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

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"WILMINGTON:  
BIRTHPLACE OF THE  
FUSION MOVEMENT"  
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**VICE PRESIDENT  
KAMALA HARRIS**

Highest female  
federal government  
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BY BEVERLY SMALLS  
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Nov 3, 2020 Americans elected Senator Kamala Harris to be the first female United States Vice President. That status also documented the Oakland, California native as the first African American Asian American to serve in second command of federal government policies and services. Women's History and Black History merged and broke barriers when President Barak H. Obama's Vice President, Joseph R. Biden selected Harris to be his Democratic Party running mate. The positive benefits of immigration led Harris' future parents to the US for completion of

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**NCDHHS SECRETARY MANDY COHEN SPEAKING WITH REPORTERS AS REV. BARBER LOOKS ON AFTER THEY GOT THEIR COVID-19 SHOTS**

## Report says NC best at Black/White vaccinations

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When it comes to distributing COVID-19 vaccinations equitably between Black and White residents, North Carolina is one of the top states to do so, according to Bloomberg News' Vaccine Tracker.

In fact, according to a March 6, 2021, Bloomberg Report, about 11% of North Carolina's African-American population has received at least one shot, as opposed to 17% of North Carolina's White population.

Those numbers make North Carolina fourth in the nation in terms of spread between the two groups among states with the most comprehensive data sets.

North Carolina reportedly has racial data for 99.6% of residents who have been administered a set thus far.

There were reports early on that the vaccine was not being evenly distributed statewide, but officials at the N. C. Dept. of Health and Human Services wasted no time afterwards correcting its

vaccine management system and consulting with African-American and Hispanic community leaders about where their need was greatest. The plan was to send more vaccines to areas of higher concentrations of historically underserved populations, starting in January.

So, if 30% of a particular county's total population is Black, then each provider in the county is expected to administer at least 30% of its vaccine supply to African-Americans.

Non-compliance means risking losing supply. Black churches were partnered with in order to build up trust in the communities. North Carolina's vaccine management system required demographic data to completely register anyone for a shot, thus helping to track progress more effectively. With African-Americans disproportionately suffering from the coronavirus at more than twice the number of Whites nationally, making sure that vaccine distribution was as equitable as possible was a top priority, N. C. Health and Human Services Sec. Mandy Cohen told Bloomberg News. Community clinics are employed to reach peo-

ple who trust those outlets. All the while, the state is keeping a close eye on data in order to strictly measure vaccine supply to providers so that goals are met.

Thus far, of the 1.5 million first doses administered since January, 77% have gone to White people, who comprise 71% of the population. African-Americans make up 22% of the population, and have received 16% of COVID shots in North Carolina thus far.

To ensure that African-Americans knew that they were a priority, Secretary Cohen joined last Friday with former NC NAACP president, The Reverend Dr. William Barber, in Raleigh, to publicly take shots of the new single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine to prove that they are safe and secure.

North Carolina admittedly is having problems reaching an equitable share of the Hispanic population, who make up 10% of its population. Because the larger part of that population was younger, many Hispanics didn't qualify for the first round of vaccinations, which went primarily to older groups.

## "We are the targets and intended victims"

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In the aftermath of the historic Nov. 2020 general elections, which saw a controversial Republican President lose re-election and Republicans lose the U. S. Senate and fail to overturn the U. S. House, comes a sweep of new election legislation across the country designed, Republicans say, to restore confidence in the electoral process.

NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee Chairman and civil rights attorney, Attorney Irving Joyner, calls it something else. "The Republican Party is engaged in robust state-by-state efforts to restrict voting rights for racial minorities across this country," Joyner said in a statement. "Those efforts are designed to eliminate, or roll back every voting device and method which resulted in increases in voting participation by

minority groups."

"In addition, the U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether to gut the remaining sections of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. In every respect, the rights of African Americans and other people of color to vote are under attack, and we must respond in every corner in which this regressive battle is being waged. In this campaign to restrict voting rights and opportunities, we are the targets and intended victims."

Thus, the House passage last week of HR 1 was the most sweeping voting rights and ethics legislation in a generation. Not one Republican voted for the measure, and there is serious doubt it will pass the Senate as long as the filibuster is in place.

HR 1, if it does become law, would prevent many of the Republican voting restrictions states with GOP majorities either have passed or are contem-

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**ATTY. IRVING JOYNER**

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# The House passes sweeping police reform named after 'George Floyd'; but will it pass the Senate?

BY JANE KENNEDY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Only those with the hardest of hearts will ever forget the dying words of George Floyd, a Black man who gasped, "I can't breathe!" as a white Minneapolis police officer literally choked him to death.

The horrific incident, which was captured in video, set off a season of protests across the United States and the globe and a national reckoning of the racial and criminal injustice that have plagued African Americans for generations.

In a late-night session on March 3, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, largely along party lines and with just one vote by a Republican, Texas Rep. Lance Gooden, who later said in a since-deleted tweet that it was an accident and he had pressed the wrong button.

This landmark, wide-ranging police reform legislation has received broad support from a wide variety of civil rights organizations, including the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the NAACP, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., the National Urban League, the National Action Network, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and several other civil and human rights groups.

"Never again should an unarmed individual be murdered or brutalized by someone who is supposed to serve and protect them," Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA), who authored the bill, said in a statement. "Never again should the world be subject to witnessing what we saw happen to George Floyd in the streets in Minnesota."

Derek Chauvin, the Minneapolis, Minn. officer responsible for Floyd's death,

was fired and will soon be tried on a third-degree murder charge. Jury selection was beginning this week. The bill, which must be signed by President Biden before it becomes law, aims to end racial profiling, change the culture of the nation's police departments, build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve and save lives.

The bill - if passed by the Senate and signed by the President, would:

- Prohibit federal, state, and local law enforcement from racial, religious, and discriminatory profiling.

- Mandate training on racial, religious, and discriminatory profiling for all law enforcement.

- Require law enforcement to collect data on all investigatory activities.

- Ban chokeholds and carotid holds at the federal level and conditions law enforcement funding for state and local governments banning chokeholds.

- Ban no-knock warrants in drug cases at the federal level and conditions law enforcement funding for state and local governments banning no-knock warrants at the local and state level.

- Require that deadly force be used only as a last resort and requires officers to employ de-escalation techniques first. Changes the standard to evaluate whether law enforcement use of force was justified from whether the force was "reasonable" to whether the force was "necessary."

- Limit the transfer of military-grade equipment to state and local law enforcement.

- Require federal uniformed police officers to wear body cameras and requires state and local law enforcement to use existing federal funds to ensure the use of police body

cameras.

- Require marked federal police vehicles to have dashboard cameras.

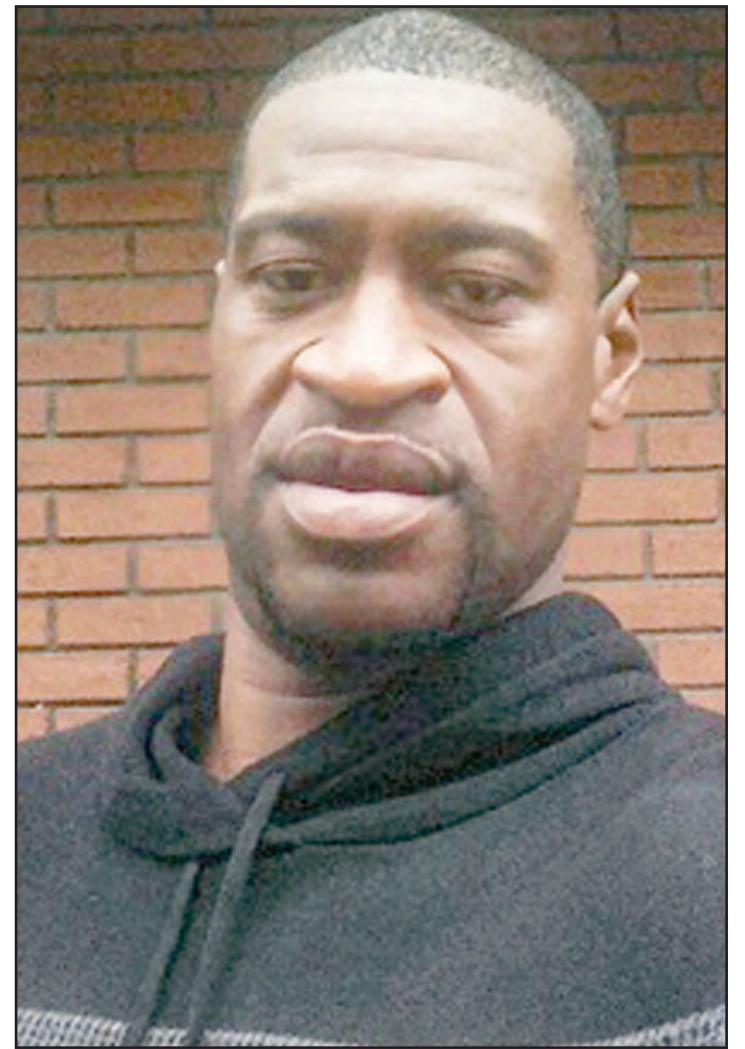
- Make it easier to prosecute offending officers by amending the federal criminal statute to prosecute police misconduct. The mens rea requirement in 18 U.S.C. Section 242 will be amended from "willfulness" to a "recklessness" standard.

- Enable individuals to recover damages in civil court when law enforcement officers violate their constitutional rights by eliminating qualified immunity for law enforcement.

The Justice in Policing Act also establishes public safety innovation grants that community-based organizations can use to create local commissions and task forces to develop equitable public safety approaches, much like former President Barack Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. In addition, it requires the creation of law enforcement accreditation standard recommendations.

"This represents a major step forward to reform the relationship between police officers and communities of color and impose accountability on law enforcement officers whose conscious decisions preserve the life or cause the death of Americans, including so many people of color," said civil rights attorneys, Ben Crump and Antonio Romanucci, on behalf of the Floyd family in a statement.

Civil rights leaders are ecstatic over the bill's passage but may soon find they will have to temper both their enthusiasm and expectations. The House passed a similar bill last year, but then-Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell buried it in what came to be referred to as his "legislative graveyard."



GEORGE FLOYD

In a CNN interview last week, Bass said that she has been in talks with Sens. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Tim Scott (R-SC) for several weeks, and current Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) will likely put some version of the bill on the floor for consideration and a vote.

