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

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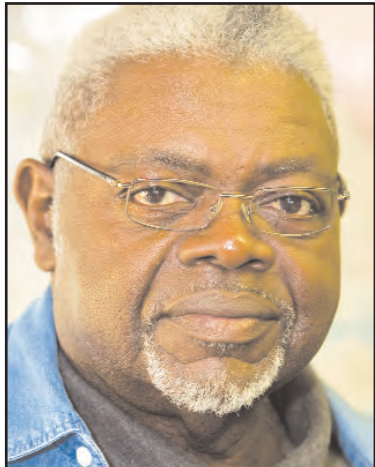


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BERNEST HEWETT

BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT LAND DEALS

BY BERNEST HEWETT
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Brunswick County people of color and low income Whites who own land in Brunswick County, be very aware of your land. Even as farmers, you have the right to do with your land as you please. There is a movement going on in Brunswick County toward more development and construction. This movement has brought about the need for land. With this movement, your land becomes more valuable to the public interest. This brings buyers with all kinds of

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Bill prohibits renaming of Fayetteville State University

BY CASH MICHAELS
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Because of the pervasive legacy of slavery and racial injustice, many buildings and locations across North Carolina, once named after slave owners and White supremacists, are now being renamed to bury that inauspicious past.

However, for years, there have been discussions about renaming HBCU Fayetteville State University (FSU) for different reasons, and recently two African-American State House members have filed legislation to make sure that that does not happen.

Called "Prohibit Renaming of Fayetteville State," HB 270, filed by Representative Garland Pierce (D - Hoke, Scotland) and Rep. Marvin W. Lucas (D - Cumberland), is "an act to prohibit the redesignation of Fayetteville State University as any other name as a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina. The act is effective when it becomes

law.

A Change.org petition online entitled "Save the Name" - "House Bill 270" Fayetteville State University, started by Bradie Frink, has thus far, at the rise of this writing, garnered 182 signatures in support of the legislation.

One of the petition supporters, Derwin Campbell, wrote, "This decision could have detrimental [effects] to the autonomy of administrators, faculty, and student government in keeping the history of our fine institution intact."

FSU, North Carolina's oldest state supported Historically Black College or University, has actually already been through several name changes since its inception in 1867, when it was first established as the Howard School and was established for the education of African-Americans. A decade later, the school was renamed the State Colored Normal School in Fayetteville. In 1930, the school became the Fayetteville State Teachers College, 33 years

later becoming Fayetteville State College in 1963.

It was 1969 when FSU finally adopted its current name.

However, Republican Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger wanted to change the name of Fayetteville State University to UNC at Fayetteville in 2016 when he was seeking to lower the tuition of certain schools in the UNC System to \$500.00 for in-state students.

FSU was never renamed under the Berger Bill, but apparently Representatives Pierce and Lucas are taking no chances, and thus have filed the bill prohibiting the renaming of the University.

However, if HB 270 passes the House, it may hit a brick wall in the State Senate. Sen. Berger is still the Pres. Pro Tem there, and if he still wants to change the name of Fayetteville State University, he can put the brakes on HB 270 so that it never gets the Senate's sanction, let alone any consideration.

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"deals" some good and some very shady! There are lawyers with papers for you to sign, realtors and independent buyers with deals! Some are good deals, but many of these deals are no good and can cost you your property or control of your land! You have POA's and HOA's who come with land management ideas which sound great, but, when you sign up, you find that these ideas aren't in the best interest of all but the few who are in charge of them. My people have owned land in Brunswick County since the 1800's, and we didn't need anyone to tell us what to do with it or how to keep it! We must be very aware about your property (land, houses, farms) and the deal makers! They are here and already making progress. *Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Chapter of the NAACP.*



STATE BRIEFS



COMMUNITY SHOCKED BY KIDDER STREET SHOOTINGS

[W I L M I N G T O N]
Authorities are still trying to get to the bottom of last Saturday's shootings at 718 Kidder Street that left seven people shot-three dead and four injured. The deceased

were young--16, 21 and 22. The Wilmington Police Dept. is still collecting evidence. If you have any information, contact WPD at 910-343-3609, or use the WPD application. You can also text anonymously to 847411 (tip411) by including the keyword WPDNC.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOUND DEAD AFTER CHILD SEX ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

[WILMINGTON] An

assistant principal at Noble Middle School was found dead at his home last Friday after he was arrested for alleged sex offenses against a student dating back to the early 1990s. David Eugene Bostian, 59, was accused of having an affair with a woman while she was a 16-year-old student at New Hanover High School in 1992. Bostian resigned from Noble Middle School Friday morning. He had been arrested, been given bond, and released,

after which he was found dead in his home.

CHURCH GIVES AWAY 500 FREE GAS CARDS

[GOLDSBORO] A local church was the answer for a lot of prayers last weekend when it gave away 500 gasoline gift cards, roughly over \$7,000.00 worth as part of an outreach. The church was Deeper Life Church Ministries of Goldsboro and the gas cards were for \$15.00 worth of gas. As a continued part of their out-

reach to the community, Deeper Life plans to give away food next.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Proposed \$15 minimum wage filed in the N. C. Senate

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A federal \$15/hr minimum wage bill may have faltered in the U. S. Senate for now, but that doesn't stop Democrats in the N. C. Senate from proposing the minimum wage hike for citizens. However, just like in Congress, it's highly unlikely that State Senate Republicans will go for it.

Senate Bill 447 - the "Living Wage for N. C. Workers," sponsored by State Sen. Mujtaba A. Mohammed (D-Mecklenburg), Sen. Natalie Murdock (D- Durham) and Sen. Julie Mayfield (D-Buncombe) and filed on March 31, is described as "an act increasing the State's minimum wage to fifteen dollars per hour over five years, then annually adjusting the minimum wage automatically by increases in the cost of living; ending the sub-minimum wage for individuals with disabilities, amending the sub minimum wage for tipped workers, and ending the exemption for domestic workers.

The current minimum wage employers in North Carolina are required to pay workers is \$7.25/hr., same as the current federal minimum.

Under SB 447, if passed, the statewide minimum wage would go from \$7.25 to \$8.80 per hour as of January



STATE SENATOR MUJTABA A. MOHAMMED

1, 2022. One year later it would rise to \$10.35/hr. On January 1, 2024, the state minimum wage would go to \$12.00/hr. On January 1, 2025, \$13.00/hr would become the minimum wage, and a year later, on January 1, 2026, the minimum wage for North Carolina wage earners would become \$15.00/hr.

Those proposed incremental increases would be subject to what the federal minimum is at that time. If Congress does decide to raise the federal minimum wage by January 1, 2022 to \$15.00/hr., that would automatically supercede whatever North Carolina's minimum wage would be at

that time.

As it stands now, any positive movement on the federal \$15.00/hr minimum wage proposal looks dead in the water. The Senate parliamentarian determined the amendment did not comply with Senate budget rules and had to be taken out of Pres. Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package several weeks ago.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I- Vermont), forced a vote on a free-standing amendment for the proposal, and it failed 42-58.

The Biden Administration vowed to get the \$15.00/hr amendment passed later but has not said when or how.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

A year of COVID-19 brought record consumer debt and collection complaints

70 million consumers contacted by at least one debt collector

After more than a year of COVID-19, the nation's collective ability to cope with dual public health and economic crises has diminished many consumers' ability to remain financially stable. While this February's national employment report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed a net gain of 379,000 jobs and white unemployment dropped to 5.6%, there was no corresponding improvement for Black and Latino workers. Instead, unemployment was respectively higher at 9.9% and 8.5%.

Workers without jobs typically receive unemployment benefits that vary across the country in the amount and duration.

