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A TIME TO REFLECT, REMEMBER & CELEBRATE



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"The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song"
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Black History Month allows America to look closely at a multitude of contributions African-Americans have provided to culture. A prominent feature and societal norm, the "Black Church," is showcased this February through a book and PBS televised series by Harvard University Professor Henry Lewis Gates. "The church is the oldest, the most continuous, and most important institution ever created by African-American people," Gates said Monday in an interview with PBS' Jeffrey Brown. Gates' focus on the Black Church was preceded by other scholars who researched the strength of the institutions and ministries. During the 1960s "The Negro Church in America" by theologian E. Franklin Frazier analyzed changes that resulted from

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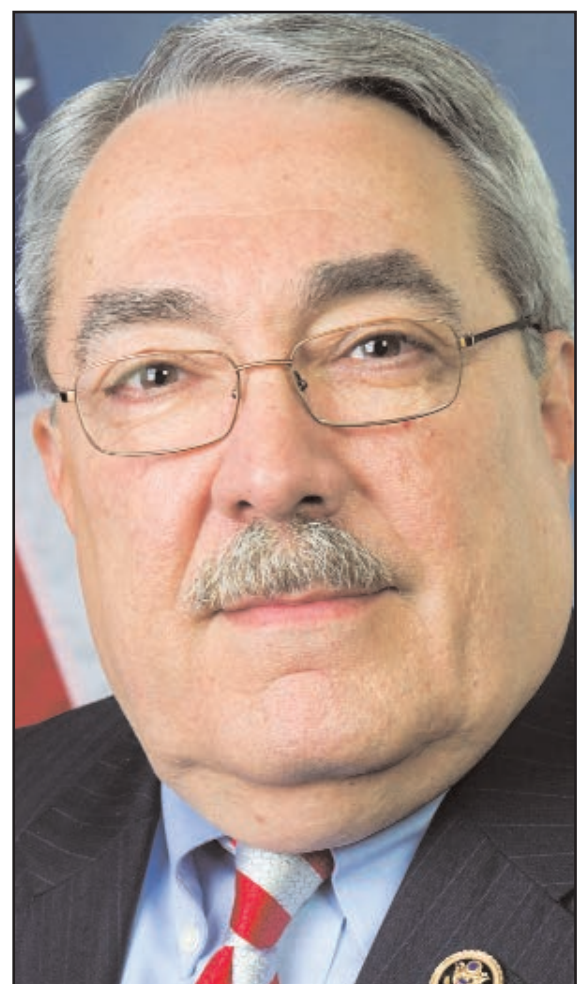
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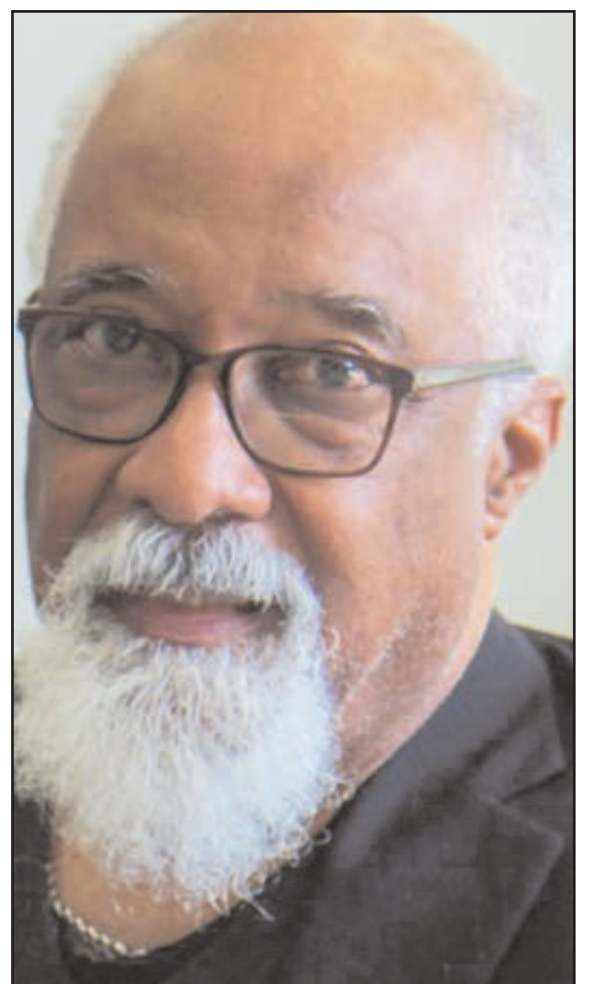
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Adams, Butterfield blast Senate GOP vote on Trump impeachment

BY CASH MICHAELS
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Even though a North Carolina Republican U. S. senator surprisingly voted otherwise, Democratic representatives, Representatives Alma Adams (D-NC-12) and G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), blasted Republicans in the U. S. Senate for their majority vote last Saturday to acquit former President Donald J. Trump for his part in the Jan. 6, 2021 U. S. Capitol siege that killed five people, including a Capitol Police officer, and injured 140 police officers. The U. S. House of Representatives impeached Trump for one act of inciting an insurrection, but the then Republican-led Senate would not take up the matter until after Trump had left office Jan. 20. Last Saturday, with two-thirds of the Senate needed to convict, only seven Republican senators in the 50-50 split chamber, including outgoing N. C. Senator Richard Burr, joined Senate Democrats in voting to convict the Republican former President 57-43, for allegedly inciting the thousands who gathered at his Save America Rally just prior to their violently attacking the Capitol in an effort to stop certification of presidential electoral votes officially electing Democrat, Joe Biden, as President.

Senate Republicans seized on the fact that, because Trump was then out of office, he was not constitutionally liable for his alleged criminal actions, though he may have been criminally liable, which 114 constitutional scholars, plus a majority vote by the Senate earlier in the week, said was not true. Had Trump been convicted by two-thirds of the Senate Saturday, he would not be eligible to run for federal elective office again. Congresswoman Alma Adams was "gravely" disappointed that he wasn't. "I was there on that tragic day," she said in a statement afterward. "Trump supporters in Trump hats with Trump flags stormed the Capitol and said President Trump sent them. The Capitol was attacked; the electoral vote certification was interrupted; the Senate chamber was breached; people died as a result. The facts of the case could not be clearer. However, we learned today that Donald Trump has a stronger hold on Senate Republicans than the clarity of facts or the love of our Constitution and Country." After applauding the ten House and seven Senate Republicans who ultimately voted to impeach and convict, Rep. Adams lauded the nine House impeachment managers for the widely heralded case against Trump they presented at trial.

Adams' colleague, Rep. Butterfield, also expressed dismay. "Forty-three Republican senators chose to defend a man and their political futures over their solemn oath to defend the Constitution and protect our democracy. I commend the seven Republican senators, including Senator Richard Burr, for their votes of conscience," said Butterfield in a statement. Attorney Irving Joyner, law professor at NCCU School of Law in Durham, warned that the Senate acquittal of Trump will give "...permission to, and embolden, right wing extremists and racist groups to wage political and physical war against the lawful functioning of the democratic process." "As a result," Joyner continued, "African-Americans and people of color need to better organize [their] political forces and voting apparatus in order to defeat these repressive forces at the polls and in the streets during the coming months and years." "The evidence presented in this impeachment proceeding.....," Prof. Joyner concluded, "...graphically established that "trumpism" and its followers represent a continuing clear and present danger to the survival of this country." Monday evening, the N. C. Republican Party censured Sen. Richard Burr for his vote to convict Trump.

Barber concerned about Biden's pledge to \$15 per hour minimum wage hike

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Last month, right before and shortly after his inauguration, President Joe Biden made clear that he strongly supported increasing the federal minimum wage from the current \$7.25/hr to \$15.00/hr; as many in the progressive movement, like The Reverend Dr. William Barber, co-convenor of the Poor People's Campaign had been urging him to do during the presidential campaign. "There are 62 million people in this country, who make less than a living wage. This is the right thing to do," The Rev. Dr. Barber said then. "If it is radical, as Republicans charge that it is, it is radical love."

Biden was initially hoping that his \$15.00/hr. campaign pledge would be passed along with the rest of his enormous \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package Congress is expected to take up shortly by March. However, not surprisingly, there is now pushback from moderate Senate Democrats, forcing Biden to remove the \$15.00/hr proposal from the almost \$2 trillion relief package and, possibly, float it as a stand-alone bill into which the minimum wage increase is phased over several years, instead of imposed all at once. Two weeks ago, Biden told CBS News that he won't be able to get the 60 votes needed in the U. S. Senate to pass the measure.



