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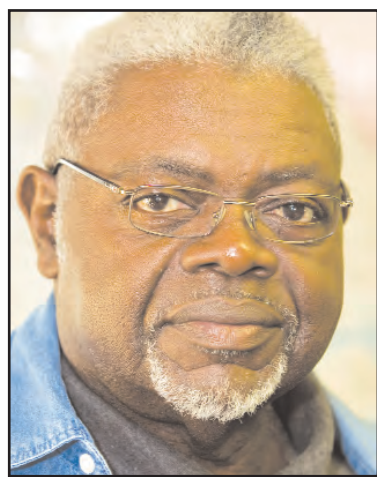
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This week, I will talk about one of Brunswick County's own! She was born and raised in this County and attended Brunswick County Training School in Southport. She then left to further her education in Durham, where she received a bachelor's degree in nutrition. She then traveled to Washington D. C., where she worked as a nutritional executive with the city government for 40 years. She then retired

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FREDERICK RODRIQUEZ COX, JR.

Mother of police shooting victim denounces grand jury decision

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The mother of another fatal police shooting victim in North Carolina blasted a grand jury's June 1 decision not to indict the off-duty plain clothes Davidson County sheriff's detective responsible.

"I was shocked...devastated and let down...." Tenicka Shannon, of High Point said as she vowed that justice will be done in the death of her son, Frederick Rodriguez Cox, Jr., 18, last November at a High Point church.

"My son was murdered in a church by a detective!" Cox was one of many mourners attending the funeral of a teenage murder victim at Living Water Baptist Church on November 8, 2020. After the service ended and the congregation was leaving, a car drove by the church firing shots. Ms. Shannon says her son was heroically opening the door of the church to allow people back in for safety when the detective opened fire, fatally hitting him four times, twice in the back, according to a subsequent autopsy report.

"He was shot in the back of the neck, which was the fatal shot," Ms. Shannon confirmed.

It took seven months for the Guilford County District Attorney's Office to present its evidence to a grand jury on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, after a questionable probe by the State Bureau of Investigation.

According to a release by the Guilford County District Attorney's Office, a majority of the 18-member grand jury, citing insufficient evidence to support criminal charges, determined that there was no probable cause to sustain a charge (or true bill) of either voluntary manslaughter or felony assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Last January, the SBI released a preliminary report alleging that "The deputy observed Cox with a handgun at the time (the deputy) discharged his weapon, and other witnesses observed a handgun near Cox after he was shot."

However, in its release last week, the Guilford County District Attorney's Office said, "There was no evidence presented that Cox, Jr. was in a gang or that he discharged a weapon," meaning, as far as many of the witnesses and Cox's mother are concerned, there was no reason for the plain clothes deputy to fire his weapon at the young man.

"It is a true murderer that's walking the streets that holds a badge and does not know [when] to fire his service weapon," Ms. Shannon said. "It's sad and it's scary." Thus, Ms. Shannon assured that a wrongful death suit is forthcoming, and she will be represented by civil rights attorney, Benjamin Crump, the so-called "attorney general for Black America," because of his advocacy for the families of Black police victims, and Attorney Antonio Romanucci.

"This shameful lack of accountability is something we see all too often when young Black men are unjustifiably gunned down by officers," Crump and Romanucci said in a statement. "Fred Cox was attempting to help his community, already in the midst of grieving the loss of a loved one, when he was wrongly profiled by police and killed because of it. Law enforcement cannot continue to fire their weapons at Black people blindly and without consequence."

The NC NAACP is supporting Ms Shannon, as is The Reverend Gregory Drumwright of the activist group, Justice 4 the Next Generation.

"The fact that Fred Cox, Jr. died trying to protect others is indicative of the kind of young man that he was," Tenicka Shannon says. Her son was mannerly, and "very protective of women," she says. "I raised this young man by myself. My husband taught my son to open the door for women."

Meanwhile, in the Anthony Brown, Jr. police shooting case, in Elizabeth City, representatives of the NC NAACP went to Washington, D. C. last week and met with Asst. U. S. Attorney General Amy Solomon and the Civil Rights Division, delivering a letter requesting a "pattern and practice" investigation of law enforcement in the Pasquotank County region.

The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, president of the NC NAACP, said that he and his group were "well received."

REPORT: Police killed Blacks twice as many times as Whites in North Carolina

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

According to a new Harvard University project, African-Americans were twice as likely to be killed by police as Whites in North Carolina between 2013 and 2021.

Furthermore, the project, Mapping Police Violence (https://mappingpoliceviolence.org) a product of the Law Enforcement Demographic Survey and the Washington Post's police shooting database, revealed that in North Carolina, from 2013 until now, there have been 249 deaths involving law enforcement officers, and rarely has any-

one been held legally accountable, with officer prosecutions "extremely rare."

To be clear, there is no official national database of police related deaths but rather crowd sources and media compilations.

By the numbers, 35% of those deaths were African-Americans, while only 22% of North Carolina's population is Black.

Only four officers were actually charged over that time period (three of the charges involved White victims, only one was Black), and 20% of the 94 reporting police departments and sheriff's offices had staff of sworn officers who were all White.

In deaths involving firearms, interestingly, the

majority of Black victims were not trying to flee, according to the Washington Post.

The low rate of police prosecutions in North Carolina mirrors what is happening in the rest of the country, according to data compiled by researchers. Only 35 police officers were convicted of unjustified shootings nationally between 2005 and 2019.

When the racial makeup of the police or sheriff's department does not mirror the community which it is responsible for policing, studies show that use of force incidents go up, and this is especially true in North Carolina when White officers interact with Black citizens from agencies that are virtually all White.

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HISTORIC JUSTICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT: Kristen Clarke confirmed as first Black woman to lead Civil Rights Division

Appointment Signals Hope for Black America

A NEWS ANALYSIS
BY CHARLENE CROWELL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In recent years, many people of different races and ethnicities have fought against rollbacks to hard-won racial progress. From health disparities exposed in the COVID-19 pandemic, to voting rights, criminal justice, fair housing, and more, much of Black America has suffered in ways that harkened back to Jim Crow and its separate, but never equal status.

But since a new Administration began this January, there have been a series of hopeful signs that regressive and harmful practices will be challenged in the name of justice. On May 25, the U.S. Senate confirmed Kristen Clarke as the Justice Department's Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. Never before has a Black woman led this division that guides the federal government's commitment to civil rights for all.

Nominated by President Joe Biden on January 7, his remarks noted both its significance and opportunity.

"The Civil Rights Division represents the moral center of the Department of Justice. And the heart of that fundamental American ideal that we're all created equal and all deserve to be treated equally," said President Biden. "I'm honored you accepted the call to return to make real the promise for all Americans."

Soon thereafter a tsunami of support for Clarke's confirmation exposed national and diverse support for her service. The list of supporters included labor unions, environmental activists, law enforcement officials, along with legal colleagues and civil rights leaders.

Perhaps one of the earliest and most poignant expressions came from the son of the nation's first Black Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall. Penned on behalf of his family, the February 9 letter to U.S. Senate leadership drew a key historic connection.

"Ms. Clarke is a pathbreaking lawyer, like my father, who built her career advancing civil rights and equal justice under the law, and breaking barriers through her leadership for people of color while making our nation better for everyone," wrote Mr. Marshall.

His letter also shared an eye-

opening example of Ms. Clarke's groundbreaking work in civil rights. "Ms. Clarke has successfully utilized the law as a vehicle for advancing equality, as my father did. For example, she successfully represented Taylor Dumpson, who was targeted for a hate crime after her election as American University's first female Black student body president."

Similarly, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, the NAACP, advised Senate leadership before its scheduled confirmation hearing of its support for Ms. Clarke as well.

On April 12, Derrick Johnson, its President and CEO wrote, "The NAACP believes that Ms. Clarke is exceptionally suited to oversee the Civil Rights Division at a time when people of color have suffered devastating harm at the hands of law enforcement. She is the leader we need to ensure local police agencies are complying with civil rights laws and advancing public safety by maintaining positive relationships with the communities they serve. Ms. Clarke has prosecuted police misconduct cases and has worked to make the criminal justice system fairer for people of color."

"As President of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Ms. Clarke has been an important partner working to curb predatory lending and in the fight for fair housing, including campaigns to stop the debt trap of payday lending and efforts to protect important fair housing/lending rules, noted Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending. "Ms. Clarke's experience as a Justice Department lawyer and as executive director of a leading civil rights organization not only qualifies her, but makes her the best candidate for this urgently needed position."

The vote was taken mid afternoon on Tuesday was 51-48 along party lines. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine was the only Republican to vote for her confirmation. Black women-led and civil rights organizations, including People for the American Way, had fought vehemently for her confirmation alongside the April 21 confirmation of Vanita Gupta as associate attorney general. Gupta is Indian-American.

"These women are ready to make change happen-the change we voted for," wrote People for the American Way

President Ben Jealous, in a column. "They represent the kind of inclusive multiracial and multiethnic society we are building together-and the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to building one of the most diverse governing teams in our nation's history."The vote by the Senate comes during an escalation of hate crimes, visible police killings of Black people and voting rights attacks by state legislatures across the nation.

