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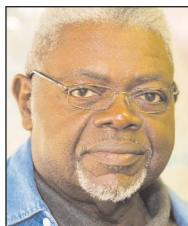


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BERNEST HEWETT



FIRE TRUCK NAMED 'MABELL'

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BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sunset Harbor-Zion Hill Fire Department was a coming together of the Black and White communities in 1979 and formed this fire department to cover the Sunset Harbor-Zion Hill community

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JUSTICE PHIL BERGER, JR.

GOP justices asked to recuse themselves in voter ID case

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If your father is one of the principals in a major voter ID case coming before your court. should you stand down, rather than raise questions about your court's impartiality? That's the question NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Phil Berger, Jr. is facing in the case of NAACP v. Moore and Berger. An order was issued last week for legal briefs dealing with questions about the recusal of two associate justices in the matter. Berger, Jr. is one of them. Justice Berger Jr.'s ability to fairly judge NAACP v. Moore and Berger is at question because one of the defendants named is NC Senate Pro Tem Phil Berger, Sr., his father. The NC NAACP has petitioned the court for Berger, Jr. to be recused since he won't do it himself. North Carolina's judicial ethics code of ethics requires him to do so if a case involves a close family member or even the appearance of conflict of interest, but thus far, Berger, Jr. has shown no sign that he has any intention of stepping off.

Justice Berger, Jr. reportedly argues that he

should remain because his father is being sued in his official, not personal, capacity. The case, the NC NAACP's suing the Republican-led NC General Assembly under legislative leadership of Berger Sr. and House Speaker Tim Moore, is over passage of the 2018 voter ID amendment, which the NC NAACP maintains the legislature was not legally empowered to ratify nor the law derived from it valid because the federal courts had previously ruled that 28 of the voting districts of which that legislature was constituted were illegal racial gerrymanders.

At issue, per Associate Berger, Jr., recusing himself in this case, is whether the NC High Court has the authority to involuntarily require him to do so. The stakes are high because the NC Supreme Court has a 4-3 Democrat/Republican split.

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If Berger, Jr. is removed, then at least one GOP conservative judge will not hear the case, and conservatives are desperately trying to keep that from happening. They also very much want Berger, Jr. to stay put so that, not only the voter ID amendment, but the 2018 voter ID law on which it is based, remains intact. Interestingly, this is all happening after a three-judge State

Superior Court panel ruled recently that the 2018 voter ID law was unconstitutional because of its negative affect against Black and brown voters. That ruling is expected to be appealed.

Justice Berger, Jr. isn't the only Republican associate justice on the recusal hot seat. Associate Justice Tamara Barringer is a Republican former State senator who served right before being elected to the State Supreme Court in 2020. She also is facing questions about her ability to fairly rule, given her previous legislative involvement in voting for the 2018 voter ID amendment and law.

The oral argument in NAACP v. Moore before North Carolina's Supreme Court was pulled from the court calendar in late August when neither Berger, Jr. nor Barringer responded to recusal inquiries, thus putting the rest of the court in the position of having to decide for them.

Ultimately, if justices Berger, Jr. and Barringer are forced to recuse themselves, the High Court's 4-3 partisan split dramatically drops to 4-1 for this case, setting a precedent that could automatically affect subsequent

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and surrounding area so that they would have better and faster coverage for the citizens of this district. This week, Sunset Harbor-Zion Hill Fire Department decided to give one of its oldest and finest fire persons a special recognition. Ms Mabell DeShields, who is one of the founding members of the station is a fire person and worked as an active person ever since (42 years) and still is active. She retired from the medical field and graduated from Brunswick County Training School. She is a member and deaconess at Zion Hill Missionary **Baptist** Church and is an Eastern Star member of the Red Hats. She is helping raise her nieces and nephews. So, in her honor for her 42 years of service with the fire department, the new fire engine was named after MABELL and her name is displayed on its front windshield. What an honor! Hats off to the Sunset Harbor-Zion Hill Fire department and to Ms. Mabell DeShields! To God be the glory.

Hewett BernestPresident Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

NAACP partners with **League and Housing Coalition** for candidates forum

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Tuesday evening, the NAACP, League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear and Cape Fear Housing Coalition provided a virtual forum for municipal candidates to explain their platforms.

The two Wilmington mayoral candidates, current Mayor Bill Saffo and a former mayor and NC General Assemblyman, Harper Peterson, stressed future growth needs.

Six of eight city council candidates, The Rev. Clifford Barnett, Paul Lawler, Charlie Rivenbark, Angie Ulmer, Luke Waddell, and Phillip White, participated while J. B. Brookins and Jonathan Uzcategu opted not to dialog. Top personal concerns, public transportation problems, affordable housing, developers' land density needs, gun violence and rising crime were question topics. Mayoral Candidates grappled with inquiries about cultural geographies.

Discussions of how the Port City Northside and Downtown Wilmington Historic District fare in terms investments of public funds and private development resulted with stark differences.

Mayor Saffo acknowledged that the "We Rise Together" initiative and private investments link to a preferred balance in citywide attention and care of all areas. "Some positive, some negative," results were realized, according to the mayor.

Peterson spoke of "a tale of two cities" and contrasted the investments in Northside and Black residential areas "left behind," The challenger also cited examples of the Million Northside Riverfront Park, and sixteen hundred housing units developed in the downtown district that show disparities of

interests through past leader-

Peterson did not dispute Saffo's contention that thirty thousand jobs had been created in the past ten years nor that high school graduates no longer leave the Port City to seek employment or begin businesses. The mayoral challenger did stress needs for new and increased job growth in sustainable envi-

renewable energy. Peterson cited job initiatives similar to FDR's Civilian Conservation Core should be designed to care for trees and target future opportunities in Eagle Island. A youth Job Corps in the Cape Fear area is needed, he said.

ronmental arenas linked to

climate change and related

Mayor Saffo's discussions focused on increasing the major AFL-CIO unit, the International Longshoremen's Association, related good paying jobs that yield \$30,000 to \$70,000 annual salaries.

"Attention to deepening the sea channels and expanding State Port growth that will provide more jobs that pay well will continue to be encouraged," Saffo said. A \$9 million budgeted item for economic development will also aid significant investments for non-profits, centric tourism, and community arts, the mayor said.

City Council candidates grappled with a question about premature deaths of Black males due to violent crime and gun violence. Councilman Barnett opined about three occasions when, "dead bodies within throwing distance of my church (Warner Temple African Methodist Episcopal Zion)," were seen. He stated a personal concern about where the guns are coming from and suggested that legislation on gun control be addressed. "We need services on early prevention," Barnett said and focused on the first two thousand days of a child's life. He also said \$2.5 million has been budgeted for community programs like the midnight basketball

that he has participated in on

Phillip White criticized the lack of most councilmen being in attendance when community meetings are held outside of council chambers. White spoke of, "structural and systematic issues that affect the Black community.'

Luke Waddell complimented the, "tight ship" Police Chief Donnie Williams runs. "A lot of different stake holders must step up," Waddell

Charlie Rivenbark offered concern about a past mantra to defund the police and expressed gratitude that Wilmington leadership did not do so. Rivenbark also said he met with Blue Colors beer brewing business operatives, and he was impressed with their program. The whole issue of crime and gangs should be addressed, he concluded.

Candidate Angi Ulmer countered that the defund

law enforcement issue Rivenbark referred to is linked to systemic racism and a need for restorative justice that includes safe spaces for young adults to participate in activities like medita-

tion and martial arts. The forum question about a need to eliminate cash bail due to negative effects on the poor and minority citizens drew near consensus in support of elimination.

Councilman Paul Lawler said he agrees with District Attorney Ben David's push to change the use of cash bail requirements. "In fifteen days or thirty days (in jail) a person could lose a job and housing," Lawler said referring to the plight of anyone that cannot pay required bail to prevent being locked up until trial.

Waddell stated the differing opinion. "There have to be consequences arrests)," he said.

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REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER DELIVERS ADDRESS AT THE VATICAN

[ROME] Rev. Dr. William Barber, president of Repairers of the breach,

and co-chair of the Poor People's campaign, delivered remarks at the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences Conference at the Vatican this week about the church's role in combating worldwide poverty. Rev. Barber said he Buffaloe. Buffaloe replaces was 'moved" to have been Secretary Erik Hooks, who selected to speak by Pope Francis. This is the second time Rev. Barber has been to the Vatican since 2017.