Although the U.S. Department of Labor finds the 2021 national average for state unemployment benefits to be \$346.46, fifteen states have weekly benefits less than \$300 and include locales with substantial workers of color, including: Arizona (\$238.23); Florida (\$233.59); Louisiana (\$192.98); Mississippi (\$190.27); Missouri (\$253.87); North Carolina (\$222.14); and Tennessee (\$222.89).

Further, as most workers receive their health insurance through their employers, unemployed workers often lose that insurance as well as their incomes. It's one thing to become ill, but it's a compounded difficulty when you're sick and out of a job at the same time.

As Black America faces yet again another unequal economic recovery, a recent annual report to Congress on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) substantiates this claim. This consumer law governs debt collection practices, legally prohibiting debt collection companies from using abusive, unfair or deceptive practices to collect past due bills for mortgage, credit cards, medical debt, personal or other household debts. It does not include protections for business debts.

Released in early March, the 2020 report, jointly prepared by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) reveals stark findings of consumers' financial stress. In the first quarter of last year, consumer debt grew to \$14.3 trillion. By the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2020, non-housing debt respectively reached increases of \$15 billion and \$37 billion.

Credit and consumer reporting complaints accounted for more than 58% of complaints received, followed by debt collection (15%), credit card (7%), checking or savings (6%), and mortgage (5%).

Beginning in April 2020, consumers began to submit more than 3,000 complaints mentioning coronavirus-related keywords nearly every month. Consumers submitted approximately 32,100 complaints mentioning coronavirus or related keywords in 2020. In all of 2020, 70 million consumers - one in three with a credit file - was contacted by at least one creditor or collector trying to collect one or more debts.

The 2020 tally for all CFPB complaints - across all credit areas - was approximately 542,300, a nearly 54% increase over the approximately 352,400 complaints handled in 2019.

"The pandemic has been among the most disruptive long-term events we will see in our lifetimes," said CFPB Acting Director Dave Uejio. "Not surprisingly, the shockwaves it sent across the planet were felt deeply in the consumer financial marketplace... In 2020, the Bureau received more than 540,000 consumer complaints. For seven of the nine months since March 2020, the Bureau managed record complaint volume."

Acting FTC Chairwoman Rebecca Kelly Slaughter also characterized her agency's efforts over the past year. "The FTC acted quickly to take down a number of illegal COVID-related scams, sued to block or unwind an unprecedented number of mergers, and took a number of other strong enforcement actions across its missions," said Slaughter.

Last year, the FTC filed or resolved seven debt collection cases against 39 defendants and obtained \$26 million in judgments. Similarly, two CFPB judgments ordered nearly \$15.2 million in consumer redress and \$80,000 in civil money penalties.

In addition to CFPB and FTC, the Asset Funders Network (AFN), an alliance of philanthropists pledged to equitable wealth-building and economic mobility, also recently published a policy brief that found one-third of households with medical debt also have student loan debt and 43% of families with legal debts also have medical debt.

Entitled, Medical Debt and its Impact on Health and Wealth: What Philanthropy Can Do to Help, the brief closely examines medical debt and who is most impacted by it. AFN also identified three specific drivers of medical debt: unpredictable medical emergencies, insufficient health coverage, and high out-of-pocket expenses.

According to AFN, more than one in five adults experience an unanticipated medical expense in a year. When medical emergencies arise, household spending averages \$3,000 per person per year, with more than one-third of that expense attributable to out-of-pocket medical costs for the insured. For the uninsured, medical debts amass even more quickly, and often in states that did not expand Medicaid coverage for low-wage workers.

In part the brief states, "Medical debt disproportionately impacts communities of color, perpetuating and exacerbating the racial wealth gap by draining cash flow that other households without medical debt can save or invest. Racial inequities in income, wealth, and insurance coverage play a role in the prevalence and burden of medical debt...Black non-elderly adults are

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MATTERS OF OPINION

Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

Pope Francis on depraved indifference of Derek Chauvin

In 2017, Pope Francis invited my friend, Rev. Dr. William Joseph Barber II, with several other anti-racism and labor organizers, to Rome for a two-day conference. Social justice advocates from Canada, Senegal, Italy, Ireland, Tunisia, Ghana, Brazil, and the U.S. were invited also. Pope Pius wanted to bless the growing labor, anti-poverty, anti-racism, and peace Movement.

In November 2017, Pope Francis celebrated a special mass on the first World Day of the Poor. The Pope ate with 1500 poor people from Poland, France and Italy. He denounced those who were indifferent to the mass poverty in the world, calling their indifference "a great sin."

Wilmington Journal reporter Cash Michaels wrote a big story about Rev. Barber's

historic meeting with the Pope, scooping White media as usual. He quoted Pope Francis' remarks at length in the Wilmington Journal:

"It is when we turn away from a brother or sister in need;

When we change channels as soon as a disturbing question comes up;

When we grow indignant at evil, but do nothing about it;

It is a great sin. God will not ask us, if we felt righteous indignation? He will ask whether we did some good?"

I can't Pope Francis' words out of my mind, while watching the Minnesota Attorney

General prosecutors conduct a post-doctorate class in the cruel nature of U.S. racism up near the Canadian border.

Never have I seen, in my sixty years of anti-racism work and lawyering, the opportunity for millions of whites to make a Great Leap Forward in Doing Justice, not just feeling Righteous Indignation about the Depraved Indifference of Chauvin. Make some Good Trouble..

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some good?

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.

Solving The Race Issue In America

The day America died! (Part 3: The New Jim Crow)

As we move further into this new year, I ask myself, "Where is the America I was taught to trust and believe in?"

Things are happening right now in America that I thought could never happen in this land of the free and home of the brave. Are we brave enough to face the truth?

"Did America die? When did this happen? Is America on life support?"

Perhaps America died when certain leaders and their enablers refused to accept that the 2020 election was fair, proper, and free of election fraud. They ignored the findings of the US Supreme Court, the Attorney General, the Election Security Agency, and virtually every other court and state election board in the country.

Is it a blow to the heart of America when the validated vote of the American people - the cornerstone of the American democracy - is disputed by certain leaders with baseless, false, unsupported allegations of election fraud.

Perhaps America died when a white policeman murdered George Floyd by kneeling on his neck for over nine minutes. The world watched in real time as George Floyd cried for help

and called for his dead mother, as the life drained from his body onto a hard, cold Minneapolis street.

Is it a sucker-punch to the belly of America that the lawyers representing the policeman who knelt on George Floyd's neck want us to

believe that George died of drugs or other physical ailments? These lawyers are asking the jurors and the world to ignore what our eyes saw, and our ears heard for over nine minutes.

This line of defense has been done before. Remember the filmed beating of Rodney King.

Perhaps America died on January 6, 2021 when a violent group of the former president's supporters attacked and occupied the United States Capitol. This mob halted the constitutional process of certifying the Electoral College votes and forced our legislators - in the Citadel of Democracy - to put on gas masks, run for cover, and evacuate the building.

According to the New York Times (1/11/2021), five people lost their lives in the Capitol Assault of January 6, 2021.

Perhaps America dies today - when her soul is once more under fatal attack.

An article by Amy Gardner in The Washington Post (3/11/2021) reveals that Republican

lawmakers in 43 states have proposed at least 250 laws that would restrict voting rights.

This current national assault on voting rights is taken from the racist playbook of voter suppression that seems to be required reading for republicans throughout the nation.

The playbook for voter suppression was developed from a coup that took place on American soil - "the Coup of 1898 in Wilmington, North Carolina."