"Kristen is very experienced in dealing with these issues and how to overcome them," said Dr. Mary Frances Berry, professor of American social thought, history and Africana studies at the University of Pennsylvania. "With the legislation being passed in the states to implement more voter suppression, she will be on the cutting edge of finding ways to try and keep it from happening."

Ms. Clarke's legal career takes on even more significance when one considers that this daughter of Jamaican immigrants grew up in Brooklyn New York's public housing. Although financial resources were limited; the family's teachings of discipline and hard work were not. From public schools, her collegiate studies took her to the prestigious Ivy League.

In 1997, she received her Bachelor's degree from Harvard University. Three years later in 2000, Clarke completed her Juris Doctor at Columbia University.

Her first job as a new attorney was as a federal prosecutor with the Department of Justice, working on voting rights, hate crimes, and human trafficking cases. In 2006, she joined the NAACP Legal Defense Fund until then New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman appointed her as director of the state's Civil Rights Bureau. In this state role, Clarke led enforcement actions spanning criminal justice, voting rights, fair lending, housing discrimination, disability rights, reproductive access and LGBTQ rights.

As recognition of her legal acumen grew, so did the number of honors she received: the 2010 Paul Robeson Distinguished Alumni Award from Columbia Law School; 2011 National Bar Association's Top 40 Under 40; the 2012 Best Brief Award for the 2012 Supreme Court term from the National Association of Attorneys General; and the New York Law Journal's 2015 Rising Stars.

Months later, the August



ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KRISTEN CLARKE

2016 edition of the American Bar Association (ABA) Journal featured a Q&A interview with Ms. Clarke. In part, she reflected on her childhood and how it influenced her career aspirations.

"I've experienced what it's like to be underprivileged, and I've experienced very privileged settings as well. I feel a deep sense of responsibility to use the opportunities that I have been given to help those less fortunate. We live in a nation that's divided along lines of race and class. I have a personal sense of what life is like on both sides of that divide, and I want to figure out how we close some of those gaps and level the playing field."

At the April 14 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on her nomination, Clarke recalled her legal career journey and the principles that guided her work.

"I began my legal career traveling across the country to communities like Tensas Parish, Louisiana and Clarksdale, Mississippi," testified Clarke. "I learned to be a lawyer's lawyer - to focus on the rule of law and let the facts lead where they may."

"When I left DOJ," she continued, "I carried the words of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall as my guide: 'Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on.' I've tried to do just that at every step of my career."

Ms. Clarke will now return to the Department of Justice at a time when the agency is

recommitting its focus on serving the entire nation equitably. Since early this year, a series of actions reflect the agency's renewed commitment to civil rights. Here are a few examples:

This February and following an FBI investigation, a Michigan man was indicted on a charge of hate crimes after confronting Black teenagers with racial slurs and weapons for their use of a public beach.

In March, two former Louisiana correctional officers were sentenced for their roles in a cover-up of a 2014 prisoner's death at the state's St. Bernard Parish that followed a failure to provide medical treatment while incarcerated.

In April DOJ and the City of West Monroe, Louisiana reached a consent agreement following a lawsuit alleging violation of the Voting Rights Act. Although nearly a third of the city was Black, the at-large election of city aldermen resulted in all white local officials. With the consent decree, the method of aldermen selection will change to a combination of single district representatives and others elected at-large.

On May 7, DOJ issued a three-count indictment of four Minneapolis police officers on federal civil rights charges in the death of George Floyd. Additionally, convicted former officer Derek Chauvin faces an additional two-count indictment for his actions in 2017 against a 14-year old teenager. The indictment charges Chauvin with keeping his knee on the youth's neck and upper back, as well as using a flashlight as a weapon.

Additionally, DOJ is currently investigating police practices in both Louisville, and in Minneapolis. Readers may recall that Breonna Taylor was killed in her Louisville home during a late-night, no-knock warrant police entry.

"Our nation is a healthier place when we respect the rights of all communities," advised Ms. Clarke in her confirmation hearing remarks. "In every role I've held, I have worked with and for people of all backgrounds...I've listened deeply to all sides of debates, regardless of political affiliation. There is no substitute to listening and learning in this work, and I pledge to you that I will bring that to the role."

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and moved back to where her heart has always been. This lady, known to most people here in Brunswick County as Ms. Doris Tucker, came home and began to really work. She opened a produce market with plants and flowers to sell. She still lives her life trying to help all people with advice on proper goods that the body should consume to keep the mind and body healthy and working properly. This is what giving back to the community means. It means to be able to share that which will improve the people around one and make a difference.

The name of her establishment is T-Heirs. This market carries all types of vegetables and herbs. It is located at 816 Tucker Rd, Supply, N.C. 28462. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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FEDERAL APPEALS COURT RULES STATE A.G., NOT GOP, SHOULD DEFEND VOTER ID LAW

[RICHMOND, VA.] The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals this week ruled that N.C. State Attorney

General Josh Stein, not attorneys hired by Republican legislative leaders in the NC General Assembly, will defend North Carolina's voter ID law in court. GOP leaders felt strongly that Stein, a Democrat, would not fight vigorously to defend the 2018 law, but a majority of the 15-member federal appellate court disagreed. NC NAACP President Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman hailed the decision, issuing

a statement saying in part, "We look forward to bringing our full case to trial in 2022 as we continue to challenge all racially discriminatory impediments to the right to vote in our state amid the rapidly unfolding national fight for our democracy."

LT. GOV. ROBINSON SAYS WOMEN WHO ARE RAPED MUST RAISE THE CHILD
[GREENVILLE] Black

Republican N.C. Lt. Governor Mark Robinson made headlines again last weekend at the N.C. Republican Party Convention in Greenville when he made it clear during a speech that he believed a woman who is raped is obligated to raise the child, saying that once a woman becomes pregnant, "...it's not her body anymore." Robinson added that his opposition to a woman's legal right to choose is an

issue he will not budge on.

GOP HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS SAY TAX CUTS WILL BE BUDGET DEAL

[RALEIGH] Though a deal has not been reached yet, N.C. House and Senate Republicans say the budget they're working to hash out will have more tax cuts, and only have 3.45% in spending over their previous proposed spending plan. Reports say expect a deal of

no more than \$25.7 billion annually for the next two years, beginning in July. That is less than the proposed \$27.3 billion offered by Gov. Roy Cooper. Cooper's proposal includes expansion of Medicaid, while the Republican legislative leaders' plan doesn't.

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CELEBRATING FATHER

Mr. Jesse A. Bryant

BY ROSIE L. BRYANT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I'm sure it must have been a happy occasion when he was born. If I can stretch my imagination back to 1922, his mother Ella Jane probably looked at him and smiled and then looked at her husband Rev. Samuel James and said, "You know Sam, this is the ninth one and we've had four with Bible names. Let's name this one Jesse Abel. We'll give him two Bible names because he looks strong and firm."

My father finished the seventh grade and never went to high school because there was no high school for black children during that era. Despite not having a full education, he learned to read at a very young age. Daddy often spoke of being in the fourth grade and was the only student in his class that could recite poetry. He had a powerful memory that stayed with him just a few months prior to his death. If he heard something once, he probably didn't forget it; that included quotes from various books, the Bible and speeches by politicians, preachers and words of wisdom from his

parents.

I believe that daddy probably stood out from the rest of his siblings because he said what he meant and meant what he said. There was also a bit of a protestor in him. Well before the Civil Rights Movement when he was in his teens, he told the story of going to work on a white family farm. During those days, field hands were fed at the farmer's house with a meal prepared by his wife. When dinner time came, everyone was called into the kitchen to sit at the table and eat. He said his plate was handed to him through the back door where he was to eat on the back porch. Determined not to be treated second class, he said he dumped the food out and walked home and ate dinner at his mother's table. A protestor was born that day.

Years later he saw the struggle of his people in Brunswick County and began to use the power of his voice and the pen to get their attention. When he spoke, people listened, when he wrote letters, politicians responded and when he prayed heaven answered. I can imagine he was probably quite familiar with II

Chronicles 7:14, 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 forgive their sin and heal their land. Brunswick County needed healing and daddy was the vessel for that time and place.

My mother Eva was his greatest supporter. She barely finished the seventh grade when her father died. She stayed at home to help her mother care for her younger siblings. Despite her limited education, she was an avid reader and had unique skills using her hands. If she saw something that interested her, she could make it; rugs, curtains, dresses, comforters and even underclothes.

My father never ate a cold meal and supper was always ready when he came home from work. When he traveled, his suitcase had starched shirts in it, clean socks and other necessities for his journey. His handkerchiefs were pressed and folded neatly in the suitcase. Her legacy of being our mother can be akin to the Proverbs 31 woman. Proverbs 31:11; the heart of her husband doth safely



MR. JESSE A. BRYANT

trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

Daddy's legacy of accomplishments stretch deep and wide. The first black man to bring attention to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regarding discriminatory employment practices at the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation. He filed the first complaint in the County against restaurants that refused to serve blacks inside their establishment. He ran for County Commissioner, however, he didn't win, but

paved the way for others to run and get elected. He was the first president of the Cedar Grove Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In 1965 public schools were integrated. Three of his four children were among the first students to integrate schools in Brunswick County. I often think he probably was saying, "After all the work I've done, my children are going to be a part of this historic moment." This moment came with challenges, how-

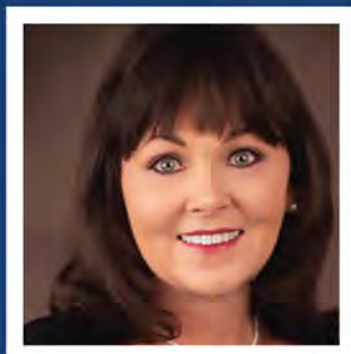
ever, he kept pressing toward what he believed in.

