

**MISSING**



**EBONEE SPEARS**

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

**OUTside  
Looking IN**

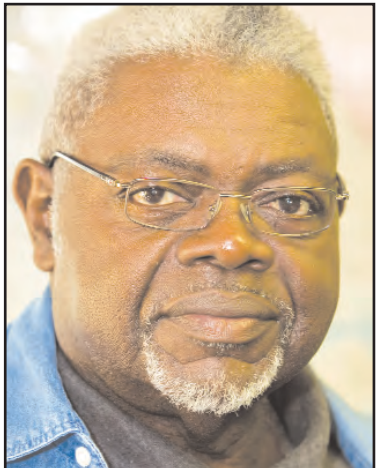
**OUR VOICE**



**ATTY. AL MCSURELY**

**GUEST EDITORIAL**  
"Taking another giant step forward to end rogue policing"  
BY  
**ATTY. AL MCSURELY**  
PAGE 4

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**Senseless violence**

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There is a difference between having a gun (pistol/rifle) to protect the home or persons and having a gun to fight a war or kill young children or get angry with your employer or employee and start killing them to get even with them or make a statement to others of some strange sense of power. Here in the United States, we have been calm and low keyed until lately. We find ourselves now faced with street shootings, domestic killings, gang wars. Some person picks up an

Please see  
**BRUNSWICK/**Page 2

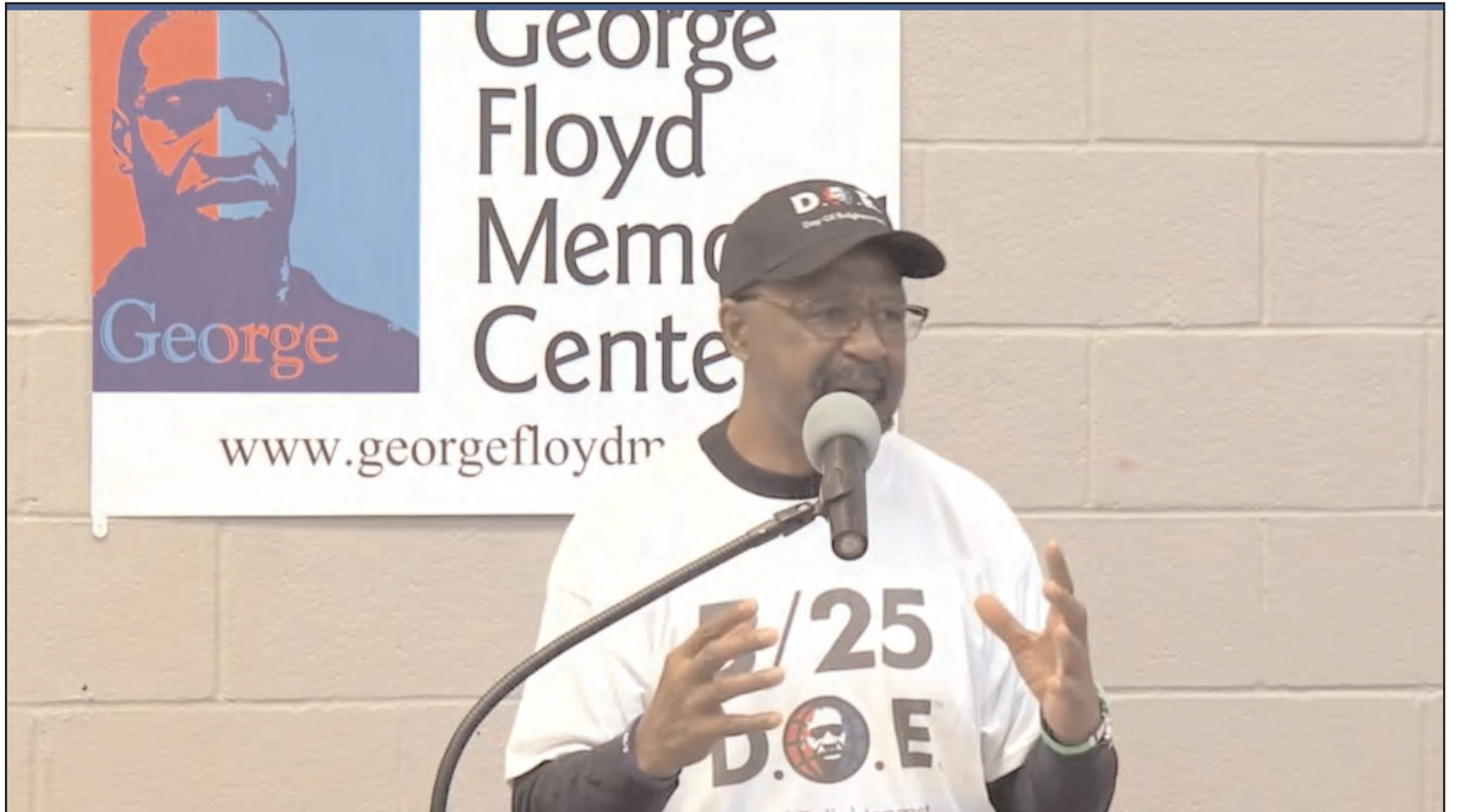
**THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL**

*News from the African American perspective without fear or favor*

VOLUME 94/No. 19

MAY 13, 2021-MAY 19, 2021

\$1.00



**ROGER FLOYD**

**George Floyd's N. C. family unveils May 25th "Day of Enlightenment"**

BY **CASH MICHAELS**  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In under two weeks from now, May 25, 2021, will be the first anniversary of the police murder of George Floyd at the hands of former Minnesota police officer Derek Chauvin, but, according to Floyd's family last Saturday, May 25 will also be a "Day of Enlightenment" to commemorate the dark anniversary, honor George Floyd, and promote a hopeful change in societal attitude towards racism.

Last Saturday, the Floyd family from Fayetteville, where he was born 46 years prior to his death, gathered at the John P. "Top" Greene Community Center in Southeast Raleigh, along with Mayor Mary Ann Baldwin and District C City Councilman Corey Branch, to announce the inaugural kickoff of the special occasion and also the establishment of the multicultural nonprofit George Floyd Memorial Center in Raleigh. Their hope is that the center, estimated to cost between \$10-\$20 million, will be a source of inspiration and information for generations to come. The center's motto will be "Achieving Greatness Through Focused Service."

"We want them to know that they can make a difference! You don't have to die to make a difference," Thomas McLaurin, Floyd's cousin, told those gathered Saturday. "We want them to live and make a difference and see things [as] they could be in our community moving forward."

Even though George Floyd was a native of Fayetteville, his family plans to build the namesake center in the Capital City and are in the process of fundraising towards the effort. The cen-

ter, once completed, will contain an interactive museum, classrooms, and a leadership academy, as well as online educational programs, all geared towards helping young people find a positive path through life. The Floyd center, with a projected construction and opening within the next two to three years, will also sponsor a scholarship fund to assist in that effort.

McLaurin says the family is hopeful that it can identify a site for the center close to Shaw University in downtown Raleigh and Southeast Raleigh, primarily because they have been in discussions with Shaw about collaborating on various projects.

The center is also a way to turn the tragedy of George Floyd's death into a peaceful and effective way to deal with the specter of racist police brutality that has plagued the nation for so long.

"We want to use the name George Floyd to make an influence," McLaurin said, adding that the family wants to "change the world" by turning "from hurt to hope."

Mayor Baldwin and Councillor Branch made clear that the city of Raleigh was on board with the goals of the Floyd family and the proposed center. They brought an official proclamation making May 25 "A Day of Enlightenment" in honor of George Floyd.

"We'll help draw attention to the long history of racism and discrimination in our world and provide an opportunity for people in our community to stand together and embrace a hope for the future," Councillor Branch said.

Meanwhile, as the family of George Floyd gathered Saturday to announce their efforts to pay tribute to the fallen police brutality victim,

the family of Andrew Brown, Jr., joined by clergy and supporters, peacefully marched through the streets of Elizabeth City, demanding transparency in the investigation of the fatal April 21 shooting of Brown by Pasquotank County sheriff's deputies during the course of serving a warrant on Brown.

A local judge restricted what footage the family could see of police bodycam video of the slaying, saying that it will remain restricted while an SBI probe is underway.

When the family and attorneys did see about 20 minutes of the police footage on Tuesday, they said Andrew Brown, Jr. was "ambushed" by sheriff's deputies while he was in the car in which he was ultimately shot to death. They maintained that at no time was he a threat to any of the deputies present.

Attorney Chance Lynch, representing the family, told reporters Tuesday, "there were so many shots that we had difficulty in counting the number." Lynch maintained that Brown never moved the vehicle until after the first shot from law enforcement.

Civil rights leaders, Rev. Dr. William Barber, and NC NAACP president, Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, have echoed Governor Roy Cooper in calling for a special prosecutor to investigate the case.

The FBI is also conducting a federal civil rights investigation.


On Monday, a State Senate committee voted to rewrite North Carolina's law governing release of police bodycam video, allowing families of police shooting victims to see it within five days. Law enforcement would have the right to object.



*The Wilmington Journal is still partially operating from a remote area. Our building has much damage and some of our equipment is still inoperable. Please continue to bear with us as we work to return to normalcy. The Staff and Management of The Wilmington Journal*



**THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL**  
 ISSN 0049-7649  
 AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER  
 Dedicated to R.S. Jervay,  
 Founder of R.S. Jervay Printers,  
 1901 and T.C. Jervay, Sr.,  
 Founder of The Wilmington  
 Journal, An offspring of  
 the Cape Fear Journal, 1927  
 Published Weekly At  
 412 South Seventh Street,  
 Wilmington, NC 28401  
 By Wilmington Journal, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 1020,  
 Wilmington, NC 28402  
 Periodical Postage Paid At  
 Wilmington, NC 28402  
 (910) 762-5502,  
 Fax: (910) 343-1334,  
 Email: wilmjourn@aol.com  
 Website:  
 www.wilmingtonjournal.com  
 Single Copy \$1.00  
 Local Subscriptions \$45 Yearly,  
 Out of Town \$50 Yearly,  
 Foreign \$55 Yearly  
 Payable in Advance. (Taxes  
 Included )  
 Address all communications and  
 make all checks and  
 money orders payable to:  
 The Wilmington Journal,  
 P.O. Box 1020,  
 Wilmington, NC 28402

**WE ACCEPT**  
  
 Chief Operating Officer  
 Mary Alice Jervay Thatch  
 Publisher/Editor  
 Johanna Thatch Briggs  
 Assistant Editor  
 George Miles  
 Copy Editor/Circulation  
 Cash Michaels  
 Reporter/Editorial Staff  
 John Davis  
 Photographer  
 DeShon Briggs  
 Distributor  
 Joshua Allen  
 Distributor  
 Opinions expressed by  
 columnists in this newspaper  
 do not necessarily represent  
 the policy of this paper.  
 The Wilmington Journal cannot  
 accept yard sale and dinner sale  
 announcements as briefs.  
 These are considered advertise-  
 ments. Community and reli-  
 gious briefs are designated for  
 public service announcements,  
 which are free and open to the  
 public.  
 All news must be submitted  
 two weeks in advance by  
 Fridays at 5 p.m.  
 There is no charge for  
 submitting briefs, news and  
 photos. All briefs will run for a  
 maximum of two weeks.  
 Please send news near the  
 event date. Briefs/news cannot  
 be taken over the phone.  
 Photos and stories may also be  
 emailed to us at wilmjourn-  
 news@aol.com. News, but not  
 photos, may be faxed to us at  
 910-343-1334. Photos may be  
 picked up after appearing in the  
 paper. The publisher is not  
 responsible for the return of  
 unsolicited news, pictures or  
 advertising copy unless  
 necessary postage  
 accompanies the copy on a  
 self-addressed envelope.

HUB Certified by State of  
 North Carolina  
 Member of the National  
 Newspaper Publishers  
 Association, Inc.  
 Member of North Carolina  
 Black Publishers Association

**BRUNSWICK**  
 Continued from Page 1

automatic high powered  
 rifle, a pistol with multi-  
 rounds attachments, etc.  
 and goes on a shooting  
 spree!

We need personal protec-  
 tion for home and family,  
 but we don't need loaded  
 guns in the hands of peo-  
 ple with ill intent, people  
 who will destroy the lives  
 of innocent people! This  
 story has been told over  
 and over in the last few  
 years, but it seems to not  
 get the kind of attention it  
 needs.

In my readings and  
 keeping up with the news  
 lately, I find that there are  
 more of such assault  
 weapons being found in the  
 area lately when it comes  
 to drug busts, armed rob-  
 beries, traffic stops.

Let's not fool ourselves!  
 These guns are not pretty!  
 They are very dangerous  
 and deadly! We need to be  
 engaged with our elected  
 officials on gun control,  
 not who is politically cor-  
 rect and which political  
 party will look bad if this  
 movement falls behind! It  
 will save lives, especially  
 of our young people who  
 are going to too many funerals.  
 We are losing far too many  
 of our youth to gun vio-  
 lence!

