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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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GUEST EDITORIAL

"Poll shows strong majority of Black Americans want a COVID vaccination"

BY

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EVA CLAYTON

Eva Clayton: First N.C. female in U. S. Congress

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Eva McPherson Clayton, a Savannah native, spent the majority of her eighty-six years in Warren County, North Carolina.

She has the distinction of serving that county and nineteen others in the United States House of Representatives for North Carolina's 1st District, from 1992 to 2003.

Prior to her seating, the last African American to represent North Carolina in Washington, DC was Reconstruction Era Republican Representative George White. He was in office from 1898 through 1901.

Ninety-one years passed with no North Carolina

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DONTAE SHARPE

Supporters seek pardon of innocence for Dontae Sharpe

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Donte Sharpe was released from prison in August 2019 after spending 26 years behind bars for the 1994 Greenville murder of George Radcliffe, a crime Sharpe had always maintained he did not commit. Sharpe was only 18 years old at the time.

"Perhaps most importantly, it is now clear that the police misled the judge throughout the case," revealed a May 2017 story in Slate.com. "At a 1997 hearing on a motion for a new trial, [a detective] testified that he believed [a false witness'] identification of Sharpe because she'd passed a polygraph administered before her testimony. The results, however, were inconclusive, a fact police did not disclose until 2014."

Prosecutors and a judge agreed, and, after a strong campaign by the NC NAACP and a coalition of advocates, Sharpe was released from prison as a free man. However, for almost two years now, Sharpe has not truly been free because, even though he was released from

prison, he has never received a pardon of innocence from Gov. Roy Cooper, who has been petitioned to pardon Sharpe by application since November 2019.

This week, Donte Sharpe celebrated a birthday, and supporters sought to have Gov. Cooper grant a full pardon of innocence. Those supporters, the NC Second Chance Alliance, are, according to their website, "...a statewide alliance of people with criminal records, their family members, service providers, congregations, community leaders and concerned citizens that have come together to address the causes of criminal records and the barriers they create to successful reentry [into society]."

Regarding Sharpe, "...without a pardon, Dontae continues to bear the mark of a wrongful imprisonment on his record and is ineligible to be paid restitution by the State for decades of his life stolen from him and his family by a broken system."

The campaign to have Dontae Sharpe receive a full pardon of innocence is also led by the legal team that helped to head up his release from prison, Forward Justice, "...a nonpartisan law, policy and strategy center

dedicated to advancing racial, social and economic justice in the U. S. South," based in Durham.

"In August of 2019, after finally being granted a new trial, Dontae was exonerated in court and walked out a free man," Forward Justice states on its website. "Though he had been offered deals in the past that would have allowed him to be released from prison earlier through an admission of guilt, Dontae stood fast in his innocence and left the prison on his terms."

"Following his release, Dontae joined the Forward Justice team as the founding Fellow in the Returning in Service and Excellence (RISE) Fellowship and has become an advocate and leader for criminal justice reform. Dontae speaks at colleges across North Carolina about his experience, the corruption in the criminal legal system, and the need for widespread reform to stop the wrongful convictions that disregard truth and justice and destroy lives."

Forward Justice is urging supporters to sign a petition asking Gov. Cooper to grant a full pardon of innocence to Dontae Sharpe at www.justice.freedontaesharpe.com.

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COVID scams on the rise amid chaotic vaccine rollout and distribution delays

BY NINA MOHAN

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Scammers are taking advantage of the confusion surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine distribution and using it as an opportunity to prey on consumers anxious to get their shots.

Because distribution varies state by state and changes are announced almost daily, there's not a lot of clarity on when and how people can get vaccinated, explained Karen S. Hobbs, Assistant Director, Division of Consumer & Business Education at the Federal Trade Commission. "Officials are doing what they can, the best they can, but no state is immune to confusion and scammers are ready to take advantage," she said.

"This is one of those schemes that, like the pandemic, is affecting literally everyone, everywhere," she added.

Hobbs said the FTC has received numerous reports of vaccine scams, though none so far have involved large numbers of people. The complaints involve scammers posing as federal and local officials, as well as hospital staff, clinic workers and healthcare providers.

"People are pretending to be someone you can trust in order to get money or information," she said, adding that victims have reported being asked to provide sensitive information like social security numbers, medical information and driver's license numbers.

On its website, the County of Merced reported that scammers posing as clinic workers contacted Merced residents and offered them COVID-19 vaccines for an upfront \$100.00 fee. After the money was paid, the victims were referred to a vaccine site where they did not have appointments.

Prepaid schemes have also appeared in Ventura County, and in Skagit County, WA., local news outlets GoSkagit.com and KGMI.com have reported that scammers claiming to be Skagit County representatives called residents and offered them vaccine appointments and then asked

for personal information such as a mother's maiden name or social security numbers to confirm the appointment.

"The general message people are hearing [about vaccines] is scarcity and the logistical hurdle of delivery, and that feeds into this confusion and makes people pay attention when they get a call," explained Hobbs.

The FTC website offers tips on how to recognize a vaccine scam. First, you should never pay for a vaccine and anyone asking for money, whether to get you an appointment, put you on a list or reserve a spot in line, is a scammer. Other signs of a scam include:

- Advertisements to buy the vaccine. You can't buy it anywhere, it's only available at federal- and state-approved locations.

- Requests for personal, financial, or health information. No one from a vaccine distribution site, healthcare provider's office, pharmacy, or your insurance company or Medicare will ask for personal information or your Social Security, credit card, driver's license or bank account number to sign you up to get the vaccine.

- Unexpected or unusual texts and emails containing links about the COVID vaccine. Do not click on links or open attachments from sources you don't recognize as you could download dangerous malware onto your device.

"Our advice to people is that you should contact a trusted source, so you'll be checking with state and local health departments to learn when and how to get the vaccine and you can also talk to your healthcare providers directly," Hobbs said.

Hobbs also encouraged people to sign up for FTC consumer alerts for the latest



The FTC website offers tips on how to recognize a vaccine scam.

information on a variety of consumer issues, including COVID-related scams, and noted that if you have been scammed, it's important to contact authorities right away.

"Getting money back from scammers is a challenge because scammers ask people to use certain payments and these methods have certain characteristics: quick, anonymous, difficult to reverse," she explained.

One popular method involves instructing victims to buy gift cards and then asking them for the numbers on the back. Scammers also ask for payments via cash-reload cards and money transfers such as Western Union and MoneyGram.

"They choose these methods because they're like cash - once the money is gone, it's gone. That's why it's important to act quickly. It's the only way to increase your chances of getting your

money back."

Reporting scams to the FTC also helps the FTC and law enforcement prevent future fraud, Hobbs noted.

"When victims report scams, the information goes into a database that our 3000 law enforcement partners read too," she explained. "The information helps the agency spot trends, alert communities about potential scams, and informs the FTC's education, messaging and policy priorities."

"We've redesigned our report intake system to be really easy, and we also have a version of the site in Spanish," which, Hobbs noted, is important for many communities served by EMS. "We want to hear from these

communities, we really want outreach to them and part of the way to do that is through the reports they file."

People can file anonymously, she said, adding that the FTC does not ask or care about immigration status. "There is no required information [to file a report], people can tell us as little or as much as they like," she said.

For more information on how to avoid scams, or what to do if you have been a victim of fraud, please visit FTC.gov or click on the links below.

- What to do if you have been scammed: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-do-if-you-were-scammed>

- Three ways to avoid COVID-19 vaccine scams: https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/attachments/coronavirus-advice-consumers/three_ways_to_avoid_covid_19_vaccine_scams_508_2.pdf

- Information on COVID-related topics for consumers: ftc.gov/coronavirus

- Report fraud, scams and bad business practices, and get actionable Next Steps to help you recover: ReportFraud.ftc.gov

- Report identity theft: www.identitytheft.gov

For information on how to get the COVID-19 vaccine, please speak with your healthcare provider or pharmacist, or contact your state and local health department.

- Contact your local health department: <https://www.naccho.org/membership/lhd-directory>

- Contact your state health department: <https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/hlthdepartments.html>

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Blacks, male or female, being elected to Congress.

Clayton, a Democrat was educated in two North Carolina Historically Black Colleges and Universities. She earned a B.A. degree in Biology from Johnson C. Smith College in Charlotte, and the Master of Science in Biology and General Science from North Carolina Central University in Durham.

In 1968 the wife of Attorney Theaoseus Clayton, and mother of four children was approached and convinced by the late Atty. Vernon Jordan to run for a North Carolina Congressional seat. She lost in that attempt. Her husband had also lost in an earlier effort to become a federal legislator.