But first, obstacles will have to be overcome. Although Democrats now control the Senate, with a tie-breaking vote from Vice President Kamala Harris, some Democrats may require some convincing and 10 Republican votes also will be needed for passage.

Senate Republicans have claimed that the House bill puts police officers in danger and makes communities less safe. They also object to the provision that eliminates qualified immunity and prosecutorial standards, the major sticking point that they believe would subject law enforcement officers to excessive litigation. But Democrats argue it is needed to hold police accountable for unnecessary use of deadly force.

That's a red line for me, Scott told the Associated Press. "Hopefully we'll come up with something that actually works."

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plating passing, such as eliminating "Souls to the Polls" Sunday voting, which is immensely popular with African-Americans.

In addition, in honor of the 56th Anniversary of the March 6, 1965 "Bloody Sunday" civil rights march

from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., President Biden signed a limited Executive Order promoting voter registration and voter access for people with disabilities.

"In this fight, we must applaud the recent passage of legislation by the U. S. House of Representatives to protect and enlarge these voting rights," Attorney Joyner says. "We also applaud President Joseph Biden to add executive support to support these rights, but those acts are not complete and long-lasting. In both cases, the U.S. Senate must also pass that voting right legislation and formalize the President's recent executive actions.

Ironically, of all the Republican-led legislatures posting over 265 bills targeting regressive reform recently, the N. C. General Assembly is one of them. One of the reasons the GOP here may not be in such a hurry, besides two voter ID cases pending in court presently, is the fact that, unlike in other states, Republicans did quite well during the Nov. 2020 elections, despite controversial changes to the election laws involving

absentee and mail-in balloting and early voting.

Unlike in other states, those changes helped to increase Republican voter turnout, thus helping the GOP to retain control of both houses of the legislature, all open seats on State Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, and Pres. Trump's winning this State.

Republican legislative leaders are still expected to pull several election "reform" laws out of their hats before this session ends, and Attorney Joyner says African-Americans should not be lulled to sleep in the process. "Now is not the time for our people to become so comfortable and complacent with their life styles and semblance of freedom that they don't think that the right and opportunities to vote can be taken away," Atty. Joyner says. "We have to redouble our efforts to educate our people about this danger and mobilize them to maximize their efforts to protect this precious right. Presently, we are at another bridge crossing moment and we must vigorously resist these efforts to suppress our voting rights."

## HARRIS

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their education to the PhD level.

Her father, Donald Harris, a Jamaica native is a renowned Stanford University Economics Professor Emeritus.

The late Shyamala Gopalan Harris, her mother came to UC Berkley as a biologist from India, and rose as a prominent researcher and endocrinologist on that campus.

Raised in an African American West Berkley neighborhood, the vice president grew up participating in black church services and activities.

Now a member of the Third Baptist Church of San Francisco, Harris' childhood adult neighbor and caregiver, Ms. Regina Shelton took her and baby sister Meena to the 23rd Avenue Church of God where they sang in the children's choir.

Though raised mostly in African American culture, her mother, a Hindu also occasionally took them to the Temple she worship in as an Indian immigrant.

Public school forced busing for integration purposes did not stymie Harris' desire to attend an Historical Black College/University.

She traveled to the east coast for studies at Howard University in Washington, DC.

That cultural immersion included Harris' choice to pledge Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first of such organizations for black college educated women.

At a young age Harris had watched and participated in her parents' civil rights and social justice activities.

Their influences link to career choices in law and politics.

Her mother often admonished, "Don't sit around and complain about things. Do something," Harris said.

That call was heeded and she earned a law degree from the University of California, Hastings.

By age fifty-six Kamala served as a San Francisco District Attorney, California Attorney General, U.S. Senator, and Vice President.

In 2014 she married Entertainment Attorney Doug Emhoff, and became, "Mamala," for his two young adult children, Ella and Cole.

In 2019 Forbes reported the net worth for the couple at \$6 million. That same year Vice President and Dr. Jill Biden's worth was \$9 million.

President Biden and Vice President Harris have provided a full 2021-24 domestic policy agenda that includes COVID 19 vaccine and economic relief, extending voting rights, decreasing childhood poverty, improving infrastructure, passing immigration reform, reworking criminal justice procedures, expanding green energy jobs, and minimizing assault weapons use.

Jan 20 Biden-Harris' inaugural oath taking was completed successfully in spite of an historic Jan 6 US Capitol insurrection by white supremacists and angry protesters that sought to interrupt the country's Electoral College verification of their win.

Five people died and numerous law enforcement officers were injured during the unsuccessful attempt undo the traditional US democratic election of 2020.

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## Douglass Academy celebrates the birthday of Frederick Douglass

Douglass Academy students celebrated the birthday of Frederick Douglass with speeches, quotes, poems, and special lessons. Students then sang "Happy Birthday to You" and ate cupcakes. Douglass Academy, the tuition-free K-5 charter school at 6th & Red Cross Sts., proudly honors the great work of Frederick Douglass each year on Feb. 14, his observed birthday. This year they held celebrations on Feb. 12 as Feb. 14 fell

on a Sunday.

Nikki Chaney, Headmaster of Douglass Academy, commented, "Frederick Douglass is an inspiration to our students. He demonstrated education was the key to freedom and persevered through adversity to become a great role model. As the great man said, 'Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.'"

Douglass Academy is one of four public charter schools managed by The Roger Bacon Academy, Inc.

founded in 1999 by education pioneer Baker Mitchell. The other schools include Charter Day School in Leland, Columbus Charter School in Whiteville, and South Brunswick Charter School in Southport with a combined enrollment of over 2,100 students in K-8. All four are tuition-free, charter schools that welcome all students, regardless of income, ability, or address. To learn more or enroll online, please visit [EnrollRBA.com](http://EnrollRBA.com)



Douglass Academy students observe the birthday of Frederick Douglass and at the same time wears their masks and practice social distancing.

### STATE BRIEFS



#### GOVERNOR AND STATE LAWMAKERS REACH DEAL ON REOPENING SCHOOLS

[RALEIGH] Even with the pandemic still prominent, Gov. Roy Cooper and Republican legislative leaders have found a way past their differences to reopen public schools in North Carolina, they announced Wednesday. All elementary schools will reopen for "Plan A" in-person instruction. Middle school and High school students would follow a mix of Plan A and Plan B restrictions, meaning there would be some social distancing, and online instruction to limit transmission of the coronavirus. Students with IEP or 504 special education plan wouldn't have to move to Plan A if their parents want to stay in Plan B. The governor could shut down schools if necessary, but only district by district.

#### "SYSTEMIC RACISM" IS THE REASON WHY ALL OF RALEIGH DOES NOT PROSPER, SAYS ECONOMIC GROUP

[RALEIGH] "Not all residents share the same high quality of life in this region, and that fact is due to systemic racism," said Danya Perry, director of Equitable Economic Development at Wake County Economic Development during a presentation to Wake County Commissioners

Monday. The group, part of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, "...imagines "...a future where the full potential of a local economy is unlocked through the dismantling of barriers and the expansion of opportunities for lower-income citizens and communities of emphasis."

#### NC SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS SUES NCDOT OVER LICENSE PLATES

[GREENSBORO] The NC Sons of Confederate Veterans is suing the NC Department of Transportation because the state agency decided to stop issuing state license plates with the confederate battle flag on them. The group claims that the policy discriminates against its members who pay for a specialty plate that has the flag as part of its logo. NCDOT determined that it should discontinue the plate logo because it had "...the potential to offend some people." R. Kevin Stone, commander of the NC Sons of Confederate Veterans, disagreed. "The Confederate Battle Flag is a symbol of our heritage. "Symbols can often have more than one meaning. To assume the Confederate Battle Flag is uniquely offensive is to validate only one viewpoint and thereby discriminate against others."

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## OUR VOICE

### GUEST EDITORIAL Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

### Wilmington: Birthplace of the Fusion Movement

In the 1890's the US Government pulled out its Peace-Keeping troops from the ex-slave states, including North Carolina's largest and most diverse City-Wilmington.

This left the powerful Fusion Voter Alliance, led by the bi-racial Manly Family's Daily Record, vulnerable to white nationalist lynch mobs funded, agitated, and directed by a group of rich white populists led by Josephus Daniels, Charles Aycock, Julian Carr and others.

For months they delivered free newspapers with racist cartoons to scare white farmers in the Valley of Cape Fear. The white nationalists knew most white farmers could not read. Few of the men voted. No women voted back then! After arousing the white farmers, the Aycock and his Klan executed a racist massacre on Nov. 10, 1898. As part of the plan, they had secured a promise from the White House that no reinforcements would be sent to Wilmington until the lynch mob had completed its massacre of Black people.

Assassination theorists call this No Reinforcement tactic a Window of Terror: Most of us saw Trump and his White Nationalist Mob use this No Reinforcement tactic at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 1.6.21. The defeated Commander in Chief placed an Intentional Hold on military reinforcements for the out-numbered, out-gunned capitol police until his violent mobs completed their terrorist assault on the 535 Senators and Representatives and staffs in the Capitol. One hundred million viewers watched the non-reinforcement tactic carried out. Counter-Revolutionary violence was televised! A Teachable Moment was etched in the National Consciousness about how to Create a Window of Terror.

In 2005 Rev. William Joseph Barber II, Architect of Moral Mondays and the Modern Moral Fusion Movement, was elected

President of the NC State Conference of NAACP Branches. One of his first official acts was to speak at the 1898 Commission Wilmington meeting. On behalf of the NAACP, he made several demands of the Commission which was staffed by our friend, Professor Irv Joyner of the NC Central Law School. The NAACP's demands included (1) Fund a mass educational newspaper published by the Wilmington Journal; (2) Fund the free distribution of the Hard Truths of 1898 for every New Hanover and Black Belt region student and family; (3) Pass a State law for a Special 1898 Statue of Limitation for all heirs of people who lost their lives or property to the White Nationalist Mob of Aycock, Carr, Daniels and others; (4) and funding a permanent archives in Wilmington with majority Black Control, dedicated to Truth first! Then Reconciliation.

The Restoration of the Wilmington Journal's Historic Office and the Jervay family's permanent commitment to weekly publishing Hard Truths have received a shot in the arm over the past few months. Now we call for immediate and large Reinforcements from our governments in Raleigh and Washington.

Get your shots. Treat your neighbors as you would be treated yourself. Forward Together. Not One Step Back!

