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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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ATTY. AL MCSURELY

GUEST EDITORIAL

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

MONUMENTS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last week, here In Brunswick County, there was a ceremony which was supposed to be a representation of unity and freedom. There were monuments erected at the courthouse and a speech made before the press. This whole affair could have been a great ceremony if it had been for real inclusion and not just political intent. If you want this to be for all people, then make your actions in office show this. Brunswick County doesn't have equal representation on the county commissioners board or school board. When committees are comprised of members of these boards, most of the time they don't represent the community from where they come.

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Chauvin verdict is a moment in history as President Biden, others say “We can't stop here”



DEREK CHAUVIN

BY HAMIL R. HARRIS FOR TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

The conviction of Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin of all charges in the murder of George Floyd has sparked an outburst of joy from his family and Civil Rights veterans to the President of the United States, who sees the verdict as the beginning of a new chapter in American history.

After a three-week trial, more than 40 witnesses, and 11 hours of jury deliberation, Chauvin was found guilty of second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter.

President Biden said in a live statement to the nation that the verdict sent a message that justice can be achieved when police officers fail to serve people with respect and dignity.

"But it is not enough," the President said. "We can't stop here." Biden continued, "In order to deliver real change and reform, we can and we must do more to reduce the likelihood that tragedies like this will ever happen and occur again; to ensure that Black and brown people or anyone - so they don't fear the interactions with law enforcement, that they don't have to wake up knowing that they can lose their very life in the course of just living their life. They don't have to worry about whether their sons or daughters will come home after a grocery store run or just walking down the street or driving their car or playing in the park or just sleeping at home."

But some question whether there would have been a trial had it not been for a 9:29 second video of Chauvin's knee on Floyd's neck, shot by a 17-year-old bystander, Darnella Frazier. Frazier captured the May 25, 2020 incident during a trip to a neighborhood store.

"It has been a long journey," said Philonise Floyd,

one of George Floyd's brothers who spoke during a Minneapolis press conference after the verdict was announced. The press conference was attended by family members, their lawyer Ben Crump and a host of Civil Rights leaders that included Rev. Al Sharpton, Rev. Jesse Jackson and Marc Morial, president of the National Urban League.

In his comments, Philonise Floyd cast the jury's verdict in the context of generations of African Americans who were killed but never had a day in court.

"Emmett Till was the first George Floyd. We ought to always understand that we have to march, we have to protest. I am not just fighting for George, I am fighting for everyone in the world. Today we are able to breathe again."

Less than an hour after Chauvin was convicted by a jury that included 6 whites and 4 blacks, he was handcuffed and walked out of Minneapolis courtroom, people gathered outside the store where Floyd was killed, as well as at intersections where other people died at the hands of police officers across the US.

President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris talked to the family by phone after the verdict was rendered and then both addressed the nation from the White House about the significance of this moment in history and how.

"Today we feel a sigh of relief, I it can't take away the pain," Harris told the country. "A measure of justice isn't the same as equal justice. This verdict brings us a step closer, and the fact is we still have work to do, we still must reform the system."

In his remarks Biden said George Floyd "was murdered in the full light of day and it ripped the blinders off for the whole world to see systemic racism...that is a stain on our nation's soul. This is the pain and exhaustion that Black Americans experience every day."

But there was much talk about it being a new day, in talking to regular people in communities across the country, the joy in the wake of the Chauvin verdict was muted by political realities in terms of what will change in their world.

"We still face racism every day in the Black community," said Nikky Brown, a behavioral therapist from Baltimore. "Here in Baltimore, we are in the post-traumatic error of Freddie Gray and we have never reached resolution. There is still a fresh wound that has not healed."

Brown added, "I am happy that there was a guilty verdict; however Black people are guilty every day just by the color of our skin."

Sylvia Ward, a retired banker from Los Angeles, "What he did was cruel and unspeakable, and he should get the maximum amount of time. I remember when the officers were charged in the Rodney King incident, and they were acquitted, and people tried to burn L.A. down."

Ward, who has four children and 17 grandchildren, said, "We can't afford to have this officer getting a light sentence because it is about police officers being held accountable when it comes to how they treat Black and Latinos in our community."

Gloria Ann Smith, a retired college administrator from Houston, said, "It is hard to say that justice was served. I am thankful that Chauvin didn't get off. In terms of punishment because he has no prior convictions that he will serve a maximum of 12 years in prison."

Smith concluded, "My brother works in Phoenix on the night shift, and he has been stopped by the police many times...My concern is that police misconduct is not going to end. The only thing that made a difference, in this case, was the video."

North Carolina joins the nation in hailing George Floyd murder case guilty verdict

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With George Floyd being a native of Fayetteville; his sister, Bridget currently living in Hoke County; and the Floyd family attorney, Attorney Benjamin Crump hailing from Robeson County, there was no question that leaders here were both delighted and encouraged by Tuesday's dramatic verdict from Minnesota.

After over three weeks of testimony, a Minneapolis jury Tuesday took just ten hours, over two days this week, to find that former police officer, Derek Chauvin, was guilty of one count of second degree unintentional murder (which carries up to 40 years in prison), one count of third degree murder, and one count of second-degree manslaughter.

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When persons are chosen for committee service, they need to express honest opinions, honest thoughts on how to build this county and their communities, not people who don't know about the community or who are looking only for a way to get their names out into the public so that they can run for office.

We have a problem here in Brunswick County which needs to be addressed by our elected officials, but it seems that they don't want to sit down at the table and face these problems and talk about them. When there are monuments which are supposed to stand for what's right and true, it's like the South losing the Civil War and then putting up statues everywhere to remind people of a war that destroyed homes and families all over the South and North. If we are to change things and make America great, we should not repeat the mistakes of the past. If we want to talk about justice, righteousness, unity, peace and, most of all, God's grace, let's sit down at the table and begin the talks that will build Brunswick County for all its citizens, Whites, Blacks, Hispanics, farmers, long-shoremen, domestic workers, teachers, retirees, vacationers, etc., - all, not one or two! Your movement will last for life.

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

STATE BRIEFS



N. C. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MARK ROBINSON DECIDES NOT TO RUN FOR U.S. SENATE

[RALEIGH] Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson has decided not to join the race for the U.S. Senate to replace the outgoing

incumbent Sen. Richard Burr. Robinson, a Black Republican who has taken the political world by storm with his meteoric rise in just two years, threatened to overshadow other Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate like former Governor Pat McCrory and former Congressman Mark Walker.

DURHAM POLICE CHIEF TAKES MEMPHIS CHIEF JOB

[DURHAM] After five

years, Durham Police Chief Cerelyn "C.J." Davis has decided to move to Memphis, Tennessee to take the top cop post there. The mayor there says Chief Davis is the "right person" to lead this department in Memphis. Observers note that Davis, the first Black woman to lead Durham's police department, has had a mixed record while here, including 2020 being a record year for gun violence, with 318 people shot. In Memphis, she will police

a city twice the size of Durham, with four times as many officers.

VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS VISITS NORTH CAROLINA

[GREENSBORO] Vice President Kamala Harris visited central North Carolina earlier this week, pushing Pres. Joe Biden's \$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan, stating that it will create thousands of jobs. She spoke at Guilford Technical Community

College, saying, "The president and I are ready to keep going and we are not going to take it slow. And we are not going to take it one step at a time - nope. We are going to take a giant leap into the future." The Biden Administration is still negotiating the size of the plan in order to get favorable passage through Congress.

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Civil rights leader decries plethora of anti-transgender laws

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Prominent civil rights attorney, Attorney Irving Joyner, has taken note of the deluge of proposed anti-transgender laws currently being considered by the N. C. General Assembly and warns that many of them violate basic civil rights by which all American citizens should abide and respect.

"I don't know how anyone can think our state or federal constitutions can allow the enactment of legislation which would deny medical appropriate healthcare and the right to participate in

state sponsored activities based upon a person's identification or suspicion of being a member of the LGBTQ community," Joyner, chair of the NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee, said in a statement.

One particularly egregious proposed law, Senate Bill 514, would prevent doctors from performing gender confirmation surgery on transgender patients under 21. The bill is controversial because it would classify adults between 18 and 21 as minors, the only state in the nation to do so.

Young people, age 18 and over, are normally and legally considered in North Carolina to be adults, able to join the mil-

itary, vote, and even marry.

SB 514 would also force state employees to notify parents in writing if their children under 21 display "gender nonconformity" or express desires to be treated in a manner different from their apparent gender at birth.

That means school staffers and administrators would be under pressure to expose young people they feel are not behaving like their apparent genders.

The bill, formally called the Youth Health Protection Act, is sponsored by three Republican state senators, and one of at least over 192 anti-LGBTQ bills that have been filed across the country in GOP-majority state

legislatures.

Here in North Carolina, the subject of legislating against gay, lesbian and transgender citizens, many of whom are Black, is particularly sensitive, given the episode of HB 2, a controversial law passed by the Republican-led N. C. General Assembly which restricted public bathroom use by LGBTQ citizens.

Major corporations threatened not to do business in North Carolina as a result and soon, after much pressure, lawmakers backed down and rescinded much of the law.