After the legitimately elected government of Wilmington, North Carolina was overthrown in the "Coup of 1898," white legislators in the state government enacted "Jim Crow" laws that would suppress the rights of black voters. The state legislature passed laws requiring voters to pay poll taxes, pass literacy tests, "grandfather clauses" - anything that would undermine

and excluded black people from voting.

Once North Carolina showed the way, similar "Jim Crow" voter suppression laws spread throughout the south - virtually eradicating gains by black Americans after the Civil War.

In 1898, the goal of the state legislators was to prevent the re-occurrence of the 1898 liberal political victory that had been destroyed by the "Coup of 1898."

Today we have the "New Jim Crow." The true goal of today's national assault on voting rights is essentially the same as in 1898 - to ensure that the victories by the democrats in winning the presidency and control of the US Senate would never be repeated in upcoming elections.

This national movement of voter suppression can be the final deathblow to the American heart, soul, spirit, and dream.

The voter suppression movement started in 1898 lasted for over 60 years - until the bloody civil rights movements of the 1950's and 1960's.

If this Republican initiated

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1.5 times more likely, and Latinx and Native American non-elderly adults are 2.5 times more likely, to be uninsured than non-elderly White adults. With less access to insurance, people of color are more likely to face higher medical costs and challenges paying their medical bills."

"In many southern states, people of color disproportionately lack health insurance coverage in large part because their state did not implement Medicaid expansion," the brief continues. "Individuals in the South are also more likely to work in agricultural jobs or

other low-wage jobs that do not provide employer-sponsored health insurance...Of the 13 states where more than one in five adults has medical debt in collections, seven states have not implemented Medicaid expansion, and in 11 states, people of color represent more than a quarter of the population."

Earlier this year, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) also took a public stance on debt collection - in particular wage garnishment and bank levy protections.

"Systemic racism has fostered a debt collection landscape in which people of color are more likely to be contacted by collectors and more likely to be impacted by lawsuits

resulting in wage garnishment and bank levies," states CRL. "State laws differ in terms of how much money is "protected," or is unable to be seized by a debt collector, to leave money for a family's basic needs. Federal protection is urgently needed."

The current federal poverty level of \$17,240 for a single adult with one dependent child has not changed since 1969. Nor does this official poverty level take into account regional differences in the cost of living, or the cost of childcare that represents a major budgetary cost for all working parents.

To remedy debt collection seizures of all available financial resources, CRL advocates

that families be shielded from debt collectors by allowing consumers to retain \$12,000 in a bank account over a three-month period to cover food, housing, transportation and medical care.

"The COVID-19 crisis has resulted in high levels of unemployment around the nation and recovery will take months, if not years, states CRL. "The federal government must protect \$12,000 in a bank account, and approximately \$1,000 in wages per week, to help families establish and build financial security."

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(TriceEdneyWire.com)

April is Autism Awareness Month. Autism is a neurodevelopmental condition characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication which affects one out of every 54 US children. Autism affects each person differently and poses challenges respective to the individual. Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is considered an “invisible disorder” since there is no physical indication of the condition.

Elijah McClain was a 23-year-old Black man who, at about 140 pounds, was slight of build. He was a musician and a massage therapist. He lived an unassuming, relatively conventional life on the Autism Spectrum. On August 25, 2019, he was walking home from a convenience store, bringing his brother an iced tea, and, because of anemia, wearing an open-faced ski mask to keep his face warm.

Three Aurora, CO, police officers decided that Elijah's appearance and conduct was “suspicious.” As they called to him, Elijah was listening to

music on his headphones and “ignored” their calls. The police restrained Elijah, wrestled him to the ground, and placed him in a chokehold.

Elijah can be heard pleading with the police, saying he had done nothing wrong and, “I’m an introvert, please respect my boundaries that I am speaking.” And, while being choked, he uttered the all too familiar, “I CAN’T BREATHE.” Before losing consciousness, his last words were, “I am different.”

Paramedics were called. They administered Elijah an overdose of the sedative, Ketamine, and he was transported to the hospital. In the ambulance, it was observed that Elijah was not breathing. He was declared brain dead on August 27th. An independent report commissioned by the Aurora City Council said the encounter: “didn’t appear to be supported by reasonable suspicion of

criminal activity.”

Audio of this encounter was one of the most heart wrenching experiences of my life. Unfortunately, that event and others like it are FAR TOO COMMON in communities of color! Each day during Holy Week, we have listened to eyewitness accounts of the brutal murder of George Floyd. We have seen what, by all appearances, was an execution without regard for the humanity of a man. This too is all too familiar.

I have always believed in keeping explanations simple. Most will understand you and few will be able to twist your words into self-serving utterances. I challenge anyone who viewed the incident videos to explain the crime he committed that would justify the imposition of the death penalty. Chauvin’s use of extra-judicial authority cannot be justified. And his smug, “can’t touch this” arrogance as he kneeled astride George Floyd’s neck made the episode more intolerable.

I am not afraid to speak the obvious truth to power: Derick Chauvin’s defense team cannot throw enough mud to satisfy the dehumanization of George

Floyd. Any hypocrite willing to minimize the value of George Floyd’s life because of drug use must first publicly berate and diminish, in a similar manner; the life of the drug addled, Rush Limbaugh.

Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Eric Gardner, Rayshard Brooks, LaQuan McDonald, Tamir Rice, Breonna Taylor; and the list goes on. They are not just names - they are men and women who anticipated full and complete lives. None suspected that some rogue, maniacal descendant of a 19th century slave catcher would choose to intervene in their lives with deadly consequence.

We cannot condemn all police for rogue activities, but we must not accept further repetition of this gross injustice. We must be vigilant in the protection of our community and we must support the Police Reform Bill that is now in the Senate.

It is said that the past is prologue to the future. If so, we must make the present a past that is acceptable to our future.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES Cancel culture, contextualized

When Georgia Governor Brian Kemp said that the decision of Major League Baseball to pull the All-Star game out of Atlanta because of its objection to the new voter laws hastily passed by the Georgia Legislature was another example of “cancel culture,” I groaned.

Specifically, Kemp said that the MLB had “caved to fear and lies from liberal activists” (<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/03/us/politics/mlb-georgia-voting-kemp.html>) . In another statement he said that the MLB had caved to “cancel culture and liberal lies.” (<https://www.medi-aite.com/tv/ga-governor-brian-kemp-says-mlb-caved-to-cancel-culture-and-liberal-lies-by-moving-all-star-game/>)

He also said, while making a nationally televised statement, that “he would not be silenced,” a sentiment that many on the Right have expressed as they work to paint their political opponents as violators of the constitutional right of free speech.

Washington Post columnist Paul Waldman wrote that that “in short, any time you’re being criticized in a way you don’t like, you can say you’re being canceled.” (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/02/19/nobody-loves-cancel-culture-more-than-republicans-do/>)

All this babble about cancel culture has struck a nerve. According to some whom I’ve talked to, complaining about “cancel culture” is in effect voicing resentment that people don’t like it that their racist, sexist, homophobic, and other views are being called out. Apparently, many whites have resented not being able to talk about their dislike of Black people, women (and their rightful place), gay people, and people of other ethnicities and nationalities without being criticized.

So, when they are called out, they charge “cancel culture.” At the beginning of the Republican National Convention in 2020, a resolution was adopted which criticized the prevalence of “cancel culture,” which was defined as that which erasing of history, encouraging lawlessness, muting citizens, and violating free exchange of ideas, thoughts, and speech.” (<https://www.vox.com/culture/2019/12/30/20879720/what-is-cancel-culture-explained-history-debate>) The phrase apparently began to be used in late 2017, and has grown in popularity, stoking the pent-up anger of white people who resent what they see as a culture which is evolving from that which they believe it was meant to be - a resting place made by white people for white people - to one which embraces the idea of pluralism and inclusivity.

