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EBONEE SPEARS

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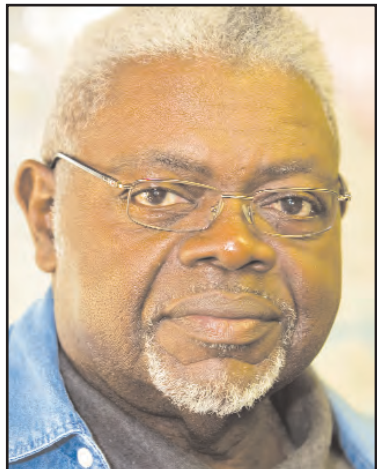


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Brunswick County Christians, why are we allowing our Black churches to close their doors? We have access to the COVID vaccines and they are free. We have precautions and procedures that would help prevent the spread of COVID that can be put in place with little or minor effort. It is very hard and disappointing when I see churches closed that are over a hundred years old and

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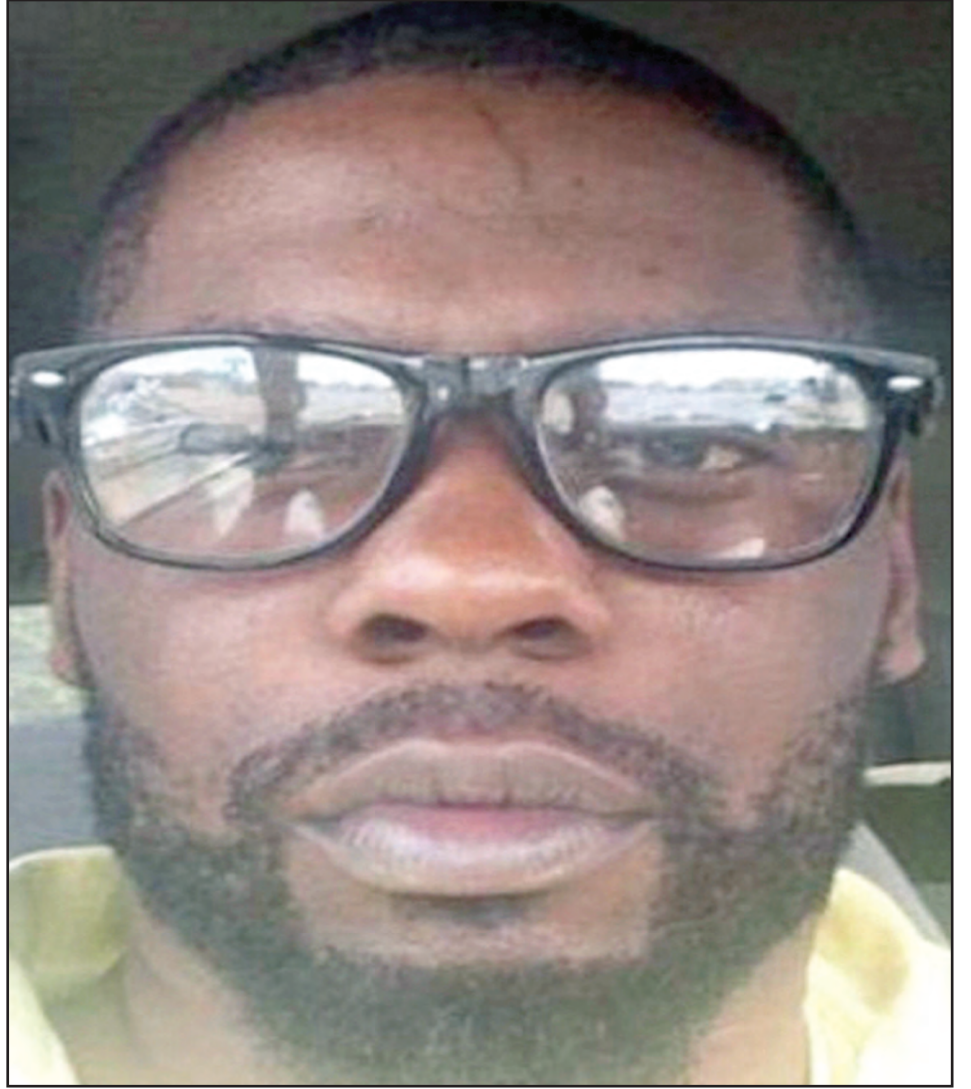
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Floyd case reverberates here in North Carolina



ANDREW BROWN, JR.

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It's been over a week since a Minnesota jury convicted former Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, of murdering Fayetteville native, George Floyd, but the reverberations continue to be felt, even here in North Carolina.

While both the sister of Floyd and the brother of the prosecutor who pursued Floyd's cop murderer, both North Carolinians, react to the conviction, citizens across North Carolina continue to express outrage in the aftermath of the controversial police killing of Andrew Brown, in Elizabeth City, a day after the Chauvin conviction, casting a cloud of doubt over whatever hope many had that the Floyd verdict would be a turning point in police abuse of Black people.

"Justice would be for Derek [Chauvin] to get the maximum sentence for each charge," Bridgett Floyd, sister of George Floyd, told CNN's Anderson Cooper last week from Fayetteville. Chauvin, found guilty of second degree unintentional murder (maximum 40 years in prison); third degree murder (maximum 25 years), and second degree manslaughter (maximum 10 years). Observers note that, under Minnesota's sentencing guidelines, the convicted police officer could get far less time behind bars from the judge when he is sentenced June 16, but there are aggravating circumstances to when Chauvin maintained his knee on George Floyd's neck for nine minutes and twenty-nine seconds, and those factors can push his sentence towards the maximum.

"I do believe my brother's death has made an impact on the world going forward," Bridgett Floyd added. Winston-Salem criminal defense attorney, Eric Ellison is proud of his older brother, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, a former U. S. congressman who took the prosecution of Derek Chauvin and the three other officers involved in George Floyd's death out of the hands of the local Minneapolis district attorney and successfully led his team to one of the rare times in American history that a police officer was convicted for the murder of

an African-American citizen.

Ellison told CBS' "60 Minutes" Sunday that he wasn't sure his team would win the case, but Eric Ellison says he had faith that his brother could find justice for the Floyd family.

"When we let these local prosecutors prosecute these police officers who they work with, have meetings with, and have relationships with everyday, justice gets skewed because this officers are their friends" Eric Ellison, the former chair of the Forsyth County Democratic Party said, making it clear that he was "very proud" of his brother.

"And that's one of the reasons why justice has been so many times in these types of situations. So we can learn a lesson from this that you have to take the power out of the local prosecutors' hands. They cannot be unbiased and objective in these type of situations. They cannot! It's impossible!"

Eric Ellison went on to suggest that laws be passed that require either state attorneys general or federal prosecutors to take on police brutality cases. Ellison added that the successful Chauvin conviction could be just the "stimulus" needed for further police reform across the country.

He said he did not know whether his brother would prosecute the police officer charged with second degree manslaughter in the April 11 traffic stop slaying of 20 year old Daunte Wright, but Ellison added that he would not be surprised if he did.

Meanwhile, as North Carolina and the nation contemplate what will happen next in the Chauvin case and Daunte Wright fatal police shooting, all eyes are on Columbus, Ohio in the police shooting death of 16 year old Ma'Khia Bryant, which happened just before the Chauvin trial verdict was reached, and the April 21st police shooting death of Andrew Brown, Jr. in Elizabeth City.

Brown was allegedly shot in the back as he drove away from several law enforcement officers serving an arrest warrant on him. He reportedly did not have a gun. As a result, three Pasquotank County Sheriff's deputies have resigned from the force, and seven other officers involved in the shooting have been relieved

of duty. Peaceful demonstrations have taken place each day as citizens, local officials, and even the mayor and Gov. Cooper, called for release of body cam video to reveal exactly what happened.

Brown's family and attorney saw 20 seconds of the video Monday, calling what they saw an "execution," and alleged that Brown had both hands on the steering wheel of his vehicle at all times while officers around him fired their weapons.

Brown's vehicle hit a tree, where he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Elizabeth City has been declared in a state of emergency in anticipation of unrest in the aftermath of the video's release.

Tuesday afternoon, Governor Roy Cooper called for a special prosecutor to probe the Andrew Brown, Jr. police killing, saying, "This would help assure the community and Mr. Brown's family that a decision on pursuing criminal charges is conducted without bias."

Meanwhile, the FBI announced that it was launching a civil rights investigation into the Brown shooting, and civil rights leaders, Rev. William Barber and NC NAACP president, The Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, called for State Attorney General Josh Stein to take over the case from the local district attorney, whom he called, "inept, incompetent and incapable."

Under state law, the local district attorney must ask the state attorney general and SBI to come in.

On Wednesday, a Superior Court judge ruled that a son of Andrew Brown, Jr. could receive edited bodycam video of the police shooting within ten days, but the media would have to wait 30-45 days, until authorities have completed their investigation.

