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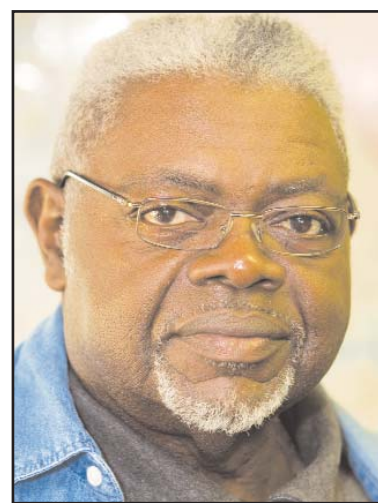
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BERNEST HEWETT

ON VACATION

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Will return next week.

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

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GREGORY SMITH

Trooper makes Fayetteville man walk six miles to his car--Part 2

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Editor's Note: This is Part 2 of a story about a Black North Carolina medical professional who flew to Missouri for a medical conference in August and found himself the target of alleged police abuse within a half hour of being there.

Greg Smith's ordeal August, 6, 2021, was every Black driver's nightmare come true, being stopped in the middle of the night on the road by police for no legal reason, faced with the uncertainty of either being physically assaulted, or hauled off to jail, or both. To make matters worse, Smith was a clinical director from Fayetteville, N. C., who had just flown in to Missouri, documented as one of the worst states in the nation for racial profiling, for a medical conference. Black, alone, and from out-of-town! How much worse could it get? Smith was about to find out.

He had already refused to show his driver's license to the irritated White Missouri state trooper who stopped him until a supervisor arrived, keeping both his hands on the steering wheel of his rental car and having called 911 so that the operator could both hear and record

the entire confrontation from his car until he was aggressively taken out, arrested, handcuffed, and taken away. Yet the whole time, Smith had no idea why he was "legally" stopped. "There was never a crime committed nor law broken," Smith maintains.

He was taken to a Platte City Highway Patrol station, where, at first, Smith was charged with speeding, except that he could prove he was doing 65 mph in a 70 mph zone and vigorously defended himself while still handcuffed, sitting in a chair. Indeed, the arresting officer had to account to the desk sergeant as to why Smith was even brought in in the first place. Missouri law enforcement looked for Smith's criminal record through their computers and discovered that...he didn't have one. He was a Black man who was who he was. Eventually he was uncuffed.

There was still a problem. Smith was informed by the desk sergeant that they just couldn't let him go because of the way the arresting officer wrote up the traffic stop in the computer: "PERSON WILLFULLY RESISTS OPPOSES A MEMBER OF THE PATROL IN THE PROPER DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES."

Smith had to pay \$1,040 to bond himself out in order to be released or else he would have

had to remain in jail "for a while." Fortunately, Smith says, he had his Visa card on him. However, even that would not have helped Smith find his rental car, which was taken to a Quick Stop all-night gas station approximately six miles away by officers and left there. If Smith wanted his car back, he'd have had to call a taxi to take him to it. He'd also have had to stay in the building downstairs in order to have had any kind of shelter and safety. After 90 minutes of "shelter and safety" and five fruitless calls, waiting for a taxi, a tired and frustrated Greg Smith decided to strike out on his own, and he walked the dark streets of Platte City to find his rental car. After getting confusing directions from officers, he went. Using the flashlight on his cellphone, Smith reached a gas station about a mile and a half away, where an attendant told him that his rental car was most likely at another station six miles away.

Smith finally reached the vehicle and then took himself to an emergency room because of "the incredible pain" from the handcuffs. To Smith, it was apparent that the irritated White

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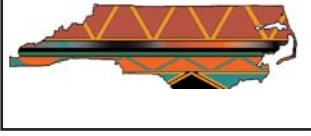


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TO CFCC BOARD OF
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[WILMINGTON] The president of the New Hanover County NAACP how has a new title - trustee. Ms. Deborah Dicks Maxwell has been appointed to the trustee board of Cape Fear Community College. Ms. Dicks Maxwell, a Wilmington native is also NAACP District Director for Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, new Hanover, Onslow and Pender counties.

Also appointed, retired educator Deloris Rhodes. Ms. Rhodes has

served as a teacher, guidance counselor, principal, and assistant principal, as well as a founding member of the Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington, and UNCW's Dropout Prevention Coalition.

Commissioner Jonathan Barfield has been reappointed to the CFCC Trustee Board.

All three terms end on June 30, 2025.

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CASH MICHAELS

NC NAACP, others protest Sharpe pardon delay

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON
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For the next couple of Fridays, every time Governor Roy Cooper looks outside of his front window at the Executive Mansion in Raleigh, he may see demonstrators outside protesting the long inexplicable delay in granting Dontae Sharpe a pardon of innocence for a

crime he didn't commit but of which he was convicted and for which he spent time behind bars. Sharpe, 46, was released from prison, where he had served at least 26 years, in August 2019, after a Pitt County judge ordered a retrial and a prosecutor decided not to retry the case. Sharpe later filed for a pardon of innocence based on wrongful conviction, which, when granted, would make him eligible for the maxi-

mum \$750,000 in state-granted compensation. However, the governor has to grant the pardon first, and is the only one who can legally do so.

Gov. Cooper's spokesperson told reporters that the governor "plans to make decisions on this and other cases by the end of the year," but Sharpe's supporters complain two years is too long, especially since he had spent the majority of his life falsely accused and convicted behind bars.

According to a press release from the NC NAACP, "Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, president of the NC NAACP, began standing vigil in front of the gover-

nor's office (116 W. Jones St.) at noon Wednesday, Sept. 22, and continued through the night. He [was] joined by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of Repairers of the Breach and other faith leaders at 11 a. m. Thursday, Sept. 23."

Last Friday, North Carolina faith leaders, along with members of Repairers of the Breach, the NC NAACP and NC Second Chance Alliance held a Freedom Friday spiritual vigil and met with reporters in support of Dontae Sharpe.

"It's not about me," Sharpe told reporters. "It's bigger than me. I didn't get justice, I haven't gotten justice, but I

do have the truth and they can't change that."

Dr. Spearman said, "Without the pardon of innocence, his record still shows and bears the mark of a wrong conviction and he's also not entitled to be paid restitution by the state for the 26 years of his life he spent in jail as an innocent man."

Sharpe was just 19 years old when he was arrested and charged for the 1994 murder of 33 year old George Radcliffe in Greenville. Sharpe had maintained his innocence throughout his prison sentence. He was sentenced to life in prison.

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trooper "really wanted to injure me," given the bruises on his wrists.

"You're questioning my authority, so I'm going to do this or this to you," Smith surmises the trooper's alleged rough actions as saying.

The Fayetteville man says, through it all, he thought of previous well known victims of racial police violence, such as Sandra Bland, Eric Garner, and Michael Brown, killed right there in Ferguson, Missouri by a police officer in August 2014, and felt the responsibility to speak out against what happened to him. It's one of the reasons Smith felt it important to keep his hands on the steering wheel, where they could be seen when stopped, and never move them, dial 911 so that the operator could hear and record all that was going on and insist that a highway patrol supervisor to the scene so that any arrest could be conducted properly, if at all.

Smith has a Black attorney in Missouri and is ready to fight what happened to him.

"Reports of racial profiling by police in Missouri are not unusual and are supported by the data submitted by law enforcement

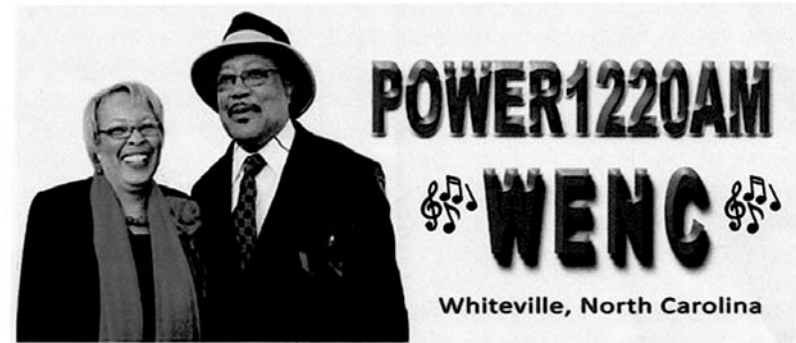
officials each year," said Luz Maria Henriquez, executive director of the ACLU of Missouri, in a statement.

