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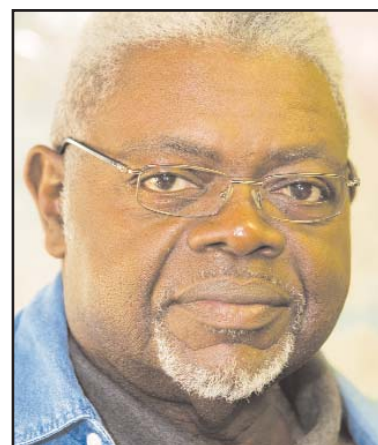
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BERNEST HEWETT

JUDGE ON CHARACTER

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Today we must value freedom more than ever before and never take it for granted. It is being slowly taken away from us. We are becoming a people who want personal attention on ourselves. We are putting more value on who we are and what we own rather than on our brothers and sisters, whether Black, White, Hispanic, etc). We must turn our attention back to mankind, those who need help, the sick, the poor, the mentally ill, and the elderly. We are living in a society which makes

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BISHOP WILLIAM BARBER PARTICIPATES IN A VATICAN POVERTY CONFERENCE IN ROME, MONDAY, OCT. 4, 2021. PHOTO BY GABRIELLA CLARE MARINO

Bishop Barber joins Vatican conference on global poverty

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus Christ in Matthew 5:3

Last week, as the world continued to be concerned about the plight of the Haitian refugees who tried to come to America to escape poverty and tyranny, the man of GOD who successfully led the Moral Monday movement here in North Carolina and has been leading the national Poor People's Campaign to combat hunger and economic and political exploitation flew to the Vatican City in Rome, Italy to join a two-day conference on how to end global poverty. Bishop William Barber was among several other invited faith leaders and economists from across the world attending "Caritas, Social Friendship and the End of Poverty," sponsored by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. Their collective goal - to focus on creating a global movement to, in the words of the Bishop of Rome, "limit all the activities and institutions that, by their own inclination, tend only to profit towards structures of sin." Their target - the estimated one billion people on the planet who are suffering in poverty because of corrupt economic and political poli-

cies.

In a message to the conference, Pope Francis, the leader of the Catholic Christian world, maintained that the corrupted vision of happiness held by the industrialized world wrongfully "...consists only in what is useful, in things and possessions, in abundance of things, fame and money..." instead of a "spirit of poverty" which would have powerful nations prioritize the needs of their poor and suffering peoples.

To be "poor in spirit" means to humble yourself to help the needy.

In remarks delivered at the conference, Bishop Barber, representing his work in the United States, agreed.

"We believe there are interlocking injustices which must be addressed simultaneously, systematic poverty, racism, ecological devastation, denial of health care and housing, a war economy, and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism," Bishop Barber told the conference.

"We need a worldwide Poor People's Campaign and a global call to moral revival. On June 18, 2022, we are planning a Mass Poor People's and Low Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington that we hope others will join in their countries around the world. We don't know of any major transformation that didn't result from a moral move-

ment, from abolition in the U. S. to labor movements in the U. S. and Europe, to the movement to end apartheid in South African and people's movements for democracy in the former Communist bloc. Religious leaders must join with the poor and engage in the public square, not simply in the confines of sanctuary."

After returning to North Carolina from Rome, Bishop Barber said that being at the conference was "energizing" because of the high level of commitment to fight global poverty, and attendees agreed to send a letter to world leaders at the upcoming Summit of the G20 Heads of State and Government, scheduled for October 30, 2021, in Rome, advising as to what steps should be taken to end global suffering. President Biden is expected to be there.

Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1) heralded Bishop Barber's participation.

"I applaud my friend, Bishop William J. Barber, II's never ceasing efforts to fight for the least of these in our society," Butterfield said in a statement. "His remarks at the Caritas, Social Friendship, and the End of Poverty Conference in the Vatican City were prophetic and powerful."

Bishop Barber added that the conference intends to reconvene in December 2021.

Editor's note: The Journal, in the near future will carry Bishop Barber's full speech. Stay tuned.



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up professional lies, and people believe them! "Those people won't work! They steal! They use dope! They live off food stamps! They're not Christian!" Yes, we have some people who do live this kind of life, but so do they! We are a people who each one lives his or her own life. We should not all be put into one basket. Each one of us should be judged by the content of his or her own character, not by what you would have him or her be! It's time for us, as a people, to start back trying to build a country that is fair and just under God with liberty and justice for all. I find it hard to believe how hate can make us believe a lie faster than we believe the truth, even though we're looking at the truth.
When an NFL football player kneels in a praying position before the American Flag, he is called a trouble maker who disrespects the country and flag, but when a White man puts a confederate flag on a pick-up truck and rides it around with a sign proclaiming that "the South will rise again," he is said to be a "good ole boy" expressing his feelings. We need to be very careful with what we hear and how it concerns our lives -- "FAKE NEWS!"
Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP

Will Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson become our next governor?

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It was only a matter of time before even the Democratic White House would know N. C. Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson's name, though not necessarily like what routinely comes with it.

"The role of a leader is to bring people together and stand up for the dignity and rights of everyone; not to spread hate and undermine their own office," said White House Deputy Press Secretary Andrew Bates about the outspoken Black Republican's recent controversial remarks calling the LGBTQ community "filth."

What exactly did the highest ranking Republican in North Carolina State Government say to draw the ire of the highest office in the land, not to mention several North Carolina State senators as well?

"There is no reason anybody, anywhere in America, should be telling any child about transgenderism, homosexuality or any of that filth," Robinson, 53, is seen on a recently released videotape saying to the congregation of Ashbury Baptist Church in Seabury last June. "And yes, I called it filth. And if you don't like it that I called it filth, come see me about it."

And for those who may agree with Robinson's bigoted view on the same video, he is seen calling supporters of Black Lives Matter "socialist liars and nitwits," those who teach America's true history of racism, "morons." Indeed, Robinson is on record rhetorically going after "leftist" African-Americans, Jews, and other groups with whom he has political differences. He's also expressed disdain for former President Barack Obama, falsely calling him an "anti-American atheist" and first lady, Michele Obama, calling her a "man."

Yet, the Greensboro native and one-time factory worker has labeled himself "a man of GOD" who refuses to either apologize or resign for his blazing, divisive rhetoric. "We will not be intimidated. We will not back down. We will not change our language," Robinson said last Friday. "The language I used, I am not ashamed of it. I will use it in the future because, again, it is time for parents in this state to take a strong stand for their children."

Last weekend, in response by the avalanche of criticism he received, Lt. Gov. Robinson released another video, standing by his earlier remarks and showing examples of some books he alleged promoted "filth."

"A pompous buffoon spewing hate and racist remarks," opined a woman named "Brenda" on Robinson's Facebook page. "Yes, he has Black skin, so? I'm sick and tired of the hateful comments from an elected official towards any state constituents. He's not ashamed of the filth that's spread - calling it free speech and he doesn't care who doesn't like it. He's a bully, treat him like a bully - stand up to his hateful rhetoric now. Saying nothing to curtail this devious political speech makes us complicit."

In short, Lt. Gov. Robinson has willingly targeted anyone who doesn't comply with his political and religious points of

view. Even other Republican elected officials who have urged the public to get vaccinated for COVID-19 in the midst of a dangerous pandemic, Robinson said he wanted them "voted out of office."

