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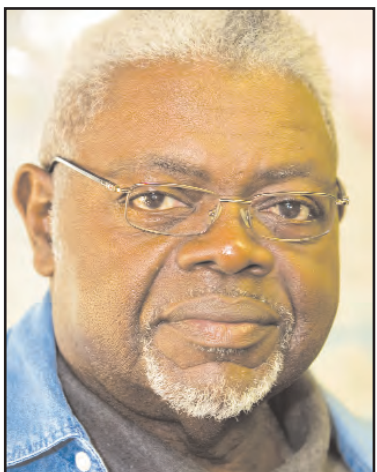


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BERNEST HEWETT

NAACP RECEIVES GRANT

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sometimes I find myself defending the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP, but there is no need because it is alive and well! Last year, Mr. Parker, president partnered with Duke Energy to further advance equality and justice in Brunswick County. Duke Energy is a company that believes in strong humanitarian principals, the advancing of equality and justice and ending systemic racism, both within the workplace and the community at large. The Brunswick County

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MONICA SHEPARD



DAMEON SHEPARD

Black mother refuses to apologize to White men she says violated her home

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A Pender County Black mother says she will not apologize to two White men whom she alleges came to her home in the middle of the night last May 3, armed and part of an angry "mob," demanding entry in search of a missing child who wasn't there.

Monica Shepard made her position clear in an interview with CNN last weekend in reaction to the two men, Jordan Kita and Robert Austin Wood, being recently acquitted by a District Court judge of charges stemming from the incident.

"I've said this before. It's about accountability," Ms. Shepard, who, with her teenage son Dameon, are suing Kita, Wood, and at least thirteen other members of the "mob" for committing "...racialized terror when they approached and menaced a Black family in their ...home," according to a press release.

"You can't just form a mob and go around being vigilante citizens," Ms. Shepard continued. "There's laws against that. I'm not interested in sitting down [to discuss anything]. It's all about accountability at the end of the day."

Attorneys for Kita, a former New Hanover County sheriff's deputy, and Wood, have threatened to sue Ms. Shepard, her son, and her attorneys for allegedly portraying Kita, Wood, and the others involved as White racists and are demanding that the Shepards drop their lawsuit, sit down and discuss the "misunderstanding" with the former defendants, and then apologize to them, or face litigation for slander.

Those attorneys contend that Kita and Wood have lost their reputations and tens of

thousands of dollars in income and have been subject to threats, thus making them victims too.

Ms. Shepard has refused, and her attorneys have told CNN that their lawsuit against Kita, Wood and company will move forward.

By now, the May 3 incident has become nationally infamous.

Kita, then a New Hanover County Sheriff's deputy, led a group of neighbors and supporters in search of a missing young family member, hearing that she had been seen in a Pender County neighborhood.

Kita was still in uniform when he and his group went to the Shepard's home. According to Dameon Shepard, who was 18 at the time, when he answered the door, Kita, in uniform, complete with service revolver, demanded to know if he were a Black teen alleged to be harboring the missing girl. When Dameon denied knowing anything about it, he alleges Kita put his foot in the door, not allowing Dameon to close it.

Dameon saw the revolver and another member of "mob" standing on the property outside with a weapon as well.

A back and forth exchange ensued, waking Dameon's mother, who came out and saw the angry White crowd through the window and Deputy Kita still at the door insisting on coming in.

Ms. Shepard had to reiterate what her now upset son had told Kita and demanded the he and his group leave her property. By now, neighbors had come out of their homes because of the commotion, and the Pender County Sheriff's Dept. had been called.

Kita was fired from his job as a New Hanover County deputy and ultimately charged by the Pender County District Attorney's Office with forcible trespassing,

breaking and entering and willful failure to discharge duties.

Wood was charged with going armed to the terror of the community for carrying his weapon.

In court, Kita apologized for his actions. Wood said he did not carry the weapon to intimidate anyone, and they both disputed that the Shepards were threatened in anyway, and certainly not racially.

The Shepards' attorneys are not convinced, despite the acquittals.

"I think this is all a distraction from the real issues at hand," Arusha Gordon, associate director of the Lawyers' Committee's James Byrd, Jr. Center to Stop Hate, which is leading the lawsuit. "...[L]ast May, a large group of White people showed up armed late at night, invaded [the Shepards'] home and sense of privacy and put our clients in fear of their lives."

Gordon also dismissed allegations by Kita and Wood's defense attorneys that likening the Shepard incident to KKK actions was defamatory, telling CNN, "You can't divorce North Carolina's and the country's history of racist mob violence from this case."

"That a group of White people didn't consider the optics or the fact that their actions would totally terrify our clients" demonstrates the persistence of White privilege," Gordon added.

One of the attorneys with the Lawyers' Committee heading up the case, Jennifer Nwachukwu, told CNN, "We are here to fight for, and advocate for, the rights of the Shepards and what they experienced on May 3. At this point in history, these kinds of behaviors will not be tolerated. People will not stand by and have these experiences and not feel empowered to seek justice for themselves."

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[RALEIGH] A Durham-based social action group has released a public letter charging that NC State Attorney General Josh Stein is all talk but little to

no action when it comes advocating for racial justice. On Tuesday, the group, Emancipate NC, blasted Stein for defending convictions in state appellate court where racial discrimination in jury selection and death sentences have been alleged. The State Attorney General's Office has replied that Stein is co-chair of the Racial Equity in Criminal Justice Task Force, and "...is committed to pursuing justice for all in his work as Attorney General.

NC NAACP SUES TO HAVE CONFEDERATE STATUE IN ALAMANCE COUNTY REMOVED
 [GRAHAM] The NC NAACP, along with the Alamance County NAACP and others, have filed a lawsuit against the Alamance Board of Commissioners to have the Confederate statue in front of the county courthouse removed. The suit, filed Tuesday in Superior Court, alleges that the statue honors white supremacy and violates the North Carolina Constitution. The

statue was erected in 1914 during the Jim Crow era to honor "white supremacy and the Confederacy," the suit claims.

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TO RAISE THE AGE FOR MARRIAGE

[RALEIGH] Under current law, 14 and 15-year-old North Carolinians can, with a judge's permission, get married in North Carolina if they are pregnant or already have children. Two bills in the legis-

lature seek to change child marriage in the state, making the base age at 18. What is troubling lawmakers is that statistics show minors aren't marrying each other, but marrying adults, opening the door for human sex trafficking. Both bills - one in the House and the other in the state Senate - are in committees currently.

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 CASH MICHAELS

N. C. civil rights leaders brace for new GOP voter suppression effort here

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Last week, one day after Georgia Republican lawmakers passed what many critics call sweeping voter suppression legislation designed to restrain the Black vote after a disastrous November 2020 presidential election and January 2021 Senate runoff election, that Democrats won, The Reverend Dr. William Barber, president of Repairers of the Breach, tweeted, "Voter Suppression is always a racist tactic with an economic goal. Those who attack voting rights fear poor and low wealth Americans, Black, brown, Native American, Asian and White."

Indeed, Barber wasn't remarking just on the political machinations of the Peach State but 42 other states with Republican-led legislatures, such as Florida, which, under the guise of combating "voter fraud," are reportedly considering 253 bills designed to retool their election laws to make it easier for Republicans to win close elections.

North Carolina has not joined this latest brazen GOP effort yet, but state civil rights leaders say it is just a matter of time before Republican legislative leaders decide to join the wave.

"The Grand Old Party is a desperate band of rogues who fully understand that, in order to stay in power, it is imperative for them to persist systematically," says The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, president of the NC NAACP.

"If truth be told, the North Carolina General Assembly has never let up one inch since



REV. WILLIAM BARBER



REV. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN

2011 (when Republicans took charge), so I expect some replication of Georgia's attempt. Unfortunately, the inestimable harm their actions cause to the masses is not their concern. They are bent on pushing their brand of 'election integrity' and theirs alone! Nothing else will do. Honest, fair and open elections are counterproductive and a fatal blow to their policies."

The NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee Chairman, Attorney Irving Joyner, agrees. He notes that the widespread voter suppression we're seeing in state after state now is reminiscent of what North Carolina Republicans did in 2013, when North Carolina was considered a "patria dish" for such GOP tactics.

"The struggle which faces voting rights in Georgia is eerily similar to the fight that

we successfully waged on North Carolina against the Monster Suppression Bill that the General Assembly enacted in 2013," Attorney Joyner recalls. "Despite that victory, they continued efforts to restrict and obstruct the voting rights of African Americans and people of color and their efforts to participate in the political process."