REV. WILLIAM BARBER

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NEW BILL WOULD PUNISH CITIES FOR DEFUNDING THEIR POLICE

[RALEIGH] A new bill introduced by Republican state senators would make North Carolina municipali-

ties think twice about defunding their local law enforcement agencies. Republican Sen. Chuck Edwards, the key sponsor of the Police Funding Protection Act Senate Bill 100 says the measure would stop cities and towns from cutting more than one percent of their law enforcement budgets a fiscal year. In 2020, demonstrators across the U.S. demanded funding be shifted to social service agencies from police agen-

cies in the aftermath of George Floyd's police killing.

TORNADO KILLS THREE IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

[OCEAN ISLE BEACH] Brunswick County authorities say three people were killed and several were injured when a tornado hit the area Monday evening. Sustained damage was "devastating" and many survivors had to be rescued from their damaged homes.

Downed power lines made rescues more difficult, according to the Brunswick County Emergency Services. As many as 50 homes were damaged in the Ocean Ridge Plantation area.

NC GOP CENSURES SEN. RICHARD BURR FOR VOTE TO CONVICT TRUMP

[RALEIGH] By unanimous vote Monday night, the central committee of the NC Republican Party agreed

to censure outgoing Republican U.S. Senator Richard Burr for his vote last Saturday to convict former Pres. Donald J. Trump during his impeachment trial. Trump had been accused of inciting the Jan. 6th riot at the U.S. Capitol. Burr, finishing his third term in the Senate, said what Trump did was "clear." The U.S. Senate failed to convict Trump, 57-43.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Rev. William Barber joins notables to save the Journal building

BY PAUL R. JERVAY, JR. CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Rev. William Barber will join notables from around the state and nation to support Saving The Wilmington Journal Building during the Feb. 20th Telethon. Rev. Barber joins Dr. Ben Chavis, as well as local hosts, Big B, Rhonda Bellamy, Sandra McClammy, Kimberly McLaughlin-Smith, Pastor Kojo Nantumbu, and Linda Rawley Thompson for the 9-hour Virtual Telethon

streaming live on Facebook@savethewilmingtonjournal.

Contributions in the effort continue to come in as they have currently exceeded \$45,000, thanks to a contribution by the NC Black Publishers Association. However, the effort still has a \$48,000 challenge ahead to pay off the \$93,000 note held by the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services.

Donors can come by Telethon Headquarters at Freedom Way Ministries

located at 1952 Dawson Street in Wilmington, NC to make their donations the day of the telethon. Contributions can also be made at https://gofund.me/470f7228, or The Wilmington Journal C/O NBLC, P.O. Box 10686, Wilmington, NC 28404. Make your check or money order out to: National Black Leadership Caucus, for Save the Journal Building, or better yet call 910-762-5502, and use your Debit or Credit card to make your contribution. Contributions can

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Michael Jordan gifts \$10 million for additional Novant Health medical clinics

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Novant Health and Michael Jordan announced a \$10 million gift to open two medical clinics in New Hanover County on the southeastern coast of North Carolina. The regional health care system and Jordan previously partnered to open two Michael Jordan Family Clinics in Charlotte, N.C., bringing comprehensive primary care, including behavioral health and social support

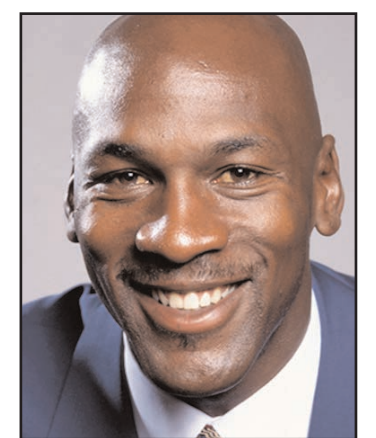
services, to the area's most vulnerable communities. Jordan's gift will help Novant Health bring this same integrated care model to more rural and rural-adjacent communities in his hometown, offering much-needed services to those who are uninsured or underinsured. The two new clinics are slated to open in early 2022.

"I am very proud to once again partner with Novant

Health to expand the Family Clinic model to bring better access to critical medical services in my hometown," said Michael Jordan. "Everyone should have access to quality health care, no matter where they live, or whether or not they have insurance. Wilmington holds a special place in my heart and it's truly gratifying to be able to give back to the community that supported me through-

out my life."

To date, the two Novant Health Michael Jordan Family Clinics in Charlotte have seen more than 4,500 patients, in addition to providing critical COVID-19 response. Nearly 1,000 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered from both the Freedom Drive and North End locations with plans to scale up vaccination efforts even further as supply increases.



MICHAEL JORDAN

BARBER

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Progressives, like Rev. Barber, who once lauded Biden for his concern about poor people's issues, are now sounding the alarm, fearing that, after coming so close to reality, their dream of a \$15/hr minimum wage will

fall short of the finish line.

Calling the fight for the \$15/hr minimum living wage "...as important as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965," Rev. Barber led a demonstration Monday at the West Virginia office of moderate

Democratic U. S. Senator Joe Manchin, who has flatly rejected supporting the \$15/hr minimum wage.

"We cannot get this close and then fall back," Barber said in the lead to Monday's demonstration. "We say to President Biden, to

Democrats, and to Republicans, 'Don't turn your backs on the \$15 an hour minimum wage.'"

The Reverend Barber continued, reminding all that "55% of poor, low wealth people voted for the current administration and its promise to raise the minimum wage! That's the mandate! The mandate is in the people who voted, not in the "back slapping" of Senators and Congresspeople! It's the peo-

ple who voted!"

"We have to act like we have one shot on this! Tomorrow is not promised! It's time to push with every nonviolent tool!"

"Poor and low income people were the first to return to work, the first to be infected, and the first to die in the pandemic, and they must not be last in line for relief! This administration and Congress must respect us, protect us, and pay us!"

CHURCH

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the vibrant ministers and congregations' long-term civil rights movement activities.

Three decades later, C. Eric Lincoln and Lawrence H. Mamiya wrote "The Black Experiences in Religion".

Eighteen hundred Black clergy were involved in the massive study to highlight external forces that were influencing the newer purposes of church policies and practices in changing environments.

Like Gates' Twenty First Century publication and video about the Black Church, they studied the roles of politics, economics, women, youth, and music preferences of parishioners.

Professor Gates targets four hundred years of church history. The necessary fusions of fifty different African ethnicities in a, "New World," resulted with former African traditions for worship being mingled with their new Christian biblical teachings, Gates said.

Minister Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is credited with developing and organizing the first independent Black denomination in

America.

Gates' "The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song" also delves into discriminatory practices of sexism and homophobia.

The ability of the Black Church to survive in spite of oppression, discriminatory practices, and economic circumstances links to their strong belief in God, and resilience, the scholars' works agree.

In Wilmington the iconic St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church, 501 Red Cross St. is an example of the work of people, "up from slavery." They built one of the first megachurch structures and congregations in the United States during the Nineteenth Century.

The congregation numbered in thousands.

In spite of some St. Stephen members being targeted or banished from Wilmington during the 1898 Insurrection, unique early Twentieth Century progress occurred.

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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

Dr. Ralph Bunche: A Hero of U.S. Diplomacy

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche earned the moniker "a hero of U.S. Diplomacy," in part for efforts that led to his becoming the first African American to win the Noble Peace Prize.

The scientist and diplomat earned the award for his role as United Nations Mediator in the 1949 peace settlement between Palestinians, Arabs, and Jews.

"The objective of any who sincerely believe in peace clearly must be to exhaust every honorable recourse in the effort to save the peace," Dr. Bunche said after winning the prestigious honor on Dec. 10, 1950.

Born Aug. 7, 1904, in Detroit, Dr. Bunche's father worked as a barber while his mother was a musician. Dr. Bunche spent parts of his childhood in New Mexico and in Los Angeles.

His Aunt, Lucy Taylor Johnson, raised him.

With parents of different races, Dr. Bunche credited his grandmother with teaching him how to respond and deal with racism.



Stacy Brown

"I recall most vividly high school graduation exercises. After the exercises were completed, the principal of the school came up to me, thinking to be kind," Dr. Bunche remarked in a 1955 address to the NAACP.

"He congratulated me on my graduation. Then he said to me in a most friendly way: 'We're sorry to lose you, Ralph. You know we have never thought of you as a Negro here.' This struck me immediately, but I, at that time, did not know just what to reply," Dr. Bunche continued.

"I would today, but one of the reasons I would know what to reply today was because I was reared by a grandmother who always knew what to reply in such situations. She happened to be standing beside me when Mr. Fulton, the principal, said this to me.

"She gave Mr. Fulton an education in racial pride and pride of origin, which I am sure he never forgot. She did it in the most polite but in a very firm and pointed way, and when it was over, we both got a very profound apology from him."

A valedictorian at UCLA in 1927, Dr. Bunche earned a master's in political science in 1928 and a Ph.D. in government and international relations in 1934 from Harvard University.

He founded and taught classes in the Political Science Department at Howard University in Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Bunche became the first African American Desk Officer at the State Department during World War II.