In his later years as he began to pass the baton to others, he was still serving as a notary public. Failing health didn't stop him from being a consultant and mentor to others. In 2008 when his front porch rocking chair was a place of comfort for him, his daughter moved in to care for him the remainder of his days. After eight years and four months, early on the morning of August 12, 2016, he embraced life's finest hour. He went to meet the KING.

He was honored with many awards for his many years of service. His highest award was the Order of the Long Leaf Pine which is among the most prestigious awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina and being listed in Who's Who in Black America. His most powerful words are written on his headstone in the cemetery where he was laid to rest. "I tried to make a difference."

I am very proud of my parents and grateful to God that he entrusted four great children to their care: James K. Bryant, Rosie L. Bryant, Ceresta V. Bryant and Mildred B. Royster.

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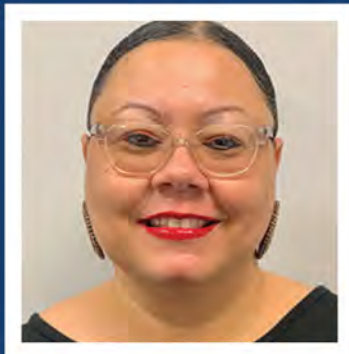
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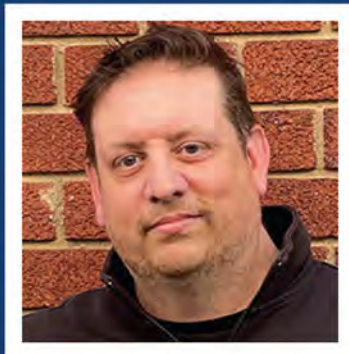
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Celebrate Pride Month by passing the Equality Act

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“Rather than divide and discriminate, let us come together and create one nation. We are all one people. We all live in the American house. We are all the American family. Let us recognize that the gay people living in our house share the same hopes, troubles, and dreams. It’s time we treated them as equals, as family.” – Rep. John Lewis

This week marks the beginning of Pride Month, which commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, a turning point in the movement for LGBTQ rights.

It’s a time for those of us in the racial justice movement to affirm our solidarity and acknowledge – as the late Congressman John Lewis said – “You cannot have equality for some in America and not equality for all.”

For those of us who are African American, whose forefathers and foremothers endured the oppression of slavery, segregation, and discrimination, we are morally bound to stand on the front lines with our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. More than 40 percent of LBGTQ Americans identify as people of color. Their rights are our rights.

The movement for gay liberation is inextricably bound to the movement for racial equality, and has been led by LGBTQ people of color such as civil rights icon Bayard Rustin, “the mayor of Christopher Street” Marsha P. Johnson, writer and activist James Baldwin, and #BlackLivesMatter co-founder Alicia Garza.

Years before Stonewall, teenagers inspired by the lunch counter protests in Greensboro, North Carolina staged a sit-in at a Philadelphia restaurant called Dewey’s, in response to Dewey’s recently implemented discriminatory policy claiming it would not serve “homosexuals,” “masculine women,” “feminine men,” nor “persons wearing non-conformist clothing.”

Early activists who attended the 1963 March on Washington took heart from Rustin’s leadership. Segregationists had tried to discredit the march by exposing the Rustin’s sexual orientation. A few weeks before the march, South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond famously attacked Rustin as a “Communist, draft-dodger, and homosexual,” and had the file from his 1953 arrest on sex charges entered in the Congressional Record. But their efforts failed, and the March galvanized support for the Civil Rights Act.

More than two decades after he organized the March, Bayard Rustin declared that gay people were the new barometer for social change.

It wasn’t that racism had been eliminated by 1986. But the Civil Rights Act gave Black Americans legal recourse against discrimination. In 1986, when Rustin was testifying in support of New York State LGBTQ Americans had almost no recourse against discrimination.

Today, in half the states, they still have little recourse. In 25 states, there are no explicit statewide laws at all protecting people from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in employment, housing and public accommodations.

The Equality Act would change that. The Equality Act would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and other key areas of life.

The Equality Act has been introduced four times in consecutive sessions of Congress, and has passed the House twice, in 2019 and again this past February. The National Urban League is proud to support the bill and we join our advocacy partners in urging the Senate to pass it.

In a 1986 speech to students at the University of Pennsylvania, Rustin compared Stonewall to the Montgomery Bus Boycott. “...something began to happen,” he said. “People began to protest. They began to fight for the right to live in dignity, the right to resist arbitrary behavior on the part of authorities, the right essentially to be one’s self in every respect, and the right to be protected under law. In other words, people began to fight for their human rights.”

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

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YOUR VOICE

Black Wall Street

Pop culture has made Tulsa, Oklahoma and the violence that destroyed its Greenwood community the center of conversation in ways that it never has been before. But Greenwood wasn't the only Black Wall Street in America and mass violence wasn't the only means of wiping them

out. Urban renewal and redlining tore apart many Black neighborhoods, along with their promises of progress and economic freedom. Ottawa W. Garley who founded Greenwood was worth nearly \$5 million in today's money. And a dollar recirculated among Greenwood's businesses (banks, theaters, stores, hotel) 36 times before leaving

that 35 block Tulsa neighborhood. After centuries of social violence displacement segregation and a lack of investment the idea of a Black Wall Street, where businesses and entrepreneurship can thrive and money can continue to support it, is a near impossibility. On this centennial of the brutal Tulsa riots, let's remember other cities where Black

wealth was decimated. In building the future of Black Wealth it's important that we ground it in the history of its destruction.

David Dowdy
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New Hanover County NAACP
Former New Hanover County Soil & Water District Supervisor

MATTERS OF OPINION

Guilt

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I've always enjoyed observing the unique behaviors of children. With them, what you see is what you get. They present an unvarnished, no-excuse look at human behavior and become genuinely interesting when they are old enough to understand the difference between right and wrong. Their cleanup after doing something they know (and you know) to be wrong can be creative and amusing. Most amusing are their efforts to pretend they are blameless or that your interpretation of reality is faulty or that what you see did not really happen. This behavior may be amusing in a child, but in adults, or as characteristic of a political system, an element of society, or an organizational structure, this behavior is abhorrent and inexcusable.

We witness this inexcusable conduct in the historical revisionism of the Republican Party. From them we learn that America's "original sin" of RACISM

and brutal violence against people of color was and continues to be a figment of our imagination. Like the child, but with the animus of white-hot racism, racist revisionist would have you believe that what we've seen, experienced, and know to be true didn't happen or was misunderstood.

Any argument against this revisionism is considered "Critical Race Theory" and is considered invalid.

BUT REAL HISTORY is on our side! With the exception of humans who were kidnapped from Africa to perform "free" labor, whether openly articulated or not, Northern Europeans invaded this land with the intent to establish a racially exclusive enclave. Without a self-serving purpose for whites, people of color were expendable, as was their history, and the

elimination of both was/is pro forma.

The history of America's systemic violence toward people of color, even if only to eliminate an immediate or situational "problem," is well documented. Some of the most egregious events follow:

WOUNDED KNEE (SD) MASSACRE, December 29, 1890 – Over 300 (mostly unarmed) men, women, and children of the Lakota tribe killed by U.S. Cavalry.

CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT 1882 – Congressional immigration law denying Chinese (Asian) immigration into the U.S.

RED SUMMER OF 1919 – Across the nation, between April and November of 1919, there would be approximately 25 racially-based civil disturbances and instances of mob violence, and 97 recorded lynchings.

1919 CHICAGO RIOT, July 27 – August 3, 1919 – Violence sparked by whites in a beach incident when a Black man on a float crossed an imaginary line. Conflict followed for the next eight days with the loss of 25 Black lives and

related property damage.

ELAINE, ARKANSAS MASSACRE September 30, 1919 – Sharecroppers attempting to organize for higher wages were attacked. Over 200 Black men, women, and children were killed. Those attempting to defend themselves were tried criminally.

TULSA RACE MASSACRE 1921, May 31 – June 1, 1921 – Over 300 Blacks killed, and 35 square blocks destroyed. Black Wall Street demolished.

ROSEWOOD (FL) MASSACRE, January 1-7, 1923 – Predominately Black town attacked and destroyed by white aggressors. Eyewitnesses estimate up to 150 people, mostly Black, killed.

IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1924 (Which included The Asian Exclusion Act and National Origins Act) – Not only did this law ban immigration from the entirety of the Asian Continent, it restricted immigration from southern and eastern Europe.

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Simple Justice: The Tulsa Massacre, restitution and reparations

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

On its 100th anniversary, the 1921 massacre in Tulsa, Oklahoma has finally come to national attention. The history of the massacre is now known. The damage inflicted clear. The question is what is to be done to repair the damage?

In the early 20th century, the Greenwood neighborhood in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was a center of Black economic prosperity in the U.S. Often called the Black Wall Street, Greenwood supported around 15,000 people. It had close to 200 Black-owned businesses, 15 doctors, two dentists, law offices, restaurants, movie theaters, hotels, a hospital and schools.