During Wednesday's hearing, Pasquotank District Attorney Andrew Womble alleged that Andrew Brown, Jr. hit at least one sheriff's deputy with his vehicle in trying to make his getaway. One of the family's attorneys disputed that she saw that happen during the 20 seconds of video that she was shown on Monday.

It was also established that there are at least five police body cam videos of the incident.



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## OUR VOICE

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

U.S. Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland should conduct a Pattern-or-Practice Investigation of Police-Community Issues in N.C.

U.S. Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland Should Conduct a Pattern-or-Practice Investigation of Police-Community Issues In N.C.

AG Garland recently announced a Pattern-or-Practice Investigation in Louisville by his Department of Justice (DOJ) and its Civil Rights Division (CRD). The CRD was decimated by Trump's two AG's-Jeff Sessions and Bill Barr. Its actions and inactions directly and indirectly caused some of the depraved heart and reckless disregard police brutality against Black people. AG Garland said the DOJ, is a federal law enforcement agency itself. "It has thousands of law enforcement officers." It "collaborates with and supports our colleagues throughout our nation's police departments." So he views these "complex issues" from a high ground.



Al McSurely

#### AG Garland Gets to the Point

But, for the first time in four and a half years, the U.S. Attorney General forcefully reminded us that the Justice Department is also charged with ensuring that the constitutional and federal statutory rights of all people are protected. Congress authorized the DOJ to conduct pattern-or-practice investigations to help it fulfill that responsibility. Such investigations, recommendations, and actions that result from them are not just to protect individuals' civil rights. They also help police departments develop new practices to increase transparency, accountability, and trust between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. These best practices are essential to making policing more effective and less dangerous for officers on the street.' AG Garland's full statement is on the DOJ website.

#### White Power in the Black Belt and North Carolina's Jim Crow History

While the DOJ was announcing its overdue investigation into the Botched Warrant Service, in Louisville, in N.C. we have been sickened by the Botched, Military-Assault Warrant Service on Andrew Brown, Black father of 10, in the Black Belt town of Elizabeth City. National and international media have been alerted to the deeply embedded racism toward Bakari Sellers, a CNN Reporter-and Attorney which he reported verbatim on international media. The Judge just denied the media's request for a copy of the tape, and the Cover-Up Continues

#### Integrity of the Crime Scene

As state and national outrage at the Botched raid and allowing the Integrity of the Crime Scene to be hopelessly compromised by a conflicted DA, who is running for Superior Court Judge, many national experts cite the seven day rule-a case goes cold in seven days. I like the more colorful riddle-How is a dead fish and evidence alike after three days? They both stink!

We don't know whether DA Wooten visited the scene and the directives he has made to insure the chain of possession of the evidence and other steps fundamental to the prosecution of any crime. We therefore fully support Gov. Roy Cooper call for a Special Prosecutor to be named immediately. DA Wooten has already begun his campaign to climb N.C.'s White Power Staircase from DA to Judge.

#### The Carl Fox Rule

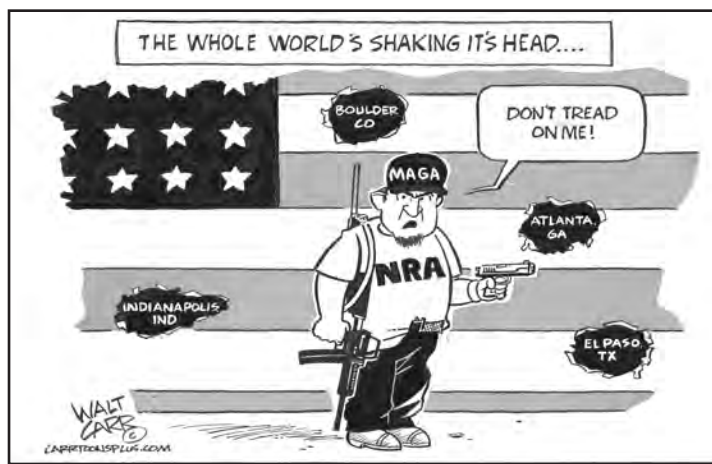
In 1984, Carl Fox was elected the first Black DA in the state. Judicial District 15-Chatham and Orange Counties-with the support of the many lawyers who had worked with him as an assistant DA for years. After years as DA, the lawyers of District 15 voted to endorse him for the vacant Superior Court seat, and soon he was elected Judge Fox. I don't think he would mind my sharing this story about his first tour to Courthouses outside of Orange and Chatham. On Monday morning, Judge Fox would park in the Judge's parking space, grab his robe and papers, and enter the front door. A court employee would ask him what kind of maintenance work he was going to do in the old building? Judge Fox loved to say, "My job is Justice. If you can escort me to the Judge's Chambers, I'll put on this robe and dispense some."

There are 42 Elected DA's in N.C. A handful are Black. They have been meeting in Wilmington this week. You can see the Jurist Pool. Where most Judges are drawn from. It's this Pattern-or-Practice that we need the DOJ to look at. This is what we mean when we say systemic racism. We have 3 tasks:

1. Name a Special Prosecutor.
2. Immediate Appeal of Judge's Denial of the Media's Request to access copies of the many videos of the Botched Raid on Mr. Brown's House.
3. File a request immediately for a DOJ-CRD pattern-or-practice investigation of to help us deconstruct the White Power DA-to-Judge

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

## VISUAL VOICE



## YOUR VOICE

### THE VERDICT

The verdict in the Derek Chauvin murder trial is a step forward for police accountability but not justice.

We knew Chauvin was guilty the second we witnessed the insidious murder of an unarmed Black man on film.

We also know a guilty verdict will not prevent the next act of police violence against Black and Brown unarmed men and children. Daunte Wright was murdered for hanging an air freshener from his rear-view mirror. And in Chicago a thirteen-year-old boy was murdered by a police officer while

raising his hands in compliance. To achieve true justice for victims of police brutality our country must completely transform what public safety means.

We have to challenge local and state governments to move beyond policing and actively dismantle the systems that per-

petuate violence, incarceration and abuse towards Black and Brown communities.

**David Dowdy**  
Former vice president of New Hanover County NAACP  
Former Soil & Water District Supervisor New Hanover County

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### The case for Statehood for the District of Columbia is clear

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Last week, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 51, a bill that would make Washington, D.C., the 51st state of the union.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

It finally would end the denial of voting representation to its more than 700,000 residents, the majority of whom are Black or Brown.

The bill was passed 216-208, with Democrats voting unanimously and Republicans offering not one vote. That led the media to declare the bill dead on arrival in the Senate, where it could be passed by a majority but derailed by a filibuster that would require 60 votes.

Republicans have announced that they are prepared to filibuster the bill and block the majority from passing it. Once more, legislation guaranteeing basic civil rights is threatened by a minority employing the filibuster; the favored instrument used to block civil rights legislation and sustain segregation for decades.

Only this time Republicans, once the party of Lincoln, have taken up the mantle of the plantation Democrats of the Old South. The case for D.C. statehood is clear: The nation was founded in protest against taxation without representation. D.C. residents are denied voting representation in the House and

Senate.

The nation is shamed by military service without representation. D.C. residents have fought in wars going back to the Revolutionary War and yet have no representatives to vote in favor or against those wars. America, which claims to lead democracies across the world, denies the foundation of democracy to more than 700,000 citizens in the nation's capital. D.C. is not too small to be a state. It has more citizens than Vermont and Wyoming, and about as many as Alaska.

Those states, of course, are overwhelmingly white. D.C. would have the largest proportion of African Americans of any state. There are no constitutional obstacles to making D.C. a state. The Constitution calls for Congress to control the seat of government. The new bill defines the seat of government as including Capitol Hill, the White House, the National Mall and connecting property, drawing the state from the remaining areas.

Historically, voting by D.C. residents — even for local officials — has been suppressed because of racism. In the 1870s, at the same time the South was beginning to suppress Black votes and construct what became the American version of apartheid, Southerners in Congress moved to strip District residents of the vote for fear of Blacks.

This isn't disputed. As segregationist Sen. John Tyler Morgan of Alabama explained in 1890, "In the face of this influx of Negro population from the surrounding States,

[Congress] found it necessary to disenfranchise every man in the District of Columbia ... in order thereby to get rid of this load of Negro suffrage that was flooded in upon them.

That is the true statement. History cannot be reversed. No man can misunderstand it." And racism propels the opposition today. Across the country, Republicans are mobilizing in state after state to make it more difficult to vote in ways that disproportionately impact minority voters. Rather than seeking to win the votes of Black and Brown voters, they choose instead to find ways to impede their ability to vote.

Filibustering against D.C. statehood is simply the most extreme expression of this campaign of voter suppression. Republican legislators toss out all sorts of objections to D.C. statehood — it's too small, too urban, lacks manufacturing, doesn't have a landfill. But their real objection is that it is too Black and Brown and likely will elect two Democratic senators and a Democratic member to the House. D.C. residents tend to be more affluent and better educated.