But if one thinks about the actual phrase, it is actually white culture which has been canceling the cultures of other groups of people for hundreds of years.

The current flurry over voting rights, for example, is a continuation of the history of white culture to cancel the right of Black people to vote, effectively canceling the culture of a group of people on whose backs America was built. The inequity of public education, with less money going to Black schools, might be seen as an effort to cancel Black culture; laws that made it illegal not only for Black people to learn to read but to also go to libraries might also be seen as part of the effort to snuff out Black culture. Disparate health care - in the past and now, as a disproportionate number of Black people are dying of COVID-19 is yet another example. And of course, there is police brutality, a practice supported by white culture which seems ultimately designed to eliminate or dilute the presence of Black people in this country.

White Americans canceled the culture of Native Americans; it works to cancel the cultures of Islamic-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, and any culture which is not white, heterosexual, Protestant and male-dominated. The cultures of these groups have been canceled legally, socially, and by the commission of genocide.

The former president opened the door for disgruntled whites to be bold about their racism; he, like the late Rush Limbaugh urged white people to own their racism and sexism and Xenophobia, to not worry about being “politically correct.” And so, every time the power structure makes a move to further erode the rights of non-white Americans and there is a pushback, the Republicans cry foul and charge “cancel culture.”

We ought to be clear about what cancel culture is and tell the story - and we ought to tell the story in such a vivid way that even a blind person would be able to see it. Black and brown people have been fighting against the desire of the power structure to cancel them out for hundreds of years.

Let the truth be known - and let it be told.
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movement for voter suppression is not addressed immediately, it can undermine the democratic foundation necessary for America to live out its creed - that all people are created equal with certain unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Throughout history, the high ideal and authenticity of the American dream has consistently and continuously been assaulted and attacked by the forces of evil.

When political, religious, and spiritual leaders stand by in silent acquiescence as these attacks occur; the sins of the past will be relived in the present and perpetuated in the future.

Abraham Lincoln understood the dilemma when he said, “America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

Lincoln proclaimed that a house divided against itself cannot stand. A single blow does not kill the giant. The “New Jim Crow” - a thousand small blows of hypocrisy, lies, deception, injustice, and insincere apologies weakens the giant until it is no more!

America dies a little each day as the smoldering embers of racism and injustice are fanned by flawed leaders who proclaim the American dream for some, while subjecting

other Americans to unspeakable suffering of fear, poverty, injustice, and pandemic.

America dies a little each day when our citizens, our political leaders, and most of all our religious leaders, stand by in quiet acquiescence, as our country turns it back on the Golden Rule - do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Our children are watching. What example shall we give?

We have a choice. We can be the “better angels” that Abraham Lincoln described in his First Inaugural Address. We can follow the light and walk the talk so eloquently set forth by the founding fathers - “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Or we can continue in the darkness of untruths and bitter division. We can build our house upon the sands of lies, hypocrisy, injustice, and fear ... “and when the rains descend, and floods come, and the winds blow and beat upon the house that is America, it will fall, and great will be the fall of it.”

When did America die? The answer America is not in our stars, but in ourselves. Are we brave enough to face it?

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Justice is on trial in the George Floyd murder case

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

The murder trial of Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin has begun, ten months after George Floyd died in the street with Chauvin’s knee on his neck. Americans, especially Black Americans, are watching closely to see if justice will be done.

The beginning of the trial made me profoundly sad, but also profoundly hopeful.

It made me sad, because Floyd is gone and nothing will bring him back to his family.

It made me hopeful, because Floyd’s killing sparked a renewed movement that is challenging police killings of unarmed civilians—a multiracial and multigenerational movement.

The fact that Chauvin has been indicted and is facing trial is itself reason for hope. But my hope is tempered by history. As Black Americans know all too well, our system often fails to hold law enforcement accountable for killing Black people—even when the killing is on video.

Think about Eric Garner.

Garner died in 2014 after a New York City police officer put him in a choke hold and wrestled him to the ground.

Before he died, Garner told police officers, “I can’t breathe” 11 times. It was all on video. But a local grand jury decided not to indict the officer who killed Garner. And five years later, in 2019, U.S. Attorney General William Barr decided not to bring federal civil rights charges against him.

Last year, Floyd said “I can’t breathe” 27 times as he laid on the ground with Chauvin’s knee on his neck. Other officers looked on even as people begged and pleaded with them to spare Floyd’s life.

The trial testimony has been brutal. We learned on the first day that Chauvin kneeled on Floyd’s neck for nine and a half minutes—even longer than we thought. On the second day, a teenage witness tried to hold

back tears on the stand while she described watching a man die and not being able to help him.

I am convinced that the truth about what happened to George Floyd came out only because someone filmed his death. It was only after video was shared widely that the officers were fired, and charges eventually filed. And even now, rumors and disinformation being spread online blame Floyd for his own death.

A New York Times investigation published last year found that over the past decade, at least 70 people—more than half of them Black—died in law enforcement custody after saying “I can’t breathe.” Most of them were stopped or held over non-violent infractions, 911 calls about “suspicious” behavior, or mental health issues. More than 40 of the “I can’t breathe” deaths happened after Garner was killed.

We hope and expect that the trial now under way will bring justice for George Floyd and his family. But obviously the problem in law enforcement is

much bigger than individual “bad apples.”

We can save lives and prevent future deaths by reimagining public safety and demanding real, institutional change. That is the motivation for measures like the federal George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and a wave of initiatives being proposed and considered at state and local levels.

We must finally have equal justice under the law, and it starts with a criminal justice system that holds law enforcement accountable.

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

STOP "OTHERING"

I wondered how long expressions of empathy would continue to be front and center in the minds of Americans following the hate-fueled multiple murders of Asian women in and near Atlanta, Georgia.

To be clear, two of the victims of Robert Aaron Long’s homicidal mania were not of Asian ancestry. But their proximity to clearly and stereotypically identifiable Asian ethnic tropes brought them within the sights of the killer.

The fact that most people have already forgotten the names of the eight victims murdered at three Asian American spas in the Atlanta area tends to strengthen the argument that generally speaking, empathy for “the other” is fleeting.

When we fail to stay in touch with our humanity and abandon our ability to have empathy for all people, we fall into the trap of enabling those among us who use hate and fear as tools to separate us in order to serve their greed and lust for power.

At many points along the path of American history, the ugly truths of our country are shrouded in the shadows of lies, misinformation and ignorance. Sometimes these truths emerge from the shadows, and we even hear some Blacks and Asians demonize Asians. It is common knowledge that some Black folks speak disparagingly about merchants of Asian ances-

try who operate businesses in Black communities. Recently, there are reports of Sery Kim, Congressional candidate of Korean ancestry from Texas and a supporter of Donald Trump, speaking publicly about people of Chinese ancestry, saying that she does not “want them here at all.” Rather than drawing gasps and condemnation from her audience, her remarks generated cheers and applause.

The modern-day “othering” of people of color in America and elsewhere is a direct result of Western imperialism and colonialism. For the sake of their stability, these socioeconomic processes required creating and maintaining the global myth of white supremacy. Europeans used white supremacy to place themselves at the top of the social hierarchy in lands they controlled. They also maneuvered the inhabitants of color into opposing each other based upon their ethnic or cultural backgrounds.

“Divide and conquer” is not merely a trite and meaningless saying. It is a political, social and economic strategy that has resulted in the successful looting of entire continents by a few relatively small countries in the western

end of the Eurasian land mass. By creating separate classes of “haves” and “have nots,” European imperialists created tensions between identifiable groups that prevented them from joining forces and throwing off their oppressors.