Attorney Irving Joyner, who has led many of the NC NAACP's recent civil rights court battles, feels that N. C.

Republican lawmakers may be heading down that slippery gender legal slope again.

"No matter how one feels about the LGBTQ community, they are American citizens," Joyner says, "and thus, they do have constitutional rights."

"These legislative proposals represent "garden variety" acts of discrimination which are being promoted as the unfortunate thinking of the people of North Carolina," Attorney Joyner says. "Even if this thinking exists, to act on it in this manner is forbidden by our constitution, and it is embarrassing that these measures are even being considered by members of the North Carolina General Assembly."

Bill introduced to allow public employees collective bargaining

BY CASH MICHAELS
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Many African-Americans employed in the state of North Carolina are considered public employees, meaning they either work for the city, county or state as teachers, law enforcement, or office personnel.

However, for many years, they've been denied the right to collectively bargain for wages and benefits like their counterparts in the private sector. There are lawmakers who want to change that.

Once again, a bill has been introduced in the N. C. General Assembly to permit collective bargaining by the over 600,000 public employees in North Carolina, and this time it's sponsored by Rep. Terry M. Brown, Jr. (D - Mecklenburg).

The measure is HB 586, Allow Public Employee Collective Bargaining, and has been referred to the House Rules, Calendar and

Operations Committee, where previous bills of this nature have languished.

If passed and enacted by the legislature, the proposed bill would repeal "...the prohibition on public employee collective bargaining affording public employees the same rights as private sector employees."

It would also repeal Article 12 of Chapter 95 of the NC General Statutes, which mandates that any contracts between any "...city, town, county or other municipality [or agency of the state]," and any labor union, trade union, or labor organization as a bargaining agent for any public employees... is hereby declared to be against the public policy of the State, illegal, unlawful, void and of no effect."

It would also repeal a prohibition on strikes by public employees.

If passed, HB 586 would also amend North Carolina's "right to work" policy.

This latest iteration of establishing public employee collec-



REP. TERRY M. BROWN, JR.

tive bargaining rights for North Carolina workers, however, is expected, once again, to be rejected by the Republican legislative majorities in both chambers of the State General Assembly.

In its simplest form, collective bargaining "...is a process of negotiation between employers and a group of employees aimed at agreements to regulate working salaries, working conditions, benefits, and other aspects of workers' compensation and rights for workers. The inter-

ests of the employees are commonly presented by representatives of a trade union to which the employees belong," according to Wikipedia.

Yet in Southern states, such as North Carolina, historically, the interests of the employer have always superseded the interests of the workers. Thus, any kind of unionization of workers to assure a common standard in terms of wages, benefits and working conditions has always been frowned upon since the 1950's in North Carolina.

Republicans say defanging unions in North Carolina makes it a more attractive state in which to do business.

North Carolina General Statutes 95-98 prohibit state and local governments from entering into collective bargaining agreements with their employers," says UE local 150, the North Carolina Public Service Workers Union. "NCGA 95-98 was signed into law in 1959 by an all-White legislature during the time of Jim

Crow segregation and major human rights violations in the United States. The NAACP has deemed NCGS 95-98 to be North Carolina's last Jim Crow law."

As a result, government worker wages are set by either the state legislature, or local governments. Employees are forced to lobby those bodies for their wages and benefits.

In 2019, when proponents introduced two bills in the General Assembly to bring about collective bargaining, they noted that public employees in other states with it received 10-13% better pay and a narrowing of the racial and gender pay gaps.

Democratic lawmakers held a press conference to announce their intention of marshaling their measure through then, which ultimately failed. At press time, there has been no announcement from Rep. Brown or his co-sponsors as to why they feel this attempt to repeal North Carolina's collective bargaining ban will be any different.

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Chauvin, who was led away in handcuffs, will be sentenced in 8 weeks or more.

"The unanimous decision by the 12 jurors of guilty on all three counts is a sign," said a spokesperson for the NC NAACP. "It is a sign that justice requires each of us to keep the faith. George Floyd, a son of Fayetteville, N. C....gave his life to send a sign all over the world that the American system of justice can work."

NC NAACP president, The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, later added, "Justice itself was on trial, and we watched a rarity occur. A

courageous jury opposed the blue code, bad policing, and refused to be intimidated by White supremacy. I pray the ripple effects of the verdict reached in Minnesota today reverberate across America in a consistent causal sequence that transforms all future verdicts. Let justice roll on like a river and let justice breathe."

Rev. Spearman's predecessor, The Reverend Dr. William Barber, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, said in reaction, "Today's rendering of three guilty verdicts in the trial of Derek Chauvin is an important public act of accountability, but any verdict on a charge of less than first degree murder, a charge that Chauvin did not face, is a sign that we still

have work to do. Before the entire nation, fellow officers took the stand in this trial and testified that their colleague did not protect and serve but abused power and killed George Floyd. We must meet this public act of justice and accountability with federal legislation that will hold officers of the law accountable in every state, and we must continue to work in every community to shift public investment from over policing poor, Black and brown communities to ensuring restorative justice and equity for all people."

From Capitol Hill, Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12) weighed in. "Justice was served today, and while that will not bring back George

Floyd or the countless thousands lost to state-sanctioned violence, it means the millions of Americans struggling, fighting to breathe free, are closer to living in a just, beloved community," Adams said. "However, in spite of today's verdict, our work continues. The Senate must pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to ensure that no other father, mother, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, sister, brother or loved one again dies at the hands of the police without accountability. Without passing the bill that bears his name, true justice for George Floyd and countless other victims still remains to be served."

Rep. Adams's Democratic colleague, Rep. Kathy Manning

(NC-6), of Greensboro, echoed the sentiment. "George Floyd's murder is a devastating tragedy that sparked a national movement, with millions of Americans demanding justice. George Floyd can never return home to his family and loved ones, so justice can never fully be done, but today's guilty verdict is a measure of accountability," Manning said in a statement. Next, the Senate must pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to make meaningful changes to policing in America and to re-affirm that Black Lives Matter."

Furthermore, former N. C. senator, Senator Erica Smith, currently a Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate in 2022, also joined the many in voicing her support. "I'm thinking about the literal millions of Black men and women who've been murdered, who were lynched and slaughtered with disregard, and never had their day in court, let alone a just ruling," said Smith in a statement. "I'm thankful for accountability, and I'm still mourning the death of George Floyd. For him and his family, there can never be true justice."

Remarks of praise for the Chauvin verdict also came from former President Barack Obama, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, national NAACP president, Derrick Coleman, and civil rights leaders, The Reverend Al Sharpton and The Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Editor's note: Next week, Attorney Eric Ellison, of Winston Salem, younger brother of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, who oversaw the prosecution of Derek Chauvin, will give his thoughts about the job his brother did.

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Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

How Chauvin and crew almost got away with murder

The Minneapolis Police Department released this OFFICIAL Statement, within minutes after Off. Derek Chauvin murdered George Floyd cold-heartedly kneeling him in the neck for 9:29 minutes:

Man Dies After Medical Incident During Police Interaction May 25, 2020 (MINNEAPOLIS) On Monday evening, shortly after 8:00 pm, officers from the Minneapolis Police Department responded to the 3700 block of Chicago Avenue South on a report of a forgery in progress. Officers were advised that the suspect was sitting on top of a blue car and appeared to be under the influence.

Two officers arrived and located the suspect, a male believed to be in his 40s, in his car. He was ordered to step from his car. After he got out, he physically resisted officers. Officers were able to get the suspect into handcuffs and noted he appeared to be suffering medical distress. Officers called for an ambulance. He was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center by ambulance where he died a short time later. At no time were weapons of any type used by anyone involved in this incident.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has been called in to investigate this incident at the request of the Minneapolis Police Department. No officers were injured in the incident. Body worn cameras were on and activated during this incident. The GO number associated with this case is 20-140629.

Ms. DARNELLA FRAZIER, a rising Minneapolis high school senior with a steady hand, a warm heart, and a sense of history, focused her smartphone camera on Chauvin's depraved face, his nonchalant hand in his pocket, and his crew to turn the MPD's routine cover-up statement into a pack of lies.

When the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) learned Darnella had posted her 'Bystander Video' on her face book page, which immediately went viral, the MPD quickly backed off the official statement.

We will leave it to others to do a complete timeline of the MPD's Cover Story, which the MPD dropped like a hot potato after checking out the Bystander Video' on Face Book. For now, let us consider how important the First Official

Report and Narrative of a historical crime has become, in the national epidemic of police involved homicides. The first Official who gets his (sic) "Spin" or "Narrative" on TV, and the internet, has tremendous power over the search for Truth that begins the minute the public learns about a questionable use of deadly force has occurred. Every historical injury or death has a narrative or theme to it.

The public wants to know whether the Instant Replay film on the Giant Screens confirms or overturns the call on the field.

What if Ms. Frazier had not had the guts and wisdom to film the murder? Many of us believe she should get an Academy Award for her Courage and Skill. Many believe she should get a Scholarship for a Master in Arts Degree at a top University in a City that has one of the best film industry and University in the South. What do you think, Wilmington?