As previously reported, no less than the Missouri State Attorney General's Office has confirmed that African-Americans were 75-85% racially profiled by Missouri law enforcement in previous years. The problem was so bad that the Missouri NAACP issued a travel advisory for Black visitors to the State to travel with "with extreme caution."

"Year after year, the data confirm that Black and brown drivers are subject to racial profiling by law enforcement in Missouri in terms of stops, arrests, and searches," Henriquez continued. "Yet, for more than twenty years, the State has refused to update its racial profiling law to pinpoint officers who perpetuate this practice."

"Racial profiling is bad policing," the Missouri ACLU head maintained, "... not only discriminating against Black and brown people throughout Missouri, but also wasting police resources on encounters with those who are committing no serious crime and pose no danger to anyone."

Greg Smith's court date in Missouri for the resisting arrest charge is scheduled for Nov. 16. He says he plans to sue the Missouri State Highway Patrol.



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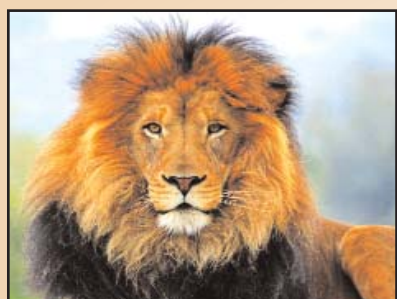
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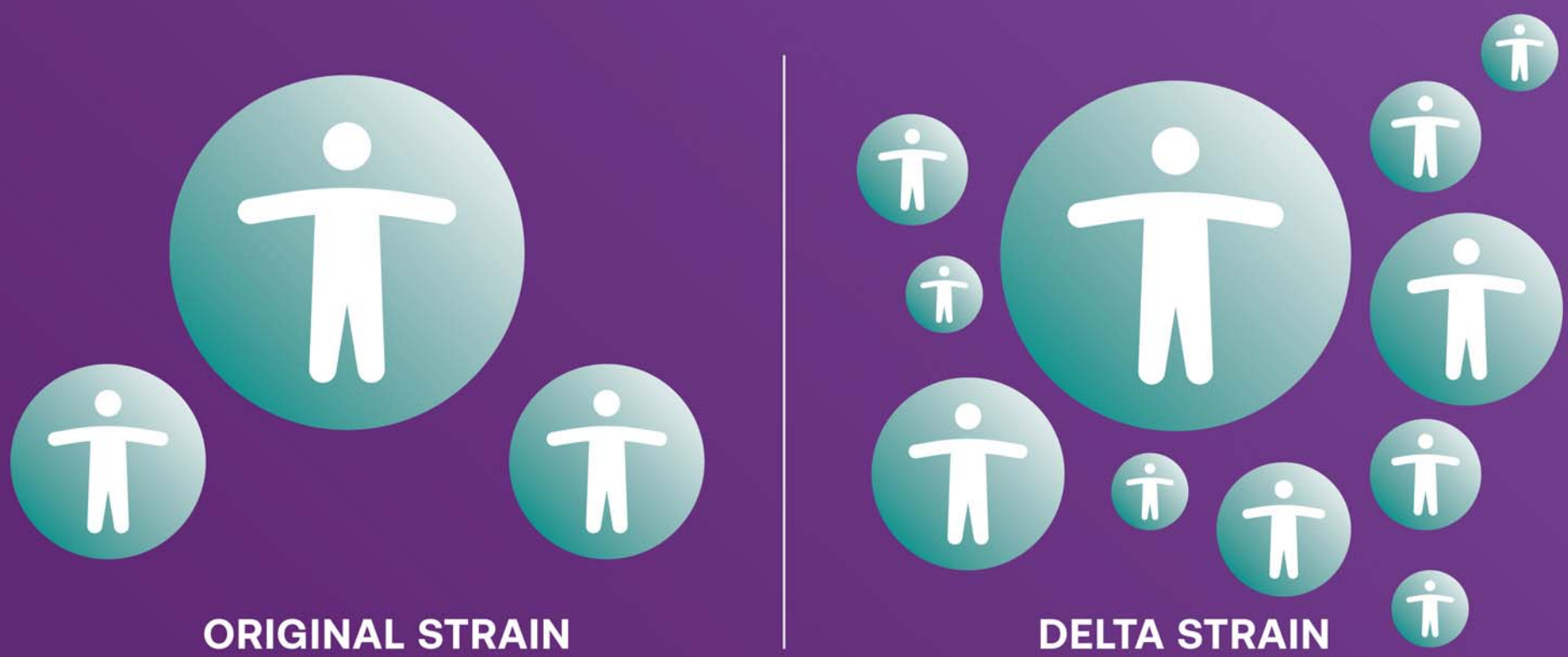


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GUEST EDITORIAL TO BE EQUAL

Gymnasts' demand for justice is a powerful display of courage and grace

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

"I sit before you today to raise my voice so that no little girl must endure what I, the athletes at this table, and the countless others who needlessly suffered under Nassar's guise of medical treatment, which we continue to endure today. We suffered and continue to suffer because no one at the FBI, USAG or the USOPC did what was necessary to protect us. We have been failed, and we deserve answers." – U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Champion Simone Biles, testimony to Senate Judiciary Committee

Just 17 years old in June of 2015, Maggie Nichols disclosed to USA Gymnastics officials that the organization's team doctor, Larry Nassar, had been molesting her since she was 15. Furthermore, she said she suspected that Nassar was abusing her friend and teammate Simone Biles as well.

USA Gymnastics waited more than a month to report the allegations to the FBI, by which time a private investigator had identified at least six victims, including McKayla Maroney and Aly Raisman. After receiving the report, the FBI did almost nothing. When agents finally scheduled an interview weeks later with McKayla Maroney, then 19, it was only to get USA Gymnastics "off of our back," according to investigators.

For nearly three hours, Maroney described to FBI agents -- over the phone, in graphic detail -- the six years of sexual abuse she endured at Nassar's hands. She called it "the most uncomfortable conversation I had ever had in my life."

The agents who interviewed her took almost no notes and filed no reports. It would be another year and a half, after an Indianapolis Star investigation brought renewed attention to Nassar, before Nichols, Biles, and Raisman finally were interviewed, and a wildly inaccurate and misleading report of Maroney's interview was filed.

Despite the trauma of their abuse and betrayal by a system stacked against them at every turn, these four young women found the courage not only to seek justice for themselves and the hundreds of Nassar's other victims, but also to stand before the U.S. Senate to tell their stories and demand accountability for those who failed them so completely.

The testimony of Biles, Maroney, Nichols and Raisman at last week's hearing was both heartbreaking and enraging to witness. But it was clear to see that the same fortitude, resilience, and strength of spirit that made them athletic champions also drives their unshakable quest for justice.

As Department of Justice Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz, whose report revealed the dismal failings of the FBI's Nassar investigation, testified, "These gymnasts showed remarkable bravery by coming forward to detail the shocking sexual assaults that they had endured from a USA Gymnastics medical doctor (Nassar) at the same time they were competing at the highest levels for our country. And, as you also heard today, these athletes reported this abuse with the hope and the belief that their actions would save other young women and girls from the serial abuse that they had endured. Sadly, as our report indicates, the response of the FBI agents who received that information betrayed their law enforcement responsibilities and their duties to these victims."