GOV. COOPER CHOOSES **ELIZABETH CITY** POLICE CHIEF AS NEW **HEAD OF NC DPS**

[RALEIGH] The new head of the NC Dept. of Public Safety is Elizabeth City Police Chief Eddie stepped down several weeks ago to take a position in the Biden Adminstration. Buffaloe will oversee State Bureau of

Investigation, the prison system, the NC Highway Patrol and the NC National Guard. Buffaloe also served as interim city manager in Elizabeth City.

PRESIDENT BIDEN TAPS TWO BLACK WOMEN FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS IN N.C.

[WINSTON-SALEM] Pres. Joe Biden has nominated two African-American women to be confirmed as U.S. attorneys in North Carolina. In the Western District, Dena King was chosen to oversee federal prosecutions in Charlotte and 32 counties. Sandra Hairston was chosen to become U.S. attorney for the Middle District, encompassing Greensboro and 24 counties in the middle of the state. She has been acting U.S. attorney since March. Both have met with Republican senators

Richard Burr and Thom Tillis, and have gotten their approval. King Hairston are both graduates of North Carolina Central University Law School, and have both served as assistant district attorneys in Carolina.

> **COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS**

Black women remain among highest risk for breast cancer

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON *JOURNAL*

This National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. as in months and years before, the troubling numbers are virtually the same. Black women remain among the highest at risk of dying of metastatic stage four breast cancer in North Carolina and across the United States. In fact, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Black women are 40 percent more likely to die here in the South, particularly, because of breast cancer.

Between 2005-2009, breast cancer was the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States, adds the CDC (as of 2018, Black people, male and female, lead in dying of all cancers in North Carolina, according to U. S. Cancer Statistics).

In just new breast cancer cases alone, between 2004-2018, according to Susan G. Komen Cancer Research. White women were 131.8 cases per 100,000, while Black women were 124.7 cases per 100,000 (interestingly, Asian/Pacific Islanders were 105.1, Hispanic were 100.3, and Native American/Alaskan Native were just 81.7 per 100,000)

From the same source, White women had a 13 percent lifetime risk of developing breast cancer; Black women (Asian/Pacific Islander -11%; Hispanic - 11%; and cancers? What is known, Native Ameri-can/Alaskan

Native - 8%).

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) in its 2020 report about racial and ethnic cancer disparities noted, "While the breast cancer rate has been lower among Black women than White women for several decades, it has been rising steadily in recent years, and the rate is now similar among the two populations. For women under the age of 40, the breast cancer rate is higher among Black women than it is for any other racial or ethnic group."

CDC notes that the rate of breast cancer deaths for White women is falling, while the rate for Black women is rising.

And why are there different rates of developing breast based on research, is the age

at first period; age of menopause; age at first childbirth; body weight; breastfeeding; number of childbirths, and menopausal hormone therapy.

With Black women specifically, they have a slightly lower rate of breast cancer than their White counterparts overall, and yet, among women 15 - 39 in 2018, younger Black women had more of a prevalence towards breast cancer the Whites.

In North Carolina, as in across states like Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee, Black women have an over 40 % likelihood of dying of breast cancer because, while treatment in general has improved, researchers haven't developed treatments for a series of aggressive tumors that Black woman are most likely to have, known as

TNBC - triple-negative breast cancer.

Reportedly there is also a lack of diversity in clinical trials. Add to this a historic, if not traditional, ostracizing that Black women have pointed to from the medical community that ultimately makes many of them distrustful and forestalls their getting the proper timely treatment.

Another factor - Black women, more likely than not, are working low wage jobs with no health benefits, meaning that they simply can't afford the life saving treatments and don't have the time to go to the doctor regularly even if they could. For those that do get necessary follow-up care, studies show that Black women get theirs later than White women.

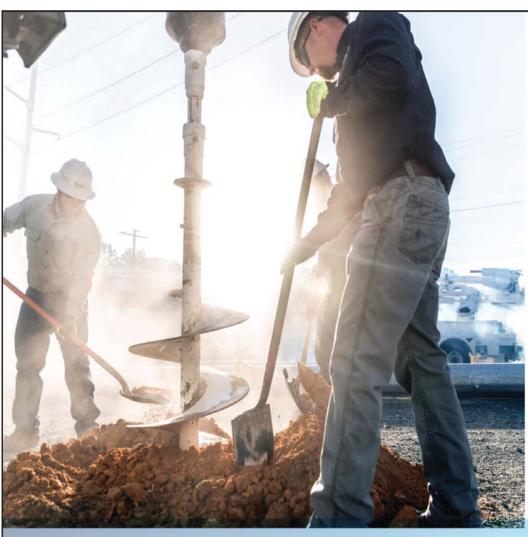
Put all of the above

together, and Black women, according to the CDC, have 38 more deaths per breast cancer cases than White women in North Carolina.

The American Cancer Society urges all women ages 40 - 44 (women can actually start a few years before age 40) to begin screening tests for early detection. The earlier breast cancer is discovered, the more effective treatment can be, doctors say, because it will not have the opportunity to spread to the rest of the body.

Women 45 to 54 should get a mammogram every year.

More information on breast cancer is available at cancer.gov/breast. Information specialists at National Cancer the Institute are also available to help answer cancer related questions in English and Spanish at 1-800-422-6237.







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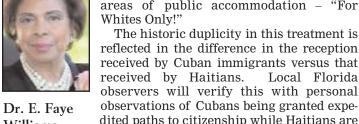
Haitian struggle at the border

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Recent reports from the U.S. border regarding the rejection of our Haitian brothers and sisters seeking refuge from disaster in their own country brought pangs of anger and regret. Thousands of Haitians thought the United States would be a safe haven. There is little doubt that many of them spent their last dollar to come to our nation — a nation where many of them had/have relatives who would have been glad to host them until they could get on their feet. Unfortunately, upon their arrival they found the professed compassion and humanity of the American people to be an empty promise. For them, the absolute rejection of the Donald Trump years was replayed by the actions of this new administration.

Most of us have heard the words "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free; the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, send these, the tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" Little

did we know in our youth that these words would come to echo the meaning of those posted above water fountains and other areas of public accommodation – "For Whites Only!"



observers will verify this with personal observations of Cubans being granted expedited paths to citizenship while Haitians are routinely interdicted on open waters (Gulf of Mexico) and forced to return home.

The images of Haitians being rounded-up and whipped like cattle at the Rio Grande by border control agents brought anguish and anger from those whose forebearers suffered the

anguish and anger from those whose forebearers suffered the same brutalities under the enslavement system. That act was another clear reminder that the goal in the treatment of people of color, especially Blacks, is not law enforcement, but control. It was not border control, it was "let's beat their Black behinds out of here."

Government apologies rang hollow. We, Black Americans,

were more shocked by the Secretary of Homeland Security before the cameras forcefully stating those who were fortunate enough to make it to our borders would be sent back to Haiti. This decision seemed premature in the face of the fact that so many Haitian have relatives and friends who would be willing to sponsor them.

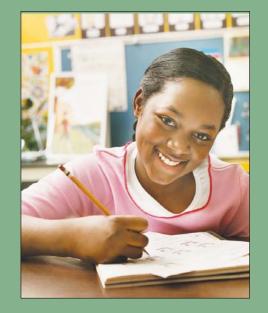
Yes, the White House criticized the use of horses to "round up human beings, but, at this writing, people are still being denied a safe haven or an opportunity to present their case for remaining in the United States. They are still being returned to Haiti. The Secretary of HHS could do no better than to claim the measure was necessary because of COVID-19. Whatever happened to providing those upon arrival the vaccine many of us had been told it would be safe for all of us? Couldn't our government have mandated vaccinations to people as they arrived on our shores?

The questions must be asked. Who, after watching countless videos of environmental conditions in Haiti, will condemn any other human being for desiring the improved living conditions found in the U.S? Who among us would not trade the average daily wage in Haiti of under \$2 for a minimum wage job of \$7.25 per hour in the U.S? Would any among us spare any effort to find a better quality of life or opportunity for our children? Yet, fully 50% of the U.S. media either implies or directly expresses disdain for the plight of Haitian refugees and characterizes them as an unwelcomed scourge.

America is capable of doing better to help struggling Haitians. Why aren't we?