You would think that they would be prime targets for Republican appeals. And they would be, except that the residents are disproportionately Black and Brown, and the modern-day Republican Party has made itself into the party of racial division. The opposition to D.C. is mirrored in the opposition to statehood for Puerto Rico. Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens, but, as a territory, have no right to vote.

They too pay taxes and serve in the military. Puerto Rico, with 3 million citizens, is even larger than the District. Most Americans support Puerto Rican statehood. But Republicans fear that, since Puerto Ricans are largely people of color; they will tend to elect Democrats. Once more racism stands in the way of democracy. In 1988 when I ran for president, I called for statehood for the District and for Puerto Rico.

I also called for the U.S. to end its support for apartheid in South Africa and demand that Nelson Mandela be freed. Since then, Nelson Mandela was freed and became the leader of his country, leading a peaceful transition from apartheid. Historic change is possible. Yet in the U.S., the citizens of the District and of Puerto Rico remain deprived of representation. And the right to vote is once more under siege across the country. This summer, the Senate will convene a hearing on D.C. statehood.

The White House has strongly issued its support. If Republicans continue to employ the filibuster to block the vote, it is time for Democrats to suspend the filibuster, just as Republicans did to drive confirmation of their Supreme Court nominees to lifetime appointments. The tricks and traps of our segregationist past should no longer stand in the way of simple democracy for the citizens of the District of Columbia.

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

## Where do they go?

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Caron Nazario, Daunte Wright, Rayshard Brooks, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor; Sandra Bland, LaQuan McDonald, Tamir Rice, John Crawford III, Michael Brown, and Elijah McClain comprise, with the exception of Army Lt. Nazario, a list of African Americans who have become the victims of fatal encounters with



Dr. E. Faye Williams

police. This list is long and hasn't come to an end.

Arguably, Lt. Nazario's active-duty status spared him from a similar fatal fate. The fact that the police used multiple lies as cause for his detainment and assault gives reason to reexamine misrepresentations that support the deaths of the others named.

Daunte Wright was "accidentally" killed when a 26-year veteran in MN, police officer "mistakenly" deployed her service pistol (2 pds. loaded) instead of

her Taser pistol (8 oz ounces). After a scuffle with police in an Atlanta Wendy's, Rayshard Brooks was shot in the back twice, after which the shooter exclaimed, "I got him!" Breonna Taylor was fatally shot in bed by police who erroneously made a no-knock drug raid on her home. Sandra Bland "committed suicide" while in police custody in Texas after a questionable traffic stop.

LaQuan McDonald was accused of threatening and charging police with a knife until video showed him moving away from police as an officer shot him 16 times. Within 3 seconds after police arrival at the park in which 13-year-old Tamir Rice was playing with a toy pistol, he was fatally shot by police. John Crawford III was fatally shot in a Wal-Mart in Beavercreek, Ohio, for holding a BB gun which was on open display. Few can forget Michael Brown who was fatally shot walking down the middle of the street. Some will remember Elijah McClain from a recent article.

This list is unending, yet it has common threads. Among them is the reaction, regardless of gender and size, of the police to apply lethal force. Each was considered a mortal threat

whose "Blackness" was their deadly weapon. Their treatment was justified by a specious explanation for use of force with little, if any, judicial review.

My purpose isn't to rehash these encounters — nothing can return the dead. My questions today are, "Where did these police go?" "What are they doing?" Some have rightfully been charged with the crimes they committed. Others have been found guilty and are in prison or await a verdict. Others simply "resign" prior to disciplinary action and seek employment with another department 'down the road.' They escape criminal consequence and move elsewhere to repeat their foul activities.

There is a remedy — The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. Passed by the House of Representatives, this bill addresses policing practices, and increases accountability for law enforcement misconduct, restricts the use of certain policing practices, enhances transparency and data collection, and establishes best practices and training requirements.

Briefly, the bill does the following:

- Lowers the criminal stan-

dard to convict an officer for misconduct

- Limits "qualified immunity" as a defense to liability

- Grants subpoena power to DOJ in pattern-or-practice investigations

- Establishes a framework to prevent and remedy racial profiling by law enforcement at the federal, state, and local levels.

- Limits unnecessary use of force and restricts no-knock warrants, and chokeholds

- Creates the National Police Misconduct Registry to compile complaints and records of police misconduct

- Directs DOJ to create uniform accreditation standards for law enforcement agencies; requires law enforcement officers to complete training on racial profiling, implicit bias; requires the duty to intervene when another officer uses excessive force.

- The Senate now controls the fate of this legislation. We must take control of our future and demand that our Senators support passage of this bill. We cannot wait for their benign consideration.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women and host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-89.3 FM.

**Solving The Race Issue In America**

**Thank God for television!**

There is a smell of justice in the air with the conviction of George Floyd's murderer.

Let us not celebrate too soon. The cancer of hatred and racism is still very much alive and well in America.

The conviction of George Floyd's murderer is the tip of the iceberg of hatred and racism that thrives in the heart, minds, and spirits of many Americans.

Hatred and systemic racism festers beneath the surface in the underbelly of America.

In the shadow of the trial of George Floyd's murderer - barely 10 miles away - Duante Wright, an unarmed black man was killed by a police officer.

A few miles away in Chicago, a 13-year-old boy was killed by police - as the body cam video showed - with his hands up.

Less than a week after justice prevailed for George Floyd, another black man has been killed. Andrew Brown Jr. - a black man - is killed by sheriff's deputies in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

The sheriff and the county attorney have insulted the family and the world. They took 120 hours to show the family only 20 seconds of an edited video

from only one of the many cameras that should have recorded Andrew Brown's killing.

The question is why are the videos being edited or withheld? Is a law enforcement coverup taking place?

In the case against George Floyd's murderer, what would have been the narrative if a teenager had not used her cell phone to record the knee on George Floyd's neck for over 8 minutes.

Consider the original police statement regarding the death of George Floyd.

According to the Associated Press (April 23, 2021):

"The original Minneapolis police statement 'attributed Floyd's death to 'medical distress' and made no mention that the Black man had been pinned to the ground at the neck by Chauvin, or that he'd cried out that he couldn't breathe."

The Associated Press report

continues: "If it wasn't for this 17-year-old who took the video, Derek Chauvin would in all likelihood still be on the police force training officers," said Andre Johnson, a University of Memphis professor of communication studies. "Sadly, this has been going on for a while, and it's just now coming to light for a lot of Americans because of video evidence."

Quoting from page 147 of "Solving the Race Issue In America."

"The primary difference between civil rights struggle of black people before the 1950's and the struggle after the 1950's was the advent of television. America's track record in dealing with black Americans shows the absence of a true moral compass.

Through television, the whole world can see how America actually treats black Americans. The whole world can see in vivid pictures that there is a contradiction between the image America projects to the world-land of the free, home of the brave, with liberty and justice for all-and the reality of how it treats its own black Americans." (www.solvingtheraceissue.com)

The conviction of George Floyd's murderer has given hope and inspired the good people - black and white Americans - to continue their fight for justice.

The good people in America are now pressing America to live up to its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Good Americans of every color will continue marching, protesting and praying for freedom, equality, and justice.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, spoken at the 1963 March on Washington, "Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood."

The battle is far from over. The forces of hatred and racism are active in perpetuating lies, distractions, and divisions that undermine the spiritual healing that must take place if America is to survive

**HARRIS**

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**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**

**Defund the police**

After the killing of George Floyd by ex-officer and now, convicted felon Derek Chauvin, the battle cry became "defund the police," a phrase which immediately caused many to panic. While some people believe that police departments should be abolished - which I don't - most people with whom I have talked believe that police departments across the country have become too militarized.

Instead of funding police departments to continue to get weapons of war; many believe, use funds that would have been siphoned to police departments for those types of purchases to invest in the communities which have the highest crime rates, largely because they are lacking jobs, education, and decent housing. (https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2020/06/19/what-does-defund-the-police-mean-and-does-it-have-merit/)

It is convenient for the Republicans - who have no weapon or tool for winning elections except racism, which they use to keep white people afraid - to use the phrase in order to play to white fear.

It seems to be the reality in this country that Black and brown people are "the enemy" and that police believe their role to be to attack that enemy in order to destroy them. It is a mentality of war; and in war, "the enemy" is to be decimated, not injured or maimed, which might allow them to get up and attack the soldiers from the other side. Police - and a large portion of the American public - have been socialized to believe that Black and brown people most especially, are "the enemy." The goal is to destroy them. (https://www.npr.org/2020/07/01/885942130/militarization-of-police-means-u-s-protesters-face-weapons-designed-for-war)

Black and brown people all over the world are targets for white hatred, a byproduct of white supremacy, and also for white fear. Black people were criminalized when they dared run for their freedom and Slave Patrols were formed to hunt them down and kill them, if they thought it necessary, or, in today's language, were "in fear for their lives."

