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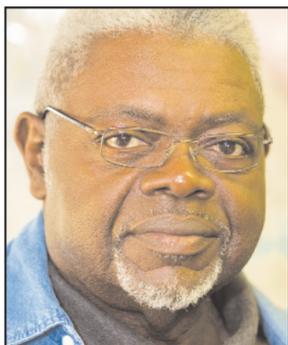


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BISHOP WILLIAM J. BARBER

Bishop Barber Contracts COVID; Urges Community To Stay Safe

BY CASH MICHAELS
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When it was reported last week that Bishop William J. Barber, president of Repairers of the Breach and co-chair of the National Poor People's Campaign, tested positive for COVID-19 recently, many people, particularly in the African-American community, stopped and took notice.

It was just last year, March 5th, when Rev. Dr. Barber, along with then North Carolina Dept. of Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen, publicly were vaccinated against the coronavirus in the parking lot of the PNC Arena in Raleigh.

"It is important, incredibly important, that people know that vaccines work. Now, we have to do our part," said Barber. "I wanted to take it today, not just for William Barber, but I wanted to do it publicly with the Secretary to encourage and inspire others."

Fast forward to last week, when Dr. Barber posted on his Twitter page January 6th, "My symptoms so far are very mild, and I am following CDC guidelines to notify close contacts and isolate for five days. I want to express my gratitude for the vaccines and booster shots that prepared my body to fight the virus, and I encourage anyone who has not received a vaccine or booster, if they are eligible, to do so as soon as possible."

Barber continued, "Even as we take every possible precaution to prevent the spread of this virus, new and extremely contagious variants emerge."

He added, "...we must do all we can to care for one another by preventing the spread of COVID-19."

This week, the CEO of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Albert Bourla, said that his company will have a vaccine specifically manufactured to combat the new Omicron variant, in addition to other variants, coming out this March.

Health care specialists, like Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, however, have said that as long as you have had your initial two shots of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or a single dose of Johnson and Johnson, followed by a booster, you should have enough protection against Omicron.

That is news hopefully the African-American community - hit hard by the initial Alpha and Delta variants - can embrace. Thus far, Omicron, first discovered in South Africa last month and already reportedly waning there, is accounting for a majority of cases here in North Carolina and 73% of cases nationwide, due to its high transmissibility.

As in Rev. Barber's case, Omicron can affect you if you're ready vaccinated, what's known as a "breakthrough" infection, but not necessarily put you in the hospital.

If you are unvaccinated, however, the likelihood of Omicron sending you to the ICU is high,

doctors say, and reports from around the country confirm.

Because of the explosively contagious nature of Omicron, all areas of society have been affected, with a new emphasis on wearing masks indoors in public places and events.

Some historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) across the country are responding to the Omicron wave by delaying the start of their spring semesters. They have also now required that all students have proof of negative testing, or three-prong vaccination, before returning to campus.

Other HBCUs are shifting to online instruction for two weeks.

According to reports, deaths, however, have not gone up substantially, suggesting that Omicron is a milder variant.

Ultimately, despite what confusion may exist in the media about the COVID-19 variants, doctors maintain the following for ultimately protecting yourself (especially if you already suffer from a pre-existing disease):

- Receive both shots (part one and part two) of either Pfizer vaccine or Moderna vaccine, or a single shot of Johnson and Johnson.
- Receive the booster shot required for any of the three vaccines you have taken.
- Continue to wear masks to public indoor spaces and avoid crowds
- Monitor your health
- Get tested if necessary

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Justice Coalition Calls for "Fair Re-Election" Of Oct. 23rd NC NAACP Races

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As first and exclusively reported by the Black Press two weeks ago, the Justice Coalition - a concerned group of approximately 37 NC NAACP members from across the state - is formally asking for a "constitutional fair re-election in [the] NC NAACP State Conference of Branches, and for the National NAACP to follow the Constitutional and By-laws of the National Organization with adding the proper governance of electronic voting."

This, after the Justice Coalition challenged the Oct. 23rd election of officers to the executive leadership in an Article 10 complaint, charging that Gloria Sweet-Love, the national NAACP installed administrator, mishandled the election procedures by not following established NAACP constitutional guidelines.

The coalition will not be going to court over the matter because the NAACP Constitution does not allow the organization's members to sue the NAACP.

In a written response to the complaint, the national NAACP has effectively said that Ms. Sweet-Love was essentially allowed to run the election as she saw fit.

Rev. Dr. Cardes H. Brown Jr., pastor of New Light Missionary Baptist Church in Greensboro and Life member of the NAACP, confirmed during a telephone interview last Monday that even after a response from the national NAACP office last month, effectively denying their Article 10 complaint, that the Justice Coalition would not relent in seeing that justice be done as prescribed by the civil rights organization's constitution and bylaws.