Her interests in public service and aiding rural impoverished communities didn't wane. She began working for UNC in a state health and manpower program. Clayton also used her energies to create a Soul City Foundation that restored and repurposed old buildings in small communities. Daycare centers, homeless shelters, and other community

development sites were made available.

Later Clayton became active in a campaign that led to Jim Hunt being elected NC Governor. He appointed Eva Clayton as Assistant Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

She also won election to the Warren County Board of Commissioners. In 1992 an opportunity to try again for a US Congressional seat ended successfully. Her winning platforms called for increased job training initiatives, and major new investments for small and rural communities.

From 1992 until her 2003 retirement from Congress Clayton advocated for rural and farm needs. She served on the Agriculture, Small Business, and the highly sought Budget committees. Clayton fought against NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement. She argued that it would hurt farmers and the low wage earners that had few opportunities in communities around the country.

Clayton also served as Chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus.

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LT. GOV. WANTS "INDOCTRINATION" IN STATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO STOP

[GREENSBORO] Continuing his crusade against what he believes is the lib-

eral "indoctrination" of North Carolina's public school children, Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson announced this week that he's starting a task force to take parental and student complaints. Convinced that this is a major problem in the state that needs to be addressed, the Black Republican admitted that he hasn't thought through what power the panel will have once up and running. As for

evidence of a problem? Robinson says the task force will provide that too.

GOV. COOPER SAYS HE WON'T RUN FOR SENATE BECAUSE HE DOESN'T WANT ROBINSON RUNNING THE STATE

[RALEIGH] There's little question in Gov. Roy Cooper's mind that if he ran for the U.S. Senate in 2022, he'd win. But that

would mean leaving the Governor's Office early. And with conservative Republican Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson ready to take over from Cooper, that would be a problem, Cooper told the online political magazine, Politico. "We ...have a Republican lieutenant governor and if you look at who he is and what he stands for, I'm not sure that North Carolina needs two years of that..." Cooper told

Politico. Incumbent U.S. Sen. Richard Burr has indicated that he is leaving office in 2022.

ORANGE COUNTY TO NAME ITS NEW AG CENTER AFTER BLACK WOMAN PIONEER

[HILLSBOROUGH] The Orange County Board of Commissioners this week unanimously voted to name its new agricultural center

the Bonnie B. Davis Environmental and Agricultural Center, after Bonnie Bedal Briley Davis, Orange County's first Black agricultural extension agent. Ms. Davis, who died in 2018 at the age of 92, was considered a major community leader who spent her 40-year career helping others.

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GEORGE FLOYD

North Carolina memorials for George Floyd

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As the murder trial of the police officer accused of taking George Floyd's life gets underway in Minneapolis, Minn., the City Council there has reached a civil settlement with Floyd's family for the record amount of \$27 million.

It has been reported that some of the settlement money may be used to establish memorials to George Floyd here in North Carolina, as well as other areas with which he became associated.

Many forget that while Floyd died in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020, and grew up in the immediate years before his death in the Houston, Texas area, he was born, and briefly raised, in Raeford, near Fayetteville.

His sister, Bridgette, currently lives in Hoke County. After her brother's death, Gov. Roy Cooper told reporters that he had called Floyd's sister, expressed his condolences, and told her that, while he could not bring him back, "I can work for justice in his name. I assured her that's what we'll do."

Afterward, the second of three rousing memorial services in tribute to George Floyd were held at a conference center in Raeford.

Last Friday, on the day that Minneapolis announced the \$27 million settlement, WRAL-TV reported that there were "discussions" about creating a memorial to George Floyd near Fayetteville and also near Shaw University in Raleigh.

Last November, WTVD-TV reported that Roger Floyd, George Floyd's uncle, along with Bridgette and the George Floyd Memorial Foundation, was planning "...a brick and mortar memorial center:"

"The focus is going to be basically on education, scholarships, funding, those types of things, electronic learning emphasis, wellness, bringing about urbanistic art," Roger Floyd told WTVD-TV. "We want to establish a location within the center where we can have permanent art, as well as temporary art that's constantly moving to tell the story about what we want to portray in the center."

Originally, that memorial center was to be built with donations from the public and was scheduled for completion in 24 to 36 months.

The website at www.georgefloydmc.org showcases the GFMC "8:46" Scholarship Fund, "8:46" being the length of time then Officer Derek Chauvin used his knee on George Floyd's neck, effectively suffocating the 46 year old Black man on a Minneapolis street, as he cried "I can't breathe!"

The memorial center also boasts of The George Floyd Youth Leadership Academy, "...creating our future teachers, doctors, lawyers, CEO's, engineers and community leaders. Finally, the George Floyd Memorial Center Social Learning Center will be "...an online community, dedicated to promoting safety, personal development, and social responsibility among youth."

The George Floyd Memorial Center, which also has a Facebook page, is a non-profit organization operating under the IRS 501c3 tax exempt code and lists Thomas McLaurin as CEO/Executive Director and Roger Floyd as Executive Board/Treasurer. The center is listed at North Hills Tower II, 4242 Six Forks Road, Suite 1550, in Raleigh.

Meanwhile, the presiding judge in the Floyd murder trial has reinstated a third degree murder charge against former police officer, Derek Chauvin. He also faces a second degree murder charge and a second degree manslaughter charge.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

National Urban League poll shows strong majority of Black Americans want a COVID vaccine
Challenge remains to counteract misinformation and build trust in vaccine's safety for the minority who are hesitant

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "They've read all this stuff online, from different news sources, which is confusing. But then they meet me, as someone who has had the shot, and I can give them some real answers." --Armando Mateos of Working Partner-ships USA, a Silicon Valley-based community organization working to help dispel misinformation about the pandemic and vaccines



Marc Morial

A strong majority of Black and Americans are confident in the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine and are ready to take it, according to a new poll commissioned by the National Urban League and The Alliance of National Psychological Associations for Racial and Ethnic Equity.

These findings run counter to a "blame-the-victim" media narrative that pins the appalling racial disparity in vaccination rates on Black hesitancy to take the vaccine.

Only 14 percent of Black Americans polled said they "definitely" would not get the vaccine, and 15 percent said they "probably" would not. Yet the Black share of the vaccinated population is lower than the Black general population in every state that has reported demographic data. According to an analysis by *The New York Times*, the Black vaccination rate is half the white rate.

Access, not hesitancy, is the reason for this disparity, as U.S. Rep. Karen Bass, psychologist and professor Cheryl Grills and I discussed in an op-ed published this week in the *Washington Post*.

Among those who are hesitant, however, information is key: Overall, more than a fifth of Blacks said they have heard, seen or read something that made them less likely to take the vaccine. Among those who said they definitely or probably would not take the vaccine, 55 percent had consumed negative information about it.

Negative information about the vaccine mostly centered on safety concerns, side effects, and skepticism about how quickly the vaccine was developed and approved.

This corresponds with recent reporting that Black and Hispanic communities are confronting vaccine conspiracy theories, rumors and misleading news reports on social media. YouTube revealed this week it has taken down more than 30,000 videos that made misleading or false claims about COVID-19 vaccines over the last six months.

Our poll found that concerns about the safety of the vaccine, are the primary barrier among Blacks who don't intend to vaccinate. Of that group, nearly 60 percent agreed that "the vaccine is too new, I want to wait and see how it works for others." More than a third agreed that "I am worried that people of color are being used as test subjects."

Our challenge, then, is to employ trusted messengers such as public health professionals, community leaders and friends and neighbors to address those concerns attesting to the vaccine's safety. I was proud to join a group of trusted clergy in my own community who received the vaccine publicly in an effort to build trust.