There was always a desire to remind Black people of their inferiority, causing a lack of respect for them, even when they entered the military and fought for this country. (https://ejournal.org/reports/targeting-black-veterans/) The recent harassment of a Black Army officer - in uniform - caused even far-Right wing Rev. Pat Robertson to say "enough!" Robertson said something had to be done about bad policing. (https://www.npr.org/2021/04/11/986271819/officer-who-handcuffed-and-pepper-sprayed-black-army-lieutenant-is-fired) (https://news.yahoo.com/pat-robertson-yes-pat-robertson-182040673.html)

Defunding the police - i.e., reducing funds spent on weapons of war - and diverting a part of those funds to create new curricula for training, a training which would include courses on humanizing Black people so that police saw human beings and not objects - would be yet another goal and focus of defunding "what is" in order to create "what should be."

In Columbus, Ohio, which though it boasts of being one of the safest cities in Ohio is actually number one in police shootings in the state and 13th in the nation, the police shooting which resulted in the death of 16-year-old Ms'Khia Bryant has caused more pain as residents try to make sense out of nonsense. (https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/22/us/columbus-police-makhia-bryant.html)

Bryant was shot and killed within seconds of police arriving on the scene. The quickness with which the teen was shot was reminiscent of past shootings in Ohio. Andre Hill and Casey Goodson likewise survived only seconds after being approached by police, and it took two seconds for police to shoot and kill 12-year-old Tamir Rice in 2015. Tamir's "crime" was playing with a toy gun. (https://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/23/us/in-tamir-ice-shooting-in-cleveland-many-errors-by-police-then-a-fatal-one.html) As young Tamir lay dying, police refused to let his sister attend to him.

The way police officers are trained to regard Black people as enemies, combined with their access to military weapons - weapons of war - are major factors in the plethora of killings of Black people by police. "Defunding" the police - i.e. reviewing what funds are currently being used for and diverting them to communities of color and for the development of a training curriculum that would help police see Black people as humans and not as enemies of war, might be a first step in helping to end the state-sanctioned violence carried out by police which has left Black communities all over the country distressed, disgusted, and emotionally ripped apart.

Saving black lives is not a terrorist activity. It is an act of compassion and overdue need. Defunding the capacity of police officers to mow Black people down with impunity and with the reassurance that they will not be held to accountability has to stop.

And the politicization and deliberate misrepresentation of what that phrase means needs to stop, too. People's lives are in danger - people whose lives should matter which have never mattered in this country.

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**HARRIS**

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and be a true light to the world.

Let us trust our eyes and ears. Television, cell phone videos, and the internet can show the truth when others lie or coverup.

The video did not lie when Rodney King was beaten. It did not lie when Walter Scott was shot in the back by a police officer. The video did not lie when a police officer knelt on George Floyd's neck for over 9 minutes. It showed the truth of how Duante Wright was shot and killed by a police officer.

Thank God for television, cell phones, videos, and the

internet. These tools of discernment help America and the world see the truth about hatred and racism that consumes the soul of our nation.

We cannot move forward to heal this nation until America and Americans acknowledge the truth - that hatred and systemic racism are ingrained in the heart and soul of America.

Only the truth will set us free.

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presence in schools the use of behavioral health care professionals for certain crises.

Most importantly, they reflect a new way for Americans to think about the protection and preservation of life, dignity, and trust, while also building safer communities.

Derek Chauvin's conviction was a rare and profound

moment of accountability for racially-motivated police violence, but we cannot call it justice. It is not a moment to celebrate. Rather, it is a time for somber remembrance of George Floyd, Daunte Wright, and all the lives those lost to unjustified police violence. It is a time to rededicate ourselves to building a community of trust that keeps all Americans safe.

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

**D.C. Statehood is a voting rights issue... and racial justice issue**

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Washington, D.C. has a higher percentage of Black residents than any state in the country, and they have no voting representation in Congress. This is systemic racism in action. It is long past time to give Washington's 712,000 residents the representation they deserve by making D.C. our 51st state.

It is shameful that people who live in the nation's capital have no say in Congress. And it is unacceptable that local laws and budgets passed by D.C. elected officials can be overturned by members of Congress who decide to meddle in local decision-making. That explains why Washington, D.C.'s license plates include the slogan, "End taxation without representation," a rallying cry by American colonists against the tyranny of British rule.

The disenfranchisement of hundreds of thousands of D.C. residents is fundamentally un-American and there is no good reason to allow it to continue. There are bogus reasons to oppose statehood, and some Republicans in Congress have been trotting them out now that legislation to admit Washington, D.C. as a statehood bill is moving forward in Congress.

Some claim that Washington, D.C. is too small to be a state. But D.C. has more residents than either Vermont or Wyoming. There are currently six states whose population is less than a million. D.C. pays more federal taxes than 21 states—and more federal taxes per person than any state.

Some make the false claim that it would require a constitutional amendment to make

Washington, D.C. a state. Not true. The Constitution clearly gives Congress the authority to admit new states.

That's how every one of the 37 states that were not initially part of the U.S. have

joined the country. The original District of Columbia was created out of land from Maryland and Virginia. In 1846, a good chunk of D.C. was returned to Virginia. No constitutional amendment was required then, and none is required now to admit Washington, D.C. as a new state. Some objections are so idiotic, frankly, that they must be a cover for pure partisanship or worse.

In March, a Heritage

Foundation legal fellow testifying before Congress said that D.C. residents shouldn't get representation in Congress because they can already influence congressional debates by placing yard signs where members of Congress might see them on their way to work. One Republican congressman said (wrongly) that D.C. would be the only state without a car dealership. Another said that D.C. doesn't have enough mining, agriculture, or manufacturing. Mitch McConnell said the plan to make D.C. a state was evidence of "full bore socialism on the march."

At least some Republicans are honest about their real reason for opposing statehood: they just don't want to let D.C. voters elect Democratic officials who will support progressive policies supported by the majority of the American people.

But that is not a principled position. None of the objections to D.C. statehood hold water, especially when weighed against the basic injustice of disenfranchising hundreds of thousands of people.

Washingtonians have fought in every U.S. war: About 30,000 D.C. residents are veterans. But D.C.'s mayor does not even have the ability that governors have to mobilize its own National Guard—a fact that

proved to be deadly during the Jan. 6 Capitol Insurrection.

The bottom line in this: how can we hold ourselves out as a model of democracy when we are the only democratic country in the world that denies representation and self-governance to the people who live in its capital? We can't.

As the Biden administration recognized in announcing its support for D.C. statehood, it is long past time to correct this injustice. The House of Representatives voted on April 22, to admit Washington, D.C. as a state. Senate leaders must not allow filibuster rules or Republican resistance to prevent Congress from righting this wrong.

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**TO BE EQUAL**

**Chauvin conviction marks a turning point on police accountability, but work remains if the Nation is to achieve real justice**

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Today, we feel a sigh of relief. Still, it cannot take away the pain. 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. Last summer, together with Senator Cory Booker and Representative Karen Bass, I introduced the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. This bill would hold law enforcement accountable and help build trust between law enforcement and our communities. This bill is part of George Floyd's legacy." - Vice President Kamala Harris

As I stood alongside the family and friends of George Floyd in Minneapolis on Tuesday, waiting to hear the verdict in Derek Chauvin's murder trial, I felt a combination of hope and dread.

Despite clear and compelling video evidence, despite the unambiguous testimony of experienced law enforcement and medical experts, and despite the exemplary work of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison's prosecution team, the devastating possibility of an acquittal still loomed.

In the years since the

acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer gave rise to the Black Lives Matter movement, thousands of Americans have died at the hands of police. Black people are six times more likely to be killed. Only a tiny fraction of these killings

have been prosecuted as crimes, and a scant handful - only 44, out of thousands of killings - have resulted in convictions.

Two days after the Chauvin verdict, I stood with the family of Duante Wright as they faced the unimaginable pain of laying to rest a son, a brother, a father, and a friend, at just 20 years old. In the space of those two days, police shot and killed 16-Year-Old Ma'Khia Bryant in Columbus, Ohio and 42-year-old Andrew Brown Jr. in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Details of those shootings still were being investigated as Duante was laid to rest.

As much as the conviction of Derek Chauvin gave us hope that we have reached a turning point in the movement to end racially-motivated

police violence, the deaths of Duante Wright, Ma'Khia Bryant, Andrew Brown, Jr. - and countless others - show us how much work remains to make that hope a reality.

In testimony before the House Judiciary Committee after the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act was introduced last year, I challenged Congress to decide whether it was facing a "1922 moment" or a "1965 moment." In other words, would the nation squander an opportunity to stand against white supremacist terrorism, as it did in 1922 when the Senate filibustered a House-passed anti-lynching act? Or would it act with courage and integrity, as it did in 1965 with the enactment of the Voting Rights Act?