Two very clear cases illustrate how this has been done and its disastrous effects.

In the 1980s, the world watched in horror as a conflict between Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda resulted in the deaths of thousands of men, women and children. But little thought was given to the fact that the schism between these two peoples had been exacerbated for decades in large part by the Belgian colonial administrators who ruled over the lands that were to become Rwanda and Burundi. The Belgians formalized the “othering” between the two groups by forcing Hutus and Tutsis to carry ethnic identity cards. To create a class division, the Belgians allowed only Tutsis to obtain a higher education or hold positions of limited economic power within the colonial structure.

The British did a similar form of “othering” in the colonial lands that were to become Sudan. By encouraging Islam in the northern part of that colony and severely restricting it in the south, a religious divide developed. Additionally, the British invested heavily in the north - considered Arab



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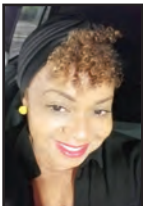
GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

The affordable housing plight

Over the last couple of weeks, I have seen results of some recent studies about the state of affairs in our area as it relates to housing affordability and accessibility for all. Needless to say, the results of the studies surprised me not, because as a daily foot soldier in these affordable housing streets, I know how bad it is.

The Wilmington Biz shared the results of a study that was ordered by the Joint City/County Workforce Housing Advisory Committee. Some findings were: "Just in the next five years, you need over 4,100 [housing] units in the city

and almost 4,000 in the rest of the county." Most of the county's homeowners make more than \$60,000 a year, compared to the fact that 60% of renter households make under \$40,000 a year, the data showed. The Bowen study found that the majority of county renter households (50.3%) and more than one-quarter of owner households in the county are considered "housing cost-burdened." The burden is a greater challenge in



Brenda Dixon

Wilmington, particularly among renters, the study showed. As a result of the lack of affordable housing, defined as housing and housing-associated costs that don't exceed 30% of a household's income, some people who work in New Hanover County and Wilmington have to live in outlying counties. Over 47,000 people commute into New Hanover County each day for work, 43% of all workers," the Bowen report stated. These statics are spot on in the income levels and the out-skirt areas families are now forced to consider. More and more families that we help to purchase their 1st-home are no longer looking in New

Hanover County. They are looking in Riegglewood, Wallace, Richlands, Willard, and every other little town within a 30-45 minute drive into the city. This study also revealed some of the main reasons we have dealt with the non-development of more affordable housing, due to the resistance of some citizens. They said "In other findings, on the perceived impact of affordable housing, 23% "agree that affordable housing negatively affects the community's character." Additionally, 46% believe affordable housing decreases property values and 33% believe it increases crime. The survey, focus group, and

interview respondents all said there needs to be more building of housing everywhere throughout the county. According to the study, the strongest response from survey respondents was that low-income and workforce housing needed to be built in all areas. The study recorded some resistance to affordable housing and NIMBYism, NIMBY standing for, "Not In My Backyard." Oh my, now you can best believe that is a feeling that runs deep, deep, deep in our area, and it has affected affordability in our area for quite some time. I wanted to share this information with you because this problem of affordability is so

huge, it will take municipalities, special programs, tax incentives, donations of land, etc to combat it.

Yes, we will be fighting big-ots that whole way, but it is a fight worthwhile. I will stay encouraged, and you must stay encouraged. I just must believe that a solution will be found and implemented.

Until next week, please share this information with at least 3 people, and tell them to reach out to get a Free personalized game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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A story of success

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Shown in the picture is Dr. Willie J. Simmons-Canty, EdD from Virginia, Beach VA. Dr. Simmons-Canty was induct-

ed into The National Society of Leadership and Success, of Sigma Alpha Pi on December 3, 2020. Dr. Simmons-Canty, was nominated and extended an invitation from the University of Phoenix to join the National Society of

Leadership and Success of Sigma Alpha Pi. This honor was extended to her by the University of Phoenix because of her academic accomplishment and leadership potential and came as an honor. The National Society

of Leadership and Success of Sigma Alpha Pi is the largest collegiate leadership honor society in the United States honoring excellence. When this honor and invitation was first extended to Dr. Simmons-Canty, from the



DR. WILLIE J. SIMMONS-CANTY, EdD

University as a distinguished Alumni of the University of Phoenix, she did not respond. This was due in part to the recent passing of her Mother and grieving the lost whom she misses very much. It is always an honor for her to pay tribute to her Mother. Upon receiving the second invitation in May of 2020, she accepted the invitation after much consideration and completed the necessary requirements for membership. She is the daughter of the late Mrs. Margaret N. Simmons & Walter L. Simmons, Sr., granddaughter of the late Delsia Sidberry Nixon, Lewis and Maggie B. Croom Simmons, Wife of the late Melzo Canty of Greensboro, NC and the mother of two children LaTarsha (Shelton), Thomas Lafayette and two grandchildren, Xzavier and Gabrielle Holley. Dr. Simmons-Canty graduated from Williston Sr. High School in the Class of 1960. She received an AA Degree from Williston Division of Wilmington College now University of North Carolina at Wilmington, NC. BS degree from Winston Salem State University, where she studied Education and Biology as a double major, studied music and carried an interest in the Arts. Two (2) Master Degrees from Norfolk State University where she studied Early Childhood Education and Urban Education, Doctorate of Education from the University of Phoenix in the areas of Education, Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction. Further study

and professional work were done from the University of New York, Old Dominion University, College of William & Mary, DC University, Minor College, University of Virginia, Virginia Teck, and the University of Lynchburg. She was accepted into Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society, one of the nation's most prestigious educational honor societies. Dr. Simmons-Canty is a member of First Baptist Church Morrison in Newport News, VA, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Virginia Beach Alumnae Chapter and served as the 4th President of Virginia Beach Alumnae Chapter, NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, Served as a Forever A Phoenix Scholarship Committee Member, Phi Delta Kappa, Norfolk Federation of Teachers, Prominent Civic Leader and Supporter, Retiree of Norfolk Public School System, Norfolk, VA and licensed by the State of VA in the areas of Biology, Elementary Grades 1-7, General Science, History and Social Science. Her teaching career covered a span of 43 years and was licensed to teach in the states of North Carolina, New York, Virginia, and Washington, DC. She met with success meeting the SOL Standards of Virginia along with her team as leader, met the technology standards, child abuse recognition and intervention requirements for the State of Virginia, contributor to the UNCF and many other charitable organizations and recipient of many achievements and awards.

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Donald Ray McIntyre

On the evening of March 19th, 2021, the Earth became a little darker as the vibrant light that we knew and love, Donald Ray McIntyre, entered into his eternal sleep and Heaven. There he was able to reunite with his mother and father, Earl Augustus and Mary Elizabeth Cheek McIntyre. His two brothers Rev. Earl R. Cheek and Ernest Augustus McIntyre Sr. His sisters-in-law, Catherine McDuffie McIntyre and Cindory Exum Cheek, and two brothers-in-law Eugene Wm. Jordan Sr. and John Wesley Givan. What a rejoicing time they will have.

Donald was a person who met no strangers. He always wanted to have conversations about his love of playing football with Williston Junior High School and his senior years at John T. Hoggard Senior High School in Wilmington, N.C., a graduate from the class of '72.

Donald furthered his education by attending Winston Salem State College in Winston Salem, N.C. There he also played football, and his position was wide receiver. Donald entered into the U.S. Army serving his country during the Vietnam Era. On his return from the military, he relocated to New York and New Jersey.