"Efforts to restrict these voting rights are still continuing in North Carolina and will remain with us until these opponents and their allies are removed from office."

Indeed, like a dripping faucet, North Carolina Republicans are slowly but surely beginning to file a handful of bills that seek to restructure the State's elec-

tion system, even though, unlike other states, the historic avalanche of voters in the November 2020 elections actually rewarded Republicans statewide more than Democrats.

In recent days, North Carolina Republicans have filed bills to limit the number of mail-in absentee ballots; making Election Day the deadline for absentee mail-in ballots, instead of the three-days later allowed during the pandemic last year; restricting the state attorney general from entering any agreement or settlement without the joint approval of the House speaker or Senate president pro tempore (thus preventing any election year court settlements involving balloting as in 2020).

In comparison, Democrats have filed at least two bills, one seeking again to establish a nonpartisan independent redistricting commission, given that Republicans have again won the right to redraw North Carolina voting districts for the next ten years, and another to establish automatic voter registration in the State.

"The actions we've seen from Republicans across the country and right here in North Carolina to perpetuate baseless claims about our elections and attempt to restrict access to voting are deeply harmful to our democracy," said NCDP Chair Bobbie Richardson. "North Carolina Democrats are committed to ensuring the people of North Carolina can make their voices heard in our elections."

Attorney Joyner says the fight for voting rights per Black people will be never ending.

"The full enactment of H. R. 1 and S. R. 1 in Congress will assist to resist these suppression efforts, but, unfortunately, these right wing conservative forces will continue their efforts to deny and prevent people of color from being full and progressive forces in the North Carolina democracy," Joyner insists. "So while passage of this federal protections will help, there will remain a regressive mindset and population in this nation which will continually seek to undermine our constitutional rights as American citizens."

"Based upon American history, the struggle by African Americans and other people of color to maintain full citizenship rights and protections in this state and country will continue throughout our lifetime. We can never forget, or disregard, that right wing history and the stark reality that this struggle continues."

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Branch of NAACP was able to do more work, giving blankets to the homeless, developing voter education sites in the County, securing sites for vaccination in the Black community, helping with the Gullah Geechee program information and more.

NAACP, working with people and companies like Duke Energy, has made great progress. Duke Energy said that talk is cheap but not enough without proof. Duke Energy reached out to Mr. Parker and the NAACP with a \$25,000 grant to help in his work for equality and justice. There was more work that this grant allowed Mr. Parker to do, and we thank Duke Energy for their support and hope that they will continue to work together with us on this walk in the life of the citizens of Brunswick County.

Mr. Parker, your work has not gone unnoticed! Duke Energy, your dedication to humanity is one of the greatest in today's society! Brunswick County, your branch of NAACP is hard at work to promote equality and justice for all people!

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

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

Cheri Beasley for Senate- She's paid her dues

I am listening to the opening arguments in the trial of the American system of Justice and the deprived cop who used his knee as a murder weapon, jamming it into George Floyd's neck for over 9 minutes, to make sure our George Floyd, brought up in Fayetteville, was dead, before the cop withdrew his murder weapon.

Justice is a verb. Justice is a noun. It's Truth, It's Grace. American Justice, even in cold Minnesota, incorporating America's awful history of Slavery and Jim Crow that is alive and well in our streets and our court houses.

Cheri Beasley's first name for the past 8 years has been Justice. The purpose of each day of her professional life since she moved to George Floyd's home town in the 1990's was to seek Justice. She started as a Public Defender representing poor people who couldn't afford a lawyer. Ms. Beasley, the Defender of the Public, began representing people in the same area years after George Floyd moved to

Houston where jobs were expanding, not contracting. Ms. Beasley learned the daily dance with the D.A.'s office for a deal, and then with her client to get him to accept the deal. The occasional trials. The disabilities many of her clients brought into the criminal justice system. Like every Public Defender, the ideal of "truth" and "justice" became mirages. It didn't help that, as the bailiff locked up some of her clients in the County Jail, and then locked the big doors on the Courthouse as she and her colleagues left work, the slave market was the first building she saw.

In 1999, Public Defender Beasley was appointed District Court Judge in the same Court House. She sought Justice in this post for ten years, when she became a member of the NC Court of Appeals for the next four years. Then she served as Justice Beasley for eight years, and was named as Chief Justice for the last few years.

Five months ago, November 3, 2020, President Joe Biden soundly defeated the one-term, twice impeached Donald Trump. Chief Justice Beasley's opponent, stuck to his corny singing ads about how touch he was on "crime"-a tried and true code for Black Men-played his cartoonish ads in major media markets in late September. I'm afraid Justice Beasley's ads went over the heads of the poor folk she used to represent as a Public Defender. When the last vote was counted, Beasley and Paul Newby, with his looney tunes ads each won 2.7 million votes, but he squeaked by with a 401 vote margin.

In normal times it would be way too soon for the "Justice For All" voters to settle on our best candidate, a year and a half from now. But, my friends, these times are anything but Normal. We need to come together NOW, around the candidate who broadens the Anti-Racism and Moral Fusion movement. We need a candidate who knows the state from Murphy to Manteo; from our rich multi-cultural heritage. We need a candidate who has paid her dues.

Justice Beasley's steady rise in the Justice profession is remarkable. At every level she has learned how Justice works, and doesn't work, in North Carolina. As a civil rights lawyer for 33 years, and a civil rights activist for 64 years, I have enjoyed watching Justice Beasley's rare ability to analyze NC's superstructure of Justice, to bring to life much-needed reforms with her immeasurable grace. She has paid her dues! I recommend we help her continue her work for Justice as the next U.S. Senator from N.C.

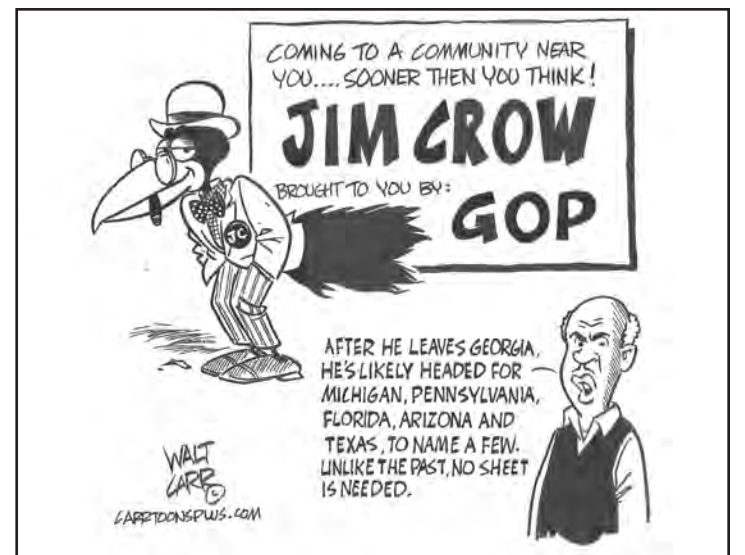
Att. McSurely worked in the Civil Rights Movement from 1960 to 1968, when his family's home was dynamited in Eastern Kentucky. Margaret Herring and he were charged with overthrowing the Government of Kentucky by building moral fusion alliances with Appalachian coal miners and Black voters. He became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

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TO BE EQUAL

Georgia businesses must stand against new state law suppressing the right to vote

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

In Georgia, Donald Trump's big lie that the election was stolen has now been turned into bad law — an election law designed to make it harder for minorities and the young to vote. This is, as President Joe Biden stated, the new Jim Crow, a blatant attempt by Republicans to suppress votes so they can hold onto power. This bad law drives a stake

into democracy in Georgia. It must be reversed.

The Justice Department is considering going to court. Civil rights groups in Georgia have filed suit. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the For the People Act that would set national standards for fair elections. Now, businesses and associations must weigh in. When apartheid South Africa suppressed the votes of blacks, an international movement arose to make South Africa a pariah state. Athletic teams refused to travel to South Africa. Companies disinvested. Celebrities refused to perform.

Countries enforced sanctions. Eventually, apartheid fell in a peaceful transition to democracy. Georgia's mis-

guided leadership must feel similar pressure. I have called on Major League Baseball to move the All-Star game from Atlanta. Companies like CNN, Delta, UPS and others with headquarters in Georgia must make their opposition clear.

Celebrities should begin to postpone appearances in Georgia until the law is changed. The WNBA, which played a major role in standing with the Black Lives Matter mobilizations, should join with the NBA and the MLB players' association to demand the law be reversed. This mobilization is vital because this law is a direct affront to democracy.