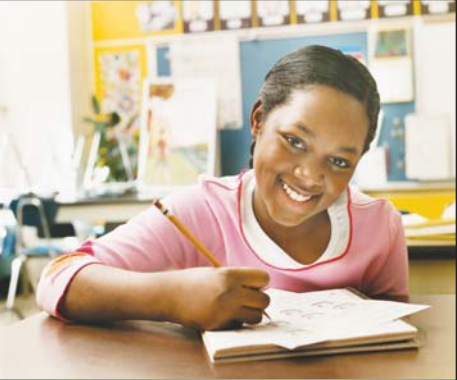
It is hard to imagine a more demoralizing, disheartening experience than that which these gymnasts endured. They had every justification to surrender to despair and abandon hope. But they could not walk away from the opportunity to prevent what happened to them from happening to other girls and young women. For that, they deserve not only our admiration and respect, but our every effort to hold those responsible to account.

"Nassar is where he belongs, but those who enabled him deserve to be held accountable," Biles testified "If they are not, I am convinced that this will continue to happen to others across Olympic Sports ... A message needs to be sent: If you allow a predator to harm children, the consequences will be swift and severe. Enough is enough."

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

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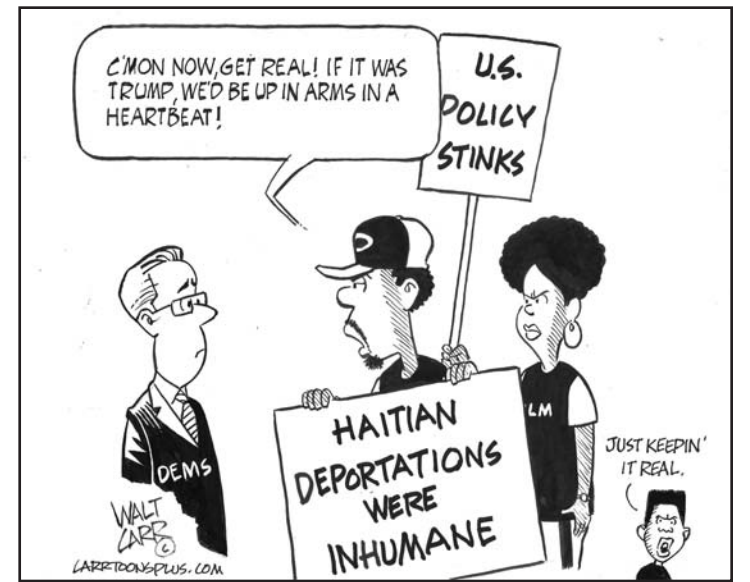
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MATTERS OF OPINION

Melvin Van Peebles, creative genius

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

One of the first Broadway plays I ever saw was Melvin Van Peeble's *Ain't Supposed to Die a Natural Death*. A. Robert Phillips, who led the Black Talent Program at Boston College, arranged for a group of us undergraduates to attend the play, have dinner, and enjoy New York City. I was riveted by the powerful play, a series of vignettes performed by a talented ensemble, who combined laughter, irony, pathos, and more to present a slice of Black life.

Two things stayed with me after all these years. One is a scene where a woman is on a ledge or balcony, and people are urging her not to jump. Her reply, "I ain't leaping; I'm just leanin'." This is the coolest place in town." The play closed with something of a curse on white America. "Put a curse on you. May all your kids be junkies, too." And now, thanks to opioids, many of them are.

We lost a giant when we lost Van Peebles on September 21, a giant and a multitalented man who acted, directed, wrote, starred, produced, composed, and played music and more. He was a man who loved Black people and was determined to

present us thru Black eyes, not white ones.

He also had an unusual sense of humor and was so deliberately provocative in his film *Sweet Sweetback's Badass Song* that the New York Times described the movie as "an outrage." But I remember seeing the film, rooting for Sweet Sweetback, on the run after he killed white

police officers who were beating a Black man and standing, like the other audience members did, to applaud when the film was over.

Some credit Van Peebles with the Blaxploitation genre, but he was so much more than that. Sweetback, to me, was about portraying a different power dynamic than one we were used to in 1971. In Sweetback, you saw a community sticking together, cheering their anti-hero who used everything he had, including his body and his sexual prowess, to elude the oppressor. In 1971, few Black folks were willing or able to give so-called law enforcement officers any push-

back, especially on-screen (the Black Panther Party had been pushing back since its inception). Sweetback was, if nothing else, a paradigm shift.

Before Sweetback, we saw docile, humble, polite Black men, like Sidney Poitier in *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*; or Lilies of the Valley. We saw exotic Black men like Harry Belafonte. And if we go back to Paul Robeson, we saw masterful, but nonthreatening, Black men. We never saw a man quite like Sweet Sweetback.

Thanks to Van Peebles, though, we began to see a series of them. None quite bold enough to kill a police officer, go on the run, and win, but self-assured enough to portray their truth. So there was John (bad mother shut your mouth) Shaft, there was Sam Jackson in Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction* and *Django Unchained*. Denzel Washington in *Training Day*. So many more. While all of these roles are complicated, and some overflow with stereotypes, they allowed the world to look at us differently as a people.

To be sure, there is way too much sexism in Black media. Much as I loved Sweet Sweetback, I cringed at his cavalier use of women and his dis-

dain for us. Too frequently, that's the case with male director/producers, even Black ones. Even as we tackle issues of anti-Blackness, we must also confront the sexism that we see in the Black community, especially in Black film. And we must appreciate the director Ava DuVernay for the well-rounded and positive Black men in *Queen Sugar*. While these men are not perfect by any stretch of the imagination, they are family and values-driven men, role models.

Van Peebles was a role model, too. The multitalented man spent time as an options trader and wrote a book about personal finance. He was a cable car operator in San Francisco and wrote about those experiences in a novel. He was prolific both in English and in French and published several books in France. Van Peebles made full use of his creative gift, and we are all so much better because he did.

Melvin Van Peebles left his footprint on Black cinema. He will be mourned and missed, and his legacy lives on!

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Law and order also means the police policing themselves

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I wish Cariol Horne was on the scene when Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin kept his knee on George Floyd's neck for almost nine minutes. If so, George Floyd may be alive today. There is a very high possibility that had Horne been there in 2020, an effort would have been made on her part to stop Chauvin. While Derek Chauvin was charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter, three other officers were charged with aiding and abetting. There are times it is necessary for the police to police themselves.

Former Buffalo, New York police officer Cariol Horne, who is Black, was in a very similar situation in 2006. She intervened to break up a confrontation involving a chokehold between Greg Kwiatkowski, a fellow White officer, and a Black suspect named Neal Mack. "Neal Mack looked like he was about to die," she stated in 2020. "So had I not stepped in, he possibly could have. He was handcuffed and being choked." While Mack contends the officer saved his life, Cariol Horne was termi-

nated when it was determined that her use of force was unjustified. She was fired from the Buffalo Police Department two months before being eligible to receive her full pension.

Waterloo, Iowa is a city of 67,000 residents and has a long history of tensions between the police and the city's Black community. The Black community makes up 17% of the city population. On June 1,

2020, Joel Fitzgerald became the first Black police chief in Waterloo. Soon after being sworn in as chief, the reform-minded Fitzgerald supported numerous changes. The changes, which are meant to transform the department, includes the banning of chokeholds, outlawing racial profiling, requiring officers to intervene if they see excessive force, and investigating all complaints of misconduct. Along with the efforts to improve policing came the expected backlash. Current and former officers are not

only opposing the reforms, but fighting the removal of the police insignia which resembles a Ku Klux Klan dragon.

Waterloo is no different than most other police departments. The clash between an entrenched Blue Culture versus the changes needed to hold officers accountable is a main reason many reform-minded officers are leaving. Blue Culture shows how the law enforcement community has a tendency to band together in face of scrutiny and calls for systemic change. Many officers have the integrity, character and ethics to fully serve the public according to their sworn oath. Cariol Horne reminds us of that fact. But the Blue Culture can be deadly. Derek Chauvin has proven that fact. When people claim to support the police, what type of officers are they supporting? When police reforms are implemented, thereby empowering the Cariol Horne-type officer we are more likely to have Neal Mack-type suspects (lives saved). When those who promote the police status quo, thereby empowering the Derek Chauvin-type officer we are more likely to have the

George Floyd-type suspects (lives taken).