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



Al McSurely

## VISUAL VOICE



## YOUR VOICE

### RUN MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS RUN

When lawmakers are having a committee meeting discussing changing existing laws or writing new laws that will benefit them and their financial supporters, we must be seated at that table. If we are not, you can be assured we will be on the "MENU". We need to vote, but also toss our hats in the ring for every election from dog catcher to president. If we are serious about running and winning in 2021 and 2022, we must start planning our campaign strategy "TODAY". Our voting in record numbers brought about positive changes like the \$1,400 stimulus, higher unemployment checks and a higher child tax credit. One half of our children will be lifted out of abject poverty because we elected and reelected good Democratic I like you know that, salvation is free, but to win an election today, you need MONEY (smile) Those of us, like me, who are not running must start putting away a few dollars each payday to support the altruistic Democrats who will save us from Mitch McConnell and his feckless GOP posse.

We won some election battles in 2000 but not the war. Our trusted leaders Dr. Anthony Fauci said keep doing what we are doing to win some of our Covid-19 battles and Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II said keep fighting for civil rights. NOTE: While some of us are celebrating, GOP legislators in 43 states, seated around white oak tables, have introduced 250 bills to make it harder for us to vote. Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, they shall walk, and not faint"

**James J. Hankins**  
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### SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS: THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG

Has your child or grandchild ever been suspended from school? Do you agree with the school suspension and discipline policy? Is your child struggling to learn? Are you bothered by the news reports that point to high numbers of school suspensions in some New Hanover County schools, but don't tell the whole story? You are not alone. We are concerned, too.

Despite what you have heard and seen, especially the visuals that have been circulating showing certain schools with high suspension numbers, this is not the full picture. Using data this way is "data storytelling." We want the truth to get out to the community. The biggest issue we see is the fact that the data doesn't tell the whole truth. The stories of the people actually involved; the students, the parents, the teachers and administrators, this is where the real truth can be found. Data sheets and charts can tell a confusing tale, and do not explain the "why." The real story comes from listening to the most powerful and reliable

voices, the parents, the teachers, and the children.

We question whether veteran members of the NHC School Board, and even some community leaders have ever visited the schools and spoke to staff, administrators, parents and students to hear their needs and concerns. School Board members, have you ever spent time at the school named after equal education activist and Dorian's grandmother: The Rachel Freeman School of Engineering? We are asking School Board members to spend at least one entire school day at each of the schools; moving with students as they move through their school.

Walk a day in their sneakers.

As far as the actual data is concerned, we would like to see the information reported in a more helpful and accurate way. We want to see suspension data separated and reported by age; sex; race; disability; number of students on free and reduced lunches; reading level and grade level. We believe part of the explanation for some high suspension rates may lie in under-identifying and under-serving children who struggle to learn. Children who cannot learn to read cannot succeed.

There should be data comparisons. For instance, We are asking NHC central office administrators to look at the data between EC (Exceptional Child) referrals and the number of suspensions. We believe that a comparison would show a strong connection between suspensions and children who are in need of supportive services and may not be identified, as well those students who have been identified but may not be receiving all the resources they need. We strongly believe the students, teachers, and administrators are not getting enough support from New Hanover County. The NHC School Board lists several positive behavioral intervention strategies in its Policy Manual, including behavior contracts, student conferences, peer mediation, instruction in conflict resolution, and anger management. There are some of the effective alternatives which should be used in place of the traumatic and abusive practices of violently restraining and handcuffing children, placing them in seclusion, and repeatedly suspending students thereby barring children from their schools. Ultimately, these children are thrown away. Kids go from restraint, seclusion and suspensions to dropping out of school and into jails and prisons. We must stop fueling the school to prison pipeline. According to the report entitled Disability and Criminal Justice Reform: Keys to Success, published by RespectAbility USA in 2016, "People with disabilities, particularly those who are People of Color, face systematic barriers to obtaining appropriate diagnoses, receiving accommodations, completing their education and pursuing the American Dream. Disability is not a causal factor that drives people to a life of crime. Ignoring disability is a factor that puts people at higher risk of being victimized, failing to complete their education and ultimately falling into the criminal justice system." Here

are more of the glaring truths hidden below the tip of the school suspension iceberg.

According to the DOED Civil Rights Data Collection-Data Snapshot: School Discipline, "Students with disabilities are more than twice as likely to receive an out-of-school suspension as students without disabilities. Students who are suspended are more likely to drop out of school." The report on Disability and Criminal Justice Reform goes on to state, "Male African American and Latino students with disabilities have the highest suspension rates of all students with disabilities." The community needs to see the comparable figures for New Hanover County students.

According to the Disability and Criminal Justice Reform Report, "More than 60 percent of all prison inmates are functionally illiterate. Two-thirds of inmates in state prisons failed to complete high school and seven out of ten people in jail are high school dropouts."

We believe that in many cases, we are failing our students, they are not failing us. NHC can and must do better. There are many best practices for positive behavioral intervention that are listed in the NHC School Board Policy Manual. We are encouraging community members to ask NHC School Board members why they aren't being used consistently in place of the harsh and dangerous practices used in schools throughout New Hanover County. We also stress the urgency for addressing the needs of our students who struggle to learn. Like many folks throughout NHC, we are concerned that high suspension rates in some New Hanover County Schools create a misleading picture without explaining the underlying causes. We believe the real issues are educational equity issues. There is a lack of enough support personnel like school counselors, a lack of teacher training, a lack of continued support for positive behavior programs and also under-serving students most in need. Poverty is another big factor tied to determining which children will be suspended from school. Many families do not have the resources to provide private assistance to their children who struggle academically and behaviorally. Folks cannot afford tutors, private therapists or other support. Poor parents and children are forced to rely completely on their schools. School suspensions are reluctantly used because some schools and teachers just do not have the necessary resources they require. We are in favor of ending school suspensions when better methods of responding to students' strong behaviors are firmly in place. The transition from suspensions to more effective and positive intervention methods can and should begin immediately. If a student is a danger to themselves or to others, the student should have a full educational, physical and mental health evaluation at the County's expense so they can receive the proper assistance they need.

We are disturbed by the fact that the Rachel Freeman School of Engineering has been the focus of highlighting

the high suspension rate in some New Hanover County Schools. Despite what you have heard and seen, this is not the true picture at Freeman. It is the tip of the iceberg. We must point out the documented growth that the students have been making, as noted in the School Report Card. This progress is occurring due to the enormous efforts made by the teachers, support staff and administrators at Rachel Freeman. Student progress is occurring in spite of a lack of adequate support from the New Hanover County School Board. Imagine the progress that could be made with more support.

"The biggest problem I see at Freeman," says Dorian, "is the fact that New Hanover County continues to give lip service to educational equity and continues to give false hope to the students who attend the school named after my grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Freeman. This is a desecration of her memory, how hard she fought, and all the progress she made on behalf of racial and educational justice for Black and brown students. In many ways, it feels like some folks are trying to erase all that my grandmother and others accomplished and are trying to push us backwards."

We have a message for the teachers, the parents and the children at Freeman and the other NHC schools: We want you to know we hear you and we hear what you need for the students. We are listening and we are speaking out on your behalf so that the New Hanover County Board of Education hears you, too.

The facts need to be put out there and we want the community to know that with the true and honest support of NHC, the Rachel Freeman School of Engineering and all the schools in the County can better educate, uplift and prepare our students for productive and inspired lives. The teachers, administrators and the students at Freeman are working their hardest. Folks have been fighting these battles for a long, long time. It is time for New Hanover County to step up, and give the students at schools like the Rachel Freeman School of Engineering the real love and support they need. It is a matter of educational equity. Let our voices be heard!

**Dorian Cromartie and Denise Yannone**  
Wilmington, NC

*Dorian Cromartie is a community leader, social justice activist and student mentor in Wilmington, NC. He spends much of his time fighting to preserve the legacy of his grandmother, Rachel Freeman by advocating for racial equality and educational equity. Dorian is dedicated to supporting the students and teaching staff at the Rachel Freeman School of Engineering.*

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# MATTERS OF OPINION

## Black women, my sisters

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**L**ike most people, I enjoy peace and tranquility in my life. I find that I sometimes experience profound frustration with the need for continuous social unrest to move us forward. I erroneously assumed that when Trump left, the discord that followed daily in his wake would gradually vanish. To the contrary, Trump's numerous disciples of evil maintain the type of social disruption I had not envisioned.

The courage and fortitude of the women I choose to emulate bring great admiration, yet at the same time regret for the inhumane horrors they had to endure to maintain a sense of dignity and personal integrity, and to set the example for those



Dr. E. Faye Williams

who follow.

The names of these women include my predecessors—Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm and Dr. C. Delores Tucker. Others are Rosa Parks, Betty Shabazz, Fannie Lou Hamer, Cicely Tyson, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Diane Nash, Ella Baker, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and more.

If you are unfamiliar with the biographies and contributions of any of the aforementioned women, I strongly encourage you to take the opportunity to enrich your life with a brief examination of theirs.

To digress a bit, people are quite possessive and attentive to their money. That is why I was thrilled when the (Biden) Treasury Department announced that it was resuming the process to put the image of Harriet Tubman on the \$20 dollar bill. In addition to replacing Andrew Jackson, a well-known racist and slaveholder, Ms. Tubman will serve as a constant reminder of the 'real truth' of this nation and confront each holder of a \$20 bill to finally acknowledge basic flaws in the character of this nation.

I am also pleased to see truthful depictions of the lives of brilliant Black women, which had been held in obscurity, hitting or in preparation to hit both large and small screens. I have not yet seen it, but singer/actress Andra Day won the Golden Globe Best Actress for her portrayal of Billie Holiday. I also look forward to viewing both the limited television series and the film dedicated to the life of Fannie Lou Hamer.

Contemporarily, we must look to our current Vice-President of the United States as an exemplar. My personal familiarity with the obstacles

in the game of politics affords me some insight into the strength and perseverance necessary to participate in a successful political campaign. I was a candidate in a congressional district. VP Harris successfully participated in a national election which was infinitely more challenging.

Finally, no discussion of the strength of Black women would be complete without the inclusion of my mother. She raised 9 children alone and gave each of us a spirit of pride in accomplishment and the will to apply our potential to the maximum extent. The life that she, my siblings, and I shared was not always easy or pleasant, but, through my mother's example and strength, we learned to face future challenges uprightly and without fear.

There's an African Proverb which states, "It is the women who hold the sky up." I dare anyone to challenge the truth of that!

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.

## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES Can America be salvaged?