He helped form the United Nations in 1945 and, in 1948, he mediated the hostile Arab-Israeli conflict that led to his Nobel Prize. Later, Dr. Bunche served as Undersecretary-General for Special Political Affairs at the United Nations.

After winning the Nobel Prize, Dr. Bunche remained active stateside in the fight for civil rights.

He also reflected on the plight of Black people in America. "Like every Negro in America, I've suffered many disillusioning experiences. Inevitably, I've become allergic to prejudice," Dr. Bunche said in 1950.

"On the other hand, from my earliest years, I was taught the virtue of tolerance; militancy in fighting for rights - but not bitterness. And as a social scientist, I've always cultivated a coolness of temper, an attitude of objectivity when dealing with human sensitivities and irrationalities..."

President Lyndon B. Johnson awarded Dr. Bunche the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1963.

Dr. Bunche died in 1971 at age 68.

Stacy M. Brown is the NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent.



Dr. Ralph J. Bunche (far right) greets Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (left) and Coretta Scott King (center). (Photo: ucla.edu)

VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As one would imagine, recent social and political events have created a considerable increase in the volume of broadcast and print media. As with my friend, Dick Gregory, I try to keep up with as much as possible. My understanding must exceed the boundaries of the District. My recent readings include reviews of the impeachment, a forwarded email sent by Marjorie Taylor-Greene, and an article by Arizona journalist, Brahm Resnik.

Most of us have a desired outcome for the impeachment and most have formed an opinion regarding the propriety of Marjorie Taylor Greene. I won't engage in those debates, but the Resnik article opens a discussion I am willing to engage. The byline that captured my interest was: "Punch in the face to voters: Arizona bill would let lawmakers throw out presidential election results."

Several sentences condense its theme:

I. We are seeing a slew of Republican bills at the Arizona Capitol in the name of "election integrity." But many of the bills would make it harder to vote in an elec-

tion.

A new piece of election legislation - the most extreme bill in recent memory - would give lawmakers the power to reject Arizonans' votes for president.

I. The Legislature...by majority vote at any time before the presidential inauguration may revoke the secretary of state's issuance or certification of a presidential elector's certificate of election."

This would be easy to isolate to Arizona, but we're presented daily with similar proposals throughout the country. Apparently, the thrust of this legislation is the ability to isolate and eliminate votes from communities of color. The bill proposed by State Rep. Shawna Bolick (R), gives the legislature the power to eliminate Arizona electors who pick the next president. Passage of this bill would legalize and codify the infractions which are the basis of the current impeachment.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Recently, I wrote that voter suppression is the tool of a party with policies unacceptable to a majority of voters. Suppression is the only way that type of party can maintain power. This is an accurate description of the Republican party. Why, then, would a party be unwilling to present palatable policies? For the wealthy, Republican policies provide unchallenged and uninterrupted financial security. For the remaining 90% of Republicans, fear is THE most common motivator.

Anti-Racist, Jane Elliot suggests that whites believe that a symbiotic relationship exists between political/social power and numerical superiority. By extension, I believe they consider the loss of either as tragic, but recognize that political power will allow them to maintain/sustain historic social controls necessary to appease their sense of entitlement.

I cannot provide a reference, but, long ago, I remember reading an article in which a white high school drop-out expressed belief that he was more entitled to a job opportunity than a Black person with a related college degree. Merit-based competition is slowly changing socio-

economic constructs, and increased voting participation is supplying legislators who are willing and ready to reduce social and employment barriers. This process is incomplete, but currently poses the greatest threat to resident racists - overt and covert, alike - who fear their loss of control. This is evidenced by the public display of confederate, Nazi and supremacist flags and symbols of those most committed to the continuance of racial/social injustice.

Whether we wish to acknowledge it or not, we have reached the nexus between enduring systemic injustice and the enduring demand for social equity and justice.

The aforementioned Marjorie Taylor Greene has said, "President Trump never backed down, and neither will I...Not when I have patriots like you standing beside me." To her, I say, "Stop PRETENDING your RACISM is PATRIOTISM." To the Beloved Community, I say, "Our struggle continues, and our WILL must be ENDURING!"

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

TO BE EQUAL

Trump must be convicted

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The insurgents believed they were doing the duty of their president. They were following his orders. And so they publicized it openly, loudly, proudly ... This was months of cultivating a base of people who were violent, praising that violence, and then leading that violence, that rage, straight at our door. By the time he called the cavalry of his thousands of supporters on January 6 at an event he had invited them to, he had every reason to know that they were armed, that they were violent, and that they would actually fight. Make no mistake: the violence was not just foreseeable to President Trump, but the violence was what he deliberately encouraged." **Stacey Plaskett, Delegate to the House of Representatives, U.S. Virgin Islands**

A failure by the Senate to convict Donald Trump for incitement of insurrection would be as vile a stain on our nation as the insurrection itself.

Any outcome other than conviction and disqualification from holding elected office is morally indefensible.

It has been said again and again, by non-partisan legal

scholars as well as members of Trump's own party: if the behavior that led a murderous mob to invade the U.S. Capitol on January 6th isn't impeachable, nothing is. Every Senator currently sitting as a juror in Trump's impeachment trial knows it. Seven people are dead as a

result of Trump's actions, including a police officer fatally injured while defending the Capitol and two others who took their own lives in the traumatic aftermath. A woman trying to force her way into the House chamber was fatally shot by an officer protecting members as they huddled for safety. The mob trampled one of their own as they rushed to breach a tunnel entrance to the Capitol. Two other men died during the siege, of a heart attack and a stroke.

As a family member declared, "The president's words incited a riot that killed four of his biggest fans."

As horrifying as the insurrection seemed to most Americans as we watched on January 6, we now know we

saw only a small part of the mayhem. House impeachment managers this week have further exposed the chilling extent of the violence and fury Trump unleashed upon the U.S. Congress and Vice President Mike Pence, and how close the insurrectionists came to fulfilling their murderous intent.

As his own supporters roamed the halls of the Capitol searching for Pence, as they constructed an actual gallows and chanted "Hang Mike Pence," and after he personally had been informed that Pence had fled the House chamber in fear for his life - Trump ruthlessly tweeted yet another attack on the Vice President.

Had the mob succeeded in assassinating Pence, as they very nearly did, his blood unquestionably be on Trump's hands.

The drawn-out, sing-song taunts of insurrectionists as they sought out House Speaker Nancy Pelosi were straight out of a horror movie. Their intent to harm or kill her was so clear to Capitol Police that they rushed her to a secure location outside the Capitol.

"As this was unfolding on television, Donald Trump was walking around the White House confused about why other people on his team weren't as excited as he was

... He was delighted," Senator Ben Sasse said.

"Donald Trump was clearly enjoying himself as he watched his supporters begin to occupy the Capitol," former Trump attorney Michael Cohen said. "The President believes he has brought the country to its knees and driven its citizens into armed insurrection on his behalf. The fact that he could foment such violence in his name makes him dizzy with delight."

Trump's coldly manipulative words and deeds on the single day of January 6 defy comprehension, but they were preceded by months of deliberate mobilization. Asked to disavow white nationalist extremists at a debate in September, he instead told them to "stand by." Fewer than 100 days later, they led the insurrection.

Many Senators who recognize their clear constitutional and moral duty to convict and disqualify Trump may fear political retribution from those who supported the insurrection. But a re-election that requires pandering to white supremacists, would-be assassins and is not a re-election worth seeking.

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

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Promoting a "Revolution of Values":

Black voters expect Biden to be bold

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

During a campaign that was repeatedly rescued by Black Voters, President Biden pledged to "Build Back Better." To address the myriad crises affecting Black families and communities across this nation as a consequence of the Pandemics of COVID19, police misconduct, violence and murders and systemic racism, I believe to "Build Back Better," Biden must be BOLD; he should audaciously reimagine the Build Back Better Plan, including the "Lift Every Voice" Black Agenda (which he seldom publicly touted), by embracing Dr. Martin Luther King's call for a "Revolution of Values" and demand for an "Economic Bill of Rights."



Ron Daniels

In his iconic speech at the Riverside Church in 1967, Dr. King issued the following challenge: "I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a 'thing-oriented' society to a 'person-oriented' society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, material-

ism and militarism are incapable of being conquered."

In this Vignette, I would like to offer suggestions/steps for Biden to be BOLD in advancing a transformational agenda:

1. Be BOLD - Commit to feeding/empowering the Black-led (with Black women in the forefront), multiracial Rainbow Coalition that propelled you to the White House by BOLDLY enacting policies that affect Native Americans, African Americans and people of African descent, Latinx, Asian Americans, Arab Americans, women, young people, the LGBTQ community, workers, immigrants, climate change and environmental justice advocates ... through BOLD legislation or by Executive Orders if required.