Let's be clear about what is going down. Trump's big lie was refuted by official recounts, by Georgia's secretary of state and election officials, and by Trump's own attorney general. Despite Trump's direct intimidation, the Republican secretary of state stated the truth: There was no evidence of fraud. The election — and later Senate run-off elections — featured a dramatic increase in turnout with the votes cast and counted fairly.

Led by the governor, state Republicans then claimed that election law changes were needed to "restore confidence," a confidence allegedly weakened by Trump's big lie. They then passed a law designed to suppress the votes of those likely to vote against them. Among other

things, the law makes it a crime to give water or food to people in line to vote. It ensures that those lines will be long by slashing the availability of drop boxes, limiting early voting and imposing new ID requirements on mail-in voting.

After Democrats won the runoff elections in two Senate seats, Republicans voted to reduce the time for the runoff from nine weeks to four with no clear provision for early voting, which African Americans use disproportionately. This attack on the right to vote is direct and blatant. Propelled by a massive increase in African American and young voters, Democrats flipped Georgia in 2020, winning the presidential race and taking two Senate seats, including the historic election of the first African American to a Senate seat.

In response, Republicans chose not to broaden their appeal, alter their policies to attract votes from minorities and the young. Instead, they chose to pass a law to make it harder for their opponents to vote. In addition, they punished the secretary of state who stood up to Trump, stripping the power to run Georgia elections from his office and from local counties, transferring it to a state board that will be dominated by Republicans. Instead of celebrating the increase of participation in Georgia, Republicans are intent on

suppressing it to keep control.

A former Confederate state, Georgia has a long and shameful history of repressing the Black vote. And now Georgia is just the tip of the Republican spear, with Republican legislators introducing some 253 laws in 43 states to make it harder to vote. This new Jim Crow cannot stand if America's democracy is to survive.

The U.S. Senate should overcome the threatened Republican filibuster and pass the For the People Act that would provide national standards for fair elections. In Georgia, a massive mobilization is needed to overcome the new obstacles and show that the emerging majority will not allow itself to be suppressed. Major League Baseball and other businesses cannot stay neutral, for that would essentially support the law, voter suppression and the new Jim Crow.

Joining a demonstration against the law, the newly elected Sen. Rafael Warnock stated the simple truth: "Today is a very sad day for the State of Georgia. What we have witnessed today is a desperate attempt to lock out and squeeze the people out of their own democracy." Now it is time to stand up and make it clear that this cannot stand.

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

We should not be shocked at the violence against Asian Americans!

As the news reports that eight people — six of them Asian women — were killed by a gunman in Georgia, we should not be surprised.

According to the Global Citizen, "Over the past year, at least 3,800 hate incidents against Asian Americans have been reported amid the COVID-19 pandemic, which activists say were stoked by misinformation and rising anti-Asian rhetoric from political figures and media pundits." (Joe McCarthy — March 17, 2021)

There is a virus running rampant in the body and soul of America.

What virus is attacking America?

What virus is alive in America that caused the violence and killing of native Americans as their homeland was stolen?

What virus is alive in America that caused millions of kidnapped Africans to be dehumanized and subjected to the vicious institution of slavery for hundreds of years?

What virus attacks America that causes a young man to enter prayer service in a church in Charleston South

Carolina and coldly execute nine people worshipping their God.

What virus infects America that causes a policeman to kill a man by kneeling on his neck for over 8 minutes?

What virus is alive in America that causes a man to hunt and kill eight people — six of the Asian women — in massage parlors in Georgia?

What is this virus? It is the American virus of ungodly racism.

This nation was carved out of the racist genocide of indigenous native Americans.

America has never resolved the issue of racism based on the sin of slavery.

This American virus was present at the creation of this nation as the founding fathers extolled their reverence for God while practicing the ungodly sin of slavery.

In fact, America was so infected by this virus of racism and addiction to free slave labor that the Civil War ensued where over 600,000 Americans lost their lives.

What is this sin of slavery that causes the American virus?

Slavery is the total disrespect of humanity — a total hatred of God's unique creation.

Slavery is the original sin — the root cause of racism — the American virus that continues to live in the body and

soul of America.

As with COVID, the virus is no respecter of persons. It manifests as violence against native Americans as their lands were taken. It manifests as violence against black people, through the slavery experience, segregation, discrimination, and police brutality. It spreads to Japanese Americans banished to internment camps during the Second World War. The virus manifest in the inhumane treatment of Hispanic families who cross the border seeking a better life.

Today, the virus rears its ugly head as violence against Asian people in America — in Georgia massage parlors.

Ultimately the virus — the American virus — causes violence and hatred against anyone different from the perpetrators — some white Americans.

The attack on the Capitol on January 6, 2021 and the underlying false claims of election fraud are a further manifestation of this American virus.

What is the solution? What is the vaccine?

How can this virus of racism and hatred be destroyed?

History has shown that the American virus cannot be destroyed through the courts.

The courts, and in particular the US Supreme Court, reflect the morals and values

of Americans. As such, the courts are infected by this same American virus.

The US Supreme Court validated slavery in the Dred Scott Decision (Dred Scott v. Sandford, 60 U.S. 393 (1857)). In Plessy v. Ferguson, 163 U.S. 537 (1896), the US Supreme Court repackaged the slave paradigm in a "separate but equal" interpretation. This "separate but equal" doctrine gave a legal foundation to "Jim Crow and Black Laws" that institutionalized the American virus of racism in all levels of American society.

The American virus cannot be destroyed by politics and legislation.

The Declaration of White Independence and the Coup of 1898 — in which a legitimately elected government in Wilmington North Carolina was violently overthrown — were a result of this American virus.

The Coup of 1898 set the stage for segregation, discrimination, and disenfranchisement of black citizens throughout the south and, to an extent, throughout the country.

The recent racist violence against Asians is a further manifestation of the American virus.

The attempted Coup of

HARRIS

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“Jacked”

(TriceEdneyWire.com) -

As long as I remember, generosity has been a personal value that I've embraced and practiced. I assume that my large number of siblings influenced that part of my character. I received great pleasure from seeing joy in the eyes of a loved one or friend when I gifted or shared. On the other hand, I staunchly and vehemently opposed anyone arbitrarily attempting to take something from me. If you wanted to see my emotional temperature rapidly rise from cool to boiling, you only had to observe someone attempting to take something from me without my permission or agreement.

Analyzing the Republican response to 2020 election results, I've become as incensed as if someone had broken into my home and stolen my prized possessions. For Republicans, losing the presidential election – a result that 30% of Trump supporters refuse to acknowledge – was only compounded by the loss of senate elections in Georgia which flipped the Senate and gave legislative control to the Democratic Party.

In response, Trump and many of his supporters

attempted to “steal” the election. That theft was predicated on surreptitiously reversing the vote count in urban communities of color – Milwaukee, Detroit, Philadelphia, and Atlanta. The consequence of that effort stripped any need for pretense and removed the need for subtlety.

The abjectly STUPID response of Republicans to these election results demonstrates a longstanding and ongoing pattern of racially and culturally inspired disrespect for



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millions of Americans. We must remember that racist Dixiecrats migrated to the welcoming embrace of the Republican Party after President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act. Arrogantly ranting about being the party of Lincoln, they imposed every political dirty trick to violate Lincoln Republicanism and restrict non-white or Democratic leaning voters from exercising their right to vote.

They demonstrate themselves to be as violent in their theft as the criminal who, using armed threat, steals a vehicle from its rightful owner in broad, open daylight. They no longer attempt to disguise their purpose with ridiculous or dishonest claims.

Through “Insurrection,” they displayed the arrogance of those in complete disregard for their victims or the potential damage done to our threatened democracy.

As egregious as the Insurrection of January 6th was, it is not the only concern of those committed to democratic principles. Since November, over 250 laws have been introduced in Republican controlled state legislatures, which by design, directly and negatively impact voters of color.

In their fear inspired quest to maintain political, socioeconomic, and racial superiority, the modern Republican Party has pulled down all of the covers masking their racism and thrown out all of the stops to their power grab. Their fear of the ‘Browning’ of America has produced actions from the ridiculous to the egregious. Lying has become the foundation of their public outreach with

specific emphasis on persuading you that you do not hear what your ears hear or see what your eyes see.

The tools of the “Robber Republicans” may be different in appearance, but are not unfamiliar in impact. Attacking our communities with ‘surgical accuracy,’ proposed legislation eliminates Sunday “souls to the polls,” reduces the number of early voting days, and imposes restrictive voter identification requirements. The far too common challenge of disproportionately lengthy voting times/lines in communities of color is made worse where the number of polling places have been reduced and, in Georgia, where state legislators propose making the gift of a bottle of water to a line-standing voter a criminal act.