With the upcoming holiday activities honoring the life and legacy of civil rights icon Dr. Martin Luther King,



REV. DR. CANDES H. BROWN, JR.

Jr.; with eulogies coming in honoring the life of civil rights litigator Lani Guinier, who once worked with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and died over the weekend; and with the U.S Senate

preparing to vote on all-important voting rights legislation very shortly, Rev. Brown said the national NAACP must be held up to the same standards of voting fairness it insists on of gov-

ernment. "We ...never expected to see voter suppression tactics in the North Carolina NAACP," Dr. Brown said during a Zoom press conference last week.

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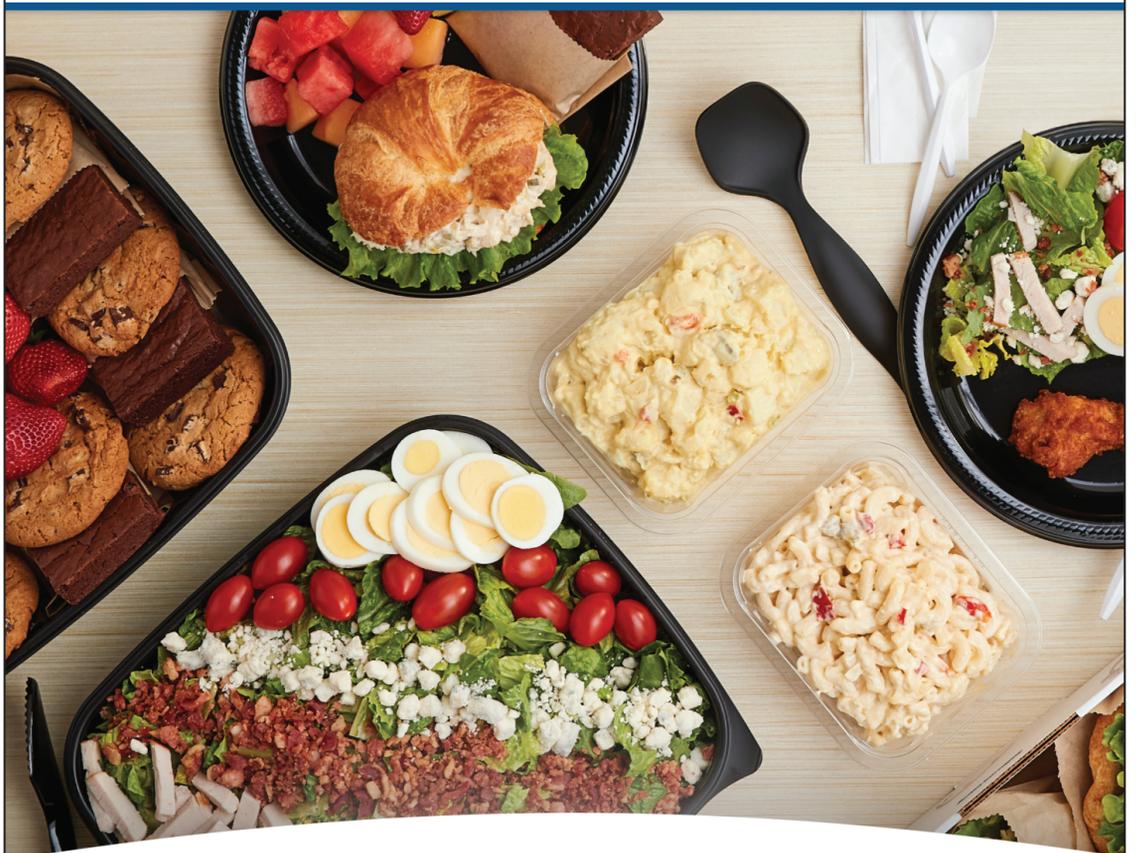
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Which Joe Manchin will ultimately prevail in 2022?

(TriceEdneyWire.com)



David W. Marshall

At what point does a government subsidy become a government handout? A subsidy is defined as a sum of money granted by the government or a public body to assist an industry or business so that the price of a commodity or service may remain low or competitive. In other words, it's a form of financial aid. U.S. taxpayers spend tens of billions of dollars annually in subsidizing fossil fuel exploration and production. While faced with the critical challenges associated with climate change, is it financially prudent and responsible to keep providing massive tax breaks and direct payments to oil, gas and coal companies? From a scientific perspective, the answer is no.

Researchers have warned that if we are to avoid the worst effects of climate change, we must keep the global temperature rise under 2 degrees Celsius. This is accomplished by keeping three-fourths of the global fossil fuel reserves in the ground. From a public health perspective, the answer is also no. Extracting, refining and burning fossil fuels releases various types of pollution thereby poisoning our air and water. Coal is an outdated fuel which is the single largest driver of climate change. The health effects of coal burning can lead to respiratory and cardiovascular mortality. It should be no surprise that people who suffer the most when it comes to detrimental health effects are primarily Black, Brown, Indigenous, poor and working class communities.