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 Linda Watkins, President of Moore County NAACP Branch.

Tell them you read it in THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

George Floyd minus video equals Treyvon Martin

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

The trial is over. Former Minneapolis Police officer Derek Chauvin has been convicted on all three charges in the murder of Mr. George Perry Floyd, Jr. Chauvin faces up to 40 years in prison for second-degree murder, up to 25 years for third-degree murder and up to 10 years for second-degree manslaughter.



Dr. Wilmer Leon

Minnesota law allows these sentences to be served concurrently if the judge so allows. It is expected that Chauvin will be sentenced in approximately 10 days.

This is an especially important time. A time for reflection, jubilation, and celebration. The Floyd family won the civil lawsuit, and the state won the criminal suit. Seeing former officer Chauvin led from the courtroom in handcuffs by his former colleagues was a wonderful sight. The Floyd family is now able to breathe. The country can now exhale. Crowds are cheering at the conviction of Chauvin not cursing the system for another anticipated failure.

As we celebrate, we must ask ourselves if this was justice or accountability? Justice is a fair and moral process within a system of law in which every person receives his/ her/it's due from the system. Accountability is the obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions. Derek Chauvin murdered George Floyd. He took away the one thing most precious to Mr. Floyd and his family, his life. Chauvin took him away from his family, friends and loved ones. That can never be returned and with that, justice can never be served. The system has held Chauvin accountable and for that fact we are appreciative, and we celebrate.

As we celebrate this success, we must always remember that this is just one success in the struggle for social justice, equality, and fairness in police reform. The unjust system remains the same. Where would we be without the 9:29 seconds of that horrendous video of Chauvin choking the life out of Mr. Floyd?

On February 26, 2012 George Zimmerman fatally shot and murdered 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. Zimmerman was charged with second-degree murder and found not guilty. Beyond the travesty of the murder, it was unfortunate for young Mr. Martin that there was no video of the ordeal.

Justice was not served.

On September 6, 2018 off duty Dallas Police officer Amber Guyger mistakenly burst into the apartment of her unarmed neighbor Mr. Botham Jean and murdered him. He was watching television and eating a bowl of vanilla ice cream in his own living room. Guyger claimed that she entered the apartment thinking it was her own and thought Mr. Jean was a burglar. She was convicted of murder and sentenced to 10 years in prison even though the prosecutor requested that she be sentenced to 28-years. Beyond the travesty of the murder, it was unfortunate for Mr. Jean that there was no video of the ordeal. She is eligible for parole after serving 5 years of her sentence. Mr. Jean is gone forever. Justice was not served.

I have heard a few commentators refer to Chauvin's guilty verdict as a turning point, a "new day" in America. I believe that is a bit optimistic. Yes, officers from the Minneapolis Police Department broke rank and the "thin blue line" and testified against a fellow officer. This is still the exception not the rule. Yes, a jury found Chauvin guilty of murdering an African American man while performing his duties. This is still the exception not the rule.

The trial is over, but our nightmare is not. One bad cop

has been convicted of murder while thousands of American police officers are trained in anti-community oppression tactics by Israeli police officers. American police departments take military grade weaponry and equipment from our own government in order "to protect and serve". From this, communities of color are supposed to receive justice?

The trial is over, but our nightmare is not. Mr. George Perry Floyd, Jr. can reset in peace and in power but where would we be right now without those 9:29 seconds of video? It would have been Chauvin's word and the communities respect for the police against a dead African American man and a crowd. Chauvin wins, and we lose; again. It is not a new day in America, but it is a good day. George Floyd minus video equals Treyvon Martin, and countless others. Say their names!

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Solving The Race Issue In America

America - the Killing Field

We were taught that the term "Killing Field" applied to mass killings in Cambodia during the era of the Vietnam War. The Khmer Rouge regime - the Communist Party - killed and buried millions of citizens.



Dr. Herbert Harris

The trial of George Floyd's murderer reminds the world that black men and women may be killed with impunity by some of those who are supposed to protect and serve. The defendant's attorney is asking the jurors and the world to ignore their eyes and close their ears as witnesses to this crime against humanity.

Many citizens fear that the cancer of racism and hate is deep in the soul of America and the hearts of some Americans. This concern is very real.

We remember the filmed beating of Rodney King in California. Police officers beat Rodney King with night sticks, kicked him, punched him while he was helpless on the ground. The jurors in the Rodney King case acquitted three of the officers and could not reach a verdict on the fourth officer. They chose to close their eyes and ears to the truth and facts shown in the video. No one was held

accountable for the assault on Rodney King by those who were supposed to protect and serve.

History shows that America has long been a killing field for black Americans.

From the birth of this nation through the end of the civil war, white Americans had absolute authority over the life and death of black Americans. The US Supreme Court in the Dred Scott decision 60 U.S. (19 How.) 393 (1857) essentially ruled that a black American had no rights that the US Courts are bound to respect.

In other words, life and death of black Americans was at the whims and fancies of the white Americans in power.

God only knows how many black men and women have been killed from the birth of this nation through the end of the Civil War. A slave who would not be broken was at the peril of being killed. One who was disrespectful, or unruly, or attempted to run away could be killed at will of his master. When a slaves' so-called bad behavior outweighs his or her property value to the master, consequences could be deadly. To the slave master, a slave was property, not requiring respect as a human being.

There is extensive documentation on the number of black men and women who were hanged by white people in America. Quoting from pages 12 - 13 of "Solving The Race Issue In America" (www.solvingtheraceissue.com):

"More than 73 percent of lynchings in the post-Civil War period occurred in the Southern states. According to the Equal Justice Initiative, 4,084 African Americans were lynched between 1877 and 1950 in the South. (Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror (Report) (3rd ed.). Montgomery, Alabama: Equal Justice Initiative.)

This "official" number of lynchings is very conservative since many lynchings of black Americans were never reported. Lynchings were often led by upstanding, prominent Christian white men who had black men and women hung from trees, their bodies burned, mutilated, and dismembered-often on hot Sunday afternoons, after church and prayer....

Lynching in America was a ritual of interracial social control and sadistic sport rather than simply a punishment for a crime."

Based on the above figures, a black person was hung every 9 days for 73 years from 1877 through 1950. For black Americans, on the issue of hanging - America has indeed been a killing field.

Consider the murders of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers, Emmett Till, Viola Liuzzo, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and other freedom fighters - known and unknown. To these victims of racism and hate, America is a killing field.

When we consider the long list of black people who died

at the hands of police over the last few years, the results are revealing:

*According to a CBS news report of September 10, 2020, 164 black people were killed by police in the first 8 months of 2020.

*According to The Washington Post article updated April 17, 2021, 982 people have been shot and killed by police in the last year. Black people are killed by police at twice the rate of white people. Yet black people make up only 13% of the U.S. Population.

As the jury deliberates in the trial of George Floyd's killer, the names of other black people who died at the hands of police comes to mind. Where is the justice for them?

America is a killing field for the many black people who died at the hands of police - among them: George Floyd, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Duante Wright, Breonna Taylor, Philando Castile, Sandra Bland, Freddie Gray, Tamir Wright, and a list too long to include in this writing.

Where does this all lead? Will America continue to be a killing field for black men and women?

Will the jury in the case against George Floyd's killer accept the shallow, hollow attempts by the defense to explain the unexplainable?

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My daddy

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

"My Daddy!" are two words which, arguably, identify the second most important person in the life of a child. Sometimes he is the most important. For many, "Daddy" is the first word spoken and, from all of my discussions on the matter, brings great joy to the person called by that name. From all visuals we have seen, George Floyd took great delight and pleasure in Fatherhood.

Candidate Joe Biden met George Floyd's family and his, then, six-year-old daughter, Gianna, on June 8, 2020, one day before his burial. Biden was impressed with the conversation he had with Gianna and touched by the love she expressed for her father. We know that to be true because Candidate Biden told us so. I can only imagine that the loving way that she spoke of her father touched him to the core at a common point of understanding. Biden is a father and has heard the word "Daddy," or "Dad," or "Father" uttered from the mouth of a child - his child - expressing all of

the love, trust, faith, concern, and pride that child could muster.

When Gianna said to Candidate Biden with the pure faith of a child, "My Daddy's going to change the world," she knew it and she meant it. Candidate Biden knew it, too. True to the utterances of an innocent child, George Floyd, or at least the manner of his death and the attention given to it, is changing the world before our eyes. We who consume the details of the Chauvin Trial, if we are genuinely receptive to the truth, will learn many lessons from it.

For many, we are learning long overdue lessons on the subject of human physiology. Our high school biology/health teachers would be proud! Most of us are just grateful that others have acquired the profession-

al expertise to refute the ridiculous supposition that George Floyd was, in some absurd way, responsible for his own death.

We have learned that principled compassion still exists. Those by-standers who gathered in unity to offer direct protestation against an obvious act of cruelty and brutality demonstrated, by word and deed, that there is no 'correctness' in silent suffering or ignoring injustice.