However, this latest rhetorical controversy has placed Mark Robinson on the national political map more than ever before, helping him further build a predominately White, conservative political base towards what could be his next run for office, most likely governor of North Carolina in 2024. If not vice president of the United States.

"If he runs, he's all but certain to be the Republican nominee," State Sen. Jeff Jackson (D-Mecklenburg) wrote. "He is immensely popular within his party, and I imagine he still will be, even after this."

"Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson is not a traditional political figure. But if he becomes the next governor, it will likely be because he can fit into a mold familiar in North Carolina politics: The education governor," wrote Andrew Dunn in a piece titled, *Mark Robinson: The Next Education Governor?* from the online publication *Long Leaf Politics* on August 30. The writer suggests that Robinson is the voice of thousands of outraged parents across the State, "the majority," Robinson claims, who don't like what their children are being taught in public education.

"For years, North Carolina's education system has developed an insular self-righteousness and contempt for parents behind the solid brick walls of the schoolhouse. COVID-19 put cracks in the mortar," Dunn wrote. "With children at home for more than a year, parents for the first time got a glimpse of what actually happens in public schools, and now they're leaving in droves. It all may be enough to propel Robinson into the Executive Mansion in 2024."

Robinson, literally a political unknown until 2018 he spoke out for Second Amendment gun rights before the Greensboro City Council, later shocking the world by winning the 2019 primary for Lt. governor, and then further sending shockwaves when he became the first African-American in North Carolina history to be elected second to the governor, led a task force to prove that public schools were teaching "critical race theory" against the wishes of parents and administrators.

When the Republican-led N. C. General Assembly passed a bill based partly on Robinson's work, Gov. Cooper vetoed it, dismissing their claims. Amid calls for Robinson to resign for his recent remarks about the LGBTQ community, Cooper's office continued to dismiss the lieutenant governor's rhetoric. "North Carolina is a welcoming state where we value public education and the diversity of our people," said Jordan Monaghan, spokesman for Gov. Roy Cooper. "It's abhorrent to hear anyone, and especially an elected official, use hateful rhetoric that hurts people and our State's reputation."

Still one thing cannot be denied. Robinson's plain speaking style has attracted a strong support base, ranging from Fox News to rank and file Republicans.

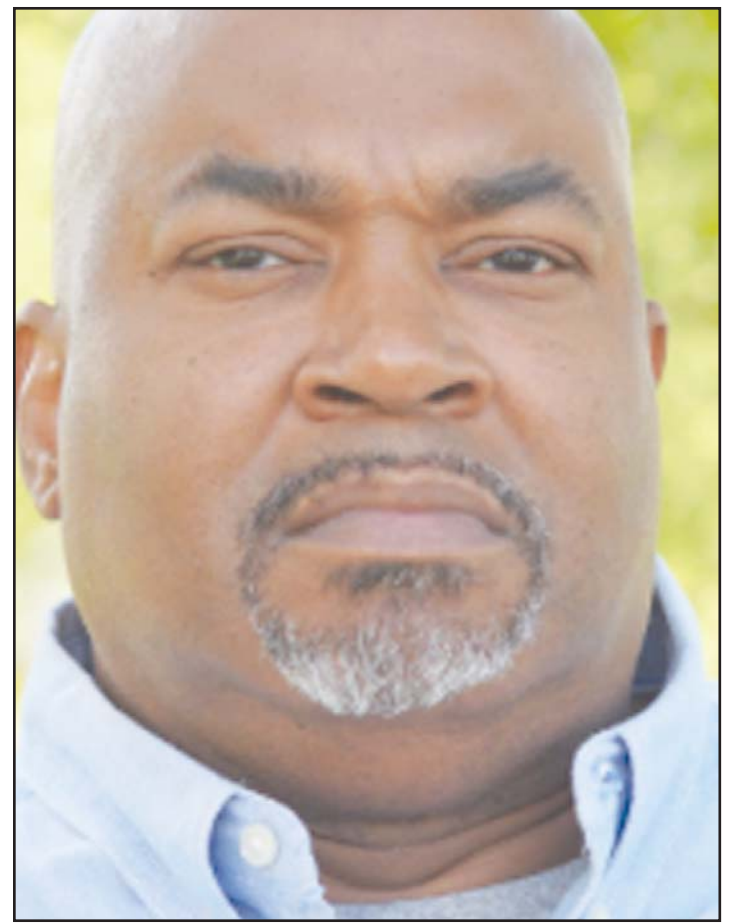
He is in demand to speak across the nation, and he is seen as the bare knuckled conservative leader many disgruntled with government have been waiting for, especially Trump supporters.

"It doesn't matter to me what the definition of hate speech is," Robinson recently told *Spectrum News*. "I said what I said, and I believe what I said. Many people across the state feel the same way."

Apparently, many do. Robinson is floating a "Stand with Lt. Governor Robinson as He Combats the Radical Left" online petition. There were over 8,200 signatures at press time.

Gov. Cooper reportedly cancelled plans to run for the U. S. Senate in 2022 because he did not want Lt. Gov. Robinson to take over in his absence. Cooper cannot constitutionally run for a third term as governor, meaning the most likely Democratic forbearer for the office is current low key North Carolina Attorney General Adam Stein.

If Stein were to run in a head-to-head against a fire-brand like Robinson, could he win? The November 2020 election showed North Carolina Democrats to be very weak. Time will tell.



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EIGHTH-GRADE TEACHER RESIGNS AFTER SLURRING BLACK STUDENTS

[WINTERVILLE] An eighth-grade teacher at Winterville Charter Academy resigned in

September after telling black students in her class that if it wasn't for the U.S. Constitution, they would be her 'field slaves.' According to WITN-TV, the principal of Winterville Charter informed parents of the "racially insensitive lesson," and that "proactive culturally sensitive training measures current and future staff members" would be undertaken.

NC APPELLATE COURT JUDGE ATTACKS BEASLEY, SAYS RACIAL BIAS DOES NOT EXIST IN THE COURT SYSTEM

[RALEIGH] A Republican NC Appellate Court judge just elected in 2020 maintains that there is no racial bias in North Carolina's court system. Judge Jefferson Griffin, in a written opinion overturning the 2017 drug conviction of a black motorist.

The defense attorney in the case cited remarks by former NC Chief Justice Cheri Beasley when she was still on the bench, stating that for justice to be served, judges "must openly acknowledge the disparities that exist and are too often perpetuated by our justice system." In his written opinion, however, Judge Griffin disagreed, writing, "I reject this argument. The law is color blind and

applies equally to every citizen in the United States of America."

Beasley, now a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, says she stands by her remarks.

TOP CITIES IN NC TO START A BUSINESS

[RALEIGH] According to a Lending Tree analysis, of the top 100 largest metro areas in the nation to start a small business, Raleigh,

is number 1, Charlotte is #3 and Durham is # 4. Raleigh is the best because 55% of its population is between 25 and 54, seen a prime working years. California is considered the worst, according to the analysis, because of its high unemployment.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

BEFORE ROSA PARKS

BY EARL IJAMES OF NC DEPT. OF CULTURAL RESOURCES

On September 11th, 2021 a group of scholars, students and filmmakers met in the home of historian, Tim Pigford, at historic Keysville AME Zion Church in the original and the first Washington - incorporated 1782 - Beaufort County, North Carolina. The purpose was to document and film a significant part of our American history and heritage. A collaboration among the North Carolina Museum of History, the College of William and Mary, and Elizabeth City

State University has been formed to help tell the story of the honorable Sarah Louise Keys (Randolph), a key figure in helping to dismantle Jim Crow segregation in transportation in the South.