Many of those who support the police status quo believe that incidents of police misconduct are just isolated and not part of a wider problem. Those who believe that misconception tend to overlook the fact that police departments nationwide have their share of officers of low character with no integrity. Usually incidents of wrong doing by an individual officer is not isolated on their part. Greg Kwiatkowski, after his encounter with Cariol Horne, was later sentenced to four months in federal prison in 2018 for using "unlawful and unreasonable force" against four Black teenagers. In October of 2021, the mayor of Buffalo signed the Duty to Intervene law which requires police to step in if a fellow officer uses excessive force. This shows that the heart of police reform really comes down to good police officers protecting citizens from bad police officers.

During the same month in which the new law was

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signed, Horne filed a lawsuit

to overturn her 2008 termination. A New York State judge ultimately ruled in her favor: *Horne's pension of approximately \$800,000 was reinstated. In an 11-page opinion, the*

judge quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, saying "the time is always right to do right". David W. Marshall is founder of the faith based organization, TRB: The

Reconciled Body, and author of the book "God Bless Our Divided America". He can be reached at www.davidwmarshallauthor.com

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

What happened to the Haitians?

In a story which has received very little attention, we have learned that the thousands of Haitian migrants who were living under the Del Rio International Bridge in El Paso, Texas, are no longer there.

Although the headlines said the though the majority of the migrants were Haitian, some were from other countries including Cuba and Brazil.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III, pastor of Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, visited the camp on Thursday, wanting to see what was going on. He described the conditions there as horrific, noting that the migrants needed many things including showers. He and others with him were not allowed to enter the camp, he said, but were relegated to talking with border officials, who intimated that the migrants were being treated well.

But on Friday, when he returned, the migrants - literally thousands of them - were gone.

Some of the migrants were deported back to Haiti, some, the government says, returned to Mexico, and others are being processed in the United States, some housed in Customs and Border Protection centers, and others being processed by the Department of Homeland Security to see if they can, in fact, remain in the United States. (<https://www.npr.org/2021/09/24/1040446618/biden-border-agents-horses-haiti-migrants-dangerous-wrong>)

But it is weird and, frankly, disturbing that in the dead of night, thousands of Haitians were cleared from that encampment. And it is even more disturbing that there has been little attention given to the situation since the migrants were moved.

The Biden administration has come under intense criticism for the way the Haitians have been treated, especially following pictures emerged of border agents beating a Haitian man with a whip.

The president and others said they were horrified that such inhumane actions were being meted out against the migrants. The president said it was "outrageous" that human beings were being treated in that way and said that there will be an investigation.

Investigations in this country of situations involving Black people tend not to be too believable, as they too often indicate that was been alleged to have happened to Black people was justified.

But it will be interesting to see if this "investigation" reveals where these thousands of human beings have been taken and will also answer the question of how the United States government managed to get them out of the encampment - all of them - in the dead of night. It will also be interesting to see if we learn why the mass deportment - or removal - done at night?

It is no secret that many Americans do not want immigrants of color to be admitted into this country, but it's also interesting to note that the resistance to welcoming brown and Black immigrants is global. Nobody wants Black and/or brown people in their country. That resistance has resulted in violence in places throughout the world.

In this country, especially since 911, the resistance to immigration of has grown exponentially in this country. There is a great fear, it seems, among white people, that there is a move on to replace them with brown and Black people. Many, including Fox News personality Tucker Carlson, are pushing people to believe that "replacement" of whites is real.

At the same time, they don't want people to think that they are racist.

So, perhaps the US government was acting with concern and compassion, and not sheer terror that there were just too many Black people being admitted to this country. Amongst a great swath of white people, there is a genuine fear of being replaced and displaced. (<https://www.thedailybeast.com/tucker-carlson-pushes-racist-great-replacement-theory-yet-again-adl-renews-call-for-fox-to-fire-him>)

Maybe it is that fear that motivated the Biden administration to approval of the removal of the Haitians in that encampment to be removed in the dead of night.

I don't know; neither do the masses of us. But I do wonder: where are the Haitians? Hopefully, we will know soon.

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Four types of people in the world

1. The Players
2. The Watchers
3. The Wonderers
4. The Wanderers

If life were a game of baseball, the Players would be the people or teams on the field. These are the people who have sacrificed and practiced until they are the best that they can be.

They do what they love and love what they do. Players reap the rewards of their efforts.

They use their powers to make things happen.

Players reach within to that well of power they have developed to get desired results.

The Players take the risks and get the rewards.

Need a grand slam - Got a grand slam.

The Watchers are the spectators sitting in the stands watching others play the game of life. Watching somebody else get the money, the recogni-

tion, and the girl.

Everyone who is not on the playing field is a watcher.

True Watchers are the people who never really try hard at anything.

They may dream of being a Player. But, at the first signs of difficulty, challenge, or disappointment, they discard their dreams and scurry off the playing field of life, silently vowing never to try that again.

These wannabe Players take their seat in the stands with carefully crafted excuses and explanations for not being in the game.

Watchers are people who had a dream, but let it be com-

promised.

Watchers often say, "I should have done this, or I could have been that, but I've had a good life."

The Wonderers are the people in the parking lot outside the stadium where the game of life is being played.

They hear the sounds of the players and the spectators, but they are not a part of the game.

They know something is going on, but they must wonder what it is, since they cannot see.

Wonderers learn about what is going on secondhand.

They live their lives responding to outside stimuli and developing other peoples' programs. Wonders often see the world in terms of would have, could have, and should have.

The Wanderers are the people who are lost on the dirt road to the freeway, to the

parking lot, outside the game of life.

They have no idea of what is going on, and no plans to find out.

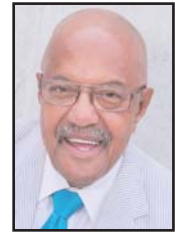
The Wanderers are like thisles in the wind. They blow from pillar to post, without goals, plans, or roots.

Ruled by their addictions and their appetites, they live for the moment and nothing more.

Next week - "The Power of Your Self-Image"

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Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet

What is the Community Relations Service? And who are the peacemakers?

Up the Cape Fear River in Moore and Chatham Counties the NAACP has had good success working with a federal agency hardly anyone has heard of-the Community Relations Service (CRS and its Conciliation specialists-Peacemakers.

Brief History of CRS

Two weeks after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rev. John Lewis brought the strong messages of equality and Freedom Now to a quarter of a million people gathered in D.C., the KKK planted 15 sticks of dynamite in the stairwell of an important Movement Church, 16th Street Baptist and detonated the bomb at 10:19 in the morning. Three 14-year-old girls, and one 11-year old, were dressing up to go upstairs to join their parents for the adult services. They were blown to bits! Twenty other worshippers were badly injured.

The KKK backlash was followed by Dr. King and Rev. Lewis turning up the heat in Selma Alabama, with marches across Edmund Pettus Bridge, and a March from Selma to Gov. George Wallace's office in Montgomery. Rev. Lewis got his head cracked open by Alabama State Troopers in 1964, and a Detroit Union member, Viola Liuzzo was murdered by the KKK as she drove marchers back from the Montgomery March. These televised attacks on Black and White protesters for equal rights led directly to the Passage of a series of 10 Articles in what was called the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The best-known Article probably is Title VII. It put a powerful tool in the hands of southern NAACP lawyers and Branch Presidents-a Federal Friend called the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Black, Brown and all Women workers could file charges of discrimination against the entrenched white male employer network, when applied for jobs, promotions, training and, later, when they had been subjected to offensive and hostile work environments. Jim Crow had been outlawed for 10 years, thanks to the NAACP's 1954 Supreme Court Victory in Brown v. Board, but it was alive and well across the south (and North) in 1964. Article IX forced public schools (from kindergarten to graduate schools) to provide

equal financing for athletic and other educational extra-curricular activities for half the world's people-girls and women-to be empowered and refreshed by competitive sports which had been almost exclusively reserved for boys and men throughout history.