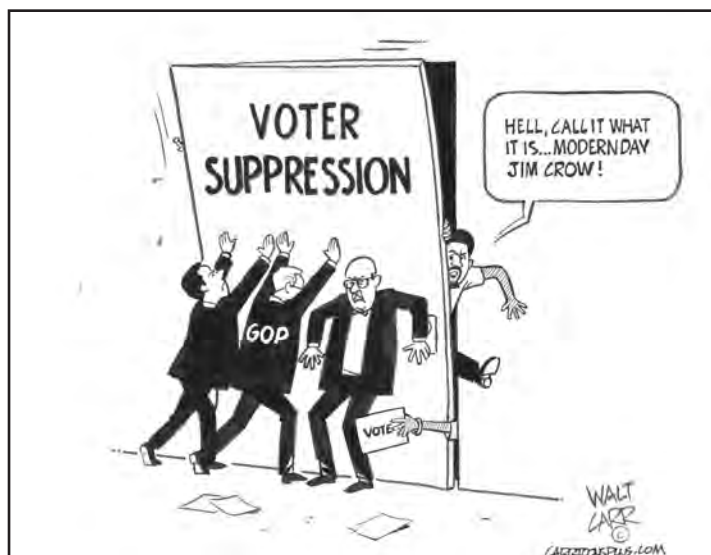
These efforts are working. Hairstylist Katrina Randolph is part of the Health In-Reach and Research Initiative - or HAIR - a network of barbershops and beauty salons working with the Maryland Center for Health Equity at the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

"At first, 75% of my clients were saying, 'I'm not going to get the vaccination.' But as we had these conversations and I told them things that I was being educated about, they began to do research and then they felt more comfortable with the vaccination," Randolph said. "Now I hear from 90% of my clients, 'I can't wait to get vaccinated.'" *Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.*

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VISUAL VOICE



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SHARING THE MONEY

MY PARENTS TAUGHT ME THAT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED OR WILL HAPPEN IS WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE. January 20th almost 50 days ago when TRUMP was president, there was a shortage of Covid-19 tests, very little vaccine and over 1/2 million (500,000) people dead in the USA, the greatest and richest country, in the world.

TRUMP had just given 1.9 trillion dollars to the very rich and none of it trickled down to the poor. Were we surprised? (smile) The USA had more money than we needed to help all of our people but TRUMP made our rich people richer by building bigger savings account/ grain bins. Then, we the neglected people, voted in Biden/ Harris and that holy bible that had been banned from TRUMP'S desk for four years was dusted off and back on the president's desk. Biden said let us share the wealth of our country with the poor and middle-class people whose labor made our bank account overflow.

Biden/Harris led the way and had Congress pass a 1.9 trillion-dollar bill, but this time for the middle class and poor. Many of us have or soon will see those, life-saving, \$1,400 checks and more in our almost zero balance bank accounts. Please remember Democrats voted yes to sharing some of your money with you and all Republicans voted NO. The Apostle Luke wrote about this over 2,000 years ago in the parable of Jesus about grain bins. Please take a few minutes and read Luke 12:18-20

JAMES J. HANKINS
 Wilmington, NC

MR. LT. GOVERNOR, HISTORY BOOKS SHOULD CALL "RACISM," WHAT IT IS

I have a protestation that rivals repulsion to think that our intelligence should be, is, insulted by the notion that the truth of systemic-racism, is not a beast, and a monster, is a bold faced lie. To go forth to say that this should not be taught because it will be an agent to instill a poor self image or promote the disease of poor self-esteem is preposterous.

Firstly, born, reared, nurtured, supported, and revaluated that I came to this earth to live in the residence of this world as an equal to every other human being. I have the years of longevity to say that I've

been fortunate enough to live those evidences in the County of Wake, in N.C.

Secondly, I'm saged enough to be dressed in the knowledge that there was a cloak of care bestowed upon me by those whom came before. It was because of their diligence to speak the truth of that I was in the atmosphere of where I lived, where I was, and where I was not permitted to go.

About where I was permitted to go and where I was not permitted to go was the definition of segregation. My acceptance of that situation was cushioned by the fact that my elders did not leave me in the dark when they explained to me that I was living in a world that was devised by ones that decided that intermingling with the white race was not accepted, not permitted. The lines and avenues of permission were set by whites, for them, and the definition of non-permission for Blacks. While I lived with the knowledge, I had a life that was filled with the closets of reassurance that I was eligible to be a most productive human being, be a human being who excelled to the best of my ability. The black and white of my actual day-to-day place of existence in my neighborhood was one of reality. We were strivers, not to be daunted by challenges of miscalculation and bigotry. My acceptance of my youth's history brings a smile to my face and to my heart and mind to know that I had the opportunity to flourish. After all, that is why we plant flowers. We look forward to their lovely of appearing and their loveliness of being abloom.

Further, I speak to why the teaching of every truth is necessary. Teaching purports to instill learning. When one has learned, he is endowed with the position to act in the world's society with the intelligence of education. Other than God's way of giving to us common sense, He has engendered us to have the need for questions and answers. We are not left to know the hearts and minds of other men. We are provided with bowels of dictionaries and thesauruses that reveal the depths of the answer to why we live amid the goings on among all humans. In this respect, I lived in my fair city and attended our esteemed buildings of education. They were the other foundations that told me of the engrained world where I lived, where I had lived and where I was to live. My Black self lived in a Black community, attended a

Black church and I attended and received my education in the annals of Black schools. The Black schools held the classrooms where I was taught that my education was segregated. I read from books that were stamped with the names of the schools from whence these books had come. The majority of my tenure in the first twelve years of receiving my education from books that had been used by White schools first, then the Black schools that I attended. I believe that was the institution of the word, "systemic." There is no, "maybe not." That is a fact. I was blessed to have teachers who indoctrinated us to take care of these tools and learn from them. They taught from them and they further went to buy books to help us live on life's even playing field. Their knowledge was the second choir to let me know that I received second hand and some less than, educational truths.

As I go on to say that 2021 and on, should do nothing other than teach the dastardly truth of some of the definitions of color of words that are placed in the world of debate and is a coloration of our present society's state and status, because some white washing has been the order of the day, the order of teaching. This is not a credit to the definition of education nor to the institutions of education. When we clasp the strong hands of truth, we will be the enlightened citizens that we have need to be and to become.

In my first grade classroom, I was taught that the month of February held a special week. The Celebration of Black History Week was special, special in the revelation of the teachings where I learned what was published about the milestones of courage, suffering, enduring and genius that blacks contributed to the United States of America and indeed the world. There were tidbits of teachings from my educators that showed more expansive grounds where we made our marks. My feeling is that I would have had an ignorance had it been left to others to share these gems with me.

Gems, these I speak about; the unabridged knowledge that was imparted was to help me to be more well rounded. These are some black and whites that were hurtful and painful. They are still a part of today. History's gems held lights that were subjected to means for stifling them. Some of them have

been dredged to seem to not be evident. In spite of obstacles and smoke screen's attempts, the gems of a round ball have advanced my mind's understanding that the knowledge of segregation was a place that entered into a battle with desegregation. Harsh it is, still I call segregation a gem. Much like the oyster and the pearl, the end-product is yielded by the endurance, from a week's celebration of Black History to a Month of Celebration of Black History and beyond; 2020 painted one of the most, dark prolific pictures of why a growing body needs the proper nutrients and nurturing to grow to become its best sustainability.

In my history of formal education I found that the educators had hearts that were made for their life's calling. They spent their time and money to make sure that others and I were properly fit to contribute to society and to continue to reside among others with open minds because we were shown all of the nooks and crannies of the goody baskets. The public library was the introduction to entering the land of the stored knowledge. My first visit to a public library was to one established especially for Blacks. (We thank God for Richard B. Harrison.) With awe and enthusiasm, I did enter into. I rode the bus from my Black community and I stepped onto streets where Blacks and Whites walked. I was privileged to have safe passage and I encountered a pleasant White bus driver, who was courteous and kind to me. He extended himself to me to keep the assurance that my mother needed; she wanted me to arrive at the library safely, and she longed to have me be delivered to our bus stop in my neighborhood, unharmed. A gem, I received.

If 2021 can be covered to stop before it starts, the best intents of 1964's Desegregation Law will wear another blackened eye that today's society cannot afford. May education bear out its very definition. Teach. Teach, uncensored. Never stymie a mind's possibility. Look at 2021's youth and credit them with all of the potential that they unabashedly possess. They are the ones who deserve and will serve this land.

Finally, we should never regress because of fears, nor because of privilege to be the gatekeeper.

KAYOLYN PERSON
 Garner, NC

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

MATTERS OF OPINION

Rescue

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - I know there are some who remember the film shorts called "Cliffhangers." They were serial shorts designed to lure viewers back into theaters for each weekly episode. These serials had common characters: a hero, a heroine, the hero's loyal sidekick, a villain, minions to the villain, and a seemingly impossible challenge(s) the hero must overcome. Facing the ongoing challenge, the hero would experience episodic, insurmountable doom, surely leading to death. The episode would end leaving the viewer to wonder how the hero would get out of the fix he was in - the Cliffhanger.

Entertaining and suspenseful, in retrospect, these Cliffhangers were sexist, misogynistic, racist, and contained an inaccurate multitude of cultural stereotypes. Those attributes were consistent with the then contemporary standards of filmmaking. One could argue that a change to those standards has only occurred within the past few years, but that's a discussion for another time.

Passage of the COVID Rescue bill and its subsequent

signing into law by President Biden was reminiscent of one of those old Cliffhangers. As I made that mental comparison, I realized there were lessons to be learned from the genre. Similarly disposed characters exist in the legislative process and the weekly serial.