The conviction of Derek Chauvin has heightened the urgency of that decision.

Will this rare moment of accountability stand as an aberration - a high-water mark - in the ongoing history of racially-motivated police violence? Or will it mark a turning point?

If we expect the conviction of Derek Chauvin to stand as a "1965 moment," Congress must pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. The nation must make an unequivocal declaration that no person under color of law can act unilaterally as cop, judge, jury,

and executioner, and eradicate the last legal vestige of lynching.

But federal legislation alone is not a panacea. Public safety must be redefined on a state, county, city, neighborhood, and individual level.

In the coming days, the National Urban League will release a comprehensive framework for criminal justice advocacy that takes a holistic approach to public safety, the restoration of trust between communities and law enforcement, and a path forward for meaningful change.

While themes of our plan are reflected in the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, they also serve as a blueprint for states such as Maryland, which overrode Governor Larry Hogan's veto to enact sweeping reforms that limit police officers' use of force, restrict the use of no-knock warrants, and repeal the nation's first Bill of Rights for law enforcement.

They are a blueprint for cities like Washington D.C., whose Police Reform Panel recently recommended dramatic changes including shrinking the size of the city's Metropolitan Police Department, reducing police

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## The new face of poverty and the mass incarceration of America's children

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The number of children arrested and incarcerated has declined over the past decade, primarily due to positive changes in policy and practice.

However, America's children continue to be criminalized at alarming rates, and disparities have persisted, according to the Children's Defense Fund's The State of America's Children 2021.

Many children—particularly children in poverty; children of color; children with disabilities; children with mental health and substance abuse challenges; children subjected to neglect, abuse, and other violence; children in foster care; and LGBTQ children—are pushed out of their schools and homes into the juvenile justice or adult criminal justice systems.

The comprehensive State of America's Children 2021 also found:

In 2019, 530,581 children

were arrested in the U.S.

A child or teen was arrested every 59 seconds despite a 67 percent reduction in child arrests between 2009 and 2019.

During the 2015-2016 school year alone, over 61,000 school arrests and 230,000 referrals to law enforcement were largely overrepresented by students with disabilities, Black students, and Indigenous students.

"Throughout the tumult of 2020, two of my most valued thought partners were the late writer and activist James Baldwin with whom I share a deep intellectual resonance and a birthday and Princeton professor Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr.," said the Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, the president and CEO of the Children's Defense Fund.

"Dr. Glaude reflected powerfully on 'Jimmy's' life in his 2020 book, *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for our Own*. A revelation of critical import to me is Dr. Glaude's highlighting Baldwin's insight that times of reckoning and crisis call us to 'do our first works over,'" Dr. Wilson stated.

Dr. Wilson continued:

"This is an invitation to re-examine our foundational commitments, values, and stories to faithfully craft a future. The Children's Defense Fund is walking this path of examination. The board and staff entered the year in discernment about the first leadership transition in our history.

"After having made the decision, we initiated a process of organizational, programmatic, and operational planning holding our 'first works' and children's needs in conversation. As a result, even in what President Biden has called a 'dark winter' considering the pandemic, the Children's Defense Fund envisions a nation where marginalized children flourish, leaders prioritize their well-being.

"Communities wield the power to ensure they thrive. From where we currently stand, this is a radical vision. Yet, we are committed to working—with you—to make it happen."

The State of America's Children 2021 report noted that the prioritization of police over mental health professionals in schools often leads to the criminalization of typical adolescent behavior and fuels the school-to-prison pipeline.

Today, 14 million students attend schools with police but no counselor, nurse, psychologist, or social worker; but the number of children in the juvenile justice system has been cut in half since 2007.

The report revealed that 43,580 children and youth were held in residential placement on a given night in 2017.

Nearly 2 in 3 were placed in the most restrictive facilities, while another 653 children were incarcerated in adult prisons on any given night in 2019—down from 2,743 in 2009.

Despite research showing that young people's brains continue to develop and mature through their late teens and into their mid-twenties, young adults do not often have access to the age- and developmentally-appropriate policies and resources they need, the report further revealed.

Adolescents and young adults often "age out" of offending; however, as of 2021, 46 states and the District of Columbia automatically prosecute 18-year-olds as adults.

Three states automatically prosecute 17-year-olds as adults—Vermont is the first and only state to expand juvenile court jurisdiction to 18.

All states also allow or require younger children charged with certain offenses prosecuted in adult court.

Even as child arrests and detentions have fallen, extreme racial disparities have persisted across the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems.

Children of color, particularly Black children, continue to be over-criminalized and overrepresented at every point—from school discipline and arrest to sentencing and post-adjudication placements.

Although 63 percent of children arrested in the U.S. were white, American Indian chil-

dren were 1.5 times more likely to be arrested, and Black children were 2.4 times more likely to be arrested than white children.

In 2017, the residential placement rate for children of color was two times higher than that of white children nationwide.

Hispanic children were 1.4 times more likely, American Indian children were 2.8 times more likely, and Black children were 4.6 times more likely to be committed or detained than white children.

In 18 states and the District of Columbia, the residential placement rate for children of color was four times higher than that of white children.

Two-thirds (67 percent) of children in the juvenile justice system were children of color: 41 percent were Black, and 21 percent were Hispanic.

Children of color are also disproportionately transferred to the adult criminal justice system, where they are tried and prosecuted as adults.

In 2018, Black youth represented less than 15 percent of the total youth population, but 52 percent of youth prosecuted in adult criminal court.

Black youth are nine times more likely than white youth to receive an adult prison sentence,

American Indian/Alaska Native youth are almost two times more likely, and Hispanic youth are 40 percent more likely.

According to the report, boys, youth with disabilities, and LGBTQ youth also come into disproportionate contact with the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems.

In 2017, the residential placement rate for boys was more than five times that for girls. Eighty-five percent of children in residential placement were male.

At least 1 in 3 youth in the juvenile justice system has a disability qualifying them for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)—nearly four times the youth's rate in public schools.

However, less than half receive special education services while in custody.

The report also highlights that incarceration does not support our children's growth and development; it places them at risk and limits their access to resources.

While incarcerated, children are often provided with inadequate education instruction, health care, and counseling services.

They are at greater risk of maltreatment, physical and psychological abuse, sexual assault, and suicide.

The use of solitary confinement further deprives them of social interaction, mental stimulation, and critical services during a critical time of adolescent brain development, the Children's Defense Fund found. The report revealed that youth of color and LGBTQ youth are at heightened risk of being placed in solitary confinement.

Youth with disabilities are often placed in isolation due to lack of available services or accommodations—when no child should be placed in solitary confinement regardless of identity.

Risks are heightened for children in the adult criminal justice system, which is even more focused on punishment than rehabilitation and treatment.

Children in adult jails are more likely to suffer permanent trauma and are five times more likely to die by suicide than children in juvenile detention centers.

"As youth crime and arrest rates continue to decline, now is the time to re-imagine youth justice," wrote the Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, the Children's Defense Fund executive director.

"We have better choices than incarceration: diversion, treatment, after-school programs, and family support programs support children, keep communities safe, and save taxpayer dollars. It is time to end the criminalization of children and provide every child time and space for learning, mistakes, and restorative support from caring adults."



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# Renee Montgomery makes history in purchasing WNBA's Atlanta Dream

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Renee Montgomery, a two-time WNBA champion and vice president of the Atlanta Dream, has purchased a stake in the franchise and is now co-owner.

Montgomery is the first retired player to own and serve as an executive of a WNBA team.

The superstar and her two partners, Larry Gottesdiener and Suzanne Abair of Northland Investment Corp. take over the team that was once co-owned by former U.S. Sen. Kelley Loeffler (D-Ga.).

"With the unanimous WNBA and NBA [board] votes, marks a new beginning for the Atlanta Dream organization, and we are very pleased to welcome Larry Gottesdiener and Suzanne Abair to the WNBA," Commissioner Cathy Engelbert said in a statement.

"I am also thrilled that former WNBA star Renee Montgomery will be joining the ownership group as an investor and executive for the team. Renee is a trailblazer who has made a major impact both in the game and beyond," Engelbert added.

Selected fourth overall in the 2009 WNBA draft, Montgomery appeared in 364 games. She played in 37 playoff games and twice won the WNBA title as a Minnesota Lynx member.

She matched the WNBA regular-season record with eight made three-pointers in 2018 and notched her 500th career trey in 2019 - making her just the 13th player in league history to accomplish that feat.

Last November, Montgomery proved a champion in another venue: political activism. She joined Stacey Abrams and other women of color to push voter participation and inclusion, ultimately helping President Joe Biden win Georgia and the White House.