Al McSurely

Article X of the 964 Civil Rights Act created the first Community Relations Service (CRS), or Peacemakers. Lyndon Johnson strongly supported The Peacemakers and quickly named Roger Wilkins, a well-connected Washington Black lawyer, to an Associate Attorney Generalship, and as the first Director of the CRS. Within weeks Wilkins was flying to Selma where John Lewis and scores of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) organizers were non-violently marching into nightsticks of quite violent troopers. A few days later, Viola Liuzzo was killed by KKK at short range, while an FBI confidential informant sat next to her in the car, knowing he too would be murdered if he disclosed he was an FBI employee.

For the next 57 years Peacemakers like Wilkins walked the tightrope of being quite open that they worked for the US Department of Justice, while staying on speaking terms with both sides in the long struggle righteous people in the south, Black and White, were wagging to dismantle institutional racism, sexism, and, more recently, prejudice and hate against LGBTWQ people.

Peacemakers work is similar to US Ambassadors in foreign countries. They worked to insure both sides in the Jim Crow South knew exactly what the other side wanted. They facilitated back-door conversations with pride-filled politicians and community leaders. They arranged face-saving ways to back out of public statements. They knocked down rumors that spread like forest fires, ending in violence. Peacemakers created dialogue; sometimes even friendships.

Title X traditionally won near-unanimous bi-partisan support in Congress. Its record of saving faces and

lives, however, never generated the positive publicity it deserved.

Although Peacemakers are Blessed in the Bible, most of their work is behind the scenes. They want local protagonists to get the credit for saving their own faces as well as saving lives.

Rejuvenate the CRS NOW!

The new Attorney General Merrick Garland recently reported to Congress that the CRS has only 26 staff members. In its heyday in the late 1960's, it had over 300! Mr. Grande Lum, President Obama's CRS Director from 2012-2016 and Ms. Grace Flores-Hughes, President Reagan's and George H.W. Bush's CRS Director from 1988-1992, recently co-authored an article urging Pres. Biden to authorize staffing and funding the CRS at "levels adequate to the challenge at this moment of national racial reckoning." They urged the President to quickly name a Director with "savvy and stature" to provide immediate leadership to the diverse CRS constituents.

It is evident to all people who keep an eye on the KKK and its copycats, that there is a small violent fringe of White Nationalists, flaunting their presence at school board and public health meetings. FBI Director Chris Wray told Congress in June 2021 his agency had updated its assessment of violent threats to American democracy since Jan 6, buttressing Lum and Flores-Hughes recommendation to staff and fund the CRS at "levels adequate to the challenge at this moment of national racial reckoning" with a Director with savvy and stature. What would have happened if the CRS had 300 full-time Peacemakers and a leader with the Stature and Wisdom of a modern-day Roger Wilkins, receiving information that a busload of people was driving to DC from a southern state, to try to stop the counting of electoral votes by the Vice President on January 6.

The CRS is the only Federal agency with the express purpose to identify and defuse volatile racial and homophobic situations. It has express jurisdiction over violations of the Matthew Shepard Act, and it has developed an extensive library on the DOJ website for local governments and school boards to provide safe spots for peo-

ple who want to be more open about their sexual identities.

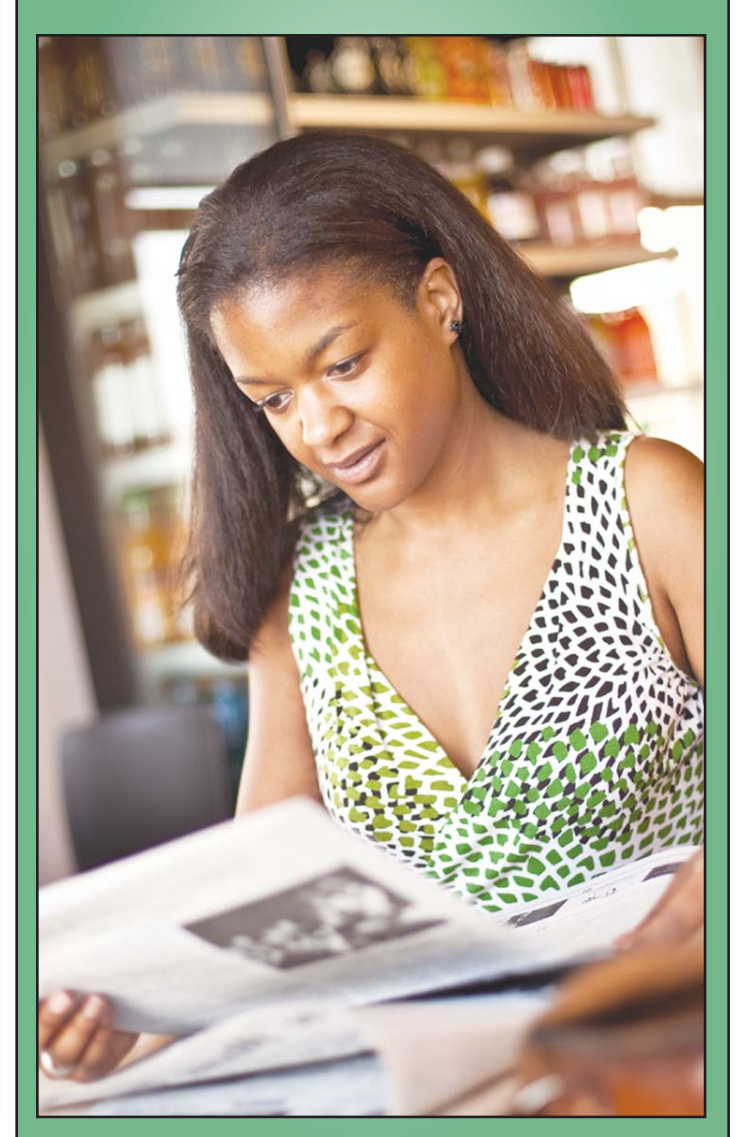
Roger Wilkins was related, by blood and by common interests to many of the civil rights leaders of his day. His uncle was Roy Wilkins. Roger interned for Thurgood Marshall at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. The NAACP was the only national civil rights membership organization with deep roots across the Jim Crow south. After Nixon won in 1968, the CRS was toast. Roger Wilkins became a journalist for the Washington Post and the NYTimes. He wrote his three years as CRS Director were "blurs of pain and glory," and that the CRS resources "were meager; its needs monumental." He recalled his sense of betrayal when white DOJ colleagues were invited to a fancy dinner at a Detroit power brokers' segregated club, excluding him from meeting with people who could be quite useful in dampening down the hostilities in the streets. He loved telling the story about walking up to Michigan State Troopers, who were using their batons and rifles on the thousands of young Black men in the Street. In his finely-cut three piece suit, Roger Wilkins would approach the Trooper check point, his hands reaching for the sky, yelling at the top of his voice: "Department of Justice" "Department of Justice" thinking about his good friend, John Lewis on the Selma Bridge.

Tell President Biden to Get the CRS and Peacemakers back in the Streets. Now!

--Al McSurely, NC Civil Rights Lawyer

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.

THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



"When a school child remains unchallenged, he or she will shut down and lose interest in learning altogether".

--BESSIE HOGAN

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Yes, we have crossed OVER!

This week I want to celebrate the fact that Project Get That Deed officially crossed over into helping 100+ families to become 1st-time homeowners.