Fossil fuel companies are fully aware of these harmful risks, yet they continue to request and receive exploration and production subsidies for their drilling and mining operations. At a time when the U.S. should be phasing out these subsidies and transitioning toward clean and safe energy, we commit four times more in financial assistance to fossil fuels compared to what we currently invest in renewable energy. The climate crisis has long been ignored and the hard reality we face is bleak.

Consider the arrogance, negligence and the greed of those who benefit from these subsidies. The fossil fuel extraction projects which are already in progress will produce enough climate pollution to push us past 2 degrees Celsius for global warming. These current and future projects would not be possible without the financial assistance from government subsidies which are often used to reduce a company's operating expenses. This type of aid has now become handouts which are no longer needed. Scientists have pleaded their cases and sounded the alarm for decades. President Obama, in his 2012 State of the Union Address, stated "We've subsidized oil companies for a century. That's long enough." The President Biden's Build Back Better Act is a step in the right direction. A major part of this domestic agenda confronts climate change by proposing \$320 billion in tax incentives for producers and purchasers of wind, solar and nuclear power.

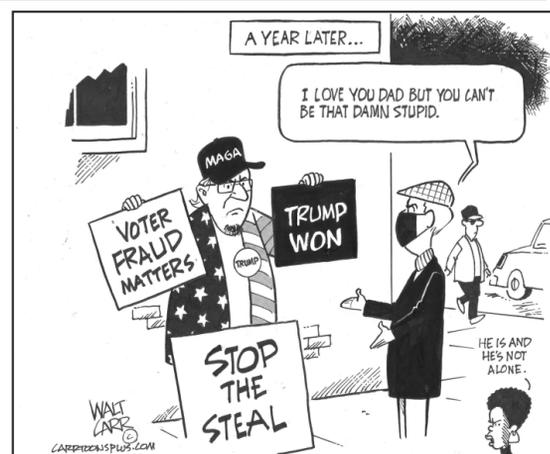
Fossil fuel companies are powerful and well connected politically. Today executives, shareholders and lobbyists throughout the oil, gas and coal industries continue to maintain an unwillingness to invest in the safety people and the safety of our environment. The same is true for their Republican cohorts. And while Joe Manchin represents one of the leading coal-producing states, the Democrat from West Virginia receives the type of financial contributions which are typically given to Republican lawmakers. Due to the fact that Manchin has effectively opposed President's Biden's domestic initiative, Republican and energy industry donors are supporting those efforts while backing it up with campaign donations. Time is running out, so which Joe Manchin will prevail in 2022? As the fossil fuel industry would like Manchin to maintain his opposition to the President's social and climate bill, a prominent coal miner union from West Virginia wants the Senator to reconsider his opposition. They singled out provisions in the package where tax incentives would create new jobs for unemployed miners. They also expressed their support on how the bill will help miners suffering from black lung disease. We have to wonder if the voices from Manchin's constituents will overcome the financial influence from special interests donors.

On the other hand where Republicans would love for Manchin to switch parties, Democrats would love for him to support the expanded child tax credit and the subsidized child care for families. This is a tall order for Manchin. In order to defeat poverty, you have to have a willingness to confront it. The states with the highest rates of poverty include Mississippi, Louisiana, New Mexico, Kentucky, Arkansas, Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina along with Joe Manchin's West Virginia. It is no coincidence they are mostly politically and socially conservative states. Poverty is sustained wherever there is not a consistent desire to invest in all people. Every poor person and poor family regardless of background has a story to tell. From any poor family, there is the potential for one to rise up and become a future doctor, lawyer or Congressperson. When we invest in all children, we are securing that our future workforce and future taxpayers will come from families of diverse backgrounds. Some would rather invest in fossil fuel corporations despite the risks. Others prefer to invest in people even where family members have no job. As a nation, we should make corporate investments when it is appropriate and do the same for human investments.

There are fundamental differences between a Republican and a Democrat. Currently, Joe Manchin is essentially a member of both parties. Which one, the Republican or Democrat, will make the final decision on the Build Back Better Act?

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MATTERS OF OPINION

Warrior lawyers like Lani Guinier

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

The amazing attorney, law professor, lawyer, author, and activist made her transition on January 7, 2022, even as Black folks and our allies were engaged in the legislative battle to solidify our voting rights. In the middle of the struggle, a beacon, a woman who loved voting rights and fair representation more than life itself, was taken from us. Lani Guinier was a woman who turned chicken spit (or something) into chicken salad.

In a unique act of personal and political betrayal, Former President Bill Clinton first nominated Guinier to be Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, then bowed to right-wing pressure to withdraw her nomination. If Guinier had her way, she would have preferred to defend her record against inaccurate attacks. Instead, she went on to write brilliant books and provocative articles. Her theme, often the tyranny of the majority.