Those efforts also led to Democrats Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff winning the Senate and grabbing the majority in the upper chamber.

"My dream has come true," Montgomery declared. "Breaking barriers for minorities and women by being the first former WNBA player to have both an ownership stake and a leadership role with the team is an opportunity that I take very seriously."

Van Brooks, the founder and executive director of the nonprofit SAFE Alternative Foundation for Education, also praised Montgomery.

"Back in March, at the beginning of the pandemic, we reached out to Renee Montgomery to join our Together, We Can virtual program as a host," Brooks wrote in an email. (You can watch her class here.)

"She was ecstatic to help because the Virtual Program was created to help people. It provided people of all ages with a fun and educational, social outlet to combat the isolation brought on by nationwide quarantine," Brooks continued.

"Renee Montgomery's amazing work ethic, WNBA accomplishments, and passion for helping people have positively impacted the lives of many. "From a star player on the team to co-owner, she is a woman making history that serves as an inspiration for many, and that includes our students.

"Many of our students love sports and have an aspiration to become professional sports players. Renee Montgomery's path has started a conversation around other career options associated with their favorite sport by focusing on



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their academics. Montgomery, for serving as our students and many "Thank you, Renee an amazing role model for more."



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**Herbert Murphy Anderson**

Herbert Murphy Anderson was born on December 24, 1934 to Gladys Anderson (deceased) in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Herbert received his education in the Wilmington, North Carolina public schools.

Herbert retired after 20 years of service with an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy as a Master Culinary Specialist with the rank of Petty Officer Third Class. During his years of service, he received many ribbons and medals including those awarded for time of service during the Vietnam War and Expert Marksman Ribbons and Badges.

After retiring from the Navy, Herbert continued his culinary expertise for 30 years as a Chef at a Wilmington long-term care facility creating and providing meals for the residents until his second retirement in 2013.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: Nieces - Linda D. Anderson (Jerry Anderson - deceased), Carmen Anderson Engle (Brent) from New Jersey, Cynthia Tobias and Gaberilla Singleton (Michael) from Wilmington, NC; Great-Great Niece - Lindsay Engle (New Jersey); Great Nephew Gerald Jones (Texas); Great-Great Nephews - Dean Jones and Trell Tobias (Wilmington, NC) and Elias Engle (New Jersey) and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that he so loved and adored. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).*

**Michael Jerome Sampson**

Michael Jerome Sampson died April 16, 2021. Graveside service was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Michael Jerome Sampson, son of the late Irene and Willie Sampson Sr., was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on October 25, 1964. Michael passed away at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, North Carolina with his devoted sisters by his side. Michael was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He became sick at a young age with mental illness and the illness continued until his death. Michael fought this disease and with medication he was able to live a peaceful life. Michael loved his family and attended St. Stephens AME Church at a young age. He spent most of his time listening and singing his favorite songs. He also loved watching basketball and his favorite team UNC Tarheels.

In addition to his parents, Michael had two brothers, Calvin Sampson and Lionel Sampson, that preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory: one brother, Willie Sampson, Jr. of Jacksonville NC; two sisters, Gloria Lamar and Jacqueline Davis (Elton) all of Wilmington, NC; four nieces, Sherneta Parker of Raleigh NC, Tomeika Watkins and Tatiyana Little both of Wilmington NC, and Tikeysha Tomlin (Alex) of Leland NC; four nephews, Richard Mears III (Lynn) of Chattanooga TN, Cedric Antonio Mears of Wilmington NC, Oscar Lamar and Jerrold Davis (Allison) all of Raleigh, NC and Lionel Sampson, Jr. of Wake Forest, NC; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Donald "Cuz" Waddell**

Donald "Cuz" Waddell died April 15, 2021. Graveside service was held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the John's Chapel Cemetery, Castle Hayne, NC.

Donald was born to Annie Mae Waddell and the late Lee Gaines, Jr. on August 1, 1964 in Wilmington, NC. He was a gentle man who touched everyone that he encountered. His voice could be heard chanting old "Fire Disco" jingles from far and near. He was always the life of the party, dancing and making sure you knew he was loud and limber. Donald was raised by his grandmother, the late Louvenia Gaines, and then by his aunt, the late Evelyn Gaines who cared for him until her death. Donald received his education in the New Hanover County School System. He worked for Bradley Concrete. Donald was preceded in death by his twin brother, Ronald Waddell and his father, Lee Gains, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Annie Mae Gaines; Brothers, Michael Gaines of Maine, Tyrone Gaines of Wilmington, NC, Al Mosely and Anthony Mosely both of Leland, NC; sister, Trena Mosely of Leland, NC; uncle, Lawrence (Barbara) Gaines of Castle Hayne, NC; special mothers, Evelyn Dutton, Arlene Grady, VCarolyn Lewis and Theddius Gaines; a host of relatives and friends including special friends, Jackson Jordan, Jr., Clinton, Dutton, III, Dennis Hill, Kathy Mishoe, Maurice Gaines and Passion Burnell. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Robert Lee Boney, Jr**

Robert Lee Boney, Jr., died April 16, 2021. Funeral service was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Robert Lee was born on April 7, 1969 to Susie M. Boney and the late Robert Lee Boney, Sr. Robert was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating from New Hanover High School in the Class of 1988. He went to Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina graduating from Culinary School. He also had his own limo service at one time. Robert was a loving son, uncle and friend.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Susie M. Boney of the home; sisters, LaTanya McKinney of Wilmington, NC, Carla Sumpter (Roger) of Fayetteville, NC and LaToya Hines (Nicolas) of Winnabow, NC; aunts, Sallie Benjamin of Columbia, SC and Carolyn Matthews Smith of Wilmington, NC; uncle, Theodore Boney of Brooklyn, NY; nieces, Raveen Boney of Raleigh, NC and Akiera Montgomery of Winnabow, NC; nephews, Quintel Baldwin of Greensboro, NC, Jimmie McKinney of Charlotte, NC, Dominick Sumpter of Fayette, NC and Amir Montgomery of Winnabow, NC; godmother, Barbara Crawford (William) of Wilmington, NC; his friends to the end, Wayne Hewett, Anthony "Skip" Prentice, Lloyd Ross, Rodney Dixon, Kyp Gore, Coach Batson and the rest of the TKC Family; a host of cousins and friends special to his heart, Queen James, Brittany and Colin Benjamin, Maryann Clay, Earline and James King, Jennifer Boney, Sharese McQueen, Tonia McKoy, Rogers Tyler, Willie Allen, Frances Anderson and Beverly M. Barnes; a host of other relatives and friends. *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 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Veterans Park; 840 Haliburton Memorial Parkway, Wilmington, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**George Bruce**

George Bruce died April 20, 2021. Graveside service was held on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at the Riley Hewitt Cemetery, Supply, NC.

He was born on February 4, 1937 to the late Retha B. Bruce. His father was the late Julius Randolph, Sr. He was educated in the Brunswick County Schools system. He married the late Jerolene S. Bruce on November 18, 1962, and they had four children: George C. Bruce, Jr., Charles O. Bruce (Jamilah), Patrick L. Bruce and Crystal L. Bruce. He retired from the North Carolina School System where he was loved by the entire student body and staff. A highlight in his career at South Brunswick High School was the year they dedicated the school yearbook in his honor. He could never go anywhere without being stopped by the students wanting to say, "Hello Mr. Bruce." He spent the last 11 years in a nursing home, but even there he made a name for himself. He was known as the nursing home "greeter." You would always find him outside in his wheelchair greeting everyone who came to visit. He was greatly loved and will be missed. George was a baptized witness of Jehovah for almost 40 years. He attended the Southport Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses where he was loved by so many brothers and sisters. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Eddie Boyd**

Eddie Boyd died April 20, 2021. A memorial service will be held at a later date. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**James Antwain Rogers**

James Antwain Rogers died April 20, 2021. Graveside service was held on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

James, AKA "FISH" was born on August 24, 1983 to Jennifer Rogers and James Hemmingway in Wilmington, North Carolina. "Fish" loved God and would attend church occasionally. He also attended Lakeside High School where he met many friends. "Fish", whose parents, sisters, brothers, family and friends adored him was a loving, caring man who loved his family and friends dearly. His family was everything to him. He was an awesome son, father, brother, uncle and friend to many. But, his role as a father was what defined him. He loved his children with all his heart and did anything for them. They were his world. James worked hard as a mover/transporter for a local moving company to provide for his family. He cherished La'Meika Barnhill, the mother of his children. His love for his family was unconditional. He would greet you with a smile and a hug. His spirit brightened up any room. He was very outgoing and loved to party and enjoy life. He loved to dress and look nice.