Dr. E. Faye Williams, International President of The Dick Gregory Society, and is a radio talk show host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on radio WPFW-FM 89.3.

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Sian Proctor, first Black woman to pilot a spacecraft, advocates for "J.E.D.I." Space: Just, equitable, diverse, and inclusive

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I'm the fourth Black female from the United States to fly to space, only four of us. And out of the four that have gone, only one person has gone multiple times. I really want to have that message out there that, you know, you can become a pilot. You can go to the stars - but not only for people of color and girls of color, but also for us what I call seasoned individuals. You know, I've been chasing space my entire life, and it took me 50plus years to get here, but I made it." - Dr. Sean Proctor, geoscientist, explorer, space artist, and astronaut.

he Inspiration4 mission to orbit earlier this month made headlines as the first completely private space mission in history, and the first to carry an all-civilian crew. But another historic milestone received far less attention: crew member Sian Proctor, a geology professor at Arizona's South Mountain Community College, became the first Black woman to pilot a spacecraft.

Dr. Proctor's journey into space at the age of 51 was the culmination of a lifetime's ambition. Her father worked at the NASA tracking station in Guam during the Gemini and Apollo missions, and she was born there just two weeks before the launch of Apollo 13.

As a teen, she served in the Civil Air Patrol and dreamed the Air Force Academy, but poor vision and the early death of her father thwarted _____ her ambi-



Marc Morial

until after she completed her PhD in Science Education in 2006 that her dreams of flight were rekin-

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dled. Earning her pilot's license in just six months, she was inspired to undergo surgery to repair her vision. Space exploration finally seemed within her grasp.

"For the first time, I fit all the requirements," she told the Arizona Republic in 2009. "I had my PhD, 20/20 vision, and for the first time, NASA would be accepting my community college teaching as qualifying experience. In the past, only K-12 was accepted for astronaut educators."

Dr. Proctor was chosen as one of 47 finalists, out of more than 3,500 applicants, for the 2009 NASA Astronaut Selection Process. Astronaut Sunita Williams, who then held the record for the most spacewalks by a woman,

made the phone call to deliver the disappointing news that she was not selected for the program.

Undaunted, Dr. Proctor became an "analog astronaut" taking part in simulated missions to the moon and Mars. Her four analog missions include the 2013 Hawai'i Space Exploration Analog and Simulation (HI-SEAS) mission to investigate food strategies for long duration spaceflight and missions to the Moon or Mars. Her book, "Meals for Mars" combines images, stories, and recipes highlighting her experiences during the four-month mis-

However, it was her artistic talent and entrepreneurial spirit as much as her scientific knowledge that helped her earn her place on the Inspiration4 crew. As the winner of an online business competition with her art store, "My Space2Inspire", Dr. Proctor was selected to represent the mission pillar of Prosperity.

Billionaire businessman Jared Isaacman, who organized the mission to raise awareness and funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, represented the Leadership pillar; Hayley Arceneaux, physician assistant at St. Jude and pediatric cancer survivor, represented the pillar of Hope; and Christopher Sembroski, data

engineer and Air Force veteran, secured the spot representing the Generosity pillar when a friend who won a random drawing for St. Jude donors declined the prize and offered it to Sembroski.

Dr. Proctor told NPR the mission was "the most amazing, stunning, awesome experience of my life" and she was awed by the view of Earth from space. "Because I went up not only just as a scientist but also as an artist and poet, to me, the Earth became this kind of living painting, this moving, swirling ball. I just couldn't get enough."

A true example

#BlackGirlMagic, Dr. Proctor believes "we need to actively strive for a J.E.D.I. space: a just, equitable, diverse, and inclusive space as we advance human spaceflight." Honored earlier this year as one of The Explorers Club 50: Fifty People Changing the World, she said "I get people to think differently about exploration, science communication, and open access to knowledge. I believe it is important to provide access to unique places that most people will never have a chance to experience. We accomplish this through digital technology and science communication.'

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

Local governments can lead in public safety movement

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

egotiations on a federal police reform bill have because Congressional Republicans are willing to stand in the way of lifesaving changes to policing. It is time for state and local governments to take the lead in reimagining public safety. And it is time for all of us to support local leaders who are willing to show leadership and take risks to make it happen.

Change is not going to come from Congress, at least for now. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act earlier this year. It would have been a good first step. Like other good legislation, though, the bill was stopped by Republican obstruction in the Senate.

Democratic Sen. Cory Booker has spent months negotiating with Republican Sen. Tim Scott on a reform bill. As recently as August, Scott said they were getting close to an agreement. But talks fell apart in September, and Scott dishonestly blamed Democrats for the failure to reach agreement, accusing them of wanting to "defund the police."

Scott's claim is shameful. New York Magazine recently noted that just last year



Ben Jealous

proposed that police departments lose some federal funding if they do not deadly practices like choke holds or no-knock warrants. But he is now telling the

Scott himself

media that requiring police departments to meet such federal standards in order to receive federal money is the same as "defunding the police."

You can't make this stuff up. Well, if you're Sen. Scott, I guess you can. Even two major police groups rejected Scott's claims, saying in a statement that "at no point did any legislative draft propose 'defunding the police."

I don't know what political calculations led to Sen. Scott's change of heart or his dishonest spin. And I don't really care. What I do

care about is saving lives by making policing safer and more accountable.

Fortunately, there are local leaders who are willing to think creatively and work collaboratively to reimagine public safety

public safety. In Ithaca, New York, Mayor Svante Myrick worked with Tompkins County Administrator Jason Molino on a plan designed to deliver accountability, transparency, and excellence in public safety. They came up with a plan that would replace the current police department with a new department of public

The new department would be civilian-led, and it would employ both armed officers and unarmed community solution workers trained to respond to situations that do not require an armed response. The proposal won unanimous approval from the Ithaca City Council, which created a task force to develop a plan for implementing it.

Ithaca's plan is meeting resistance from some state Republican leaders. They're trying to convince the public that you can't have account-

ability and safety. That's a false tradeoff. Making policing more just and accountable will make communities safer for everyone.

I believe there is a critical mass of elected officials who are ready and willing to begin the process of transforming policing in this country from the bottom up. Last year, 100 young progressive candidates ran for office as part of a slate committed to ending police killings of unarmed civilians. There are mayors and city council members around the country looking at Ithaca's plan and making their own.

Reimagining public safety has become a movement. Congress can't stop us.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

Tell them you read it in THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

POWER THOUGHTS FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Five signals of a poor self-image

and

1. Putting the blame on someone else.

By putting the blame for vour own circumstances and situation on someone else, you avoid taking responsibility for what you have really done to yourself. If you do not take responsibility for your condition, you cannot change it, nor can you grow through it.

That which you cannot grow through, you will go through

again and again. 2. Running away from your

problems. When you are confronted with a problem or challenge, how do you respond?

You can do one of four things: Flee It, Fight It, Forget It, or Face It. It is only when you face your problems and challenges and consider them projects to be completed, that you grow stronger in faith and self-confidence.

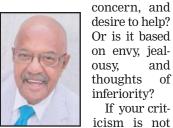
As your faith and confidence grows, your ability to handle

lenges improves.

3. Criticizing other people constantly.

Why do you criticize other people constantly?

Is your criticism constructive and motivated by true care,



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positive based on love. respect, and a sincere desire to help and improve

constructive criticism. It does harm not only to the other person, but also to your

another person—then it is not

own self-image. 4. Waiting for someone else

greater problems and chalto solve your problems or challenges.

When you wait for someone else to solve your problems and challenges, you neutralize your own possibilities for learning and growing through experience.

What keeps you from acting when a problem or challenge presents itself?

Is it fear of failure that you won't do the right things? Or is it fear of success that contradicts how you really feel about yourself?

Whether it is the fear of failure or fear of success, it does not matter since the result is the same—procrastination, inaction, and failure. 5. Pretending that every-

thing is OK. When you pretend that

everything is all right, actively ignoring your problems and challenges, you subconsciously accept the consequences that will surely result from your inaction.

You deceive yourself into thinking that there is no need for change or improvement and develop a false sense of complacency.

You eliminate virtually all possibility for personal growth and development. The nature of problems and challenges is that if they continue unresolved, they only get worse.

Next week - "How To Improve Your Self-Image"

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Who gets flexibility?