Greenwood was a prosperous community on the Black side of segregated Tulsa. That made it a source of envy and of resentment. In the early hours of June 1, 1921, a "deputized" white mob – some estimates report it numbering 10,000 persons, supported by the Tulsa police and the mayor of Tulsa – swept through the community, burning, looting and murdering in a calculated act of mass terror.

The trigger for the mob violence was a rumored attack on a white woman by a Black man – a charge that was later dismissed when it turned out that the supposed assailant accidently

tripped into her. As many as 400 Black residents were killed, more than 1,200 homes burned, 10,000 people were left homeless, churches, schools and a hospital were destroyed.

There were no convictions for any of the charges related to the violence. Blacks in Tulsa were the most arrested and the most denied.

The dead were buried in mass graves never to be seen again. "Decades of Black prosperity and millions of dollars in hard-earned wealth were wiped out in hours, and nobody was ever held accountable, and no compensation was ever paid," concluded a report by Human Rights Watch. Last week, three survivors of the incident – all over 100 years old – testified before Congress about the terror and injustice. No one now doubts the damage wrought.

The question is what is to be done to rectify the harm done? In many instances, the survivors and the heirs still have title to the lands and buildings that were torched and forcibly seized from their relatives. Do the descendants have the right to take back the land? In most

cases, restitution must be considered for the land and business owners. Many have deeds to the stolen property. They deserve restitution.

The multigenerational damages are staggering. The Stratford Hotel, for example, was worth about \$125,000 at the time it was torched. In today's dollars, it would be worth over \$100 million. Restitution calls for returning to the rightful owner something that has been taken away improperly. Reparations is a broader concept, calling for compensation to make good damages that cannot simply be rectified. Many commissions have called for reparations for the victims of the Greenwood massacre, but to date nothing has been done.

Last September, descendants of the victims and Lessie Benningfield Randle, a 106-year-old survivor of the massacre, filed suit against the City of Tulsa and other official bodies. They accurately charged that Tulsa officials permitted and participated in the destruction of their families' homes and businesses, and that the City of Tulsa also worked to block any compensation from insurance companies.

They asked for a detailed accounting of the property and wealth lost or stolen, the building of a hospital in

northern Tulsa to replace the one that was burned down, establishment of a fund to recompense the victims and their descendants, and a break from city and county taxes for survivors or descendants of those who were killed or injured.

Reparations are, of course, controversial, but correct. Basic justice requires some remedy for wrongs committed. And no community can come together without wrestling directly and honestly with the horrors committed and the damage caused. The Tulsa massacre is not the only incident of racial terrorism in this country. Tulsa is a metaphor for all the other race massacres that have occurred in the U.S. In the end, the following must happen: Lynching must be a federal crime. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky blocked it.

A Marshall Plan is needed to secure and restructure institutions for fairness and justice. The most significant piece of the Marshall Plan is 50-year development loans at 2 percent, government secured with quarterly returns. How the citizens, the city and state and the courts handle this question will reveal much about the state of justice in this country.

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



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These events and more, too numerous to count, color the

history of our nation. Rather than acknowledging the truths of Nikole Hannah-Jones' 1619 Project, Republicans and other revisionists vigorously advocate for a 1776 Project which

colors the nation's history in a more favorable light.

Just like Tulsa, where an obvious and deliberate effort to hide the facts of that injustice failed, events cannot be

erased from the tablets of time

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Republicans seek to hide the truth of racism and violence against Black Americans

The 100th anniversary of the destruction of Black Wall Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma placed a new focus on the systemic racist violence perpetrated on black Americans since the end of the Civil War in 1865.

As republican state legislatures throughout America attempt to hide the true history of black people in America, we must ask why?

The answer is the same now as it has always been. Republicans want to hide and cover up the injustice, violence, and murders of black Americans by racist white Americans.

This cover up has been and continues to be a conspiracy at the highest levels of government, power, and communication.

Let us examine a few of these historical crimes against humanity that certain state legislators are attempting to hide, deny, and cover up.

The Colfax, Louisiana Massacre: April 13, 1873:

"The Knights of the White Camellia, the White League, a paramilitary group intent on securing white rule in Louisiana, engaged in battle with Louisiana's almost all-black state militia. The resulting death toll was staggering. Two or three members of the White League were killed and estimates from 70 to 280 black American were killed. Many of the black Americans were killed in cold blood after they had surrendered." (Excerpt from page 144 of "Solving The Race Issue In America")

White leaders and the white press together conspired to deny, diminish, and cover up

the Colfax Massacre.

The Coup of 1898 in Wilmington, North Carolina: November 1898

A mass riot, insurrection, and Coup took place in Wilmington, North Carolina in November 1898. White supremacists, in a well-orchestrated attack on the black citizens



Dr. Herbert Harris

of Wilmington, North Carolina, conducted a violent overthrow of a duly elected government. The white supremacists forced black and white political leaders to resign and destroyed homes and businesses of black citizens. Estimates of 60 to more than 300 black citizens were killed.

White citizens of Wilmington, North Carolina prepared, signed, and published the "White Declaration of Independence" in the Raleigh, North Carolina News & Observer. This document printed on November 10, 1898 clearly stated: "We, the undersigned citizens of the city of Wilmington and county of New Hanover, do hereby declare that we will no longer be ruled, and will never again be ruled, by men of African origin." (Excerpt from page 67 of "Solving The Race Issue In America")

The Coup of 1898 initiated an era of restrictive segregation, Jim Crow laws, Black Codes, and effective disenfranchisement of black Americans

throughout the South.

Historian, Laura Edwards, in her book Democracy Betrayed, characterized the impact of the Coup of 1898 stating, "What happened in Wilmington became an affirmation of white supremacy not just in that one city, but in the South and in the nation as a whole."

White leaders and the white press together conspired to deny, diminish, and cover up the Coup of 1898 for many years.

The East St. Louis, Illinois Riots: May - July 1917

In May through July 1917, there were a series of violent attacks by white Americans on the black community. The East St. Louis, Illinois riots were in part a result of black people being hired to replace striking white workers at East St. Louis factories. Estimates of 40 to as many as 250 black citizens were killed by white men in the streets of East St. Louis. Another 6,000 black citizens were left homeless after their neighborhoods were burned. Homes and businesses were destroyed.

The Ocoee, Florida Massacre: November 2, 1921

On November 2, 1921, U. S. presidential election day, a white mob in Ocoee Florida intimidated and killed 30 - 35 black citizens to prevent them from voting. Most black American homes and businesses were burned to the ground.

Black Americans had been disfranchised by the Florida Legislature since the early 1900's. Once the black Americans were either killed or run out of town, Ocoee became essentially an all-white

town.

This election day massacre has been described in Dr. Paul Ortiz' essay - 90 years after the Ocoee Election day Race Riot - as "the single bloodiest day in modern American political history."

White leaders and the white press together conspired to deny, diminish, and cover up the Ocoee, Florida Massacre for many years.

The Rosewood, Florida Massacre: January 1923

A racist massacre of black people and the destruction of the black town of Rosewood, Florida occurred in January 1923. After lynching a black Rosewood resident, a large mob of white men hunted down black people and burned virtually every structure in Rosewood. The official figure is that 6 black people and 2 white people were killed. Other reports range from 27 to 150 deaths. After the massacre, all remaining residents moved away and the town ceased to exist. The story of Rosewood was told in a 1997 film directed by John Singleton.

White leaders and the white press together conspired to deny, diminish, and cover up the Rosewood, Florida Massacre for many years.

The Destruction of Black Wall Street: May 31, 1921

Quoting from page 74 of "Solving The Race Issue In America," (www.solvingtheraceissue.com)

"On May 31, 1921 the worst Race War in United States history erupted in the streets of

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Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

DeVos distortions

Although Distorted versions of the Bible's history of Judeo-Christian faiths have been around since money-changers set up their tables in the temple halls, I nominate the sect that emerged in NW Michigan, powered by three members of one family-- the DeVos family, as the most successful in spreading their distortions. The DeVos family recognized a racist con artist the minute they laid eyes on him. He was their golden ticket to spread their views.

Trump was a dead man walking when, five weeks before election day on September 30, 2016, his plane landed in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the white western part of the state. Trump got his picture taken at the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum, and high-tailed it for a private meeting with Daddy WarBucks--Richard DeVos Sr., whose health was failing. He died in 2018.

Daddy DeVos and an associate had parlayed a pyramid scheme that made them billionaires, using hundreds of thousands of housewives as salespersons. Many women remember holding house parties back in the day, selling AMWAY products to their friends and neighbors. They kept a small profit for themselves, while huge profits floated up the pyramid to Daddy DeVos, which he promptly kept in his private financial institutions.

