city; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including a special friend Sarah. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lillie M. Millhouse

Lillie M. Millhouse died December 24, 2020. Graveside services were held Monday, January 4, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Elder Sylvanus Bloodworth

Elder Sylvanus Bloodworth died December 25, 2020.

Elder Bloodworth was born on September 21, 1946 to the late Ida Bloodworth in Wilmington, NC. He was preceded in death by his mother, his sister, Vernell Green and his maternal grandmother, Janie Bloodworth. "Spare" as he was so fondly called was educat-

ed in New Hanover County Schools. With a desire to further his learning and expand his skills, Sylvanus joined the Job Corps. Upon his return to Wilmington, he was employed at Queensboro Steele for several years before taking a position at Fox Holsum Bakery where he was a loyal employee for over 20 years. Later in life Spare went to work for New Hanover County Schools where he remained a devoted employee until he retirement. In 1969, Sylvanus married the love of his life, Marilyn Murray. Sylvanus and Marilyn shared 51 amazing years together. To their union wo daughters, Patrice and Kim were born. At an early age Sylvanus became a member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. He was an active member and served the church in several different capacities. Later in life, he became an active member of Mount Herman Missionary Baptist Church where he answered the call of The Lord and became a Licensed Minister. Unfortunately, Sylvanus recognized that The Lord was calling him to a higher place in ministry. After some time, he joined The New Townsend Temple Ministries where he was ordained Elder in September 2016. Sylvanus loved his church family and became affectionately known to them as "Running Man."

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Marilyn Bloodworth; daughters, Patrice Bloodworth and Kim Bloodworth of the city; grandchildren, Adrienne Johnson of Charlotte, NC and Jamal Bloodworth of Charleston, SC; great-grandson, Master Kai Elijah Bloodworth of Charleston, SC; sisters, Audrey Kennedy (Hannah) if Leland, NC, Sheila Tyndell of Lanham, MD and Deirdre Murphy of Wilmington, NC; brothers, Michael Bloodworth of Harrisburg, PA and Theodore Bloodworth (Carie) of Bolivia, NC; uncle, Dan Bloodworth (Bernadette) off Wilmington, NC; aunt, Janie McClendon of Wilmington, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Antonio t. Heard

Antonio T. Heard died December 27, 2020. Antonio, son of Valerie Heard and the late Gilbert S. Boles was born on August 6, 1969. Antonia was educated in Cleveland City Schools. In his early thirties, he moved back to Wilmington, NC, spending the next 20 years here, never meeting a stranger. Antonio leaves to cherish his memories: one son, Zy'Mere Heard of Wilmington, NC; two daughters, Jenetta Johnson and Sequel Heard; his mother, Valerie Heard (Odelle) of Cleveland, OH; sisters, Ebony Boles, Stacey Boles

and Barbara Harrison; brother, Darius Leonard, all of Wilmington, NC; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including special friends, Tierre Brown and Gracie Wade. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Dorothy Phelps Davis
Dorothy Phelps Davis died December 30, 2020. Dorothy "Dottie" was born on January 16, 1949 I Portsmouth, Virginia to the late William and Al Mary Phelps. She was an active member of Mt. Carmel AME Church for many years. As a soldier in God's Army, she gave her all never seeking glory or praise for her work. Her life was guided by Colossians 3:23. In other words, many the work, I've done speak for me. Sister Dorothy was a loving and devoted wife for 50 years to her husband, Rev. Timothy L. Davis. She also leaves to cherish her memory: four children, Timothy (ANNA) Davis, Jr., Taneise (Nick) Johnson, Tyrus (Kristina) Davis, Sr. and Rose Coley; a step-daughter, Tia (Robbie) Toogood; grandchildren, Tyonia Johnson, Ty'ale Johnson, Kina Davis, Tyrus Davis, Jr. and Tanner Davis; sister, Marie (Ronald) Clemmons; brother, Alvin Phelps; niece, Monica Joes; nephews, Bryan Joes, Marvin Jones and Ervin Hall; aunt, Georgia Bowles and a host of other family members and friends, including special friends Judy Gordon and Rev. Lena Tobler. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Tywan Parsley

Tywan Parsley died December 30, 2020. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Melba Lockwood

Melba Lockwood died December 31, 2020. Graveside service will be held Friday, January 8, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be 5:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Linwood Austin

Linwood Austin died December 31, 2020. Graveside service will be 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery. Visitation is 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Willie Simpson

Willie Simpson died January 1, 2021. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation is one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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**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
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5700 Oleander Dr.
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December 17, 24, 31, 2020, January 7, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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 the 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 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

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Lizzie Brown Nixon, 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 8th day of April, 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 7th day of January, 2021

Mamie Nixon Carlos, Administrator
120 Foy's Trail
Wilmington, NC 28411

January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Ellen J. Solomon (20-E-1475), late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before April 8, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of January, 2021.

Laura J. Solomon, Executrix
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 19 JT 272-273**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
K.M.E. (DOB: 04/13/2007)
G.N.E. (DOB: 04/11/2006)**

TO: RESPONDENTS: FELICITY EDWARDS, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO FELICITY EDWARDS

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You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following JANUARY 7, 2021, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR February 15, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, via Web-Ex, at the Office of Juvenile Clerks, 216 North 2nd Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 4th day of January, 2021.

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

January 7, 14, 21, 2021

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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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
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December 31, 2020, January 7, 14, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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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 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.

This the 24th day of December, 2020.

Daniel D. Edens, Executor
of the Estate of Catherine W. Edens
c/o H. Kenneth Stephens, II
STEPHENS LAW FIRM, P.C.
Post Office Box 2237
Wilmington, NC 28402

December 24, 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. 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.

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This the day of December, 2020.

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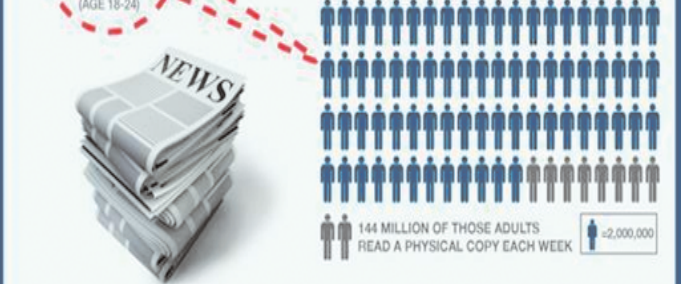
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