In this instance, the financial rescue of millions of Americans could be considered the impossible challenge. Because they live "where the rubber meets the road" and are most dramatically impacted by the COVID disaster, 70% of Americans who were polled favored its enactment. Although long-overdue and insufficient in direct support to most citizens, it is as welcomed as a sip of water to someone stuck in Death Valley. Few will benefit from all elements of the new law, but it is certain that those who do will breathe a temporary sigh of relief.

If divided by the 365 days of



Dr. E. Faye Williams

the declared pandemic, the total \$3200 awarded to a single adult in both COVID disbursements yields roughly \$8.80 per day. This amount is less than anemic, but long-awaited nonetheless. In addition, the plan includes unemployment aid, tax credit expansions, mortgage/rent relief, eviction moratoria, funds to facilitate school openings, vaccine distribution funds and state and local government relief, among a range of other provisions. This was a weighty challenge for our hero.

Our hero is embodied by both President Biden and VP Harris. The loyal sidekick is embodied by the Democratic members of the House and Senate. If you're following my analogy, you know that the villain and his minions are embodied by McConnell, McCarthy, and republicans in the Senate and House. Analogies generally oversimplify but, in this case, I doubt it.

Rather than being dismissive of the analogy, how else can we characterize legislators like McConnell, Graham, Cruz, Hawley, Rubio, McCarthy, Scalise, Greene, and the 250+ republicans in both houses who cared so little for the

American public that they unanimously voted against this "Rescue Legislation."

They have shown that their lust for power and allegiance to the trump/republican line exceeds their commitment to the people they serve. They have distorted the legislative process into a serve the rich and winner take all competition. In the midst of a viral pandemic, an economy in meltdown, and a social/cultural disruption unlike any in the history of this country or the world, republicans who are constitutionally bound to provide and protect the general welfare have abrogated their responsibility. Their actions contradict their words. They claim loyalty to the American people yet allow immeasurable suffering through their benign neglect.

We have come to the end of one episode and, again, the hero still prevails. How long can he succeed? We must remember this episode and that, in the future, our votes can eliminate the number of villains our hero must face.

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

What's next for Black people in America?

Every time I hear a news person on television say "democracy prevailed" as they talk about the insurrection of January 6, I cringe and want to say to them, "not so fast." The threat to the government as most of us have known it is far from over, and if history repeats itself, the mere existence of



Rev. Susan K. Smith

Black people, of course, and other groups of people who are undesirable to white supremacists will be targets for more violence in efforts to silence their voices and their participation in government on all levels.

The angst of white people in this country when Black people have voted in such numbers that they have gained political power has never evaporated. The election of Barack Obama as president - a president who successfully ran for re-election - seemed to have thrown a match on the always simmering coals of white supremacy.

Obama's tenure as president, coupled with reports about the browning of America was too much and predictably, leads us to where we are today. America's whites are fighting as hard as they can to hold onto power. They see Black power and it frightens and angers them.

The coup on the nation's capitol was certainly planned (<https://www.npr.org/2021/02/08/965261736/groundwork-for-insurrection-was-laid-well-before-jan-6>); as more and more is revealed, we see just how sophisticated an effort that was. (<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/01/20/fbi-evidence-capitol-insurrection-plan-460836>) It seems that the planning is continuing; the goal of overthrowing the government was not met, but the desire to do it has not dissipated.

In his book Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy, David Zucchino describes the careful plans of white people to overthrow the government of Wilmington, North Carolina in 1898. There were too many Black people holding office, and they were appealing not only to other Blacks, but to poor white people as well.

The white political establishment - which included lawmakers, attorneys, news people, and members of all professions - met. They needed to get Black people out of office and, preferably, out of Wilmington altogether - and they would do it, even if it mandated violence. They wrote the "White Declaration of Independence," a document which supported their belief that America was made by white men for white men.

The players in the violence were skilled and intentional. They attacked Black property, killed Black people, and those whom they did not kill they ran out of town and told them never to return - which they did not. They passed laws that made it more difficult for Black people to vote; they succeeded in driving some Black elected officials out of office - some at gunpoint - and they effectively returned political power to white people, a situation which held for over 70 years.

We seem to be at a similar place now. White people are angry that so many people of color hold political power. They are afraid that they are losing their niche as the majority race in government and they are afraid of what that will mean for them going forward.

Their violence does not bother them. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisc) said this week that the people who stormed the Capitol did not frighten him. He said he knew they were good people, patriots who loved their country, and though he did not say it, he intimated that he supported what they had done. Had the group been members of Black Lives Matter or Antifa, he said, he would have been very concerned. (<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/03/13/ron-johnson-black-lives-matter-antifa-capitol-riot-475727>)

The attack now is against Black people not just of a city, but of the entire country. What actions will be necessary to take to protect both the political gains that we have made over the past 50 years and to protect ourselves against physical and racial violence? Are we better equipped now than the residents of Wilmington were in 1898, or are we faced with even more formidable challenges, some of which we have not yet identified?

After the white mobs attacked, killed, and intimidated Black people in Wilmington, they breathed easier and conveniently "forgot about" the uprising. When people wanted to talk about it they would push back with the all-too-familiar retort, "Why do y'all want to talk about that, dredging up stuff that is past?" The author of The Wilmington Lie said he grew up in North Carolina was never taught anything about the 1898 coup carried out by violent white mobs.

White supremacy has permanently altered or compromised the capacity of too many to understand or to care about how they have terrorized Black people in this country. The "White Declaration of Independence," if not used and referred to by whites in the present day, is still a declaration that many would make and sign onto today.

That being said, what will the Black community do to protect ourselves and our political gains? Over 100 years after the debacle in Wilmington, what will we do differently as we face and enter the fiery furnaces of angry white supremacists? One thing is for sure: we cannot sit back and declare that "democracy has prevailed." Democracy is under attack by those who want it to disappear and thus allow the power structure to dominate people whom they deem to be inferior.

It is time for the chokehold that white supremacists have on Black people to be broken for eternity. We have had enough.

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Fight for women of color who fight for us

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - President Joe Biden has nominated extraordinary women of color to high-level jobs in the Biden-Harris administration. Many of them are being attacked and smeared by the far right. That's why People For the American Way has launched the #HerFightOurFight campaign.

We cannot let far-right forces silence and smear these trailblazing women who are eager to advance the progressive values that Americans voted for when we put Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in the White House.

Our first ad tells the story of Vanita Gupta, who has been nominated for associate attorney general.

Gupta was a young civil rights lawyer in her first job after law school when she heard about a gross injustice in the small town of Tulia, Texas. Almost 40 people - nearly all of them Black - had been wrongly arrested, convicted by all-white juries, and jailed on bogus drug charges. It was a big percentage of the Black community in that town. It was devastating to the individuals and their families. And they saw little chance to get justice.

But then Gupta, who was working for the NAACP Legal

Defense Fund, took up their cause. She exposed the injustice and won their freedom. She even got them pardons from a Republican governor.

Gupta has been fighting for equal justice ever since. She led the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division for part of the Obama administration. And for the last few years she has led the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

But right-wing groups are running a more than million-dollar ad campaign to smear her. And unprincipled politicians like Ted Cruz are attacking her over her civil rights work in the Obama administration.

Our #HerFightOurFight ad is narrated by Shirley Sherrod, a former government official who lived through a dishonest smear campaign that twisted and distorted her words to try to destroy her career. She sees the same thing happening to Gupta and other brilliant women of color, and she's speaking out.



Ben Jealous

It is important to defend women like Vanita Gupta who are being unfairly attacked. But this campaign is about more than these specific women. It is about all of us.

These women are ready to make change happen - the change we voted for. They represent the kind of inclusive multiracial and multiethnic society we are building together - and the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to building one of the most diverse governing teams in our nation's history.

I am sad to say it is not surprising that many of Biden's nominees are being attacked by people who see that vision of our future as a threat. It is not surprising that the descendants of the Jim Crow south whose power is threatened by people of color turning out to vote are passing new laws to try to stop us. It is not surprising to see racism and sexism used as a political weapon.

We know that progress is often met with backlash. Our long march toward justice has sometimes been beaten back temporarily - on the blood-stained Edmund Pettus Bridge, in courtrooms where whiteness trumped justice, in state legislatures where the Constitution's promise of equal justice was repeatedly

betrayed, and in the U.S. Senate, where the filibuster was used to delay passage of civil rights laws.

Time and again, we have overcome, often led by courageous Black women and other women of color whose leadership was frequently overlooked and overshadowed.