In 1964-65 the Second Reconstruction Movement won three transformational anti-racism programs: the Economic Opportunity Act, the Civil Rights Act, and the Voting Rights Act. These programs provided financial backing for Movement organizers who lived on subsistence wages. Richard (I Am Not A Crook) Nixon, an opportunist for the ages, saw his opportunity to ride the White Supremacist Backlash Wave to the new programs in the black ghettos and the poverty-stricken white rural areas, rode the backlash Wave like a Southern California Surfer. In 1968 he won, and used the U.S. Treasurer to promote four years of dirty tricks against possible Democratic opponents. It was during this 1970's

backlash that Daddy DeVos invested nearly \$200 million into the rapidly growing racist, anti-Semitic extremists who Nixon planted in Mr. Lincoln's almost unrecognizable party of the people, by the people and for the people. A bleached Republican Party could privatize public agencies-think Post Office, State Prisons, County Public School Systems, Highway System, U.S. Army and Marines, Social Security, Public Electric Systems-anything with the word "Public" in it.



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A key DeVos family member is an ambitious man named Erik Prince. He owned and still operates a private "security" training ground, located about 10 miles from Elizabeth City, N.C. You may have read about this beautiful town near the Virginia-N.C. border. Recently seven deputies from its county, Pasquotank, stood in the bed of a Toyota pickup - a weapon of choice of terrorists and private SWAT teams in the Greater Middle East, and raced down Elizabeth City's streets to the home of a 42-year-old Black man, Andrew Brown.

The DeVos-Trumpism Axis The DeVos elders brought their beliefs to Michigan as part of what is now called the Christian Reformed Church. About 300,000 members remain whose Dutch ancestors settled in West Michigan in the 1840's. This was about the same time the anti-slavery Republican Party was forming in the northeastern parts of the U.S. that stretched from the Atlantic as far west as

Illinois, where a lanky lawyer named Lincoln practiced.

On November 7, 2016 Trump and Mike Pence, his Indiana straight man, stoked the white crowd at the DeVos Place Convention Center, and then watched the EV tallies in the targeted states. You remember that short night. While many national announcers focused on the size of the popular vote, the Trump, Pence, DeVos, and

Depress Clinton Voters crew all knew Clinton would win it by almost 3 million. She did! All the insiders knew the only game in town was the Electoral Vote (EV) totals in three states. Every penny of the insider billionaire privatizers had been spent on tv and face book ads, all in targeted white zip codes, all trashing Clinton. The main targets were zip codes in MI (16 EVs), PA (20 EVs), and WI (10 EVs). By midnight, the billionaire-privatizers investment paid off handsomely. Trump collected 46 EVs by the tiniest of margins, giving him a 92 EV swing. He and his backers had won the keys to Fort Knox for four years, if he didn't get impeached and convicted.

Two weeks later Trump started paying with public funds the principal and interest on his mortgage to the DeVos group. He named Betsy DeVos sign the checks in the second largest budget in the U.S. Government, allowing her to realize her dream of Privatizing Public Schools. The U.S. Senate tied, 50-50, in confirming DeVos. Vice President Pence, with his Mona Lisa smile, broke the tie. Ms. DeVos had tested the racialized double-speak. I want to Destroy Public Schools is not a winning slogan. She knew she had to adopt the double-speak racist message that public schools were failing, and then quickly blame big bad teacher UNIONS for asking for too much money. Don't blame the teachers directly-aim at their UNIONS. Then, with a straight face and forked tongue, her double-speak advised poor families (with beautiful Black and Brown kids featured prominently in advertisements) should enroll their children in her private school network.

Fallujah, Iraq, September 16, 2007

On September 16, 2007 in a large suburban city in the Baghdad metropolitan area, pickup trucks with private security guards employed by Erik Prince and his private, highly profitable business sped up to a group of civilians and unloaded dozens of rounds of high-powered AR (Assault Rifles) into them, murdering most of them and leaving others dying on the streets. The Blackwater Corporation

owned by Eric Prince of the DeVos family, sped off in their vehicles, causing international outrage.

The Center for Constitutional Right (CCR), an international human rights and social justice law firm, was founded in 1967 by Mort Stavis, Bill Kunstler, Arthur Kinoy. I met them that year when they came to Kentucky to get Margaret Herring and me out of jail and beat a couple of felony charges against me for Sedition (Blacks and Whites working together against corrupt courthouse gangs) and Contempt of Congress (Senator John McClellan to be exact). They represented us from 1967 to the early 1990's. The families of three of the murdered Iraqi

and one grievously wounded surviving victim, retained the CCR in 2007, and its brilliant team quickly sued Erik Prince. This lawsuit is accessible on CCR's website. It should be required reading by all Movement lawyers and historians. Mr. Prince settled a couple of the suits, while a London television producer developed a popular TV series based on the themes raised by private militias are paid to carry on proxy security missions, accountable to no one.

When you get a couple of hours in these hectic times, please watch the 2009 Film, State of Play, derived from the London TV series. Brad Pick initially tried to produce and act in the movie version. Scheduling and other problems got in the way. It took more than a year to sign up an all-star cast. You will enjoy watching it.

Back to the Real World in the NC Moral Fusion Movement N. C. NAACP President Dr. T. Anthony Spearman and his predecessor Dr. William Joseph Barber II have declared the high-powered shots into the back of Andrew Brown's car and head while he tried to leave his home will never fade away. Like the CCR suit, which declared Erik Prince's Blackwater Team could not just speed out of Fallujah and get away with murder; Spearman, Barber, and Elizabeth City NAACP President Keith Rivers and his family and friends have

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
Is America deferring to crybabies?

Hit me that a broad swath of this country is nothing less than a group of crybabies, spoiled by their belief in their racial superiority and therefore, their sense of entitlement. We all saw it during the worst days of the pandemic. Grown men and women were "crying" by complaining about being made to wear masks. They cried because they had to be socially distant. They cried when companies put them out because they refused to wear the masks, which were necessary to save lives.

They went further; defying orders to not gather in large groups, defiantly refusing to wear the masks, and in essence giving public health officials the finger. They charged state capitol buildings - with guns - because they wanted to take down governors who dared mandate that the state comply with public health orders.

And they were led in their defiance by a crybaby president.

It is fascinating, if troubling, to watch people emerge from the cracks of our society filled with bitterness and resentment, ready to tear down the government, because they feel like they are not getting their way. The only part of the United States Constitution they honor is the Second Amendment. They shout about wanting to preserve their constitutional rights while they simultaneously work to prevent others from being able to exercise theirs. They are attacking anything that they believe is getting in their way of being, simply, white. They are lying unabashedly and committing more violent acts than normal because it is their way of crying. They don't seem to realize or to know that unless all of us have all of our constitutional rights, none of us do. They likewise don't seem to understand that until all of us are free, none of us are.

We've seen spoiled children. They cry and pout and whine at the slightest hint that they will not get their way. We see them in elementary, middle and high school, and we see them on college campuses. They like to throw their weight around. By the time they hit college they understand their privileged status, and they arrogantly display it. It's not just students, either. It's professors and teachers and judges and attorneys and doctors and financiers - people who cherish their status and have bought into the myth of the superiority of white people in general and wealthy white people in particular.

As we, this nation, begin to come out of the very difficult year we've had due to COVID-19, I find that I want those who were obstructionists and militants during this time where people suffered and died from this disease to be quiet. They have not earned the right to celebrate, because they did all they could do to derail efforts to keep us all safe. The current president has gotten legislation passed which will help all Americans - even the spoiled ones - get on their feet, a far cry from the attempts of the former president to help only "red" states, but I cannot shake the feeling that they do not deserve the help.

It is too late to help them. Spoiled kids are just that - spoiled. If they grow up having everything given to them, not having to work very hard - if at all - for their economic status, they will always look for ways to get something for nothing, and in this country, that "something" is too often the color of their skin. The media still gives their hero a lot of coverage, which is frustrating. It is far-fetched, I know, but I wish the spoiled crybabies would just stick to themselves and leave the rest of us who are working as hard as we can to stay afloat, even while we give thanks to God for having made it through this pandemic.

Let the crybabies cry by themselves.
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black citizens were systematically destroyed because of the color of their skin.

The present efforts by republican legislatures to restrict the truth and teaching of the existence and impact of racism is another attempt to deny, diminish, and cover up the tragic events caused by systemic racism in America. These legislative actions are present-day attempts to deny and avoid responsibility for pain, suffering, and damage that black Americans have suffered and continue to suffer at the hands of racist white Americans.

If political and spiritual leaders truly desire to resolve the race issue in America, there must first be an acknowledgment of the truth - that systemic racism has and continues to exist in our country. Racism will never be resolved until a spiritual approach is taken.

All Americans must acknowledge the wrongs inflicted on black Americans. Forgiveness must be sought for the infliction of such wrongs. Atonement must be made to rectify the damage caused.

It is clear that the political leaders cannot or will not do what is necessary. Our religious and spiritual leaders must step up, live the words in the Bible, and lead the way to the redemption of the soul of America.

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declared the coverup of the Sheriff and DA will not succeed.

On the State level the N.C. Council of Churches is coordinating a People of Faith network to demand AG Josh Stein and former AG Gov. Roy Cooper to step out on Faith. Use their respective power to set up a credible team. Many of us remember when the SBI lost all credibility when its Blood Lab put over 250 people in prison, some on death row, several years ago. I think it was Cooper who hired Chris Swecker, former SBI Special Agent, with the daily urging of the News & Observer, to investigate the lies of the SBI blood-stain 'experts.'

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Diversity and equity questioned in UNCW civil suit

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
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Robert Dorsey, an African American resident of New Hanover County had received contracts and completed painting jobs in UNCW buildings for more than fifteen years.