Goals of the collaboration include interviewing Ms. Randolph to produce an oral history and primary source of "herstory", as well as identifying additional primary sources like artifacts, documents and photographs related to that history. The most factual history always derives from the closest source. There is no other source closer than Ms. Sarah

Keys Randolph who can tell the story of integrating interstate travel in the United States.

Sarah Keys was born during the height of Jim Crow segregation in 1929 in Clark's Neck, near Washington, N. C. Ms. Keys gained a stout Beaufort County education, and the family attended the historic Keysville AME Zion Church, founded in 1880 in the same community that bears its name. Upon graduation, Keys joined the United States Women's Army Corps (WAC) in 1947. After basic training at Ft. Lee, VA, Pvt. Sarah Keys received permanent assignment at the

United States Army base hospital in Ft. Dix, N. J.

Having earned her first leave from duty in August 1952, Pvt. Keys returned South to North Carolina from New Jersey dressed in full military uniform. When the Carolina Coach Company bus crossed the state line from Virginia into Halifax County, North Carolina, the bus driver ordered Pvt. Keys to move to the back of the bus to make a seat available for a White Marine. With her sound education and awareness from her family, Sarah Keys did not move because she knew about the 1946 United States Supreme Court

case, Morgan v. Virginia, which outlawed segregation on interstate highway travel.

Keys was arrested, jailed, and fined \$25 for violating segregation laws in North Carolina. After her release from Halifax County Jail, Sarah Keys was encouraged by her father to return there and file a lawsuit against the bus company. The resulting court case, Keys v. Carolina Coach Company (1955), was the first time that the Federal Interstate Commerce Commission ruled against the "separate but equal" segregation doctrine from the 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson case that helped establish Jim

Crow discrimination. The Keys ruling was issued just a few weeks before the heroism of Rosa Parks and the 1955 Montgomery, Alabama Bus Boycott. Thank you, Ms. Sarah Louise Keys Randolph for helping to make America a "more perfect union"!

An objective of the collaboration between Elizabeth City State University, the College of William and Mary, and the story of Ms. Sarah Keys Randolph is to produce a documentary film to debut at the 2022 African American Cultural Celebration at the North Carolina Museum of History.



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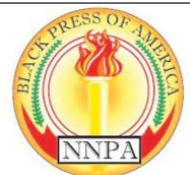


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TODAY'S NEWS IS TOMORROW'S BLACK HISTORY

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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

Another young, Black male

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Some “News” is never good and is without redeeming qualities. Any news of unnecessary violence is always bad, and I view violence that affects my community with a more critical, yet empathetic understanding.

Such was the news from Timberview HS in Arlington, Texas, the first week of October 2021. When the news first broke, it only spoke of a school shooting in which three students were injured. I immediately thanked God that there were no related deaths and prayed that none would follow. And, of course, like most African Americans hearing news from a diverse community like Arlington, I wondered if members of the Black community were involved.

On the morning following the shooting, I learned the name of the alleged shooter and saw the image of his face. The image I saw was that of eighteen-year-old Timothy George Simpkins, and like most Black, alleged criminals his images contained many stereotypical negatives.

Subjectively, if he is “simply” guilty as alleged, it would be extremely difficult to sympathize with his circumstance, but even the most typical African American circumstance is far more complex. Objectively, one can only speculate about his motivation and look to the explanations of his defense for a reason for his actions.

Contrary to his displayed images and the tone of news reporting, young Mr. Simpkins is reportedly a straight-A student with aspirations of becoming an engineer. His studiousness has earned him the nickname of the “Little Nerd” of his family. He is also described as an outgoing, well-liked and loving person who was excited about his upcoming graduation.

The question of what would incite a person so described to violence is compelling and easily explained by his family. According to them, school-life was unkind to Timothy. He had allegedly been threatened, beaten and harassed since the beginning of the school year. He had recently been accosted by a group of males outside of school, stripped of his clothing in front of onlookers, and robbed of money and personal effects.

Timothy’s mother asserts that school officials were notified of the problems her son encountered “And absolutely nothing was done to protect my (her) son.” She added, “I am certain that he was fearful for his safety and felt that he had no support from those in authority whose responsibility it was to protect him.” Timothy’s father was brutally murdered, heightening his fear for his safety. The youths responsible for his beatings and harassment had recently threatened to kill him. “So you see, my son was terrified and believed he would be murdered just like his father,” said his mother.

Although it is necessarily difficult to justify taking a life, given these explanations, it becomes easier to understand Timothy’s actions. Self-preservation is the strongest human motivation in all except those who are suicidal. When the only apparent option is self-defense, one can expect nothing less than total commitment.

Taking these explanations one step further, if true, one must wonder what it takes for a (young) Black man to receive the institutional protections offered to others. Is it reasonable to have knowledge of a volatile situation, ignore its potential, and feign surprise when it explodes? We must no longer tolerate this type of devaluation of Black life and society must assume responsibility commensurate with its benign neglect.

The media brought this story to national attention. Having done so, they are obligated to tell the complete the story. It is unacceptable to leave the unchecked imagery of craven, unmitigated violence for the prurient interest of racist voyeurs. To this point, I have heard little information of clarification, mitigation or exoneration. My community is owed this much.

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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TO BE EQUAL

Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and Build Back Better agenda are the essential remedy for decades of Tea Party and Trumpist neglect

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

“These bills are about competitiveness versus complacency. They’re about opportunity versus decay. They’re about leading the world or continuing to let the world pass us by, which is literally happening. To support these investments is to create a rising America, America that’s moving. And to oppose these investments is to be complicit in America’s decline. To support these bills is to pursue a broader vision of our nation. And to oppose them is to accept a very cramped view of our future.” — President Biden, October 5, 2021, Howell, Michigan.

Filibuster. Cloture. Reconciliation. The chatter surrounding President Biden’s landmark infrastructure investment and Build Back Better agenda seems endlessly focused on the legislative process, on political maneuvering, on faceless numbers taken out of context.

What we’re not hearing enough about: parents desperately searching for child care only to encounter year-long waiting lists and abrupt shut-downs due to understaffing. School children forced to do their homework in parking lots because they have no internet access at home, and their school buildings are closed because they have no heat. Senior citizens who rely on

Medicare skipping life-sustaining medications because they can’t afford their prescriptions. The millions of homes and businesses stranded without electricity because storms knocked out an inadequate and shoddily-maintained power grid.



Marc Morial

Decades of neglect and failure to invest in America’s physical infrastructure and public institutions – a trend that accelerated when Tea Party members of Congress forced drastic cuts to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and intensified during the Trump era – have left us with dilapidated schools and crumbling bridges. Childhood asthma linked to poor air quality causes 13.8 million missed days of school annually. A water main breaks every two minutes, losing enough treated water each day to fill over 9,000 swimming pools. We’re the only developed country in the world that doesn’t mandate paid family leave, and our failure to invest in child care costs us \$57 billion a year.

Black Americans have borne the brunt of this neglect. Income inequality grew at a faster rate during the Trump

era than during any of the last five administrations. The typical Black family holds about \$12.50 in wealth for every \$100 held by the typical white family. The Black unemployment rate remains nearly twice the rate for whites, and Black women are the least recovered from pandemic job losses.