Today, we fight for Vanita Gupta and Kristen Clarke, a brilliant Black woman nominated to head the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, and other brilliant women who are ready to help President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris fight for a country that comes closer to meeting our ideals of freedom, equality, justice, and opportunity for all. #HerFightOurFight.

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. He has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

They don't want our souls at the polls

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The Souls to the Polls movement encourages African American church attendees to get out and vote. The churches that promote this movement cannot, because of their 501-c-3 status, endorse candidates. They can, however, emphasize the gospel of social and economic justice and preach the gospel of civic participation.

People heard the message and got to vote in 2020 and Georgia, 2021. When Rev. Raphael Warnock decided to challenge appointed Senator Kelly Loeffler, he galvanized people to support him. So in the past few months, the Georgia legislature has crafted a bill to attack how churches, civic organizations, and others get the vote out.

The Georgia legislation seems primarily focused on the ways civic organizations got voters to the polls. They want to eliminate drop boxes, restrict voter hours, and even limit absentee voting to disabled or prove they are out of town. They have surgically gone into the voter turnout playbook and attacked it step by step.

We aren't surprised. Our nation's so-called "law and order" crew have always attempted to suppress the Black vote with absurd condi-

tions for participation. I'll never forget my great-aunt, Annie Mae Randall, learning the Latin passages she needed to translate to qualify to vote.

Latin in 1960s Mississippi? The idiots who imposed this requirement perhaps could not read or write English, much less Latin. Proof? My mom's birth certificate is "collard" as in the greens, not "colored" as she was designated. Educated-deprived white people could only assert their "superiority" by putting Black people in our place.

It is not especially startling, then, that not a single House Republican voted for the For the People Act, also known as HR 1. It is more confusing than Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson (D) voted against the legislation. He had his reasons, which hold no water with me, but he had his reasons. Thompson was a cosponsor of HR1, but he flipped "in the interests of his constituents." Is he attempting to curry favor with white Mississippi voters, or is this a vote on principle?



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Here is the tension. Republicans keep talking about "voter integrity," while Democrats and activists (not always the same thing) highlight voter suppression. The incidence of "voter fraud" is a hundredth of a percentage point, but Republicans refuse to acknowledge their voter suppression acts. Thus there are more than 200 actions in 43 states that will keep people from the polls. They don't want our souls at the polls.

However, our voter activity has always been blocked by the conservative forces that want to limit the right to vote. They offer a "reasonable" argument. Many hit the airwaves speaking of "voter integrity" and limiting voting opportunities is "reasonable."

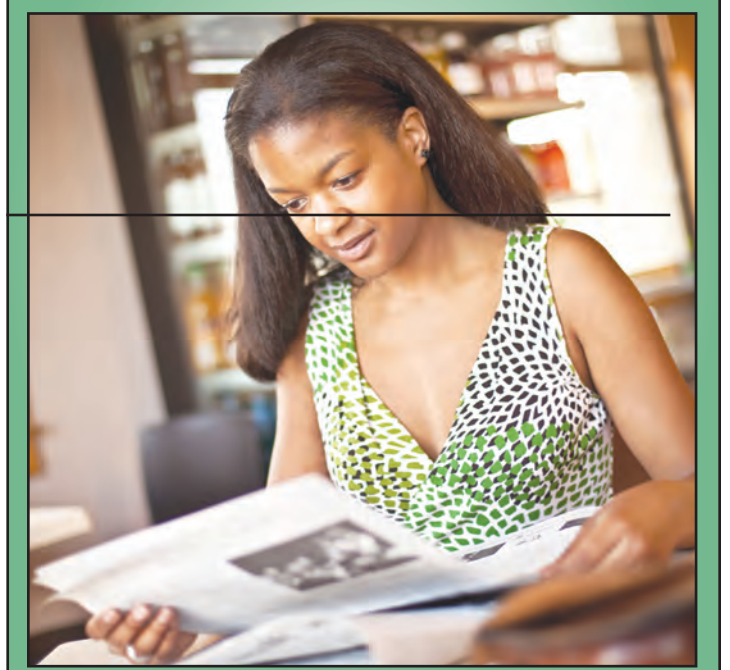
These Republicans are exploiting the racist, predatory capitalist origins of this nation. While our founders talked about democracy and one person, one vote, but they excluded those who did not have property from the vote. They excluded women, Black folks, and others from the vote. From my perspective, the most enduring evidence of elitism is the way the United States Senate has evolved. Initially, the governor or legislative body appointed Senators, usually of their race and class. Then, the Senatorial formula is

intrinsically unequal. Why should population-dense California have the same voice as Vermont, New Hampshire, and Montana in Senate votes? This was never meant to be a democracy. It was designed to preserve the interests of capitalist oligarchs.

The ruling class has protected their interests by giving Senators a six-year term. Their missteps are likely to be forgotten before their terms are over. Our former president, who should only be known as "former," encouraged Republicans in their intransigence. The Capitol insurrection of January 6 was an attempt for the unholy alliance between the wealthy Republican elites and the people they have been able to incite.

The Georgia legislation suggests that some don't want our souls at the polls. The Republican opposition to HR1 suggests the same thing. But Black folks have learned Latin, counted jelly beans in a jar, stood in line for hours, and managed oppression. We brought the souls to the polls in 2020, and we will do it again in 2022. Nobody is "sue'd in" Republican oppression. Dr. Julianne Malveaux is an economist and author. She can be reached at julianne@malveaux.com.

THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



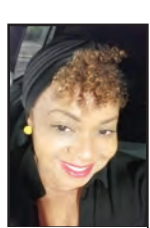
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Housing bubble coming?

What is the 'Expert' saying? Recently one of our local business outlets reported this "Home sales surged dramatically in the Cape Fear region during 2020, resulting in challenges brought about by the residential real estate market's own success, including a low inventory. But are the region and nation in the midst of a housing bubble?"

Lawrence Yun, the chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, addressed the issue Thursday during the 2021 Housing and Construction Forecast present-

ed by Cape Fear Realtors and the Wilmington-Cape Fear Home Builders Association.



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is, well, actually, we don't have those funny [subprime] mortgages that overstretch people's

budgets, adjustable-rate mortgages, resetting at high rates. Today, it is soundly underwritten mortgages, 30-year fixed, and people cannot overstretch.

"The other part that happened back then [leading up to the Great Recession more than 10 years ago] was over-supply. Builders were building right and left ... Well, today, as you know, we are short on inventory." Then I attended a zoom with more leading economists, and they all said the same thing. The interest rates are projected to keep rising. The cost of the materials to build homes is

increasing at a rate outpacing anything they have seen in numerous years, if ever. Lumber prices are up 40%+ in the last 6 months and rising. Plywood that cost \$9 a sheet last year this time, now costs \$31 a sheet. With the supply and demand being at an all-time high, and most of the lumber used in the USA is produced out of the USA, this situation is getting more serious every day. Of course, with the increasing prices to build, renovate, etc, these prices are being passed on to the end-users, YOU. The builders and investors are not going to cut

their profit margins. Then some say, "what about all the mortgages on forbearance?" Will they flood the market with foreclosures? The answer for that right now, is they don't know but likely not. That is because the market is so strong, a lot of distressed homeowners can simply put their homes on the market and have multiple offers. When you have this strong opportunity to sell it, vs. losing it, the likelihood is that they will sell it. All these snowball effects are causing families to position themselves even more with sav-

ings, paying off existing debts, and looking a little further out than they had hoped. Stay encouraged families, your time for ownership will come despite it all. Get your affairs in order, and jump on in. What is meant for you, will be for you.

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"Can We Talk?" Youth Series presented by WRAAP

Gives middle and high school students a voice

With all the talk about social & political unrest... concerns about remote learning, day to day school disruptions and closings, and fears surrounding covid-19... let's be honest. As adults, have we paid enough attention to the effects this is having on young people?

As a youth provider Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place (WRAAP) sees the effects it has on children daily. Anxiety and depression are on the rise... food insecurity is at an all-time high and academic outcomes performance amongst certain populations is headed in the wrong direction. The question is...what can we do to help our children navigate the road to success in school and life? That's why WRAAP has implemented "Can We Talk?" Youth Series as a central program activity in its after-school programming. "Can We Talk?" Youth Series is designed to offer middle & high school students a platform to freely express themselves in a safe nurturing environment. "Can We Talk?" is a tool that's used in WRAAP to offer young people an opportunity to give their personal viewpoints and opinions on a myriad of topics ranging from social injustice and racism, crime, poverty, prepping for college, career choices, as well as adolescent issues such as gang activity, drug awareness, healthy relationships, cyber-bullying, and much more.