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had not planned to have a policy conversation when I boarded my connecting flight from Detroit to DC. But the young white woman, totally professionally dressed, seemed to want my ear. She was coming to Washington to do "advocacy," she said, around workplace flexibility and "reimagining work." I thought girlie just wanted to hear herself talk, so my responses were minimal – um hum, okay. But I was more interested when she wove her policy thoughts into her own story – a young mom who COVID challenged to ensure that her children didn't fall behind.

The exchange sustained us for the scant hour or so of the flight, but I went another perspective as we began to exit the plane. We were in row 15, just five rows out of first class. As we left, I observed several women, mostly Black and Latina, and one African man, frantically cleaning the plane's first-class cabin. It was clear that they were also waiting for the rest of us to go to the back and continue to

The airlines promise cleaning between flights, and these folks were doing their jobs. Watching them, though, made it clear that the flexibility my seatmate was advocating for is not flexibility that trickles down. Those who write, talk, think, and compute for a living have the privilege of flexibility. Those of us who clean, sit behind a cash register, pick



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

have the same benefit flexibility. Too much of the policy conversation centers around providing flexibility for What some.

up garbage, or

don't

more,

accommodations are we prepared to offer others?

For example, at hotels these days, guests are told that we should sleep on the same sheets and use the same towels for days, only asking for housekeeping services when we need them. But when we do not have housekeeping services, there's a sister who has less work. She can't clean our rooms from home, so her work week, once 40 hours or get off the plane so they could more, is now shortened. Her paycheck is smaller. Her beneflexibility for her?

by our privilege and class sit-

uation. Desk jockeys advocate for desk jockeys, folks who can easily do their jobs from their desk or the office. Folks who can't desk jock or advocate are left on their own. Too many of those who don't' have the luxury of flexible work are Black or Brown. A conversation about flexible work reeks of privilege and sidelines too many in the labor force.

According the to Brookings Institute's Dr. Kristin Broady, about 13.4 percent of the workforce teleworked. Nearly a third of Asian American workers teleworked, compared to 12.4 percent of whites, 11.2 percent of Black people, and a scant 7.9 percent Chicano/Latinx people. I'm not casting any shade on Asian American workers. Still, I'm wondering about other workers and how we reimagine work for those who aren't sitting at the policy table.

Simple arithmetic suggests that when we pay people more, we get more effort, that many won't mind the threeday workweek if they can be paid for it. Some of the workers, most of whom are fits may disappear. Where is women, won't mind spending more time engaged in their Our policy lens is distorted children's education, perhaps volunteering at their schools.

government and expecting

to find homes in America,

and at the same time we have

over 3 million DACA resi-

dents also seeking to be rec-

ognized and given citizen-

ship, all adds up to numbers

that frighten Americans

Others might like the time to upgrade their skills, possibly enrolling in classes that augment their already proven skills with management possibilities. Or they might choose to chill, work less complicated, and embrace the notion that their lives should only be dictated by work and survival.

Predatory capitalism extracts surplus value from workers, exploiting them because they have no choice but to work at substandard conditions for the capitalists to maximize their profits Covid reminded us of our interdependence, of the many ways we must rely on each other. For many privileged workers, it has meant that the terms and conditions of their work can be reexamined. What about the workers we rely on for our health care, transportation services, grocery shelving, and more. It will be a classist tragedy if the few folks at the top only enjoy workplace flexibility. Workplace flexibility, and the pay that goes with it, must also be a privilege of those at the bottom.

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The Haitian dilemma

commentary. Humanity demands that we all be treated with fairness. This country has boasted the guarantee to the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. Those who live in a world without such assurances hear what we say and see the quality of life that even our poorest of citizens appear to enjoy. So, we don't blame the Haitians for doing what each of us would do if we were in their shoes.

This matter is made even more painful when we consider that the politics of color appears to have entered this picture. The recent surge of migrants from South America was not met with exportation but detentions. It appears that, for now, only single individuals are being deported and not families or children. more than 100,000 Afghans have hit Haiti compound a

his is a painful They are allegedly being recently airlifted by the U.S. processed.

Then we have the history of how we have dealt with Haitians and the matter of political asylum. Let's not forget that in 1992 when the U.S. Coast Guard was intercepting Haitian refugees at



Dr. John

sea, some on inner tubes small rafts; these people were quickly returned to Haiti even though they

claimed political asylum while, during same period, refugees from Cuba also claim-

ing political asylum were taken in and placed in detention camps in Florida. The massive number of

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with the question of when do we close the door? The big question is, are we going to treat everyone fairly and, if so, what constitutes "fair"? The same rules must apply to all without the appearance of favoritism. There has to be a limit on the number of people permitted in the boat or the boat itself will sink. The problems in all the countries in this hemisphere are closely related to corruption in the governments of

those countries along with

their crime problems. The

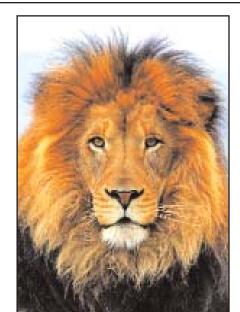
storms and earthquakes that

problem that already existed, not to mention the recent assassination of the Haitian president. We can control the

humanity with which people are being expelled. No more images of border agents on horseback riding people down because they are still coming across the river. There has to be a better way. But to the Haitians and others gathering to illegally enter this country, that cannot be permitted. You create your own humanitarian crisis by making the choice to follow the rumor that all you have to do is show up and come in.

To Americans of all colors, the issue has to be one of more than race. Let's deal with this issue as we can and should.

Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher, The San Diego Voice and Viewpoint



"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."

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Now is not the time to be silent or apathetic

s the politics of this nation continues to shift to the right, what people who believe that is wrong and dangerous for this country need to understand that now is not the time to be silent or complacent.

In his book Interrupting Silence, Walter Brueggemann says that "silence is a strategy for maintenance of the status quo. He said that there is a "theology of silence," i.e., the strategy that pushes silence and acquiescence to oppressive government, and that ultimately, "silence kills." It kills hope, it kills or at least slows down, the movement toward justice for everyone, and it kills the desire to keep fighting for justice.

People descend into silence because the government threatens their lives and the lives of their children, which includes their employment, and with that descent, in spite of great suf-

fering, people are reduced to despair and will



Rev. Susan K. Smith

We cannot allow ourselves or our communities to make that narrative the narrative that lets radical and cruel oppression to undo all of the gains that have been made for the good of so many to be eradicated.

We all know that the "right to life" mantra that the Right espouses is not a cry for life of individuals even as they are alive. We know that the Right wants to continue to have the country expand the wealth of the very few off the backs of the many, that it wants to, in essence, preserve the "plantation economy"

that has been this country's foundation since its inception. The Right is against raising the minimum wage, so that people make a "living" wage. It is against public education; they want schools to be privatized and still receive federal funds, thereby putting the control of the education of marginalized children in the hands of individuals and corporations that have far less concern for how well they learn than does the current structure.

We know that the Right purports to be Christian, though their beliefs and practices ignore the teachings of Jesus the Christ; they are not concerned with liberty and justice for all, and they believe that God, the Bible and therefore Jesus sanctions the separation of the races. That said, they want prayer allowed in schools, but not the prayers of all religions represented in modern-day classrooms, but prayers offered by those belonging to the Evangelical Right.

The Right is horrified not only that the government has allowed a woman's right to choose whether or not she wants to get an abortion, but is also distressed that same gender-loving people can now legally marry. They believe God created everything and everyone - except, maybe, Black people who many of their ranks over the years have relegated to subhuman status, therefore not eligible for any of the rights contained in the Constitution.

The Right believes in capitalism so deeply that any effort to help "the least of these" is immediately cast off as acts of socialism. In spite of corporations not paying their share of taxes and getting big breaks from the federal government i.e., corporate welfare - it believes that poor and struggling individuals needing public assistance are lazy and unworthy of help. They do not like Medicare or Medicaid and want to get rid of it (they are called "entitlements) and are not all that interested in saving Social Security, either.

Members of the Right care about the Second Amendment, and their rights as concerns vaccinations and masks that will help get this nation out of grip of the COVID-19 pandemic, but they do not care about the rights of other people who want the vaccine and are willing to wear masks not only for their own sakes but for the sake of other people.

The summer before the former president was elected, I visited Germany. I went through museums and read how the Hitler regime came into being. I visited a concentration camp. It was so awful but so real and, given how rank racist hatred was rearing its head in the United States, too close for comfort. One picture struck me - that of "law enforcement" officers burning books. They did that because they could not chance people reading the truth - about anything.