The ‘old-folks’ used to say, “If you’ll lie, you’ll cheat. If you cheat, you’ll steal. And, if you steal, you’ll kill.” They’ve done it all! Our physical and emotional well-being requires us to remain perpetually vigilant to threats that would render us powerless.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

As the trial for Derek Chauvin begins, we hold our breath

This week, the trial for Derek Chauvin begins and many in the Black community are holding their breath.

It is so common for police officers who shoot and kill Black people to escape being held accountable that whenever an officer is indicted and put on trial, we as Black people take a collective breath of relief.

But the breath is incomplete. We inhale hope. Justice has been so elusive for us as a people, that the breaths of hope are welcomed.

But it is the exhaling that is a problem. Black people are seldom able to let out a sigh, a breath, of relief because justice has been served. Even if officers are indicted, juries too frequently vote to acquit them. Families weep and gasp because they must deal with not only the murder of their loved one, but also with the painful reality that the person who has committed the murder has literally gotten away with it. It is a pain like no other.

According to a recent report on NPR, 2015, “since 2015, police officers have fatally shot at least 135 unarmed Black men and women nationwide, an NPR investigation has found. NPR reviewed police, court and other records to examine the details of the cases. At least 75% of the officers were white.”

(<https://www.npr.org/2021/01/25/956177021/fatal-police-shootings-of-unarmed-black-people-reveal-troubling-patterns>)

Even as armed whites who have committed murders are frequently “taken down” alive by officers, Black people, who are frequently unarmed and have committed far lesser offenses, are gunned down and because of qualified immunity, walk away.

People are protesting. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/protests-spread-over-police-shootings-police-promised-reforms-year-they-still-shoot-nearly-1000-people/2020/06/08/5c204f0c-a67c-11ea-b473-04905b1af82b_story.html) The death - the murder - of George Floyd was painful to watch, but the court will not care about what the people saw or that they are protesting. It will not matter. The defense will be that Floyd died not because of what the officer did, but because he might have been on drugs or had an underlying medical condition.

Nobody wants to even think about what it will be like if the jury acquits this officer. The fact that due to the disparity in the way whites and blacks are treated by law enforcement was painfully obvious in the aftermath of the January 6 insurrection by white people is making the tensions that already exist all the worse.

This country's policing system has been flawed prejudiced against black people since the days of slavery, when Fugitive Slave Laws allowed white people to be deputized and to mete violence against any enslaved Black who dared flee his or her enslavement.

And of course, the violence that was legally rendered to Black people by their overseers and members of the general society is a part of the legacy of this country.

We are holding our breath.
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January 6, 2021 and the recent nationwide attempt by some Republican legislators to disenfranchise black American citizens is further evidence that the American virus is alive, well, and growing.

America is at a crossroad. Will this nation finally resolve the American virus of racism and hatred?

Or will America and Americans continue to deny, ignore, deflect, or tolerate the systemic racism that is the virus on the body and soul of this nation?

Dr. King understood the deadly nature of the American virus when he wrote his last book, “Where do we go from here - Chaos or Community?”

Is there a cure for the American virus?

The cure for the American virus is a spiritual solution clearly described in the Bible that Christians – black and white – are supposed to live by.

Three spiritual steps are required to resolve racism and destroy the American virus:

1. Acknowledge the sin of racism and slavery. Study the history. Learn from the past.

2. Ask forgiveness for past and present transgressions on behalf of the ancestors and ourselves.

3. Make atonement and be healed. (www.solvingtheraceissue.com)

If these spiritual steps are not taken at this critical moment in history, the American virus will continue to consume, and eventually destroy this nation.

Who must take the lead to implement this spiritual solution?

Americans of the faith community – black and white church leaders – must take affirmative action to implement the spiritual solution.

The words of Edmund Burke, over 200 years ago, gives a unique insight into the relationship between the way one's religion is practiced and the way one's government operates.

“True religion is the foun-

ation of society, the basis on which all true civil government rests, and from which power derives its authority, laws their efficacy, and both their sanction. If it is once shaken by contempt, the whole fabric cannot be stable or lasting.” (Edmund Burke (1729-1797), English orator and statesman.)

(Excerpt from “Solving The Race Issue In America” – www.solvingtheraceissue.com)

The faith leaders of America cannot sit quietly – many have done so in the past - as the American virus devours our nation. We cannot be bystanders as racist bullies attack, maim and kill our citizens.

Many Americans who perpetrate racism, storm the Capitol, or otherwise disregard human dignity attend churches. These same Americans hear sermons eloquently delivered on the Sabbath about the word of God and how to live our lives.

The faith leaders must actively affirm the dignity of humanity: that all people are created equal, endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The Bible says: “to whom much is given, much will be required.” (Luke 12:48)

America has been truly blessed in so many ways. With these profound blessings, much is expected of America and Americans.

We are better than the racism that infects us. We are better than the acts of violence and cruelty we have inflicted on others.

America can be the “City on the Hill – the Guiding Light” admired and respected by all.

Choose this day whom we will serve.

America must choose the spiritual vaccine against the virus of racism.

Choose good. Choose love. Choose God! Amen.

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President Biden, please ignore the former President

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

The previous President, also known as 45, or the Orange Man, or the Nutty Narcissist, kept our nation with his insanity for more than four years. President Biden is best advised to ignore his predecessor and should not even stoop to mention his name. Why not? The nation, even his rabid supporters, know the former was out of line, out of order, and out of control. He is also desperate for the attention that even his Conservative Political Action Committee (CPAC) sycophants could not offer. Reality can be grating, especially when someone accustomed to adulation finds the applause tepid, the plane out of order, the taxes under review, and more. President Biden game the former too much air in even mentioning his name at his March 25 press conference.

The press behaved as badly as President Biden. They focused on immigration, a Republican talking point that invokes the former; instead of concentrating on COVID and vaccinations, about which most Americans care. Not one question about COVID? Who are these press members, and what is wrong with them? If

you polled people, the pandemic would rank much higher on a priority scale than immigration. But like sharks smelling blood in the water, or a possible Biden weakness, they surrounded and pounced (or whatever sharks do).



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he shillyshalled around what he will do about it. President Biden, you have condemned racism, discrimination, and JimCrow in the past. Why can't you come out more forcefully against the filibuster? You've had strong words about the new voter-suppressing Georgia laws. Why won't you commit to federal action to ensure that we all have the right to vote?

Are you expecting a message in a bottle? Georgia Republicans seem to think that voting activists can send them. Otherwise, why would they make it illegal for people to offer a simple, humane gesture to people who have been stand-

ing in line for hours, a bottle of water? What could be more benign than handing someone standing in line for hours a bottle of water and a bag of chips or an apple? If President Biden got a message from a bottle I handed him, it would say, be firm, be firm. This racist attack on our democracy must not be tolerated.

We must consider President Biden's point about timing. He knows the Senate better most, knows his former colleagues well enough to know their sensibilities. But he must also understand the nature of racist intransigence. Many Senate Republicans have chosen partisanship and obstruction over integrity and decency. Few of them are willing to retreat from their line in the sand.

President Biden must understand, though, that he would not be our nation's elected leader if the laws that Georgia just passed existed in November 2020 or January 2021. There would be no Senators Warnock and Osoff, no Georgia electoral votes, no democracy. Instead, there would have been the continuation of anarchy with the former resting on his laurels, spewing more lies.

President Biden inherited a mess, no question. Still, he should never refer to the for-

mer and the mess he left again. If he were me, he might respond with any questions about the former with a dismissive, “the former is irrelevant.” The former needs to be treated as such. Whether it is immigration, COVID, the economy, or more, it's President Biden's ball of wax now. Continuing to mention the former gives him light he does not deserve. President Biden, and the rest of us, should keep that name in the dark. He can probably show up on Faux News whenever he wants to, but his rants look more like empty barks when nobody calls his name.

So, President Biden, you've been doing rather well in your first two-plus months as Presidents. You've got checks in the bank, shots in arms, and shelter for children at the border. You have infrastructure plans but must stand more firmly against efforts to erode our democracy. And it would be best if you did not refer to your predecessor as anything but “the former.” Nor should the rest of us ever utter the former's name. We must move forward and leave the devil in the dark.

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Racism and its deadly cousins

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

What does it say about our country when we don't have time to absorb the impact of one mass shooting before news of the next one comes across our phones and TV screens?