As a youth provider and con-

cerned citizen, "Can We Talk?" Youth Series has been a valuable instrument in helping staff members better understand the mindsets, thoughts, and actions of young people. In WRAAP, it helps staff members in terms of program planning, implementation, early intervention methods, as well as identifying educational needs, social trends, and tendencies of youths. As a result, WRAAP staff, parents, schools, and a network of community partners are better prepared to help young people navigate successfully in an ever-changing society.

Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place (WRAAP) is an award-winning 501 C 3 non-profit "youth" organization in New Hanover County. The After-School Enrichment Academy Program operates under the umbrella of WRAAP, which promotes self-reliance and healthy lifestyles through education, mentoring, and advocacy. The company's mission is to bridge the educational and social gaps that exist amongst youth, families, and communities.

If you're a student in middle or high school and want to be a part of "Can We Talk?" Youth Series or learn more about WRAAP call Daryl Dockery at 910-392-6007 or visit www.nc-wraap.com. The After School Enrichment Academy Program operates out of 1952 Dawson St. (Freedom's Way Ministries) Wilmington NC.

UNCW names Lowell K. Davis Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Lowell K. Davis has been named Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of North Carolina Wilmington following a national search. His appointment is effective May 17.

"Please join me in welcoming Dr. Davis to the Seahawk family," said Chancellor Jose V. Sartarelli. "I have no doubt he will build on the legacy left by the former vice chancellor, the late Pat Leonard, and continue in the commitment that makes the division one of the most respected in the nation. I thank the search firm, members of the search committee and those who stepped up to lead in interim capacities during the process to fill this position - one that is critical to our campus and our culture."

A native of Dallas, Davis currently serves as associate vice chancellor for student success at Western Carolina University. In this role he oversees the institution's student support units including the Office of the Registrar; the Advising Center; the Office of Mentoring and Persistence to Success; the Office of Student Transitions; the Office of Accessibility Resources; the Office of Student Retention; the Writing and Learning Commons; the Math Tutoring Center; Summer Sessions; and is responsible for commence-

ment and convocation.

Prior to his tenure at WCU, he held posts at the University of Alabama, Indiana University and Hampton University. Throughout his career, Davis has shown incredible skill in student affairs administration, collegiate leadership and effectiveness in building and strengthening college cultures and community relationships.

As UNCW's VCSA, Davis is charged with leading the division of student affairs, ensuring a safe and engaging environment inclusive for all students, with a focus on equity, diversity and inclusion.

He will oversee the areas of housing and residence life; student extracurricular organizations; the Career Center; student physical and behavioral health; parent and family programs; transition programs and other student-directed services; operating with a \$45 million budget and more than 1,000 staff and student employees.

A member of the chancellor's cabinet, Davis will provide leadership and counsel in the formulation of student policies and programs to best shape the undergraduate and graduate student experience.

"I am honored and excited by the opportunity to join the UNCW community as Vice



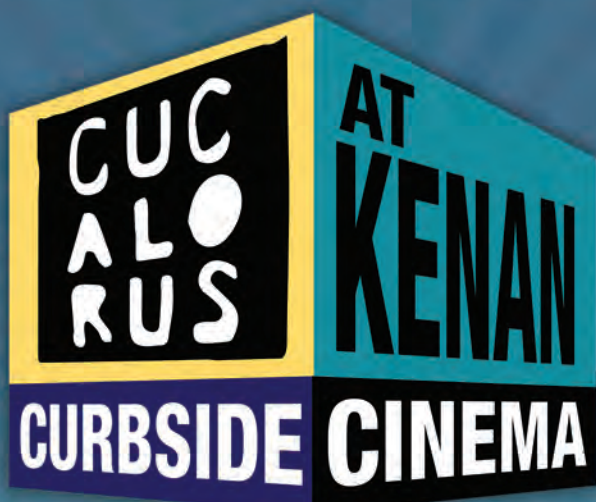
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Chancellor for Student Affairs," Davis said. "The university's national reputation as a high-quality, student-centered campus stems in large part from the leadership that the late Pat Leonard provided throughout her long career at UNCW. I am humbled to follow in her footsteps, and I am eager to work with the dedicated team in student affairs to support and enhance the many ways they help UNCW students create experiences for life."

Davis holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University in higher education administration and student affairs, a mas-

ter's in counseling and a bachelor's in English arts-secondary education from Hampton University. He serves as the polemarch/president of the Asheville alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and on the board of advisors for the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina. From 2018-19, he completed an American Council on Education Fellowship at University of California, Davis. In 2018, he was honored with a Spirit of the Dreamer award from the "I Have A Dream" Foundation.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. P-100, SUB 137D

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Petition of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator on Behalf of the North Carolina Telecommunications Industry for Relief of the 910 Numbering Plan Area } NOTICE OF AREA CODE RELIEF PLAN FOR 910 NPA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 23, 2020, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) a recommendation made by representatives of the telecommunications industry to provide relief for the 910 area code in North Carolina. The Petition provides notification to the Commission that the 910 numbering plan area (NPA or area code) serving the south eastern area of North Carolina, including the cities of Fayetteville, Wilmington, and Jacksonville, is projected to exhaust its central office (CO) codes (or NXX codes) by the second quarter of 2023 and is in need of relief. The NANPA notes that absent NPA relief, the supply of CO codes in the 910 NPA is projected to run out during the projected exhaust quarter. This has created a need to introduce another area code in the geographic area now covered by the 910 area code to ensure the availability of telephone numbers in the future.

Industry representatives have recommended an all-services overlay as the relief plan for the 910 area code. Under the recommended plan, a new area code would be assigned to cover or "overlay" the entire geographic area using the existing 910 area code boundary lines. This would result in two area codes for the same geographic area. When telephone numbers in the 910 area code run out, new residential and business telephone numbers for the area would be assigned from the new area code.

Implementation of an all-services overlay requires mandatory 10-digit dialing for local calls, including calls within the same NPA; however, the 910 NPA will be transitioned to mandatory 10-digit dialing by July 15, 2022, as a result of the national implementation of 988 as the three-digit abbreviated dialing code to reach the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis lifeline as ordered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Persons desiring to send written statements to the Commission on the Petition should submit their statement on or before Friday, April 9, 2021, and should include any information that those persons wish to be considered by the Commission in this matter. Interventions or statements should be addressed to the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

Statements may also be faxed to (919) 733-7300 or, preferably, submitted electronically on the Commission's website as a Consumer Statement using this website address: <https://www.ncuc.net/contactus.html>. Consumer Statements should be filed in Docket No. P-100, Sub 137D.

The Public Staff of the Utilities Commission, through the Executive Director, is required by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Executive Director should be addressed to:

Christopher J. Ayers
Executive Director - Public Staff
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300
Fax: (919) 733-9565

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be submitted electronically online to:

The Honorable Josh Stein
Attorney General - State of North Carolina www.ncdoj.gov/contact-doj/

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 18th day of February, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Energy policies and potential impacts on household budgets

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Most people are concerned when energy costs rise, especially prices at the pump. It's understandable since the average household spent nearly \$4,100 on energy in 2019, per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Consumer Expenditure Survey.

For more than a decade, expanded U.S. energy production helped lower energy costs, giving consumers more disposable income to afford other essentials like food, education and healthcare, which rose by 27%, 38% and 75%, respectively, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

However, with U.S. natural gas and oil production down recently, energy costs have been on the rise. The price of crude oil, historically the biggest factor in the cost of gasoline, has risen nearly 30% year over year (y/y), and consequently gasoline prices were up 14% y/y as of March 8, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA). Electricity and natural gas bills also have increased faster than overall consumer price inflation so far in 2021.

Further energy cost increases could result from the Biden administration's deci-

sion to halt new federal natural gas and oil leasing, potentially reducing domestic production, as well as other possible actions that could limit drilling or hydraulic fracturing. These could put upward pressure on energy costs that then could ripple across the broader economy.

Yet, energy policy choices could affect far more than just what you pay for a gallon of gasoline or your monthly electricity bill.

For example, imagine trying to make ends meet if U.S. energy policies raised the costs of housing and vehicles, in addition to the energy they require. Housing, vehicles and energy represent more than half of a typical household's expenditures.

While spending on energy since 2009 fell 10% to 15% across every income bracket, Americans' non-energy spending on housing, vehicles, maintenance and insurance rose the fastest among those who could least afford increases. Real housing expenditures (excluding energy) by the lowest 40% of U.S. households by income increased about 10% between 2009 and 2019 – roughly three times the rate among wealthy households. Over the same period, real household spending on vehicles, insurance and public transit rose 35%

among the lowest 20% of households by income, more than twice the rate of wealthier households.

These concerns loom over an economy where vehicles and housing have recently become even more expensive for some.