He now contends that legal action must rectify discriminatory practices linked to professional slights, and changes in work availabilities through the UNCW Office of Housing and Residence Life.

Dorsey's tenure began prior the 2015 hiring of Brazilian native, and former Dean of the West Virginia University College of Business and Economics, Jose Sattarelli as Chancellor for UNC Wilmington.

Dorsey says his personal treatment also changed after the hiring of Peter Groenendyke as director of housing and residence life.

That UNCW department is responsible for the bidding process, and awarding of contracted services that employs painters.

Represented by Attorney James E. Ferguson of Charlotte, Dorsey's civil action seeks to recover damages from the university based on their failure to contract him, and breach of contract, and invidious and racial discrimination in the awarding and administering of contracts for painting services to UNCW.

File No. 20-CVS-001689 in the Superior Court Division states the action further seeks, injunctive relief as it links to, "capricious, unfair and racially discriminatory practices."

As an independent painting contractor, Dorsey participated in the typical 2017 bidding process for the painting of UNCW dorm rooms and common areas.

He and a white former campus employee, Chris Ables bid on five contracts.

Two of the five were awarded to Ables, and two went to Dorsey.

Their figures tied for a fifth painting bid.

UNCW awarded that contract to Ables who had no prior experience as a painting contractor in contrast to the services of more than fifteen years of satisfactory work by Dorsey for the university.

In that 2017 bidding process Dorsey was awarded only twenty for rooms to paint, and Ables was awarded eighty-nine bedrooms, twenty bathrooms, and seventeen common areas, Atty. Ferguson's complaint states.

Though Dorsey was to be paid \$38,000 for two of the five contracts, he received \$15,000.

Ables, the white new painting bidder also received an additional \$43,000 for addi-

tional rooms through a process, "without requiring or conducting a bidding process," the civil suit states.

Ables was assisted by UNCW students who actually painted some of the rooms.

That service was not provided to Dorsey.

"UNCW's actions regarding Mr. Dorsey's bids and contracts were racially discriminatory and denied Mr. Dorsey his right to be treated equally under the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina," the civil complaint says.

Peter Groenendyke, Director of UNCW Housing and Residence Life, nor James Coston, the Asst. Director of Facility Operations responded, or provided the *Wilmington Journal* with a typical courtesy statement that refers a writer to a different respon-



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NC NAACP request to U.S. AG Garland in Washington, D.C. for a Pattern or Practice investigation by his Civil Rights Division, Community Relations Service, and Federal Bureau of Investigation into the EC coverup.

On a personal level, if you feel safe with your vaccinations, drive up the coast to the Outer Banks where Orville and Wilbur Wright, with the faith of their Bishop father, broke the law of gravity. Visit Beautiful Elizabeth City State University. Check out the Mother of the Movement, Ella Baker, where she grew up near Halifax. Find Keith Rivers and his family and tell him I sent you.

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.

Inspiring graduation for Douglass Academy students



DOUGLASS ACADEMY STUDENTS AT GRADUATION

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Wilmington, NC - Kindergarten and fifth grade students received diplomas and accolades in front of a glowing crowd of family and friends. Teachers and administrators praised their students for their courage, hard work, optimism, and ability to overcome the chal-

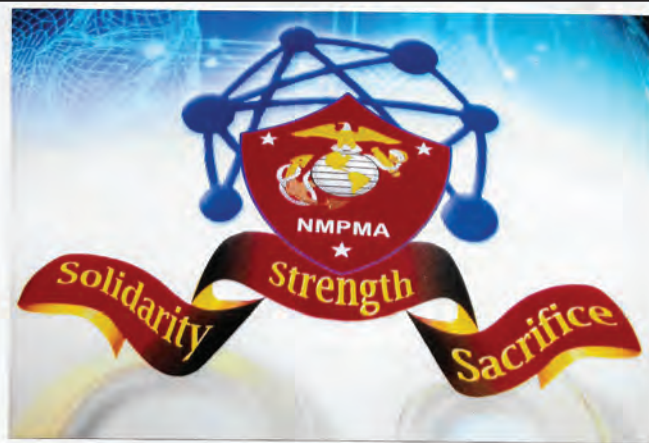
lenges they faced this year. Nikki Chaney, Headmaster of Douglass Academy, commented, "Congratulations to our amazing students! Their resilience, optimism, and dedication are an inspiration to us all! We are so proud!"

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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE GREEN SWAMP PRESERVE STATE DEDICATED NATURE PRESERVE TO ACCOMMODATE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON N.C. 211 IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

STIP Project B-5624

Wilmington - The public is invited to a hearing with the N.C. Department of Transportation this month to discuss the proposed amendment of the Green Swamp Preserve State Dedicated Nature Preserve located in Brunswick County.

The proposed project, State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. B-5624, is needed to replace a structurally deficient bridge. This amendment of the Dedicated Nature Preserve is needed to facilitate the replacement of Bridge No. 57 over Driving Creek on N.C. 211 (Green Swamp Road). The amendment would provide 0.447 acre of Permanent Drainage Easement and 0.099 acre for a Temporary Construction Easement. Approximately 0.4569 total acre of right-of-way is needed for replacement of the bridge.

Project details, including maps of the proposal, can be found on the NCDOT project web page: (www.publicinput.com/Green-Swamp-Preserve).

The formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m. June 28, 2021. Interested people can attend as shown below:

- Monday, Jun 28, 2021 7:00 PM (EDT)
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People may also submit comments by phone (984-205-6615 project code 8026), email (Green-Swamp-Preserve@publicinput.com) or mail at the address shown below by July 28, 2021.

For more information, contact David Stutts, P.E., Project Engineer, NCDOT Structures Management Unit using the phone and email listed above.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled people who wish to participate in this virtual hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Diane Wilson, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center in Raleigh; 919-707-6073; or pdwilson1@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Those who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior by calling 1-800-481-6494.

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Sammie Lee Paige

Sammie Lee Paige died May 26, 2021. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Sammie, son of the late Leroy "Sammy" Keaton, Jr. and Ella Pearl Dickson was born on October 10, 1959, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Sammie was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from New Hanover High School Special Education Class of 1983. He was a faithful member at Mt. Roney Missionary Baptist Church. Sammie never met a stranger and would give you anything he had. He was affectionally known as Uncle Sammie Lee to his nieces and nephews.

Sammie leaves to cherish fond memories: three sisters, Teresa Keaton of the home, Leola Jones of Wilmington, NC and Pamela Jean Clark of Virginia; two brothers, Stephan Keaton (Lisa) of the Scotts Hill Community, Wilmington, NC and Fredrick Thompson of Durham, NC; two aunts, Johnnie Mae Pridgen (Randolph) and Carolyn Green all of Wilmington, NC; two uncles, Robert Keaton (Joyce) of Wilmington, NC and William Keaton (Deborah) of Killeen TX; four nieces, Talibah Locke, Tiffany Keaton, Brittani Clark and Tatyana Keaton; one nephew, Christopher Clark; one great-great-aunt, Bettie Jenkins; and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Willie Delorise Smith

Willie Delorise Smith died May 26, 2021. Funeral service was on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Deloris Smith was born on January 20, 1933 to the late Leroy Bowman and Wilhelmina McCrae Bowman, the baby of her siblings. She was a 1953 graduate of Williston Industrial High School. Mrs. Deloris Smith joined Holy Trinity United Holy Church at an early age. She later became a member of Mt. Mariah Holiness Church until her health failed. Mrs. Deloris Smith was also a member of the Shining Light Club. She served as a faithful member and organist, playing for different churches including: Mt. Mariah, Holy Trinity, New Covenant, Tomahawk, and St. Johns in Long's Creek. Deloris was a kind, loving and caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, sister, aunt, neighbor and friend. Her passion was singing Gospel Music. Deloris was a proud

Christian, loving woman who loved people, and she would do anything for them.

In addition to her parents, Deloris was also preceded in death by her husband, Olden Smith Sr.; her daughter, Arelia S. Mitchell; her siblings, two sisters, Doris Thomas and Cornelia Bowman and one brother, John Bowman; one nephew, Jury Thomas; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Alex J. Little, Jr.

Alex J. Little, Jr., died May 28, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Alex was born May 16, 1967 to Rosa Rowell and Alex Little, Sr. in Wilmington, NC. He received his education from New Hanover County Schools in which he graduated from John T. Hoggard High School in the Class of 1985. He furthered his education at Cape Fear Community College with courses such as brick mason, mechanical engineering and later attended truck-driving school where he landed his last job with Robbie D. Woods Trucking Company in April 2018. Alex was a jack of all trades. He did it all growing up to name a few: he started with cutting hair, a Star News paper boy and then became interested in DJ'ing right beside his long-time best friend/brother, James "Buster" Parker. Alex, "June AI" will truly be missed from driving his big blue van around town. The girls of the family will truly miss him calling them "Apple Head". Alex was a compassionate and loving son, grandson, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend who enjoyed spending his time with family.