Grief upon grief. This column is not about gun culture or laws that make it easier to buy an assault rifle than to register to vote. We need to talk about those things.

But we also need to pay attention to one response to the Atlanta spa killings: the way some conservatives rushed to insist that race and racism had nothing to do with the murders.

It is true that the man who confessed to the Atlanta killings said they were not racially motivated. He reportedly told police that he was struggling with a “sex addiction” and the killings were a way to “eliminate temptation.”

There's a lot in that statement to unpack, and a lot of smart people have been unpacking it over the past two weeks.

Marcela Howell, who leads In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Agenda, was

among the Black women who spoke in solidarity after the killings. “While law enforcement officials have announced that the shooter's motivation was ‘sex addiction,’ we know that sexual violence and racism are often intertwined when it comes to violence against women,” she said in a statement.



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“As Black women, we know that our Asian-American sisters are disparately impacted at the intersections of racism, sexism, and xenophobia,” Howell said.

There is a long history of bigotry and legal discrimination that directly targeted Asian immigrants and Asian Americans. Over the past year, that hostility was inflamed by bigoted rhetoric from former President Donald Trump describing COVID-19 as the “Kung flu” and warning that if he weren't reelected Americans would have to learn Chinese.

As Howell and many other activists and scholars have pointed out since the killings, racism in this

country is deeply connected to sexism directed at women of color. And racism and misogyny are both intertwined with the history and culture of conservative white evangelicalism in which the Atlanta shooter was apparently steeped.

Kathryn Gin Lum, an associate professor of American religion at Stanford University, said the killings reflected “a toxic brew” of racism, sexism, and religion. That toxic brew has been used to justify anti-Asian laws and stoked anti-Asian violence going back to the 19th Century.

Religion scholar Bradley Onishi and others point out that Jim Crow apartheid and anti-race-mixing laws were not only defended as necessary to protect the sexual purity of individual white women, but also the racial and religious purity of White Christian America. Black women and Asian women have often been both fetishized and demonized as hypersexual temptresses threatening the innocence of and purity of white Christian men. Young people raised in churches that emphasize “purity culture” are taught

UNCW Assistant Dean Sheri Shaw changes lives through giving

Giving takes on many forms for Sheri Shaw: the gift of time to mentor a student, monetary support of scholarships, community activism and engagement, and even organ donation.

When Shaw was an undergraduate, she donated a kidney to her cousin, Vernon Anderson, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. She continued her education after the transplant with the help of scholarships, course extensions and additional support.

"My college community, family and friends wrapped their hands around me and helped me navigate the process of becoming a 20-year-old kidney donor. My part-time job at the time wrote a corporate grant to pay all my bills for six months," recalled Shaw, assistant dean for student success in the College of Health and Human Services. "I believe the testimony was that of community building, education and impact. I have enjoyed sharing the story of being a living organ donor, the impacts of organ donation, and educating communities on the topics of

organ donation and diabetes."

Shaw's desire to educate people about the importance of health began at the age of 15 after the loss of her brother, Eugene, to asthma. She grew up in Decatur, Illinois, a factory town where many residents suffered from asthma and respiratory issues, especially Black children, Shaw said.

"I wanted to honor my brother's 20 years of life and I knew of no better way than to create a scholarship for him in his honor, become a health educator and to spend my life discussing health disparities, inequities and preventative practices," she said. The scholarship, funded by her family, past teachers and friends of her brother, is given to a Black male high school student in her hometown bi-annually.

Because of the support Shaw received as an undergraduate, she also wanted to be in a professional position where she could help students dream and feel inspired. She began her academic career at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she created the award-winning

Mannie L. Jackson Illinois Academic Enrichment and Leadership Program within the College of Applied Health Sciences. She later worked at Drexel University in the LeBow College of Business, developing policies and operations to enhance efficiency and the student experience as the director of undergraduate student services. Shaw also established and implemented the award-winning LeBow BRIDGE Program during her Drexel tenure.

In 2016, she joined UNCW, where she provides academic and leadership support to CHHS' faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students while overseeing the college's Student Success Center. For the past two years, Shaw has helped to create spaces to support Black women in the areas of health, professional development, advocacy, and has provided a voice around these topics on her podcast, "Black Woman Working." She also serves as the advisor to the Black Women Association on campus.

"We all need someone to remind us that we are capable of achieving our goals and that

we can rise from the challenges and hurdles that present themselves," she said. "In each role that I have had in education, what has made the role worthwhile is the students. There is electric energy that comes from students in the middle of the actualizing their dreams."

Shaw also gives back to the community by serving on numerous boards including the North Carolina Community College Foundation, YWCA Lower Cape Fear, the Willie Stargell Foundation, Leadership North Carolina and WILMA's Leadership Institute.

Having the ability to donate to UNCW to help create, grow and build is full-circle for Shaw, she said. Shaw is recognized by the Clocktower Society for her continued support.

"I know of no greater feeling than giving back to the individuals and communities that have invested and poured into me," she continued. "In addition to the health benefits - yes, giving back has been shown to make people physically healthier and lower stress - giving back allows me



SHERI SHAW

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to be a part of strengthening a community and contributing to society. It has been a staple in meeting other community members, bolstering new relationships, sharing expertise, and learning new skills or improving skills. Giving back has allowed me to work toward a community shared goal of raising funds for an

opportunity that can truly have a major impact or change a person's life."

Seahawks Give, an inspiring day of giving, is slated from April 6-7. Your gift will have an exponential impact on the UNCW area that means the most to you. Visit uncw.edu/seahawksgive to learn more.

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Rent? Own? OR?...

Please evaluate your finances, and choose one or the other, and use extra caution with doing anything in between. It is time for another reminder on the pros and cons of Rent to Own, Lease/Purchase agreements. Families are still out here with real regrets and not knowing which way to turn.

Recently a young lady reached out to me asking for help. Told of how she entered into a lease-purchase agreement, and it is nearing time to purchase, and she was not financially ready. She told of how she put \$5000 down and agreed to pay above-market rent, and that portion of the rent was to go towards the final purchase,

including the upfront \$5000. She told me of how when entering this agreement, she felt she would be by now financially able to get a mortgage and purchase the home.

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Well, as we know, COVID hit, and her income, savings, spending habits derailed. There was no clause in this agreement about any uncontrolled events that could extend or alter that agreement. So here comes the maxing out on several credit cards, and scores have dropped because of it,

and she does not see any way to turn things around before the deadline in the agreement comes in a few short months. What this means, is that according to the lease/purchase agreement, if the tenant/buyer cannot perform (deliver) on her obligations to this agreement, all upfront deposits, all over market rent payments can be lost, and possibly face eviction from the property as well. Of course, there are still some tenant safeguards due to the pandemic, but once they are lifted, things will get real for her. This is a very hard space to be in, and I'm not sure what the resolution will be. The main reason most Tenants/Buyers consider this option of pur-

chasing vs. traditional is generally for the same reasons. The top (3) is Current credit history, not enough job history/verifiable income, or too much existing open credit causing debt/ratio to be off the charts. All of these reasons are valid and could hinder pre-approval to purchase. The agreement will require exercising your right to purchase "end date". Most agreements will have a clause that says "if you fail" to exercise your right to purchase by that said "end date" that all monies paid upfront and set-asides towards purchase will be forever forfeited and lost to Tenant/Buyer. Also, most agreements will say that the Tenant/Buyer is responsible for all repairs

and maintenance of the home. This was the case for this young lady. She has been taking care of all maintenance for the last couple of years, adding to more money she will be out of if do not purchase it. Spending funds fixing someone else's property when a regular rental agreement says it's the landlord responsible for the repairs. With so much at stake, it is very important for the Tenant/Buyer to know that they can turn things around within the allotted timeframe to get a mortgage. Who knew of a world-wide pandemic will hit? Who knew that jobs would shut down and never reopen? There are life unknowns and entering into

an agreement depending on what will happen in the future is like having a crystal ball, and we know how reliable that is.


There may be a few success stories out there for lease/purchase agreements, but sadly I have not run across it. At the end of the day, you must make the best business decision for your family.

Until next week, share this article with at least 3 people and reach out for your Free personalized Action Plan to OWN in the next 18 months or less.

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A People's History of Wilmington

Virtual Discussion Series




Prince Morrow: A Lost Story of Black Wilmington
Thursday, March 25, 3:30 p.m.

The well-known musician and researcher Rhiannon Giddens, winner of a both a Grammy and a MacArthur "Genius" grant, will discuss one of the most fascinating Black figures of 19th-century Wilmington, an enslaved Muslim scholar named Omar ibn Said. Giddens wrote an opera about Said that was performed to great acclaim at the 2020 Spoleto Festival in Charleston. The discussion will range between unknown history and creative transformation. *Time different from other weeks in the series.