Now consider the potential costs of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, which the administration is signaling it wants the nation to transition to and build; the ratcheting up of fuel economy standards, which the auto industry suggested in January would cost more than \$1 billion annually; plus incentives and/or state requirements like California's which mandate residential solar panels on new construction, estimated to add \$8,400 to the cost of a single-family home. Each of these would add up-front costs that disproportionately impact the 60% of U.S. households earning \$53,123 or less in 2019, per BLS.

To be clear, the industry supports higher energy efficiency where it is cost effective. However, policies that undermine domestic energy production and blanket regulations that favor certain technologies over others for vehicles or homes could harm consumers.

Higher costs for housing,



Higher costs for housing, vehicles and energy could ultimately require making sacrifices in the American way of life. Energy policies that could raise these costs should be discussed clearly and in the context of what is affordable to American households. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

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Ora Lee King

Ms. Ora Lee King was born October 9, 1928 in Steubenville, Ohio to the late Robert and Levay Dorsey. She was one of twelve children who enjoyed growing up with her sisters and brothers, all of whom are deceased except one sister, Ms. Dorcas Huff of Steubenville, Ohio, age 85.

Ora was raised as a Christian and grew up in the church and she knew the Lord. Her father was a Deacon and her mother was a Deaconess. She and her family attended church regularly.

Ora married Samuel Henry Wade, and to this union a son was born, Charles William Wade. Samuel passed away and she later remarried.

Ora moved to Wilmington, North Carolina to be with her family. When her health began to fail, she was placed in Autumn Care Nursing Center until her death.

Ora was a wife, mother and grandmother who loved her family, her sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews. She lived a simple life. Ora loved the Lord and had a soft spot in her heart especially for those in need.

In July 2019, Ora took a trip to Georgia to celebrate life and love with her sisters and family. She was so happy to see everyone, the joy in her heart for her family was overwhelming. She held that trip deep in her memories until her death.

In addition to her parents and her late husband Samuel, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Carol Wade of Cleveland, Ohio.

Ora is survived by her loving son Charles William Wade (Virginia) of Wilmington, NC; four granddaughters, Shirl Ross (Craig), of Wilmington, NC; Valencia Wade of Wilmington, NC; Glenna Dent (Muffin), Wilmington, NC; and Lisa Hargrove (Kermaine), of Durham, NC; eleven great grandchildren and four great, 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.*

Leslie Meyers

Leslie Meyers died March 1, 2021. Graveside services were held on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Leslie "Frogman" Meyers was born on April 23, 1947 in Kings County, Brooklyn, New York to the late Mr. and Mrs. George and Ida Lee Watson Meyers. He attended Eli Whitney Vocational High School and upon graduating he worked at the Otis Elevator Company as a mechanic in the original World Trade Center. A dutiful public servant, he also held positions as a Firearm Instructor for the New York City Sanitation Police and Collateral Duties as an Environmental Police Officer. In retirement, he continued his affiliation with the International Police Association. He was also a member of the Elevator Union. Leslie was united in holy matrimony to his second wife, the former Yolanda Sifonte on June 7, 1999 in Queens, New York. After retiring from the NYC Sanitation Department, Mr. and Mrs. Meyers relocated from New York City to Wilmington, NC in April of 2000. An avid fisherman and lifelong member of the Long Island, New York Fishing Association, Leslie especially loved spending time on his boat cruising while on the lookout for new fishing spots. A mentor to many, he was also known as the "Mayor" of the neighborhood and loved by everybody who had the chance to meet with him. In addition to his parents, Leslie was also preceded in death by four brothers, Robert Lee, Richard, George and James and one sister, Florence Small.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Yolanda Meyers; his daughter, Lesley Washington and son, Reginald Meyers from his first marriage to the late Gloria Meyers; one brother, Bruce E. Meyers (Amparo Irizarry); son-in-law, Jerry Washington; daughter-in-law, Levi Meyers; stepsons, Richard Maldonado, Steven Maldonado and Staff Sergeant (Retired) Rashaan Canady; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nieces, Gayle, Monique and Jennifer; nephews, Scott Meyers, Dr. Bryce Meyers, Richard, Kenneth, and Deacon Gregory Small; great-nephew, Christopher Meyers; mother-in-law, Dolores Alemany; sisters-in-law, Carmen, Olga and Lucy; brother-in-law, William; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral*

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Ruby Lee Robinson Tabon

Ruby Lee Robinson Tabon died March 4, 2021. A memorial service was held Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Memorial Chapel.

Ruby, daughter of the late Maybelle White Robinson and Martin Van Robinson was born on January 31, 1947 in Pender County, North Carolina. Ruby was educated in the Pender County Public School System. She was employed with Coastal Dry Cleaners for over 30 years. She enjoyed walking, exercising, traveling and gospel singing. Two of her favorite gospel singers were Tommy Ellison and Willie Banks. She married David Ellis Tabon on February 12, 1988. Ruby, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, will be greatly missed. In addition to her parents, Ruby was preceded in death by her son, Martin V. Pridgen. She leaves to cherish fond memories: her husband, David Ellis Tabon; children, Sonia McDuffie Thomas (Donald) and James Pridgen; daughter-in-law, Denise Pridgen; grandchildren, DeShana McDuffie, Teresa Thomas, Martin V. Pridgen, Jr., Jessica Pridgen, Cameron Pridgen (Holly), Jade Thomas and Chelsea Pridgen; a special great-grandchild, Ja'Trell Thomas; 13 great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Gail Bryant. *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.

Dorothy was born March 12, 1946 to the late Prince McClain and Winnie Jones in Wilmington, NC. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Shirley Caldwell; a sister, Denise Holden and a brother, Willie Jones. Dorothy was employed at the Hilton Inn for fifteen years. She loved and enjoyed life. Her love of life included much laughter, she also loved to dance. She was known for saying what she meant and meaning it. She was a loving mother; grandmother and great-grandmother; she enjoyed spending time and laughing with all of her children, grands and other family members.

She leaves to cherish her very fond memories: three sons, Milton and Jony Jones of the home and Charles Caldwell, Sr. (Jenny) of Leland, NC; one daughter, Amanda "Kate" Warren of Wilmington, NC; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Tony Charles and Miller Trottie of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Reverend Wilbert Casteen Mitchell

Reverend Wilbert Casteen Mitchell died March 6, 2021. Graveside service was held on Friday, March 12, 2021 at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Reverend Mitchell was born on August 20, 1934 to the late Thomas James Mitchell and Susan Jordan Mitchell, in Wilmington, North Carolina. In addition to his parents, Wilbert was also preceded in death by his brothers, Carl Mitchell, Franklin Mitchell, James Mitchell and Lee Mitchell and his sisters, Elizabeth Lewis, Alberta Futch and Bernice Rogers. Wilbert was a graduate of Williston Industrial School and Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, North Carolina. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morrison College, Sumter, South Carolina and Shaw Divinity School in 1980. Wilbert retired from General Electric Company after working for 30 years as a machine technician. He was a member of First Baptist Missionary Church, Wilmington, North Carolina. He was very faithful and dedicated in service to his church and family until God called him home. He served as an Associate Minister of the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association. Wilbert was loved by everyone who knew him and Wilbert truly loved the Lord. He also pastored three churches.

Wilbert leaves to cherish his precious memories: his loving wife of 36 years, Earlene Mitchell of the home; his daughter, Cynthia Smith of Burgaw, NC; his sons, James Clarida of Wilmington, NC and David Clarida of Syracuse, NY; five grandchildren all of Wilmington, NC; one great-granddaughter; three sis-

ters, Magnolia Corbett of Atlanta, GA, Lottie Thomas of Wilmington, NC and Anna Lewis of Toledo, OH; three sisters-in-law, Sandra Slaughter; Shirley Scott and Rosa Clarida all of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dorothy Carr

Dorothy Carr died March 7, 2021. Graveside services were held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at the Wilmington National Cemetery.