The loonies on the right who vilified Guinier might take a more careful look at her work. They called her a "Quota Queen" and ridiculed her views on cumulative voting as "anti-democratic." Cities like New York and San Francisco now use ranked-choice voting

to elect leaders. Both London Breed in San Francisco and Eric Adams in New York won their seats thanks to ranked-choice voting. Legacy Guinier: Some Republican minorities that attacked Guinier might find some solace in her views.

She wrote that a 51-49 split should not mean that the 51 percent gets all the power. Instead, there have to be methods of power-sharing.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and his cronies don't get that. They want it all. Guinier wanted to find a way to share power, manage compromise, and ensure that the 49 percent had a say. Republicans have so rigged the rules that they flex majority muscles even when they are in the minority. Democrats have forgotten how to fight back, complacently leaning into an unfair process that includes filibusters, gerrymandering, and downright theft.

Lani Guinier was inspired by Constance Baker Motley, the first woman to work for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, when she was hired in 1946. Guinier was twelve when she learned of

Attorney Motley and saw her as an inspiration. Lani Guinier had many others to inspire her, including Elaine Jones, Director-Counsel of the NAACP LDF from 1993 through 2004, and the first woman to lead the organization. Guinier benefitted from Elaine Jones' mentorship and, as an LDF attorney, won 31 of the 32 cases she prosecuted.

I'm not trying to write an obituary. I'm just thinking out loud about an amazing woman who blazed trails, made a difference, shrugged off adversity, and fought passionately for the Black vote. As she makes her transition, we are struggling. One of her contemporaries, fellow Harvard Law grad and civil rights attorney Gail Wright Sirmans, observed that we "recycle our struggles." From the end of enslavement, the issue of Black voting rights has been a challenge to our nation. There were grandfather clauses and poll taxes, and when they were eliminated, there were other hurdles to clear.

This is not just a Black thing. To discourage disabled voting, some polling places have been put on a hill, challenging to navigate in a wheelchair. People can't bring absentee ballots to their grandmothers and grandfathers to discourage elder voting. To prevent youth voting, students

who spend the majority of their year in their college town have to clear hurdles to have the right to vote. Not to mention the shenanigans, the robo-calls that say voting will be the next day, the threat that immigration officials will show up at a voting place to check citizenship, the ways that polling places change at the last minute.

Lani Guinier was down for this fight, and she was aware of the attacks on our right to vote. She represents a long line of Black warrior lawyers like Constance Baker Motley, Elian Jones, Sherylln Ifill, Kristen Clarke, Barbara Arnwine, and others. These sisters are warrior lawyers. Lani Guinier was among the best of them.

These warrior lawyers are necessary in these times. We count on them to strap on their armor and prepare for this next fight. There are no rights without voting rights. There are no rights without voting rights. President Biden, step up. You said you had our backs. Vice President Harris, continue to speak up. Lani Guinier, rest in peace and power. Guide our leaders, through your spirit, to do the right thing.

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RAINBOW COALITION

Congress must act to protect the right to vote

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Congress must act to protect the right to vote BY JESSE JACKSON January 3, 2022 Jan. 6, 2022 marks one year since the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol, incited by a president voted out of office by the vast majority of the American people.

What is now clear is that Donald Trump and his zealous aides and complicit right-wing legislators were deadly serious about overturning the results of that vote and keeping Trump in office. They failed but have since launched a systematic campaign in states across the country to make it possible to succeed the next time.

Trump's bumbling gang of the incompetent, the craven, the corrupt and the certifiable are often difficult to take seriously. That is a mistake. Over the past year, Republican officials have taken up the cause and moved steadily to rig the rules in their favor. The overwhelming majority of Republicans now believe Trump's Big Lie that the 2020 election was stolen, despite it being rejected by the courts, by Trump's own attorney general, by professional Republican election officials and even by the partisan audits that Republicans have wasted millions on. Craven Republican legislators repeat the Big Lie, too fear-

ful of Trump's wrath to tell the truth.

That Big Lie has been used to justify a systematic attempt to rig the rules against the majority. Republican state legislators have introduced hundreds of bills to make it more difficult to vote, particularly for minorities and the young. In states like Wisconsin and North Carolina and Texas, partisan gerrymandering draws districts



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

designed to enable the minority party to win a majority of the seats in the state legislatures and congressional districts. The Big Lie has been used to terrorize election officials and to replace professionals with partisans committed to a certain outcome, not a fair election count.

Even worse, in states like Georgia, Republicans in state legislatures have given themselves the power to reject election results if they don't like the outcome. This legislative offensive is bolstered by the threat and presence of violence. Election officials who tell the truth have their lives and families threatened. A staggering onethird of Republicans say that violence may be neces-

sary to achieve their political ends. This assault on democracy is fueled by a racial backlash against the growing electoral power of people of color.