2. Be BOLD - Do not bow down to or buckle in the face of the hypocritical machinations of the Obstructionists in the name of unity and bipartisanship. Remember the lessons of the Obama

administration when appeals for bipartisanship fell on the deaf ears of the Mitch McConnell-led obstructionists who vowed to make Obama a "one term President." The filibuster was his ultimate weapon. Once Agent Orange was elected, the ultra-conservative, rightwing Republicans made no pretense of being bipartisan. They unapologetically exercised raw naked power (via budget reconciliation) to jam through a multi-trillion-dollar tax-cut for the wealthy and packed the federal judiciary with ultra-conservative, Federalist Society vetted Judges! Remember Merrick Garland!

3. Be BOLD - Abolish the filibuster and enact a BOLD "people oriented" agenda to meet the needs of people who could care less about legislative process, procedures or parliamentary maneuvers.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES Are you one of them?

There are a lot of issues about which we should be concerned as the former presidency is pushed farther and farther away from our everyday lives.

But one thing is not going to recede: and that is the fact that there are apparently over 70 million people who ascribe to the MAGA movement's creed to "get their country back," meaning for many of them that they are anti-democracy, for sure, but also that they are anti-Black, brown, and any other marginalized group that they believe is tainting the intended "whites only" legacy of America.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

White supremacy is not only a racist mindset; it is sexist, Xenophobic, homophobic, and against anything or any group that is not white and primarily male in its makeup.

It is also a mindset which claims Christianity as the only legitimate religion - albeit their Christianity is one that supports their racism, sexism, and political views. It is not, as some scholars have noted, the "religion of Jesus," nor does it feel it has to be.

The January 6 insurrection was troubling and revealing. We now know, for example, that those who have cried out "Blue Lives Matter" as a counter statement to "Black Lives Matter" are apparently not so in love with police after all; they are only concerned with the safety of police that they are being accused of gunning down innocent and unarmed Black people. During the insurrection, one officer said that they rioters said, "Let's kill him with his own gun" as they beat him. (<https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/14/politics/police-officers-capitol-riot-hodges-fanone/index.html>).

The disregard of the rioters for the American government and its institutions was on full display and those who participated in the melee were not just poor, uneducated white people. They were Trump supporters, for sure, but they were not a monolithic group; they were professionals and citizens with a fair amount of wealth; they were attorneys and judges and real estate agents, doctors, police officers, and former military personnel. (<https://www.voanews.com/usa/who-were-us-capitol-rioters>).

All of that is troubling, but what is the perhaps one of the most troubling aspects of what we are living in now is the reality that over 70 million people were and are Trump supporters and approved of the January 6 riot. We see them every day. They live in our neighborhoods; they teach in our schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries. They teach our children. Some of them prepare our food in restaurants, and others serve the food to us. They are the attorneys who represent us, the surgeons who operate on us, the grocery clerks who check us out of the grocery store, and the police who are in charge of protecting us, and for that reason, where we are now feels very insecure.

When we see our white brothers and sisters on the street - or at least when I see them - the question is, "are you one of them?"

We don't know. We do know that they make up a large part of this country and we do know that we interact with them more than we would like to think. We do know that they feel emboldened and empowered to be violent when they want to, not worrying about being held to account. That is not a new reality, but the arrogant violence and disrespect for "the law" reminds me of how, in history, white people who killed black people would smirk even as or if they were charged with the most heinous of crimes. They knew they would get off, and as we look at white people who have so much influence in our lives, our historical legacy begs the question, "Are you one of them?"

We don't know. We don't know how their anger and racism and sexism and Xenophobia and anarchism is going to play out as we move forward, but this we do know: "they" are in our midst, full of fire and fury and sense of entitlement, and we will all be affected by it.

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People want to see the government deliver policies that will improve the quality of life for their families and communities. The Party that delivers and educates the people on the value of the public space, of government, will win.

4. Be BOLD - Campaign for a Build Back Better "people-oriented" agenda in red states, blue states, rural areas, Black and Brown communities; educate at the grassroots level about the benefits and value of the public space, government delivering policies that meet the needs of the people; take the message directly into the districts of the obstructionists and wake-up as many of their constituents as possible to the reality that they are being bamboozled by fake "leaders." Ignite support for a BOLD Agenda from the bottom up! Build to consolidate gains in 2022 and 2024!

5. Be BOLD - Expose, confront and defeat the "enemy from within:" white supremacy, white nationalism, domestic terrorism, xenophobia, all of the malignant manifestations of structural, institutional racism. Be aware that mandating "equity" is a necessary and welcome prescription for the present, but it does not address the incalculable harms endured by African Americans from the holocaust of enslavement, chattel slavery and all of the derivative racially-exclusionary policies and practices after Emancipation to the present.

6. Be BOLD - Be the President who delivers on the promise of "40 acres and a mule," reparations for African Americans. Reparations is the only racial remedy that will eradicate

systemic racism in this society. As such reparations constitute the foundation for the new America which must be born.

7. Be BOLD - Utilize the Democratic control of Congress to declare Statehood for D.C. so that the residents of the "District," where the great monuments to "freedom" were built by enslaved Black labor, will finally achieve full freedom!

We are in the throes of a national reckoning on the fundamental character, the soul of this nation. There is a life and death struggle underway over whether America will become an expansive, inclusive, multi-racial society, free of all forms of racism and discrimination with genuine political and economic democracy or revert back to the restrictive "good old days" of White male patriarchal dominance.

In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King's revolution of values, Black Voters and the emerging Rainbow Coalition should fully expect and demand that Biden BOLDLY advance an agenda for transformational change. A new American must be born. #BEBOLDBIDEN

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When will workers get a break?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Now that the impeachment trial of the 45th President is over, perhaps our legislators can turn their attention to working people, or more accurately, those who used to work and are not now working. There were 18 million unemployment insurance claims now than a year ago, and nearly 10 million fewer jobs than before the pandemic. The first Friday report that the unemployment rate has dropped is misleading when the number of people fleeing the labor market is alarming. Most disturbing, of course, is the departure of women from the labor force. Last month alone, more than 250,000 women left the labor market, compared to 71,000 men.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

back, especially from states that have not raised their wage above the federal level. It is useful to note that in Florida, where the former President enjoys popularity, a ballot measure supporting a \$15 minimum wage passed. Even conservatives have to eat!

Senate Bill 53, the Raise the Wage Act, would gradually raise the federal minimum wage from the current \$7.25 level to \$15 by June of 2025. The first increase would happen this year, raising the wage to \$9.25 this year. In subsequent years the wage would rise to \$11.00 in 2022, \$12.50 in 2023, \$14.00 in 2024, and \$15 by June of 2025. The most signif-

icant bump is 31 percent, from the current \$290 per week (for a full-time week) to \$380 per week. Even with that increase, though, a family of four is living below the poverty line of \$26,500. The minimum wage for a family with one worker won't exceed the poverty line until 2024 when the wage is \$14 an hour.

Some households with minimum wage workers have more than one person contributing to household expenses. But many minimum wage workers work part-time, not full time, and don't work part-time by choice. Many employers offer less than a 40-hour workweek to avoid paying benefits.

Raising the minimum wage gives at least 27 million workers a raise. Most of them are women. A third are Latino, and 40 percent are African American. Raising the wage would reduce inequality and poverty. Senator Sanders is prepared to push this legislation through by reconciliation if he can't get Republican support. If Republican Senators value their constituents' voices, they will support legislation that brings relief to some of them.

There may also be some assistance coming to working people via the Protecting the Right to Organize, or PRO Act. This legislation protects

workers' rights to form unions, limits employers' right to interfere with union activities, and strengthens other workers' rights. With several dozen new provisions, the PRO Act represents the first attempt to overhaul the National Labor Relations Act in more than seventy years. The legislation passed the House in 2020, passing mostly along party lines, but the Republican-controlled Senate declined to deliberate. This time, Democrats control the schedule, and the legislation will receive some review and deliberation. But Chambers of Commerce and other business groups are likely to oppose it. Research shows that the presence of unions in the workplace increases wages. Equally importantly, it protects workers from unsafe working conditions.

Perhaps legislation will provide workers with some relief this year. It is also possible, though, that working people, especially those near the bottom, will get caught up in partisan squabbling. Workers need a break, need a raise, need safe working conditions. Can Washington deliver?

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The warning bells in Trump's impeachment trial

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Donald Trump's defenders are shameless. And that makes them dangerous.

It has only been a month since a mob enraged by Trump's lies about the election being stolen attacked the U.S. Capitol to stop Congress from confirming Joe Biden's victory. The terrorists killed one police officer and injured more than 100, leaving some with head injuries and one with three fingers missing; two have since died by suicide.

The mob wasn't able to stop the transfer of power and keep Trump in office. And, thank God, they didn't get their hands on members of Congress or on former Vice President Mike Pence, who in their minds betrayed Trump by following the Constitution.