Cape Fear Rag: The Forgotten Jazz Roots of Wilmington, North Carolina
Thursday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.

North Carolina writer and historian Larry Reni Thomas grew up on the north side of Wilmington. His 1993 book, *The True Story of the Wilmington 10*, was among the first to focus attention on the injustices of 1971. Thomas, a well-known radio announcer, hosts Sunday Night Jazz on WCOM-FM, Chapel Hill-Carboro. This talk may surprise local historians with its revelations regarding the contribution that Wilmington made to the evolution of what is called "America's only indigenous art form."



On the Record: Recovering the First Black Daily in the South
Thursday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Award-winning writer John Jeremiah Sullivan and Third Person co-founder Joel Finsel will discuss the findings of the Daily Record Project, a local initiative dedicated to finding, digitizing and studying the few extant copies of the *Wilmington Daily Record*, the pioneering Black newspaper at the center of the 1895 massacre and coup. This presentation will include never-before-seen artifacts and documents related to those events, which continue to cause ripples in our city and nation.



Voices from the Ashes: Black Wilmington Culture of the Early 20th Century
Thursday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.

Richard Yarborough, a distinguished professor of African American literature at UCLA, is also a great-nephew of the opera singer Caterina Jarboro, who was born in Wilmington in 1898. He has spoken perceptively about her life and work, as well as those of Charles Chesnut, David Bryant Fulton and other crucial figures of Wilmington's cultural history. UNCW associate professor Helena Spencer will facilitate the discussion and share some of her research on the legendary singer.

For more information, visit
uncw.edu/engagement/peopleshistory

Co-sponsored by the Third Person Project, UNCW Equity Institute, Office of Community Engagement and Applied Learning, Department of English and Department of History. UNCW is an EEO/AA institution. Accommodations for disabilities may be requested by contacting 910.962.3500 at least 5 days prior to the event.

HEALING GENERATIONAL TRAUMA


A COMMUNITY ARTS EXPERIENCE IN WILMINGTON, NC

VITAL HEALTH: Flower Making Workshops
April 8, 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Flowers created during workshops will be made into wreaths to be displayed in the community.


Healing Generational Trauma Conference
Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This conference will explore the deep-seated history of racial hurt, anger and frustration. These topics will be addressed through film, spoken word, movement and workshops.



Co-sponsored by: Black on Black Project, VITAL Health, UNCW Department of Theatre, UNCW Interdisciplinary Minority Student Research Group, UNCW Office of Community Engagement and Applied Learning, UNCW Office of the Arts, UNCW School of Social Work, and UNCW School of Nursing

For more information, visit
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William Nixon

William Nixon, of Turnersville, New Jersey departed this life on March 23rd, 2021.
William was born 12/30/1934 to the family of Emmanuel and Celia Nixon, of Castle Hayne, NC. William Nixon was a 1955 graduate of Williston Senior High School and retired from the United States Navy. We already miss your quiet demeanor: Rest in peace, uncle, brother: From the Goodman, Nixon, Turners, and Sidberry families.

Carl A. Brown

Carl A. Brown, age 30, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021. A memorial service was held on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home.
On March 6, 2021, Carl Antone Brown transitioned from this earthly life to a place of everlasting peace. Carl was born on December 6, 1990 in Chicago, Illinois to Ruby Rhodes and Deleon Brown. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Cora Lee Rhodes and Clarence Rhodes, Sr.; great-grandparents, Charles and Ruby McDonald and Print and Carrie Rhodes; his uncle, Carl Anthony Rhodes and his great-uncles, Charles McDonald, Jr. and Jonathan Penny.
Carl moved with his family to Detroit, Michigan at the age of six years old until 2001. Carl relocated at the age of ten to Wilmington, North Carolina with his grandmother, Cora Lee Rhodes where he would attend Noble Middle, Williston Middle, and New Hanover High School.
In 2010, he met Madeline Elliott, his first true love and from this love the birth of his beautiful daughter, Adeline Dove Elliott was born.
In 2013, he fell in love with construction which ran deep through his blood. He would be amazed by masonry where he self-taught himself on you tube. He took pride I what he did. Thank you Jim Swan of Swan Masonry.
Carl leaves behind to celebrate his life: his mother, Ruby Rhodes of Wilmington, NC; daughter, Adeline Dove Elliott of Charlotte, NC; siblings, Jalisa Raby of Wilmington, NC and Sean Cory Cates McDonald of Seattle, WA; his significant other, Madeline Elliott of Charlotte, NC; nephew, Raman Aston Raby; uncles, Clarence Rhodes, Jr., Jeffery Rhodes, Edward Rhodes and Charles; aunt, Carrie Rhodes; great-aunts, Annie Jacobs (Willie) and Clara Penny; great uncles, Jon McDonald (Mary Ann) and Charlie Rhodes first cousins, Cynthia, Daniel, Chynette and Naomi; second cousins, Lamar, Kimora and Cynara; a host of other relatives and friends, including, Derrick Askew, Steve Mayo, Joshua Mario and Alexander Gray. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Mary F. Jamison

Mary F. Jamison, age 80, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, March 25, 2021. Public viewing 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A celebration of Ms. Jamison life will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 2, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow at Pine Forest Cemetery. Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her daughter, Shirley Underwood (Roy) of Charlotte; siblings, Robert Evans (Jessie), George Evans (Nellie), Larry Evans and Dora McKoy (Rev. Bobby McKoy) all of Fayetteville, 6 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Rev. Carl A. Byrd, Sr.

Reverend Carl A. Byrd, Sr., age 69, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, March 25, 2021. Public viewing 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. (Walk-through only (NO LINGERING/GATHERING)) An inurnment service will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, April 2, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 1311 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington, NC 28412.
***Kindly note that for the protection of all in attendance, current health and safety protocols are in place where masks and social distancing are required.
His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Eleanor Grace Mosley-Byrd of the home; children, Tijuana C. Richardson (Malik) of Charlotte, Carla Byrd-Johnson (Daemion) of Raleigh, Candice A. Byrd of Greensboro and Carl A. Byrd, II of Raleigh; mother, Dorothy Byrd McGuire of Wilmington; siblings, Delores Smith (William) of Wilmington, Sandra Gentry (Bruce) of Washington, DC, James "Rick" Byrd, Jr. of Wilmington, Michael L. Byrd (Rashel) of Forestville, MD and Michelle B. Moorehead (Tony) of Greensboro, 9 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

George S. Evans

George S. Evans, age 78, of Bronx, NY (formerly of Wilmington), passed away, Friday, March 19, 2021.
A graveside service will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Audrey Cornelious Johnson

Audrey C. Johnson, the son of Alphonso and Janice Vaughn, was born on February 5, 1975 at Columbus County Memorial Hospital in Whiteville, North Carolina.
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ decided, on Sunday, March 21, that it was time for Audrey to turn in his cross and pick up his crown of glory. In the short time that we were blessed with Dre, he became a very dedicated son, brother, nephew, father, uncle and dear friend.
Audrey was Alphonso and Janice's first born of three children. Dre, affectionately known as the "Governor," or the "Brain of the family," was a natural born leader from the start. He began his education in the Columbus County School System.
After moving to Wilmington, Dre attended Gregory Elementary, Williston Middle and then graduated from New Hanover High School ... a class of '93 Wildcat. He continued to further his education when he attended the HBCU Fayetteville State University, graduating with a 4 year degree in Sociology. His Social Work and Case Management skills afforded him a chance to co-partner with some of his closest friends in the company, Youth Enhancement.
Audrey leaves to cherish his memories: Parents Alphonso and Janice Vaughn; Son Tre Acklin; Baby Sister Shalonda Vaughn; Brothers Alonzo Hemingway, Markese Sweet and Demond Johnson (preceded him in death); Nephews Jacques Johnson, Saylor Cromartie (preceded him in death), and Christian Vaughn; Nieces Taviana Hayes and Demi Johnson; and a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends. Audrey is already greatly and truly missed. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, N C 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Barbara Galloway Walters