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

**STATE BRIEFS**



**NC'S PRICE GOUGING  
 LAW ACTIVATED AFTER  
 GAS SHORTAGE**  
 [CHARLOTTE] In the  
 Queen City, an estimated  
 71% of gas stations have  
 run out of fuel. In Raleigh,  
 69%. All over the state, and

indeed the southeast, "Out  
 of Gas" signs are being  
 posted in the aftermath of  
 the Colonial Pipeline  
 Russian ransom ware  
 attack earlier in the week.  
 Consumers and businesses  
 are lining up to get as much  
 gasoline as possible. The  
 law prohibits gas stations  
 from raising the price of  
 gas beyond reason. Officials  
 hope the pipeline will be  
 up and running by the end  
 of the week.

**VACCINE DEMAND  
 DOWN IN NORTH  
 CAROLINA**  
 [GREENSBORO] The  
 demand for COVID-19 vac-  
 cine in North Carolina has  
 dropped in the past week by  
 78%, officials say. More  
 than half of the state's  
 adult population have  
 received at least one dose  
 of the vaccine. The goal is  
 to reach herd immunity,  
 which would be 70-85% of  
 the population immunized.  
 The sooner that happens,

the sooner places can  
 reopen back to normal  
 capacity, and face masks in  
 public can be removed.  
**NC REPUBLICAN  
 LAWMAKERS MOVE  
 TO OUTLAW  
 CRITICAL RACE THEORY**  
 [RALEIGH] Following  
 the lead of Lt. Gov. Mark  
 Robinson, Republican law-  
 makers in the state House  
 have fast-tracked a bill that,  
 if adopted, will "give stu-  
 dents a positive view of

American history" and not  
 deal with its racist past.  
 Rep. James Gaillard (D-  
 Nash), who is Black, has  
 called the measure, "a bill  
 of hatred...a bill of privi-  
 lege...a bill of fragility."  
**COMPILED BY  
 CASH MICHAELS**

**Crossover week sees bills of key interest**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Welcome to Crossover  
 Week at the NC General  
 Assembly. According to  
 WUNC North Carolina  
 Public Radio, legislative  
 "crossover" is when "...a  
 bill must have passed at  
 least one chamber of the  
 Legislature by the end of  
 the day today, May 13, to  
 stay alive for consideration  
 this year in the other cham-  
 ber."Of course, lawmakers  
 in the past have found cre-  
 ative ways around this  
 "rule."

The following are high-  
 lights of House bills that  
 might not make today's  
 crossover deadline but are  
 worth keeping an eye on  
 going into next session.

**HB 247 - Standards of  
 Student Conduct**

AN ACT TO MAKE VARI-  
 OUS CHANGES TO LOCAL  
 STANDARDS OF STU-  
 DENT CONDUCT

Wherein local school  
 boards, "...in consultation  
 with teachers, school-based  
 administrators, parents, and  
 local law enforcement agen-  
 cies, shall adopt policies to  
 govern the conduct of stu-  
 dents and establish proce-  
 dures to be followed by school

officials in disciplining stu-  
 dents."

The school board policies  
 "shall include or provide for  
 the development of a Code  
 of Student Conduct that  
 notifies students of behav-  
 ior expected of them, con-  
 duct that may subject them  
 to discipline, and the range  
 of disciplinary measures that  
 may be used by officials.

**HB 536 - Law Enforcement  
 Duty to Intervene**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH  
 A DUTY FOR LAW ENFORCE-  
 MENT OFFICERS TO INTER-  
 VENE IN AND REPORT EXCESSIVE  
 USE OF FORCE

In the aftermath of the  
 police murder of North  
 Carolina native, George  
 Floyd, wherein three  
 Minneapolis police officers  
 did nothing to stop a fourth  
 officer, Derek Chauvin,  
 from pressing his knee to  
 the neck of Floyd for 9 min-  
 utes and 29 seconds, effec-  
 tively killing him, this pro-  
 posed amendment to NC  
 General Statute 15A-401  
 reads:

Duty to Intervene and  
 Report Excessive Use of  
 Force - A law enforcement  
 officer, while in the line of  
 duty, who observes another  
 law enforcement officer use  
 force against another per-

son that the observing offi-  
 cer reasonably believes  
 exceeds the amount of force  
 authorized by [this law],  
 and who possesses a reason-  
 able opportunity to inter-  
 vene, shall, if it is safe to do  
 so, attempt to intervene to  
 prevent the use of excessive  
 force. Additionally, the  
 observing officer shall,  
 within a reasonable period  
 of time not to exceed 72  
 hours thereafter, report  
 what the officer reasonably  
 believes to be an unautho-  
 rized use of force to a supe-  
 rior law enforcement offi-  
 cer within the agency of the  
 observing officer, even if  
 the observing officer did  
 not have a reasonable  
 opportunity to intervene.

**HB 608 - Dignity for  
 Women Who Are  
 Incarcerated**

AN ACT TO PROMOTE  
 THE DIGNITY OF WOMEN  
 WHO ARE INCARCERAT-  
 ED.

A Proposed Law to  
 Protect the Rights of the  
 Female Incarcerated

Prison personnel shall  
 not apply leg restraints;  
 handcuffs or other wrist  
 restraints; restraints con-  
 nected to other incarcerat-  
 ed persons or waist shack-  
 les to "...a pregnant female  
 [prisoner] during the sec-

ond and third trimester of  
 pregnancy, during labor  
 and delivery, and during the  
 six-week postpartum recov-  
 ery period (unless an im-  
 portant individualized  
 circumstance exists). "In  
 this case, only wrist hand-  
 cuffs held in front of the  
 female [prisoner's] body  
 may be used and only when  
 she is ambulatory."

The proposed law also  
 prohibits anyone other than  
 a "certified health care pro-  
 fessional ...[to] conduct  
 body cavity searches of a  
 female [prisoner] who is  
 pregnant or in postpartum  
 recovery period..." unless  
 there is probable cause to  
 believe the female [prison-  
 er] "...is concealing con-  
 traband that presents a threat  
 of harm to the female [prison-  
 er], the fetus, or another  
 person."

**HB 805 - Prevent Rioting  
 and Civil Disorder**

AN ACT TO INCREASE  
 THE PENALTIES FOR  
 RIOTING OR INCITING  
 RIOTING THAT RESULTS  
 IN DAMAGE TO PROPER-  
 TY, SERIOUS BODILY  
 INJURY, OR DEATH AND  
 ASSAULTING EMER-  
 GENCY PERSONNEL DURING  
 A RIOT OR STATE OF  
 EMERGENCY; TO ALLOW  
 RECOVERY OF TREBLE

DAMAGES TO PROPERTY  
 DAMAGE OR PERSONAL  
 INJURY CAUSED BY RIOT-  
 ING OR LOOTING; AND  
 TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL  
 RELEASE CONDITIONS  
 FOR RIOTING AND LOOT-  
 ING OFFENSES TO BE  
 DETERMINED BY A  
 JUDGE.

Under this proposed law,  
 "A riot is a public distur-  
 bance involving an assem-  
 blage of three or more per-  
 sons which, by disorderly  
 and violent conduct or the  
 imminent threat of disorderly  
 and violent conduct,  
 results in injury or damage  
 to persons or property or  
 creates a clear and present  
 danger of injury or damage  
 to persons or property."

Any person who willfully  
 engages in a riot is guilty of  
 a Class I misdemeanor; or a  
 Class H felony, if the person  
 possesses any dangerous  
 weapon or substance.


Any person who willfully  
 engages in a riot is guilty of  
 a Class F felony if in the  
 course of and, as a result of  
 the riot, there is property  
 damage in excess of fifteen  
 hundred dollars (\$1500) or  
 serious felony bodily injury,  
 and of a Class E felony, if  
 in the course of, and as a  
 result of the riot, there is a  
 death.



**THE MOST LOYAL LISTENERS  
 ON THE PLANET**

FACT: 68% OF AMERICANS LISTEN TO CHRISTIAN  
 GOSPEL MUSIC IN THE PAST MONTH  
 FACT: 71% OF CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN GOSPEL  
 MUSIC LISTENERS ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 25 - 54  
 FACT: CHRISTIAN MUSIC HAS GROWN 33% IN THE  
 PAST 5 YEARS  
 FACT: MOST ADVERTISERS HAVE NO IDEAL WHO  
 LISTENS TO CHRISTIAN BASED RADIO STATIONS

**ADVERTISE WITH US**  
 YOUR ARE NOT BUYING A COMMERCIAL YOU'RE BUYING  
 AN AUDIENCE  
 CALL OR COME BY NOW FOR A FREE MEDIA KIT  
 (910) 833-7118  
 2392 Carolina Beach Rd. Suite 203  
 Wilmington, NC 28401



**POWER1220AM  
 WENC**  
 Whiteville, North Carolina

**Godwin Communication, LLC**

Godwin Communications passion is to inspire people through  
 good radio programing that uplift, motivate and empower people  
 to achieve greatness.

Our local station WENC has served Columbus County  
 and surrounding areas since 1974. We are committed to providing the  
 highest quality of service.

Our goal is to introduce a wholesome format with positive  
 connotations to assist the spiritual growth of our listeners. We feel  
 this goal is attainable because of our coverage.

Our station broadcasts National News and Sports from the NBC and  
 NC Network. The coverage of WENC is Southeastern North Carolina  
 and Northeastern South Carolina, which includes Bladen, Horry,  
 Roberson, and Columbus counties


Interested in Career Opportunities at Godwin  
 Communications, Give us a Call.

Godwin Communications, LLC  
 108 Radio Station Rd  
 Whiteville, North Carolina 28472  
 Tel: (910) 642-2133  
 Website: www.power1220am.com  
 Email: anesha@genbanqmail.com

Today's  
 Black News  
 is  
 Tomorrow's  
 Black  
 History!

The  
 Wilmington  
 Journal  
 is a recorder  
 of  
 Black  
 History.

**"If the lions do not write  
 their own history,  
 then the hunters will get all the credit."  
 -----AN AFRICAN PROVERB**



# It's a Remarkable New Day.

---

## **NHRMC is now part of the Novant Health family.**

The future is bright here in Southeastern North Carolina. The partnership of Novant Health and New Hanover Regional Medical Center means more convenient and affordable care for those who need it most. It also means even more access to the latest technology and clinical trials for earlier detection and faster recovery so you can live your best life.

We may be in a pandemic, but we just got great news about our region's healthcare. Now that's a remarkable new day.



[NovantHealth.org/NHRMC](https://NovantHealth.org/NHRMC)



The Wilmington Journal was founded on the principle of the Black Press Credo. The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonism when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

The Wilmington Journal welcomes letters from its readers. All letters are subject to editing. We will not publish pseudonymous letters. All correspondence must include a home address and a daytime phone number. All correspondence must be signed, unless it is e-mailed. Letters may be sent to our Physical Address: 412 S. 7th Street, 28401 or our Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1020, 28402. We also accept letters via e-mail at [wilmjourn@aol.com](mailto:wilmjourn@aol.com) or via fax at (910) 343-1334.

## OUR VOICE

### GUEST EDITORIAL

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

#### Taking another giant step forward to end rogue policing

May 25th marks one year since Derek Chauvin and his four accomplices murdered George Floyd.

May 28th marks one month since Elizabeth City's Black Mayor and Police Chief's overhead camera filmed a Fallujah-style assault pickup truck carrying several standing men with military Assault Rifles (AR) ready to fire deadly military rounds into soft, unprotected human vital organs, including the back of a skull.



Al McSurely

This film, the property of the Town of Elizabeth City, captured the pickup racing toward it on the wrong side of the street, make a hairpin turn and race up the hill to its obvious destiny--Andrew Brown's driveway. Seconds later, Mr. Brown was dead from gunshot wounds to the back of his skull. EC Police Chief Eddie Buffaloe posted the video, pre-empting any official statement about Mr. Brown's imperfections and creating a heroic narrative for the shooters. The EC Mayor, Town Council, and Chief struck a major blow for Truth before the Trashing the victim; before the firing squad executioners could publish their diversion version of the driveway execution of Andrew

Brown.

We are therefore faced with two tasks to honor the lives of George Floyd and Andrew Brown. First, we must continue our strong EC and N.C. solidarity with Mr. Brown's big family, which began with the Town's leaders, and has mushroomed into scores of clergy of all colors, who are ready to Walk and Talk about this outrageous act.

Second, we must use the energy for Truth, by creative confrontations with Senators and Representatives, who are presently considering the brilliantly written Police Accountability Act, "George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021" which has already passed the House and is presently being worked on by three Black Senators. Here are some pertinent excerpts from the H. R. 1280. The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, to hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improve transparency through data collection, and reform police training and policies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

**SECTION 1. (a) SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the "George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021"

**The Execution of Andrew Brown Raises the Need for These New Laws in the George Floyd in Policing Act of 2021.**

- Pattern and practice investigations.
- Independent investigations.
- Accreditation of law enforcement agencies.
- National task force on law enforcement oversight.
- Federal data collection on law enforcement practices.
- Establishment of National Police Misconduct Registry.

**The Execution of Andrew Brown Raises the Need for These New Laws in the George Floyd in Policing Act of 2021.**

- Ban on no-knock warrants in drug cases.
- Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act.