This is a very exciting milestone, and we are just getting started. So many families yet to help, and we will. We have already helped families of every kind of family size, financial highs, and lows, credit scores, age groups, and profession. Our youngest homeowner to date was a 19-year old that reached out to me at the age of 17, asking for help to own a home before age 20. Well, we made that happen for her. Our most "mature" to date was a 70-yr old disabled Veteran that purchased his 1st-home after renting for 50 years! Yes 5-0, but no more. He said to me on the day of closing, "Brenda I now have something to leave my children, when before all they could have had was my box of

personal items out of that old rental. If everyone falls on hard times, they all now have a home they can all pile up in and never be homeless." I tell you, that means something, a wonderful feeling. I'm telling you we have helped families from married couples in their 20's, countless single moms, single fathers, single females no kids, single females with fur babies, single Kings no kids, married couples with kids, married couples with no kids, families that lived in fixed rent-subsidized housing, school teachers, bus drivers, and from custodian department. McDonald's employees, Truck drivers, Stylist, CNA's, Nurses, countless NH Regional employees, Store cashier clerks, Delivery drivers, self-employed, fixed income, and anything else you can think of. We are so proud of all of our families. They all worked so hard for this. Paying off debts,

sacrificing and saving instead of vacationing, eating out, etc... Just did all they had to do to make it happen for their families.

So, this week I had to SALUTE all of them, ALL that has crossed over and has changed the future of their families forever. Homeownership IS the #1 way that our working, disabled, and retired families will gain financial security, wealth, inheritance, and legacy. CONGRATS YALL, HUGE CONGRATS...

Until next week, share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to be ENCOURAGED, and reach out for a no-cost financial game plan to own in the next 18 months, or less. Their family and your family definitely can be next.

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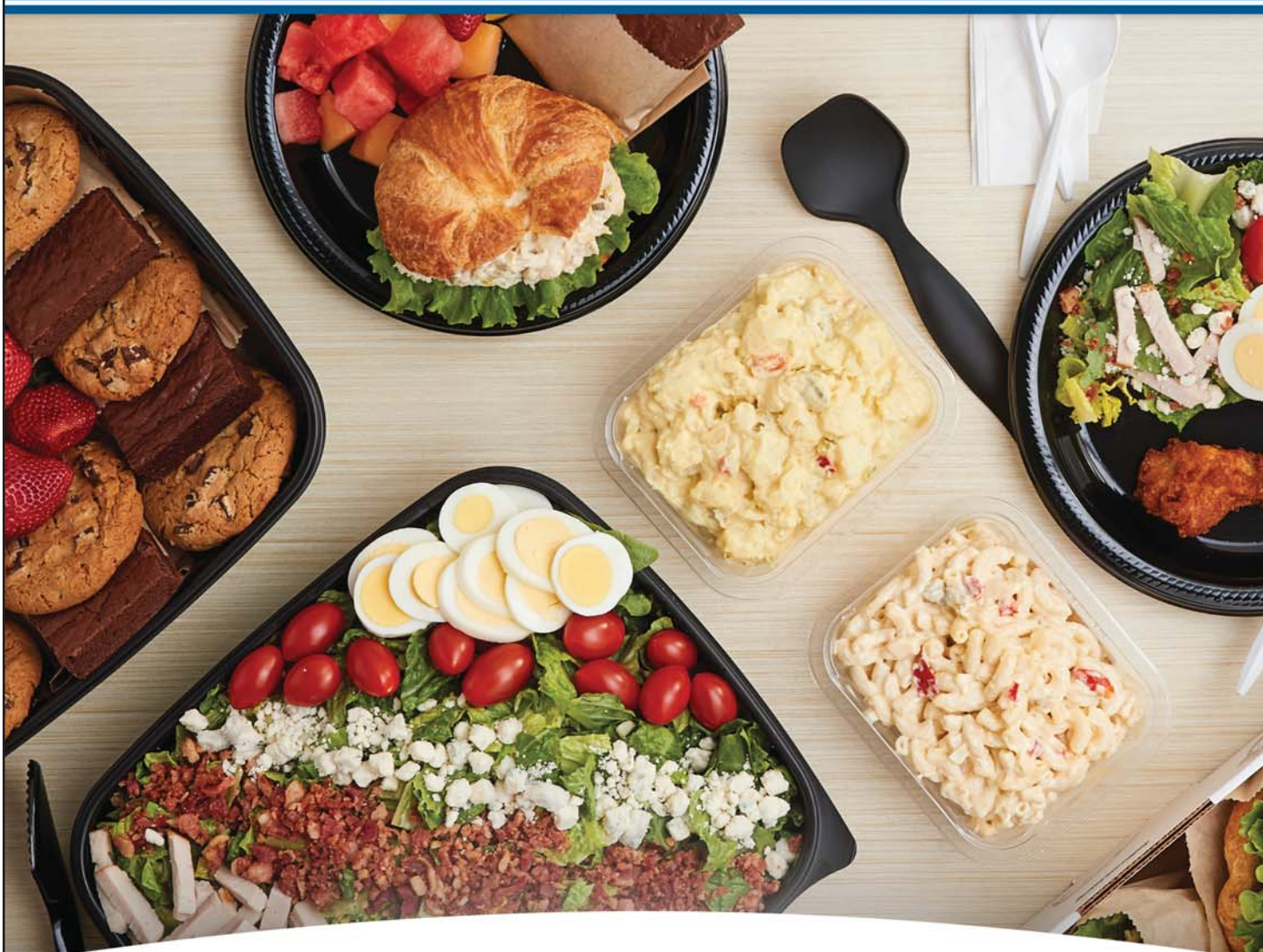
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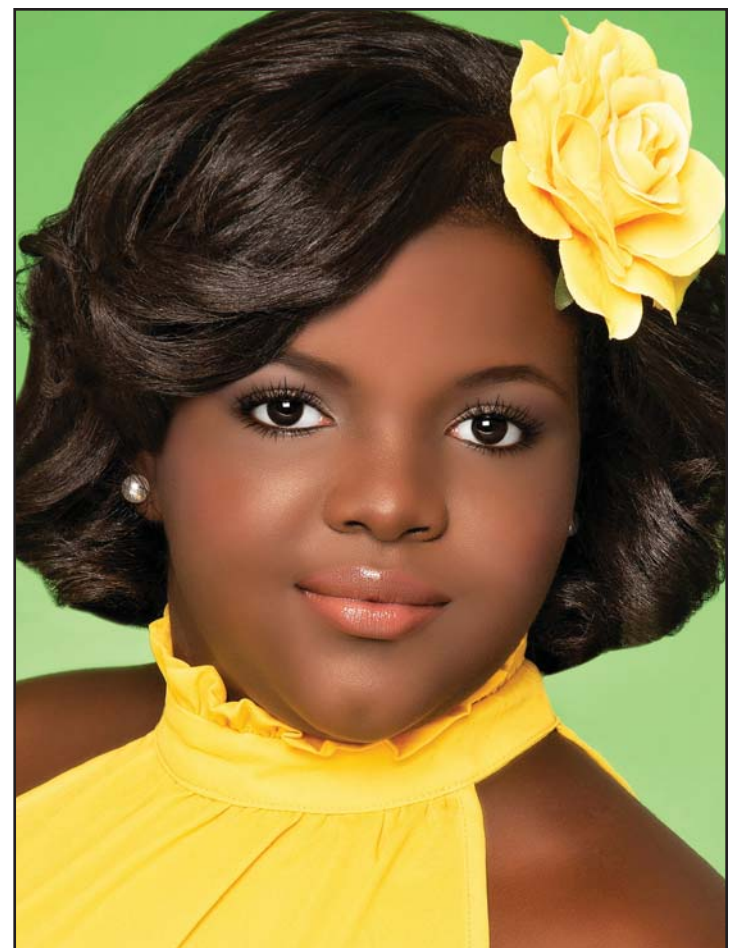


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Local girl to compete for scholarships at a national pageant



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ATIYA DENICE JOHNSON

Ten-year-old Atiya Denice Johnson, daughter of Bernice and Atiba Johnson, of Wilmington, North Carolina will be competing in the upcoming America's International Miss Pageant in Orlando, Florida, October 22 - 24, 2021. Atiya will be competing as Jr. Miss East Coast. She is a 5th grade student at Mary C. Williams Elementary School.

Atiya began competing in pageant when she was six years old. Her pageant resume' includes 2017 Once Upon A Time, Ultimate Grand Supreme, 2018 Mini Miss Pleasure Island, 2018 - 2019 Miss Wilmington's Outstanding Teen's Carolina Princess, 2019 - 2020 Miss Wilmington's Carolina Princess Court, 2020 - 2021 Miss Wilmington's Carolina Princess Court, and 2021 - 2022 Little Miss New Hanover County.