Mrs. Barbara Galloway Walters was born to the late David Taft Galloway, Sr. and Elizabeth A. Galloway in Portsmouth, Virginia on January 21, 1941. She peacefully entered into eternal rest on Monday, March 22, 2021 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina.
Barbara was educated in the New Hanover County School System, being a proud graduate in the Williston Class of 1957. After graduation, Barbara attended Cape Fear Technical Community College and received her certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Upon being licensed as an LPN, she worked at James Walker Memorial Hospital for several years prior to moving to New Jersey. During her early years in New Jersey, she met the one and only love of her life, Franklin "Frank" Walters, to whom she has been married to for fifty-one years and dating for a total of sixty-two years. Barbara was a nurturing spirit that possessed the gift of caring for others. It was during this time, she decided to expand her professional career and attended Union County College to obtain her Registered Nurse certification. Barbara loved her work as a nurse and enjoyed providing good care to others especially service men and women. She retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital in East Orange, New Jersey after thirty years of dedicated service in January 1997 and returned to Wilmington, North Carolina.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by two brothers, James Galloway and Ernest L. Galloway, Sr.
Barbara leaves to cherish her memories, her living and devoted husband, Franklin Walters of the home; a son, Franklin Walters, II of Douglasville, Georgia; three grandchildren; Keisean Walters of Wilmington, NC, Trinity Walters of Douglasville, GA and Myesha Walters of Hillside, NJ; one great granddaughter; Mia Walters of Wilmington, NC; one sister, Shirley G. Austin of Rahway, NJ; two brothers, David T. Galloway, Jr. (Gwendolyn) and Larry Galloway (Norma) both of Charlotte, NC; one sister-in-law, Geraldine S. Galloway of Wilmington, NC; one brother-in-law, Jimmy Walters of Camden, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends too numerous to name. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, N C 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Billy Brown

Billy Brown died March 17, 2021. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the Brown Batts Cemetery, Hampstead, NC.
Billy Brown, son of the late Willie Brown Sr. and Moddy Brown, was born in the Browntown Community of Hampstead, North Carolina December 13, 1941. Billy attended Pender County Training School of Burgaw, North Carolina. After graduating, he married the late Mervain Nixon of the Woodsie Community, Hampstead, North Carolina. Billy was a dedicated member of Christian Chapel Missionary Baptist Church #2. He was ordained and became a Deacon of the church October 8, 1978. Deacon Brown loved to attend Sunday School and Bible Study with his church family. In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Earnestine Dixon. He leaves to cherish his memory: two stepchildren, Renee McCutcheon of Richmond, VA and Andre McCutcheon (Xavier) of Raleigh, NC; a brother, Willie Brown, Jr. (Stella) of Philadelphia, PA and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Rita Greene Williams

Rita Greene Williams died March 17, 2021. Graveside service was held on Saturday, March 27, 2021.
Rita was born on November 28, 1964 to the late Pearlina Greene and the late Kenneth Chamberlain, Sr.
Rita leaves to cherish her sweet memories; husband, James Wesley Williams; 5 children, Derrick A. Greene, Anthony T. Greene, Kenneth Greene of Wilmington, NC, Jessica L. Wade (Brian) and James W. Williams of Tabor City, NC. 12 grandchildren: Elidrick, Juliane, Isaiah, Delilah, Shamiya Greene, Carmen Fox, Zhaheed Ballard, Keyano, JaJaquarius Simpson, Damel Lewis-Williams, Makalya and Jaliza Wade, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Williams Morris for 45 years and had two beautiful daughters, La'tosha Dorsey and Kamica Morris. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the apples of his eye.
Cherishing his memories are the loves of his life: his loving wife, Barbara Williams Morris of the home; two daughters, La'tosha Dorsey of Jacksonville, NC and Kamica Morris of Wilmington, NC; the apples of his eye, (his grandchildren and great-grandchildren), two grandchildren, Shalindra Williams and Lorane Baldwin and six great-grand, Jawon, Micah, London, Nikki, Avi, and Kaizen; two brothers, Kenneth Morris, I, of Wilmington, NC and Michael McKeithan of Charlotte, NC; one sister, Sharon Rollinson (Darren) of Burlington, NC; six sisters-in-law, Rosalie Eldridge, of Wilmington, NC, Thomasina Powell (James) of Hopewell, VA, Edwina Grady (Jerome) and Chinta Williams all of Bronx, NY, Elizabeth Williams and Peggy Morris of Wilmington, NC; four brothers-in-law, James Williams (Lavin) of Chicago, IL; Larry Williams (Earlene) of Richmond, VA, Edwin Williams (Janice) of Conyers, GA and Bernice Morris of Temple Hills, MD; one uncle, Chester Green (Phyllis) of Wilmington, NC; two aunts, Daisy Green of Wilmington, NC and Betty Green of Raleigh, NC; a special friend, Recho McCant of Wilmington, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Gerald Morris

Gerald Morris died March 19, 2021. Graveside services were held on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery.
Gerald Waldorf Morris affectionately known as "Toot", was born on September 6, 1949 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Johnny Morris and Mable Green Morris. Gerald was preceded in death by his great-granddaughter, Kelsey Andrews; his brothers, Johnny Morris, Jr., Ronnie Morris, Dennis Morris and Lorenzo Morris; his sisters, Mamie Y. Sutton and Maxine Dees; and a brother-in-law, Melvin Williams, Jr. Gerald grew up on the Northside of Wilmington as an active member of the Community Boys Club where he participated in baseball and basketball under Earl Jackson. He loved to sing and perform songs by the Temptations. Gerald was a very passionate singer. Gerald grew up in Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church and later on became a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Masonboro Sound where he sang on their Male Choir until his health declined. Gerald was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating in the Class of 1967 from Williston Senior High School, "The Greatest School Under The Sun". After graduating high school, he attended Fayetteville State University and later joined the United States Army where he served honorably. After completing the military, he returned home and eventually started working at E. I. DuPont and retired in 2001. After retiring from DuPont Gerald later gained employment with the New Hanover County Schools and retired in 2010.
Gerald was joined in holy matrimony to his loving wife Barbara

beautiful hydrangea in His Heavenly Garden.
Having lived only thirty-one days, she leaves a life of memories with: her mother, Tanisha Givens; her father, Jonathon Kirkland; two brothers, Camden Kirkland and Kyvin Kirkland of the home; grandparents, Steven and Taneshia Givens and Cathy Krikland; aunts, Mar Quail Givens-Sweet, Sequah Ellison, Cynthia Elias and Indyah Givens and grandmother, Febriece Graham. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Peggy Jordan

Peggy Jordan died March 25, 2021. A memorial service will be held 12:00 Noon on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Wanda Yvette Bozier

Wanda Yvette Bozier died March 24, 2021. Graveside service will be held 12:00 Noon on Friday, April 2, 2021 at the Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation is on Thursday from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Jerome McMillan

Jerome McMillan died March 25, 2021. Graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at the Evans-Mitchell Cemetery, Bolivia, NC. Visitation will be from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Tony Pender

Tony Pender died March 26, 2021. Graveside service were held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at the Shoulders Branch Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Gwendolyn Hackett

Gwendolyn Hackett died March 29, 2021. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Charles Littlejohn

Charles Littlejohn died March 30, 2021. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*



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TELL SOMEBODY

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:" John 11:25

"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.



Sylvia Hooper

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in

Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." I Corinthians 15:12-22

"And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.

And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long

white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you." Mark 16: 1-7

"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and

had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 9-14

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16: 19-20 Tell Somebody Happy Resurrection Day!

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The two Easter stories that are celebrated by the church

The two Easter stories that are celebrated by the church, one is historical truth and the other a historical fable or lie: I want to define this word fable: "A short story, typically with animals as characters, conveying a moral. A story, typically a supernatural one incorporating elements of myth and legend; a false statement or belief (fabricate, invent or propagate a lie)". It's amazing that the church world has accepted this lie and is practicing it as though it is the truth. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a historical fact (truth) and not the Easter bunny and boil chicken eggs has nothing to do with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Bible declares that the devil is the father of Lies: John 8:44, Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar and the father of it. The dangers of telling lie and practicing a lie are the same: Isa. 28:15, Because ye have said,

We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid:



Rev. Naoniel Fullwood

Isa. 44:20, He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? 2Thess. 2:7-12, For the mystery of iniquity, doth already work: only he who now letteth will let until he is taken out of the way. 8And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they

received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

1John 2:21-23, I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is an antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

The false teacher who is a forerunner of the antichrist is the person who denies that Jesus is the Messiah. He denies the very Son of God whom God had promised to send as the Savior of the world. Two terrible things are said about this person: first, he is a liar; and second, he denies the Father if he denies the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Why is this so? How is it that a person denies God if he denies Christ? The answer is twofold.