We have learned a lesson of character and accountability. Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, and those in the administration he leads, have made the determination that honesty and justice mean far more than a nebulous "Blue Wall of Silence." By refusing to support the misdeeds of a former officer, they set a new national standard for managing police misconduct. We can only pray that others see the strength in his decision and model their conduct accordingly.

The lesson that continues in its crystal clarity is that there are those among us whose human callousness and disregard for the lives of people of color reaches

demonic proportion. We must realize that many 'out there' support Chauvin and see George Floyd as human rubbish who was correctly discarded. We cannot accept this type of thinking or allow it to manifest in the conduct of Chauvin 'wannabes.' OUR LIVES DO MATTER!!!

The trial of Derek Chauvin is not over. The jury has not rendered a verdict. Much of the world anxiously awaits the outcome. Both sides of the case must be completed, and the jury must then decide who, in fact, is responsible for the death of George Floyd. Essentially, they must decide if the allegation of passing a counterfeit \$20 note is sufficiently criminal to deserve the death penalty immediately administered without benefit of judge or jury.

We are a little more than two months away from Father's Day. I take pride in confirming for Gianna that her Daddy HAS changed the world!

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Dr. E. Faye Williams

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES America's lingering, immovable white supremacy

I am uncomfortable as we enter into the jury deliberation phase of the George Floyd trial.

Although some say the evidence is compelling and means the case is a "slam-dunk," they are forgetting that there have been others cases - too many to mention - where the evidence was also "compelling."

Remember Rodney King. Remember how his brutal beating by police officers was caught on tape, and how those officers were acquitted of wrongdoing.

At the core of my discomfort is a general distrust of the American justice system. It has rarely been concerned with making sure Black people get justice. Our lives have not mattered precisely because at the core of those in law enforcement and in the justice system is a belief that Black people are not fully human. As an example, Kehinde Andrews noted in his book *The New Age of Empire* that one of the world's most respected thinkers, Immanuel Kant, believed that Black people were "incapable of being fully and rationally human."

Attached to this widespread undercurrent of belief of the non-humanness of Black people is the belief that Black people are inherently bad, and that whatever treatment we get from law enforcement is justified. The criminalization of Black people began during the days of slavery and was perpetuated during Reconstruction. Black people could be and were arrested for any reason so that our labor could be tapped and used to build the American Empire.

So, there is no reassurance for me that the jury in the Floyd trial will bring back a guilty verdict. Even as his trial has gone on, white police officers have continued their assault on unarmed people, mostly Black: Adam Toledo, US Army Lieutenant Caron Nazario and Duante Wright are the names that have most recently saturated news cycles.

It feels sometimes like the killing of Black and brown people is an offshoot of the paranoia carried by many whites that America has become and is continuing to become too brown. White opposition to immigration - not just in this country but all over the world - is largely due to a resentment of the vast numbers of brown people spilling out of their countries into countries where citizens would prefer that they just go away - and stay away.

White supremacy thinking has produced a monster. The people who adhere to its tenets seem incapable as well as unwilling to admit that all human beings have worth. If the truth be told, white supremacist thinking is as much a feature of sexism and classism as well, although we don't talk about it as much. White supremacists believe in the supremacy of white men of means. They pull in poor white people so as to prevent the possibility of them joining with Black and brown people in the fight for human dignity, equity, and economic parity. They rest on their whiteness to guide them, but are resentful - as they have always been - when they see or feel that Black and brown people are getting too much attention, and that the gains of Black and brown people means a loss for whites.

So, they have a vested interest in helping to keep the influence and presence of Black people at bay. If Derek Chauvin is acquitted, neither I nor the Black community will be surprised; it will be yet another hit to spirits that have already been bleeding because of continued hits on our spirits and emotions. It's been hundreds of years of assault, and we have borne the lash of the whip of white supremacy while yet holding on and keeping on.

But our backs are tattered, even as masses of angry and resentful white mobs rise up, willing to inflict more lashes as they work to overturn this democracy, which they blame for the progress Black people have made in spite of their perpetual violence and unfairness.

In 1831, sociologist, historian and political theorist Alexis deTocqueville visited America to study our prisons and our democracy. While he found much about our democracy to praise, he found the relationship between Black and white people deeply troubling and said that the prejudice between the two groups was "immovable."

He was right. Black people have made progress, but the battle for full humanity in this country has always involved and included violence meted out by angry white people. Mobs of angry white men, which have almost included members of law enforcement and the justice system, have attacked Black people with impunity and have largely gotten away with it. The mobs get their victories and then retreat for a bit, but they have never disappeared.

It feels like we are at a critical flashpoint. We would do well to strategize what we will do and how we will do it should a man named Derek Chauvin walks free. The immovable prejudice of white America sits with us all, and hovers over us.

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values statement about valuing their employees has to stand with our statement," Ursula Burns told CBS News. "Because their employees - Black, White, Hispanic, women - literally are going to be affected by this type of suppression." Kenneth Chenault told CNN, "What we're calling on corporations to do is not just say they believe strongly in

the right to vote. It's to publicly and directly oppose any discriminatory legislation and all measures designed to limit any individual's ability to vote."

In a historic act of solidarity, hundreds of corporations did just that. Whether states will heed their call isn't clear. But it will be remembered as a moment when standing on the sidelines was - at long last -- no longer an option.

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

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truth of what their eyes have seen, and their ears have heard and let George Floyd's killer go free?

Or will these jurors watch, hear, and feel the suffering and death of George Floyd - so vividly shown in the trial? Will they see it for what it is - the murder of another black man on a killing field in Minneapolis.

Is America truly the city on hill endowed with God's

abundant blessings? Or are we the killing field in which truth, justice, and humanity are buried?

America can send a powerful message to the world that crimes against humanity will be punished.

The jury is out. The world is watching. Time will tell who we really are as a nation.

Learn more about "Solving The Race Issue In America" and contact Dr. Herbert (H J) Harris at: www.solvingtheraceissue.com. Email: info@solvingtheraceissue.com. Phone: 800-570-4009.

If neither justice, nor mercy, then what will save us?

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I am completely baffled. I cannot understand why Black people continue to be killed without every single American demanding that all police officers across the country just stop it. Stop killing Black people! Can we not collectively insist that those who have sworn to protect us focus on public safety first, and law enforcement second? And why, why, do these police officers' minds not equate Black bodies with the inalienable right to life? Who accidentally shoots another person? Who doesn't think at least twice about their own actions while kneeling on a dying man's neck?

As the trial of Derek Chauvin moves into its final stages, and we await its outcome with trepidation, I sat down today to write about justice. I am constantly striving to sharpen my awareness and comprehension of the subject. I have recently published a book entitled *Prophetic Justice*. I am the founder and director of the Social Justice Institute, and a Professor of Social Justice. I have spent many years studying and seeking not just the divine justice of God, but earthly justice in all its forms - racial justice, social justice, climate justice, gender justice ... The list of the areas of our lives in which equity still seems a distant dream goes on and on.

Writing and speaking are what I do, they are how I preach, teach, calm, comfort, learn, share, protest. Words have always been my weapon of choice in my personal battle against the injustice I witness every day.

But today, words fail me. I look at pictures of two more traumatized families of Black citizens slain by police officers, weeping together outside a courtroom in the snow and words utterly fail me. Where is the justice? What does justice even mean anymore? Even if justice is seen to be done, just this once, or maybe even twice, how will it heal this unimaginable pain, the pain of two families, of a whole community, of a whole people? Of a whole, wounded nation?

We have so many questions, but who will answer us? Who will speak up? I usually reserve my most imploring, desperate questions for God. Now, when I sit still within myself to seek understanding, He refers me to His children and tells me to look into their hearts. How can we peer into the hearts of murderers? Yet that which should be invisible, it appears, is being made visible by endless demonstrations of vehement hate.

Like so many Black Americans, I am beyond weary, but I know we won't give up in the fight for racial equality. We must pick ourselves up once more - we've been doing it for four hundred years, now, we know the routine - and unite, demonstrate, appeal for action, campaign for reform. We must hope that this time might be the last time that we have to stand up and declare that Black people have souls too. We must demand, again, that our lives not be at risk of being snatched away when we are simply driving our cars, sleeping in our own beds, or walking out of a grocery store. All we ask is to be safe to just be humans, being.

In my Christian faith, God holds us to a high standard. Justice, as in many religions, is one of the central tenants, but it does not exist in isolation - it goes hand in hand with mercy. The Bible describes Micah imagining the Lord telling His chosen people exactly what He requires of them: "... to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God," according to Micah 6:8 (New King James Version). While justice means to be fair and equitable, mercy is to be kind and forgiving. Together, they exhort us to care about the suffering of those who are the victims of failing and broken systems. If I could, I would place justice and

mercy at the core of all police recruitment, training, and practice. In fact, I would place them at the core of every aspect of public life, from education to health and social care to government. But for now, for Black America at least, these two most basic and essential of principles both feel far removed from our present reality.