**T**here is a sense of sadness that feels to be pervasive these days, a sadness which is not going away in spite of having a new administration in Washington, DC that is concerned with the lives of "the American people."

There are no brash and rude tweets. There are no stand-ups by the president on the lawn of the White House, spewing fake news and lies even as he is saying that everything that the media reports is fake news. The nation has a president who really cares about what this nation has been through because of the pandemic, for sure, but also because of the toxic political atmosphere which has existed for some time but which exploded during the previous administration, including an attack on the United States Capitol.

There is that sadness, though, and a sense of foreboding. There is not one "American people," but there are at least two groups of "the American people," separated, sadly, by racism and economic snobbery. "The American people" who stormed the Capitol are not "the American people" who looked on with horror. The politicians who represent "the American people" who participated in the January 6 insurrection and

who supported the huge tax cut for the very wealthy during the previous administration are not the same politicians who this weekend voted in favor of the Covid Relief Bill which cleared the Senate this weekend.

While many Americans relished the spirit of the former president, many others wrestled with anger, frustration, and anxiety. As the former president ran roughshod over traditional American institutions and norms, some applauded while others wrung their hands, seeing the country in which they had grown up changing before their very eyes.

At the core of what is happening is America's white supremacy. Those who love the former president hate the "browning of America," not a new emotion for them. They rejoiced when their hero president derided the "1619 Project." (<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/what-trump-is-saying-about-1619-project-teaching-u-s-history>) and proposed forming his own "1776 Commission." (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-1619-project-1776-commission/>)

Many of the supporters of the former administration have criticized the need for diversity training because they have said it amounts to nothing more or less than white genocide, and rejoiced the order written by the former president to stop diversity training in agencies of the federal government although a federal judge blocked it. (<https://www.adl.org/education/references/hate-symbols/diversity-white-genocide>) (<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/12/23/trump-diversity-training-ban-executive-order-blocked-federal-judge/4033590001/>)

What we are seeing is the unmade bed of America, its sheets soiled beyond the point of being able to be washed clean by the dirt of white supremacy. Those who say they love the president may very well, but what seems totally clear is that they do not like the government - or its law enforcement officers. They appear to be anti-government, persuaded by their white supremacist beliefs that this government was made by white people for white people.

The element of the sadness which makes it so sharply felt is the truth is that a government can change laws but it cannot change the hearts of people. White supremacists would say they're not "racist," but are just trying to honor the will of God - i.e., that America remain white - meaning that white people remain in control of everything and everyone. They are fine with Black and brown people serve in their restaurants, cleaning their buildings, working in their factories, and doing whatever is needed to keep the country alive, but when the "duty" of those same black and brown people is completed, they are adamant about "them" returning to "their" place, and remain quiet about their condition.


The racist seedbed of this country is toxic. In order for the fight by Black people, for example to get and retain the right to vote to "stick," the hearts of hard core racists would have to change. Laws are good and necessary, but we see that in spite of the Voting Rights Act 1965 having happened after the debacle carried out on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, not enough hearts have been changed to support it. Rather, we see a rash of bills being produced by Republicans all over the country to hinder the capacity of Black people to vote. (<https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/republican-voter-suppression/>) The deeply held racist beliefs are ubiquitous, extending to the courts, which means that everything that Black people worked for in order to vote is in jeopardy; there should not be an expectation that the United States Supreme Court will protect Black people. (<https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/02/politics/supreme-court-brnovich-v-dnc-case-analysis-john-roberts/index.html>)

Even though there was no second ambush of the US Capitol on March 4, as had been rumored to expect, it is clear that the anarchists are not finished, and neither is their hero. There is a sadness that grows on a daily basis, the new administration notwithstanding. The ancestors gone before us cry out to us to hold on, to "walk together" and not get weary, but the sadness is heavy.

Would that God intervene, the God of all people, not the God who seems to represent and support only White nationalists, and change the hearts of those who are caught in their racist beliefs. If something does not happen to prick their hearts, it's not a sure thing that the country will be able to withstand and control the storms before it.

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### THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



## Women's History Month is the right time to raise the minimum wage

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**I**t is time for a maximum push for a new minimum wage.

The federal minimum wage has not budged for more than a decade. But the cost of living keeps rising. So, low-income people fall further and further behind. Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour would lift millions of working people out of poverty. This is especially true for families headed by women, especially Black women, who are disproportionately clustered in minimum-wage jobs.

It would make a big dent in the income and wealth gaps that make Black Americans poorer and their families more vulnerable. And it would help right something that is seriously wrong with our economy, which keeps pushing a greater share of the country's overall wealth to the tiny percentage of the most ridiculously rich people at the very top.

This is a moral question as well as an economic one. If the minimum wage had

kept up with the rise in workers' productivity over the years, it would now be closer to \$25 an hour. But it didn't.

In other words, as a society, we have been effectively stealing from the people who already have the least.

So this is about justice. And it is specifically about racial justice.

According to congressional testimony from the Economic Policy Institute last month,

"Due to the impacts of structural racism and sexism, women and Black and Hispanic men are concentrated in low-wage jobs" and would greatly benefit from a higher minimum wage.

A higher percentage of Black women are full-time minimum wage workers than any other racial group. More than one-third of Black women have been in frontline jobs during the pandemic, where they are still paid less than white men.

This is about the health of our children and families. About 80 percent of Black women are sole, primary, or co-breadwinners for their households. Bringing home a few thousand more dollars per year could be transformative for low-income families.

When he was campaigning, President Joe Biden told voters that he supported a \$15 minimum wage. House Democrats included it in their most recent COVID relief bill. But because of an interpretation of Senate rules, the minimum wage may not be included in the final bill.

That cannot be the final word. The administration must put its weight behind the Raise the Wage Act of 2021, which would get us to a \$15 minimum by 2025.

For congressional Democrats and the Biden-Harris administration, fighting for a \$15 minimum wage is a place where moral obligation and political interests intersect.

Biden and Democrats campaigned on a \$15 minimum. And they are in the White

House with a Senate majority because Black women organized and turned out the vote.

Rev. William Barber recently reminded us that Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called for a \$2 an hour minimum wage almost 60 years ago. That would be over \$15 today if it kept up with inflation.

King talked about racial equality as an unfulfilled promise from the nation's Founding Fathers. Democrats cannot let a living wage remain an unfulfilled promise to Black Americans.

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

## A step in the right direction

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**E**xhale. Relief is on the way. President Biden's COVID relief bill cleared the Senate with the narrowest of margins. It was a grueling process. As a delaying tactic, Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson (R) demanded that the entire 600 plus page bill be read aloud. It took more than 10 hours for Senate clerks to read. The ridiculous demand imposed no hardship on any Senator. Most, including Johnson himself, drifted in and out of the reading, which lasted until 2 am on the morning Friday, March 5. The Senators were not inconvenienced - they were under no obligation to be seated as the legislation was read. The inconvenience, instead, was on the clerks who read for several hours, and to what end?

No matter. The delay did not prevent the legislation from passing, although it passed on strictly party lines. Do any Republicans represent the poor people who hunger for relief? And what about Senator Joe Manchin (D-WVA), who dug in his heels to limit relief checks to the "wealthy," reduce unemployment benefits from a proposed \$400 per week down to \$300. West Virginia is one of

our nation's poorest states. Their "moderate" Senator turned his back on his constituents, watering down the House plan to provide more.

Still, essential components of the legislation remained. The amended bill may pass Congress as early as March 10, retained help to cities and states, support covid vaccinations, and a child credit that will put money in people's pockets. The legislation is, in some ways, disappointing. In many other ways, it is a step in the right direction.

At moments like this, I think of folks like Elder Betty Shabazz, who always says, "find the good and praise it." So we must praise the legislation that has passed and what it will mean to those struggling in the face of this pandemic. We must praise the money that poor people with children will get. And we must praise the relief that will come to small businesses, which have a two-week window to get ahead of the capitalist exploiters who have manipulated the system.

We must also embrace our

disappointment as motivation to move forward. Thanks, Senator Bernie Sanders, for continuing your passionate fight for \$15. Why have so many settled at \$11 or raised the issue of differential minimum wages based on the cost of living? No matter where you go, a McDonald's or Burger King sandwich costs about the same unless there are sales. So does food. Housing costs may differ, and that's worth consideration. Here's the other question - how much poverty are we prepared to accept? Are we prepared to accept its consequences?

We are also disappointed that President Biden has backed off student loan forgiveness, suggesting that it might be limited to \$10,000 per borrower. The backbone of Biden support, Black women, carry the most enormous student loan debt. Biden and his team need to target student loan relief and ensure that those who shouldered the most debt get the most help. While there are certainly flaws to the Biden/Warren plan for total student loan debt forgiveness, the Biden proposal does not deal with the racial wealth gap and how Black students often pay more to get less in higher education.

I am not complaining. It would be unseemly in the

face of this victory. I am merely saying there is so much work to do. If we are tempted to take a victory lap around the passage of covid relief, we must also be ready for the next steps. The House of Representatives passed HR1, which is an election protection measure that guarantees voting rights.

Already, there are more than 200 voter suppression proposed legislation that comes from more than 40 states. In Georgia, the state legislature has crafted a bill that directly attacks the efforts of voter organizers. It limits Sunday voting, negating the efforts of "All Souls to the Polls". It forbids the distribution of food and water to those who have been standing in line for hours. Georgia legislators know the power of the Black vote. They want to diminish it.

Since the mid-1990s, the Black church has called for "all souls to the polls". Some folks don't want our souls there. They want to continue their autocratic nonsense, and unless we vote, despite obstacles, they'll have their way. Passing COVID relief is a step in the right direction. But it must be the first step, not the last.

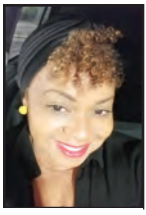
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**"When a school child remains unchallenged, he or she will shut down and lose interest in learning altogether".--BESSIE HOGAN**

## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

## Working with real estate agents

This week I want to share an important tip you should know when starting your home search and contacting agents.



Brenda Dixon

The first document that all NC Agents should be presenting to you and asking you to sign is a Working with Real Estate Agents brochure/form. No worries, this form isn't a contract or an obligation to contin-

ue using the Realtor presenting it. The NC Real Estate Commission mandates that this form is presented at the 1st initial contact between the Agent and consumer. The 1st initial contact has had several definitions but nonetheless, the sooner that form is presented, the better for you. That's because the brochure explains to you as the buyer or seller what to expect if you choose to work with that real estate agent or another. It's a clip note snapshot telling you the different ways agents can work with the public and what your rights are.