The infrastructure investment and Build Back Better agenda – which largely incorporate the National Urban League’s Main Street Marshall Plan – represent a historic opportunity to transform our economy while enhancing racial equity.

There are five million fewer Americans working than in February 2020, and 2.7 million people have been out of work for six months or more, even as employers struggle to fill a record number of job openings. Taken together the infrastructure and budget reconciliation packages, could create 2 million jobs by mid-decade, according to Moody’s Analytics. Over the course of the 10-year budgeting window, the combined legislation would provide fiscal support for more than 4 million jobs per year, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

In fact, Moody’s found that the educational provisions of the legislation – universal pre-K, two years of free community college, expanded Pell Grants and other education benefits –

would boost the economy beyond the 10-year budget window “given greater educational attainment and higher labor force participation.”

The two initiatives would invest about \$4.1 trillion in America’s physical and human infrastructure over the last 10 years – almost exactly what the Main Street Marshall Plan called for. To put this number into perspective, the cost of the War on Terror since September 11, 2001, is about \$8 trillion. The reckless 2017 Trump tax code revisions – which every Republican Senator and all but a dozen Republican House members eagerly supported – carried a \$2.3 trillion price tag. What’s more, while the tax code revisions were enacted without a plan to pay for them, the infrastructure and Build Back Better plan would be funded by tax hikes on the wealthy, tougher tax enforcement and other revenue raisers. A modest tax hike on the wealthiest 0.05% of Americans alone would bring in at least \$3 trillion in revenue over 10 years.

The post-World War II Marshall Plan spurred the fastest period of growth in European history. Industrial and agricultural production skyrocketed. The poverty and

MORIAL

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Why I went to jail on October 5

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Sometimes friends have to hold friends accountable. That’s why I got arrested outside the White House on Oct. 5. I was there with other civil rights and religious leaders to call on President Joe Biden to do more to protect voting rights that are under attack.

We know that President Biden supports voting rights. He has called anti-voting laws being passed by Republican state legislators the biggest threat to our democracy since the Civil War. We need him to act like he truly believes those words.

We need a federal voting rights law passed this year. More states are enacting voter suppression. They are abusing the redistricting process to rig future elections and give Republicans more power than they would win in a fair system. They want to shut Democrats out of power in 2022 and 2024. They want to stop progress that millions of Americans voted for when we put President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris in the White House—and mobilized to elect Georgia Sens. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff.

We have seen this before. When Black people and their allies won political power after the Civil War, white supremacists used violence and illegiti-

mate power to reverse that progress. State-level voter suppression was a core tactic of Jim Crow. The solution then, and the solution today, is strong federal voting rights legislation that will override those state laws and prevent new ones from taking effect.



Ben Jealous

The good news is that the legislation has been written. It has passed the House of Representatives and it has the support of every Democratic senator. If it gets to the White House, President Biden will sign it.

That bad news is that Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and his Republican colleagues are using Senate filibuster rules to keep voting rights from coming up for a vote. This is 2021, not 1921. President Biden and Senate Democrats cannot let McConnell have the final word on voting rights in this country.

In the 1960s, President Lyndon Johnson did not choose between civil rights and his anti-poverty agenda.

He knew the country needed both and he used his mastery of the Senate to get both passed. That’s what we need from President Biden, who has more experience in the Senate

than any president since Johnson. The infrastructure bill is vitally important. So is the Build Back Better agenda. But we need the White House to devote the same level of urgency to the infrastructure of our democracy. President Biden must lead Senate Democrats in passing voting rights this year—and getting rid of the filibuster if it stands in the way.

We need strong, effective moral leadership both inside and outside the White House at this moment. The civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s was a moral movement. It called on Americans to live up to their own ideals as well as to the promises in our founding documents. It brought the public pressure that compelled LBJ to use the powers of his office to pass civil rights and voting rights legislation.

I was proud to stand outside the White House with so many religious leaders: a Catholic nun representing thousands of her sisters; a Jewish rabbi in whose organization’s office the original Voting Rights Act was drafted; Black Baptist and AME clergy taking their place in the Black church’s long legacy of working for justice. We were joined by representatives of secular social justice and voting rights organizations.

Rev. Timothy McDonald, who pastored in Martin

Luther King’s church and who serves as the co-chair of People For the American Way, the organization I lead, led us in singing and prayer and brought powerful words of truth.

I choked up a bit with gratitude for their leadership, and with gratitude for all the members of the movement, including members of my own family, who risked their lives over the years to secure the right to vote for all Americans.

Before I was arrested and spent the night in jail, I delivered a message to President Biden: When the president of the League of Women Voters is willing to risk arrest, when pastors in Dr. King’s lineage are willing to risk arrest, when Catholic nuns are willing to risk arrest to call you to fulfill your promise to make voting rights a top priority, it is time to examine your moral conscience.

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.

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starvation of the immediate postwar years disappeared, and Western Europe

embarked upon an unprecedented two decades of growth that saw standards of living increase dramatically. We have not only the opportunity but the moral obligation to replicate that success in

21st Century United States. So when you hear politicians and talking heads opining about Senate and House procedures and legislative vehicles, know what's really at stake: the future of you,

your family, our community and the nation. It's time to Build Back Better. *"Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.*

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

As fascism hovers overhead ...

There are many reasons about which to be concerned about the attack on democracy that is being waged by Republicans and Republican sympathizers, but one of the big ones is the belief of many in this group that "entitlements," i.e., assistance given to people who are either poor or old or old and poor, is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

This thought, coming from a group of people who hardly pay taxes, and/or who pay far less taxes than their wealth indicates they should.

Democrats and so many others are being silent about the real dangers this country's citizens are facing; there is an exasperating complacency that comes from a belief that "it can't happen here." But it is happening, right in front of our eyes.

In Politics According to the Bible by Wayne Grudem, the mindset of these Conservatives is laid out in clear if unsettling clarity, including opinions about the problems with Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Grudem bemoans the increase in the number of Baby Boomers who will or who have already become eligible for Social Security. Because of those increasing numbers, he says, Social Security's surplus is already in decline; in order to make up for the loss in revenue caused by fewer people in the workforce, Grudem says that "...Social Security and Medicare will consume an estimate of 60 percent of income taxes collected by 2040."

The root cause of the problem with Social Security, he says is that it is "wastefully paying healthy, potentially productive people not to work," which, he says "drains life and vitality out of the economy." He refers to the Bible which he says tells people to work for as long as they are able to do so; he refers to 1 Thess.4:10-12, which says "We urge you, brothers...to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs and to work with your hands as we instructed you so that you may live properly before outsiders and dependent on no one."

He further quotes 1 Thess. 3: 6-12, which says, among other things, "if anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat."

He shares that the Conservative viewpoint on healthcare for all - provided by the Affordable Care Act and Medicare, is also wasteful of tax dollars. He proposes "tax credits for people to use to purchase health insurance on their own, the capacity of people to join together in voluntary groups in order to obtain preferable and affordable health care rates, the passage of a federal law which would prohibit individual states from forcing companies to cover high-risk people at the same rate as everyone else, and for Congress to pass medical malpractice reform that would bring immense savings by limiting the awards that can be given in medical malpractice suits."

He says that some provision should be made for those who truly cannot afford health care, "...some kind of pooling of high-risk patients to be covered by funds in individual states as their legislatures decide...and some kind of fund that would enable the "truly poor" (quotation marks mine) to obtain a basic health plan.