Cherishing memories of James's life are: children: Latisha Richardson, Davon Rogers, Aniyah Rogers, and JaQuan Barnhill;

mother, Jennifer Rogers; father, James Hemmingway; sisters, Michele Rogers and LaDonna Rogers; brother, Dyshan Hemmingway, mother of his children: girlfriend, La'Meika Barnhill; aunts, Linda Brewington, Sherry Eason, Gloria Jusion, Marilyn Davis, Carolyn Bennett and Elizabeth Hayes; uncles, William Hemmingway, Johnny Hemmingway, Fredrick Rogers and George Rogers; niece, Mya Le Gendre; nephews, RaeQuan Andrews, Maliek LeGendre and Da'Millian Bradley; cousins, Tracy Brewington, Tramaire Brewington and Cain Brewington "Pookie"; life-long friends, Ricardo Mercy "Bro", Marvin LeGendre, II "Bro", LaMont Parker "Bro", Demond Jones "Happy", Jermiesha Thomas "Sis" and Nikki Gore "Sis"; and truly a host of friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Rodney Freeman**

Rodney Freeman died April 21, 2021. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery, Armour. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Gillen C. McKinney, Jr**

Gillen C. McKinney, Jr., died April 21, 2021. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial at the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC.

Gillen also known as "Fleese", was born on November 5, 1951 to the late Myrtle and Gillen C. McKinney, Sr. Fleese was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. On September 21, 1984, Gillen married Marilyn B. McKinney, the love of his life. Fleese graduated from Penn State University, Harrisburg Campus, with an Associate degree in Criminal Justice. He then joined the United States Army as a Private and progressed through the ranks to Staff Sergeant. In addition, he became a dedicated Treasurer of the Masonic Order and served proudly. After completing 14 years

with the United States Army, Gillen then went on to pursue a career in Criminal Justice with the Maryland Department of Corrections. He started in corrections as an entry level Guard, where he went on to obtain a Supervisor's role, and retire. After retiring, Gillen and his wife moved back to her hometown of Wilmington NC, where Gillen filled his retired days at the University of North Carolina

Wilmington, as a Head Custodian. Fleese is survived by his devoted wife Marilyn, and loving kids, Tanya Howard (Shawn), Chanta Smith (Kevin Sr.), Daphne Smallwood (Michael), Kevin McKinney (Elise), and LaTasha Denise McKinney; nine adoring

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**"The First Anniversary Of An Inspirational Rose"  
'Gone to Soon'  
Mrs. Margaret Nixon Simmons  
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**"If Roses Grow In Heaven"**

If Roses Grow In Heaven Dear Lord  
Please pick a bunch for us.  
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And tell her the roses are from us.  
Tell her that her children, grandchildren  
and family love her and miss her,  
And when she turns and looks at you with a smile,  
Please place a kiss upon her cheek,  
And hold our dear mother in your loving arms for a while.  
Because remembering our dear mother is easy,  
Since we do it every day as she was our joy and inspiration.  
But there is still an ache that remains within our hearts,  
That will never, never go away.

We truly love our dear mother and miss her so very much.  
**Author-Kristen Preus  
Paraphrase By: Dr. W. J. Simmons-Canty, ED**

From Her Children: Mr. Thomas Nixon, Dr. Willie J. Simmons-Canty ED, Mrs. Maggie S. Johnson, Mr. Louis A. Simmons, Family, and in Memory of Walter L. Simmons, Jr.

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TELL SOMEBODY

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Luke 18:1

**Faint** - Having little strength; vigor  
**Handle** - To touch, lift, or hold with hands  
 To deal with or have responsibility for

What do you do when you've done all you can, and it seems things are getting worse instead of better? There are at least two options you can consider:

Option #1 You can take matters into your own hands, and do what you think is best. Option #2 Handle With Prayer, which means don't do or say

anything until you have prayed, and gotten an answer from the Lord. Proverbs 3:5,6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."



Sylvia Hooper

Many people are struggling with the issues of life that have left them spiritually traumatized, and emotionally spent. They are struggling because of the fact that life doesn't seem to be fair to them. For their good,

they have been rewarded evil; for their loyalty, they have received distrust; for their love, they have received hate; for their hard work and dedication, they have received a pink slip. When dealing with these people, one must be wise enough to know when to "touch", and when not to "touch". When someone is emotionally fragile, a simple touch given at the wrong time can be painful for them, and they should be handled with prayer!

Sometimes, the best thing to do is to do nothing, but pray! Prayer changes things, and prayer changes people. Prayer changes situations and prayer brings results. Prayer changes actions as well as attitudes. When weariness is a

factor, prayer gives one the strength to go a little further. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." When we pray, God reminds us through the Holy Spirit that we should continue to do good and not quit well doing. He has promised a due season, if we faint not! When we serve to the glory of God, the people we serve may never repay, but God is true to his Word, and he has promised a due season to those who continue to walk by faith and maintain good works. Discouragement comes to the best of us who are committed to the work of the Lord, so we all need a little encouragement from time to time. When we see others who

are in a season of discouragement, we should take the time to offer a word of encouragement, because that's all it takes for some of us to keep going. When we have a praying spirit, it will put people in need of prayer on our hearts, just when they need it the most. There are times, when words just don't work, but wisdom tells us that we can pray, even when we cannot speak!

Good intentions are not enough, if we say the wrong thing to the wrong person at the wrong time. Once a word is gone out of the mouth, we cannot take it back. So, to handle with prayer is to handle with care and the love of God. We cannot pray too much in these last and evil days in which we are living.

Much prayer, much power. Little prayer, little power...no prayer no power! Life is short, and so handle with prayer!

"Father, teach us how to pray." In Jesus' name, Amen. 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

Epes 6:18, (KJV) "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints"; (AMPC) "Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people)".

Christian). Luke 22:26, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man". 1Thess. 5:17, "Pray without ceasing".



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

Always is defined as: "At every time; invariably. For all time; continuously. At any time; in any event". Prayer is the habitual activity, which is an educational procedure intended to stimulate learning through experiencing the reality of the power of the Word in our lives or circumstances. Circumstance is defined as a fact or event that must be considered along with another fact or event in determining a course of action (prayer).

Whatever we are going through is the fact and event: Sickness, disease, family crisis and any others, must be considered along with another fact or event, which is God

The psychology of prayer

and the power of His might manifested or activated through prayer.

Prayer is the outgrowth, outshoot, or the sprout of the Word of God. Prayer is a relationship function, which means something closely related to another thing (the word) and depends on it (the word) for its existence, value, and significance.

Prayer is a fixed predetermined mode of action. It is a spiritual principle or law, it is a necessity in the life of the believer. The gospel of Matthew 6:6, (KJV) "But thou, when thou prayest, (not if thou prayest) enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly".

Bible History give us detailed examples of men and women who were experiencing crisis in their lives and through the prayer of faith was deliver supernaturally. In the Book Daniel and the Hebrews boys who were steadfast in their commitment to keep the Law of God regardless of the circumstances. In the third chapter king Nebuchadnezzar had an

image of gold whose height was 90 ft. high and the width was 9 ft. who made a degree that when the music began to play everyone was to bow down and worship the image. But their were three young Hebrew boys who refuse to bow down to the golden image because they were servants of the Most High God, the only true and living God. And when they were questioned by King Nebuchadnezzar, they let it be known the matter was not up for discussion, they would not bow down before the golden image regardless of the circumstances. Lets read their responses from Daniel 3:16-18 (KJV) 16Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar; we are not careful to answer thee in this matter: 17If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up (this is prayer and faith in action).

1 Corin. 10:11-14 (KJV) 11Now all these things hap-

pened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

Let's look at the conclusion of the whole matter: Daniel 3:19-25 (KJV) 19Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. 20And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the

midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

23And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 25He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Can you get a mental picture in your mind, that "God is the same yesterday and today and forever". He will show off in our behalf, if we would put our trust in Him. Amen.

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

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grandchildren: Virginia, Karsten, Kayla, Kevin Jr., Kristen, Iris, Kaylee, Kassie, and Liana; two great-grandchildren, Aniyah and Riley; one brother, Fredrick McKinney (Theresa); one brother-in-law, Jessie Robinson (Lillie), sister-in-law, Florence Vernon (Leon); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, special friends and two loving pets, Yoshi and Sheba. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Patricia Redd

Patricia Redd died April 21, 2021. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at Freedom's Way Ministries.