The terrorists had a noose waiting outside. Inside, members of Congress were calling loved ones to say goodbye, fearing that they were about to be killed.

If you have any doubt that's what would have happened if the mob had broken into the House or Senate chamber before members of Congress were evacuated, watch the opening arguments from Trump's impeachment trial in the Senate. Rep. Jamie

Raskin, one of the impeachment managers presenting the case against Trump's incitement of insurrection, showed a video with clips from the attack.

It is hard to watch. But it is necessary.

It is important not to turn away from the violence provoked by Trump's lies, as his defenders want us to do in the name of false unity.

Trump's lawyers had no case. Trump spent weeks generating rage

and resentment with his lies about the election. He urged people to come to Washington to fight for him. And on Jan. 6, he reshaped his lies about the election and Pence's ability to overturn it, and then sent his angry supporters to storm the Capitol.

The claim that it would be unconstitutional to hold Trump accountable now that he is out of office was completely demolished by Raskin—and by legal scholars, conservative as well as liberal.

From the very start of the trial, Trump's desperate defenders in Congress, right-wing media, and the Make America Great Again

movement turned to more shameful arguments.

They continued to repeat the lie at the heart of the violence: Black voters and corrupt Democrats stole the election from Trump and his supporters.

They tried to distract from Trump's weeks of incitement by showing irrelevant and deceptively out-of-context video clips of Vice President Kamala Harris, Sen. Cory Booker, and Rep. Maxine Waters.

And maybe most shamefully, they tried to equate the attack on voting and democracy with last summer's Black Lives Matter protests.

Trump's attempt to overturn the election was grounded in disrespect for Black voters and contempt for the Constitution. Protests against police killings of Black people were grounded in a demand that the Constitution's promise of equal protection of the law be respected and made real for everyone—something this country has yet to do. There is no equivalence between the two.

Let's be clear about what has really been going on. Trump's defenders wanted to prevent an impeachment trial because they know that the facts do not only convict Trump. The facts convict everyone who joined Trump in spreading

lies about the election. The facts convict every one of the gutless, unprincipled politicians—all but six of the 50 Republican senators—who voted not to even hold the trial.

The history of this country is clear. As long as lynchings and other violence meant to keep Black people from building political power went unpunished, the violence continued.

The right-wing resistance to holding Trump accountable signaled that he and other unprincipled politicians who will try to follow his path to power will continue to tell lies, inflame divisions, and provoke more violence. The cowardly Republican officials who fear Trump's supporters too much to face the truth put all of us—and our democracy—in danger.

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New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP will hold a virtual monthly meeting for members Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 pm. Vital issues, including information about the impact and response to the corona virus in our community and the state will be on the agenda. Friends of New Hanover NAACP and any other individuals interested in attending can email nhcnaacp@gmail.com for the link to the meeting or call 910-508-9414 for details on joining the discussion.

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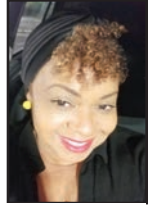
1960 to 1968, when his family's home was dynamited in Eastern Kentucky. Margaret Herring and he were charged with overthrowing the Government of Kentucky by building moral fusion alliances with Appalachian coal miners and Black voters. He became a lawyer after 15 years of apprenticeship to Bill Kunstler, 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.



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USDA loans are a great way to purchase a home with no money down, 100% financing. The loan can be used in any area that is designated to be Eligible. To find those areas you would need to google: USDA Eligibility Map. Once on that page, you would need to have specific addresses to look up to see if that address is in an eligible area. Strangely enough, a home on the left side of a street may be eligible and a home on the other side of the street may not. It all



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depends on how the maps are drawn and from time to time, those maps change. Other information on USDA loans given on the US Gov site: Who may apply for this program? Applicants must: • Have a household income that does not exceed 115% of median household income*. (Google for the current 115% income chart for your area.) • Agree to occupy the dwelling as their primary residence. • Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. non-citizen national, or Qualified Alien. • Be unable to obtain conventional financing with no private mortgage insurance (PMI). • Not be suspended or debarred from participation in federal programs. What properties are eligible? • Must be located within an eli-

gible rural area.* • Must be a single-family dwelling (may include detached, attached, PUD, condo, modular, and manufactured). • Must meet HUD 4000.1 minimum standards. • No set maximum purchase price (based solely on an applicant repayment ability). • No set acreage limits. Must be common for the area. • No seasoning requirements ("flipped" properties allowed). What are applicant qualifications? • Income. Non-Self-Employed: One-year history required. Self-Employed and Seasonal: Two-year history required. • Assets. No down payment or reserves required. • Credit. Must demonstrate a willingness and ability to repay debts. No set score requirement. Alternative credit

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The only thing most don't like about USDA loans is that you can't use it everywhere and that they have very tight ratio calculations which means you can't get as much loan approval with USDA as you could using an FHA or other type of loans. USDA is very conservative in their lending because they want to minimize families from borrowing more than they can handle paying back. So, if you are considering starting your homeownership journey, or buying another property, this loan is worth the look.

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Mary Elizabeth Saunders

Mary Elizabeth Saunders died February 4, 2020. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Mother Mary was born on May 23, 1933 to the late Hampton and Mary Alice Saunders in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was the youngest of three children. Instilling moral principles, they endeavored to raise their children to be productive citizens in society. Mother Saunders was educated in the New Hanover County School System. Upon leaving school, she learned the importance of hard work as she obtained employment in several businesses to include the Heart of Wilmington Motel. Through the process of time, she embraced a position as a very dedicated sales person for Avon, where she served for several years. Her favorite saying became "Avon calling!" Accepting Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, she sought a closer walk with God. During her transformative worship experience, she attended Goodwill Holiness Mission (1960-1969) under the pastorate of the late Reverend Frances Rumbau Hampton, Wilmington, North Carolina. After the transition of her pastor, Mother Saunders, having visited Faith Temple Church of God in Christ on a regular basis, in approximately 1996, she joined and faithfully remained under the successive leadership of Bishop Cornelius Anderson, Sr., Superintendent Thomas Wiggins, Jr. and Superintendent Lorenzo Edge. As a member of Faith Temple, she served on the Mothers Board as one of the Senior Mothers of the church, giving words of enlightenment to those under her influence. Her favorite song was "Precious Lord Take My Hand" and she adopted Bible verse Numbers 23:19 as her favorite scripture. Preceding her in transitioning to eternal life were: one child, Brenda Faye Mitchell and two brothers, Robert Sanders and Ellis Sanders.

Mother Saunders leaves to cherish fond memories: four children, Wilbur Mitchell of Wilmington, NC, Cora (Ronnie) Peoples of Jackson, MI, Pat (Harrison) Malone of Wilmington, NC and Coketha Christmas of Jackson, MI; 7 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; a special CNA Helen; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Byran Lamont Davis

Byran Lamont Davis died February 4, 2021. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Princess Place Drive location.

Byran affectionately known as Bryan was born on December 10, 1987 to Trever and Cheryl Davis. He was preceded in death by his uncle, Dequincy Davis; and his great-grandfather, James Davis, Sr. Byran was a high school graduate of Youthville School and a graduate of Cape Fear Community College majoring in Culinary Arts. Byran was an avid cook and a community leader. He loved music and video games. Byran was always helping the elderly and children in the community. He was always taking pictures and smiling. His smile and personality would lighten up a room. Byran's love for his family was unspoken. He leaves to cherish his memories: his parents, Trever Davis and Cheryl Davis; brothers, Brandon Davis and Daquan Davis; one sister, Brittany Davis; grandmothers, Edna Davis and Joann Davis; grandfather, Larry Davis; great-grandmothers, Christien Davis and Edith Beatty; aunts, Finisha Davis and Marie Beatty; uncles, Michael Davis, Jarod Davis and James Beatty; niece, Jahsani Davis; nephews, Tamond Davis and Demon Fashion; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

William Ross Harris, Jr.

William Ross Harris, Jr., died February 7, 2021. Memorial services were held on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

William, son of the late William Ross, Sr. and Beatrice Green Harris was born on January 28, 1956. William was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School. In his free time, he loved to watch his favorite TV shows, dance and listen to music. But, most importantly, he loved spending time

with his family and friends. He worked in the fish market business since the age of 16 and trained many of the local cutters for more than 40 years. William is a legend among the local seafood markets, including but not limited to: Zora's Seafood Market, Howard's Seafood Market and Ronnie's Crab Shack. To know William was to love him. He was a wonderful son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who will be greatly missed. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Alameda Benjamin and Ruth Ann.

William leaves to cherish fond memories: his children, Danyell Hamby, William Lamont Hamby and Demetra Hamby; eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his sister and brother, Sarah Rogers and John Raymond Green both of Wilmington, NC; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Rufus Harrell, Jr.