Grudem spouts the concern that Medicaid is being given to illegal immigrants, and also to immigrants who have come to this country legally but who have refused to assimilate into American culture. He quotes, as justification for setting up restrictive immigration policy, the words of the Bible which say that all people are to be "subject to the governing authorities." (Rom. 13:1)

If Medicaid were defunded, it would affect the lives of immigrants, surely, but also a huge swath of American citizens, including the elderly and disabled, children (an estimated 79 million) and others whose income is so low they cannot afford health care. (<https://www.pgpf.org/budget-basics/who-benefits-from-medicaid>)

Grudem gives detailed arguments about why these programs are bad for America, bolstering his claims by using the Bible.

When things are good, when people are fairly comfortable, they fall into a behavior pattern of silence, which is dangerous on many levels, first, by allowing those who work against their needs to move forward unhindered, and secondly by spreading a sense of false security.

This country is in such danger of the masses being controlled by a few people who have been forming and shaping policies that are more oppressive than this country has yet experienced, reminiscent of policies enacted in other Fascist countries. While in office, the former president voiced little concern about the American masses; the job of government, he said, was to "control" the people. (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/04/14/trump-power-constitution-coronavirus>)

As we move toward the 2022 mid-term elections, I hope leaders will share the reality of what we are up against. The masses of people - including those who are headline supporters of the former president - will be hit with oppressive policies and, if things keep going the way they are, they will be in danger of being silenced and maybe even imprisoned if they criticize the government.

Those in power will say it's all in the Bible, and will carry out their agenda, ignoring the cries of those who are suffering. This country is saturated with the politics of racism, as well as with the politics of sexism and misogyny.

In spite of our weariness with the political confusion and ruin we see, we cannot remain silent, nor can we decide not to vote. All of us need to know what is at stake, and act accordingly.

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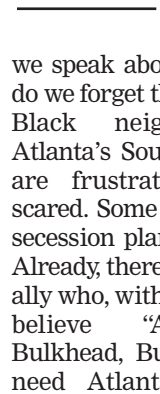
What happens to Atlanta if the wealthy leaves and creates a new city?

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

In an attempt to increase the white population and maintain white political control, the city of Atlanta expanded its borders northward to include the once rural area called Bulkhead. This successful annexation was made in 1952 under Mayor William Hartfield's "Plan of Improvement". Today, Atlanta is a far different municipality. The Bulkhead district has grown to become the wealthiest area in the city with its chic homes, luxurious shops, high-end restaurants and elaborate mansions. But residents in this predominately white enclave are frustrated, angry and scared. Earlier this year, Georgia state lawmakers introduced legislation that would give residents the opportunity to vote on making Bulkhead its own separate city. The idea to secede is not new. "Bulkhead City" has become a topic of discussion for years, but the city's recent increase in crime has caused efforts for cityhood to gain serious momentum. For decades, the affluent Bulkhead district has been one of the safest areas in Atlanta. Since 2019, it has seen a sizable increase in the number of murders, shootings, robberies, carjackings and street racing. 2020 was the deadliest year in more than two decades for the city as a whole. When asked about secession, Bulkhead residents will also point to the decrease in the quality of services, the heavy tax burden, City Hall corruption, struggling schools and zoning disputes.

These are valid quality of life concerns, but what about the overall consequences? The city could possibly face a net fiscal loss estimated between \$80 million to \$116 million annually. As for the schools, the Atlanta Public Scholl system is expected to lose approximately \$232 million per year. And when we speak about consequences, do we forget the predominately Black neighborhoods on Atlanta's Southside? They too are frustrated, angry and scared. Some residents say the secession plans are not racial. Already, there are those nationally who, with racial overtones, believe "Atlanta needs Bulkhead, Bulkhead does not need Atlanta". Such statements show they still don't get it. You have to have a willingness to sincerely care and to invest in people. Ironically, it was a native Atlantan who went through great pains to explain it. In 1963, Martin Luther King wrote a letter from a Birmingham jail cell. He was responding to white clergymen who questioned why he left Atlanta to cause "good trouble" in Birmingham. The answer he gave them is the same response that should be given to people everywhere who have little sense of unity when it comes to joining together diverse communities who share the same common interests. In this case, crime. Dr. King wrote,

David W. Marshall



"Moreover, I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham". He continued by saying, "we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality (support), tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly". In others words, the wealthy in general cannot sit idly by and not be concerned with those who are stuck in poverty. Regardless of race, economic class or zip code, diverse communities are interconnected to one another. The issues impacting those living in the poorest areas of Atlanta will eventually affect those living in wealthy Bulkhead. He makes it very clear that it is an inescapable network. Bulkhead cannot run from it. It is inevitable. The success of one is tied to the success of the other. The misery of one is tied to the misery of the other.

To say that Bulkhead does not need Atlanta is not true. "Bulkhead City" would be a self-inflicted disaster because the root causes of their problem will still remain. In his letter, Dr. King spoke about how to address the problem. He stated, "I am sure that none of you would want to rest content with the superficial kind of social analysis that deals merely with effects and does not grapple with underlying causes". It is the grappling with underlying (root) causes that brings a person out of their comfort zone when choosing community interests over self-interests. Since crime is the problem,

what are the underlying (root) causes of crime? Poverty, a sense of hopelessness, self-hate and a sea of despair. More police is nice, but Bulkhead truly needs Southside Atlanta to overcome its poverty. This means the wealthy using their business and political influence to support policies that will close the income gap between the rich and poor. It means the wealthy (of all races) fighting in the trenches to achieve livable wages, affordable housing, eliminating food deserts, fighting the social impact of mental illness and drug addiction. It means the wealthy working hand in hand with nonprofits who effectively uplift and inspire our youth who are traumatized by living in war zones. A network of support should include churches (of all race) working in the trenches together to fulfill the spiritual development and character building for the most vulnerable and marginalized children and adults. It is a network of support, but the network is often undermined by elected and governmental officials (of all races) who place self over community.

People are watching Atlanta's next move. If secession happens, others nationwide will have no shame in using the "Bulkhead City" blueprint for division elsewhere.

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Old White Civil Rights Lawyer; But Not Tired Yet The ILO, the Pope, and Biden Say, "Arise From Pandemic Powered by Worker Organizations To End World Poverty."

GUY RYDER is probably the best known union organizer in the world. He was born in the union town of Liverpool, England in 1956 and in his teens he won a scholarship to Cambridge University to study Social and Political Science, and Latin America. Like Pope Francis, Ryder speaks French and Spanish. His writing and strategic vision, like Pope Francis, is based on grass-roots worker organizing. One of his first jobs was with England's Trade Union Congress (TUC), the muscle behind England's Labour Party. In 1985 TUC moved him to Geneva to help unionize millions of new clerical workers, mostly women, in the International Federation of Commercial, Clerical, Professional, and Technical Employees (FIET). Geneva was crawling with international servant leaders from the United Nations, and Ryder's strategic genius became legendary in UN circles. For 13 years he advocated for unions and labor-based electoral parties, which led to his 1998 appointment as Director of the UN's International Labor Organization (ILO) Workers' Activities Bureau. He never looked back, dedicating his life to getting more money and power for the World's impoverished working families.

journalists at his first press conference he chose this name because St. Francis was especially concerned for the well-being of the poor.