His working career for a short time led him to become a Police Officer for the Galveston Texas Police Force. Later he would become a Security Officer with the New York Stock Exchange, where he had the honor of shaking hands with and greeting Pope John Paul II and black actor and activist Ozzie Davis. He was so impressed by Mr. Davis he gave his oldest son his middle name Ozzie. After he retired from the Stock Exchange, he began a tour of duty with the United States Postal Service, in Passaic, New Jersey, until his retirement.

During his retirement days, he liked going out to eat breakfast with his friends. He loved calling the different family members constantly. He would always say I just called to check on you or what's happening. His health began to decline, but he kept up that hopeful spirit. He will truly be missed by family and friends.

His wife Deborah Scott McIntyre, two sons, Steven Ozzie and Timothy Adam McIntyre, one grandson Grayson Bryant McIntyre. Three sisters Claudia McIntyre Jordan, Evonne McIntyre McGill (Husband Paul); Wilmington N.C., Carol McIntyre Givan, Greensboro, N.C. His brothers-in-law Bobby Scott (wife Hermione) of Sacramento, California, and Robert Scott Jr. of Savannah, Georgia. His sisters-in-law Dorothy Hall, Upstate, New York. Ruth Avery, Snellville, Georgia. Patricia Glover (Husband John) of Clementon, New Jersey, his close friend, and Buddy Artie McDuffie. A host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Funeral Services: were held on April 9th, 2021. Arrangements by the Smith Funeral Home, 455 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208. His Resting Place, Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial - National Cemetery, 350 Province Line Road, Wrightstown, New Jersey 08562.

James Carnell Allen

Mr. James Carnell Allen, born August 22, 1969 to James A. Shaw, Jr. and Mattie A. Shaw departed this life on March 24, 2021.

James, also known as "Connie" and DJ Shy" graduated from the Job Corps in 1989. He was employed with State Port and South Atlantic for five years,

as well as J & S Service Company, also known as James and Sons.

DJ Shy was a good young man who loved to play music. He had a smile that would light up any room. He worked very well with his hands, a mechanically skilled handy man, who enjoyed doing housework with his father. His friends often considered him to be a loving father to his kids. He was also a caring son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. He will truly be missed.

He was preceded in death by his grandmothers Mattie Allen and Jennie Session Davis, aunts Norma Jean Allen and Mary Nelson and uncles Ernest Lee Simpson and Walter Carter, Sr.

James is survived by his sons James Carnell Allen, Jr., Ethan Shaw, David Shaw and Jarod Allen; daughter Carmon Shaw and children he raised Lee S. Davis and Samaria Allen, his father James A. Shaw, Jr. and mother Mattie A. Shaw, a brother Evan Allen and a sister Magwenda Harris, aunts Elizabeth Carter, Miriam Herring, Shirley Page, and Hazel Brown, uncles Rev. Ronald Davis (Marie), Sinclair Allen (Tosha) and Melvin Brown, nieces Jessica Wade (Brian), Tonya Harris, Destiny Newkirk, Lamaya Allen, Mattie Allen, Solonica Lawson, Chalsey Lawson and nephews James Williams, Kelvin Harris, Niaeem Allen, Joel Lawson and Justin Harris, special friends India, Demetrius and Jessica, a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, N C 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Arnold Dewayne Powell

Arnold Dewayne Powell was born July 9, 1960 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He departed this life on March 28, 2021.

Arnold attended the New Hanover County Schools until going to the Job Corps, successfully completing vocational training among other things.

Arnold was blessed with a large and loving family. He was the third of seven children. He had a love for sports and was very passionate about his butchering job where he worked for Inscoes for 30 years.

Arnold was preceded in death by his mother Dora Richardson, his brothers Phillip and Timothy Powell, his sister Karen "KK" Powell and both sets of grandparents.

Arnold is survived by his daughter Monique Powell, his father William Powell of the city, his siblings Teresa Johnson and her husband, Antonio Powell and his wife and Angela Powell and a host of other relatives and friends.

Arnold was a kind, loyal and fun loving gentleman who never met a stranger. He was always willing to lend his advice and wisdom. He will truly be missed. Services entrusted to *Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, N C 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Mary F. Jamison

Mary Florence Jamison, daughter of the late Dora Butler Evans and David Ray was born on April 15, 1940 in Cumberland County, Fayetteville, North Carolina. She departed this earthly life on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center, Wilmington, North Carolina. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 2, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Mary was educated in the Cumberland County School System. She was a member of Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. At an early age she moved to Wilmington, North Carolina. After moving to Wilmington, Mary furthered her education at Cape Fear Technical Institute pursuing a career in nursing. Mary later gained employment with the New Hanover County Schools as a custodial supervisor. She later joined Union Missionary Baptist Church. She was a faithful member of Union and worked very diligently.

Mary was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend who will be greatly missed.

She leaves to cherish very fond memories: her loving and devoted only daughter, Shirley Underwood of Charlotte, NC; one special son-in-law who she adored and was very fond of, Roy Underwood, Jr. of Charlotte, NC; six very special grandchildren who were the center of her joy, Cherine, Royal and Marcale Underwood and Nykia Childress of Charlotte, NC and Roy Underwood, III and Carolyn Middleton both of Fayetteville, NC; two very special great-granddaughters who were also close to her heart, Malaysia Long and Jenekia Underwood of Charlotte, NC; one sister, Dora McKoy (Rev. Bobby) of Fayetteville, NC; three brothers, Robert Evans, George Evans and Larry Evans all of Fayetteville, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Rev. Carl A. Byrd, Sr.

Reverend Carl A. Byrd, Sr., age 69, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, March 25, 2021.

An inurnment service was held on Friday, April 2, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Carl Anthony Byrd, Sr. was born on November 18, 1951 to Dorothy Jackson Byrd McGuire and the late James Richard Byrd, Sr. He grew up in Wilmington, North Carolina where he enjoyed playing baseball and spending time at the local Boys Club.

Carl had an unwavering and unconditional love for Wilmington, his hometown. He attended New Hanover County Schools and was a proud 1968 graduate of Williston Senior High. He furthered his education at Kittrell Junior College in Kittrell, North Carolina - completing his studies in 1970. Carl graduated with an Associate's Degree in Business and in 1972 he enrolled in North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Shortly after graduation, Carl joined Caterpillar and for the next decade he began building his career and his family. Carl gained extensive industry and international experience through a wide variety of management roles. While living in Illinois, he led the company's efforts in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. One of his greatest accomplishments were the three children he shared with Jacqueline Byrd Slade. Additionally, Carl was initiated into the Theta Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated where he formed a bond with his line brothers and eventually became a life member. Upon his return to North Carolina, he became an active member of the Omicron Alpha Chapter.

Carl was united in holy matrimony at his home church, St. Mark's Episcopal to his wife of 32 years, Eleanor Grace Mosley. As a couple they enjoyed giving back to their community through their involvement in numerous civic organizations. A respected business professional, Carl held numerous managerial and leadership roles at several prestigious organizations including: Wickes Construction, Carolina Power and Light Company, North Carolina State Port Authority, North Carolina Department of Economic & Community Development and New Hanover County Government where he served as the Human Relations Commission Director eventually transitioning into Human Resources management before his retirement.

Whether it was life advice, business assistance or encouragement to pursue goals, Carl lovingly supported others and was always willing to share his knowledge and wisdom. He enjoyed mentoring and inspiring people. He was dedicated to family and community involvement. Carl served on several boards and was appointed as Campaign Minority Affairs Liaison for Governor Jim Martin and was a

Governor appointee to the Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees. He was well-known and highly respected throughout his community.