This brochure also includes explanations of the agent's duties to the buyer and seller; additional forms that may be required for your protection; possible services provided by the agent, and how the agent will be compensated and by whom. This brochure answers the questions that consumers need to know to protect themselves from unfair disadvantages in negotiations. Working with Real Estate Agents form/brochure also explains what may or may not happen if the agent ends up representing both the buyer and seller. That is called Dual Agency, and it is

not the most comfortable position for a Realtor to be in but it's not uncommon. One of the main things about this form is to be sure you know you should not share any financial or personal information with any Agent until you have retained them to represent you as a client.

Agents are bound by their duties to share information on any property they have been hired by a seller to sell, without knowing any of your personal info. If an Agent in NC starts to ask you specific questions about your financial affairs including, if have loan

approval, your motivation to buy or sell, if you're employed or have a down payment saved, etc you need to tell them to "PUMP THE BRAKES". Per Real Estate Commission rules, they have crossed the line asking, and once you stop them from asking, they will then know you've been "schooled" on your rights not to tell them anything.

Now if you really want to shake them up, ask "Aren't you supposed to give me a form to sign before asking me questions? LOL. Trust me, the conversation will "SHIFT" quick. If you would like a copy of this

WWREA form to review prior to going out looking for homes, just reach out and I'll send one right out. Truly you need to keep everything in a position that you do not hurt your chances of negotiations by giving the other side info to use against you.

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## Discovering challenges among diversity

It's been six months since I started as Chief Diversity and Equity Officer for New Hanover County and what an amazing journey it has been thus far. After the first 120 days we completed a Diversity and Equity Assessment that reviewed the county's employee relations, community engagement, policies, protocols and an abundance of demographic data.



Linda Rawley Thompson

Now the real work begins as we navigate the challenges of diversity, equity and inclusion throughout New Hanover County. The most alarming data centers around poverty among African Americans and Hispanics. According to the 2018 Census Survey, 33% of African Americans are most likely to live in poverty in New Hanover County and 30% of Hispanics. These numbers speak to noticeable inequities in jobs, housing, education, healthcare, language access and much more. Statewide and local programs appear to only provide a mere bandage

for the problem with no real solutions in sight. Our office has recommended to County Commissioners that a Poverty Reduction Task Force be formed to understand the key causes of poverty, impacts and solutions to end long term poverty in our community. We are currently working with key stakeholders and community members to establish the task force with hopes of meeting in the coming months. If you are interested in being a part of this effort please reach out to the NHC Office of Diversity and Equity at [lhompson@nhcgov.com](mailto:lhompson@nhcgov.com).

This is what I have learned during this life-time, poverty is not a desired lifestyle. No one wants to be born into an environment where they are hungry, living in squalid housing, wearing dirty clothing, limited education and experiencing lack in other areas. However, we all want to live in a community where we are safe, fed, clothed and free to explore and embrace all the good that life has to offer us. My hope is that we can heal forward and work to see the changes in our community. Until next time.

Linda Rawley Thompson  
NHC Chief Diversity & Equity Officer.

## Sherman Lecture examines sports, protests and global politics

Amira Rose Davis will deliver the Sherman Emerging Scholar Lecture on the topic "From Raised Fists to Bended Knees: Sports, Protests and Global Politics" at 7:30 p.m. March 24. Davis will also participate in a roundtable panel discussion at 7 p.m. March 25. Both presentations are virtual.

Davis is an assistant professor of history and African American studies at Pennsylvania State University who specializes in 20th century American history with an emphasis on race, gender, sports and politics. She also provides sports commentary for media outlets such as NPR, ESPN and BBC, and is the co-host of the podcast, "Burn it All Down."

She will examine how race, gender and sports have intersected with politics. Focusing on the period after World War II, she will analyze the roles that Black female athletes played on the global stage as the United States, Cuba and other governments vied for power and influence.

Her lecture will be followed March 25 with a roundtable discussion at 7 p.m. Panelists in addition to Davis are Marcia Chatelain, Georgetown University; Jay Smith, UNC-Chapel Hill; Deborah White, Rutgers University; and Louis



AMIRA ROSE DAVIS

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Moore, Grand Valley State University. The moderator will be Glen Harris, UNCW associate professor of history.

The Sherman Emerging Scholar Lecture Series was established by Philip Sherman and Ann Sherman-Skiba, along with their spouses, in honor of their parents, Virginia and Derrick

Sherman. The elder Shermans were lifelong learners who particularly valued the history department's public programs.

"For 19 years, the Sherman Lecture has featured the works and ideas of emerging scholars whose research will shape history education and understanding in the years to come," said Lynn Mollenauer, chair of

the Department of History. "We are looking forward to Dr. Davis' lecture, which examines activism in sports from a historical standpoint, but which also will resonate with contemporary audiences."

Registration information for the lecture and the roundtable discussion can be found at <https://uncw.edu/sherman>.



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## CFCC and Lees-McRae College partner for Guaranteed Admission Program



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### CFCC PRESIDENT JIM MORTON AND LEES-MCRAE PRESIDENT LEE KING

On Wednesday, March 3, Cape Fear Community College President Jim Morton and Lees-McRae President Dr. Herbert L. King, Jr. signed an agreement to establish a Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP) for qualifying Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) students. In addition to guaranteed admission, the agreement also provides scholarship support for eligible Cape Fear Community College students who transfer to Lees-McRae College after completing their associate degrees.

"This is an incredible opportunity for students who would like to continue their studies after CFCC," said Morton. "Students who participate in this program will not only receive guaranteed admission to Lees-McRae College, but they will be eligible for significant scholarship funding. This partnership will enable students to move seamlessly to Lees-McRae and to earn their baccalaureate degree without incurring excessive debt."

"Lees-McRae College is extremely excited about partnering with Cape Fear Community College. We have

several academic programs that will be attractive to Cape Fear students, including our Wildlife Biology, Outdoor Recreation Management, Musical Theatre, and Exercise Science majors. In addition to creating pathways for these on-campus programs, we know that our online degree completion programs will also be of interest to Cape Fear students. The academic offerings at both schools line up well for Cape Fear students looking to move on to their bachelor's degree, and the scholarships and tuition discounts that are part of this Guaranteed Admission Program will provide a private college education at a very affordable price," said Lees-McRae Vice-President for Enrollment Management Kevin Phillips.

"The two institutions also share a commonality for outdoor programming, from the ocean and beaches in Wilmington to the mountains and ski resorts near Banner Elk. Banner Elk is a four-season tourist destination and will offer Cape Fear students who join us on our main campus the opportunity to participate in

hiking, cycling, mountain biking, skiing, snowboarding, paddle boarding, fly fishing, and more," added Phillips. "Cape Fear students who attend Lees-McRae will benefit greatly from the state of North Carolina's \$28 billion tourism industry."

The Guaranteed Admission Program will allow any CFCC student who earns an Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Applied Science (AAS), or Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) to receive automatic admission to Lees-McRae if they meet qualifying grade point average requirements. Moreover, CFCC students admitted to Lees-McRae under this agreement will receive automatic merit scholarships that range in amounts up to and including 60% off annual tuition.

"This is an ideal partnership for us, and demonstrates our commitment to helping students realize their academic goals, said Morton. "Lees-McRae is a wonderful college, located in a beautiful part of the world. I encourage our students to take advantage of this unique opportunity."

**Patricia Elaine Howard**

Sister Patricia Elaine Howard "Pat," 64 of Hampstead, North Carolina took her flight home on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Sister Patricia Howard was born on September 14, 1956, in New Hanover County, North Carolina to the late Napoleon and Etta Fulton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Tommy Fulton.

At an early age she accepted Christ as her personal savior and joined Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Wilmington, North Carolina. She received her education in the New Hanover County school system, in which she was a graduate of the Class of 1975. Patricia was employed by Fannie Norwood Memorial Home and The Davis Community for over 30 years, until her health declined. Patricia found the love of her life, Preston Howard, Sr. and was united in holy matrimony on June 8, 1980. This union of 40 years was blessed with four children. After marriage she joined St. John Church of Christ Disciples of Christ, Hampstead, North Carolina where she remained a member until her death. Patricia loved the Lord and her family dearly.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Preston Howard, Sr. of the home; her children, Malika Fulton of Baltimore, MD, Shameika Howard of Willard, NC, Erica Howard of Hampstead, NC and Preston Howard, Jr. (Whitney) of Bolivia, NC; her grandchildren Ervin Chavis, III, Kiana Chavis, Caniyah Clemmons, Nasir Clemmons, Jariel Howard, Cameron Howard, Brielle Howard, and Ethan Howard; her great granddaughter A'mya Barrett; a brother Walter Fulton (Lori); sister-in-law Sharon Stukes (Larry); brother-in-law Donald Lee Bragg and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Rosa Lane Galloway McMillan**

Rosa Lane Galloway McMillan also known as "Lane," was born April 4, 1933 in Bolivia, North Carolina. On February 17, 2021, at the age of 87 years old, Rosa departed peacefully surrounded by her children. Rosa was the daughter of the late Goldia Mae Evans and Kermit Galloway. She was the first born of fourteen (14) children.

Rosa graduated from Brunswick County Public Schools in 1948. Rosa met Edward McMillan and moved to Brooklyn, New York where she lived for over 20 years before residing in Wilmington, North Carolina. She worked for many years and contributed to the community. Rosa volunteered for New Hanover County Head Start, became a foster grandparent and cared for seniors as a CNA.

As the family's matriarch, she cooked and prepared meals for anyone who was hungry. Rosa's home was the gathering place for her children, grandchildren and the neighborhood children. Rosa was a provider and nurturer. She will be missed by many.

Rosa was preceded in death by her husband, Edward McMillan; daughter, Shirley McMillan; siblings Annie Francis, Gertrude Bailey, Ruby Mae Galloway, Kermit Galloway, Jr., Kersell Evans, Hubert Evans, Archie Lee Evans and Seabrook Galloway.