Guy Ryder retired earlier this year. Pope Francis invited North Carolina's own moral fusion leader, Rev. William J. Barber II, known around the world as the architect and leader of the 'Moral Monday Movement' to visit the Vatican again this summer to discuss the ILO vision of arising from the Pandemic with worker organizations to end world poverty. (See special edition of Wilmington Journal.)

Digging Deeper Into Ryder's History

Ryder has just retired from two years of talks with workers from God's world-wide human family, all struggling with the reality of death and the Covid-19 pandemic. His ILO had the world-wide responsibility of adapting and enforcing international labor standards based on the UN's human rights in the workplace. He has worked in UN member countries such as Bahrain, Colombia, Fiji, Greece, Myanmar, and Swaziland. Here are excerpts from his retirement speech.

Mr. President of the General Assembly and the President of the ILO's host country, Switzerland, have just recalled the challenges before this Conference and the circumstances that require us to meet virtually on this occasion, following the postponement of last year's Session! It is, of course, disappointing that we are not in a position to be together in Geneva. Because our tripartite organization more than any other thrives on the personal interaction and informal exchanges of this global parliament of

labour.

But, equally, it is extraordinarily important that this Conference takes place at all. It is important that we have found technical and political ways of making it happen after the interruption of 2020. We have some 4,700 registered participants from 176 Member States, and this is comparable to the numbers of past years. There is good news too in respect of women's participation. At 38.3 % it is significantly better than before.

The need to ensure business continuity and the institutional integrity of the ILO is one reason why this Conference matters so much. Over the last 15 months, my colleagues and I, mostly operating remotely, like so many enterprises and workers around the world, have striven to pivot our activities to analyze the social and economic impact of COVID-19, to facilitate exchange of information on what is being done to respond to it, and to offer guidance and support to you, our constituents.

"It has been gratifying that the ILO's role has been widely recognized and welcomed. And this Conference offers us the chance to advance our efforts still further. Can there ever have been a time in the history of our Organization when the responsibilities of this Conference have been heavier, or the expectations of it greater than now? At this moment of pandemic-induced crisis in the world of work, and as people across the globe hope and reach for a recovery that leads to a resilient, sustainable, fairer, and better future.

But we are in the here and now. We need to act, here and now. And that has to begin with a lucid assessment of what the pandemic has done to the world of work. As my report to Conference sets out, the impact has been devastating - cataclysmic.

"The equivalent of two hundred and fifty five mil-

lion full time jobs lost in 2020;

• 3.7 trillion wiped off labour income;

Millions of enterprises under threat, particularly small and medium sized ones;

"Taken as a whole this represents a world of work crisis four times as severe as the one triggered by the financial crisis of 2008 and 2009.

"It has not gone unanswered. Governments have stated their determination to do whatever it takes to overcome the health crisis and to mitigate its social and economic consequences. And indeed they have generally done whatever they could.

"Some \$16 trillion has been spent or announced for crisis response to date. In line with the policy framework advocated vigorously by the ILO, this has been channeled to stimulate economic activity, to support enterprises, jobs and incomes, and to protect working peoples' safety and health.

"These efforts have been unprecedented. It has been estimated that without them the damage brought by the pandemic would have been three times greater than it was.

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

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

I co-signed for a car, and I regret it.....

I understand that when you care about someone you want to help them. When helping them is going to cause you to harm yourself, is that too high of a price to pay? I run into this more than you can imagine, and I know they were doing it out of the kindness of heart. Just wanted to help their friends and loved ones only to find out later the carnage that came from it.



Brenda Dixon

Being debt-heavy (high debt ratio) is the #2 reason (after bad credit) that most can't get a home loan approval. Oh, I know not all co-signing situations end badly but unfortunately,

some stats reveal in most cases the bad out ways the good... SMH, it can be challenging to be removed as a cosigner from a loan. To gain a better understanding of why let's look at why a cosigner is used at all. A cosigner is needed when the borrower's own credit and/or income isn't enough to qualify for the loan by him or herself. The cosigner has stronger credit and income and is required by the lender or creditor to help guarantee

that the loan will be repaid. Please believe me when I tell you that IF you sign that document saying you will pay if they don't, YOU WILL BE HELD TO THAT.

So many blindly believe that it could never happen because they know that person so well and I know they won't leave me hanging like that, but sometimes things happen that are out of their control. What if that person loses their job? What if they go to jail? What if they just flip and go MIA? What if their job decides to downsize or just close altogether with no warning? What if that person gets sick and can't work? What if that person

dies? The what IF'S are the unknowns but they can happen. When that borrower is 30, 60, or 90 days late, you are 30, 60, and 90 days late and both of your credit files will be impacted. Their credit is getting reported negatively and your credit scores are being affected at the same time. Truth is "Life Happens" and it's out of all of our control so know that if you sign that doc saying you will if they don't... GET READY BECAUSE THEY ARE COMING for you to make that word good!

Now that you know the role of a co-signer let's look at FOUR ways you may be removed from a car loan if needed. I'm going to be upfront with you and let you know that if you didn't ask upfront if there is a way to be released from this obligation, you may have a real uphill battle but nothing beats a failure but a try. So, you could try

1. Asking for a "CO-SIGNER RELEASE": Some loans have a program that will release a cosigner's obligation after a certain number of consecutive on-time payments have been made. Two years of on-time payments seem to be the norm. Read through your loan documents to see if there's any type of program associated with your loan. Or, call the lender and ask if something like this applies to your loan. As a general rule, the bank

won't remove your name from a cosigned debt unless the other person has demonstrated they can handle the loan on their own. Think about it: you would never have been asked to cosign if the other borrower had shown this ability from the beginning. People can change and become more responsible, yes but the bank will definitely want proof.

2. More common is the only way to get a co-signer removed from a loan/car loan is to "REFINANCE" the loan. That said, there are indications recently that lenders have begun loosening their credit requirements a bit, so while your credit or income may have required you to find a co-signer or make a larger down payment in the past, it may not now. Reach out to the lender and see if they will allow the refinance since so many payments have been made on time by the primary borrower. It is IMPORTANT that the payments be made in a way that can be tracked with a paper trail showing that the primary borrower, not the cosigner made these payments. NO CASH, the most effective way is to pay with a personal check or make a payment with a card that can be easily verified by monthly statements.

3. You can "SELL THE CAR". This sounds good in theory but the truth is the

car depreciation happens so quickly that most people are upside down (owe more than what it's worth) to the point it can't be sold unless you're willing to pay the difference to the bank to get the loan cleared.

4. You just got to work overtime and throw every extra dollar as this debt and "PAY IT OFF". This is the most disturbing option to most. Who really wants to pay off a debt for another person? NOBODY that's who. However, when this boot is on your neck and you can't buy a home because you have this car payment or whatever you cosign for payment being count against you, it sometimes is worth biting the bullet and paying it off. At the end of the day, if this cosigned debt keeps coming up as the reason you can't get the things needed for you and your family, something has to be done. Plan your way out of it and chop it up as a serious lesson learned. Help others if you can and tell them "JUST DON'T DO IT!!"

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Lucille Hall Williams

Ms. Lucille Hall Williams was born to Lonie Harget and Lenda Hall on November 24, 1922, in Pamlico County, North Carolina and departed this earth on October 3, 2021.