A proud member of the Masonic brotherhood, Carl was the past President GIG Wilmington Lodge #63, PM Giblem Lodge #2 (F&AM) PHA, Past Grand Lodge Officer. Past CIC Wilmington Consistory Lodge #63, Past President GIG Wilmington Lodge #63, President of the GIG NC State Class 1996 Cryptic side. Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Past High Priest of Mosaic Chapter #9. Past Royal and Select Master King Solomon #2 Council, Goldsboro, Past Eminent Commander Knights Templar; Charter Member Herbert Bell Shaw #18 Wilmington, 33rd Member of King Saul #6, Lumberton Tarheel Priody #10 (Raleigh) - KYGCH Wilmington Consistory/Charter #63 33rd, and GIG 33rd, KYGCH.

His other professional memberships included: Cape Fear Community College Board Member o Lower Cape Fear LifeCare (formally Lower Cape Fear Hospice) Board Member o North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association - Wilmington Chapter o NC Community College Board (President/Member) o Les Gents (Former President) o Grace Ministries of NC (Founder) o The Elks o Prostate Support Group Member. Recognized for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation, Carl was awarded the highly acclaimed Paul Harris Fellow Award and was a Rotary Club member.

Carl is preceded in death by his father, James Richard Byrd, Sr. and left to cherish his memory is his loving and devoted wife, Eleanor Grace Mosley-Byrd; his children: Tijuana C. Richardson (Malik), Carla A. Byrd-Johnson (Daemion), Candice A. Byrd, and Carl A. Byrd, II.; mother Dorothy Jackson Byrd McGuire; grandchildren: Jolorian Stevens, Madison Stevens, Chase Johnson, Carrington Johnson, Kylan Matthews, Keegan Matthews, Kristopher Matthews, Alayziah Byrd and CaMiah Byrd; siblings: Delores Smith (William), Sandra Byrd-Gentry (Bruce), James Richard Byrd Jr., Michael Byrd (Rashel), Michelle Morehead (Tony); brothers-in-law: James "Herbert" Mosley and Jeffery Mosley; along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at*

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Minnie A. Cobb

Minnie A. Cobb, age 64, of Leland, passed away Saturday, April 3, 2021. Public viewing 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

A celebration of Ms. Cobb's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow at Summerville A.M.E.

In Loving Memory
Of Our Mother



Willie Mae
Faison Murphy
Sunset: April 7, 2005

We did hear your last farewell, not your final sigh. We only knew you slipped away, with a last good-bye. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Sadly missed by
Your son,
Alexander Murphy;
daughters,
Deloris M. Devane,
and Celeste R. Murphy,
grandchildren and
great grandchildren

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In Loving Memory



Annie Jinwright Smalls
Feb. 10, 1928 -- April 6, 2016

Time is filled with swift transitions
Naught of earth unmoved
can stand
Build your Hope's on things
eternal
Hold to God's unchanging
hand.

When your journey
is completed
If to God you have been
true
Fair and bright your home
in Glory
Your enraptured soul will
view.

Our dearly beloved mother,
friend, chorister, church
and community worker is
sorely missed.
Love never ends.

Children: Sylvia Ghee,
Charles Smalls Sr., Beverly
Smalls, and Jinwright,
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TELL SOMEBODY

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44

Ready - prepared or available for service or action

For years we have been told that the coming of the Lord is drawing nigh and that in fact, Jesus is soon to come. We were told...Get Ready! Get ready ! Get Ready! Scoffers and unbelievers seem to be amused that so many believers are yet holding on to their faith in God. These type of people are described in the bible as..."Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." II Timothy 3:7

They do not understand, God's word is true. If he spoke it, it shall come to pass!

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."



Sylvia Hooper

People Get Ready ! If we believe this is true, then we need to live in a state of preparedness so we will be ready when the Lord Jesus comes for his church. In order to

GET READY for his second coming , believers must have faith in him, be willing to (fulfil) carry out his will, and follow his teachings. People Get Ready!

Faith - Confident belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, idea, or thing. In order to be ready for the coming of the Lord, we must have faith in his word and believe and receive his promised blessings! The blessings of the Lord maketh rich and adds no sorrow. The blessings of the Lord will provide much needed support and provide provisions to help us do the work of the ministry. Confident faith edifies and promotes God's people to walk in faith and victory.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6

Fulfil - To carry out. In order to be ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus, we must walk in obedience to his word and pray that his will be done on earth, even as it is in heaven. We must do our part to make it happen! We are workers together with Christ!

Jesus said in Luke 6:46, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Follow - To accept the guid-

ance or leadership of . In order to be ready for the coming of the Lord, we must accept the leadership of Jesus Christ as our Lord and personal Saviour. If we follow Christ, we will accept his salvation. As we follow Christ, we will accept the gift of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor." John 12:26

Servant - One expressing submission or debt to another "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom

his Lord have made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." Matthew 24:44-46. People Get Ready! And Tell Somebody!!!

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Matthew 26:57-68 (KJV) "57And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. 58But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. 59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; 60 But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, 61 And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. 62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? 63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say

unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power; and coming in the clouds of heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. 66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. 67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, 68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?" (Preacher's Outline and Sermon Bible - Commentary gives us some points on this subject).



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

"Christ had been rejected and opposed throughout all

His ministry. Now He was being officially condemned to die by the high court of the Jews, the Sandedrin. Christ was standing before the court, and all the negative feelings of humanity against God were beginning to seep through: confusion, disloyalty, unbelief, rejection, disregard, opposition, bitterness, enmity, hatred."

"Jesus was led to trial. He had been arrested and now He was being put on trial for His life. In the span of just a few hours He was to be tried at least six times The first trial was an informal trial before Annas, the retired High Priest who was highly respected by the Jewish leaders (John 18:13, 19-24). The trial before Caiaphas, in the present passage, was the second trial. The court (Sanhedrin) was already assembled. These were the very men who had Jesus arrested (Matt:26:3-5). They were the High Priest, the Scribes and the elders, that is, the Sanhedrin, the council who ruled the Jewish people

for the Romans (Matt. 26:59). In a hastily called meeting, the council was sitting there waiting for the guards to bring Jesus to them. Several facts reveal the evil of their hearts (is this a picture of religion today).

1.They had hastily assembled the court at night. It was illegal to try cases at night. All criminals had to be tried in the day. 2.They were meeting in Caiaphas' palace (home), not in the official court. This, too, was illegal. All cases had to be tried in court. 3.Jesus was being tried during the Passover week. No cases could be tried during the Passover week. 4.They had not met to try Jesus but to secretly devise charges that would condemn Him to death" (Jesus was the Passover Lamb of God).

"Two things need to be observed and searched out in our lives. (1) How far institutional religion twisted the minds of these men. Has it twisted our minds? (2) How much these men were concerned for personal security, position, and influence (power). How far away these men were from God, and they were religionists. (3) How far have we allowed security, position, Politics and influence to lead us away from God (The Word of God is our mirror to examine ourselves)?

There was the stacked court against Christ-predetermined rejection and opposition. The court was not convening to see if Jesus was guilty. The court was meeting to seek false witnesses against Christ (cp. Psalm 35:11). They wanted to sentence Him to death. They had already determined in their hearts to reject and oppose Him. He was a threat to both their nation and their personal security and position. They feared the loss of both, so they were set on killing Him.

There was the false charge-a revolutionary. Note the

words "found none" are repeated twice. The religionists sought false witnesses, but found none whose charges were strong enough. The law required two witnesses who had no contact with each other and who agreed on the same evidence. The court was to examine each separately. Apparently the religionists ran into several problems...