This isn't the first time that democracy has been assaulted. After the Civil War freed the slaves, the 15th Amendment was passed to prohibit discrimination in the right to vote. When coalitions of Black and white people emerged to threaten the privilege and power of the plantation South, the reaction was fierce. Armed bands — the Ku Klux Klan and others — terrorized Black people and their allies. Laws were passed and enforced to make it virtually impossible for Black people to register and vote.

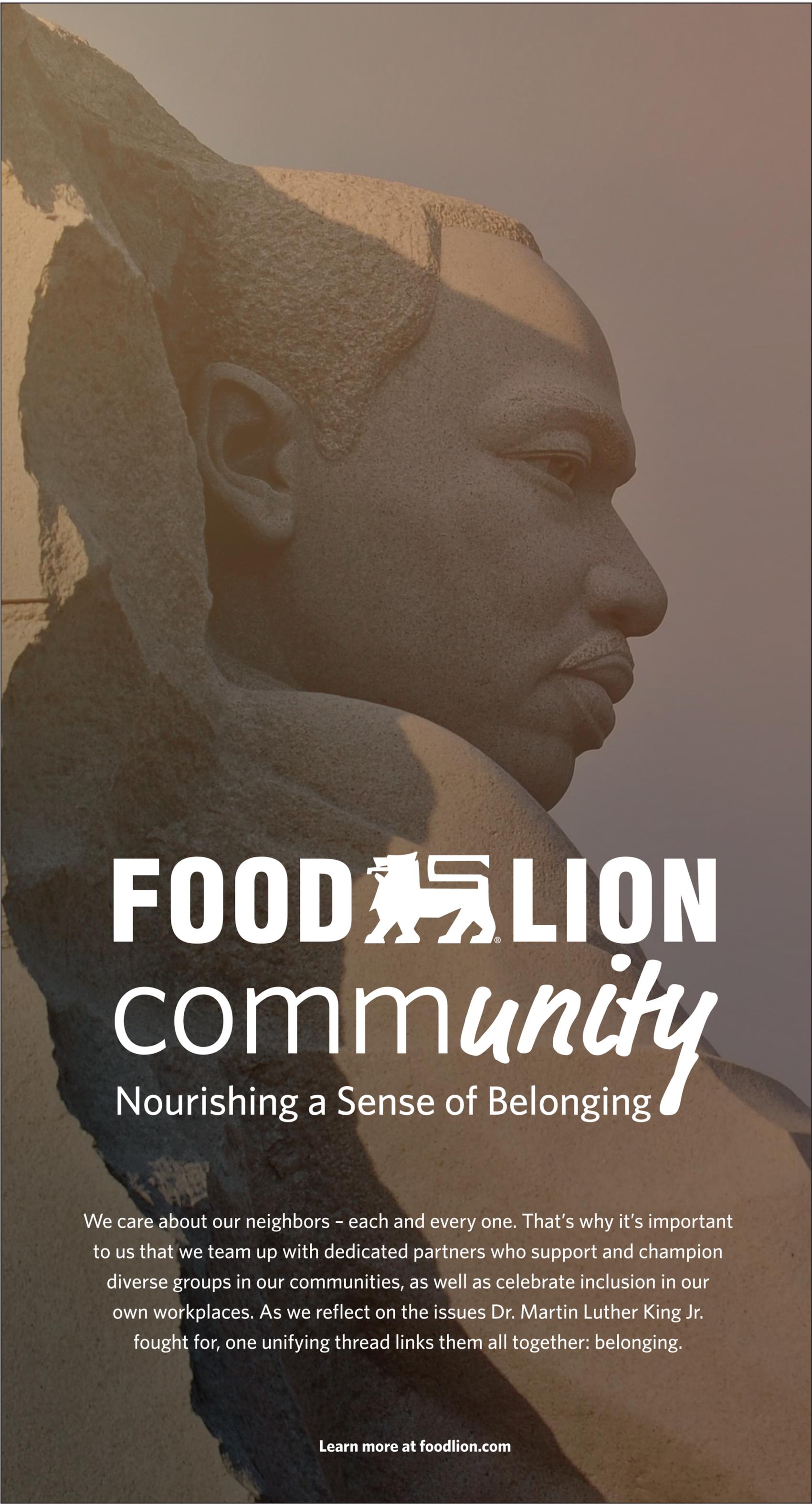
When Union troops were removed from the South, a form of apartheid called segregation became the law of the land. It took another 100 years before the civil rights movement succeeded with Lyndon Johnson's leadership to end segregation and pass the Voting Rights Act to limit the suppression of the vote. Now, as Congress reconvenes this January, it must act to protect the right to vote — to protect the democracy — against the seditious reaction that now threatens it.