Atiya said prior to heading to Orlando, the months leading up to the pageant has consisted of many rehearsals and practices for her interview and on-stage competitions.

"No matter what happens in Orlando, I know I am already a winner," Atiya said. "I get to help people in my community and have been able to meet new friends and sister queens."

America's International Miss Scholarship Pageant is a scholarship pageant, full of

empowering women of all ages; whose focus is to "Love, Lead, and Serve" in the community.

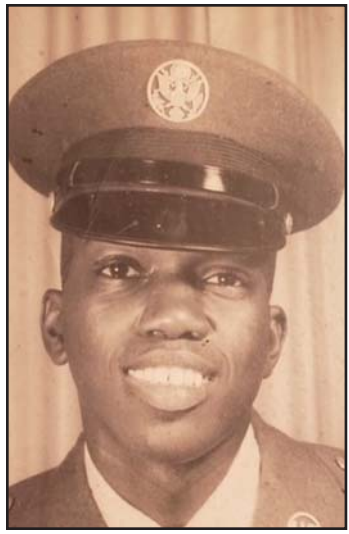
With her active community service, Atiya has been able to donate over 750 books through her platform Atiya's Book Bank. With Atiya's Book Bank, she collects and donates new and gently used books to children and organizations in New Hanover County and surrounding areas. It is Atiya's hope to fill homes and organizations with books because all children deserve to have their own books.

Johnson hopes to also earn the People's Choice Award, which is the contestant with the highest number of votes, because she could win a \$500.00 scholarship. For \$1.00, people can vote on America's International Miss Pageant website, where you'll find Atiya under the Jr. Miss Division. Voting is open now and ends on October 24.

Bernice Johnson, Atiya's mom says, "We are so very proud of her. No matter if she wins or not, we are just amazed at all her awesome accomplishments and the great work she is doing in the community."

If you are interested in donating or becoming a sponsor of Atiya's Journey to Nationals, please contact Bernice S. Johnson at nicy1004@gmail.com.

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Carlton Bert Henderson

Following complications from a stroke suffered on September 10, 2021, Carlton Bert Henderson, 73, of Wilmington, NC, passed away under hospice care at Lower Cape Fear Life Care on Thursday, September 15, 2021.

He was born in Wilmington on June 11, 1948 and known affectionately as "lil' Bert" or "Ronnie" to family and friends. Bert attended New Hanover County Schools where he graduated from Williston High School in the Class of 1965. He joined the U.S. Air Force following his graduation. Upon return from his military service, Bert, like his late father became a member of the International Longshoremen's Association - Local 1426, where he proudly served over a span of 20 years. When not working, he was a music lover especially of his favorite artist, Luther Vandross, an impeccable dresser, car enthusiast and an avid Patriots football fan. In his later years up to his final days, Bert could be found throughout the city beautifying the yards of various community members in Wilmington. He took tremendous pride in his work - no job was too great or too small.

Bert was preceded in death by his parents, Bert Henderson, Jr. and Annie Ruth Henderson. He is survived by sons, Mikquel L. Henderson (Ronja Burney mother of Mikquel) and Daryl Walker; sisters, Cynthia A. Henderson, Teresa H. Burnett, and Carmen Vincent, granddaughter, Zoe Henderson, a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Additionally, he was formerly married to and is survived by Geraldine Walker (mother of Daryl) and Brenda Henderson.

As Bert wrestled with his life's challenges and choices, he lived life on life's terms ultimately gaining a sense of peace. He will be forever remembered and sorely missed by family and friends for his generosity, intelligence, humor and his unconditional loyalty, love and care of his immediate and extended family circle.

Memories and expressions

of sympathy may be shared at <http://www.adkinsdrain-funeralservices.com/obits>. The family will hold a celebration of life memorial service at a later date.

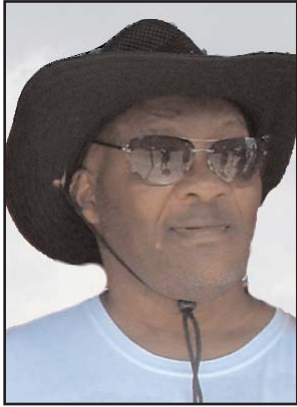
Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com

Card Of Thanks



The family of the late Henry "Hank" Brown extend our heartfelt thanks for all the cards, phone calls, food, visits and all acts of kindness during the passing of our beloved one. We the Brown family say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Card Of Thanks



Jimmie Lee Small, Sr.
December 29, 1945 - September 6, 2021

The family of the late Jimmie Lee Small, Sr. would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness shown to them during the passing of their loved one. May God continue to bless you and your family. Please keep us in your prayers. Sending hugs to everyone. Again, we Thank You.



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"Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth to the things that are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God through Christ Jesus." *Philippians 3:13*

We all have a past. So, in order to make spiritual progress, we have to avoid looking back too long. It's ok to look back sometimes and appreciate or evaluate how far God has brought you. We need to give God the glory for whatever spiritual progress we have made that brought us from where we were then, back when, to where we are now.

A rear view mirror has a

purpose. It has been designed to allow the driver to see the rear of the vehicle through the rear window. A rear view mirror also helps you to gauge the needed distance where-in it is safe to stop to avoid hitting an object or a person. Then, when it is time to go forward, one must stop looking behind, so they can focus on what is ahead. The driver must change/shift gears and proceed to move forward with the assistance of the



Sylvia Hooper

rear view mirror: Looking too long in the rearview mirror of life can cause you to get stuck in a place of being stagnant. You may even want to move forward, but you cannot get your focus off of the past. When we understand, that we cannot look backwards and forwards at the same time! There must be a conscious decision to move forward no matter what. Then based on that decision, you must change your focus and start moving toward your future.

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We also invite trouble when we focus too long on the present situation. Where you are is only temporary. Whether it is a good place or a bad place, it is only tempo-

rary. Things change and life happens to all of us. When life happens, we can go with the flow or get left behind. It is our choice. Don't get stuck in your past, by lingering too long in the rear view mirror of life!

We invite trouble when we dwell on the past too long. The past has come to pass! Past mistakes can be corrected. If you are willing to profit from them. You can actually use the hard places you have been in the past, as stepping stones for your future. If you have done wrong in the past, forgive yourself and repent to your fellow man. Where it is possible, make amends for your wrong, pay what you

owe, and restore what you stole. If someone has wronged you, forgive them, and get on with your life!

Don't live in the rear view mirror of life. Go there from time to time to check yourself and to maintain a safe distance from danger, but don't park there, don't stay there.

Letting go of the past allows you the freedom to reach forth towards the future God has in store for you! Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Go ahead and check your rear view mirror from time to time, but don't

get stuck in your past and lose focus on your future. What's coming is greater than what is behind you! Be encouraged, and Tell Somebody!!!

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A WORD FROM THE LORD

The last days

This lesson is being taught from the POSB Cmy; of the end times or what the Bible calls the last days. This is a perfect picture or example of what is taking place in America especially in the past several years. The hope of America is not in the Democratic Party nor the Republican party but only in Jesus Christ. The song writer penned it well, "my hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweet frame, but wholly Iain on Jesus name. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sink sand."

Let's began by read our Scripture text: 2 Timothy 3:1-5, (KJV) "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." This is a picture of future society that we have now enter-a terrible picture of what the last days of human history will be like. But note a

shocking fact: it sounds very much like the society of today. We just do not think of our day as being so terrible; we seldom sit down and study the godless marks of society. But this is exactly what this passage does: it discusses the godless marks of the last days, marks that come close to painting a picture of our day and time. This fact points to our day as being part of the last days. It is very possible that the Lord's return is at hand. One thing is sure, we must do just what Christ said: be prepared for His return, for He can return at any moment.