**The Execution of Andrew Brown Raises the Need for These New Laws in the George Floyd in Policing Act of 2021.**

- Requirements for Federal law enforcement officers regarding the use of body cameras.
- Patrol vehicles with in-car video recording cameras.

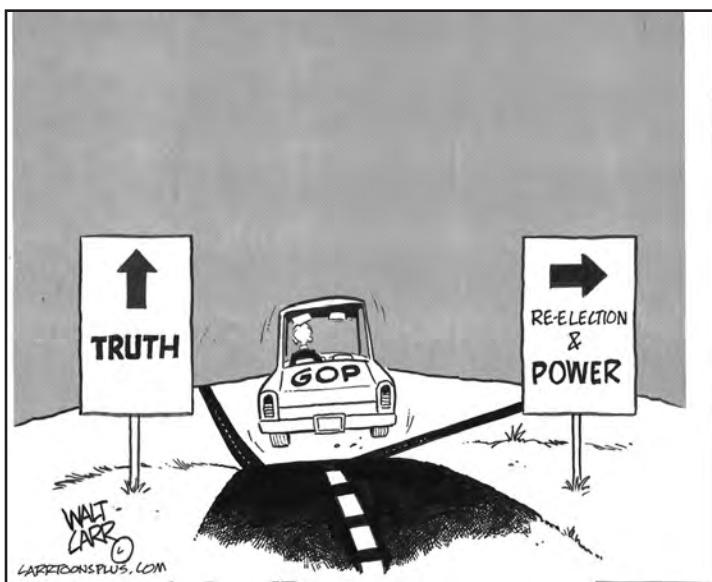
The Wilmington Journal, our sister Black Newspapers across the state and the increasing number of White Publishers and Editors who are beginning to recognize that being white in a racist society brings with it what we call a "White Skin Responsibility." Part of that Responsibility is to inform our diverse electorate of the brilliant work, over the last 50 years, that have gone into the George Floyd Act. Imagine if we can support NC NAACP President T. Anthony Spearman, and President Emeritus William J. Barber II, with the dedicated leadership they have shown since the Falluja-style execution of Andrew Brown.

Imagine walking (and riding for old-timers) from Elizabeth City, straight north into Virginia, to meet our many allies there. Then by Jamestown, where the first Africans in 1619 were dehumanized and enslaved. Then up the slave road to Richmond's slave markets for study and memorial services; over to Charlottesville and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello/UVA, to remember Heather Heyer, the violent Klan-Nazi rally with its "good people" recognized by the President.

Then the last 90-mile leg to the Lincoln Memorial, Washington's outdoor Cathedral, to ask for holy blessings of our Journey for Truth and Andrew Brown. On the Journey we can hold teach-ins on the George Floyd Act; invite its key proponents to visit and participate in our studies and discussions, such as the three Black Senators to help them get 100% Senate Support, to visit our evening study groups, to help us be more effective in our lobbying at the Capitol and in our meetings with U.S. Attorney General Garland and his Civil Rights Staff to expedite his designation of North Carolina as a "Pattern and Practice" state.

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



## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Survival

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I'm not perfect nor do I claim to be. Although I strive to get as close as possible, I don't evaluate my comportment as perfect or my judgment as infallible. I accept the humanity and infallibility of others and hope, that when evaluated by others, I will be extended that same courtesy and grace. On occasion, my eyes have even been closed to the obvious.

My focus has been the achievement of social and economic justice for those who've been historically or systematically disadvantaged by the imposition of impediments to their progress — typically, women and people of color.

The imperative of eliminating the internal and external threats to our personal and collective security has always loomed large as a personal objective and is exemplified by the incessant and growing list of those murdered by agents of "law enforcement." I'm moved to action by the anguish of children who're victimized by a never-ending cycle of hunger or those who receive an education that's inadequate to provide future incomes that will sustain them or any children they will

attempt to parent.

The dedicated and principled effort necessary to even begin to confront the myriad of problems impacting our communities requires single-minded focus. For generations, the volume of problems that our communities have had to face have been challenging for some and overwhelmingly difficult for most. I sometimes compare our socio-economic difficulties to an adult reality game of "Dodge Ball." Like that ball that nearly knocks your head off, the strife and trouble common to our communities, seemingly comes out of nowhere with the goal of knocking you out of the game — literally.

Rather than really resolving issues, many of us are caught in situational survival. We move from one crisis to another only catching the periodic "break" or respite giving us enough energy to survive through the

next struggle. Having so little time for reflective thought, many of us are caught in the loop of tackling the next most critical threat to us. It's no wonder that many people of color are without a real sense of urgency about the growing threat to our ecology.

As one who previously only focused on the more recognized, recurring, and active threats against my community, I wasn't first among those on the ecology bandwagon. Encouraged by the philosophy of indigenous people, I accepted that "Only when the last tree has died, and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realize we cannot eat money."

If we can't live without the threat of natural disaster or a poisoned environment, what does it matter how long or under what circumstances we live? That guidance from the original caretakers of this land led to the realization that a requirement for the "true" social activist is to maintain a 360-degree awareness of things necessary to guarantee the long-term, positive quality of life.

Any observer with common sense should understand

that the appointment of former U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland as Secretary of the Interior (first Native American so appointed), the U.S. rejoining the Paris Climate Accords, and the emphasis placed on the development/refinement of renewable energy sources by President Biden should give a clue as to a growing economic opportunity.

The movement toward renewable energy should encourage those looking for high-growth employment opportunities. Increasingly, training or ground-up experience is available in solar or wind energy. Those with scientific, technical or mechanical skills can potentially write their own ticket to success.

I'm impressed with a company working to do just that. See [www.mimsmotorsusa.com](http://www.mimsmotorsusa.com) and see what they're doing. Chief Flying Hawk once said: "Nobody can be in good health if he does not have ...fresh air, sunshine and good water."

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



Dr. E. Faye Williams

## Living within a lie

Even a person who does not believe a lie may be forced to live within it.

For generations, people of color, while not believing in white supremacy, have been forced to live as if it was real. And we are still forced to live that way today.

But the one glimmer of hope shining through the toxic cloud of racism enveloping the world for more than five hundred years is TRUTH. And critical race theory is one means of delivering the truth.

White supremacists are now attacking critical race theory, however, in an attempt to destroy it. By destroying critical race theory, they hope to destroy the truth and force all of us to continue to live within a lie.

The truth that the color of one's skin does not determine a person's God-given abilities has always been evident to people of color. But within a global social structure designed to advantage white people over everyone else, that truth has been denied and hidden from view.

The orthodoxy of white supremacy, reinforced by a willingness to employ gunpowder in a pan-global rampage, allowed white supremacists to amass most of the material resources of the earth, along with the means to exploit them solely for their own benefit. What school-aged child has not seen graphic renderings of Europeans, cast in a heroic light, gunning down indigenous people of North America, South America, Africa and Asia? This oppression and annihilation of people of color have been characterized by British author Rudyard Kipling as "the white man's burden" to bring

civilization to the rest of the world.

Poisonous race hatred spawned by white supremacy has flowed through Western society like filth in an open sewer. Yet there are those who take offense at the assertion that America is a racist country. While there are innumerable instances that evidence this fact, one very clear, recent example stands out for me.

When the feature film "The Hunger Games" was released in 2012 based on a series of young adult fiction, many white fans were enraged by the fact that one of the main characters, Rue, was portrayed by Amanda Stenberg, a mixed-race actress with an African American mother and a Danish father. The plot of the film revolves around 12 children who are forced to fight to the death in a futuristic, dystopian America. The shock and anger of many moviegoers boiled over even though the author, Suzanne Collins, described Rue in the book as having "dark skin." A blizzard of offensive, racist posts filled with the n-word and other derogatory terms flooded social media because a little Black girl had invaded their imagined white space of innocence and bravery. But a particularly telling post was a tweet by someone with the handle "KK" who wrote: "Call me racist but when I found out rue [sic] was black her death wasn't as sad #ihate-myself." There can be no more clear affirmation that some people cannot even imagine that Black lives mat-

ter.

This race hatred began in America when European invaders, arriving with Christopher Columbus, annihilated as many as 3 million indigenous inhabitants in the Bahama Islands and continued with the slaughter of indigenous people in the early days of every state in this nation. This genocide of Indigenous Americans, combined with the importation of enslaved Africans as unpaid labor, created wealth for the European invaders founded upon stolen land and stolen labor. The continued encroachment on Indian land and exploitation of people of color through immorally low wages continue to underpin this disproportionate accumulation of wealth by white Americans. Current policy decisions by lawmakers and corporate leaders such as refusing to legislate a livable minimum wage, redlining, discriminatory hiring practices, gerrymandering, and on and on, also continue to obstruct wealth accumulation by people of color.

The facts are clear, written in the blood-soaked soil and the countless unmarked graves of people of color who were murdered, massacred and worked to death so that certain white people could accumulate wealth and live as they pleased. This includes mistreatment of the Chinese, who were barred entry into this country after they helped build its railroads, and Japanese Americans who were herded into concentration camps during World War II without due process of law, while German Americans largely were allowed to go about their lives untroubled.

Approximately 1.2 million individuals born in Germany

resided in the United States in 1940. Another 5 million had both parents born in Germany and 6 million had at least one parent born in Germany. Of these people, approximately 11,000 were detained during World War II and most of those were German nationals.

During this time, almost every Japanese American was placed in concentration camps. Approximately 127,000 Japanese Americans lived in the continental United States in 1940 and it has been reported that more than 120,000 were interned in concentration camps despite reports from the FBI and the Office of Naval Intelligence stating that the vast majority of Americans of Japanese ancestry were loyal to the United States.

Nevertheless, it was ordered that any person with "one drop of Japanese blood" — regardless of age — was to be interned. This resulted in infants and children living in orphanages and hospital patients with any Japanese ancestry being interned. Many of those hospital patients died as a result of being separated from their health care.

Despite many white supremacists wanting to avert everyone's eyes from the truth, America's racism has followed a long and winding path, leaving a history too lengthy to recount here. But critical race theory is an effort to place the facts before the world so that people, armed with the truth, can make meaningful change and not be forced to live within a lie.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

Solving The Race Issue In America

Will it fade into yesterday?

While the world is coming out of the pandemic, the Republican party is attempting to turn back the clock on truth, freedom, and justice.

It is attempting to take America back to the good old days that conservatives long for. Republicans are making a three-fold attack on the heart and soul of America.

First: Republicans are perpetuating the BIG LIE - that the 2020 presidential election was stolen.

Second: The Republican party is attempting to restrict voting rights of black Americans.

Third: The Republicans are institutionalizing the denial of racism in America.

Let us look deeper into these three assaults on truth, freedom, and justice.

First: Certain leaders and their enablers refuse to accept that the 2020 election was fair and free of election fraud. They ignore the findings of the US Supreme Court, the Attorney General, the Election Security Agency, and virtually every other court and state election board in the country.

It is a blow to the heart of America when the validated vote of the American people - the cornerstone of the American democracy - is disputed by base-

less, false, unsupported allegations of election fraud.

This assault on the sanctity of the vote of the American people is confirmed by the anticipated ouster from Congressional leadership of Liz Cheney - an otherwise party loyal - for standing up for truth and contradicting the BIG LIE.

Second: The republican party is committed to restrict voting rights of black Americans.

An article by Amy Gardner in The Washington Post (3/11/2021) reveals that Republican lawmakers in 43 states have proposed at least 250 laws that would restrict voting rights.

Georgia and Florida have already enacted legislation that will restrict voting rights.

This current national assault on voting rights is taken from the racist playbook of voter suppression.

The playbook for voter suppression was an outcome of the only coup that occurred on American soil - "the Coup of 1898 in Wilmington, North Carolina."



Dr. Herbert Harris

After the legitimately elected government of Wilmington, North Carolina was overthrown in the "Coup of 1898," white legislators in the state government enacted "Jim Crow" laws that would suppress the rights of black voters.

A direct result of the effectiveness of the voter suppression campaign in North Carolina made it impossible for George Henry White, the last black American in the US Congress after the reconstruction, to be re-elected.

After Congressman White's term ended in 1901, it was nearly 92 years before another black American was elected to the US Congress from the state of North Carolina. Eva Clayton - a black American - was elected to Congress from North Carolina in 1992.

As a result of voter suppression laws enacted after the Coup of 1898, no black people served in Congress for the next 28 years, and none represented any Southern state for the next 72 years.

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

The true goal of today's national assault on voting rights - the "New Jim Crow" - is the

same as in 1898. Republicans want to ensure that the victories by the democrats in winning the presidency and control of the US Senate would never be repeated in upcoming elections.

Third: The denial of the existence of systemic racism in America.

The republican claim that America is not a racist country clearly ignores the history and present reality that most black Americans live every day.

According to The Washington Post on April 28, 2021, there are "... GOP efforts across the country to push similar legislation that would ban critical race theory, which examines the way policies and laws perpetuate systemic racism.

The injustice and impact of historical racism will never be resolved if political and religious leaders continue to deny that America has been and continues to be infected by systemic racism.