Bipartisan support is desirable but unlikely, with few Republican legislators willing to stand up against

the Big Lie or to protect our democracy. Democrats must act — and act immediately against this threat. That will require ruling that protection of the right to vote is too important to allow it to be sabotaged by a minority wielding the filibuster. Democrats should unite to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which revives the Voting Rights Act.

It should pass the Freedom to Vote Act — endorsed by the conservative Democrat Sen. Joe Manchin — that would end partisan gerrymandering, create automatic voter registration, guarantee 15 days of early voting, make Election Day a holiday so working people will find it easier to get to the polls, limit dark money in politics and facilitate voting by mail. At least in federal elections, the two bills would go a long way to making certain that elections are free and fair. No one should be deluded. A minority party — grounded in the white South — is intent on taking and keeping power, despite the will of the majority — even if democracy itself is destroyed in the process. This is no time for petty politics. It is time for Congress to act to defend free elections and the right to vote before it is too late.

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That official documentation shows money in, and money out of the business

bank account. How about those tax returns, did they have that? Mostly the answer is No. They did not have the industry standard of 2 years tax returns that showed a profit on that Schedule C. In fact, the majority of the self-employed did not file at all.

For the ones that did decide to take that leap, and file, often they wrote off every expense they could think of, which left their average monthly income too lean to purchase a home. On paper, they looked like they were just above the poverty line, all the while driving up, living it up, portraying a totally different lifestyle while renewing

their leases. Now don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with that if that is the life you want to live. However, if it's not, then putting some financials in place will definitely help you. Let's Talk

Brenda Dixon

About some of the basics: There are a variety of different types of loan products available to the self-employed. The most popular mortgages for self-employed borrowers are conventional and FHA loans. With these

loans, you usually can get in with only 3-3.5 % down as a 1st-timer. There are also a few options for 100% financing as well. If you can not go these traditional routes, you still have options. It will cost you more out of pocket, but it will open a loan product that uses your personal and/or business bank statements to verify income instead of tax returns. The main thing about this option that most don't like is that you will have to put 15-20% downpayment to purchase. Yes, that is a lot of money, but sometimes the only way, or the quicker way if you have the means to pay it.

These programs allow you to use 12 or 24 months' worth of bank statements to document your income instead of tax returns. Recently I found out that there are also a couple of mortgage companies that will let you use 1-year tax returns vs. 2-year to qualify for a mortgage.

There are several options, but I can tell you that the self-employed are among the highest percentages of our population that do not own real estate. That's definitely disturbing given the fact that the self-employed work 10 x's harder for themselves than they did on their W-2 jobs. So let me end by saying that if

you are in need of help, get a good tax advisor to sit down with you and get those books in order. The sooner you get a plan, the sooner you can do better with tracking income, and expenses, and the quicker you will get that deed, and those keys. Your family definitely deserves that.

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KaToya Ellis Fleming, Lookout Books' editor and assistant professor of publishing arts, has been selected as a recipient of the Richard S. Holden Diversity Fellowship. The fellowship is a collaboration of the American Copy Editors Society and the Dow Jones News Fund. Lookout Books is the literary book imprint of UNCW's Department of Creative Writing.

Fleming is among six editors selected for the fellowship. The goal of the Holden Fellowship is to promote diversity and inclusion by advancing early- and mid-career professionals in their work as editors and aspiring industry leaders. The fellowship recognizes the work of the late Richard S. Holden, who championed diversity in the ranks of editors as the longtime managing director for the Dow Jones News Fund.

Fleming, who was an Oxford American Jeff Baskin Writing Fellow from 2019-20, has committed to presenting work by writers of color,

LGBTQ+ authors, and other often marginalized voices.

"As a publishing professor at UNCW and editor at Lookout Books, it's important to me to ensure that writers of color feel honored and respected as artists, treated like their stories matter, and can feel comfortable and confident that their voices won't be homogenized during the editorial process," said Fleming. "This fellowship not only encourages that work, it will afford me the opportunity to elevate my craft through advanced training in editing, publishing and leadership."

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JAN. 15 **DRUMLine Live** Tickets: \$30/\$45/\$100(VIP)
DRUMLine Live was the marching band behind Beyoncé at Coachella and were also featured in her 2019 Netflix movie, *Homecoming*. Beyoncé and her team enlisted the services of DRUMLine Live to capture the true style, soul, and authenticity of the HBCU marching band for one of the most electrifying performances of her career.

JAN. 22 **Gaspard&Dancers** Tickets: \$25
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Melondy Y. Jones

Melondy Y. Jones, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, January 1, 2022.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 14, 2022 at Davis Funeral Home.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her husband, Robert C. Jones of the home; children, Money Moore (Raymond) and Janel Jones both of Wilmington; siblings, Alvia Burton (Dennis) of New York and Alvin Zimmerman of North Carolina; special friends, Janis Sidberry (Anthony) of Wilmington, 4 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-nc.com.*

Ruth Ann Barfield

Ruth Ann Barfield, age 80, of Leland, passed away Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her daughters, Donna Kornegay and Cheryl Stevens both of Leland. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Dr. Karl H. Stanley, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Karl H. Stanley, Jr., M.D., age 71 of Whiteville, NC transitioned into eternal rest on Monday, January 10, 2022 at Columbus Regional Hospital, Whiteville.