Rosa is survived by eight (8) children: Jerome McMillan (Shawanna), Charleston, SC, Edward L. McMillan (Myra), Castle Hayne, NC, Gwendolyn Craig (Norman-deceased), Wilmington, NC, Dennis McMillan, Wilmington, NC, Andrea McMillan, Castle Hayne, NC, Sonja McMillan, Durham, NC, Tonja McMillan Green, Raleigh, NC and Karen Thomas Jones (Reggie), Bayshore, NY; an adopted daughter, Angela McIntyre; siblings, Sarah Galloway, Bernette Galloway, Mary Lilly Smith-Jordan, Debra Bryant, Ellen Evans, Parthenia Johnson, Leroy Evans, Rev. Albert White, Bobby Galloway, Chauncey Galloway, Carlton Evans, Hurlay Evans, Elder Thomas Rae Evans, Arthur Evans and Bobby Evans; twenty-five (25) grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, N C 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Connie L. Butts**

Connie L. Butts was born in San Antonio, Texas on October 17, 1952. She graduated from Fox Technical High School and attend St. Phillips College where she studied Office and Clerical Management. Connie served in the church early in life at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church in San Antonio serving both as an usher and choir member. As a young adult, she worked tirelessly to build a life for her daughter and found joy in spending time with her nephews and nieces.

Connie married Reginald Butts in 1976 and soon moved to Arizona to follow him during his military service in the Army. After a few short years they moved the family back to San Antonio where she worked at Penland Distributors as a financial clerk and was also a devoted member of Dedicated Baptist Church for over 20 years. In 1996 Connie began working as a Human Resources Specialist for the Air Force, Office of Civilian Personal Management. Connie would continue in that career for 16 years, relocating several times from Kelly AFB, San Antonio, to Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton Ohio, and finally Pope AFB, Fayetteville NC, until retiring in Riegelwood, NC.

Connie was loved by anyone who met her because of her positive outlook and her words of encouragement. After her retirement Connie and her husband, aka Ray joined First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church, serving as Deaconess for several years until her health began to decline. She loved going to trail-rides and loved her trail-ride family even more. Always ready to pitch in to help friends, family and anyone in need, Connie was willing to give you the honest truth in hopes that it would make you a better person. While Connie will be greatly missed, she made a lifelong impact on many lives in the community, church, and family.

On February 28, 2021 she peacefully departed this life at her home in Riegelwood, NC surrounded by her loved ones. A grave side service was held on Friday, March 5, 2021 at Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and Elsa Saunders and her siblings, Charles Saunders, Sandra Saunders and Carol Guerrero.

She leaves behind a dedicated husband of 44 years, Reginald O. Butts; her children, Lanell R. Butts of Crestview, FL, LaShanta Junious (John) of Chadbourne, NC and Stacie Velazquez (Morriz) of Hope Mills, NC; eight grandchildren, Kelvin, Desiree, Elexsys, Lauren, DJ, JT, Jvon, and Alyssa; sisters, Sherry Carmichael, Patricia Woods, Roslyn Turner, Shelliiah Lewis and Kimberly Saunders all of San Antonio, TX; brothers, Lonnie Saunders (Linda) of Warner Robins, GA, William Saunders, Tommie Saunders, John Saunders (Shelia), Frank Saunders (Tanitra) and Byron Saunders (Ketha) all of San Antonio, TX; sister-in-law, Janice Robbins (Bernard) and brother-in-law, Charles Butts; along with a host of nieces, nephews, 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.*

**Minnie L. Clauson**

Minnie Louise Evans Clauson, departed this earthly life on February 22, 2021 in Wilmington, NC at the age of 82. Funeral service was held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home.

She was born December 29, 1938 to George S. Evans Sr. and Martha L. Evans. Minnie was the eldest of 7 children and was the granddaughter and namesake of the Wilmington local artist, the late Minnie Jones Evans. Minnie attended local schools and graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1956.

Upon graduating from high school, she moved to New York City and later married the late Scott Claudius Clauson II. While in New York, she raised two children and had a notable career at Time Warner Cable and Home Box Office. She began her career at HBO during the company's infancy in the 1970's and was employed there for 18 years as account manager before taking early retirement.

She returned to her hometown of

Wilmington in 1995 where she later returned to the work force as a caregiver for Home Instead for 11 years. While at Home Instead she was consistently lauded for her caring, consummate work facilitating the care of countless clients. One of Minnie's favorite things to say was "If you're OK, I'm OK." She truly was a caregiver, caring for numerous family members and friends throughout her life. She joined St. Matthew's AME Zion church after returning to Wilmington and enjoyed helping with Meals on Wheels. Minnie loved her plants, classical music, old movies, lively debates, and chocolate.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Theresa Spicer and Jaqueline Crisset.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children, Scott (Alicia) Claudius Clauson III and Tanya Clauson Covington; grandchildren, Nicholas Todman, Vanessa Clauson, Renee Clauson-Rivera, and Scott Claudius Clauson IV; great-grandchildren, Jaylenn Todman, Aubreigh Todman, and Noah Clauson; brothers, George S. Evans Jr. of Bronx, NY, Norris (Louise) Evans, Gary (Veola) Evans, and Rodney (Kimberly) Evans, all of Wilmington, NC and a host of nieces and nephews. *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.*

**Edward Oliver, Jr.**

Edward Oliver, Jr., was born on November 21, 1963 to Geneva Williams Green He departed this life on Monday, March 1, 2021. A memorial service was held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home.

Edward was married to Candus Brown Oliver who preceded him in death. In addition to his wife, Edward was also preceded in death by his brother, Warren Gene Penny; his grandparents, George Kenneth and Eleanor A. Williams and his uncles, George Kenneth, Jr. and Roosevelt Williams.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one son, Maurice "Mookie" Oliver of Charlotte, NC; one daughter, Alexandria Oliver; four grandchildren; his mother, Geneva Williams Green (Larry) of Wilmington, NC; two brothers, Gregory Duane Eevege of Mansfield, Ohio and Eugene Eevege, Sr. (Sharone) of Wilmington, NC; one uncle, Alvin R. Williams of Washington, DC; one aunt, JoAnn Williams of Wilmington, NC; a long-time friend, Curtis Malloy of Wilmington, NC and a host of other family members 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.*

**Pearlene B. Joseph**

Pearlene B. Joseph, age 89, of East Arcadia, passed away Monday, March 1, 2021. A graveside service was held on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Riegelwood.

Born the third of five girls and three boys to loving parents, William "Bill" and Elvia Graham Butts of the East Arcadia community, Pearlene made her grand entrance on July 2, 1931. She was predeceased by her parents, four sisters, three brothers, and her husband.

As a young person growing up in a small rural community, Pearlene took the time to be friendly to all, especially to her elders. She knew them by name and always took time to ask about their families. She attended East Arcadia High School and graduated in 1949. She was the valedictorian of her class. This was a highlight for her because her brother Thurman was in the same class!

The local church, Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church was located right next to the high school. One special school and church friendship that lasted a lifetime was with her classmate, Theadus Hall Troy. Although they did not see each other often, they sent their best wishes to one another by anyone with whom they came into contact.

Like her mother and her sisters, Pearlene enjoyed fishing and gardening. Also like them, she really enjoyed being able to be on the outside, but sewing was her forte. She could take an ordinary piece of cloth and turn it into a beautiful garment in just a few minutes. She mastered her craft so well that she was asked to make the paraments for communion

for the altar in her papa's church, Graham Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

After graduation, she did what most young girls did during her day, she went first to Springfield, MA and eventually to New York City to seek her fortune. She found employment in a sewing factory where she thoroughly enjoyed making baby hats. She sent hats home by the boxful to all the babies in the family and the community. After finding a job, she met and fell in love with Willie Joseph. They made their home in the Bronx, NY with their two children, Doris and Jeffrey. After that, the trips by her NC family to see Aunt Perk and Uncle Willie became more frequent and were followed by the "boxes" that she sent home on a regular basis.

All of the family looked forward to "boxes" from Aunt Perk. These boxes contained clothing and other goodies for her loved ones in the "Country." When the mailman dropped off a box, the sisters and their children waited anxiously to see what their Aunt Perk had sent to them. And when she came home to visit every July, it was like Christmas all over again! She finally moved home in 2008 after spending more than fifty years in the city, and joined her two sisters, Dorothy and Sarah. *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.*

**Donna L. Foy**

Donna L. Foy, age 79, of Leland, passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Public viewing 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. (Walk-through only) (NO LINGERING/GATHERING). A celebration of Mrs. Foy's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. \*\*\*Kindly note that for the protection of all in attendance, current health and safety protocols are in place where masks and social distancing are required. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 1311 Shipyard Blvd, Wilmington, NC 28412.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her husband, Daniel Foy of the home; children, Renee Foy of Fayetteville, GA, Dawn Drew of Central Islip, NY, Daniel Foy, Jr. of Lumberton, Randall Foy of Tacoma, WA and Damon Foy of Wilmington; sister, Doris Morgan of Wilmington, DE, 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

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**Bertie Mae Bibbs**

Bertie Mae Bibbs died February 15, 2021. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Church Cemetery, Riegelwood, NC.

Bertie was born on Ma 26, 1930 in Summertown, South Carolina to the union of the late Joseph Alburts Benbow and Lucille Benbow. She was the youngest of three children. Her formal education began at Scott Branch High School in Summertown, South Carolina. When the family relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina, she attended Williston Industrial High School and graduated in 1949 with honors. In her youthful years, she met her handsome husband, Kadil Bibbs, Sr. they were joined in holy matrimony on June 11, 1956. This union was blessed with four children. While residing in Detroit, she matriculated at the University of Detroit and received an Associate Degree in Education. Bertie Mae was a faithful member of Rock of Ages Church of God In Christ for sixty years. She served as the church secretary for fifty years. She was also the president of her "Block Club". Bertie would sit on her front porch where everyone would come by, speak, converse, enjoy her beautiful personality and encouraging words of wisdom and prayer. She believed whole heartedly in prayer and praising the Lord. Bertie was a remarkable, high spirited, lively and friendly woman that everyone knew and loved. Wherever she went, no one was a stranger to her. She will be deeply missed by all her loved ones. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kadil Bibbs, Sr.; son, Alonzo Benbow Bibbs; sisters, Naomi Beatrice Durham and Azalee Francis Williams and grandsons, Sean Alonzo Simmons and Anthony Bibbs McCurdy Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: er daughters, Beverly Bibbs Cummings and Cynthia Bibbs McCurdy (Anthony); son, Kadil Bibbs, Jr.; grandchildren, Daone Bibbs and Antonio Bibbs McCurdie, Sr.; great-grandchildren, Dylan Simmons, Caleb Simmons, Nalmah Bibbs McCurdy, Antonio Bibbs McCurdy, Jr. and Amiya Simmons; brother-in-law, Johnnie Bibbs (Julia); sister-in-law, Constance Hall and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Pearline Johnson**