No matter what I've done over the last several days, I find that I am repeatedly drawn back to that image of the families of George Floyd and Daunte Wright in Minneapolis, united by their grief, their arms around each other's shoulders. And while the ideals of justice and mercy seem agonizingly out of my reach for now, I can feel another word imprinting itself on my brain and on my heart, and I know it is the only true solution, the one that God values more highly than all other things. Love

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Dr. Keith Magee

TO BE EQUAL

Black business leaders are energizing corporate America on voting rights

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

In the long arc of the nation's history of racially-motivated voter suppression, 2021 will stand as a clear and distinct moment that changed everything that came after.

Whether it will symbolize the demise of such suppression - or its shameful entrenchment - remains to be seen.

Certainly, racially-motivated voter suppression is nothing new. The right of Black men to vote wasn't even constitutionally-protected for the first 94 years of the nation's existence, and the terrorist regime of Jim Crow blocked most Black citizens in the South from voting for the next 95 years.

But the surge of restrictive voting laws that began after the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act with its 2013 decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* became a tsunami in the backlash to the historic Black voter turnout in 2020.

The long-overdue moment for corporate America to take a stand is upon us. And it has been brought about by its most influential Black members.

Led by Kenneth Chenault,

the former CEO of American Express; Kenneth Frazier, CEO of Merck & Co.; former Xerox Holdings Corp. CEO Ursula Burns, and William M. Lewis Jr., chairman of investment banking at

Lazard, hundreds of corporate executives signed an open letter opposing voting limits that ran as a two-page advertisement in the *New York Times*,

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Wall Street Journal and other publications Wednesday.

The powerful - and deeply patriotic - statement reads, very simply:

A government of the people, by the people.

A beautifully American ideal, but a reality denied to many for much of this nation's history.

As Americans, we know that in our democracy, we should not expect to agree on everything. However, regardless of our political affiliations, we believe the very foundation of our electoral process rests upon the ability of each of us to cast our bal-

lots for the candidates of our choice.

For American democracy to work for any of us, we must ensure the right to vote for all of us.

We all should feel a responsibility to defend the right to vote and to oppose any discriminatory legislation or measures that restrict or prevent any eligible voter from having an equal and fair opportunity to cast a ballot.

Voting is the lifeblood of democracy and we call upon all Americans to join us in taking a nonpartisan stand for this most basic and fundamental right of all Americans.

The CEOs and other top executives of 300 companies, along with law firms, non-profit leaders, academics and celebrities, signed their names to the letter.

"These are not political issues," Kenneth Frazier told the *New York Times* "These are the issues that we were taught in civics."

The statement does not address specific states' election legislation. Since the election, state legislators in 47 have introduced a shocking 361 voter suppression bills. The total represents an increase of 108, or 43 percent, just in the last month. As



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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

There is hope!

I learned of a story this week that I must share. I saw an article that stated how nearly a century ago, Charles and Willa Bruce were the owners of some of the most luxurious beachfront property in North America. In the 1920s, two Black entrepreneurs owned what is now known as Manhattan Beach. They said unfortunately, institutional racism

and harassment from the Ku Klux Klan forced the two off their property. Shortly thereafter, the County took ownership over the valuable real estate. Yes, the County! It is unheard of but finally it looks like this black family will win. The

Bruce family is closing in on a deal to regain control over the property that Charles and Willa once called home. A property that is now estimated to be worth \$75 Million dollars. Even with this being proven, and officials are close to signing over the Deed, some of the 'neighbors' are opposing this saying they have been there for 50 years and just want to keep enjoying life as it is.

My, my, imagine that, smh. The Bruce family were forced to leave, left destitute. Millions and millions of dollars has been lost over the years from this family not owning what was rightfully theirs. It's time for them to enjoy the beaches that they should have never lost. I tell you while reading this story, I could not help but to think about how much waterfront property, farm acreage, and down-

town commercial property has been lost/stolen in our area and across North and South Carolina. I couldn't help but think about the 1898 salvage thieves that took valuable land and homes, and how families in our area are still feeling the economic impact of that. I do hope the Bruce family is successful. It will spark hope into many that say maybe, hmmm, just maybe, we can regain a measure of

what we lost too.. Oh I know, I know, it's one heck of a fight, but hey, just maybe. Until next week, please share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to reach out for a free gameplan to own in the next 18 months or less. *Brenda Dixon, Dixon Realty Since 1991, 30 yrs. F/T expertise. Www.getthatdeed.com. GET THAT DEED! 910-262-4836.*



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UNCW to install public artwork representing Black lives in Wilmington

The University of North Carolina Wilmington is working on public artwork to highlight the core belief that Black lives matter. Award-winning sculptor, artist and illustrator Dare Coulter has been commissioned to create the piece. "The goal of the project is to use art as a tool for social change; to emphasize awareness about race, identity and the Black experience; and to increase awareness of

Wilmington's history of racial violence," said Fidiyas Reyes, director of arts engagement in the UNCW Office of the Arts. The commemorative artwork has been developed with student and community input, with installation planned for June 2021. The project is a collaboration between the Office of the Arts, the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, and a component of

the Office of the Arts' "Artivism For Social Change" initiative, a collaborative series of arts events and programs. "This installation is an opportunity for UNCW to express its values: that we are an institution that cares about equity and inclusion," Reyes said. "Art sheds a light on issues that are thorny and uncomfortable, such as systemic racism. Racism exists, but we can confront it, dis-

cuss it and be truthful about it. Only then will we be able to develop a path forward." Artist Dare Coulter's primary subject matter is work that highlights Black joy. Her most recent work includes a 200-foot mural of black cowboys in Greensboro, NC, and a commission of a painting of Nina Simone by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for a successful fundraiser to generate funds to restore the late singer's

childhood home. Coulter, who is based in Raleigh, NC, is a recipient of the Jo Ann Williams Artist Fellowship and was named an African American Cultural Festival Emerging Artist in 2015. She was also honored in 2019 by Gov. Roy Cooper for contributions to the arts and cultural heritage landscape of North Carolina. "My focus on Black people and our stories in my artwork aligns with the effort of so many Black creatives to tell our stories as we know them to be," said Coulter.

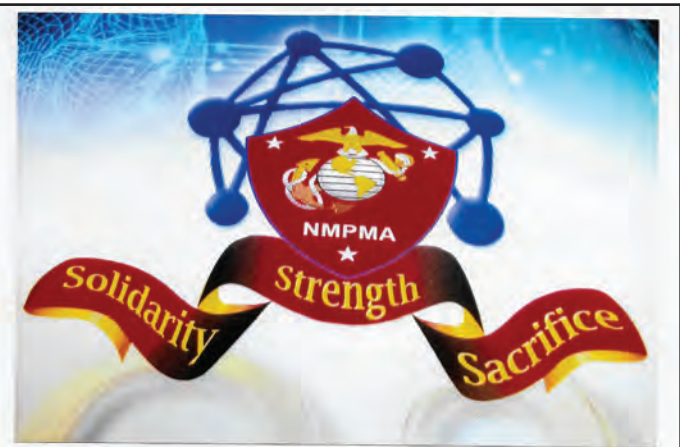
North Carolina and the start of Jim Crow laws in the state. Additional information is available via a guide compiled by UNCW's Randall Library. The proposed artwork will be between 11 and 13 feet tall, which includes a four-foot base, and made of half-inch AR500 steel and bulletproof acrylic. It will be erected on green space near the Commons pond east of the amphitheater. "Interacting with this piece, and in the space that it will be in, will do so many things - the core of which is to honor and celebrate the notion that we are still standing," said Coulter. "Symbolically and intentionally, this piece is made to be unbreakable and mendable in the event that it becomes damaged. Black people around the world are standing strong in the face of adversity, and they're doing the work to fix the fractures that have been created in their wholeness by things that they cannot control. That is commendable. That is what I want to honor." After the design is finalized, it will be fabricated by Lite Brite Neon, a custom neon and lighting shop in New York. The company's work includes a bullet-proof design to protect the Emmett Till memorial marker in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, near the site where Till's body was recovered from the river in 1955. "We're grateful for the opportunity to be working on this project with Dare and hope that this helps with healing and transforming the pain many have and continue to endure into actionable transformation towards justice and healing," said Matt Dilling, the owner of Lite Brite Neon Studio.

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Kristy Fercho on Increasing Black Homeownership



Over this past year, home has never been more important. Safe, affordable housing has long been one of the most common aspirations for all Americans, and the principal way most families build wealth in this country. Yet obtaining this goal remains more difficult for people of color.

The racial homeownership gap is as large today as it was during the days of segregation, with the white homeownership rate roughly 30 points higher than Black households. New Urban Institute analysis shows that the gap may continue to grow absent intentional action. This has lasting implications: when one generation misses the wealth-building opportunities of homeownership, successive generations feel the impact as well.

For me, this is personal. As a Black woman and the Head of Wells Fargo Home Lending, I am passionate about growing Black homeownership and providing access for those shut out of the American dream.

I'm proud to have a leadership role at Wells Fargo as we take action to increase Black homeownership. We're doing this by incorporating low-down payment financing options and closing cost credits available through offerings like our new Dream. Plan. Home.SM programs; diverse, in-market sales teams ready to provide access and support; collaboration with non-profits that understand local markets and more. These efforts are part of our \$60 billion commitment to growing Black homeownership. Wells Fargo is also investing \$50 million in Minority Depository Institutions to empower diverse communities.