Dorothy was born August 29, 1944 to the late William and Louise Brown Hines in Wilmington, NC. Dorothy attended Williston Senior High School, graduating in the Class of 1962. She accepted Christ at an early age attending Christian Chapel Church of Brownstown Community. She participated in the Church Choir and many church activities. Dorothy was a faithful member until her health made it impossible. November 25, 1965. She married Bernis Carr, Jr. They welcomed the birth of their daughter, Sheila and moved to Washington, DC. While in DC she gave birth to their son, Bryan. Dorothy gained employment as a Loan Officer with the Federal Reserve Credit Union from which she retired. In 1978, following the death of her husband, Dorothy and her children moved to Wilmington, North Carolina. In Wilmington, Dorothy was employed with Rhodes Furniture and Reeds Jewelry Financial Services. Dorothy loved her family and extended family dearly. She was often referred to as "Muah" by her children's closest friends. She was loved by so many and will be missed by all that knew her.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: two children, Sheila Carr of the home and Bryan Carr of the home; two step-children, Darrel Grady of Franklin Park, NJ and Anita Adams of Dallas, TX; three grandchildren, Bernis Pollard of the home, Aubrian Carr of Charlotte, NC and Bryan Carr, Jr. of Wilmington, NC; one great-grandchild, Haven Bowick of Charlotte, NC; one aunt, Ellen Brown of the Brownstown Community; one god-daughter, Shena Corbett-Worthy of Charlotte, NC; a host of other relatives and very close friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

George Pollock

George Pollock died March 7, 2021. Graveside services were held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Pollock Cemetery.

George was born on September 23, 1950 to the late John D. Pollock and Nora Louise Hansley in Hampstead, North Carolina. The community us affectionately known as "Brownstown". He was educated in the Pender County School System where he gained many friends. He leaves to cherish his memory: a sister, Geraldine Pollock of the Brownstown Community; two brothers, John H. Pollock of te Brownstown Community and Joseph E. Pollock (Alona) of Castle Hayne, NC; one niece, Connie Hankins; one nephew, Adrian E. Pollock; two great-nephews, David Kendrick and Malachi Jones; four god-daughters / stepdaughters, Faye Brinkley, Renee Brinkley, Fredricka Brinkley and Brianna S. London; his special best friend, Scottie Brown and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

William Edward "Sonny Boy" Dinkins, Jr.

William Edward "Sonny Boy" Dinkins, Jr. died March 11, 2021.

Lovingly called "Sonny Boy". William was born November 15, 1946 to William Edward and Alethia Bozeman Dinkins in Wilmington, North Carolina. Both preceded him in death. At an early age William accepted Christ as his Saviour and entered into fellowship with the congregation of Bowens Chapel AME Zion Church in the Myrtle Grove Community. "Sonny Boy" whose parents and sisters adored him, was known to be very neat and a "clean" dresser. He graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1967. Upon graduation, he entered the United States Army and served his team receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1969. After returning to Wilmington, he attended Cape Fear Community College, studying

Auto Mechanics. Thereafter he was employed in the area at Singer; City of Wilmington Sanitation Department and General Electric Company. "Sonny Boy" was a kind, loving person. His family and friends in the Myrtle Grove Community enjoyed the few minutes he would share with them with his friendly smile as he elegantly strolled in the business area near his home, generally carrying his "just in case it rains" umbrella! He will be missed. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Ronald Harris.

Cherishing memories of William's life are: his sisters, Delores D. Harris and Dorothy D. Hyman of Wilmington, NC; nephews, Rodney Hansley, Michael Hansley, Ramano Hansley and Rodney Hansley, Jr.; niece, Tanisha Hansley; special cousins, Shirley Siberry and Gladys Taylor; life-long friend, Earl Goodman; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Curtis Wheeler

Curtis Wheeler died March 13, 2021. Graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Robert Shorter

Robert Shorter died March 13, 2021. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel (Shaw Funeral Home). Visitation is 4:00 p.m. on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mildred Wade Foy

Mildred Wade Foy formally of the Seabreeze Community passed on March 10, 2021 in Salem, New Jersey. Service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 19, 2021 at the Bagwell Funeral Home. (www.bagwell-funeral-home-21814). *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mrs. Hattie Williams Nixon

Mrs. Hattie Williams Nixon died February 27, 2021. Graveside services were held on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Hattie was born to the late Mr. James Benjamin and the late Mrs. Eveleena Campbell Williams was born on December 27, 1941 in Wilmington, NC. She was the third of six children. Hattie was married to the late Louis Nixon. To this union two daughters were born, Cassandra Nixon of Durham, NC and Michelle Nixon of Wilmington, NC. Hattie graduated from Williston and

was a member of the Class of 1959. She furthered her education after high school and graduated from Cape Fear Technical College as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Hattie had a successful career as a nurse. She worked as a nurse for over 50 years. The last 40 years of her nursing career were at Brithaven of Wrightsville Beach. After retirement, she became involved in a lot of activities. She enjoyed spending time with her daughters, shopping, exercising at the "Y," and traveling to plays and concerts out of town. Hattie began attending Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church at the age of 16. She became a faithful member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in 1963. She joined under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. J. Ray Butler. In her immediate family, she was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and three siblings.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her two loving daughters, Cassandra and Michelle; brother, Claude Williams (Suzanne Payne, friend); sister, Evelena Jones (Charles); sisters-in-law, Ruth Williams and Judy Williams; brother-in-law, Torrence Montgomery; aunt, Dorothy Campbell, cousins, Ronald (Evonne) Wilson and Lula Little; and numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*

Donna L. Foy

Donna Lee Foy was born January 2, 1942 in Burlington, Vermont to parents, Arleen Record, and Arque Dickerson. Donna was adopted as a baby by Mabel and Montaque Phillips and raised in Bayside, New York. She departed this earthly life on March 9, 2021. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Donna later met and married Daniel Foy at All Saints Episcopal Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher. Donna was employed for many years by New York Department of Social Services as a Day Care provider. Donna was instrumental in providing care for numerous families. Donna was also employed and retired from Fortunoff Department Stores, where she worked in the Jewelry department. Donna loved animals. Dogs and cats were always welcome in her home. Donna also loved the beach and was an avid swimmer. She spent many weekends at Jones Beach, Sunken Meado and Rye Playland.

Donna is preceded in death by her adoptive parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montaque Phillips; biological parents, Arque and Arleen Dickerson; sister, Darlene Jefferson; brother, Arque Dickerson; brothers-in-law, Frank Morgan and Robert Foy and sisters-in-law, Theresa Walker, Joan Lyons and

Gwendolyn Foy

Donna is survived by: her loving husband, Daniel Foy; adoring children, Renee Foy (Marvis Taylor), Dawn Drew, Daniel Foy Jr. (Antonett Brown), Randall Foy (Miriam Birthwright), and Damon Foy (Mickeya Foy); caring grandchildren, Tajhae and De Juan Curinton, Victor Taylor, Danae Drew, Ronald Drew, Jr., Asia Drew, Daniel and Vincent Mclean, Jamyis Foy, Chaneece Foy/DeWick, Faith Foy, and Amor Foy; nine doting great-grandchildren, Shiaera, Xzaveon, Israel (Tajhae), Daisa (De Juan), Jasiah and Aniya (Danae), Chase (Asia) Emeleigh and Alivia (Chaneece); sisters, Doris Morgan and Stella Woodley; brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Shelby Foy; and a host of nieces and 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.*

Carl A. Brown

Carl A. Brown, age 30, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his mother, Ruby Rhodes of the home; daughter, Adelina Dove Elliott of Charlotte; siblings, Jalisa Raby of Wilmington and Sean Cory Cates McDonald of Seattle, WA and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

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Mrs. Pearl B. Blackwell November 04, 1932 - February 21, 2021

We, the family of Mrs. Pearl B. Blackwell; wish to express our sincere appreciation for every word of prayer; and the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to our family during her illness and transition to her heavenly home. May God bless each of you.



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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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 11th day of March, 2021.

Chantel Lane
c/o Craig & 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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 11th day of March, 2021

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

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of **Gerald Weiss Teachey Williamson**, 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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 11th day of March, 2021

Stuart Everett Brewington,
Executor
704 Bladen St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Patricia Slachetka (21-E-383)**, 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 18, 2021** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 18th day of March, 2021.

Mary Margaret Washeleski
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 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 the same 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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 24th day of February, 2021.

Vivian M. Jarvis, Administrator
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March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of **Gary Jones Collins**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of June, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 18th day of February, 2021

Gary Jones Collins, II, Executor
812 S 14th St.
Wilmington, NC 28401
March 18, 25, April 1, April 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In Re the Estate of Thomas Redin Morris, Deceased

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Thomas Redin Morris**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **June 18, 2021** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, March 18, 2021

Thomas P. Jaski,
Personal Representative
c/o Sherman Law, P.C.
by Scott G. Sherman,
Attorney for the Personal Representative
3965-B Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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This 18th day of March, 2021.

Charlotte Noel Fox
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701 Market Street
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March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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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

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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 24th day of February, 2021

Rick E. Graves, Executor Estate of William Tommie Hill
Rick Graves
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5700 Oleander DR.
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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. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 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 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, 18, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 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 4th day of March, 2021.

Karen F. Richards
Staff Attorney - New Hanover County
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