The denial that American is a racist nation provides a cover for attempting to re-enact a 21st Century version of the Black Codes, Jim Crow, and voter suppression. It also undermines the spiritual solution to the issue of

HARRIS

Continued from page 4

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

America's first illness

America is like a person with an addiction who has never acknowledged it.

The foundational principle of Alcoholics Anonymous is that one has to admit that he or she is addicted to alcohol. Step one of the twelve steps members adhere to is honesty. Addicts must take an honest look at themselves - something many of us do not want to do because who we are as opposed to who we would like to think we are, or who we've gotten other people to believe us to be is often painful and humiliating to admit.

To heal, though, addicts must be honest. They must tell the truth.

America has not done that and refuses to do so when it comes to its addiction to white supremacy. As alcohol affects and damages the human body, including and especially the liver which functions to rid our bodies of toxins, white supremacy has affected and damaged the very soul of this country, including its foundation, which is necessary for us to exist.

Even while legislators enact voter suppression laws and anti-riot laws designed to suppress the vote of Black and Brown voters and dissuade them from exercising their First Amendment rights of freedom of speech and assembly, they look this country straight in the face and say that they are not racist.

That is like an alcoholic, drink in hand and already tipsy, saying to the ones who know his or situation that he or she does not have a drinking problem.

America's first illness, as pertains to white supremacy, is not white supremacy itself, but its denial of its existence, and that denial is killing this country, just as alcohol kills the liver.

Sasha Banks, the author of America, Mine wrote in The Atlantic that in the fourth grade, as the teacher shared information about American presidents that the students were required to memorize, objected when she lifted Thomas Jefferson up as a paragon of virtue. She raised her hand and said, "Thomas Jefferson had descendants who were black." The teacher was flummoxed and said, "That's not true! How would that be possible?" a question to which Sasha answered, "He had babies with one of his slaves. They said it on BET"

The teacher relaxed, telling Sasha and in fact the entire class that BET (Black Entertainment Television) was not a reliable source of or for information. She concentrated on the word "entertainment" saying that the word meant that anything said on the channel could not be true and said it was unpatriotic to believe such disparaging things about {our} country." (https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/05/patriotism-isnt-an-option-for-everyone/618767/)

White people are quick to say they are not racist and that this is not a racist country. It is appalling that a Black man, Sen. Tim Scott, said that the country is not racist, but it is a fact that some Black people join the denial chorus sung by white people to declare this country racism-free, in spite of the racist practices, policies, and procedures which have been in operation since this country's inception. (https://www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2021/may/06/tim-scott-america-racist-data-racial-disparities)

The fight to keep Black people away from the polls is clearly based on white supremacist beliefs that Black people are not qualified to vote or to govern any entity, local, state, or federal. In the 1898 Wilmington race riot perpetrated by white people, the carefully planned and executed coup was carried out because whites insisted that there would never again in that city be a situation where Black people governed whites. (https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/08/wilmington-massacre/536457/)

We could go on and on, but everyone knows what I am describing. White Americans will not admit their racism and their complicity in supporting a government which is racist at its core. And every time they deny it, they increase the toxins of racial hatred deeper into the creases of American government. In those creases, where they attempt to hide their contempt for Black people, there is rot and a stench that results from organic material decomposing - and the life of America is in fact organic, filled with living creatures that have depended on this country for their livelihood.

If an alcoholic never admits his or her problem, he or she does not heal. And I am afraid that this country, addicted to white supremacy, is no better off. White people believe this country was formed by white people for white people; some of them are sounding that sentiment out loud now, and I, for one, appreciate the honesty. But there are a whole lot more people who need to step away from their denying protestations, and own the truth - theirs and this country's.

Only then does this country stand a chance of escaping its steady roll toward authoritarianism.

© Copyright Susan K Smith. Please consider purchasing my latest book, *With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution, and Racism in America.*

HARRIS

Continued from this page

racism set forth in the Bible. Without acknowledging the wrong of slavery and racism, there will be no reason to ask forgiveness, or make atonement.

Political, religious, and spiritual leaders cannot stand by in silent acquiescence as American Democracy is constantly attacked.

If these three assaults on our democracy are not addressed, the sins of racism and injustice in the past will be relived in the present and perpetuated in the future.

Abraham Lincoln said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

We have a choice. We can be the "better angels" that Abraham Lincoln described in

JACKSON

Continued from this page

clear; however, is that this politics of racial division harms working and poor Americans of all races. Race-bait politics is designed to divide working people to limit their power. Donald Trump is a perfect example, enlisting largely white working people in part by racial appeals, and then passing tax cuts for the rich and deregulation for the CEOs once in office.

JACKSON

Continued on this page

his First Inaugural Address. We can reaffirm the words set forth by the founding fathers - "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Or we can continue in the darkness of untruths and bitter division.

Where is America? Will it fade into yesterday?

To paraphrase William Shakespeare, the answer is not in our stars, but in ourselves.

Are we brave enough to seek and speak the truth?

© Copyright 2021 LifeSkill Institute, Inc., P.O. Box 302, Wilmington, NC 28402

Learn more about "Solving The Race Issue In America" and contact Dr. Herbert (H J) Harris at

www.solvingtheraceissue.com. Email: info@solvingtheraceissue.com Phone: 800-570-4009.

Great leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, W.E.B. DuBois, Cesar Chavez and the Black Lives Matter organizers all understood this. They have organized across lines of race to build alliances to bring about reforms that will benefit working and poor people generally. That is our task today. And we can't let dog whistle race-bait politics continue to divide us.

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

Greater justice is coming: Taking on abusive and deadly policing with new DOJ leadership

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Thanks to the voters who elected President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, we now have a Department of Justice that actually cares about justice.

And I am not just talking about justice as an idea. I am talking about a Department of Justice that is willing to take on abusive policing and law enforcement agencies that are corrupted by racism.

In his first month on the job, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland reversed a Trump-era policy that made it harder for the Justice Department to investigate police departments and hold them accountable for violating people's civil rights.

And he was just getting started. In the past few weeks, the Justice Department has announced that it is starting an investigation of the police departments in Minneapolis—where George Floyd was murdered by former officer Derek Chauvin while other officers watched. The Minnesota AFL-CIO has called the city's police union a white supremacist-led organization.

The Justice Department has also launched an investigation of policing practices in Louisville, where Breonna Taylor was shot to death in her own home.

These investigations will look at more than those individual killings. This kind of

"patterns and practices" investigation looks at the big picture to determine whether and how a law enforcement agency is violating people's civil rights. They are a way to evaluate—and do something about—the impact that systemic racism has in a police department and the communities it is supposed to serve.

"Patterns and practices" investigations can lead to consent decrees—agreements that require police departments to change the way they operate, with oversight from the Justice Department to make sure change actually happens.

In the past, Justice Department investigations and consent decrees have been important tools for getting violent police behavior under control and changing abusive cultures in out-of-control departments.

When the Trump administration shut down this kind of investigation, it sent a signal to police departments that the Justice Department would look the other way rather than hold them responsible for misconduct. Of course, Trump himself repeatedly made it clear that he was not opposed to violent policing. In fact, he

encouraged it. President Biden has spoken personally about the importance of ending police violence and reimagining public safety. He has called on Congress to pass the imperfect but important George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

Another good sign was the announcement that the FBI is doing a civil rights investigation of the killing of Andrew Brown, Jr., who was shot in the back of the head by police in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

All of these are important steps in protecting Americans, especially Black Americans, from abusive policing. President Biden has also spoken out against Republicans' racist efforts to pass new voting restrictions in states all over the country. Biden has called those efforts "sick" and we can count on his Justice Department to do what they can to challenge voter suppression—even though right-wing justices on the U.S. Supreme Court have greatly weakened the tools that the Voting Rights Act gave the department to prevent Black voters from having their rights denied. The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division has just written the Arizona Senate president to raise concerns that a bogus "audit" of ballots from last year's presidential election that is being conducted by private contractors from

downturn. Our criminal justice system systematically discriminates against African Americans.

This list can go on. Change—reform of the laws and institutions—doesn't come easily. Those with privilege generally don't see the shackles burdening those without. If overt racism is increasingly frowned upon, racist attitudes and assumptions—measuring people by the color of their skin rather than the content of their character—die-hard. Dog whistle politics—stoking of racial fears subtly or brutally—are still a common currency. For decades, Southern Democrats, barons protecting the white privilege in the South blocked reform. Once Lyndon Johnson joined with Dr. King to lead the Civil Rights Revolution—Republicans took advantage by becoming the party of white sanctuary across the South. Now that too has become institutionalized, as Republicans in states across the country press reforms designed to suppress the vote of minorities and gerrymander districts to isolate the minority vote.

And not surprisingly, they cynically accuse Democrats and the civil rights movements of our age of using race to divide America. What's increasingly

Amendments. Yet by 1896, the former slave owners in the South had taken back power—propelled by the terrorist campaigns of the Ku Klux Klan and others—and made segregation—legalized apartheid—the law of the land. White immigrants had more rights than African-American soldiers. The Supreme Court in Plessy v. Ferguson ratified the injustice of legally enforced segregation.

America was once more a self-declared racist country. It wasn't until 1954 that the Supreme Court in Brown v. Board ruled segregation unconstitutional. It took the Civil Rights Movement to transform the laws—winning the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act and extending equal rights under the law to all. At that point, America was no longer an apartheid country by law but it was still a country that had to address the legacy of racism. Inevitably, hundreds of years of legalized racism were institutionalized into the very marrow of the society. African Americans have less wealth because they were deprived of any ability to accumulate wealth for decades.

Blacks were zoned into ghettos, urban areas then deprived of private or public investment. Black unemployment remained about double that of White unemployment. Blacks were and are the last hired in an upturn and the first fired in a

country that enforces racism as a matter of law. Apartheid South Africa was universally condemned as a racist country because apartheid was the law of the land until Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress and allies forced the change in laws and policy. By that standard, the United States began as a racist country. For 246 years, slavery was the law of the land.

The Constitution counted slaves as three-fifths of a person for the purposes of the apportionment. In the 1857 Dred Scott decision, the Supreme Court ruled that African Americans were not and could not ever be citizens of the United States, that blacks were "regarded as beings of an inferior order and...had no rights which the white man was bound to respect."

Much of the wealth of the country—North and South—was built on the backs of the enslaved. (And the country's expansion was built on the slaughter of the land's native peoples.) The Civil War brought an end to slavery and a "second founding" of the Union with the 13th, 14th and 15th



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The false Republican mantra: "America is not a racist country"

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

"America is not a racist country." This is quickly becoming a Republican mantra. Sen. Tim Scott, the only Black Republican in the Senate, used it in his rebuttal to President Joe Biden's address to the Congress. Sen. Lindsey Graham, the Republican weather vane, echoed him, as did Republicans across the country. Scott went on to accuse Democrats of dividing the country by using race as a "political weapon." This is an old, threadbare rhetorical trick. Racism is not the problem; those protesting discrimination are the problem.

Racist rhetoric and actions like those of Donald Trump aren't dividing us. Those protesting the hatred are doing the dividing. The upside down, inside out duplicity can be traced back through the history of the Republic. Even when the South seceded from the Union to protect slavery, its leaders argued that it was Lincoln who caused the secession because he wouldn't guarantee the spread of slavery into the new states coming into the union. This dog whistle race-bait politics may be old, but it still has force, so politicians deploy it regularly. So, it is worth taking the question of whether America is a racist country seriously. A racist nation-state is a

## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

## You just got to compromise, that's it

In this current real estate market, as a Realtor, it is very important that I explain clearly to my clients the options they have before them to decide rather buy or continuing to rent. It is clearly a seller's market, and the sellers are the ones in the position to call most of the shots. With that being said, let me break this down to you so you can evaluate for yourself if you should jump into these 1st-time buyers raging waters' or not.

(1) Realize that if you are going to buy in a seller's market you must be open to compromise on what you are willing to buy, and how far out you got to go to get it. Especially if you have to stay

at a price point of \$300,000 or under. From \$100k-\$300k is where the inventory is very, very low from Pender to Brunswick County.

**Brenda Dixon**

ket stays as it is, in a short few years you could sell it making at least \$35-\$50,000 profit/equity from the sale. Equity is the difference between what you paid for it, vs. what it sells for. You can take that money and use it as a down payment to buy another home... 2) If new con-

struction is what you want, then you must be willing to compromise with a much smaller home, and likely an even smaller lot to get a new home.

(3) Look for older homes if the size of the home and lot means more to you. Know that likely the home will not be the most updated, and maybe at least 10-20 years old.

(4) Consider buying a townhome, which is much cheaper than a home. However, it has no yard just like an apartment rental, but at least you will gain value in the property in 12 months & beyond that you can get out when you sell it. Then take that equity, and use it towards a downpayment to buy the step-up 2nd single-family home later.

(5) Continue renting for another year. Do the math on how much you will pay per month on rent x 12 months. See how much money you will pay out to have nothing to show for it at end of 12 months because it goes to the landlord, not towards a mortgage. Also, if home pricing continues as it is, what you can buy for under \$300,000 today will cost you a minimum of \$25,000 more in the next 12 months. So the cost of waiting another 12 months will be, How much you paid at rent x 12 (+) the amount home prices have gone up over that 12 months =??? If you have loan approval in hand, that will be the real cost of continuing to wait to buy later.