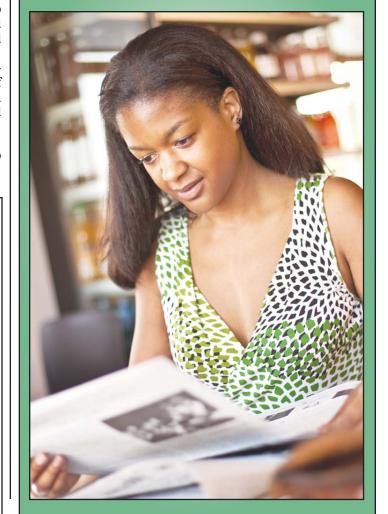
It feels like we are right there, on the edge of a precipice where, if the powers that are seeking more power get their way, all that we have known and value will be pushed off. The goal of the former president and those who worship him is to "control" the people. All of us.

People think that such atrocities that we have read about could never happen again. But I caution everyone: don't fall into that trap. It will help keep you silent, and thereby let those who want this country to be radically different have their way.

It will not be good for any of us.

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Child support, yes, it matters

ver the years I have run across a few different scenarios with child support when inspiring homebuyers are looking to purchase. On both sides of the fence, whether paying or receiving, it likely will be considered when applying for a home loan. Let me unpack a few different encounters to give you a better idea of how it's handled. Let's start with the "PAYING SIDE". If you are someone with court-ordered child support that spells out how much per month you are to pay, that is a documented debt. This debt is treated like any other debt that reports to your credit

report. Oh yes, in case you didn't know, if court-awarded, it's on your credit report and that also goes for back child support. I have run your car payment, any credit cards, student or personal loan debt you may have. Every debt you have reduces the amount of money a



Brenda Dixon

Therefore when you go to the bank for a home loan they will calculate your debt/ratio. The lender will count that child support amount, along with

satisfied one

way or another.

cards, student or personal loan debt you may have. Every debt you have reduces the amount of money a banker will give you to purchase a home. As always, the fewer bills you have, the more money you can borrow which in turn gives more choices for a home. I have seen several families not qualify for a home loan at all due to the amount of existing debt, and the lender's guidelines did not allow for additional debt. Now, let's go to the "RECEIVING SIDE". If you are receiving court awarded child support, it will be included in the calculations to give you more of a purchase price. However, I have also run across many occasions that single-parent households are receiving some assistance from the other parent, but it is not court-awarded. In these cases, the receiving parent seeking a home loan that wishes to include those payments to qualify for more of a loan has in the past not been allowed. The reason is that the bank feels that if it is not court-mandated it can cease at any time. However, however, there is good news here. There are a small number of lenders that may make exceptions. They may allow you to show documented proof that the payments

have been ongoing without break for a period of time. For example, if the paying parent deposits money in the receiving parent's account like clockwork at a particular time weekly or monthly consistently. Even then they may also ask for the paying parent to provide a notarized statement that they plan to and have the ability to continue these payments. I have met several families that have said, "I did not take them to court because they have always been in my child life, and like clockwork, they pay." That's a great thing, so know that before you go to the lender, be mindful how the support could help or

hurt you and make necessary adjustments if needed and allowed. At the end of the day when Daddy or Mama owns, the KIDS OWN. Trust me, a good ole heart-toheart sit down to game plan a better future for the kids is always worth the time and effort. Until next week, help others and share this one with at least 3 people. If know anyone sick of throwing away thousands and wants a Free game plan to OWN in the next 18 mos or less, tell them to reach out.

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Julius H. Johnson, Jr.

Thursday September 23, 2021, Julius H Johnson, Jr., Ph.D. loving husband and father of two children, passed away at the age of 78. Julius was born on July 24, 1943, in Wilmington, NC.

In 1961, he enlisted in the US Navy and served during the Vietnam War. He received an expeditionary medal and was Honorably Discharged in

After the Navy, he attended San Diego State University where he majored in Business Administration (with an emphasis in finance). After graduation he worked as a Security Analyst for Southern California First National Bank; concurrently he held a position of Financial Editor for the San Diego paper Voice & Viewpoint.

By 1975, Julius had found his way to Delaware Ohio, where he worked as a Manager of Equal Opportunity Affairs for the Flexible Corporation a transit vehicle manufacturer. The Flexible Corporation was acquired by Grumman in 1978. Julius would join the newly formed Grumman Flexible, he held the position of Manager of Community Affairs and Municipal Marketing. A position that required him to travel to meet various local and national transit authorities. In Delaware he met JoAnn Hoover, they got married in 1979, and remained happily married for the rest of his

In 1982, he transferred to Grumman International Corporation in Washington DC, where he served as special assistant for international operations. He worked with the US Congress (specifically the New York congressional delegation), the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Defense Department, the U.S. Department, Commerce trade associations and approembassies priate Washington DC to coordinate various international commercial and defense programs for the Grumman Corporation.

In 1987, he became the corporate manager of public policy and business economics

at Grumman Corporation. He provided staff support for the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (along with other top management executives) of the Corporation to formulate strategies for managing public issues that supported congressional defense budget authorization proposals for Grumman defense aircraft programs (fighter: F-14 Tomcat, EA6 Prowler: electronic welfare and E2C: airborne early warning). Julius also received his Master's in Business Administration from George Washington University in 1987.

In 1991, he was a lecturer in Business and Engineering Administration at George Washington University. He received his Doctorate from Washington University the same year. After graduation, he became an Associate Professor of Strategic Management and International Business at the University of Missouri St. Louis where he remained until 2016. He also served as a Fellow in the Center for International Studies and International Business

In the summer of 1996 he was Visiting Professor of Business, Thunderbird University, The American Graduate School of International Management.

In 2006, he was appointed director of Business, Technology and Research Park at UMSL, home to Express Scripts.

His research articles appeared in a number of journals including the Journal of International Business Studies, Journal of International Management, Business and Society, the Journal of Public Affairs, the Journal of Global Business, Global Focus, the Journal of Psychology and a 2003 edited book on China's Access to the World Trade Organization with Hung-Gay Fung and Chang-Hong Pei.

He is survived by his wife JoAnn, his two children, Julius III and Meredith, his sister Mrs. Catherine Hayes, his brother Dr. Joseph F. and Mrs. Rowena Johnson, nieces and nephews.

Erica Jacobs Graham

Erica Jacobs Graham died September 2021.16, Graveside service was held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Erica was born on July 30, 1988 in Wilmington, North Carolina to her parents, Chinita Jacobs Bragg and Jeremy Eric Bragg. Erica loved her family and friends, but most of all she loved God. Erica was the type of woman who made you smile as soon as she stepped in the room. She wanted to e successful and she was. Erica graduated from E.A. Laney High

School where she was captain of the Step team. Then she wet to Cape Fear Community earning College, Associate of Arts degree in General Studies. From there. she went to the University of North Carolina Wilmington to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in International Public Health/International Health. In May of 2020, Erica earned a Masters degree in Business Administration (MBA Global Business) from Straver University. At the time of her death, she was working on her Doctoral degree. After completing her undergraduate degree at UNCW, Erica was initiated in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Psi Omega Chapter. She loved everything about AKA Sorority, Inc. She worked at the City of Wilmington as a Community Development Specialist.

Erica was preceded in death by her sister, Crystal Jacobs.