The evidence of the false charges was just too weak to convince the Roman authorities of Jesus' guilt. o A strong case could not be formulated from the charges made. o Two witnesses who agreed on a single charge could not be found. Finally, two witnesses did come forth with a charge that seemed to be strong enough. Note the words "at last." The case almost broke down and failed. Imagine! Even in seeking false witnesses, the case against our Lord could not be established. Note the following facts. 1.The two witnesses with adequate testimony were false witnesses. 2.The two were crude and base. This is shown by their contemptuous attitude and public animosity: "this fellow" -a disrespectful, contemptuous address. 3.The two distorted Jesus' words. Jesus had said, "Destroy ye this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). Jesus had actually said the Jews were to be the destroyers. But the false witnesses said, "This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God." They distorted His words, making Him the destroyer."

The false witnesses also misunderstood Jesus' words. Jesus was referring to His body, to the temple of His body and to the resurrection of His body. The Jews apparently thought He meant He would destroy and rebuild the Jerusalem temple in three days. It was this charge, the charge of being a revolutionary, that the religionists

believed they could use to convince the Romans to execute Jesus.

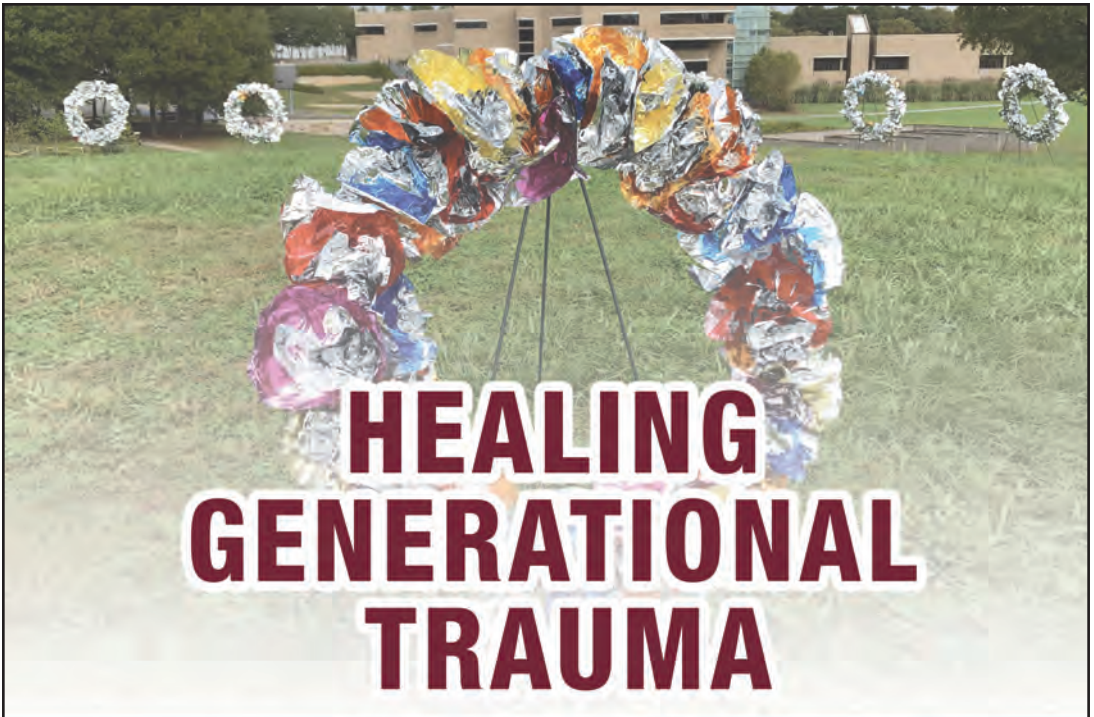
1.The High Priest questioned Jesus and put Him under oath to answer. The words "I adjure thee by the living God" was an official oath which demanded an answer. The High Priest used his office as God's representative to demand an answer: "By the living God, answer. Are you claiming to be the Messiah, the Son of God?" he asked Jesus. 2. Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus answered, "Thou hast said." It was a strong assertion. All that Caiaphas had said was true. Mark added the striking words of deity, "I am".

There was the tragic verdict. Note that Caiaphas tore his clothes. Mark even says he tore his under garments (tunic). This was a custom among Jews when they heard or saw God's name dishonored or disgraced Caiaphas had gotten what he wanted. Christ had committed blasphemy which was punishable by death among the Jews. No other witnesses were needed. A vote by acclamation was quickly called for: "What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death."

"Jesus Christ, Death: there was the physical abuse inflicted. The bitter enmity and hatred of the Jews broke through. The rights and expectation of justice was completely forgotten. The abuse took two forms. Bitter hatred and behavior: Spitting in the face was a sign of monstrous disrespect. Beating with the fists and palms was an outburst of the inner bitterness within the heart of the religionists against Christ." (POSB-C) The truth we know and practice will set us free.

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

The illegal trial of Jesus by the religionists



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YOUR VOICE

WHAT'S THE RUSH?

During a recent Board of Commissioner's meeting, I expressed my opposition to the Board's recent decision to approve six new positions for the Sheriff Department. Several months ago, it was noted in a letter to the editor published in local newspapers that the Board should not have approved additional riot gear for the Department because of the county history of peaceful protest. It has been implied that an increase in funding for the Department should reflect the tremendous growth in the county population. A population growth trending toward couples of childbearing age and retirees does not correlate with an increase in crime.

It seems that a disturbing pattern of the Board being unable to say "No" to the Sheriff Department has been established, regardless of the timing and type of request. Did this recent request reach a pandemic-like level of importance that it could not wait 2-3 months to take it through the normal budgetary process? That delay would have given citizens of Brunswick County time to review this request along with funding for other departments and the school system. For example, commissioners already know that additional funding is needed for the expensive water purification system in the Utilities Department and "COVID-related" expenses in the Health Department. What about such climate-related problems as tornadoes and flooding? What about the upgrade of such infrastructure as highways, water lines, and sewer lines?

If commissioners are receptive to some advice, they will be guided in the future by a well-known saying: "AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE!" Invest more funds in the schools and social services but less in the jail.

William Flythe
Southport, NC

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Patricia Slachetka (21-E-383)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **June 18, 2021** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of March, 2021.

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

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Affidavit Collector of the Estate of **Judith Dianne Lewis (20-E-1049)**, 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 **July 1, 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 1st day of April, 2021.

Charlotte Noel Fox
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Antoinette M. Brechka**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of July, 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 8th day of April, 2021

Catherine Helgesen, Executrix
6400 Purple Martin Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28411

April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joseph Juric**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of July, 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 8th day of April, 2021

Andrea Renee Fritz, Executor
6208 Rowsley St.
Wilmington, NC 28409

April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
COURT FILE NO: 21 CV 001057

**KIERSTEN PETREE VON FRICKEN, PLAINTIFF
V.
HENRY NICOLAS VON FRICKEN, 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 8th day of April, 2021

Kiersten Petree Von Fricken
3802 Portofino Court
Apt 206
Wilmington, NC 28405

April 8, 15, 22,2021

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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, Executor
321 Springdale Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Joanne C. Carl (AKA Mary Joanne Church Carl)**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of July, 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 8th day of April, 2021

Lisa A. Carl, Executrix
128 Windsor Place
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021

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

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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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, Executor
812 S 14th St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 18, 25, April 1, April 8, 2021

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

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

On this day, March 18, 2021

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

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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
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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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Jeremy Poston Owens (20-E-1587)**, 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 **July 8, 2021** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of April, 2021.

Charlotte Noel Fox
Craige & Fox, PLLC
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Karen E. Stauss**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of **July, 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 8th day of April, 2021

Ray Junior Martinez, Executor
56 Lob Wedge Lane
Bunnell, FL 32110

April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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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., RAYMUNDO 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.

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