Alex was preceded in death by his father; stepfather, Mack Rowell; grandparents, Alex Melton, Ella Frink Harris and Lula Mae Little. He leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved son, Larry Alexander Turner; grandson, Jaleel Alexander Turner; mother, Rosa Frink Rowell; sisters, Ella Frink and Verda "Michelle" Smith Pollard; brothers, Andre' Moore and Edward Frink (Patricia); grandfather, George Harris, Jr. and a host of relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Gerald Anthony Blackledge, Jr.,

Gerald Anthony Blackledge, Jr., died May 31,

2021. Funeral service was held on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at the House of Repentance Ministries, Leland, NC. Burial followed in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Gerald was born on July 24, 1979 to Sharon Denise Blackledge and Gerald Anthony Blackledge, Sr. in Wilmington, NC. He graduated from Lakeside High School in 1998. Gerald worked at International Paper in Riegelwood, NC for 12 years. He excelled in the position of Filter Plant Operator. In addition to becoming an accomplished member of both the Emergency Medical Technician and Fire Rope and Rescue Team. Gerald was a big brother, friend and counselor to many people. He loved to laugh and joke with everybody, especially those he cared about. Gerald left a permanent mark etched on our hearts and will be forever missed.

His memory will be cherished by his fiancé' Yolanda Cobbs; sons, Jamar Blackledge and Dajour Brown; daughters, Chrystal Brown and Nadiya Brown; grandchildren, Amari, Jalaya, Ashton, Addison and Rori; siblings, Terrie, Lamar, Lindsey, Tonya and Amelia Thomas (Robert) and Tekea Barnes; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Doris Gertrude Garrison Reddick

Doris Gertrude Garrison Reddick died June 1, 2021. Funeral service was held on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Burial followed in the Pollock Cemetery. Doris, daughter of the late William Garrison and Isabelle Garrison, was born October 23, 1936 in Hampstead, North Carolina. She entered into eternal rest on Tuesday June 1, 2021 at Inova Alexandria Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia. Doris, affectionately called "Dot and Dottie Mae" was educated in Pender County Schools and graduated from Pender County High School. She furthered her education at Kittrell College in Kittrell, North Carolina. At an early age she joined Union Bethel AME Church in Hampstead, NC where she was a long-standing member. On November 28, 1959 she was united in holy matrimony to Herbert Kater Reddick. To this union, three children were born. Throughout most of her life, Doris was self-employed and known around Scott's Hill as the "Candy Lady." She was a devoted mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and friend. Doris

was a faithful servant and devout Christian who always showed love and kindness to everyone she encountered.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Kater Reddick; daughter, Jacqueline Renee Reddick and brothers, Horace Shepard and William Garrison.

She leaves to cherish her memories one son Herbert Reddick, Jr. (Carrie) of Louisburg, NC; one daughter, Teri Theresa Reddick-Barnes of Fort Washington, MD; grandchildren, Ryan Reddick (Petal) of Raleigh, NC and Britney Stewart (Michael) of Atlanta, GA; great-grandchildren, Skylar Reddick of Raleigh, NC and Lareun Wilson of Durham, NC; brothers, Clifton Garrison of Wilmington NC and Reverend Arthur Jenkins (Rosa) of Hampstead NC; sisters, Thelma Sidbury (Herbert), Shirley McIntyre (Charles), and Gwendolyn Muldrow (Ham) all of Wilmington, NC, Edith Covin of Long Branch, NJ, and Mable Drye of Hampstead NC; sister-in-law, Annie Laurie McMillion of Wilmington NC; godson, Ivory Sidbury of Wilmington, NC and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Latresia Watkins

Latresia Watkins died June 1, 2021. Graveside service was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Service of John*

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Armaya Simpson

Armaya Simpson died June 2, 2021. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Charles Henry Faison, III

Charles Henry Faison, III, died June 4, 2021. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Henry "Knottie Pine" Richardson, Jr.

Henry "Knottie Pine" Richardson, Jr., died June 5, 2021. Graveside service will be 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Marcus Williams

Marcus Williams died June 5, 2021. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Carolyn Hill

Carolyn Hill died June 6, 2021. Graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Oleander Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*



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TELL SOMEBODY

Covet - To feel envious desire for that which belongs to another.

Content - Satisfied with needs fulfilled

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15

And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, "This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my good.

And I will say to my soul Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

In Luke chapter 12, Jesus Christ took the time to teach his disciples and warn them of the need to avoid the sin of covetousness. This warning is applicable to all of the servants of the Lord, from the least to the greatest and from the priest to the prophets.

We all need to resist the temptation to lust and have more, more, more of material things. God's people are blessed people. We have more

today, than we have ever had, and yet, if we are not careful, we will want more and more and more, of worldly possessions. When there is an increase in our receiving,



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there should be an increase in our giving. The truth is, we are wearing finer clothes than ever; driving better cars than ever; and living in bigger and more beautiful homes than ever! It is the will of God that we prosper and be in health, even as our soul prosper, but covetousness is an insatiable desire to get more, more, and more. Sometimes the getting

is based on pure pride, greed, or envy of the possessions of others. No matter how many pair of shoes we have, we can only wear one pair at a time. No matter how many dresses and suits we possess, we can only wear one suit/dress at a time. We may own a fleet of cars, but can only drive one of them at a time. Therefore, Every now and then, when our closet gets too small, instead of building a bigger closet, look around and find someone to bless. Every now and then, give away something that is nice to someone who is needy. Don't give away something raggedy and worn, but give away something good, because you are giving to the glory of God! Be Content.

The possession of material things can never satisfy the soul. I Timothy 6:6 says, But

godliness with contentment is great gain. Hebrews 13:5 says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Be Content.

Apostle Paul was also an advocate of contentment when he said in Phillipians 4:11, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Proverbs 15:16 says it best, "Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and troubles therewith." Be Content.

Ecclesiastes 5: 10 says, "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase."

Matthew 16:26 says, "For what is a man profited, if he

shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Be Content.

Prayer" Father deliver me from covetousness. Help me to realize that godliness with contentment is great gain." I Timothy 6:6 Tell Somebody!!!

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The antidote for carnality in the church or carnal Christian

(All scriptures KJV)

Let's turn again to the teaching of the infallible, incorruptible and eternal word of God on the subject of the carnality church or carnal Christian. Antidote is defined as a remedy or agent to counteract the effects of a poison (carnality is poison to spiritual growth and development in the growing process of a Christian). Let's read the text again: 1Corin. 3:1-3, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

The law of the spirit! What is the law of the spirit? Jesus describes it to a religious Leader and a master of Israel: John 3:5-8, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of

water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus was puzzled by the words "born again." He did not know what Jesus meant. He understood Jesus to be saying that a man must be born a "second time." Jesus answered Nicodemus by doing five things".

1. Jesus gave the source of the new birth. It was being born of water, even of the Spirit".

2. Jesus repeated the importance of being born again. Note what John 3:3 says: a man "can never see" (grasp, understand, know, experience) the Kingdom of God: John 3:5 says a man "can never enter" (gain entrance to) the Kingdom of God.

3. Jesus gave the nature of the new birth. It is spiritual,

not physical and material. The flesh cannot bridge the gap between flesh and spirit. Flesh is only flesh; it has no power to be born again, to become spirit

4. Jesus re-emphasized the absolute necessity of the new birth. "Ye must be born again." The word "must" (dei) means absolute necessity, an imperative.



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5. Jesus illustrated the point by picturing the wind. The Spirit of God works just like the wind. We may not know how the wind works, but we can see the effects. It is the same with the Spirit of God: we may not know how He works, but we can see the effects of His working". (POSB-C)

Some think becoming a member of a church makes them a Christian or being baptizes in water makes them

a Christian, no that's not the principle: you must be born again from above, which means you're had a physical birth into whatever family you were born into; you must have the second birth which is spiritual into the family of God. God's word is conclusive and definitive on the subject you must be born again of the water and spirit: "Conclusive is defined as serving to put an end to doubt, question, or uncertainty: decisive." Definitive means precisely defining or explicit. Authoritative and complete". This means God's word is the final authority on the matter of being born again.

These are spiritual laws or principles that governs being born again into the family of God there are no exceptions: John 1:12-13, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God".

Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to his

mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost"

James 1:18, "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures".

1 Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again [caused us to be born again] unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead".

1 Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever".

1 John 2:29, "If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is born of him".

1 John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God".

1 John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one other: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God"

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him" (1 John 5:1). Once the baby is born, is introduce to milk, as describes 1Peter 2:2-3, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 3If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious". The Word of God give us the mind of Christ: Phil. 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus":

Ephe. 4:23-24 "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness".

Our Father, we thank you for giving your Son to die on the Cross for our sins, sickness and diseases and through Him we can be saved, healed and deliver. Amen.

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

Migraine is a health disparity for people of color

Act now to support a Congressional Resolution on Health Equity

BY JAIME M. SANDERS
THE MIGRAINE DIVA,
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DISPARITIES IN
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Migraine is a neurological disease that affects 60 million Americans and is the 2nd leading cause of disability worldwide. It is an underestimated, underdiagnosed, and undertreated disease despite its heavy burden. However, communities of color, which have been historically, socially, and economically disenfranchised from research studies and treatment are bearing the brunt of this burden. The American healthcare system is riddled with flaws, and headache medicine is no different.

The racial inequities in headache diagnosis and patient care have been brought to light by the recent increased focus on systematic racism that impacts health equity. Numerous studies have shown

that the rates of migraine diagnosis and treatment vary significantly between Blacks, Hispanics, and Whites. Although prevalence of migraine is similar (14.5%, 14.5%, and 15.5% respectively), Blacks and Hispanics utilize healthcare at a disproportionate rate compared to Whites.