Erica leaves: her husband, Corey Graham; her daughter, Coral Graham; two nieces, Auree and Aubria Jacobs: sister, Alishia Poole (D' Jarvis); brother, Jamal McKoy; aunts, Cassandra Dawson, Caslisa Griffin (Brian), Crystal Jacobs, Debra Jones, Francis Sidbury, Joann Spencer, Wendy Hasberry (Enoch); uncles, James Jacobs (Trella), Adell Grady, James Grady, Adrian Smith and Leroy Bragg (Wilhelmina); nephews, Jaemeraquan Davis and D'Jarvis Poole, Jr.; godmother, Jazmine Jacobs; mother-in-law. Sharon Graham; father-in-law, Bobby Graham (Phylicia); brothersin-law, Ahmad Graham and Reggie Graham (Tomeka); two step children, Amiah Graham and Corey Graham, Jr.; many cousins; her best friends, Barbara Marshall and LaQuandria Hansley; the Mikel's Staff; her Alpha Psi Omega Chapter Line Sisters and a host of loving friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Henry "Hank" Brown

Henry "Hank" Brown died September 17, Graveside service was held on Friday, September 24, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. On Easter Sunday, April 9,

Henry Bernard Brown was born to Florence L. Brown "Bea" and Floyd McKoy, Sr. Affectionately known as "Hank", he accepted Christ at an early age while being a member of Mount Olive AME Church in Wilmington North Carolina, where he served as a Trustee and a member of the Mens Choir, for many years. Hank graduated from Williston Senior High School as part of the Class of 1968. He later attend-Fayetteville ed State University (FSU), earning a

Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology in 1972. While attending FSU, Hank was also initiated into the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. After completing his higher level of education, Henry began his professional career with the City of Wilmington as Project Manager for Urban Development in the mid-1970s. He later became everyone's favorite "good neighbor" by joining State Farm Insurance company as an agent in 1987. Hank always greeted anyone he met with a big smile, a kind word and tried his best to assist in any way he could. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brothers, Floyd Jr. and Ralph McKoy; sisters, Mary Ann McKoy and Juanita "Duck" Crossland; and cousins, Robert Burns and Bettye

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He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, T. Gwendolyn Brown; daughter, Tyra D. Brown; godson, Kevin Bryant (Ebony); sister, Patricia Ann McKoy; aunt, Evelyn B. Smith; nephews, Thomas Crossland, Jr., Ralph McKoy, Jr. and Antwan McKoy; nieces, Lenora Daily and Shaketia Robinson (Roger); first cousins, Delores M. Foreman, Harvey McKoy, Sandra J. Sheridan (Earl), Carolyn D. Johnson, and Marie Brown; a host of relatives, close friends and classmates. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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Bobby Jene Smith, Sr.

Bobby Jene Smith, Sr. died September 17, Graveside service was held Monday, September 27, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Bobby was born January 13, 1947 to Reese White Smith and Martha Scarborough Smith, both, preceded in death. Bobby touched the hearts and lives of many people with an amazing sense of humor and love for everyone. Bobby was a faithful member of Holy Covenant United Church in the Snowfield Community and served on the trustee board for many years. September 2009, Bobby's life was changed when he received a heart transplant. During his recovery he learned to cherish the important things in life and that was God, his wife, children and grandchildren. Bobby also discovered a passion for lawn care and helping people in need during this time.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted and loving wife, Marion Richardson Smith of the home; son, Bobby Smith Jr. (Sophia) of Wilmington, NC; daughter, Carin Smith of Wilmington, NC; three grandchildren, Ayanna Smith, Taja Smith and Joshua Smith of Wilmington, NC; father-inlaw, Dr. James Richardson of Wilmington, NC; sisters, Betty Clayton-Stevens of Wilmington, NC, Cynthia Greene of Garner, NC and Patricia Draheford

Wilmington, NC; four aunts; three sisters-in-law; six brothers-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Annie Newkirk

Annie Newkirk September 18. 2021. Graveside service was held Tuesday, October 28, 2021 at New Beginning Christian Church. Born October 8, 1938 in Wallace, North Carolina, Annie Dorothy Newkirk affectionately known as "Heavy" by her three sons and "Dot" to many others, was the daughter of the late Howard and Arthalia Newkirk. After the passing of Annie's father, her mother moved Annie and her four siblings from Wallace to Wilmington in 1944. It was there Annie earned her education in the New Hanover County School System and graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1956. She later received an Associate Degree in Public Administration from New York Institute in New York City. After graduating from high school and working local jobs, Heavy had three children with her high school love, George H. Fields. She briefly moved to Washington, DC and later in pursuit of a better life for herself and er

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"Expecting a Move of God" "For in him we live, and move, and have our being."

Acts 17:28 Expecting - To think that something will probably or certainly happen

hen it comes to serving the Lord continuously, our actions must be motivated and sustained by a spirit of expectancy. Our faith in God must be built on a foundation based upon his word. There will be times of testing, when conditions will be less than favorable. Things may or may not go our way. There will be opposition and there will be challenges. We can overcome all of these things and be encouraged, If we are expecting move of God!

It pays to serve the Lord.

Before we give up on anything we are doing, we must make sure our initial motivation was for the glory and honor of God.



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remain focused on finishing the work of the Lord, because we are expecting a "move of God".

We

assignment.

must

Galatians 6:9 says, " And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." We are workers together with Christ, and if we have been faithful, we

should be expecting our due season to arrive. . "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Isaiah 40:29. We must believe that God will do what he said he would do. We must expect a move of God!

There is a direct link between faith and expectation. "For in him we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:28 It is distracting when we magnify our problems instead of magnifying the Lord. Our attitude should be in line with our testimony that God is our Father, and Jesus is our Savior and Lord! We are living epistles, seen and read of men. Our faith should be propelled by our passion, and our purpose should be realized by our persistence. When the

storms of life are raging and the fiery darts of doubt assail us, we must keep in mind, that Jesus is not only the author, but also the finisher of our faith! The fear of failure will not conquer us, when our faith is rooted and grounded in the Word of God. "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19 We must expect a move of God!

Jesus Christ must be the center of our prayer life, service, and our worship. If he is not, we will cease to pray, discontinue our service, and forsake our worship. We pray, because we know that God hears and answers sincere prayer. Matthew 7:7. We

agree with Psalm 23:6, which says "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will 18 dwell in the house of the Lord forever." When we come to church, we expect to see a move of God! We delight ourselves in worshipping the Lord on purpose because of the blessings of walking in obedience the Word of God. John 4:24, "God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." We live holy because we want to please the Lord. Hebrews 12:14 says, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." We are living in light of the Word of God, expecting to see the Lord and hear him well done! Our daily sav

attend church because we desire is to welcome a move of God, because we expect him to return, as he said he would. John 14:3;I Thess 4:14-

Prayer: Lord help me to live everyday, expecting a move of God upon my life. In Jesus'Name. Amen. Somebody!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper. Pastor of Faith COGIC, Outreach 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.

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York. Annie spent most of her adult

life in New York where she managed to raise her three sons while working and attending college.

Dot was preceded in death by her high school love and father of her three sons, George H. Fields; her sister, Emma Newkirk Smith; brothers, James "Buster" Newkirk, Joe "Big Joe" Lane Newkirk and Robert Newkirk. She leaves to cherish her memories: three sons, Darryl Newkirk (Connie) of Colorado Springs, Co; George A. Fields, III and James Derrick Fields (Latasha) all of Brooklyn, NY; grandchildren, George "Georgio", Darrian, Alisha, Anthony, Justin, Jaelah "Boss Lady", and Jayce; one great-grandchild, Serenity; special nephews, Jamil Newkirk, James Jr. Newkirk and Joe Newkirk; one special niece, Ann "Sweet Pea" Newkirk; a dear friend, Hattie Eagle and a host of other relatives, former co-workers and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Erica Robinson Hutcherson

Erica Robinson Hutcherson died September 19, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

Erica Robinson Hutcherson, a beloved wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin friend, was born in Wilmington, North Carolina to Francine Pierce and Leon Wilson at New Hanover Memorial Hospital on April 23, 1979. She was the oldest sister to three brothers and the youngest sister to a stepsister, Teresa Walker.

Erica was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. She enjoyed being a beautician and creating different hair styles for family and friends. Her longtime dream was to become a licensed beautician and have her work seen in national hair shows around the world.

Erica was preceded in death by her son, Dondi Hutcherson, Jr.; a brother, Thomas L. Robinson; grandmother, Jacqueline Janie Mack Robinson; grandfather, Leroy S. Robinson; great-grandmother, Katie P. Mack; two uncles, Delwin L. Mack and Eric W. Robinson and one aunt, Gloria Robinson.