(6) Make a decision, and fast. More will be lost with indecision than making the wrong decision. If you find a home you can 'live with' for a season, jump on it ASAP. This market is not waiting for anyone. You do not have time to sleep on it. Save this article and let it be your go-to in keeping your eyes on the prize with a realization that compromise must come one way or another. This is no longer a personal decision, it is what makes financial sense at the end that will drive the decision.

Over the last 6 months, our area has been voted one of the best places for relocation and retirement. Folks from all over the country are flocking here with cash money,

and they will keep the price of real estate up, pricing the local working family out of the market here. It is very likely that you will have to consider driving 30-45 minutes out of Wilmington to afford a home in the next 12 months.

Several families are doing it now, and all reports are pointing to this being more the norm unless something changes the course of this. Evaluate, pray, and make a decision.

Until next week, share this article with at least 3 people, and tell them to reach out  
*Brenda Dixon, Dixon Realty Since 1991, 30 yrs. F/T expertise. Www.getthatdeed.com. GET THAT DEED! 910-262-4836.*



# family meals ready when you are



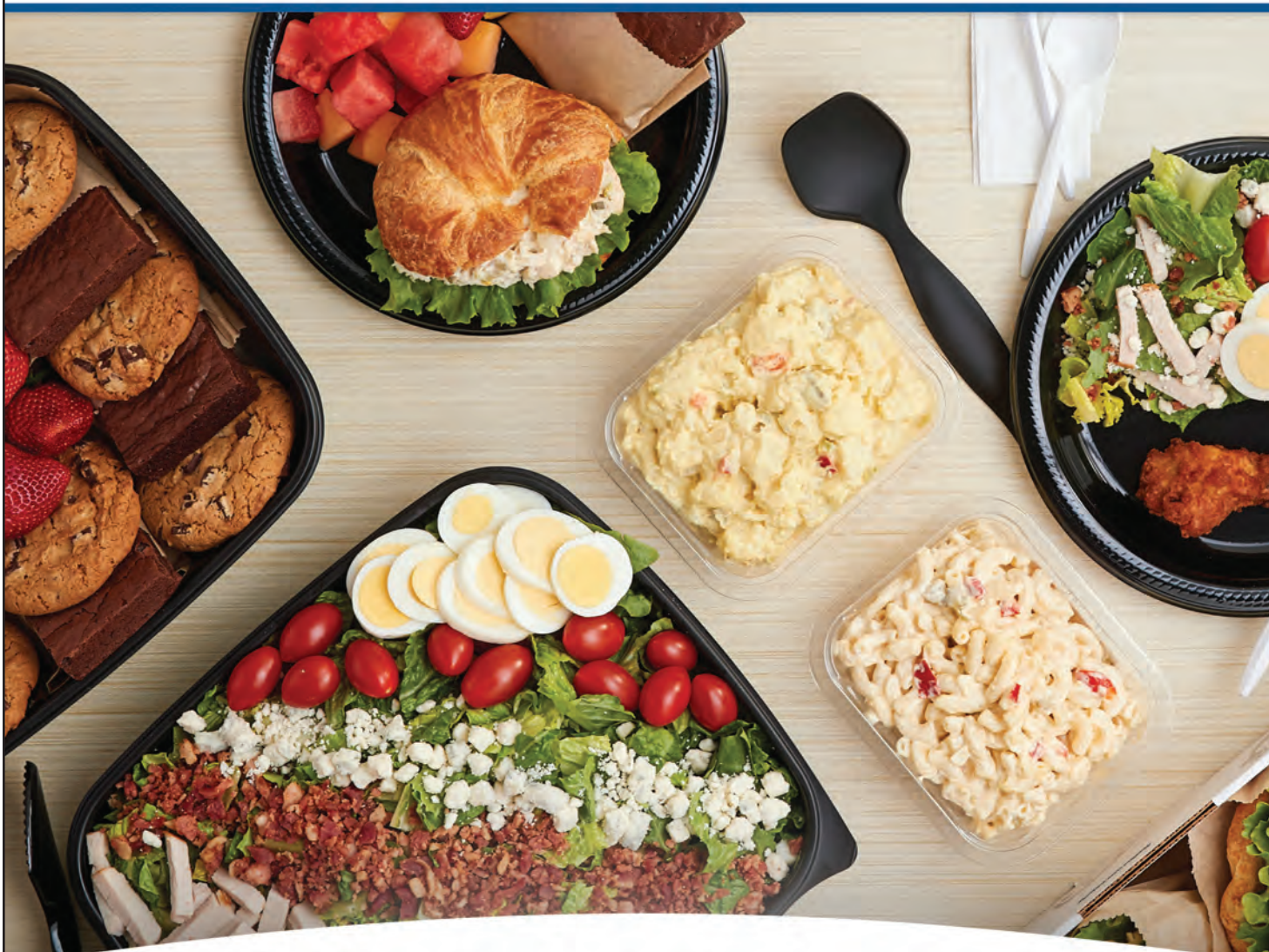
Visit [foodlion.com/catering](https://www.foodlion.com/catering) or stop by the deli at your local store.



Place your order by filling out the order form online or in-store.



Pick up your order from the deli at a time that works for you.



**FOOD LION**  
**CATERING**

Support OUR advertisers!  
They support YOUR community paper!



Vivian White-Waddell

August 21, 1932 - May 15, 2006

The strongest limb has fallen from our family tree.  
We keep hearing her sweet voice that says,  
"Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
Remember the good life I lived with you, while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all of you and how I truly was blessed.  
Please continue our traditions, no matter how small.  
I'll be watching all of you, from the heavens up above.  
So take good care of each other and carry all my love.

When your way seems dark and drear,  
you don't have to worry because God is near:

If in your heart there is no song,  
just keep the faith and keep holding on.

Turn your plate down, fast and pray.  
Jesus will always make a way.

There's a bright side somewhere."



It's been so very hard these fifteen years without you.  
But we're glad that Jesus knows.  
He knows just, just how much we can bear.  
We are still holding on and we're looking up, giving you a smile,  
Because we will always remember,  
"There's a Bright Side Somewhere".

We Miss You and Will Love You Always,

Children: Patricia A. Waddell, Eleanor M. Waddell,  
Richard B. Waddell, III,  
Carolyn Waddell-Mack and Atty. Gwendolyn  
Waddell-Burrell (Gary)  
Grandchildren: Reginald E. Waddell, Rodney L. Waddell,  
Richard Waddell, IV,  
Samuel T. Waddell, Jillian N. Waddell, E. Michelle  
Waddell, Jordan C. Waddell (Meagan), Krystal L. Mack,  
Gordan E. Burrell and Shearese Berry

Great-Grandchildren: Rodja, Ja'Mez, Ja'Qurion, Sy'Aire,  
Zoei, Za'Tori, Kailynn, Mackenzie and King

*The* **BLACK**

**PRESS**

**USE IT**

*or*

**LOSE IT**

# Rocky Road to economic recovery - even worse for African-Americans

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

While the economy generated 916,000 jobs in March, it only generated 266,000 in April, essentially slowing the previous month's momentum. Last month, the Biden team was crowing about economic progress. Republicans were suggesting that the economy made so much progress that we don't need the stimulus embodied in the American Families Plan or the American Jobs plan, Biden proposals that will inject \$4 trillion into the economy. Republicans say that unemployed people won't go back to work because they get too much money from unemployment benefits and that there is a "labor shortage."

The Black unemployment rate is 9.7 percent. If there were a labor shortage, it would not be that high. 9.8 million people are officially unemployed, and many don't get unemployment benefits, but if employers think there is a labor shortage, they should pay higher wages. Too many are still paying the minimum \$7.25 wage, and some maneuver to pay even less. They use tactics that require workers to come to work, do some work, then punch in, work a full day, punch out, and then go back to their work station to "clean up." The big box stores are worst at this, but they aren't the only ones.

We have a rocky road to economic recovery. While more than half of all adults have been vaccinated against the coronavirus, many

women remain homebound because more than half of all schools are not yet open. Vaccinations will likely be available for children and teens in the next few months, but some teachers hesitate to return to the classroom until then. When teachers aren't teaching, some moms aren't working. So many women have left the labor market that participation rates are as low as they were in the 1980s. Affordable child care, which is included in Biden's American Families Plan, would make it easier for more women to return to work. Without child care, it's a rocky road to recovery.

Senate Republicans are treating President Biden nearly as severely as they treated President Obama. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell committed to making President Obama a one-term president. He failed, but he behaved like the Last Obstructionist, blocking legislation, court appointments, and more. Last week, he said that "100 percent of our focus is stopping this new administration." His focus is not on economic recovery, infrastructure, or health care. It's on stopping the Biden administration.

McConnell and his cronies claim that the Biden infusion of cash in the economy is inflationary, and prices are, indeed, 2.6 percent higher than they were a year ago. Many of these price hikes result from the pandemic, with supply chain problems part of the reason for higher prices. These issues will



THE BLACK UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS 9.7 PERCENT

resolve themselves as we return to "normal" and supply chains are strengthened. Senate Republicans are using inflation as a fig leaf; both Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and Federal Reserve Board Chair Jerome Powell are more concerned with getting people back to work.

If the road to economic recovery is rocky for most, it

is even worse for African Americans who earn just two-thirds of what whites earn and have nearly twice the unemployment as whites (5.3 percent for whites, 9.7 percent for African Americans). While the Biden Administration has spoken of equity issues, there must be a race-specific plan to close these gaps.

The March job creation data was exciting, but it was also impermanent. The April data confirms that two steps forward, one step back, will be the path we are on until there is meaningful structural change. That won't happen when Republicans are 100 percent focused on opposing President Biden.

Some people made money

from the pandemic. Some are no worse off than they were a year ago. But many, especially those at the bottom, continue to suffer. Republican indifference to this hardship illustrates the utter callousness that McConnell and his cronies have for most of their fellow citizens.

Julianne Malveaux is a DC-based economist and author.

## 100 days of Biden-Harris: \$6 Trillion: Investment or spending?

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris are off to a running start. With more than a third of Americans fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, and now potentially more shots than arms, President Biden did what he said he'd do, thus jumpstarting our sluggish economy. Unemployment rates have lowered (although the racial unemployment rate gap remains - that won't disappear in just 100 days). Economic growth at 6.4 percent is at a healthy high, proving that controlling corona is essential to economic health.

However, when asked to provide a letter grade for President Biden, all I could give him was an Incomplete, or perhaps an Incomplete Plus. The plus means that he's moving in the right direction. The Incomplete means just that, incomplete. It means we need more results.

But it occurs to me that I'm not fair, that my expectations may be too high. Through his efforts and those of Vice President Harris, the American Rescue Plan was passed. He has now proposed the American Families Plan and touted it in his speech to the joint houses of Congress on April 28. It provides many features for low and moderate-income working families, including a child and dependent care tax credit, more affordable health insurance, and more paid family and medical leave. It's a good plan, but Republicans have lined up in lockstep to oppose it.

There is likely to be more consensus around infrastructure because our nation's

infrastructure is crumbling. Biden and his team use the term "Build Back Better" to describe the goal of an infrastructure plan, the American Jobs Plan, that will fund jobs both for construction and for the "caretaking" economy, for social service workers, health workers, and others. Republicans prefer the more traditional definition of infrastructure, roads and bridges, bricks and mortar. They forget that people, too, are part of our nation's infrastructure. That's why it is essential that the expansion of educational opportunities is part of the American Families Plan. Free community college. An increased Pell grant. More money for HBCUs and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs).

These three pieces of legislation cost about \$6 trillion and will add to our national debt. Republicans are balking at the price tag, but they weren't so hesitant when their massive tax cut for corporations added trillions to the national debt. While we don't expect consistency from Republicans, we know they only oppose deficits when they benefit people.

I see the \$6 trillion price tag on the Biden legislation as more of an investment than simple spending. A better-educated workforce earns more money, pays more taxes. A healthier workforce means less absenteeism, more efficiency, and productivity. Quality child care means more women in the workforce - millions of women left in the wake of covid. The investment makes sense to build our labor force back better.

Many have compared President Biden's vision to that of President Franklin Delano



PHOTO: The White House  
Vice President Kamala Harris and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi applaud Biden during his first address to Congress.

Roosevelt, whose New Deal created jobs, reduced poverty, replaced fraying infrastructure, and more. It has been decades since we've seen this kind of significant investment in infrastructure. Lyndon Baines Johnson focused on the human infrastructure, but no one has done so since. Republican Presidents have been disinclined, and Democratic Presidents have

either been too moderate or too timid (Obama) to push hard for their vision. I think one of the benefits of Biden's Presidency was the time he spent with President Obama, observing what happens when you don't go big enough.

Biden has a big vision, and now he has a big job getting others to buy into it. There are Republican governors and mayors who would benefit

from infrastructure improvements. There are Republican college presidents who know the value of more Pell grant money. These are the Republicans who must pressure their senators to support the Biden legislation.