When seeking treatment, Hispanics had a lower total number of visits that result in a migraine diagnosis. Blacks with severe headaches are more likely to get a diagnosis of probable migraine, while Whites get a more definitive diagnosis. Because of disparities in the U.S. health care system, migraine is more severe and more likely to become chronic among Blacks and African Americans. This chronicification is unfortunately linked with increased depression and disability, and a lower quality of life.

Black, indigenous, people of color (BIPOC) experience stress and adverse health outcomes due to the exposure to

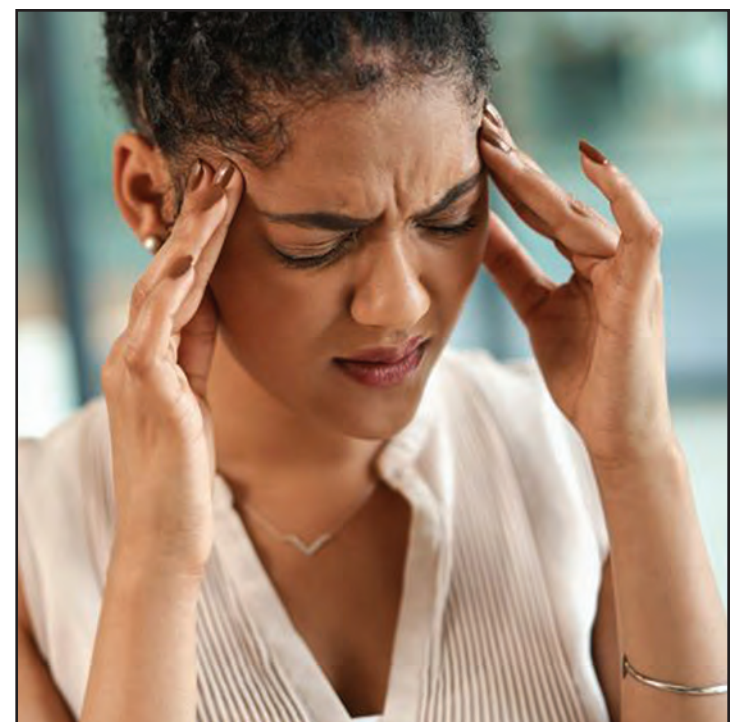
racism and racial trauma. A theory, known as race-based traumatic stress, indicates that some individuals experience racial prejudice as psychological trauma. This PTSD-like reaction leads to increased severe headaches and migraine attacks. Research confirms all of these inequities - but an ongoing lack of quality research on BIPOC with migraine means there is still much that is unknown or poorly understood.

The Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients (CHAMP) and its partners realized that meaningful change was required. They created the Disparities in Headache Advisory Council that has held numerous training sessions and provided seed-funding for new initiatives that promote diversity and equality in headache medicine.

CHAMP is one of many patient advocacy organizations participating in

National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month. Every June, we spend the month raising awareness and educating the public via a variety of programs and projects held around the country. The theme for this year is "A New Era of Care," which reflects the surge of innovation in headache and migraine treatments that are dramatically improving lives.

June 16th is our first Advocacy Day of Action, supporting a U.S. House Resolution designating June as Migraine and Headache Awareness Month, led by Representative Madeleine Dean (D-PA-4th). This resolution addresses the inequities that BIPOC communities face in health access and quality of care. You can show your support by contacting your Representative in Congress and asking them to co-sign the resolution. Take action by visiting: headache.org/policy-partners/.



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This the 20th day of May, 2021

June A. Clarke, Executrix
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May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021

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This the 20th day of May, 2021.

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May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Paul Jacobs Jones**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th day of August, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of May, 2021

Andrea J. Schmidt, Executrix
3726 Excalibur Way Apt. 105
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Mary L. Secrist**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th day of August, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of May, 2021

Cornelia Lee Smith Roberts, Executrix
1480 N. Shore Dr.
Southport, NC 28461

May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 19th day of October, 2020, as Administrator Of The Estate Of **James Walter Clark**, deceased, of Columbus County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the decedent or said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **September 10, 2021**, a date that is three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. Please direct all claims to the attention of Tiffany Madison Clark, Estate Of James Walter Clark, 5252 Pleasant Plains Church Road, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. All persons indebted to said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment thereto.

This the 2nd day of June, 2021.

TIFFANY MADISON CLARK, Administrator
Of The Estate Of James Walter Clark
5252 Pleasant Plains Church Road
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
T. SCOTT SESSIONS, Attorney For
The Estate Of James Walter Clark
The McGowan Law Firm
130 Jefferson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of William **Edward Sweeney (21-E-653)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **August 27, 2021** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of May, 2021.

Rosemary Gerdes
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Bettie Ellington Teague**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **3rd day of September, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of June, 2021

Gregg Steven Teague, Executor
615 Kelly Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409

June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Marilyn Gause Jenkins**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **3rd day of September, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of June, 2021

Daniel C. Moss, Executor
125 Hargrove Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

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- Pre-bid conference: Wednesday, June 9th 2021 at 10:00 a.m., beginning at the Central Office.
- Bid Opening: Monday, June 28, 2021 at 10:00 am. Project Manual along with specifications will be available for pickup beginning at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 1st at the Central Office.
- Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 or you can Download Project Manual at no cost -- www.wha.net (under Business Opportunities/IFB)
- Questions; E-mail to Chauntrell Burns no later than June 18th at 2:00pm to c.burns@wha.net

Upon written request to the Contracting Officer, bids will be available after contract award. **NO BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE. FAX NEITHER COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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June 3, 10, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Richard Levoy Johnson**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of August, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of May, 2021

Phyllis Dianne Tharrington Cox aka Phyllis Tharrington Johnson, Executrix
1911 Mason Reed Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Robert Reid Hooks, Sr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **13th day of August, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of May, 2021

Terri Johnson, Administrator
2106 Dexter St.
Wilmington, NC 28409

May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 16 JT 137**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.G.C.**

TO: RESPONDENT-FATHER, ALFREDO COBOS PEREZ, legal father of male minor child born on April 12, 2014 in New Hanover County, North Carolina conceived with the child's mother, Elizabeth Martinez.

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to A.G.C.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, June 10, 2021, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Attorney Ryan Feinberg has been assigned to represent you. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 200-2916, 3600 South College Street, Suite E305, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 10th day of June, 2021.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co.
Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3512
(910) 798-7833 * fax

June 10, 17, 24, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Ellen Marie Kluepfel**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of August, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of May, 2021

Douglas Francis Kluepfel, Administrator
118 Heather Lane
Kure Beach, NC 28440

May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:**

JOHNNIE MAE DRAYTON

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Johnnie Mae Drayton** deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned C/O Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **31st day of August, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 27th day of May, 2021.

D'Angela Yvette Drayton, Administratrix
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No. 910-762-4176

May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as executor of the estate of **Mary Ella Dowling**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **3rd day of September, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of June, 2021

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

June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Rena Swindell Foster**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **10th day of September, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of June, 2021
Priscilla Ann Moore, Executor
9154 Arden Road NE
Leland, NC 28451

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Benjamin Roland Midgett**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **10th day of September, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of June, 2021
Ann Elizabeth Bennett, Executrix
562 Long Leaf Acres Drive
Leland, NC 28405

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Bertha T. Forden**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **10th day of September, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of June, 2021

Wanda Forden, Adminstratrix
2333 5th Ave. #5B
New York, NY 10037

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Richard Wayne Cathey, III**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **10th day of September, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of June, 2021
Claresa Bigham Cathey, Administratrix
4177 Lake Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021

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

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

TO: RESPONDENT: JESSYCA THOMPSON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED 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-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following JUNE 3, 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 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 251-6088.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR June 14, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, via Web-Ex, at the Office of Juvenile Clerks, 138 North 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 28th day of May, 2021.

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

June 3, 10, 17, 2021

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 20 CVD 3989**

**BONNIE HARRIS, Plaintiff,
Vs.
JOHNATHAN HARVEY
GARRIS, Defendant.**

TO: JOHNATHAN HARVEY GARRIS
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
4874 Grinders Way NE
Leland, Brunswick County, NC 28451
and:
507 Grace Street, New Hanover County, North Carolina 28401

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date, the first date being, June 10, 2021. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 10th day of June, 2021.

Cape Fear Family Law
Melodi R. Hayes
Attorney for Plaintiff
3807 Peachtree Avenue,
Suite 103
910-210-0349
877-848-4028 fax
melodi@capefearfamilylaw.com
NC State Bar No. 15889

June 10, 17, 24, 2021

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 21 JA 65**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
L.J.**

TO: AMBER DAWN BASS AND CLIFTON NICHOLAS JENKINS, RESPONDENT-PARENTS OF L.J. born on April 20, 2021 in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

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

Adjudication of Juvenile Petition filed on April 27, 2021 alleging that L.J. is a neglected Juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, June 10, 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.

Amber Dawn Bass has been assigned Attorney Lyana Hunter. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 343-5423, 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Clifton Nicholas Jenkins has been assigned Attorney Mark Innat. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 769-6884, 314 Walnut Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATORY HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the New Hanover County Courthouse located at 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 10th day of June, 2021.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.
of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
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