Housing stakeholders must work together to close this gap, bringing unity to this urgent moment, and I have seen firsthand the great work underway not just by lenders, but also advocates, policymakers, and others. In addition to leading Home Lending for Wells Fargo, I'm also the chair-elect of the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) board of directors and the leader of an affordable homeownership working group within the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's Project REACH, which promotes financial inclusion through greater access to credit and capital.

For the MBA, one of our goals is to drastically increase affordable homeownership in the next two years by working with member companies and policymakers to take action now. As the Biden administration takes shape, our mission is to drive consideration of policy actions focused on housing, such as first-time homebuyer credits and FHA reforms.

Project REACH convenes stakeholders from government, financial institutions, nonprofits and more to tackle the structural barriers that have contributed to the racial homeownership gap. Removing these barriers to financial inclusion will help millions of people, previously left out of the system, gain access to more opportunities for themselves and their families.

Even as we work together to address barriers to homeownership, there are steps potential homebuyers can take to ensure they are best positioned to reach their goals.

- **Build your savings:** trim unnecessary expenses and reduce any outstanding debts.
- **Find a qualified lender:** compare different lenders and their loan offerings to find the right fit.
- **Do your homework:** learn about your property value and equity, mortgage payments, first-time homebuyer programs and down payment assistance.
- **Know your borrowing power:** get pre-qualified or pre-approval to find homes that fit your budget.

We all have a role to play, and while none of us can break down these barriers alone, if we are united in our pursuit, we can make a huge impact together.

For Wells Fargo's homeownership resources, visit: myfirsthome.wf.com



Meet Kristy Fercho:

Kristy Fercho is Executive Vice President and Head of Wells Fargo Home Lending. Fercho oversees one of the nation's leading combined home lenders and servicers, funding one of every twelve loans and servicing one of every eight loans in the country. She leads a team of more than 25,000 mortgage professionals in sales, operations, servicing, capital markets, portfolio management, and related business, risk management, and supporting functions.

Edward Bosier

Edward Bosier was born May 26, 1940 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was the youngest son of Jaret and Gabriella Bosier and the youngest grandson. Edward's purpose in life was to serve God, his family and to give selflessly of himself.

Edward was baptized at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church in Wilmington, North Carolina where he attended Sunday School.

Edward attended elementary school in Wilmington, North Carolina and graduated within 3 years from Williston Senior High School. After graduation he went on to receive his Bachelor of Science from North Carolina Central University (scholarship) in Information Technology and a Masters in Mathematics from the University of Michigan. He received a Certificate in Bible Studies in Detroit, Michigan. During the early years after completing his master's he taught at college for a period of time.

After approximately 30 years, Edward retired from the National Bank of Detroit (now Chase Bank) where he joined his other family members in the retirement club.

Edward traveled with his briefcase like an executive to see his family, absolutely no one was surprised if either he rang the doorbell or used his key, late at night or early morning, or called to say I am at the door to check on someone or for a function/event. If he heard anything that was important he would call you directly and he could hold a secret. He was very smart. If you asked him about something, he would research the topic until he was comfortable with the information. He knew the family tree and somehow he knew even when someone's last name was Adger or Bosier if they were truly part of our roots. So, when Edward spoke, folks listened.

Edward lived and retired in Detroit until 2018 at which time he moved to High Point, North Carolina. He was a faithful member of Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church of Detroit since October 10, 1982 under the leadership of Rev. Robert Thomas, Jr. and continued his dedicated service through the pastorate of the current pastor Rev. Dr. Mickarl D. Thomas, Sr., where he was a Steward Emeritus, member of the Finance Committee, Lay Organization, Men's Usher Board, Sick and Shut In Ministry, Men's Day Committee, Sunday School, and Bible School teacher. He would open the church building every Sunday at 5:30 am for service and then for bible study and he ensured the building was clean. Edward would do outreach by ensuring that the senior church members received communion. When he saw a need he provided.

The role he cherished the most was helping raise his niece Braeyon, nephew Thomas, godsons Antwan and Andre and goddaughter LaToya, and helping many children in school. Teaching his godsons to drive and helping his goddaughter in school made him happy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his aunt Mamie Oliver, sister Catherine Bosier, sister cousin Geneva Fennell, brother cousin/best friend Hoover B. Adger, Sr. and many other relatives and friends.

Edward leaves to cherish his memories, his sister Doretha Sledge of Roanoke Rapids, NC, cousin sister Mazie Brailsford of Sumter, SC, cousin sister Myrtle Taylor of Baltimore, MD and

cousin sister Mary Adger of Baltimore, MD, nephew Thomas W. Sledge, Jr. of High Point, NC, niece Braeyon Terry-Connor (Frank) Randallstown, MD, godson Antwan Rabb of Detroit, MI, godson Andre Rabb (Kenitha) of Detroit, MI, goddaughter Asha B. Ennett of Wilmington, NC, goddaughter LaToya Lively of Detroit, MI, family friend Carolyn Davis of Detroit, MI; God grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Minnie A. Cobb

Minnie A. Cobb, age 64, of Leland, passed away Saturday, April 3, 2021. A celebration of Ms. Cobb's life was held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed at Summerville A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her children, DeAngela Cobb and Michael Cobb both of Leland; siblings, Johnny Cobb of Leland, Esther Lyons and Mable Dubar both of Bolton, Zack Cobb and Rodney Cobb both of Wilmington and Theresa Cobbs of Florida, 2 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Westra A. Brown

Westra A. Brown, age 64, of Durham, formerly of Supply, passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery, 800 N 11th St., Wilmington, NC 28401.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her husband, Michael Brown of the home; son, Steven Brown of Sanford; mother, Gladys Bellamy of Supply; brother, Alfred Bellamy of Supply, 1 grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

WC Riles

WC Riles, age 72, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021. A celebration of Mr. Riles' life was held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Katrina Riles of the home; children, Cornell Riles and Keia Riles both of Baltimore, MD, Tynia Riles of New Jersey, Kayah Holloway (Shawn) and Ronald Davis (Nekeshia) both of Wilmington; siblings, Ashley Nichalson (Leonard) of Baltimore, MD and Felicia Williams of New Jersey and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, 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.*

Allison P. Boney

Allison P. Boney, age 67, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021. A celebra-

tion of Ms. Boney's life was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her son, Adam Boney (Shawna) of Durham; sisters, June Dixon of Germany and Brenda Gant of Henderson; brother, Eric Dixon (Elaine) of Raleigh; granddaughter, Nia Boney and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Julia R. Bryant

Julia R. Bryant, age 73, of Wallace, passed away Friday, April 9, 2021.

A celebration of Mrs. Bryant's life was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church in Wallace, NC.

Interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Julia Redding Bryant, daughter of the late Charles McArthur Redding, and the late Geneva Jones Redding departed this life on April 9, 2021. She was born in Durham, North Carolina, the oldest child and with five siblings: (1) Iris Moore, (2) Jeanette Redding, (3) Helen Redding, (4) Kenneth Charles Redding, and (5) Clayton Aubry Redding (Janice).

Julia graduated from Hillside High School in 1965. As an academically ambitious young lady she enrolled at Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina where she earned her baccalaureate degree. It was here that she met James Kenneth Bryant, a student and an Army ROTC Cadet from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. On July 5, 1969 they were united in marriage and have been inseparable ever since. They have one son, Dr. James Kenneth Bryant II (Amy) and three grandsons, James Kenneth Bryant III, John Rys Triplett Bryant, and Jason Miles Bryant.

Over the years Julia earned her master's degree from Kansas State University, and her Doctoral Degree from the University of Maryland. Julia's professional work life includes teaching at the following universities: (1) Kansas State University (KSU) in Manhattan, Kansas (2) Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama, (3) University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, (4) University of Alabama in Birmingham, Alabama (UAB), (5) University of Maryland at College Park, Maryland, (6) Norfolk State University, in Norfolk, Virginia, and (7) Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia. Additionally, and for 20 years Julia served as the Director of Nutrition Services in the Hampton, Virginia Public School system.

In the year of 2011/2012 Julia Bryant was named the School Division Administrator of the Year for Hampton City Schools in Hampton Virginia where she served as the Director of School Nutrition Services and responsible for 33 production kitchens, four satellite feeding sites, and four Subway Franchises.

In addition to her duties in the Hampton City School System she served as President of the Virginia State School Nutrition Association, and as a Member of the Global Child Nutrition Foundation where she has conducted numerous nutrition workshops for Education, Agriculture, and Health Service

Ministers from various countries around the world. Her travels include North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. She served on local, state, and national school nutrition association boards as well as industry boards. In 2012 she was invited to the White House to meet with the White House Chef on a Michele Obama project to reduce childhood obesity.