Rufus Harrell, Jr., graveside services were held on Monday, February 15, 2021 at St. James AMEZ Church Cemetery, Leland.

Rufus, affectionately known as "Curley" to the family and community son of the late Caldonia Hill Harrell and Rufus "Bill" Harrell was born on September 1, 1948. He was also preceded in death by his son, Kenneth Waddell. Rufus attended school in Brunswick County and graduated from Lincoln High School in the Class of 1966. After graduation, Rufus joined the US Army, receiving an honorable discharge. Rufus met and married Mary Peterson and to this union a son was born, Cleavon D. Harrell. Rufus became employed by E.I. DuPont, where he worked for 20 plus years. He later gained employment with Wal-Mart and remained there until retirement. Rufus was devoted and dedicated to his mother, Caldonia. Even after her passing, if he was feeling low, he would visit her final resting place. This lifted his spirits. Rufus and his mother spent numerous hours in the garden and loved their plants and flowers. He continued with growing and caring of them often talking about having his own Arboretum as displayed in his home setting. Rufus was blessed with a keen sense of humor. This often showed as he shared stories of his life and fond memories with his friends and family. Also, his past-times included: watching old western movies, listening to music oldies, swing dancing and working on his model rocket. Every year Rufus held a summer picnic celebration for family, friends, coworkers, and the community in his woodland setting, as a show of appreciation for their support towards his health concerns.

Those left to celebrate his life and their love of Rufus are: his son, Cleavon D. Harrell, Sr. of Kelly, NC; two daughters-in-law, Gihan Munn Harrell of Kelly, NC and Hollie Waddell of Whiteville, NC; grandsons, Cleavon Harrell, Jr., Joel Waddell and Landon Tart; granddaughters, Kyesha Waddell, Taniya Waddell, Micahya Noble and Jordan Noble; numerous great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends; very special cousins/sisters, Edna Bryant, Marva Moss and Donna Shaw; special friends, Michael George, Irma Howell, Brenda Pender, his loving DuPont and Wal-Mart friends and the Wilmington Sportsmen Club. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ginger Denkins Lee

Ginger Denkins Lee died on February 8, 2021. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 4925 New Centre Drive location.

On November 5, 1962 Ginger was born to Helen Denkins McMillan and the late Thomas Porter Denkins, Sr. She graduated from North Brunswick High School in Leland, N.C. Ginger was a part of the winning softball team in 1979, where they won the state championship. She also graduated from Cape Fear Community College and Miller Motte College, where she received her Certified Nurse's Assistant, Medical Assistant, and Medical Billing and Coding Certifications. Ginger worked in many nursing facilities and cared for many people for over 40+ years. She was a loving, warm, caring, generous person who never met a stranger. She always had an open-door policy. Children were her life and her joy. She was loved by everyone who met her. In addition to her

father, Ginger was preceded in death by her brother, Jeremiah Denkins and her father-in-law, Bernard Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband of 23 years, David A. Lee of the home; three children, Jameel A. Neal, Jamaal A. Neal and Jalisa M. Neal; three grandchildren that she was raising, NyQuari White, Jada Neal and Jeremiah Neal; 17+ grandchildren; her mother, Helen Denkins McMillan of Winnabow, NC; sisters, Felbie (Windell) Butler and Sabrina Denkins all of Wilmington, NC; Myra (Ronnie) Burnett of Leland, NC and Laura Denkins of Winnabow, NC; brothers, Thomas Porter Denkins, Jr. of Winnabow, NC and Talib (Tahirah) Shareef of Washington DC; sister-in-law, Angela Lee of Wilmington, NC; brother-in-law, Bernard (Nicole) Smith of Leland, NC; her mother-in-law, Mary Smith of Wilmington, NC; her godmother, Emily Bradley of the Browntown Community; god children, LaToya Floyd and Tacara West; and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including special friends, Christopher (Latasha) Brown, Catrina Aiken, Debbie Walker, Yolanda Webb, Lynda Harrison, Charice Francis, Toni Cuttino, Rita Stanley, Parthenia Robinson (Tina), Jean Brinson, Janie Walker, Eleanor Ballard, Stacy Hooper, George Vereen, and Dr. Kays; and also her loving grand-dog, Layla Berry. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Pauline Jones

Pauline Jones died February 13, 2021. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

John Feaster

John Feaster died February 15, 2021. Graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the Shoulders Branch Church Cemetery. Visitation is from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Margaret McCall Mitchell

Margaret McCall Mitchell was born November 15, 1922 to Luther McCall and Addie Dry McCall. She peacefully departed this life at Azalea Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was married to the late James Arthur Mitchell for 38 years when he passed on January 7, 1983. She was a hard worker until she had to retire in 1979 to take care of her ailing husband.

Margaret accepted Jesus Christ at an early age at Little Mission A.M.E. Zion Church now Price Cathedral A.M.E. Zion Church. She was president of the Senior Choir for many years. Later she was elected to be president of the Young Women's Club. She received several rewards from this group for the outstanding job she did. She served as a Trustee when the new church was being built. She was a member of the Missionary Life Member council. She and her daughter were stoled by Bishop Reuben Speaks. She loved her church and its members and was willing to lend a hand to help with any project.

Even though she was excellent Homemaker and cook she still took time for her hobbies of gardening, crocheting and ceramics. She enjoyed cooking when the church would sell dinners to raise money for church functions.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, her sister and both brothers. She was the youngest of four siblings.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Her devoted daughter Mary E. London Johnson, one grandson who she referred to as her son Curtis D. Hemingway, special daughter she raised from infancy to a young adult, Paula Jean Sneeden. She was blessed to have a second set of children, Barbara London Campbell (Leonard) of Wilmington, NC; George G. London, Jr. (Lenette) of Clinton, MD; Frederick O. London (Denise) of Bolivia, NC; Norris W. London (LaShea) of Leland, NC; Arthur L. Bellamy of Winnabow, NC; Lindell Clark (Sallie) of Burgaw, NC and Zanzara Robinson of Castle Hayne, NC; three great grandsons, Lakee' Upshaw of Washington, DC; Deven B. Hemingway of Warner Robins, GA and Navy Coveman Julian Hughes (Frankie), 2 great, great grandchildren Ariel and Julian Hughes all of Norfolk, VA; 2 nieces, Harriet Garrett Debraametta of Wilmington, NC; Constance McCall

Webb of Wilmington, NC; many grand nephews and nieces, special friends Katie Moore, Geneva Clark, Ethel Gerald, Jackie Garrett, Maxie and Deloris Palmer (cousins) and a host of family members, friends and her church family Price Cathedral A.M.E. Zion Church. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, N C 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Annie L. Jenkins

Annie L. Jenkins, age 80, of Leland, passed away Thursday February 4, 2021. A graveside service was held on Saturday February 13, 2021 at Jenkins-McLaurin Cemetery in Leland.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her siblings, Cozetter Laceywell (Marvin) of Leland, Gloria Blanks (Jesse) of East Arcadia, Cynthia Brown (Walter) of Leland Robert Jenkins of Leland, Sylvester Jenkins of California, Castile Robbins of Leland and Ulysses Jenkins (Mary Jo) of Leland 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.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Ernest Walker

Ernest Walker, age 92, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2021. A celebration of Mr. Walker's life was held on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his daughter, Barbara King of Columbia, MD; sister, Edith Walker of Jacksonville, FL, 7 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild 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.davisfuneralhome.com.*

James T. King, Jr.

James T. King, Jr., age 53, of Greenville (formerly of Leland), passed away Sunday February 7, 2021.

James Thomas King, Jr. was born January 09, 1968 and raised in Leland, North Carolina. Upon graduating from North Brunswick High School, Junior as he was so affectionately called, attended Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) where he was in ROTC, served in the National Guard and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

While living in Elizabeth City he met

and married his wife, of 27 years, Linda before moving away to become an active member of the military. Junior served in the United States Army for seven years, stationed in El Paso Texas. Once he received his honorable discharge he and his family relocated to Atlanta, Georgia. While living in Georgia Junior pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and became a Mason. After eleven years in Georgia, while driving trucks for Fed-ex, he accepted a transfer to Greenville, NC. It was in Greenville that he pursued his long-time dream of entrepreneurship and started his own business. As the owner and operator of King Tut Trucking he continued to fulfill his contractual obligations and duties as a truck driver until he transitioned into eternal rest.

Junior really enjoyed spending time with family, hunting, fishing, bowling and cooking. He had such a genuine compassion for people and a strong desire to help others in need.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Frost King; daughters, Omeshia Frost and Laquita Frost; mother, Eunice Harrison King; father, James Thomas King, Sr., grandmother, Ruth Harrison; siblings: Ty Alexander (Jennifer), Rochelle King Moore (Timothy) and Shirelle King DeJesus (Dawud); one very special grandson, TJ 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.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Esau David, Sr.