Erica leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Dondi Hutcherson, Sr. of Beulaville, NC; two daughters, Donya Hutcherson and Junasia Hutcherson of Beulaville, NC; one son, Jaquan Robinson of Wilmington, NC; two grandchildren, Amora Jaylia Robinson and Marcel Ty-Lynn Hall-Hutcherson; her mother, Francine Pierce (Robert); father, Leon Wilson; two, brothers, Dexter Baldwin-Bey and Dewayne Baldwin-Bey (Chevon) all of the city; four aunts, Edna Jenkins of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Wanda Mack of Philadelphia, PA, Jacqueline Johnson (Doug). Elizabeth W. Robinson and Carolyn W. Mack all of the city; one uncle, William L, Robinson (Deborah) of the city: three great-aunts, Janie Jenkins, Arlene McNeil and Sandra Robinson; four great uncles, Waymon Robinson (Carolyn), James Robinson (Carolyn), Samuel Robinson and Jerald Robinson; godmother, Jeannie Chaney, a host of other relatives and friends including her childhood friends, Valerie Hall, Shalonda Bennetone, Tesha McGill, Carla Hobbs and Carrie Hobbs; and a very special friend, Carol Temoney.

A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Anthony Carter

Anthony Carter died September 20, 2021. Graveside service was held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at

Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Anthony was born February 24. 1987, to Beverly Elliot and John A Cobbs, Sr. who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his grandmothers, Hilda Antone and Ernestine Daniels along with his sister, Shayla Elliot. Anthony was raised in Chadbourn, North Carolina and Wilmington, North Carolina. His aunt, Nadine Antone helped raise him in Chadbourn. Once he moved to Wilmington, he was raised by his stepfather, Lonell Daniels and his mother, Beverly Elliott. He was educated in the Columbus County School System as well as the New Hanover County School System. Anthony accepted God as his personal Savior at an early age. He worked at Sam's and Walmart for five years. Twelve years ago, met the love of his life Lameika Carter, and they were married December 7, 2019. They were truly in love with each other.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Lameika Carter of the home; two sons, Joshua and Xavior and his doggie daughter, Izzy N. Carter all the home; his stepfather, Lonell Daniels of Wilmington, NC; sisters, Cherelle Elliott, Kimberly Cobbs. Rene' (Genesis) Nero and Ivory (Antonio) McKenzie all of Whiteville, NC and Miracle Williams of Charlotte, NC; brothers, Curtis Cobbs and John (Shernika) Cobbs all of Whiteville, NC; special sisters, Shanteee Johnson, Lafaunta (Corey) Greene, Rasheena (Cliff) Foy, Dana Chavis and April Powell; special brothers, Gerald Powell, Andre Andrews, E. Leake, Antonio Morris, Curtis Bethea, Emanuel Billings, Timothy Hankins, Randy Suggs, Kenneth Kennedy, Keyo "Black" Wesson, Brock Chavis, Mike Burns, Marco Rodriguez, Raheem Nelson and Tim Russell; grandfather, JD (Sophia) Daniels; aunts, Nadine Antone, Rosalind Antone, Cassie Daniels, Denise (Raymond) Green, Rita (William) Stanley and Phelesia Daniels; uncles, Keith Antone, Kevin Antone, Curtis Cobbs, Jerry (Sonya) Daniels, Sr., Mike Daniels, Sr., Daryl Daniels, and Ronald Daniels: nieces. Shamiya Elliott, Takoya Elliott, Emerie Fishburn and Sha Howard: nephews, Ethan Fenell. Lewis Powell and Leon Powell mother-inlaw. LaFrance Fishburne: father-inlaw, Ronald Mapson; sister-in-law, Latiful Fishburn; aunt-in-law, Donna Zaders; special friends, Tracy and Yolander Drakeford; a very special cousin, Dante Monroe and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Joseph T. Gregory

Joseph T. Gregory died September 20, 2021. He was born on June 23, 1945. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Gregory and Evely Gregory. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Vanessa A. Gregory; his children, Joseph T. Gregory, Jr., Ronnie T. Gregory, Janeisha T. Gregory, Calvin Gregory, Joshua Gregory, Janessa T. Gregory and Essence Gregory; grandchildren, Ayonna M. Gregory, Joseph T. Pollock and Josiah I. Pollock; brother, Freddie Pierre Gregory and a host of inlaws, that loved him as a brother. AService of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Valldez Whitmore

Valldez Whitmore died September 22, 2021. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Tempie Farley

Tempie Farley died September 22, 2021. Graveside service was held on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Tempie was born February 17, 1940 o the late Rochelle and Hattie Robinson. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Chester; her sisters, Letha, Hattie, Mildred, Rosetta, Ida, Louise, Jeanette, and Inez; brother, Rochelle and brotherin-law, Louis Corbett. Tempie was educated in the New Hanover County Schools. She worked several years as a custodial worker for CMC Maintenance. Tempie was a loving mother, sister, grandmother and aunt. She lived a joyous life and will be missed by all.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Mildred Corbett, JoAnn Jacobs (Rick); several grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Bobby Eugene Russ

Bobby Eugene Russ died September 23, 2021. Funeral service was held on Friday, October 1, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Bobby was born on March 10, 1952, in Leland, North Carolina to the late Jacob Redden and Wilhelmena Elouise Kelly Russ. He was predeceased by his older brother, Willie Earl Russ. He was loved by all who knew him. Bobby was edu-

cated in the Brunswick County School System. He knew the meaning of hard work; he became a gardener at an early age and for many years was a delivery driver for the Pepsi Cola Company. In his later years he worked in the lumber industry until his failing health. Bobby's favorite past time was enjoying a fine cigar, fishing, listening to gospel music, and spending time with those he loved. Bobby joined Summerville AME Zion Church early in life. He always enjoyed the singing and the preached Word. He leaves to cherish his loving memory: his daughter, Maria Potts; son, Anthony; granddaughter, Briana Herring (LJ); two great-grandsons, Louis III and Carter; brother, Douglas Russ; one aunt, Fannie Kelly Wilson of Burlington, NC; two uncles, Freddie Kelly of Burgaw, NC and John Thomas Sr. of Bridgeport, CT; a very special friend, Sheila Hansly, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

LaQuana Weatherly Randal

LaQuana Weatherly Randall died September 24, 2021. Funeral service was held Thursday, September 30, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. LaQuana Tyrelle Weatherly Randall, daughter of Wanda L. Waddell and Michael W. London was born on October 23, 1979 in Wilmington, NC.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Lennard Waddell, Sr. (who raised her), grandmother, Irene M. Andrews, grandfather, Edward Andrews, uncles, Vernon Mullins, and Derrick Weatherly.

LaQuana was educated in the New Hanover County School system, graduating from E.A. Laney High School in the Class of 1998. She worked at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC for many years. In 2012 she and her family moved to Georgia where she worked at Northside Hospital as a Clinical Care Associate in the Emergency Room. In 2014, she became an ED Tech, in 2016, a Unit Secretary. In 2017, she transferred to Northside Heart as a Front Office Assistant and was promoted a year later as a Scheduler. LaQuana joined in fellowship with The dReam Center Church of Atlanta in Decatur, GA. under the leadership of Bishop William Murphy. She loved her Church and she loved her Church Family, and of course, first and foremost, she Loved the Lord! LaQuana was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, daughter, and sister. She loved her family and was truly a very "Proud Marine Mom." She will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her memories, a loving husband, Andre Randall, Sr. of the home; three loving children, LCpl Quentin Kaham of MCAS Yuma, AZ; Kasiyah Randall and Andre' Randall, Jr. (AJ) both of the home; mother, Wanda L. Waddell of Wilmington, NC; two brothers, Lennard Waddell, Jr. (Quintella) and Darius Waddell of Wilmington, NC; grandmother, Gwendolyn Muldrow (Ham) of Wilmington. NC: grandfather. James London of Hampstead, NC, mother-in-law, Regina Randall of Wilmington, NC; father-in-law, Terry Tindall (Terri) of Atlanta, GA; special grandmother-in-law, Alice Randall (Patty); special aunts, Laura Warde, Pamela Mullins, and Tonia Houser, two uncles, Perry London and Vince London; adopted loving sister, Maria Davis; two special cousins, Ayanna and Tiwan Mullins; special friends, Terica Gaines and Toya Carter; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Tina Johnson

Tina Johnson died September 27, 2021. Funeral service was held . on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church-Burial followed in Masonboro. Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Tina Teresa Johnson, daughter of Evangelist Earline Johnson and the late Richard Felton Johnson was born on September 6, 1971 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School. Tina accepted Christ at an early age attending New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Prayer and Bible