The first 100 days of Biden have been a stark difference from the previous president. It's not just what Biden says, but the way he says it. He

doesn't bark, although he can be emphatic. He doesn't call names or use epithets. He listens. My grade for Biden's first 100 days stands - Incomplete Plus. It means moving in the right direction. Thanks for the vision, President Biden.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux is an economist and author. She can be reached at julianmalveaux.com.

## Visit Our Website



[www.wilmingtonjournal.com](http://www.wilmingtonjournal.com)

**Eva Grady**

Eva Grady died April 27, 2021. Graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the Summerville AME Zion Church Cemetery.

Eva was born on November 11, 1939 to the late Janie Weeks Cobb and Vander McAllister. On October 11, 1954, Eva Mae McAllister married Leavy Grady, Sr. and unto this union ten children were born. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Linda and Cheryl Grady; tow sons, Leavy Grady, Jr. and Elijah Grady and one grandson, Steven Grady, Jr. Eva Mae received her education in Leland, NC. She was a housewife until all of her children wee of school age and then she became a NC State employee of North Brunswick High School from where she retired in 2004. She truly enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, one of her favorite passions.

She leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Shirley (Rick) of Charlotte, NC, Elizabeth and Pamela Grady of Wilmington, NC and Sharon Mason of Long Island, NY; sons, Steven and Rodney Grady of Leland, NC; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Lorraine Grady; brothers-in-law, Wilson Grady (Julia) and Thomas Hooper, Sr; sister-in-law, Ruby Ballard; a host of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, cousins and friends, including a dear friend, Geraldine Newkirk and a special niece, Beulah Dixie and her very special niece, Alice Gibbs. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Marcqueon Jaquez Goodman**

Marcqueon Jaquez Goodman died April 28, 2021 in Charlotte, NC. Graveside service was held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Marcqueon was born May 27, 2004 in Wilmington, NC to Latoria Goodman and Donald Allen. He later moved to Charlotte, NC with family. He attended school at Harding University High School in Charlotte, NC. "Bink" was fun-loving and enjoyed playing basketball. He was the life of the party. To know him was to love him. He was caring, outgoing and devoted to all of his family. He attended New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in his younger life where he loved to sing on he choir.

He leaves to cherish his memories: mother, Latoria Goodman; special father-like figure, Hykeem Durant; siblings, Shamirrayna, Marquell, Jazaeron, Zymir, Ry'Shawn, Jamarko, Shamirr, Mikile, Dre'quan, Da-Ruis, Ari, Jamia, Zykeema, Aundrea, Shamirra and a host of others; grandparents, Talma Hansley (Harold), Frances Allen and Bernadette Allen; special like grandparents, Jean Bragg and Tavarie Wilson; aunts, Zyeika, Kendra, Martina, Glendina, Rebah, Alicia, Meme, Jasmine, Trina and Erica; great-aunts, Shynetta, Judith, Sabrina, Deenie and Shirley Mae; uncles, marcus, Romane, Tamone, FuQuanm James and Freddie; Great-Uncles, Andre, Snag, Sorty and

Butcher; special cousins, Alexis, Malik, DeAndre, Kiyah, Nayah, Zy-Nautica, Dy'Asia and Ny'Asia; special in his life, Sharon; special friends, Chris, Zeek, Echo Suarez and family and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Lewis Wendellk Vaught, Sr.**

Lewis Wendellk Vaught, Sr., died April 30, 2021. Graveside service was held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at the Dark Branch Cemetery, Winnabow, NC.

Lewis, son of the late Leroy Vaught, Sr. and Dora Taylor Vaught was born on November 26, 1953. He was also preceded in death by two brother, Hezekiah and John and two sisters, Eleanor and Geraldine. He was educated in the Brunswick County School System and graduated from Brunswick County Training School in 1972. After graduation, he joined the workforce as a surveyor for Gerrit Greer Surveyor Company. After several years of surveying, he was employed by Fluor Daniel Construction at DuPont for 16 years. Lewis, affectionally known as "Wendell" was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. Wendell joined Kendall Chapel AME Church at an early age. He loved the Lord and was committed to helping at the church and in the community. As the founding member of "Dark Branch Security, Wendell would police the community, chauffeur citizens and provide help to anyone who needed it. One of his favorite things to do was farm.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his loving and devoted wife of 47 years, Gwendolyn Vaught of the home; one son, Lewis Vaught, Jr. (Kimberly) of Charlotte, NC; one daughter, Sherri Graham (Joshua) of Winnabow, NC; grandchildren, Ke'Von Vaught (Mikahla), Brandon Vaught, Joshlyne Graham, Kaylah Vaught, Andre' Anna Vaught and Kylee Vaught; grandchildren, Kyarah Vaught and Maliki Vaught; brothers, Leroy Vaught, Jr. (JoAnn) of Winnabow, NC and David Vaught (Willie Mae) of Wilmington, NC; brothers-in-law, James McCracken (Catherine) of Florence, SC, Mark McCracken of Atlanta, GA, Darrell McCracken of Southport, NC and Quinton McCracken (Maggie) of Katy, TX; sisters-in-law, Cheryl Malone of Centerville, OH and Sandra Robbins (John) of Charlotte, NC; uncles, Eugene Vaught, Sr. (Margaret) of Winnabow, NC and Joseph Vaught, Jr. of Leland, NC; aunt, Lottie Lucas of Baltimore, MD; special friends, Howard Delts, Joseph Bellamy, Dennis Swinton, Jamar Saunders, Kelvin Galloway, George Frink, Michael Clemmons and Bobby Evans; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Kirk G. Smith, Jr.**

Kirk G. Smith, Jr., died April 30, 2021 in Raleigh, NC. Funeral services was held 1:00 P.M. on Friday, Ma 7, 2021 at the Willie L.

Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Kirk Glenn Smith, Jr., son of Minnie L. Smith and Kirk Glenn Smith, Sr. was born on November 16, 1956 in St. Louis Missouri. Kirk along with his mother and brother Ronnie re-located to Wilmington, North Carolina and Kirk was educated in the New Hanover County Schools, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School. "Church" as he was nicked named by his mother was a hard-working young man. He was very outgoing and was known for his neatness and intelligent demeanor. Kirk gained employment at New Hanover Memorial Hospital and after a few years, re-located to Raleigh, North Carolina. Kirk was a devoted father and an avid bowler. He loved to collect comic books and had a very unique understanding of mathematics and numbers. His passion for cars and the need for speed was in his heart. He was preceded in death by his father, Kirk Glenn Smith, Sr. of St. Louis, Missouri. Kirk leaves to cherish fond memories: his children, Kirk Glenn Smith, III, Jason Smith and their mother, Jackie Smith of Raleigh, NC, and Artisha Dorch of Charlotte, NC; five grandchildren; his mother, Minnie L. Smith of Wilmington, NC; four brothers, Ronald, Jamie, Jarvis and Corey (Lady); one sister, Angela Smith; five nieces; one special niece, Nikki Smith; three nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends, including his very special life-long friend, Reginald "Reggie" McMillian. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Joyce "Bluddie Murphy" George**

Joyce "Bluddie Murphy" George died May 1, 2021 at home. Graveside service was held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Murphy Family Cemetery, Kelly, NC.

Joyce was born on September 9, 1955. "Bluddie" as she was affectionately called by family and friends was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School in the Class of 1974. After school, she worked several jobs. "Bluddie" enjoyed life and will be greatly missed. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Vernice Murphy Jackson and Carolyn Brinkley and three brothers, Sammy Murphy, Ray Brinkley and Alfonza Murphy.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Darell Murphy, Erick George and Quentin Eldridge; grandchildren, Derrick George and Tyleke George; 2 great-grands; sisters, Janice Cromartie, Diane Nixon (Don) and Karen Murphy (Fleix); brothers, Michael Murphy, John Murphy, Jr. (Ermaine) and Julius Brinkley; Nieces: 9; Nephews: 8; A host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends, including two very special friends, Lavonia Davis and Ramona Tindall-Ragin. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Gary Evans**

Gary Evans died May 2, 2021. Graveside service was held on

Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Mt. Ararat AME Church Cemetery.

Gary was born December 1, 1946 to George S. Evans, Sr. and Martha L. Evans, who preceded him in death. Gary was the sixth child born of this union. He was also the grandson of the renowned artist, the late Minnie Evans. Gary attended Williston High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. After school, he became a brick mason and worked in this field until his health failed and he was unable to work. Gary joined St. Matthew AME Church at an early age, where he worked diligently as an usher for many years. Gary was awarded the Man of the Year in 2019. He was a quiet and sweet person who loved everyone. Wrestling was his favorite sport to watch. He was a die-hard wrestling fan. Among all of his attributes, he loved the Lord, his family, his special brother and caretaker, Norris and his friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Theresa Spicer, Jacqueline Grisset and Minnie Clausen and one brother, George E. Evans, Jr. He leaves to cherish his memories: a spouse, Veola Evans; three sons, Erick King, Tyrone Evans (Vanessa) and Gary Evans, Jr. (Sandra); four grandchildren, Alysa, Nyasia, Alana and Tyrone, Jr.; two brothers, Norris (Louise) and Rodney (Kimberly); four sisters-in-law, Bettye Holmes, Brenda Williams (Jerry), Mary Howard (Charles) and Carolyn Woods; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Felix Clay**

Felix Clay died May 2, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Vivian Howard**

Vivian Howard graveside service

will be 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at the Pollock Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Saturday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Mildred Drakeford**

Mildred Drakeford graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Thomas Evans**

Thomas Evans funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation is at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Ernestine Washington**

Ernestine Washington graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at the Moore's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Currie, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Willie Lewis McLean**

Willie Lewis McLean memorial service will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel (Shaw Funeral Home). *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Gloretta Henry**

Gloretta Henry memorial service will be held at a later date. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Patrice Myers**

Patrice Myers funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*



**Honor Your  
Loved One  
With A  
Memoriam**

**In  
THE  
WILMINGTON  
JOURNAL**

**Call us today**

**at**

**910-762-5502**

JOHN H. SHAW'S SON  
FUNERAL HOME

**William O. Boykin, Manager**

520 Red Cross Street

Wilmington, North Carolina 28401

Telephone (910) 762-2635 – Fax (910) 762-8060

Email: shawfuneralhome@msn.com

Website: www.jhshawfuneralhome.com

**Serving with Dignity, Compassion, and Excellence  
Helping Families Honor The Lives Of Those They Love**

**Adkins Drain Funeral Service**

Peace of Mind ..... for you and your family

Confidence in knowing that our professional, knowledgeable and compassionate staff is always available to help you with difficult decisions brings comfort at the time of need. Planning in advance of need brings relief from worry and stress by allowing you to...

Pre-Plan. . . .

Arrangements that honor your personal desires

Pre-Pay. . . .

Financial arrangements that meet your needs

Prepare. . . .

Having personal affairs in order is a gift of love to loved ones.

Pre-funeral arrangements can be made in the privacy of your home or at Adkins-Drain Funeral Home

Whether planning in advance or at time of need  
You can depend on us to be there for you.

**Providing Quality Service And  
Personal Assistance**

Because We Care

Adkins-Drain Funeral Service  
515 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wilmington, N.C. 28401  
Office: 910.763.7117  
Fax: 910.763.7133  
Email: adkinsdrain@att.net



**Samuel Drain, Jr.  
and Allene Drain  
In Memoriam**



**Connie Drain Green  
Funeral Director**



**Generations Have Put Their Trust in Us**

**Davis Funeral Home** is proud to remain an independent, family-owned and operated part of the community. We have been serving the families of New Hanover County and its surrounding counties since 1944. We are committed to handling every detail of the funeral service – all with compassionate and caring service at a level that exceeds all others.

**Wilmington:**  
901 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 762-6181

**Brunswick County:**  
1705 Southport Supply Rd. SE  
Bolivia, NC 28422  
(910) 253-0781

www.davisfuneralhomenc.com



**Jennifer A. Terrell & Javoke S. Terrell**

**"Celebrating Life, Exceeding Expectations"**



TELL SOMEBODY

Mother's Day is an annual event celebrated once a year, with the focus being on celebrating and appreciating the role of mothers in our society. All mothers are women, but all women do not want to be mothers. Some women feel they love children but are not ready to make the extended, long term commitment to give birth, deliver, or to raise them. No judgement here..... That is all the more reason to salute and celebrate the women who choose to be mothers, and those who choose to teach her children well.



Sylvia Hooper

her obstetrician. The health and wellbeing of her unborn child is utmost priority and she literally embarks on the "ministry of motherhood" centered around the growth and development of her child. Those who accept the responsibility of being mother are instructed by the Lord in the Book of Proverbs on many of the virtues recommended and required to raise successful children. There are many joys associated with being a mother, and so many reasons for honoring her courageous effort to teach, train, and

raise her children. A mother realizes the importance of her assignment, and that what she does for her child during its youth, will affect him/her until they are old. Therefore, she must teach her children well! Motherhood in itself presents a multitude of opportunities to be engaged (involved) with her child. She is fully engaged while carrying the child in her womb. She is fully engaged while suffering the pain and agony associated with the birth process. She is fully engaged in the miracle moment of delivering a living soul into this world. God has uniquely qualified mothers to minister to their newborn babies by providing basic sustenance gained from mother's milk, etc. What an awesome assignment!