For many years, Lucille worked as a housekeeper in the hotel industry. As she pursued her work, she lived in numerous places including New York and Philadelphia, before settling in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was a clean housekeeper, would cook and feed anyone out of love. She was a loving and caring mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her daughters Letha Mae King and Phyllis Meares and her son Lee Leon King, Jr.

Left to cherish her memories are her daughter, Sarah Sykes of New Bern, North Carolina; grandchildren, Angela Michelle King, Sandra King, Sarah Dorsey and Michael Williams; and a host of great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.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 PM - 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

A celebration of Mr. Davis' life will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at New Beginning Christian Church, 3120 Alex Trask Dr., Castle Hayne, NC 28429. Interment will take place at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Columbia, SC.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Shervina Davis of Columbia, SC; life partner; Jacqueline Beatty of Wilmington; 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), Jamie Burrell (Jonathan) and Willie Smith all of Columbia, SC; father-in-law, Otis Smith of Columbia, SC and 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com*

Cynthia F. Lacewell

Cynthia F. Lacewell, age 69, of Wilmington (formerly of 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.*

Albert Robinson

Albert Robinson, age 89, of Leland, passed away Saturday, October 9, 2021.

Public viewing 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021 at St. Thomas Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Mamie Robinson of the home, children, Octavia Reid of Connecticut, Jacqueline Robinson of Wilmington, Alberta Robinson of California, Albert Wayne Robinson of Charlotte, NC and Jowanna Todd of Leland, NC; grandchildren, Shanta Robinson of California, Jahlessa Todd of Winston-Salem, Kristen Davis and NiKeith Davis both of Charlotte and Jace "JJ" Robinson of California; special niece, Stacy Goins of Hampstead, NY, 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*

Cheryl Williams

Cheryl Williams, age 60, of Leland, passed away Sunday, October 10, 2021.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Mrs. Williams will be conducted at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her husband, Kirk Williams of New York; children, Dashanda Turner of Leland and Kirk Williams, Jr. of Canada; siblings, Amos Fair of Roanoke, VA and David Fair of Norwalk, CT, 7 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

Mark Green

Mark Green, age 65, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, October 10, 2021.

A memorial service celebrating Mark's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Carol Tyson Green of the home; children, Nya Green of Roanoke Rapids, Mark Damon of New York, NY, Shaunna Tyson and Rodney Tyson both of Wilmington; siblings, Karen Green, Crystal Green and Debra Green all of New York, NY, 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Jannell Smith

Jannell Smith died September 29, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr Memorial Chapel.

Janell Denise Smith, daughter of Catherine Davis and Willie J. Smith was born on November 16, 1977 in St. Louis, Missouri. Janell was educated in the New Hanover County School System and also attended Cape Fear Community College. She attended Faith Temple COGIC. Janell enjoyed being a mother, walking, going to the beach and just spending time with her family. She loved helping others and one way of doing so was being employed with Door Dash and Lift.

She leaves fond memories with: her children, Dominique Smith, Tyquiline Smith, Nyeshia Smith and Azekial Dreher; her mother, Catherine Davis (Mark Walker); father, Willie J. Smith (Monica Butts); sister, Catherine E. Smith-Brown (Hollis); several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Percy Cephus

Percy Cephus died October 1, 2021. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Sharon Blackledge

Sharon Blackledge died October 1, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the House of Repentance Ministries; 1820 Mt. Misery Rd. NE Leland, NC

28451. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Sharon was born on February 21, 1959 to the late Curley and Eva Samuel in Wilmington, NC. She graduated from New Hanover High School in 1976. Sharon married her longtime friend and love, Gerald Anthony Blackledge, Sr in May of 1977 who preceded her in death in 1993. She was also preceded in death by her son, Gerald Anthony Blackledge, Jr. and her brother, Charles Miller. Sharon had a gift of making everyone feel like family. Her door and heart were always open to anyone in need of comfort or a laugh. Her kindness was only matched by her strength. Sharon did not let her disposition adversely affect her faith or spirit; continuing to smile and press forward, in turn, touching the hearts of many. She was always a source of positivity and laughs. She will be missed more than words can say.

Sharon leaves her memory to be cherished by: her children: daughters, Terrie Blackledge, Amelia Thomas (Robert) and Tonya Blackledge; sons, Lamar Blackledge and Lindsey Blackledge; grandchildren: Jamar, Makayla, Lakim, Emmanuel and Kathleen; siblings, Wanda Stewart, Gail (William) McMillan, Daisy Anthony, Curley (Kecia) Samuel, Magnolia (James) Green of Virginia, Nathaniel (Tonya) McCall of Utah; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends that she loved dearly. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Bruce Darnell Pryor, Sr.

Bruce Darnell Pryor, Sr. died October 2, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Bruce, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Naomi Pryor was born on June 14, 1955. He graduated from New Hanover High School in the Class of 1974. He worked in creative kitchen and bath designs for 29 years. Bruce later went on to work with the new Hanover County School System as a supervisor for 10 years. Bruce was owner and operator of K.T.A.'s Stripping and Waxing Cleaning in honor of his grandchildren in 2013.

Bruce was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold, Cliff and Mickey. Bruce is survived by his wife, Jewel Pryor; two daughters, Stephanie Pryor and Naomi Pryor; one son, Bruce Pryor, Jr.; son-in-law, Moochie; four grandchildren, IT'ya, Kenyetta, Tamia and Amarri; two great-grandchildren, Messiah and Adriyon; three sisters, Juanita, Barbara and Teresa; one brother, Steven and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many special friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

JoAnne Farrow Wilson

JoAnne Farrow Wilson died October 8, 2021. Funeral service will be held 12 noon on Friday, October 15, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church; 4925 New

Centre Drive - Wilmington, North Carolina 28403. Visitation will be from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dontrell Jermaine Hill

Dontrell Jermaine Hill died October 8, 2021. Service information is incomplete at this time. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Charles Gregg

Charles Gregg died October 4, 2021. Services will be scheduled at a later date. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*

James Pete Haynes, Jr.

James Pete Haynes, Jr. died October 3, 2021. Services will be scheduled at a later date. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Pearlie Nelson

Pearlie Nelson died October 3, 2021. Memorial service was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

James Sutton

James Sutton died October 3, 2021. Graveside service was held on Monday, October 11, 2021 at the Brown Cemetery, Riegelwood, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*




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TELL SOMEBODY

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1,2

Disaster - Sudden calamitous event bringing great damage, loss, destruction

Tragedy - Sudden misfortune

When trouble comes, and tragedy strikes, we need to know where to go to find help in the time of need. Christians are not immune to trouble and trials. We are in this world, but not of the

world, knowing that God sends the rain on the just and the unjust. Our Christian character and integrity are put to test when trouble and trials come our way. After all is said and done, the final question is, are we going to trust God or not. Some think it foolish to look to the Lord in the time of misfortune and calamity, and they equate faith with a "pie in the sky"



Sylvia Hooper

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mentality. But there is great wisdom and common sense reality in putting our trust in the Lord our God, because no matter what resources He may use to come to our aid, God Is our Source!

Life "happens" to us all, and sooner or later, we will determine that there is nothing too hard for God, and if God don't help us, there is no help! If God don't heal us, we won't be healed! If God don't deliver us, we won't be delivered! In times like these, the godly must exercise their faith in God, and trust Him like never before!