Esau David, Sr. departed this earthly home on February 10, 2021 at his residence with his youngest child at his bedside. A celebration of Mr. David's life was held on Tuesday February 16, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Reaves Chapel Church Cemetery.

He was born September 3, 1934 to the late Goines and Lillie Lemon-David of Manning, South Carolina.

At a very early age, along with his parents and 3 siblings they moved to North Carolina. Esau was employed by Corbett Packing Company, Wilmington, N.C., Smith Douglas Fertilizer, Navassa, N.C., The Creosote Plant, Navassa, N.C., Babcock and Wilcox, Wilmington, N.C., Dupont, Leland, N.C., (his greatest joy) Leland Middle School, Leland, N.C.

Esau met the "Love of his life" the late Rev. Juanita D. David in the early 50's. They were married on November 27, 1955 from this union, they were blessed with nine children. Barbara, Elijah, Gwendolyn, Esau Jr., Anita, Kenneth, Rosalyn, Kevin and Linda.

During his young adult life Esau was a member of New Hope Missionary

Baptist Church, Queen Street, Wilmington, N.C. He moved his membership to Reaves Chapel A.M.E. Church, Cedar Hill Rd. He was the last living oldest member of Reaves Chapel A.M.E. Church. As members decreased he joined St. John A.M.E. Wrightsboro. He was forever sending up his timber: "His house has been built... but not by man's hand."

Esau loved the outdoors, singing, praying and enjoyed making people laugh. He would also get a kick out of scaring people just so he could laugh.

Before his illness he spoke often of the first tractor pull he attended and often during his illness he thought he had to pick someone up from somewhere (he loved to drive). To know him was to love him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Goines and Lillie Lemon-David, his wife of 56 years Rev. Juanita D. David, a daughter Rosalyn Denise David, a son Esau David Jr., two brothers Goines David Jr. and Jacob David, a sister Mary Lou Walker and his best friend of 50 years Mr. Willie Hall Sr. and his mother and father-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Davis Sr.

He leaves to cherish his very, very precious memories: His children Barbara Davis (Hank), Elijah B. David, Gwendolyn David-Dyson, Anita Louise Morgan, Kenneth David, Sr. (Felicia), Kevin David, and Linda I. David, two adopted daughters Kariba L. David and SGM Audrey David, three grandsons whom he raised Michael Orise II, Adrian J. Peterson and Kenneth E. David, Jr., 17 grands, 5 of which are in Germany, 22 great grands, sisters Emma Kelly, Martha Bloodworth (George), brothers Lincoln David (Alice), Donas David (Retha), Richard David and Joseph David (Mary), sisters-in-law Grace Kinsey, Jackie Dingle, Louise Peterson, Sandra David and Ruby David, a devoted cousin Nehemiah Holliday, close friends Mr. and Mrs. Walter Outlaw, St. John Church family, all of his family on Davis way, and a host of nieces, nephews and many friends. Esau will be remembered fondly by so many names: "Deacon David, Brother, Choir member, Mr. Esau, Uncle (from Leland Middle - Mr. D.) "E.", Words/Daddy by Barbara, Dad by Elijah, Papa Smurf by Gwen, Papa Bear by Anita, Daddy by Kenny Sr. and Kevin, Handsome Daddy by Linda, Daddy by Kariba and Audrey and Grandpa by Kenny Jr." *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

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TELL SOMEBODY

"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Galatians 5:14

Love - Unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another
Neighbor - Fellowman;
One living or located near another

"Beloved if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." I John 4:11 "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" I John 3:17

There was a lawyer in Luke 10th. chapter that asked Jesus

the question, "Who is my neighbor?" And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by



Sylvia Hooper

And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." St. Luke 10:29 - 37

not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." True religion demands love in action. Therefore, if we see a need, we should try to meet it. Many of those around us have been stripped and wounded. They have been left to die, and will die if someone does not come to where they are, see them in distress, and be moved with compassion to do something about it! We cannot afford to become cold and indifferent to the needs of those around us who are suffering for whatever the reason. Love is not an option. Love is a mandate to the Church of the Living God. Yes, we should love the Lord with all our hearts, but also love our neighbor as

ourselves. For all the law is fulfilled in one word..LOVE~! There are only four letters in love, but it is a great and mighty word. And yes, We serve a great and mighty God! 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.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The two Americas: the two churches and the hypocrisy of both. Hypocrisy is defined as the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform; pretense. The tenet of one is an absolute, which is the Word of God, 2Tim. 3:16, KJV All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Ps. 19: 7-9, KJV 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.8The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.9The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.10More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from

secret faults.13Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

There are two major political groups in America and they are called liberals and conservatives, I will define these two groups in this lesson later, by giving a Biblical example of them both according to the words of Jesus. I want to use these verses scripture as the backdrop first: Matt. 5:43-45, KJV Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of

your Father which is in heaven:

Here are the two groups in the Bible who called liberals and conservatives: Matt. 23:13-16 13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Matt.23:23-29, KJV 23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites (Democrats and Republicans) for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave

the other undone.24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but within they are full of extortion and excess.26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter; that the outside of them may be clean also.27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whitened sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets and garnish the sepulchers of the righteous, V. 33, Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation"

This is a warning of Jesus Himself to us the black church we cannot allow ourselves to become slaves of a political party at the expense of our

relationship with God and many forsaken the Bible for their party. "We are in a sin-sick, self-centered, secular society that is filled with greed, anger, hostility, hatred, racism, and injustice. America's current racial strife (all across America) makes this apparent. Time is winding down, sin is running rampant, and people are falling away from the Christian faith. These are the last and evil days, filled with satanic activity. Judgment is coming. Our world is lost and in need of our Savior, the Lord Jesus who is the Christ, the Son of the true and living God!" Whose report will you believe? I will believe the report of the Lord.

We must get back to the Bible, Practicing the teaching of the Word of God in every circumstance of life no matter where it comes or how it comes, Jesus promise that He would be with us until the end of the age. I want to close with these verses of Scriptures: Ps. 27:1-8, KJV "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to

eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek." "I found the answer I've learned to pray" This is my prayer in Jesus Name. Amen.

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

Plans to unveil a bust of Marcus Garvey in Ethiopia revealed

BY STACY M. BROWN
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once called Marcus Garvey the first "man on a mass scale and level to give millions of Negroes a sense of dignity and destiny."

The founder of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), a fraternal order of Black nationalists, Garvey implored Black people to pride themselves in their race and return to Africa.

But, through his many travels, Garvey never traversed African soil.

Now, 81 years after his death, officials in Ethiopia plan to unveil a Bronze Sculpture in Addis Ababa to honor the legacy of the Pan African independence movement architect.

According to a news release, the sculpture highlights Ethiopia as a focal point for Pan-Africanists to engage in

constructing a unifying African heritage and destiny.

"Our history began, in a sense, with Ethiopia," Dr. Julius Garvey, Marcus Garvey's youngest son, told NNPA Newswire.

"Its history goes back to the beginning of civilization. Ethiopian history is fundamental, and it began before Egyptian history, and that's important when you consider the true history of [man]," Dr. Garvey remarked.

"But, of course, the history has been distorted in terms of European history, rewritten in the 17th and 18th centuries. We have to know our Black history and understand our history because we're still making history built on what went on before."

In commissioning the sculpture, Dr. Garvey joined with the Pan African Technical Association, Strictly Roots, and the renowned Los Angeles artist Mr. Nijel Binns to create the Marcus Garvey Bronze.

Plans are to unveil the sculpture during a public cere-

mony on Aug. 17.

Dr. Julius Garvey, Ambassador Yaw Davis, the founding director of the Pan African Technical Association, and renowned sculptor MNijel Lloyd Binns, plan to speak at the event that viewers can witness via www.iaafestival.org.

Marcus Garvey earned recognition as Jamaica's first national hero, and his bust stands in the Hall of Heroes of the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.

He is considered one of the central pillars of the Pan-Africa movement. Garvey's Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League boasted more than 6 million members and over 1,000 branches in 42 countries in Africa and the Americas.

"My father was a major proponent of the redemption of Africa, but he was never allowed to go to Africa because of the colonial policies," Dr. Julius Garvey remarked.

"So, taking a bust of him back to Africa is significant and historical from that perspective as well," he said.

Dr. Julius Garvey again offered a reminder of the significance of knowing and understanding Black history. He pointed to the New York Times' acclaimed 1619 series in which it detailed how the transatlantic slave trade began 400 hundred years earlier.

However, the United Nations, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, and others have recognized the 500 years of the transatlantic slave trade.

"You know, they say it was 400 years ago when the first African slaves landed in the United States, but people were brought to the Americas, meaning Central America, the Caribbean, and South America, before that," Dr. Garvey exclaimed.

"So, 400 years is just a convenient date, and it shows how much we need to know our history."