Patricia Ann McKoy was born to the late Lindbergh Roland and Rosa Lee McKoy-Roland on December 20, 1949. Patricia was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System graduating from Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1968. On July 11, 1968, Patricia entered into matrimony with Andrew L. Redd. Patricia gained employment as Manager at

Stelens Clothing Store in downtown Wilmington for many years. She later received gainful employment as Manager at GOGAS until retirement. Patricia was affectionately known as Tricia, mom, aunt, sister and friend. She was known as a good cook but her specialty was oyster dressing. She will be greatly missed. In addition to her parents, Patricia was preceded in death by her brother, Paul Roland.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband of 52 years, Andrew Lee Redd; three children, Andrew L. Redd, Jr. (LaMonica), Christopher Riley

and Chrisyanna Riley; nine sibling, Gloria Holmes, Teresa Brown, Sylvia Pierce (Derrick), Brenda Johnson, Lenwood Roland (Sandra), Lorri Roland, Vanessa Roland, Antoinette Roland and Lillian Roland; brother-in-law, John Utley; a special niece, Nicky Holmes; a special friend, Delores Robinson; a host of other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Darrell Washington

Darrell Washington died

April 21, 2021. Funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be held 30 minutes prior to the service on Thursday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Dora Easley

Dora Easley died April 22, 2021. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, April 30, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Paulette Gaymon

Paulette Gaymon died April 22, 2021. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at Oleander Memorial Gardens. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

James Morgan

James Morgan died April 25, 2021. Graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at the Riley-Hewett Cemetery, Supply, NC. Visitation will be held 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

The majority of all U.S. children are those of color

BY STACY M. BROWN  
 NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT

In 2019, there were more than 73 million children in the United States – making up 22 percent of the nation's population.

Children of color made up 49.8 percent of all children, and more than half of the 19.6 million children under five in America were individuals of color.

The statistics are part of the nonprofit Children's Defense Fund's "The State of America's Children 2021 report."

It dovetails with the U.S. Census Bureau's latest report that changing the United States' racial makeup is most visible among children.

The Census Bureau found that most children are projected to be of a race other than non-Hispanic white.

"These changes mirror a broader transition in the United States to a more pluralistic population," Census Bureau officials reported.

The Children's Defense Fund's comprehensive report also noted that most children

under 18 were children of color in 14 states, including Alaska, California, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Texas, and the District of Columbia.

In 2019 – the latest statistics available, 36.7 million children were white (50.2 percent); 18.7 million were Hispanic (25.6 percent); 10 million were Black (13.7 percent).

Approximately 3.7 million were Asian (5.0 percent), 615,950 were American Indian/Alaska Native (<1 percent), and 147,057 were Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (<1 percent).

Previous estimates suggest that most U.S. children are children of color as of 2020, and the U.S. population will continue to become more racially and ethnically diverse.

"The U.S. – and especially our youngest generation – is reaching a critical moment in racial and ethnic diversity," Dr. Starsky Wilson, president, and CEO of the Children's Defense Fund, told the Black Press in a live interview.

"We need policies and programs that recognize and celebrate this growing diversity."

The State of America's Children 2021 summarizes the

status of America's children in 12 areas – child population, child poverty, income and wealth inequality, housing and homelessness, child hunger and nutrition, child health, early childhood, education, child welfare, youth justice, gun violence, and immigration.

Dr. Wilson remarked that America needs to better look after its children.

"Our children have lost the health coverage they need to survive and thrive at an alarming rate," he stated.

Dr. Wilson noted that the Children's Defense Fund's new report revealed that an estimated 4.4 million children under age 19 were uninsured—an increase of 320,000 more children without health insurance since 2018.

"The rates of uninsured children are especially high among Hispanic children, undocumented children, children living in the South, and children in families with lower incomes," Dr. Wilson added from the report. Medicaid and CHIP are the foundation of the nation's health insurance system for children.

In 2019, nearly 36 million children under 19 received



The Census Bureau found that most children are projected to be of a race other than non-Hispanic white. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

comprehensive, pediatric-appropriate, and affordable health coverage through Medicaid and CHIP.

"While more than 3 million children and youth have contracted the novel coronavirus in the United States, all 73 million are impacted by the sense of uncertainty and disruption of routine it has caused," Dr. Wilson insisted.

"Even the improvements in the second school year of

online learning have not resolved concerns of social isolation and the loss of important life milestones, like graduation and the high school prom. This loss of certainty, consistent routine, and the connection is leading to increased levels of depression and despair among our children and youth."

The fight for social justice and criminal justice reform could not be accomplished

without considering children, Dr. Wilson insisted.

"The protracted struggle for democracy led to a change in partisan control of the federal government and a first in executive leadership for women, Black, and South Asian Americans," Dr. Wilson exclaimed.

"But it can't be that we forget about the future generation, where now children of color make up the majority."

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

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 **Jane 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

#### 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

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Darlene H. Marlowe**, 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 **29th 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 29th day of April, 2021

Catherine Marlowe O'Quinn,  
Executor  
PO Box 1364  
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2021

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Edna Barrier Harrington (21-E-605)**, 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 29, 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 29th day of April, 2021.

Edward Maurice Harrington  
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2021

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Jeremy Revell (21-E-524)**, 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 or before **July 29, 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 29th day of April, 2021.

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

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2021

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 ANNUAL PLAN

The **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA (WHA)** is proposing a Significant Amendment to the Annual Plan for FY 2021.

**This is a 45-day notice with an opportunity to present public comments regarding the amendment to the 2021 Annual Plan.**

The draft of the proposed Significant Amendment to the 2021 Annual Plan is available for review beginning April 29, 2021 on the WHA website at [www.wha.net](http://www.wha.net) and at the WHA Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Comments must be made in writing and presented to the main office located at 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, Attn. Kevin Carlson or via email to [kcarlson@wha.net](mailto:kcarlson@wha.net) no later than June 14, 2021.

**A public hearing will be conducted on June 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room of WHA's Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC. Anyone interested in commenting on the proposed revisions is invited to attend. Due to social distancing requirements, we will need to limit the number of people in the room at one time.**

April 29, 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.  
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April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2021

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### 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  
6408 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, Executrix  
6208 Rowsley St.  
Wilmington, NC 28409

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **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

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Sandy Lee**, 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 **29th 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 29th day of April, 2021

Elexa Lee, Administratrix  
709 Ivey Circle  
Wilmington, NC 28401

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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 **Anne Greene Hinson**, 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 **29th 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 29th day of April, 2021

Philip King, III, Executor  
2207 Villamar Dr.  
Leland, NC 28451

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2021

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### 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

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#### 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

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **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

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#### 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 NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the Superior Court File # 21 CVS 723

**Brandy Herring v. Denis Trochez-Duvon a/k/a Denis Troches, Zavala Gonzalez, Chubb American Insurance Company f/k/a Chubb ACE American Insurance Company and Progressive Insurance Company d/b/a Progressive Southeastern Insurance Company to Denis Trochez-Duvon a/k/a Denis Troches:**

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than June 11, 2021 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 29th day of April, 2021.

H. Scott Overholt, attorney for Brandy Herring  
2505 S. College Road  
Wilmington, NC

April 29, May 6, 13, 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 CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA TO 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  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **John William Strawcutter**, 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 **29th 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 29th day of April, 2021

Grant Mills Strawcutter, Executor  
22 Manchester Dr.  
Asheville, NC 28805

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **Rita E. Ackert**, 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 **29th 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 29th day of April, 2021

Lauren Ackert, Co-Executor  
2974 Magnolia Ave  
Long Beach, NC 90806

Alison Ackert, Co-Executor  
156 Biddle Rd.  
Lincoln, VT 05443

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE: Ricky Wendell  
Patrick, Deceased  
In The General Court of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
Before the Clerk  
File No: 20 E 1392**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Ricky Wendell Patrick**, deceased, late of New Hanover, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned Administratrix at 1611 Gander Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28411 on or before the **29th day of August, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 26th day of April, 2021.

Sonya J. Patrick  
1611 Gander Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28411  
Peter Gear  
Attorney for the Estate  
PO Box 2279  
Wilmington, NC 28402-2279  
Ph. 910-763-4671  
State Bar Number: 7134

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 2021

**ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE  
SHANNON MICHAEL  
LONGINOTTI  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
FILE NO. 21 E 0242**

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Shannon Michael Longinotti** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Shannon Michael Longinotti to present them to the undersigned on or before **July 30, 2021**, that being three (3) months from the first date of publication of this Notice or same shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of April, 2021.

Evelyn Longinotti, Administratrix  
Administratrix of the Estate of  
Shannon Michael Longinotti  
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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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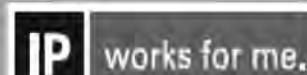
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  - Work any shift and/or a rotating shift schedule
  - Work overtime on a regular basis and with last minute notification
  - Work holidays and/or weekends on a regular basis
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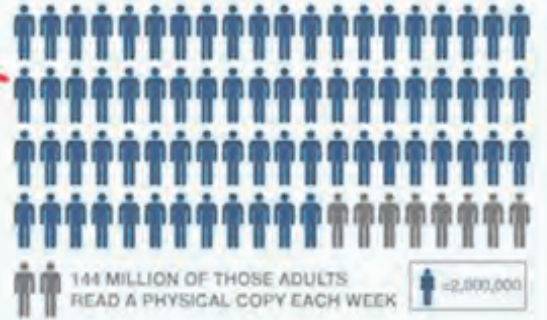
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