What a mighty God we serve! Mothers who honor God, will want to teach their children well! These are just a few of the things wise mothers must teach their children well..... as they train them in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. Teach your children why Jesus Christ was born. John 3:3 Jesus was born, so that we could be born again in order to see the kingdom of God. Teach and speak truth to your children about Jesus Christ. Matthew 19:14 Teach them that Jesus loves the little children. He is no longer laying in a manger. He is no longer hanging on a cross. He is no longer sleeping in a grave. He has risen from the dead,, and he lives eternally. Teach your children why

Jesus came. Luke 19:10 He came to seek and to save that which was lost. He came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. He shall save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21) Teach your children the Truth about God. God Is LOVE . I John 4:7 ; John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Teach your children about their need to have eternal life. Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." Tell them what God loves and what God hates. God loves the sinner. God hates sin. Romans 5:8 Mothers Teach Them Well!

1. To Be Prayerful Luke 18:1  
2. To Be Thankful Psalm 100:4  
3. To Be Faithful Revelation 2:10B Teach them to follow these instructions for length of days, long life and peace. Proverbs 3:1,2 Tell Somebody To Teach Them Well! "Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper. Pastor of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She has a heart for women's ministry, starting with young women and girls ages 12 - 18, and also branching out to women of all ages. Her life's mission includes the desire to rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and save the lost all in the name of Jesus to the glory of God the Father.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The vocational prayer clinic- Part 1

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, The purpose of the vocational prayer clinic is to do a practical study of prayer through actual self-participation in prayer so that the Word of God will become a reality in our lives through practice. The vocational prayer clinic is designed with a specific goal in mind; first, to teach the "simplicity of prayer" as Jesus taught His disciples. Secondly, to defined prayer based upon the word of God. Simplicity means the condition or quality of being simple, which is having or composed of one thing or part only (the word of God), without additions or modifications; without embellishment; not ornate or adorned, not elaborate, elegant, or luxurious. What is described in our definition is what prayer should be, simplistic, but oftentimes we do the opposite and call it prayer. In other words, what is

being described as not being prayer is exactly what we do and call prayer: For instance, embellish means to make beautiful, as by ornamentation. What comes to mind is my own prayer life or lack of it. I was never taught how to pray according to scripture and the people who I modeled my prayer life after, had not been taught properly either. So it was as unlearned (ignorant) learning from the unlearned (ignorant). My prayers were designed to sound good, with feeling or with great emotions and great intensity. It was made to sound embellish or beautiful, elaborate, and adorned by people and not God. I was also taught that prayer was the sincere desire of the heart. Well, I've learned in life that it does matter how sincere you are, if you do not know how to do a thing, sincerity does not matter without knowl-

edge of how to do it. You can't do what you don't know. Notice the term "without embellishment." Jesus describes this kind of praying in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 6:5, 7-8a: And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray to stand in the synagogues and the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their own reward. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye, therefore, like unto them: These verses describe the kind of prayers we pray and the kind we hear being prayed in our churches. Jesus says to us, do not pray to be seen or heard of men nor use vain repetitions. I remember being unintentionally set up by the people in the church with their compliments, saying, "I enjoyed your prayer" or the expression, "man you prayed today". I was praying one of those decorated, beautified, good-sounding, emotional, high volume, and entertaining prayers. Very

soon, without recognizing it I was praying to be heard and complimented or congratulated by those persons who were in attendance. When they came and said, "man you prayed today" or "I enjoyed that prayer" that was the answer to my prayer. The majority of prayers we hear being prayed in our churches today are to entertain those persons in the pews and not to get an answer from God. The God kind of prayer, which is described and is rooted in 2 chronicles 7:14-15: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place." This kind of prayer has been so ignored, neglected, abandon, or forsaken that it has died in many churches and replace with some form of entertainment or activity. Prayer is what I call the vocation, livelihood, or profession of the church. Prayers also like the

power line that brings the electrical current into your home whereby all your appliances and electrical equipment function. The God kind of prayer, keep us the church connected to the power source, God, so that the gifts of the Holy Spirit can be manifested in and through the church. Without prayer, the church cannot function properly because prayer is a relationship function. Prayer as our vocation or livelihood is our regular occupation or profession (prayer), especially one for which a person (Christian) is especially suited or qualified through training. Livelihood refers to that which provides the necessities of the church. Psalms 145:18-19. "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them." Welding was my occupation or profession. I took vocational training in high school for four years, which included carpentry, auto mechanics, and welding. I then attended the community college for one year, being taught the principles of weld-

ing. Part of that training in welding included practice to develop that skill. I also attended Newport News Shipbuilders Dry Dock Welding School and graduated as a certified welder. It was with this company that I began my vocation or profession as a welder. I needed to become proficient as a welder because that proficiency would determine my preparedness for growth and advancement in that field. Welding became my livelihood whereby I supported my family. The extent of my preparedness would determine the level of advancement I could achieve. Most family spends thousands of dollars to train and educate the children for their vocation or profession over a period of several years. That they may be able to provide for themselves or for their families. Father, I pray in the name of Jesus that we will be taught how to pray the prayer of faith. So you can answer our prayer. Amen. Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Mircle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

Pervis Staples, Co-Founder of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductees

A Member of The Staple Singers, Passes Away at the Age of 85

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Pervis Staples, a co-founding member of the legendary gospel group, The Staple Singers, passed away suddenly on May 6, 2021 at his home in Dolton, Illinois according to Adam Ayers, a member of Mavis Staples' 525 Worldwide Music management team. He was 85 years old. Beginning in 1956 with "Uncloudy Day" on Chicago's Vee Jay Record label and stretching into the early 1980s, the Staple Singers were one of the most influential acts in gospel, soul, and social protest music. Their signature songs such as "Uncloudy Day," "Why Am I Treated So Bad," "Respect Yourself" and "I'll Take You There" are hailed as soul music masterpieces. Pervis Staples was born November 18, 1935 in Drew, Mississippi. His family moved to Chicago for economic opportunities, and he was raised on the city's Southside where his guitar-playing father, Roebuck "Pop" Staples, started teaching his children gospel songs to entertain them and occupy their time. Eventually, word spread throughout the Chicago church community about the singing family, and they cut their first recordings for a local label, United Records. However, it's when they started recording for Vee Jay Records that they gained a national following with roasty songs such as "So Soon," "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again," "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," and "Uncloudy Day" - which has been reported to have sold a million copies. The early Staples sound was constructed around Pop Staples' lite tenor and his understated, blues-influenced guitar playing. Surrounding it, was his teenaged daughter,

Mavis' raspy contralto; his daughter, Cleotha's soprano; and son Pervis' warm tenor. "Pervis' childhood was filled with wonderful experiences," Mavis Staples remembers. "He liked to think of this period of his life as setting the stage for all that he wanted to do in life. Some of Pervis' best friends as a youngster included Sam Cooke, Lou Rawls, and Jerry Butler. Pervis and the guys would stand under the lamp posts in the summertime singing doo-wop songs." Mavis' unusually low voice on most of the songs led many to assume that was Pervis singing. "We'd trick 'em," Pervis told journalist Greg Kot in his Mavis Staples biography, "I'll Take You There (Scribner). "The audience would be looking for me to come up with the low part - this was for the people who heard the record but had never seen us before, I'd come up to the mike and switch over at the last second where Cleotha was, then Mavis would step up. That messed them up, but it woke up the crowd." After graduating from the Dunbar Vocational Career Academy, Pervis served in the U.S. Army where he served with the Field Evaluation Agency and was a member of the U.S. Army Choral Group. While he was away from the group, his sister, Yvonne, stepped in to sing. After he was honorably discharged, he returned to the group. Pop Staples had routinely turned down offers for the group to record R&B music as he felt it was a conflict with his faith. Pervis witnessed friends such as Lou Rawls and Sam Cooke crossover and he kept nudging his father to expand the group's repertoire. The compromise was message music after they signed with Riverside Records in 1961. The



PERVIS STAPLES

family became fast friends with folk artists like Bob Dylan on the festival circuit. Pervis and Dylan were close. In Kot's book, Pervis recalled Dylan showing him the song, "A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall" at the President Hotel in 1962. He lobbied Pop Staples to let the family record it. He did and it was done as a duet between Mavis and Pervis for the 1966 LP, This Little Light of Mine (Epic Records). Although Mavis opened the song, Pervis led the bulk of it in a smooth, mellow, and commanding voice that was reminiscent of his father's but uniquely his own. Another stand-out solo for Pervis was his lead on The Staple Singers' remake of Hank Williams' 1952 cut, "Be Careful of the Stones You Throw," on their 1965 LP, Amen (Epic Records). Underneath a gentle southern-blues melody, Pervis recites the song in a pleasing tone as his sisters provide urgently earnest background vocals for

the morality tale about a young girl who is killed saving the child of a woman who had gossiped about her. Pervis' last album with The Staple Singers was their first for Stax Records, Soul Folks in Action (Stax Records), in 1968. The album featured new songs such as "The Ghetto" and their interpretations of tunes like Otis Redding's "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay" and The Band's "The Weight." In Kot's book, Steve Cropper, an iconic session musician at Stax Records, credited Pervis with helping him with production on the album. "If I had an idea, he would work with the girls and stretch the idea," he said. "He would become the band leader, work with them over and over. Every idea wouldn't work right away, so he'd work on it until they got it right." Pervis is also featured on duets with Carla Thomas on "I'm Trying" and "It's Unbelievable How You Control



MAVIS AND PERVIS STAPLES

My Soul" for the LP, Boy Meets Girl (Stax Records), in 1969. He also appeared on the all-star, "Soul-A-luja," track that featured Stax artists such as Johnnie Taylor, William Bell, and Mavis Staples. It's during this period that Pervis left the group to begin managing another Chicago act, The Hutchinson Sunbeams, who later became known as The Emotions. He was involved with several business ventures, including Pervis's House, a successful nightclub that was one of the most popular nightlife spots on the south side in the 1970s. The Staple Singers were awarded the Rhythm & Blues Foundation's Pioneer Award in 1992. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1998 and earned a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. They were also inducted into the Nashville-based Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2018. "Pervis was one of a kind-

comical and downright fly," Mavis Staples recalls. "He would want to be remembered as an upright man, always willing to help and encourage others. He was one of the good guys and will live on as a true Chicago legend." Staples was preceded in death by his parents, Roebuck and Ocela; three sisters, Cynthia, Cleotha, and Yvonne. He is survived by his sister, Mavis Staples. He also leaves six children: Gwen Staples, Reverly Staples, Perleta (George) Sanders, Pervis Roe Staples, Paris Staples, Eala Yvonne (Michael) Sams; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Pervis Staples' funeral services will be held Monday, May 17, 2021 in the King's Chapel at Leak & Son's Funeral Homes, 7838 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, IL 60619 - (773) 846-6567. The wake is 10 AM and the funeral is 11 AM.

## PGA Tour announces partnership with NNPA on National Golf Day



The PGA Tour currently has a 10-year and \$100 million commitment to support racial equity and inclusion.

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR  
NATIONAL  
CORRESPONDENT

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion was a prime focus during the 2021 National Golf Day event held virtually on Monday, May 10.

We Are Golf, a coalition of the game's leading associations and industry partners, usually hosts the event in Washington, D.C., with industry leaders, members of Congress, the Executive branch, and federal agencies.

Because of the pandemic, this year's event occurred virtually.

The biggest announcement came during the first hour when Neera Shetty, the Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at the PGA Tour, announced that the organization is entering a relationship with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the trade association that represents the Black Press of America.

"The Tour has entered into a relationship with the NNPA, which has an outreach to over 230 publications that reach Black and African American audiences, and we are planning to leverage that," Shetty proclaimed.

"I think that what we're seeing now, which is different, is just that everybody is coming together and really putting some passion and thought into how we can work collaboratively to try to overcome some of the past issues and really move forward in this area."

While National Golf Day celebrates the sport's more than \$84.1 billion annual charitable impact and its environmental and fitness benefits, the event kicked off with a panel discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

"We are not that far removed from when there was a Caucasian-only clause in the PGA bylaws," Shetty stated, who participated on a panel that included Sandy Cross, the Chief People Officer at the PGA of America, and Laura Diaz, the Director of Foundation Operations with the LPGA. Shetty noted the Caucasian-only clause existed between 1939 and 1961, and it affected generations of businesses.

"Trying to overcome some of that historical exclusion is what we have to be very intentional about," Shetty continued.

"We need to make sure that we are not only letting people know from all different back-

grounds that they are not only invited, but they are welcome and that we are going to provide that equitable means so that they can participate in golf."

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion mean race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability, socioeconomic status, and religion, Diaz interjected.

"Equity is fair treatment, access, and opportunity for advancement and recognizing there are barriers but working to overcome them," she explained.

"Inclusion is about creating that environment because you want to make sure that individuals and groups not only feel welcome and supported, but that they belong."

Cross offered that it is critical golf embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion.