Finally, and for some 20 years she served as the liturgical team leader for the Langley Air Forces Base Chapel Service Programs. Currently, she serves as the Parish Council Chair for the Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church in Wallace, North Carolina. *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.*

Doris M. Belton

Doris M. Belton, age 82, of Bolivia, passed away Monday, April 12, 2021. A celebration of Mrs. Belton's life will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 1705 Southport Supply Rd SE, Bolivia, NC 28422. Interment followed at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, 2100 Zion Hill Rd. SE, Bolivia, NC 28422.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her sisters, Shirley Bernard of Bolivia, Agnes Avant (Conwell) of Shallotte and Mildred Goodman (Samuel) of Bolivia and a host of nieces and nephews. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Willie J. Brown, Jr.

Willie J. Brown, Jr., age 66, of Leland, passed away Wednesday, April 14, 2021. A graveside service was held on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Church Cemetery, Navassa.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Vernita Williams of the home;

mother, Esther Brown of Wilmington; siblings, Louise Salley of Wilmington, Lucille Jacobs (Warren) of Rocky Point, Mae Ellen Johnson (Dave) of Wrightsboro, Billy Brown (Elise) of Wilmington and Frederick Brown (Shelia) of Leland and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Mary A. Tyson

Mary A. Tyson, age 77, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Public viewing 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Walk-through only (NO LINGERING/GATHERING). A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

***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.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her children, Wanda Y. Tyson, John L. Tyson, Jr. (Geraldine) and Tyrone B. Tyson all of Wilmington; siblings, Joyce A. Gayfield of Castle Hayne, Ella Mae Nelson, Minnie Prentice and Rosa Hooper all of Wilmington, 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Alexander Pearson

Alexander Pearson Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Alexander Pearson Jr., age 69, of Wilmington, North Carolina, peace-

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In Memory Of**Mrs. Ezmas
Marscine Carmichael**

Today, Thursday, April 22, 2021, it was 33 years ago, our mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother saw the Angel in her hospital room speaking softly saying 'You have labored hard and there will not be a cure for you on Earth, so close your eyes and come to the land of no more pain or suffering, come on home to get your reward'.

The years have come and gone, but the memories of the life you lived has always been present with us. You taught us to love and obey your Savior, be kind and share the burdens of others and walk with heads high and always remain a family. We will always remember the smiles, laughter, kind words that were apart of your daily living.

Please know that while you are now with our ancestors, just remember that the love and guidance that you gave to us during your lifetime, will lived on in us until we meet again.

May you forever rest in peace!!
Sorrowfully submitted,
The Family

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TELL SOMEBODY

"I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." *Phillipians 3:14*

Prize - Something offered as a reward for excellence or superiority
Press - To advance eagerly; to go forward
Focus - A center of interest or activity

the gospel!" He understood distraction so well that he prioritized the need for focus. His first hand experience in peril and persecution uniquely qualified



Sylvia Hooper

him to mentor and motivate many of the servants of the Lord. He warned believers not to be "terrified by your adversaries". For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;" He told them to "work out your own salvation." He told them to keep their eyes on the prize!

The Apostle Paul is recorded in biblical history as one of the most fervent and foremost defenders of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He came to the conclusion that in order to gain the victory, he was going to have to stay focused on Christ! He said at one point, "I am set for the defense of

the Lord must not cease, noting that for this reason the workers in Christ were constantly under attack. He admonished them to beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision, but do not focus on them. He reminded them of who they were and why their lives were in jeopardy. He said in Phillipians 3:3, "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." Don't allow trials and tests to stop your worship or to block your praise! Keep your eyes on the prize!

Apostle Paul lived the life he preached about. He was genuine and sincere in giving first hand advice. He said "I press" toward the mark. It wasn't easy, but it was worth

it! He embraced endurance while continuing to follow Christ Jesus. He pressed. He pursued. He progressed under pressure and despite the odds that were against him, he went forward. His life was an open book. Yes, he had a past. He was not ashamed to embrace his present, and he knew he had a future! He had many reasons to quit. He had several opportunities to give up. He chose to hang in there because his eyes were not focused on his enemies and his foes. He was not blind to the reality of living for Christ in a hate filled world. He was not deterred by the threat of danger and potential bodily harm. He was human and he did not enjoy being beaten and stoned, but he continued to rejoice in the Lord his God

and Christ his Saviour. He knew he had something that the world didn't give him and that the world couldn't take away. His eyes was on the prize!

He was a marked man. He knew he was called by God to preach the gospel. He made his calling and election sure. His steps were ordered by the Lord. He kept the faith, by keeping his focus on the "prize" (promised reward) of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. He had a fixed heart and a made up mind. "But he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." Mark 13:13b

There is a lot going on in the world today. Don't get caught up in the chaos! Servant of the Lord, don't be distracted by what you see and hear going on all around

you. Don't be moved by distractions. In case you have lost focus temporarily, ask God to forgive you, then get back in the race, and do what God has called you to do! When Jesus returns, excuses just won't do. Keep your eyes on the prize! Tell Somebody!!!

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

"The Significance of the Lord's Supper"

Paul seldom referred to any of Jesus' earthly ministry other than His death and resurrection. The only words of Jesus that Paul quoted are in Acts 20:35 and those in today's lesson text involving the instituting of the Lord's Supper. Before any of the gospels were written Paul apparently received the information about the Lord's Supper by a direct revelation from Christ. This underscores the importance of the supper in the thought of our Lord and in the life of His Church.

Someone said, "take a glowing coal from the fire, lay it aside, and watch it. Slowly it dims, turns grey, then black. It is dead. Take a leaf from a tree, lay it aside, and watch it. Slowly the color fades, the leaf goes limp, then it curls and dries. It is dead. Take a fish out of the lake, lay it aside, and watch it. Frantically it twists and struggles weaken, the movements become less vital, the gills work more slowly, it quivers, and then lies still. It is dead.

Take a child of God and carefully allow him to be separated from the body- from worship, fellowship, prayer, and the Lord's table. Gradually his conscience

quivers. He frets at his own indifference. He begins to make excuses, rationalizes, and finally takes an active stand against the church. He or she is dead spiritually'.

You know how easy it is to forget things you wish to remember. Sometimes we have to jot down on a pad, things to remember.

A professor once said that if we didn't have a "forgettery," what a burden we would be to ourselves! We gain so much information in a lifetime that we couldn't retain it all.

God has provided us with a "memory" as well as a "forgettery." There are some things we are to remember and some we want to forget.

We are told to "remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

We are to "remember the poor" (Gal. 2:10). We are to "remember that Jesus Christ... was raised from the dead" (2 Tim. 2:8)

And when Jesus instituted

the Lord's Supper, He said, "This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). And Paul says in 1 Corin. 11:26, For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

In Phil. 3:13-14, Paul writes, "abut this one things I do, forgetting those things which are behind... I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

It is a must to remember Christ in His appointed way because we are "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Tit. 2:13).

O God our heavenly Father, in Jesus Name we come through grace, We remember that as Jesus was dying on the Cross He prayed for the forgiveness of His murderers and also thought to consider and pardon the penitent thief. At the table of remembrance, Father, help us to be challenged to love those for whom our Lord died. Take hatred from us through the thought of the cross. As Jesus forgave and cared, even on the cross, may we be inspired to forsake all thoughts of revenge and ill will and let Jesus' grace fill our lives with concern for all men lost in sin. Amen. You

must remember this: The Lord's Supper provides unity for a divided church. Here we are reminded that the Son of God died for us while we were sinners. He came to bring us peace with Him and with each other through the blood of His cross.

Let's take this passage of Scripture as mirror and examine ourselves to redress our lives according to the Word of God:

1. What was the coming together referred to in verse 17? This refers to the fellowship meals held by the church, during which the Lord's Supper was observed.

2. Why did the apostle Paul feel that their coming together for this meal was 'for the worse'? They had disregarded the basic considerations of Christian grace and propriety (vv. 20-21). The benefit of the Lord's Supper was lost in such an atmosphere of strife and confusion.

3. Obviously their behavior and conduct desecrate the Lord's Supper, but why does Paul refer again to divisiveness and factionalism in this connection? Among other things, the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity of the body of Christ. The party spirit that ruptures this unity makes a mockery of this dimension

of the Lord's Supper.

4. Does verse 20 imply that it is possible to eat and drink the emblems of Christ body and have no communion with Christ? Christ's presence at the Lord's table is not to be placed in the material emblems, but in spirit. Hatreds and evil motivations destroy our fellowship with Him.

5. What really is the significance of the bread in the Lord's Supper? It is the symbol (tangible representation of an intangible reality) of Jesus' body given for us. There is no greater evidence of His love for us.

6. What should be the focus of our thinking as we partake of the bread? Our thoughts should center on Calvary in an effort to re-create the event in our mind, heart and dwell on the truth that His suffering there was caused by His love for us.

7. What is the significance of the cup? The cup is the symbolic witness of the new covenant between God and man. This covenant provides forgiveness of sin freely by God's grace through faith in the Christ who makes atonement for us in His death.

8. What should be the focus of our thinking as we partake of the cup? Our thoughts should be on our

sin (not someone else sins), our need for forgiveness, and God's mercy. This is the time for personal confession, for rededication, and for renewal of our personal covenant in Christ.