Karl, son of Carl Harvey Stanley, Sr. and Margaret Scipio Stanley was born in Washington, DC. Dr. Stanley attended Tufts University and Howard University College of Medicine. He practiced medicine in Brunswick and Columbus Counties as a General Practitioner & Psychiatrist. Dr. Stanley, to mention a few, was a member of Gamma Kappa Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Gamma Sigma Chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and EverReady Lodge #765.

Family and friends visitation 2:00 - 4:00 PM on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Davis Funeral Home, 1705 Southport Supply Rd. SE, Bolivia, NC 28422.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Dr. Stanley will be conducted at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at

The Stanley Oceanfront Residence, 799 Ocean Blvd. W, Holden Beach, NC 28462. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Steven C. Stokes, II

Steven C. Stokes, II, age 46, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

A celebration of Steven's life will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A viewing will be held one (1) hour prior to the service.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his children, Danielle Stokes of Burgaw, Sabrya Stokes, Shala Stokes and Steven Stokes, III all of Wilmington; father, Steven C. Stokes, Sr. (Diane) of Wilmington; siblings, Tiffany Stokes of Wilmington, Jamell Stokes of Wilmington, Felicia Leonard (John) of Greensboro, Sheena Waddell (Donta) of Rocky Point, Monea McIntosha (Neive) of Wilmington, Eric McCallum of South Carolina, Robert Stokes (Reginia) of Wilmington, Shawn Stokes (Destiny) of Fayetteville, Darnell Lewis of Atlanta, Tony Newberne of Charlotte and Lamont Newberne (Jackie) of Bolton; special friend, Tifanie L. Hansley of the home 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-nc.com.*

James William Dreher, Jr.

James William Dreher, Jr., affectionately called "June" by many, went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 18th at 10:20 pm at Lower Cape Fear LifeCare.

James was born on September 28, 1950, to the late James Dreher, Sr. and Mary Simpson Kelly. James graduated from John T. Hoggard High School, Wilmington, NC. He worked for 30 years or more at National Linen Industrial Plant, Wilmington, NC.

He had a heart of gold and never met a stranger. He was a hard worker, very reliable and you could always depend on him. He would give you his last before thinking of himself. He was a Carolina Panthers fan and avid lover of music.

James was preceded in death by his wife of more than 30 years, Lena Whitfield Dreher, son James Dreher, III, sister Brenda Ellis, step-daughter Ursula Whitfield, great granddaughter Mikala Watkins, aunts Maxine, Myrtle and Shirlene Simpson.

James leaves to cherish his memories: his loving daughter L'Tanya Dreher Jordan of Wilmington, NC; special niece Gwendelta Dreher and nephew Lakeem Ellis (Mary), both of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren: Maurice Allen, Cheriekka Dreher, Michael Watkins (Jasmine), Marquese Watkins, Laticia Jordan, Ronald Jordan, Jr., James Dreher, IV, Lakeem Dreher, Antonio Rogers, Azekial Dreher, stepgrandchildren Sharrod Johnson and Devin Whitfield, ten great-grandchildren, aunt Francine Simpson Moore (Willie), uncle Curtis Simpson, special friends Rose Marie Corbett, Gayle Green, Antoinio (Pooh) and a host of other family and friends.

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James Clarence Braye

James Clarence Braye beloved family man, mentor, author and friend, died on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. James (aka Pepper, Jim), was born on June 27, 1932 in Norfolk, VA to James Sylvester Braye and Inez Winfield Braye. Not long after his birth, the family moved to Harlem, NY, where he attended some years of pre-school and elementary school. They moved back again to Norfolk when his father secured work at the Naval Base.

James was in love with music, using a melodic tenor, and later, baritone voice to excel at Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk. He studied voice at Virginia State College and sang in church and community choirs throughout his life.

He was a triple retiree, lending passion and expertise to many fields. James retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 20 years of service in the U.S. Army, serving in Viet Nam and living and travelling around the world with his growing family. He was the Personnel Director and involved in Human Resources for companies like Pfizer and Continental Group, and later

led the Career Planning and Placement office at UNC-Wilmington.

James held a B.A. in Education and a Masters Degree in Counseling and his long and varied careers had a common thread. He loved to help people! A scholarship in his name at UNC-Wilmington, was organized by a former student and the world is "peppered" with those whom he mentored, sponsored, fed, counselled, advised and helped in some way or other.