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

1. In the last days perilous times shall come (v.1). 2. Mark 1: a godless world (v.2-4). 3. Mark 2: a powerless religion (v.5). 4. Mark 3: a corrupt ministry (v.6-9).

In the last days perilous times shall come. Perilous times means difficult, troublesome, trying, uneasy, hard, violent, threatening, and dangerous days. The picture is that of people turning to

and fro, here and there, not knowing which way to turn. "The last days" is a Biblical term that points to the end of the present age, the days right before the return of Christ, and the end of the world. It should be noted, however, that the marks of the end time are somewhat characteristic of all ages, but they are to be intensified in the last days

The first mark of the last days will be a godless world. Why will the last days be perilous? Because the world will be godless. Note how the terrible marks of the last days sound very much like a picture of today. 1. People will be lovers of their own selves: this does not mean the normal and natural love of life and of oneself that we should all have. It means selfishness and self-centeredness... o to focus upon oneself and one's own pleasure and flesh instead of upon God and other people. o to put oneself before others: wife, husband, parent, child, friend, neighbor, God. o to put one's own will before God's will. o to seek one's own desires without considering others. o to go after what one wants even if it is unwise and hurts others. o to feel that everyone and everything should revolve around oneself. o to focus upon one's own pleasure and flesh and ignore the crying needs of the desperate and dying.

Self-love sets one up like a god and feels that nothing matters as much as the pleasure of oneself. In the last days people will love themselves more than they love anyone else. Selfishness will be one of the terrible marks of the last days. This is the behave being demonstrated by the leadership we have in Washington DC, and what is being demonstrated in the cities across America (Trumpism).

People will be proud: self-exaltation, conceit, arrogance; being haughty; putting oneself above others and looking down upon others; scorn, and contempt. It means to show oneself; to lift one's head above another; to hold contempt for another; to compare oneself with others. Pride can be hidden in the heart as well as openly displayed (it is the spirit of the anti-Christ already at work in culture).

Very simply stated, the proud person feels that he is better than others. Note that this is a feeling within the heart. The proud person may appear quiet and humble, but within his heart he secretly feels better than others. God resists the proud.

People will be blasphemers: the word means to slander, insult, rail, revile, reproach, curse. Blasphemy is usually thought to be against God, and it is. But it is

also a sin against men. Men can blaspheme men. Think of the cursing and insults thrown against God and men today. Practically everyone is cursing and reviling someone: mothers, fathers, children, teachers, professionals, actors, comedians, politicians, even some professing religionists feel the need to occasionally curse in order to be acceptable (again this what we see being demonstrated, even among those who say they are Christians, the last President broke all of these rules and set a bad example for other in the political arena).

Why is there so much cursing today? Because there is a loss of respect for both self and others, for both position and authority. People rail, revile, insult, reproach, and curse when they are disturbed within-when they sense dissatisfaction, disapproval, unacceptance, bitterness, emptiness, loneliness, and reaction within their heart. A disturbed and dissatisfied heart causes people to blaspheme God and man, including themselves (blaming and cursing themselves when they fail and come ever so short). The second mark of the last days will be a powerless religion. Note: there will be religion in the last days. It will be just like today, churches and temples and worship centers will be every-

where. People will claim and profess godliness, but their worship will be only a form, only an outward profession, only an appearance of godliness. They will not possess God; they will not have God in their hearts and lives. They will profess God and Christ, be baptized in the Christian faith, attend worship services, participate in the rituals and ceremonies recite the creeds and sometimes talk about God

But they will deny the power of God. What is the power of God? It is the power to deliver men from the bondage of sin, death, and hell-all through the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the power of the cross and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ-the power to save people from perishing and to give them eternal life (POSB-C). This is exactly what Scripture says. Father, in the Name of Jesus I pray that you will open the eyes of the Church that we may see, that the spirit of the anti-Christ is already presence in the World and invading the church. In Jesus Name we pray Amen.

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This the 9th day of September, 2021.

Judy Ann Wolf
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Sharon Smith Coble**, 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 **16th day of December, 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 16th day of September, 2021

Paul Graham Coble, Jr., Administrator
109 Tara Drive
Wilmington, NC 28409

September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Gale Mary Corcimiglia**, 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 **16th day of December, 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 16th day of September, 2021

Teresa L. Pierce, Administratrix
2137 Willow Creek
Leland, NC 28451

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Clea A. Williamson**, 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 **16th day of December, 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 16th day of September, 2021

Sharon D. Williamson, Administratrix
2802 Colonel Lamb
Wilmington, NC 28405

September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Beverly Joy Owens**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned, care of their attorney, on or before **December 31, 2021** (which date is at least three (3) months from the first publication of this notice), or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned, care of their attorney.

This the 30th day of September, 2021.

Hannah Joyce Hildreth, Administrator of the Estate of Beverly Joy Owens, Deceased
c/o Randall S. Hoose, Jr.
Atlantic Coast Law
314 Walnut Street, Suite 100
Wilmington, NC 28401-4160

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 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 **Ramona Nixon**, 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 **16th day of December, 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 23rd day of September, 2021

Demarcus Nixon, Administrator
713 Anderson St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 21-E-1415

Barry S. Cobb, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Melvin R. Cobb, Jr.** late of late of Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of the decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned Executor, Barry S. Cobb, on or before **December 31, 2021** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 30th day of September, 2021.

Barry S. Cobb, Executor
5305 Thaxton Place
Raleigh NC 27612
(919)801-0945.

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 20 JA 12

IN THE MATTER OF: Z.F.

TO: ROLANDO ALEXANDER TORRES, RESPONDENT-PARENT OF Z.F. born on January 12, 2020 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 November 14, 2020, alleging that Z.F. is a Dependent Juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, September 16, 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.

ROLANDO ALEXANDER TORRES has been assigned Attorney Meghan Schultz. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 251-6088, 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATORY HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 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, or may occur via WebEx at a time to be determined.

This the 16th day of September 2021.

Regina Floyd-Davis, Senior Attorney
New Hanover County Department of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615 Phone
(910) 798-7833 Fax

September 16, 23, 30, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION State of North Carolina County of Mecklenburg In the General Court of Justice District Court/Juvenile Division File No. 19 JT 226

In the Matter of: Jahtavia Patricia Ann Myers minor child

TO: John Doe, address unknown, North Carolina, father of the above-named female child Jahtavia Patricia Ann Myers born to Patrice Myers, Mother, on 05/17/2019 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

TAKE NOTICE that a petition seeking the termination of your parental rights and obligations to the above-referenced minor children has been filed against you. The Court will conduct a hearing to determine whether one or more grounds alleged in the petition for terminating parental rights exist. If the Court finds that one or more grounds exist, the Court will proceed at that hearing or a later hearing to determine whether parental rights should be terminated. Notice of the date, time and location of the hearing will be mailed to you by the petitioner after you file an answer or thirty (30) days from the date of service if you do not file an answer. If you do not file a written answer to the attached petition with the Clerk of Superior Court within thirty (30) days, the Court may terminate your parental rights.

You are required to file a written answer to the petition within forty (40) days following September 30, 2021, which date is the date of the first publication of this Notice; and upon your failure to file answer within the time prescribed, your parental rights to the juvenile will be terminated.

You have a right to be represented by a lawyer in this case. If you want a lawyer and cannot afford one, the Court will appoint a lawyer for you. If you are represented by a lawyer appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency case, that lawyer may be able to represent you unless the Court orders otherwise. If you are not represented by a lawyer, unsure as to whether you are represented by a lawyer, or want a lawyer and cannot afford one, then you are encouraged to contact the Mecklenburg County Clerk of Court at (704) 686-0620 to request an attorney. At the first hearing, the Court will determine whether you qualify for a court-appointed lawyer. If you do not qualify, the lawyer will be released. (NOTE: If a lawyer is appointed for you and if the Court terminates your parental rights, you may become liable for repayment of the lawyer's fees, and a judgment for the amount of the fees may be entered against you.)

Kathleen Arundell Jackson
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