Pearline Johnson, age 83, died February 27, 2021. Graveside services were held on Friday, March 5, 2021 at

Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Pearline McIntyre Johnson, daughter of the late Martin Luther McIntyre and Mary Emma Corbett McIntyre, was born in Pender County on March 14, 1937. Pearline attended the Pender County Training School in Rocky Point, North Carolina. After completing her schooling, she moved to New York City where she lived for many years. While in New York City she married Oscar Jones, Jr. who preceded her in death. North Carolina, settling in Wilmington, North Carolina. She started her working career at New Hanover Memorial Hospital in the dietary department. She later gained employment with the Timme Corporation where she worked for several years. While at Timme, she met and married Floyd A. Johnson who also preceded her in death. In January of 1978, Pearline obtained a Certification in Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council, becoming a Law Enforcement Officer for the State of North Carolina. She later received a Diploma in Fitness and Nutrition. On February 19, 1998, she received a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Service and Contribution to the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department during Hurricane Bertha and Fran. Pearline worked as a cook in the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department until her retirement on April 1, 1999. Pearline loved gardening, enjoyed traveling, had a love for music, especially gospel, shopping and her favorite was cooking. Pearline was a longtime member of First Baptist Missionary Church. At First Baptist she was honored as Mother of the Year in 2013 and received a plaque for her devotion to the church. She worshiped at First Baptist Missionary Church until she became too ill to attend.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Michael Edward Jones of San Diego, CA, Sharon J. Dowe (a very special son-in-law, Joseph) of Wilmington, NC, Freddie Jones of Vineland, NJ and Dillard Jones (Neda) of Tifton, GA; a stepdaughter, Janifer Bailey (Aldrich) of Arlington, TX; grandchildren, Maurice V. Dowe of Atlanta, GA, Brian O. Dowe (Melissa) of Lake Waccamaw, NC and Demetria Stokley of Wilmington, NC; great-grandchildren, Brooklyn C. Dowe of Fayetteville, NC, Bryson C. Dowe of Lake Waccamaw, NC and D'Khari Marquis Stokley of Wilmington, NC; siblings, Linzy McIntyre of Philadelphia, PA, Marilyn Lewis of Vineland, NJ and Martin Lee McIntyre (Margaret) of Frederick, MD; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives

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## TELL SOMEBODY

*"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

Faint -Exhausted, lacking strength; to lose spirit or courage

So many of the Servants of the Lord are truly going through tests, trials, and tribulations in the course of executing their jobs as Servants of the Most High God. There are many battles to fight and many victories to win, but somewhere between the battles and the victories, there are mountains, hills, and valleys. Fainting is not a topic of discussion we like to have, but we all admittedly have gotten weary some-

times.... in the course of standing strong and doing what is right in the sight of the Lord.

Being a Servant of the Lord entitles us to know him in the power of his resurrection and also in the fellowship of his suffering. Yes, the joy of the Lord is our strength, but we are not exempt from the experience gained through suffering in the will of God, as the power of God rests upon us! II Timothy 3:12 says, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

There are times that the Servant of the Lord may duti-



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fully encourage others, while asking Lord, "who will encourage me?" Many times, we have to do like David did, and encourage ourselves in order to not faint during our fiery trials. Proverbs 24:10 says, "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." For this reason, Jesus told his disciples in Luke 18:1 that, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

The bible says that we have an adversary and he goes to and fro seeking whom he may devour. He loves to devour those who are Called Christians. He loves to kill, steal, and destroy the anointed and the appointed. He tries to wear out the Saints to render us helpless and ineffective in the work of the ministry. We are not ignorant of his devices and we know that the devil has a plot, but GOD has a plan!!! "But they that wait

upon the Lord shall renew their strength." When we wait upon the Lord. When we serve the Lord. When we worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. When we get in His presence, He will renew our strength.

We are human and we all need to be renewed, refreshed, or revived from time to time! Yes, we are called to minister to others, and there will be times that we need to be ministered to. That spiritual replenishment will happen, when we get in his presence and minister to him.

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28 - 30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Yes, sometimes the Servant of the Lord may be facing doubt, dismay, and discouragement. The good news is....there is a way out!!! Sometimes our faith is tried in the fire, or it may be we are chosen in the furnace of affliction, yes....there is a way out!

David, a man characterized as being "after God's own heart" had to go through his own troubles and trials. He had foes and a host of enemies encamped around him. He said, "My heart shall not fear." David almost fainted, but these are the words of his testimony. "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say on the Lord."

There are many who grew

impatient, and didn't wait on the Lord. Now they are reaping the consequences of their decision to go before the Lord instead of waiting. Please don't let that be your story, "I wish I had waited". Servant of the Lord, as you minister to the Lord, he will minister to you. Be healed. Be set free. Be delivered in Jesus' Name. Then, Tell Somebody!

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

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and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Elder John Bradley, III

Elder John Bradley, III, age 77, died February 26, 2021. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Love Temple United Holy Church Of America, 201 N. Oak Forest Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Born on April 17, 1943 in Wilmington, NC, John affectionately called "Howard" was the oldest child of Elder John and Helen Swepson Bradley. He gave his life to Christ at an early age of 13/14 years old. And joined Holy Temple UHC which later became Holy Trinity UHC in Wilmington, NC. John graduated from his beloved Williston Senior High School in 1961 and went on to attend North Carolina College in Durham, NC. While at NCC, he was instrumental in organizing the Pentecostal Fellowship

Organization. He was also a cafeteria line monitor where he earned the nickname "Eagle Eye" because he prevented anyone from cutting in line. He served in the United States Army where he did two tours of duty in Vietnam. Upon his Honorable Discharge, he returned to school now North Carolina Central University, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in Psychology and began course work to obtain a master's degree in Psychology. John was active with the Southern District Youth Camp, both as a camper and a worker and served for many years as the President of the Southern District Youth Convention. He received his call to the ministry under the leadership of Dr. James

Forbes, Jr. and served as Pastor of Holy Trinity UHCA, Wilmington, NC; Antioch UHCA, Rocky Point, NC; St. Tabernacle UHCA, Willard, NC; Bethel UHCS, Wilmington NC and St. Mark UHCA, Greensboro, NC. John also served as the Administrative Assistant to the Late Bishop Ralph Love and was instrumental in the transition from the Gully Street Tabernacle to this present edifice of which he oversaw the building construction. Dr. Bradley served with his wife in the Life Changing Ministry International Fellowship as an advisor to the council and was instrumental in setting up the licenses process. It was John's voice that announced the diocese of LCMIF on the official Sunday with much pride and joy. He was the encouraging "Coach John" to many softball players and a respected referee and umpire who's enthusiastically delayed call of "stiiiiiiiiike" gathered its own audience.

He leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Brenda Bradley; daughters, Christine Bradley Lloyd (Manuel), Ashley Davis-Bradley and Amber Davis -Bradley; sons, John H. Bradley, IV, Thomas Davis-Bradley and Christopher Dis-Bradley; sister, Cynthia Bradley Chapman (Charles); brother, Stephen Bradley (Charlene); aunts, Geneva Brisbane and Ethel Bradley; ten grandchildren and a host of cousins, classmates and special friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Rena Foster

Rena Foster died March 1, 2021. Graveside services were held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Irene Johnson, known to many as Rena was born on August 14, 1934 in Florence, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Reverend William and Bertha Johnson. Rena

received her education through the Florence Public School System. While transitioning into adulthood, Rena established herself in Wilmington, NC. Here Rena became a dedicated member of the Saint Mark Church and later transitioned to the MRDRC church community. However, we all can agree that no matter where her church home was, she remained a true believer of God, often, instilling His love in her children and grands. Rena was a saving grace to not only her children and grandchildren but also dozens of children in the community for many years. Her passion for children eventually transitioned to a career; when she founded her very own daycare center, Swindell's Hoe Daycare. Rena cared for and nurtured children for over 25 years. Rena was preceded in death by her loving husband, Russia Foster; her son, Larry Hill, Sr., sisters, Mary Brand, Bertha Tomas and Annie Flowers; brothers, Sammie, Henry, Johnny, Robert, Wilbur and Thaddeus Johnson.

Left to cherish Rena's memory are: her sons, Fletcher (Evette) Johnson, Willie Johnson, Michael Thomas and Robert "Al" Jones; daughters, Priscilla Moore, Yvette Flowers and Deborah Nightingale; sister, Viola Hawkins; a special niece, Lou Hawkins; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Charles Bellamy

Charles Bellamy died March 2, 2021. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Castle Hayne Baptist Church.

Charles Curtis "Curti" Bellamy was born on December 6, 1963, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Curt was a graduate of New Hanover High School, and after high school, he went on to faithfully work for the

New Hanover County School System for almost 35 years. He was recently recognized for his years of dedicated service before retiring on Friday, February 26, 2021. Curt dedicated his life to the Lord several years ago at Faith Soldiers Word Ministries, Charlotte, NC. Everyone who knew Curt knew that he would bring laughter and joy to any occasion. Whether he was telling funny jokes, skating at every venue near and far, or entertaining family and friends, there was never a dull moment when he was around. Fishing, cooking, fixing things, and skating were more than just his hobbies, they were lifelong passions.

Curt is survived by: his daughter, K'La Bellamy and son, Tymal Barrett both of Wilmington, NC; four beloved grandchildren, M'kel Bellamy, Yermiyah Bellamy, DeAndre Bellamy and Ka'Leb McNeill; his father, Charles Curtis Bellamy, Sr (mother Gloria, transitioned) of Wilmington, NC; four sisters, Anita Nixon (William), Sonja Rushing (Rickey), Paula Jones (Randy) and Regina Bellamy; two brothers, Bruce Small (Sheila) and Perry Bellamy; and a host of caring nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and close friends, including a special friend, Vanessa Herd. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Valeria Wiggins Davidson

Valeria Wiggins Davidson died March 2, 2021. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Oleander Memorial Gardens.