First, if a person denies that God sent His Son into the world, then his image of God differs entirely from the God who is the Father of Jesus Christ. God sent His Son into the world. Therefore, if we picture a god in our minds that did not send His Son, then our image of God differs entirely from the true and living God. The true and living God is love, perfect love. Therefore, He has loved man perfectly. God has done the greatest thing that can be done for man: He has sent His only Son into the world to save man by dying for man's sins. No greater love could ever be demonstrated for man. Therefore, if a man says that God did not send His Son into the world-that Jesus Christ is not the Son of God-then that man is thinking of some god other than the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ.

By denying Jesus Christ, the man denies the Father.

By denying the Son, the man does not have the Father: He is separated from the Father, standing against and opposed to both God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The man is doomed, for he has denied that God loves the world enough to send His Son to save the world.

Second, any person who denies Jesus Christ is denying the New Testament. Why? Because the New Testament says time and time again that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the one Person who reveals God the Father to the world. (POSB-C)

The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is the body of Christ and Christ is the Head of the Church, cannot be represented through the rabbit (Easter bunny) and boil chicken eggs which is a lie of the devil, to distract from the true celebration of Jesus Christ:

The Old Testament Prophets of the coming of the Messiah (Christ) as the Lamb of God to redeem us from the curse of the Law: Isa. 53:4-9, Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities:

the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes, we are healed. 6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way, and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep, before her shearers are dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

"Bible teacher J. Vernon McGee identified the bulls as the burly soldiers who seized Jesus, chastised Him, and carried out the orders of crucifixion. The lions represent Rome, the government that ordered His execution by the cruelest method. The lion was the symbol of Rome.

b. He endured an agonizing death (vs. 14-18).

"The victim of crucifixion literally died a thousand deaths." Only by divine revelation could David have described in such precise detail a method of execution unknown in his day. His description, however, is not just of crucifixion but of a specific crucifixion: the sacrifice of God's Son by death on a cross. The curtains of the future were parted and David witnessed from the Savior's perspective the darkest day in all of history-the death of the Messiah.

Jesus' life gradually slipped away from Him as He was crucified, like water being poured from a pitcher (v. 14a). This image additionally depicts His utter exhaustion on the cross: He was completely without strength, both physically and emotionally. The water speaks of the extreme perspiration caused by hanging in the midday sun as well as the water and blood mixture that gushed from the Savior's side when pierced by the soldier (Jn.

19:34).

Scripture states that all of Jesus' bones were forced out of their joints. The reality and the pain of such an occurrence is simply beyond human comprehension! What could have caused this to happen? Several possibilities exist. It might have been when the soldiers callously dropped the cross into the ground. Or, it might have been the distorted position of the body on the cross (14b). Dislocation might also have occurred as Jesus' body raised and dropped in His struggle to breathe, or perhaps it was the result of blood loss or dehydration.

Medical doctors have determined that the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side was caused by a ruptured heart. Some have declared this to be the physical cause of His death. David described this exactly: the heart of Jesus melted like wax and its fluids ran down into His abdomen (v. 14c).

The Savior's strength was utterly consumed as He hung on the cross, leaving Him fragile and brittle like a finished piece of pottery (v. 15). Potsherd (cheres) is used in the Old Testament both of earthen vessels and of fragments of those vessels. Dried up refers to the pot itself, which is dried and fired in a kiln and easily broken. This is a reference to severe dehydration, which would have painfully damaged Christ's vital organs. It also caused His tongue to cling to His mouth. John recorded that Jesus cried out from the cross suffering from unbearable thirst (Jn. 19:28). The loss of vital moisture initiated the process of the body's deterioration to the dust from which it was made and to which it eventually returns after death "(Ge. 3:19; Ecc. 3:20). Rev. 22:15, "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie". To be continue.

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

Vaccinating diverse communities

As news that the Covid-19 vaccine arrived in Wilmington, our call center representatives were overwhelmed with callers. Five hundred shot appointments were gone in less than 30 minutes and this same scenario played out throughout each month. We sat in amazement at how we had such a small supply of vaccine and a gigantic demand for it. However, the most troubling observation was the small number of minority residents who actually got shot appointments. In December of last year only 4.85% of our African American population in group one received the vaccine. The Hispanic community numbers were even lower at 1.43%.



Linda Rawley Thompson

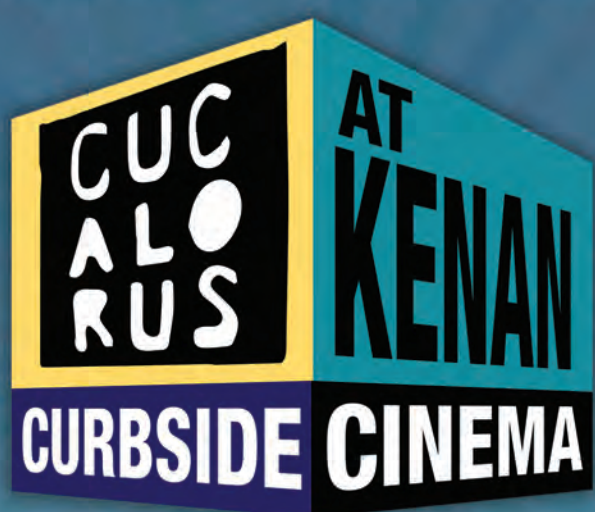
Our office quickly went into over-drive and started a grassroots effort with inner-city churches, Latin community organizers, representatives from the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe and the Chinese-American community. The message was clear the registration process for the vaccine was not equitable for everyone. Many of the residents in these communities did not have the technology nor the abilities to navigate the registration process fairly. However, when we went into these communities with culturally sensitive strategies we were able to get more minorities registered. Vaccine sites were set-up in area churches deep in the heart of many minority communities. Pastors and other leaders began to supply lists of seniors and our office became the main hub for outreach registrations.

In February of this year we saw a 10% increase in the

number of African Americans who have been vaccinated and a slight increase in the number of Hispanics. Community leaders believe the low number of Hispanics in group one is possibly due to the small number of Hispanic seniors in New Hanover County. As we move into group three and four we are hoping to see more diversity among our vaccinated residents.

This is what I have learned during this event. In a crisis everyone wants an equitable opportunity to move to safety. It is the job of our government to give residents the resources and tools to get there. I applaud New Hanover County's efforts to see a problem and work intentionally to fix it. My hope is always to heal forward and see the positive changes in our community. Until next time, Linda Rawley Thompson is NHC Chief Diversity & Equity Officer

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Patricia Moroz, Executrix
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March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2021

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as executrix of the estate of **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 the 11th day of March, 2021

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

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 **Leatha Brown Griffith**, 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 **25th 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 the 25th day of March, 2021

Robert Whitney, Executrix
321 Springdale Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 20 JT 5

IN THE MATTER OF: H.S.A. (DOB: 12/24/2019)
TO: RESPONDENTS: VICTORIA SMITH, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, AND JAMES BRIAN APPLE, BIOLOGICAL FATHER, OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO VICTORIA SMITH

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 April 1, 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 Victoria Smith, and he can be reached at 705 North 4th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 362-1100.

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR May 24, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, via Web-Ex, at the Office of Juvenile Clerks, 138 North 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of March, 2021.

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

April 1, 8, 15, 2021

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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 the 18th day of February, 2021

Gary Jones Collins, II, Executrix
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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Kevin Null (20-E-335)**, 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 the 18th day of March, 2021.

Charlotte Noel Fox
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WENDELL AMOS, Deceased. IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO: 21E 0354

The undersigned qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Wendell Amos**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them same to Bobby Amos, Administrator, at the address set out below, on or before **July 2, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded as bar to recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either address set out below.

This the 1st day of April, 2021.

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

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COURT FILE NO: 21 CVD 562

REGINALD AUDREY BRYANT, PLAINTIFF V. KATINA S. BRYANT, DEFENDANT

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 an absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty(40) days from first publication date and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 1st day of April, 2021

Reginald Audrey Bryant
3036 Mt. Misery Rd. NE
Leland, NC 28451

April 1, 8, 15, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 19 JT 288, 15 JT 166

IN THE MATTER OF: A.H.G. (dob: 22 January 2019) J.D.H.G. (dob: 27 October 2011)

TO: RESPONDENT-FATHER OF A.H.G., RAYMONDO HERNANDEZ AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF A.H.G. AND J.D.H.G.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Termination of all parental rights you have to A.H.G. and J.D.H.G.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, April 1, 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.

Attorney Brian Moore has been assigned to represent Raymundo Hernandez. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 362-1100, 705 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 or via Webex.

This the 23rd day of March, 2021.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co.
Dept. of Social Services
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The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013)
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