"We have to understand that what and the why before we collectively, as an industry, can move to the how," Cross said.

"How do we operationalize diversity and inclusion?"

The PGA Tour has worked diligently over the years to diversify the sport on all levels.

The PGA Tour currently has a 10-year and \$100 million commitment to support racial equity and inclusion.

It has highlighted through video and social media individuals like Cameron Champ, one of just a handful of Black pro golfers.

In December, the PGA Tour made a \$500,000 donation to five Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including \$100,000 to Prairie View A&M's men's and women's golf teams.

The PGA Tour made the Prairie View A&M donation in the name of Champ's grandfather, Mack, who wanted to attend Prairie View A&M but went into the military instead.

The PGA Tour also made \$100,000 donations to Delaware State's women's golf team, Tennessee State's men's and women's teams, Wilberforce University's men's and women's teams, and the Bowie State Golf Classic, an annual fundraiser for the school's athletic department.

Augusta National also announced two Lee Elder scholarships for the men's and women's teams at Paine College, an HBCU in Augusta, Georgia.

"We know we have a lot of work that we are planning to do and will do to make sure that we address [diversity, equity, and inclusion] as an industry," Shetty remarked.

### LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 21 JT 30**

**IN THE MATTER OF: L.M.L. (DOB: 02-19-2021)**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE, CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned 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 thirty (30) days following JUNE 7, 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 ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 20, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in courtroom 100 of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 13th day May, 2021.

LeeAnne Quattrucci  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Tel. #: (910) 795-0230  
Fax #: (910) 401-1485

May 13, 20, 27, 2021

### Classifieds

continued on

Page 11

### LEGAL NOTICES

**Request for Qualifications (RFQ) SOLICITATION NO: RFQ 0001.21**

**HOUSING AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES INC. (HEO)**

**DEVELOPMENT PARTNER**  
Proposals will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below.

•Project Information will be available for pickup on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at the Central Office, located at 1524 S. 16th Street for a non-refundable charge of \$15.00 for project manual. Pick up, or Download Project Manual from our website at www.wha.net, click on Business Opportunities then RFQ- at no charge.

•Submission Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.  
•Questions regarding the interpretation of this RFQ, should be emailed to cburns@wha.net by Friday, May 21, 2021 by 3:00 p.m.

•An optional Pre-Response Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

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

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities and or award to multiple vendors.

May 13, 20, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 20 JT 63**

**IN THE MATTER OF: B.R.T. (DOB: 11/06/2019)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS: JESSYCA THOMPSON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO JESSYCA THOMPSON**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned 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 May 13, 2021, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Brian Moore, was previously appointed to represent Jessyca Thompson, and he can be reached at 705 North 4th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 362-1100.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR June 14, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401. This hearing will be held virtually, by WEB-EX.**

This the 13th day of May, 2021.

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

May 13, 20, 27, 2021

## White House COVID-19 Response Team and the Black Press

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR  
NATIONAL  
CORRESPONDENT

Misinformation and disinformation are the primary drivers for vaccine hesitancy in African American and Latino neighborhoods.

Still, individuals should cautiously seek trusted voices in their respective communities who only present life-saving facts.

That is the message from two of the nation's leading physicians, who are members of the White House COVID-19 Response Team.

In a special live interview with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith and Dr. Cameron Webb extolled the importance of everyone getting fully vaccinated.

They told NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr, NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards, and other members of the Black Press, that the Biden-Harris administration is not only meeting – but exceeding – expectations of making vaccines available to all communities.

"We see misinformation all of the time and folks ask questions that are rooted in disinformation," declared Dr. Webb, the senior policy advisor for COVID-19 equity and a physician and professor at the University of Virginia.

"As it gets spread from person to person, from family to family, and friend to friend, it's so important for the Black Press to tell the story of what is happening on the ground. Grandmothers can spend time with their grandchildren

again. These vaccines are a key path to get back to normal life. Science bears out that these vaccines are safe. The real risk is COVID-19, the virus, not the vaccine."

President Biden recently announced a goal of vaccinating at least 70 percent of the adult U.S. population by July 4.

With more than 105 million fully vaccinated to date, the goal is viewed by many as well within reach.

"Ultimately, we're trying to get everyone vaccinated who are medically able to," stated Dr. Nunez-Smith, the director of the White House's COVID-19 Equity Task Force and associate professor of internal medicine, public health, and management at Yale University.

"What I stress is that this has to be a community-level goal, too," she said. "It's about getting everyone in our social network, our community, vaccinated."

Dr. Webb pointed to each of the three vaccines – Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. He said each has proven safe.

"They work a little different, but each teaches your body how to recognize the threat of COVID-19," Dr. Webb noted.

"[The vaccines] are not giving you the virus. It's teaching your body how to recognize the bad guy – the virus. We have great data, and before they ever made it to market, over 75,000 people went through clinical trials and over 10 percent were Black, and in one trial, over 20 percent were Latino. We have 105 million people vaccinated, and the data we have tells us that it is safe."

Part of the vaccine hesitancy lies in the belief that vaccinations had become politicized,

and many did not have confidence in the review process, Nunez-Smith remarked.

"Those processes are transparent, and we should have high confidence," she demanded. "There is diverse representation in the trials and the scientists who were a part of the review process."

Dr. Nunez-Smith also referred to the "rigorous" systems behind the surveillance of the vaccines.

"When we talk about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, one of the takeaways is that it strengthened my confidence in how the surveillance works," she said.

"Almost 8 million doses were administered, but they found those six cases of blood clots, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention paused it to review the data and to figure out how to treat the blood clots and to let the people know what symptoms might present. No steps were skipped."

As for the number of minorities receiving the vaccine, the task force members said the numbers are grossly misreported.

"We do have an idea how many Black people have received the vaccine," Dr. Webb responded.

"The reporting shows that a little less than 9 percent where we know their ethnicity are Black, 12 percent are Hispanic. However, there is a lot of missing data. For about 40 percent of the shots in the arms, we don't know the ethnicity or race because it hasn't always been required data. We have been working closely with states on that."

Dr. Webb concluded: "We also can look by zip codes and the concentration of



"Ultimately, we're trying to get everyone vaccinated who are medically able to," stated Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, the director of the White House's COVID-19 Equity Task Force and associate professor of internal medicine, public health, and management at Yale University.

communities of color: We know we still have work to do and ground to make up, but in terms of precise numbers, we still have missing data."

NNPA's chairwoman of the board, Karen Carter Richards, stated that she's looking forward to working with the White House to continue providing accurate information about the vaccines to communities of color.

"The Black Press is the trusted voice of the Black community," the chair declared. "In fact, in many communities we are the mainstream press, and we

will give our readers, our subscribers, what they've come to expect from the Black Press: honest and valuable information."

Dr. Chavis emphasized, "The NNPA wants to continue to work with Dr. Nunez-Smith, Dr. Webb, and The White House COVID-19 Response Team to ensure that Black America receives updated and vital information about this devastating pandemic. As the trusted voice of the Black community, the Black Press stands ready to assist."

**IT PAYS  
TO Advertise  
in THE  
WILMINGTON  
JOURNAL  
CALL  
910-762-5502  
TODAY**

# HERE ARE OUR CARDS ...

Whatever you're looking for, consider these local businesses

## FIRST

**St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church**  
 114 W. Virgil St., Whiteville, NC 28472  
*"Pressing toward the mark of a higher calling."*




Reverend Dr. Mary C. Nixon, Pastor  
 3n1bailbondingco@bellsouth.net  
 Motto: Philippians 4:13

Cell: (910) 540-4406  
 Church: (910) 642-7327  
 Hm: (910) 675-1250

**EAGLE ISLAND FRUIT & SEAFOOD**



**"Biggest Little Store You Ever Saw"**  
 LIVE BAIT & TACKLE

Highway 421 North  
 Wilmington, NC 28401

**762-1193**

**Peter Grear, Attorney at Law**  
 272 N. Front Street, Suite 300  
 Post Office Box 2279  
 Wilmington North Carolina 28402-2279

Email: pgrear@grearlaw.com  
 Phone: (910) 763-4671  
 Facsimile: (910) 763-0925  
 Toll Free (800) 222-8009



Areas of Practice:  
 New Hanover, Pender,  
 Brunswick, Columbus, &  
 Duplin Counties

**Appointments only:**  
**For cost and details: [www.grearlaw.com](http://www.grearlaw.com)**

- CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY
- AUTO ACCIDENTS
- WORKERS COMPENSATION
- SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY
- TRAFFIC TICKETS
- WILLS & ESTATES
- POWERS OF ATTORNEY
- DEED PREPARATION
- BUSINESS FORMATIONS
- CREDIT REPAIR (Nationwide)
- ELDER LAW

**P & B COLLISION REPAIR**

**Phil Corbett**  
 Owner



8584 Slocum Trail Phone (910) 470-1138  
 Atkinson, NC 28421 Fax (910) 283-5215

**3-N-1 BAIL BONDING Co.**



Home 910-675-1250  
 Cell 910-540-4406  
 Office 910-675-3840

P.O. Box 12831  
 Wilmington, NC 28405  
 NC LICENSE #2473  
 NATION WIDE SERVICE

Owner/Operator  
 Mary C. Nixon  
 Bail Bonding Agent

**THE BENEFIT CONNECTION**  
*We can help you!*

We specialize in:  
 Health, life, disability, dental,  
 group and individuals  
 Roth IRAs, 401-k's, 403-b's, annuities  
 Long term care and Medicare supplements  
*Regardless of your health or age*  
**CALL US TODAY.**

We can help you save money!  
 Personal and professional  
 service for over 30 years.



The Benefit Connection  
 321 North Front Street  
 Wilmington, NC 28401  
 910.763.3777 Phone  
 910.297.6997 Cell

Owen E. Metts, Sr., Licensed Agent

*When experience matters, Call us today!*

Monday - Friday 9 am-5 pm \* 910.763.3777

*We represent several insurance companies*

**(Coach) Columbus Pridgen Bail Bonding**




Make That One Phone Call Count  
 Mobile Phone: 910-616-2519  
 Mobile Phone: 910-512-1372

Columbus Pridgen  
 Owner/Operator

**"For The right Approach Call Coach"**

**NOW OPEN!!**

**SOUTH KERR AUTO SERVICE**



- On site mobile repair
- All minor and major repairs
- Foreign and Domestic
- New and used tires
- Valet service

OIL CHANGE \$34.95  
 BRAKES \$40.00 + PARTS

SAM NEWKIRK

223B S. Kerr Ave.  
 Wilmington, NC 28403  
 910-233-7977

*"Trust me for all your life insurance needs... permanent, term, universal & retirement."*



CALL ME

**Henry B. Brown**  
 Agent



2816-A South College Rd.  
 Wilmington, NC 28412  
 Bus.: 910-395-2300  
 Home: 910-794-9359



State Farm Insurance Companies  
 Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois

Use This Space  
 For Your  
 Business Card  
 It Pays To Advertise

In  
**THE**  
**WILMINGTON**  
**JOURNAL**

For Information  
 Please Call Us At  
 910-762-5502

**LegalShield**  
*Total access. Total freedom.*



John Wilder  
 Independent Associate  
 Executive Director  
 Small Business & Group  
 910-297-0925 or 888-286-0168  
 Opportunity Info 206-209-2022  
[www.jwilder1.com](http://www.jwilder1.com)

**Identify Theft: America's Fastest Growing Crime!**  
*Think you're not at risk? Unfortunately you are.*

Do you...  
 hand your credit card to servers at restaurants?  
 sign your credit cards?  
 supply personal information over the internet?  
 keep your Social Security number in your wallet or purse?  
 leave mail at your home or business for the postal carrier to collect?  
 throw away mail with personal information without shredding it?

Have you.....  
 thought about writing or revising your will?  
 been audited by the IRS?  
 purchased a home?  
 been a defendant in a civil lawsuit?  
 signed a contract of any kind?  
 paid a bill you thought was unfair?  
 received an inaccurate credit report?  
 received a moving traffic violation you thought was unjustified?  
 had any type of legal question?

**LEGAL EMPOWERMENT FOR YOUR LIFE**  
 Your Family • Your Will • Your Money • Your Retirement • Your Car

Support the Black Press

**READ**

**THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL**

**OWEN METTS REALTY**  
*We can help!*



OWEN METTS REALTY

We specialize in the following services:

- Buying, selling, or investments real estate
- Real estate consulting services
- Loan modifications, foreclosure counseling
- Credit and budget counseling
- HUD Register Agent
- Estate Planning

**NEW LISTINGS NEEDED**  
**DO YOU WANT TO SELL OR RENT YOUR PROPERTY?**  
**WE MAY HAVE A BUYER OR RENTER WAITING FOR YOUR PROPERTY**  
**DO YOU WANT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY?**

Please call us first  
**TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**  
 321 North Front Street • Phone: 910-763-3777  
 Cell: 910-297-6997  
 Email: ometts@yahoo.com  
[www.owenmettsrealty.com](http://www.owenmettsrealty.com)  
**OWEN E. METTS, SR.,**  
 Licensed Realtor/Broker, Certified Housing Counselor