She was born in Clinton, NC on December 26, 1959. She transcended into Heaven to join her daughter Olivia Rose Davidson of Wilmington, NC as well as her parents Clarence Ray Wiggins and Karen Campbell Wiggins of Clinton, NC. Val graduated from the University of North Carolina at

Wilmington with a Bachelor's of Elementary Education in 1999. She truly found her calling as a teacher and positively impacted so many of her students throughout her career which began in August of 1999 at Bellamy Elementary. Prior to this school year she taught fourth and fifth grade for twenty years. Val had a passion and love for teaching literacy and had transitioned to the role of Media Specialist at Bellamy for the 2020-2021 school year. Additionally, she served as a co-coach of the Bellamy Science Olympiad team which consistently placed in the annual NHCS competition and helped promote the annual Young Author's Essay Contest. She was well known in the Bellamy community for building strong relationships with her families, would do anything to motivate students, and help develop a love for reading. Her generous heart will be missed by all the students whose lives she touched. Val had a fierce love for her grandchildren, Laila, Aliyah, and Daisy Davidson, as well as for her daughter Amanda Sloan Davidson. She moved mountains for her four babies and will be imprinted deeply on their hearts and souls for all of eternity. Val will always be remembered for her resounding strength, compassion for others, strong will, quick wit, never ending loyalty, awesome sense of humor, fearlessness, and giving nature.

Val is survived by her husband of 30 years Jeffery Robert Davidson, her daughter Amanda Sloan Davidson, and her three lovely grandchildren Laila, Aliyah, and Daisy Davidson. In addition, she is survived by her close friends that became family over the years. She will be missed tremendously by all the hearts she touched during her time with us. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Leslie Meyers

Leslie Meyers died March 1, 2021. Graveside service will be 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Saturday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Ruby Tabon

Ruby Tabon died March 4, 2021. A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Dorothy Mae Caldwell

Dorothy Mae Caldwell died March 5, 2021. Funeral service was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be 5:30-8:00 PM on Wednesday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Wilbert Mitchell

Wilbert Mitchell died March 6, 2021. Graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021 at Oak Grove Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Dorothy Carr

Dorothy Carr died March 7, 2021. Services are incomplete at this time. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## George Pollock

George Pollock died March 7, 2021. Graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Pollock Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## After a century of land theft and exclusion, Black farmers getting needed government aid

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR  
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With the objective of ending systemic racism, the House of Representatives passed two bills this week: The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and the For the People Act of 2021 that attacks voter suppression. Lawmakers have also signaled their desire to stamp out oppression affecting another group of Americans: Black farmers.

"More than a century of land theft and the exclusion of Black people from government agricultural programs have denied many descendants of enslaved people's livelihoods as independent, landowning farmers," Mark Bittman, an author, and former food columnist, wrote in an op-ed for the New York Times.

Bittman noted that "African-American labor built much of this country's agriculture, a prime source of the nation's early wealth."

"In the years since the end of slavery, Black Americans have been largely left out of federal land giveaways, loans, and farm improvement programs," he continued.

"They have been driven off their farms through a combi-

nation of terror and mistreatment by the federal government, resulting in debt, foreclosures, and impoverishment."

In February, the U.S. House Agriculture Committee approved a landmark \$5 billion program of debt relief for socially disadvantaged farmers, despite Republican objections that the aid was an unconstitutional form of reverse discrimination.

According to Successful Farming, an agriculture-themed website, Chairman David Scott, a Georgia Democrat, said minority farmers deserved the help because they had been overlooked in the mammoth trade war and coronavirus relief programs that began in 2018.

Under the proposal, the government would pay off USDA loans and USDA-guaranteed loans held by socially disadvantaged farmers and give an additional 20 percent to the farmers to cover income taxes associated with the debt relief.

The measure is part of President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan now before the U.S. Senate.

More than 600 leading food companies, racial equity leaders, and farm organizations have come also together to support the Emergency

Relief for Farmers of Color Act, led by U.S. Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA).

Sen. Warnock said the legislation offers direct relief to Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic farmers and other agricultural producers of color to help them respond to the devastating consequences of the pandemic and resulting economic downturn and address long-standing inequity in agriculture.

"This once-in-a-century pandemic, and the economic downturn that followed, has revealed and exacerbated long-standing disparities in our government that have left certain communities behind, particularly Black farmers and farmers of color," Sen. Warnock remarked in a statement emailed to NNPA Newswire.

"This legislation is a major step toward righting some of these injustices and leveling the playing field for farmers and farming families of color to help them not only recover from the devastation of these crises but give them the tools and assistance to thrive that they've long been denied," Sen. Warnock continued.

"Considering the urgent need for this funding and the overwhelming support this proposal has garnered from across the agricultural com-



Under the proposal, the government would pay off USDA loans and USDA-guaranteed loans held by socially disadvantaged farmers and give an additional 20 percent to the farmers to cover income taxes associated with the debt relief. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

munity, we can't get this relief passed and out the door quickly enough," he stated further.

Specifically, the Emergency Relief for Farmers of Color Act would provide \$5 billion to America's Black, Indigenous, Hispanic and farmers of color who have long struggled to keep their farms and ownership of their land in rural communities because of long-standing discrimination by the USDA and other

government agencies, Warnock added.

Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) are co-sponsors to the legislation.

"In addition to the economic pain caused by the pandemic, socially disadvantaged communities are also dealing with a disproportionate share of COVID infection rates, hospitalizations, and death," U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack remarked.

"The American Rescue Plan expands testing and vaccinations and ensures that we get the economy on track for everyone, especially those who have been marginalized or shut out of federal assistance in the past," Vilsack continued.

"I applaud the provisions in the bill that begin to address systemic discrimination and provide relief and assistance to Black, Indigenous, Hispanic and other farmers of color."

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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 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.

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 on the 23rd day of February, 2021, as Administrator CTA of the Estate of LYNN REYNOLDS SMYTHE, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit them to the Administrator CTA, Vivian M. Jarvis, at 1114 Slocum Trail - Atkinson, NC 28421, on or before the 2nd day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 24th day of February, 2021.

Vivian M. Jarvis, Adm. CTA Attorney for the Estate: J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA Carolina Legal Counsel P.O. Box 12028 Wilmington, North Carolina 28405 Telephone (910) 256-3364

March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2021

Notice to Creditors

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Kimberly Kismet Vincent (21-E-344), late of 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 to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before June 11, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 11th day of March, 2021.

Chantel Lane c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC 701 Market Street Wilmington, NC 28401

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as executrix of the estate of Paul J. Bailor, Jr., 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 June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 11th day of March, 2021

Patricia Moroz, Executrix 264 Shannon Dr. Wilmington, NC 28409

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2021

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 23rd day of February, 2021, as Administrator of the Estate of PATRICIA MAE SMYTHE, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit them to the Administrator, Vivian M. Jarvis, at 1114 Slocum Trail - Atkinson, NC 28421, on or before the 2nd day of June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 24th day of February, 2021.

Vivian M. Jarvis, Administrator Attorney for the Estate: J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA Carolina Legal Counsel P.O. Box 12028 Wilmington, North Carolina 28405 Telephone (910) 256-3364

March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the Superior Court File # 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.

This, the 25th day of February, 2021.

David F. Turlington Attorney for the Plaintiff 1516 Dawson Street Wilmington, NC 28401 Phone: 910-251-8088 Facsimile: 910-251-8430 North Carolina Bar 20165 darlington@davidandassociates.com

February 25, March 4, 11, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the Superior Court File # 19 CVS 2825

Shayvion D. Robinson, Plaintiff, v. Maurice A. Stoglin and Consuella A. Hamilton, Defendants

To: Consuella A. Hamilton

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 in excess of \$10,000.00 for 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, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 25th day of February, 2021.

Rodzik Law Group, PLLC 2309 S. 17th Street Wilmington, NC 28401 Phone: 910-762-1199 Facsimile: 910-762-1443

February 25, March 4, 11, 2021

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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.

Jane Lewis Hill, Executrix Estate of George C. Lewis c/o Mark I. Nunalee PC 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 TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of LIBBY JOHNSON, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before June 2, 2021, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 4th day of March 2021.

EVA JOYCE KOLAJO, c/o/ Nicole Henderson, Law Offices of Nicole Henderson, PLLC 19109 West Catawba Ave. Suite 200, Cornelius, NC 28031

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 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

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the Superior Court File # 19 CVS 4188

Lionel Virgil Austin v. Daniel Robert Hewett and Virginia Blair Wolfe

To: Virginia Blair Wolfe:

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 for personal injury.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than April 12, 2021 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 25th day of February, 2021.

H. Scott Overholt, attorney for Lionel Virgil Austin 2505 S. College Road Wilmington, NC 28412

February 25, March 4, 11, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Rick E. Graves, having qualified on the 15th day of February, 2021, as Executor of the estate of William Tommie Hill (21-E-0243, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said that they must present them to the undersigned at Graves May PLLC, c/o Attorney Rick Graves, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the 1st day of June, 2021, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

This the 24th day of February, 2021

Rick E. Graves, Executor Estate of William Tommie Hill Rick Graves GRAVES MAY PLLC 5700 Oleander DR. Wilmington, NC 28403

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as executrix of the estate of Shirley S. Apperson, 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 June, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 11th day of March, 2021

Debra J. Thumann, Executrix 2964 Pullen Drive Leland, NC 28451

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JT 168-170

IN THE MATTER OF: N.D. (DOB: 03/19/2018) J.M. (DOB: 10/14/2014) J.D. (DOB: 04/07/2009)

TO: RESPONDENT: EARL MILLER, LEGAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE AND MALE CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY AND DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO TIRA DAVIS.

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following March 11, 2021 which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Brian Moore was previously appointed to represent Earl Miller, and he can be reached at 705 N. Front Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 362-1100.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR April 19, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Division of Juvenile Justice, 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 4th day of March, 2021.

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

March 11, 18, 25, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT 20-CVS-3113

JAMES A. BROOKS vs. JONATHAN HOLLIFIELD and PATRICIA HOLLIFIELD

To: Patricia Hollifield:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed on September 30, 2020, in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: a money judgment for negligence stemming from a dog attack on James A. Brooks.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than Wednesday, April 7, 2021, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 25th day of February, 2021.

Ryan G. Cason Crummie Attorney for James A. Brooks CASON CRUMMIE LAW FIRM, PLLC 201 N. Front St. Ste 408 Wilmington, NC 28401 Office: 910-769-3789

February 25, March 4, 11, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY 20-CVS-3113

In the Superior Court

JAMES A. BROOKS vs. JONATHAN HOLLIFIELD and PATRICIA HOLLIFIELD

To: Jonathan Hollifield:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed on September 30, 2020, in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: a money judgment for negligence stemming from a dog attack on James A. Brooks.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than Wednesday, April 7, 2021, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 25th day of February, 2021.

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