Church and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church-Masonboro. At Shiloh she served faithfully in many capacities such as: Choir, Usher, Finance Committee, Kitchen Committee and the Mission Team. Tina was a very loving mother to her one and only daughter, Kayla.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Kayla Amara Johnson; her mother, Evangelist Earline Readon Johnson; one brother, Rev. Richard Felton Johnson, Jr. (Lahonda); one sister, Tiffany Janel Crawford: aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family. Scott and Jane Sullivan, Louise Wells Sullivan and Scott Cameron Sullivan; a special cousin, Pamela Diane Shepard and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of

John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home Wilbert Williams

Wilbert Williams died September 29, 2021. Service information is incomplete. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jannell Smith

Jannell Smith died September 29, 2021. Service information is incomplete. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Bruce Pryor

Bruce Prvor died October 2, 2021. Funeral service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be 30 minutes prior to the service on Saturday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Percy Cephus

Percy Cephus died October 2, 2021. Service information is incomplete. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

James Haynes

James Haynes died October 03, 2021. Service information is incomplete. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Andre A. Humphrey

Andre A. Humphrey, age 47, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, September 17, 2021. A memorial service was held on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Davis Funeral

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his mother, Brenda Humphrey of Wilmington and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-

Ammad O. Brown

Ammad O. Brown, age 25, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, September 19, 2021. A celebration of Ammad's life was held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his parents, Rev. Nicholas A. Brown, Sr. and Umeki H. Brown of Wilmington; siblings, Umeitia N. Brown. Rashad S. Brown and Nicholas A. Brown, Jr. all of Wilmington; paternal grandmother, Loretta B. Davis of Greensboro; maternal grandmother, Sharon L. Hickmon of Bishopville, SC and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.dav is funeral homenc.com.

Robert Wells

Robert Wells, age 61, of Wilmington (formerly of Brooklyn, passed away Monday, NY) September 20, 2021. A celebration of Mr. Wells' life was held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Barbara J. Wells of the home: children, David Wells of the home, Del Southerland (Derek) of Brooklyn, NY, Don Brice (Tanzania) and Willie Thomas (Leslie) both of Greensboro; sister, Michelle Jones-Loring of New Jersey and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Ollie Mae Goss

As the Angelic Host rejoices with the arrival of another anointed woman of God, those who remain to endure have heavy hearts and indescribable sadness as a result of this tremendous loss. Mrs. Ollie Mae Goss gently laid her head in the Master's arms and went to sleep in Paradise on Friday, September 24, 2021 at Phoenix Assisted Care, LLC in Cary, North Carolina.

A celebration of Ms. Goss' life was held on Friday, October 1, 2021 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

Ollie was born in Columbus County, North Carolina to the late Louise and Henry Brown on March 17, 1936. She was educated in the Columbus County, North Carolina schools.

She began her Christian walk at early age at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Riegelwood North Carolina. She moved to Wilmington, North Carolina where she became a member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church and served faithfully until her health failed. She loved her church, and she loved her pastor. She was a member of Daughters of Zion.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her siblings, Oliver, Eugene, Marsha and Wilma.

A rich legacy filled with loving memories will be forever cherished by: her children: Regina Corey (James) of Raleigh NC: Dalphine McKoy of Whiteville, NC; Kimmith Brown of Raleigh, NC; Sherrod Goss of Wilmington, NC; Sheryl Temoney (Hardy) of Wilmington, NC and Leslie Mitchell (Lloyd); 11 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.dav is funeral homenc.com

Estelle Grady Whitted

Mrs. Estell Grady Whitted, age 86, of Castle Havne, North Carolina departed this life on Sunday September 26, 2021 to be with her Lord and Savior. She passed away after a lengthy illness at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Gravesides services were held on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Born on November 1, 1934 in New Hanover County, Estelle was the daughter of the late Wright and Alice Grady. She was also predeceased by her beloved husband, Rev. Louis Thomas Whitted, and her stepdaughter, Emma Grady.

Estelle had dedicated her life to the Lord at an early age and was a lifelong member of St. James AME Church. She was a devoted wife and mother who cherished her family. Estelle was a beautiful, kind, gentle spirit who was truly loved.

Estelle graduated from Williston High School. Her lifelong commitment to nursing began after completing Community Hospital School of Nursing. She served as a head nurse at New Hanover Memorial

Hospital for many years. Her survivors include: her two sons, Louis T. Whitted, Jr. of Castle Hayne, NC and Matthew L. Whitted, MD (Angela Ferebee, MD) of Virginia Beach, VA; sisters, Annie Ruth Simpson (Classie), Edith Foy, and Lucille Murrill; special niece, Betty Walker; special grandniece, Terri McGhee; special nephews, Aaron Walker, Jimmy Simpson, and Raymond Foy; several grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Albert E. Moore

Albert Eugene Moore, age 70, of Wilmington (formerly of Norfolk, passed away Tuesdav. VA) September 28, 2021. Public viewing 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM on Friday, October 8, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Minnie Lee Moore of the home; children, Marcus Albert Moore (Samantha) of Fort Lauderdale, FL and Michelle Leigh Moore of

Wilmington; siblings, Richard Moore, Jr. (Maryann) of Charlotte, Olah Moore (Debbie) of Norfolk, VA, Jackie Moore (Sussan) of Atlanta, Samuel Moore (Edith) of Virginia Beach, VA, Stephen Moore (Linda), Roderick Moore (Sharon) and Clifford Moore all of Charlotte and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com

Anthony L. Davis

Anthony L. Davis, age 56, of Wilmington (formerly of Columbia, SC) passed away Friday, October 1, 2021. Public viewing 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Mr. Davis' life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at New Beginning Christian Church. Interment will take place at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Columbia, SC.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his life part-Jacqueline Beatty of Wilmington; wife, Shervina Davis of Columbia, SC; children, Tiara Davis-Corley (Jonathan) and NaNisha Davis-White (Nakai) both of Irmo, SC, Toni Davis of Columbia, SC, Atlantis Beatty and Anthony Davis-Beatty both of Wilmington: mother. Louvenia Davis of Columbia, SC: siblings. Tyrone McCoy (Lee), James Davis, Constance Julius (Poppa) and Jamie Burrell (Jonathan) all of Columbia, SC, 6 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-

Cynthia F. Lacewell

Cynthia F. Lacewell, age 69, of Wilmington (formerly Manhattan, NY) passed away Sunday, October 3, 2021.

A celebration of Mrs. Lacewell's life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home. Viewing will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her husband, Ronald Lacewell of the home; children Rashida Smith (Kevin) of Joppa, MD and Hassan Hinds (Susan) of Raleigh; father, Nathaniel Fleshman of Jamaica, NY; siblings, Anthony Fleshman (Donna) of Atlanta and Wayne Fleshman of Jamaica, NY, 2 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Willi D. Reinhardt

Willi D. Reinhardt, age 87, of Carolina Shores, passed away Wednesday, September 29, 2021. A private service will be held at a

later date. His love and memories will

remain in the heart of his wife, Gertrude Reinhardt of the home; children. Dieter Reinhardt of Highland, NY, Linda Giovanni of Baltimore, MD and Dianna Reinhardt (Michael Brooks) of Clintondale, NY, 2 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Deborah A. Wilmer

Deborah A. Wilmer, age 69, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, October 1, 2021. Her love and memories will

remain in the heart of her husband, Alonzo H. Wilmer of the home: children, Latasha Murray of Wilmington and Cheryl Murray of Wilmington, DE; brother, Fredrick Murray of Wilmington, DE, 5 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.dav is funeral homenc.com.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Terry John Gmytruk (21-E-1293), 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 December 16, 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 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 under-

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 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

September 16, 23, 30, October 7,

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 under-

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

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,

LEGAL NOTICES

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, 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,

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,

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

September 30, October 7, 14, 21,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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This the 7th day of October, 2021.

Robert Bryan Sasser, Co-Executor c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC 701 Market Street Wilmington, NC 28401 Tammy Covil Winslo, Co-Executrix c/o Culbreth Law Firm Po Box 446 Wilmington, NC 28402

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

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This the 7th day of October, 2021.

David M. Gerdes c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC 701 Market Street Wilmington, NC 28401

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

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This the 7th day of October, 2021

Jeanette Midgett, Administrator 119 Willows Bay Drive Rocky Point, NC 28457

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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Jacqueline Davis, Administrator 216 Lasalle St. Wilmington, NC 28411

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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

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

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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 vou 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 courtappointed 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 Attorney for Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services

Petitioner Youth & Family Services Division 720 East Fourth Street Charlotte, NC 28202

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