9. Is the act of partaking of these emblems also symbolic? Yes. In the act of taking these emblems into ourselves, we symbolize our desire to take into our very lives the Christ they represent.

10. What is the relationship between the Lord's Supper and the unity of the church? (ISSL)The unity of the church is based in our common faith in Jesus Christ. First Corinthians 10-17 teaches that the Lord's supper is the expression of this unity. These elements we take to eat and drink, represent the body and blood of Jesus Christ that was shed to redeem us from the curse and they that take of the Lord Supper unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to themselves, not discerning the Lord's body. Amen.

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

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fully passed away on April 9, 2021, at Lower Cape Fear LifeCare (Hospice) Center, after a difficult battle with Alzheimer's. Alexander was born on July 9, 1951 to the late Alexander and Katie Person of Wilmington, North Carolina. Alexander was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He attended Williston Senior High School for his Sophomore and Junior year and graduated from John T. Hoggard High School in 1969. He attended North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina for two years. Alexander returned to Wilmington and gained employment with E.I. DuPont where he worked for 30 years until Dupont closed the doors. Shortly after Alexander returned to the old DuPont site location to work with DAK of America Company for another 10 years. Alexander was passionate about photography, auto mechanics, dancing and loved music. He loved his family

and the Philadelphia Eagles Football Team.

In addition to his parents, Alexander was preceded in death by his son, Brian Walker; his granddaughter, Latifah Davis, and his sister, Mary Brown.

Alexander leaves to cherish very fond memories: his wife, Artina Pearson; his sons, Byron Antoine Pearson of Atlanta, GA, and Ramon Cook of Wilmington, NC; granddaughter, Brandi Walker; his sister, Eleese Brown (Billy) of Wilmington, NC and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Gwendolyn Byas Hackett

Gwendolyn Byas Hackett died March 29, 2021. A memorial service was held on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Gwendolyn Yvonne Hackett, daughter of Willie Troy, Sr. and Bobbie Troy was born on August 20, 1969. Gwen lived her life on her terms and was not afraid to follow her dreams. She also loved

helping others and being a resource for any one in need. As a young adult, she spent most of her time running "Little Smiles Daycare", where she was a light for many children. Gwen used music to teach and engage with them and treated them as her own when they were in her care. She also loved getting involved in the community and organizing events. Gwen even helped sanction a playground for her neighborhood, so the children had a safe place to play. Gwen enlisted in the US Army and served her country for four years. As her goals shifted in life, the theme of service and care followed. She became a medical assistant where she would be a saving grace to many patients at clinics throughout the city. She always made people smile and helped them feel more comfortable during their visits. Although she dedicated her life to acts of service, she also made time for her passion which was music. Since she was a child, music was her passion. She wrote songs and melodies from a young age and carried that through into adult-

hood. She wrote for many artist and musicians, and even opened her home to them as a hub for creation. They'd write and produce music for various projects, and bounce ideas off each other. She provided a safe space for artists to be themselves while also strengthening their craft. She also loved to perform. Throughout her life she was in various groups, bands, and choirs. Her most successful was "Southside Drive". They played in venues all around the country and she became a Nashville recording artist. She met Grammy Award winning musicians who assisted her in the creation of their music. She had the opportunity to live out her passion in full form. After the group disbanded, she was always looking for that next band or group because she was always driven by music. Throughout this journey her children were always by her side. She was a light and a role model for them. She raised them with grace, patience, and understanding. They learned that it's okay to go against the odds and bet on yourself. She also taught

them the importance of kindness and empathy. She has touched many people and made the most of her life while she was here.

She will be deeply missed and never forgotten. Her brother, Brian M. Troy preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Marshall Hackett of Charlotte, NC; daughter, Mayshayla McDowell "Sarah" of Charlotte, NC and son, Lavell A. Moore of Charlotte, NC; her parents, Willie Troy, Sr. and Bobbie Troy of Wilmington, NC; sister, NaTasha Troy of Wilmington, NC; niece, India Troy; two nephews, Tyrell Troy and Terrance Troy all of Wilmington, NC and her best friend since childhood, Rondalind Hunter of Detroit, MI. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Michael Jerome Sampson

Michael Jerome Sampson died April 16, 2021. Graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son

Funeral Home.

Robert Lee Boney, Jr.

Robert Lee Boney, Jr., died April 16, 2021. Funeral service will be held 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be 30 minutes prior to the service on Thursday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Christopher Michael Jeffrey

Christopher Michael Jeffrey died April 17, 2021. A memorial service will be held at a later date. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Donald Waddell

Donald Waddell died April 15, 2021. Graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the John's Chapel Cemetery, Castle Hayne, 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.

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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 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.

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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
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April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BEULAH FREDRICKSON STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY 21 E 519

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **Beulah Fredrickson**, deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Mark I. Nunalee, Resident Process Agent of the decedent's estate, on or before **July 16, 2021** at Post Office Box 598, Hampstead NC 28443, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Resident Process Agent.

Estate of Beulah Fredrickson
c/o Mark I. Nunalee
MARK I. NUNALEE PC
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 598
Hampstead NC 28443
910-270-4347

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Mrs. Mary Alice Green**, 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 **15th 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 15th day of April, 2021

Mr. Douglas E. Green, Administrator
4736 Pineleaf Drive
Charlotte, NC 28269

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **June Elizabeth Crook Leonard**, 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 **15th 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 15th day of April, 2021

John Robert Leonard, Administrator
234 Spruce Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2021

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) SOLICITATION NO: CFP19.4 HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA

Floor Repairs For 11 First Floor Units at Eastbrook Apts. Proposals will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below.

- Project Information will be available for pickup on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at the Central Office for a non-refundable charge of \$15.00 for project manual. Pick up, or Download Project Manual from our website at www.wha.net, click on Business Opportunities then IFB- no charge
- Pre-Bid Conference/Site Tour: Central Office on Wednesday April 21, 2021 10:00 AM
- Questions; E-mail to cburns@wha.net no later than April 30, 2021 by 2:00 PM
- Bid Opening: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

The WHA does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

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April 15, 22, 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 182

**IN THE MATTER OF:
T.R.P (DOB: 4/29/2019)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS:
TA'LAVONNE POLLARD-
WILLIAMS, BIOLOGICAL
MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN
BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE
ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE
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TA'LAVONNE POLLARD-
WILLIAMS.**

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 child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following April 15, 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 Lyana Hunter was previously appointed to represent Ta'Lavonne Pollard-Williams, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR June 7, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 North 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 8th day of April, 2021.

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

April 22, 29, May 6, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of **Sara Edith Newell**, 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 **22nd 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 22nd day of April, 2021

John Robert Newell, II, Executor
148 Bradley Pines Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 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 TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of **Mary Ellen Dowling**, 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 **22nd 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 22nd day of April, 2021

James R. Dowling, Executor
11 Winfield Davis Dr.
Coram, NY 11727

April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of **Nicholas A. Caputo**, 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 **22nd 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 22nd day of April, 2021

Denise Leuci, Executor
311 Humphrey Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Allen James Ellis, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th 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 15th day of April, 2021

Carrie Houston, Administrator
407 Redwood Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28412

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

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
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

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 TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Margaret McCall Mitchell**, 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 **15th 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 15th day of April, 2021

Mary London Johnson, Executrix
418 Sheppard Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28411

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Richard Fleming Weaver**, 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 **15th 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 15th day of April, 2021

Andrew Wilson Weaver, Executor
706 Pine Valley Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 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 **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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Minnie Clauson**, 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 **15th 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 15th day of April, 2021

Tanya Covington, Administrator
1909 Rockhill Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Curtis B. Ladner**, 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 **15th 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 15th day of April, 2021

Joan C. Coco, Executrix
912 N. 7th St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2021

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 CV 001000

**JOSEPH RICHARD
LUDWIG, II, PLAINTIFF
V.
TIFFANY AMBER NANCE,
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 22nd day of April, 2021

Joseph Richard Ludwig, II
2528 Flint Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 22, 29, May 6, 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 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

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Pipe Fitter - Must be proficient in the installation, maintenance and repair of heating, cooling, gas and process piping and equipment in accordance with recognized procedures and techniques to the trade. Must be able to cut, thread and fit pipe to specifications, using tools such as saws, cutting torches, and pipe threaders and benders. Should be capable of laying out equipment installations from engineered drawings.

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 - Work overtime on a regular basis and with last minute notification
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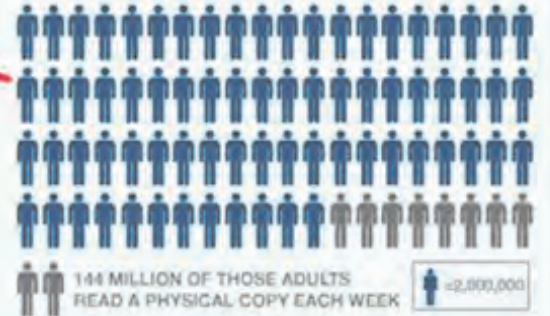
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- Real estate consulting services
- Loan modifications, foreclosure counseling
- Credit and budget counseling
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