In this Aug. 1922 file photo, Marcus Garvey is shown in a military uniform as the "Provisional President of Africa" during a parade on the opening day of the annual Convention of the Negro Peoples of the World at Lenox Avenue in Harlem, New York City. A century ago, Garvey helped spark movements from African nationalist independence to American civil rights to self-sufficiency in black commerce. Jamaican students in every grade from kindergarten through high school have begun studying the teachings of the 1920-era black nationalist leader in a new mandatory civics program in schools across this predominantly black country of 2.8 million people. (AP Photo/File / Wikimedia Commons)

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Alexander Jenkins

Alexander Jenkins was born May 19, 1956 to the late Luther Sr. and Lillie Jenkins, he departed this life on February 9, 2021. A graveside service was held on Wednesday February 17, 2021 at Jenkins-McLaurin Cemetery in Leland.

Alexander accepted Christ as his personal savior and joined Hoopers' Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where he attended Sunday school, Bible Study and was a faithful member of the Senior Choir. He received his education in the Brunswick County school system graduating from Leland High School in 1975.

Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1976 with an honorable discharge in June of 1978. AJ as he was affectionately called was a quiet, friendly and honest person.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his siblings, Minister Luther Jenkins, Jr. (Gloria), Pauline Jenkins, Chester J. Jenkins, Phyllis Henry, Betsy A. Wall (Rayvon), Laura Munn, George H. Jenkins, and Teretha Figueroa (Lamott), 3 aunts Carolyn Jenkins, Malinda Robinson and Vivian (William), one uncle Clarence Mckoy (Marzella) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, 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

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Gerald Summers

Gerald Summers, age 66, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, February 12, 2021. Public viewing 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Graveside services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery, 800 N 11th St., Wilmington, NC 28401.

Gerald was preceded in death by his loving wife of 37 years, Annette Summers, who passed away in 2014.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his daughters, Tyana Summers and Tykeeta Summers both of Raleigh; siblings, Robert Lee Summers and George Summers both of Baltimore,

MD, Deloris Summers and Shirley Ann Harris both of Richmond, VA and Emmer Davis of Detroit, MI 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

Dennis Higgins

Dennis Higgins, age 62, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, February 12, 2021. Public viewing 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Graveside services will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery, 800 N 11th St., Wilmington, NC 28401.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts siblings, Denise Hayes, Alesia Higgins and Thelma Murphy all of Wilmington, Shelia Newkirk of Willard, Joann Herring, Brenda Rogers and Mary Ethel Farrior all of Wallace and Bennie Higgins 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.

George R. Grady, Jr.

George R. Grady, Jr., age 63, of Castle Hayne, passed away Saturday, February 13, 2021. Public viewing 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home,

901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow at Grady Family Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his son, George Jared Grady (Ashlin) of Ft. Campbell; father; George R. Grady, Sr. of Castle Hayne; siblings, Deborah Grady of Winston-Salem and Glenice G. McNeal of Castle Hayne, 2 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

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The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of **Connie Leigh Arnette**, 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 **18th day of May, 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 18th day of February, 2021

Robert Wayne Norris, Executor
1116 Midland Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF GLORIA L. MITCHELL,
Deceased.
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILE NO: 21E 00010**

The undersigned qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Gloria L. Mitchell**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them same to Michele Thomas, Administrator, at the address set out below, on or before **May 5, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded as bar to recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either address set out below.

This the 4th day of April, 2021.

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.
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February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Shelita Baldwin**, 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 **11th day of May, 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 11th day of February, 2021

Daron Baldwin, Administrator
C/O Jenkins Law Firm
Po Box 1554
Leland, NC 28451

February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Mark Anthony Mueller**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before **May 21, 2021** (which date is at least three (3) months from the first publication of this notice), or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This the 18th day of February, 2021.

Kimberly Marie Mueller, Executrix of the Estate of Mark Anthony Mueller, Deceased
2849 Valor Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as the Executor of the Estate of **Carl Nedmen Morris** (New Hanover County File No. 21-E-0073), late of 207 North 8th Street, Carolina Beach, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 201 N. Front Street Suite 408, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **7th day of May, 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 4th day of February, 2021.

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February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Mamie Ruth Sellars Polk**, 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 **28th 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 28th day of January, 2021

Dainya J. Polk, Administrator
5207 Mulberry Ave. Apt. B
Wilmington, NC 28403

January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Susan R. Harrington**, late of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them in care of the undersigned at 517 Bedford Forest Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412, on or before **April 28, 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 28th day of January, 2021.

Douglas A. Fox, Attorney
YOW, FOX & MANNEN, LLP
102 N. 5TH Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28401
Pamela Gregory Spears and Timothy Wayne Gregory, Co-Executors of the Estate of Susan R. Harrington

January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Frederick William Lewis, Jr.**, late of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them in care of Frederick William Lewis, III, Administrator, at 1737 Signature Place, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405 on or before **April 28, 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 28th day of January, 2021.

Jerry A. Mannen, Jr.
YOW, FOX & MANNEN, LLP
102 N. 5TH Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28401
William Frederick Lewis, III, Administrator Of the Estate of William Frederick Lewis, Jr.

January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Lalah **Janet Branch Davis**, 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 **7th day of May, 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 4th day of February, 2021

Shannon Dale Davis, Executor
5308 Arrow Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28412

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as executrix of the estate of **Mary Elizabeth Moore aka Mary Lang Moore**, 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 **18th day of May, 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 18th day of February, 2021
Paula Moore Long, Executrix
2205 Klein Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
OF GEORGE C. LEWIS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
21 E 175**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **George C. Lewis**, deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Jane Lewis Hill, Executrix of the decedent's estate, on or before **May 19, 2021** at 6917 Old Bridgesite Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executrix.

Jane Lewis Hill, Executrix
Estate of George C. Lewis
c/o Mark I. Nunalee
MARK I. NUNALEE PC
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 598
Hampstead NC 28443
910-270-4347

February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
In the General Court of Justice Superior Court
Division
20 CVS 4171**

**AIPING HU, Plaintiff,
v.
KEBIN ANTONIO DIAZ,
Defendant.**

To Kebin Antonio Diaz:

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: damages arising from motor vehicular negligence.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from the first running of this notice, exclusive of such date, which was February 25, 2021, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

February 18, 25, March 4, 2021

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Board will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 3pm. As a precaution during the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Sec. 4.31 of SB 704 (S.L. 2020 3), the meeting will be conducted remotely from the Wilmington Convention Center, 10 Convention Center Drive, in Wilmington, NC. The meeting will be simultaneously streamed live online at <https://zoom.us/join> or by dial-in at 646-876-9923 and entering Meeting ID 843 8610 6701.

Public comments may be submitted in advance by emailing wmpo@wilmingtonnc.gov or by leaving a message at (910) 341-3258 before 5pm on February 23rd. Public comments will be played or read aloud by staff during the meeting. Per the adopted Public Participation Plan, public comments shall be limited to three minutes each.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

February 18, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

**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 304**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
I.A.M. (dob: 6 June 2010)**

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 I.A.M. You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, February 4, 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 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 4th day of February, 2021.

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

February 4, 11, 18, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 296**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
V.R.K. (dob: 14 September 2017)**

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 V.R.K. You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, February 4, 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.

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February 4, 11, 18, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF GLORIA L. MITCHELL,
Deceased.
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILE NO: 19 E 1287**

The undersigned qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Gloria C. Spicer**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them same to Penelope Sidbury, Administrator, at the address set out below, on or before **May 5, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded as bar to recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either address set out below.

This the 4th day of April, 2021.

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

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Judson Jae Heine**, 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 **11th day of May, 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 11th day of February, 2021

Cynthia L. Heine, Administrator
20 Scottsdale Dr. #2
Asheville, NC 28806

February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Betty J. Holliday**, 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 **11th day of May, 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 11th day of February, 2021

Willie Holliday, Executor
2512 Rock Hill Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
FILE NO. 20 E 1153
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF: LIONEL L. YOW**

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Lionel L. Yow** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Lionel L. Yow to present them to the undersigned on or before **May 13, 2021**, that being three (3) months from the first date of publication of this Notice or same shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 11th day of February, 2021.

Connie S. Yow
Administratrix of the Estate of
Lionel L. Yow
c/o Stephen E. Culbreth
CULBRETH LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 446
Wilmington, N. C. 28402

February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2021

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 20 JT 23**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
S.J.N-E. I**

**TO: RESPONDENT:
ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MALE JUVENILE BORN ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 28, 2020 IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA TO TIARA SHERICE NOBLE**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the aboveentitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following February 11, 2021, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to answer the petition within the time prescribed, your parental rights to the Juvenile will be terminated. 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Department of Juvenile Justice, 138 N. Fourth Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. During COVID-19, all hearings will be heard via Web ex.

This the L day of February, 2021

Jill Cairo
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Department of Health & Human Services
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February 11, 18, 25, 2021

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