These are the days in which we see cases of wars,

rumors of wars, Homeland security issues, family members forsaking one another, and familiar friends walking away during times of trouble. Because of socio economic instability, financial scandal and multiplied disaster, we even see important government assistance programs standing on shaky ground. The love of many is waxing cold. Need we say more? It is time to lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help!

"Behold, as the eyes of the servants look unto the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait

upon the Lord our God, until that he may have mercy upon us." Psalm 123:2

"Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net." Psalm 25:15

We must lift up our eyes in order to be encouraged. As we look all around us the things we see are getting worse, and the problems are growing greater. Some men's faith is failing them, many are fearful and unbelieving; while some men are literally losing hope. But, if we lift up our eyes, we will be able to recognize the exceeding greatness of his power. Psalm 145:3 says, " Great is

the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." It's time to Lift Up Our Eyes! Tell Somebody!!!

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The last days

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

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

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



Rev. Naaniel Fullwood

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Power Thoughts For Your Success

Twelve ways to improve your self-image-(Part 1 of 2)

You have the unique ability to create a new experience of life by changing your thinking about yourself.

By constantly filling your mind with thoughts and feelings of the self-image you desire, you can—through persistent application—create that very self-image in your own life experience.

There are many ways to improve and develop your self-image. It can be developed into a powerful magnet, capable of attracting the right people, the right circumstances, good health, wealth, happiness, money, and anything you desire.

This process of growth from whom and what you are, to whom and what you want to become is called the Work!

Twelve Ways To Improve Your Self-Image

1. Be honest with yourself. Do not deceive yourself. Deceiving yourself is another way of pretending that everything is alright. When you are not honest with yourself, you totally

defeat your quest for improvement and bury your potential self-image under layers of illusion and deception.

You are like the gardener who pretends that there are no weeds in the garden as he busies himself planting new flowers.

One day he looks up from his planting and realizes that, in spite of his efforts, the weeds have consumed his garden.

When you are not honest with yourself, you destroy your possibilities for growth and improvement.

2. Develop your imagination.

Your imagination is the blueprint for your future reality. It is the first step in the creative process.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish; but (they) that keepeth the law, happy (are they)." —Proverbs 29:18

What is "the law" referred to in the scripture?

It is the Universal Law of Thought and Manifestation.

If you can think it, you can do it.

If you can visualize it, you can become it.

Through your imagination, nothing is impossible. Develop your imagination by reading stimulating material.

Get involved with exciting, successful people who can expand your realm of experience. Meditate daily and engage in artistic endeavors.

See more possibilities in every experience and every relationship.

Once your vision—your thoughts about yourself and the world—is firmly grounded in your imagination, it cannot fail to be realized.

Where your imagination leads,

your reality will follow.

3. Be able to relax. Relaxation is the key to stress reduction and to mental and physical regeneration. Through relaxation you can communicate with your subconscious mind and tap into that well of universal knowledge, wisdom, energy, and understanding.

Without the ability to regularly relax, you can, over time, become a victim to accumulated stress. This accumulated stress can lower your energy level, impede your judgment, and actually cause physical illness.

Simple tiredness can distract your efforts and change the outcomes you experience in your endeavors.

4. Have that winning feeling.

The winning feeling is a strong positive attitude of accomplishment. It is reflected in the way you walk, talk, and act. When you have that winning feeling, people notice it and are attracted to you. They become willing to aid and assist you on your path to accom-

plishment.

Everyone loves a winner.

5. Cultivate good habits.

Habits are actions or behavior patterns that become automatic over time, through frequent repetition and consistency. Good habits are those which induce positive cycles of good health, proper rest, a balanced diet, regular exercise, and right thinking. By developing good habits, you establish a harmonic relationship with all that's good for you.

"Sow an act and you will reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you will reap a destiny." —G. D. Boardman

"The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken." —Samuel Johnson

When you strip away all other excuses and explanations, where you are right now is a direct result of your habits.

We make our habits, then our habits make us.

6. Aim to be happy.

Have a great sense of expectancy each day. Expect each day to be full of happiness. Experience each day from a perspective of happiness. Focus on the good and positive aspects of every moment. What you focus on, through faith, will happen. When you face each day with a great sense of anticipation and expectancy, you become magnetized for the object of your expectations.

Expect happiness and be happy.

Next week – "How To Improve Your Self-Image" Part 2

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Ramona Nixon, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of December, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 23rd day of September, 2021

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

September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 2021

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

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

This is the 30th day of September, 2021.

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

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Betty Bray Covil (21-E-1254), 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 January 7, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 7th day of October, 2021.

Robert Bryan Sasser, Co-Executor c/o Craig & 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Rosemary Gerdes (21-E-1435), 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 January 7, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 7th day of October, 2021.

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

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Robert Perry Midgett, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 7th day of October, 2021

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

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Michael Jerome Sampson, 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 7th day of January, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 7th day of October, 2021

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

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

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

In the Matter of: Jahtavia Patricia Ann Myers minor child

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

TAKE NOTICE that a petition seeking the termination of your parental rights and obligations to the above-referenced minor children has been filed against you. The Court will conduct a hearing to determine whether one or more grounds alleged in the petition for terminating parental rights exist.

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.

Kathleen Arundell Jackson Attorney for Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services Petitioner Youth & Family Services Division 720 East Fourth Street Charlotte, NC 28202

September 30, October 7, 14, 2021

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

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

This the 30th day of September, 2021.

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

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Wanda Gail Basyden, 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 14th day of January, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 14th day of October, 2021

Angelo Basyden, Administrator 108 Progress Dr. Burgaw, NC 28425

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Tina Teresa Johnson, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of January, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 14th day of October, 2021

Earline R. Johnson, Administrator 1510-B Cameron Ct. Wilmington, NC 28401

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Tina Darrell Ray Robinson, 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 14th day of January, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 14th day of October, 2021

Tandy N. Robinson Davis, Administrator 1433 Branch Row Wilmington, NC 28405

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Bonnie G. Callahan, having qualified on the 13th day of September, 2021, as Personal Representative of the estate of Mavis J. Green (2021-E-1344), deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said that they must present them to the undersigned at Graves May PLLC, c/o Attorney Kevin T. May, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the 13th day of January, 2022, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter.

This the 4th day of October, 2021

Bonnie G. Callahan, Personal Representative Estate of David F. Walker Kevin T. May GRAVES MAY PLLC 5700 Oleander DR. Wilmington, NC 28403

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Daniel Pesackis, 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 January 18, 2022 (which date is at least three (3) months from the first publication of this notice).

This the 14th day of October, 2021.

Donna Scarangella, Executor of the Estate of Daniel Pesackis, Deceased c/o Randall S. Hoose, Jr. Atlantic Coast Law 314 Walnut Street, Suite 100 Wilmington, NC 28401-4160

October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2022 ANNUAL PLAN

The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA (WHA) is updating our Annual Plan for FY 2022.

This is a 45-day notice with an opportunity to present public comments regarding 2022 updates to the Annual Plan.

The draft of the proposed WHA 2022 Annual Plan is available for review beginning October 15, 2021, at the WHA website at www.wha.net and at the WHA Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Comments must be made in writing and presented to the main office located at 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, Attn. Julia Shaw or via email to jshaw@wha.net no later than 10:00 a.m. November 30, 2021.

A public hearing will be conducted on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room of WHA's Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC. Anyone interested in commenting on the proposed revisions is invited to attend.

In addition, the Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA) Annual Plan will be provided for public viewing at the following locations:

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