Graduating from high school at the age of 15 and an only child, James encountered Kappa Alpha Psi at Virginia State College. He joined the fraternity and started a relationship with the brotherhood that would enrich and inform the rest of his life.

His most enduring love story includes that of his beloved family. James is survived by wife Lydia Davis Braye, to whom he was married for 69 years and with whom he had 5 children. He is survived by daughter Pamela Elaine Braye, daughter Brenda Laraine Braye, son Jamison Byron Braye and pre-deceased by two sons, Roderick Dale Braye and Michael Wayne Braye. Grandchildren include Ethan James Jackson (Elyse), Lydia Patricia Jackson (Hien-haw), James

Roderick Braye, Megan Elizabeth Braye and their mother Anita Roberts Braye. Pepper and Lydia happily met great-grandson August James Jackson in November of this year. Special family/friends include Audrey Moore, Rubye Braye, and too many others to mention.

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Barbara Jean Suell

Barbara Jean Suell, daughter of the late John Suell and Janie Mae Suell, began her earthly journey on October 26, 1957, in Wilmington, North Carolina. She departed this life on December 28, 2021.

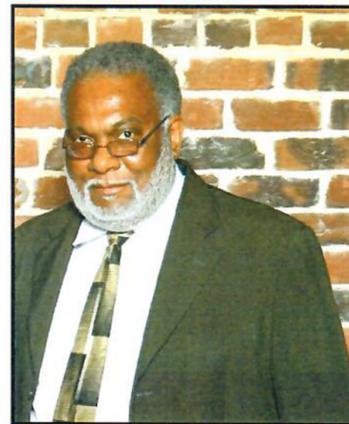
Barbara Jean received her formal education at New Hanover High School, Class of 1975. Her early Christian foundation started at Saint Phillips AME Church. Barbara Jean spent the majority of her life watching over people, whether it was as a caretaker, nursing assistant, or raising her granddaughter. She loved being around folks and bragging about her cooking. Unfortunately, she didn't teach her daughter that skill. All who knew Barbara Jean were touched by her spirit and giving heart. She would give her

last and go without, to a fault.

Barbara Jean eventually left Wilmington and made Raleigh her home. Speaking of home, she found a church home at Mt. Pleasant Worship and Outreach Center in Raleigh, North Carolina under the tutelage of Pastor Phillip Walker and Co-Pastor Vickie. She also ushered faithfully with ACT, their usher ministry.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister Linda and her daughter Tasha. Her memories will be cherished by her son DonQuill, her granddaughter JaQuilla, her grandson Quavon, her great-grandson Na'Sir, and great-granddaughter Khemani, her brothers, John, Michael (Paulette), Kenny (Erika), and Dennis, her God-sister Josephine, her aunt Ting (her mother's last surviving sibling), her aunt Emma, her God-daughter Tamika and her landlord Elaine who God brought into her life at the right time, her extended family, the Ellisons and the Dixons, numerous cousins and friends.

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The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Administrator of the estate of **Charles Nixon, Jr.**, 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 **6th day of April, 2022**, 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 6th day of January, 2022

Chanetta Carmichael-Bailey, Co-Administrator
302 Tara Beach Lane
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Charles Nixon, III
2 Pearl Court
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This the 6th day of January, 2022

Wilbur T. Crawley, Sr., Executor
4311 Tillson Rd.
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Donna Hartlaub, Executrix
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA PENDER COUNTY In the Superior Court File # 21 CVS 742

**Shadi Hamam, Plaintiff,
V.
Cortney Houston Brisson
and James Lee Brisson,
Defendants**

To: **CORTNEY HOUSTON BRISSON**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: damages in excess of \$10,000 for motor vehicular negligence.

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This, the 6th day of January, 2022.

Elizaveta Korotkova
RODZICK LAW GROUP, PLLC
Attorney for the Plaintiff
2309 S. 17th Street
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 22 JT 5

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This the 13th day of June, 2021.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
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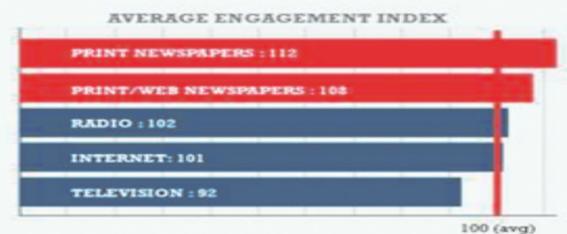
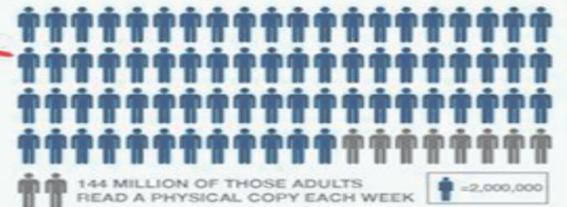


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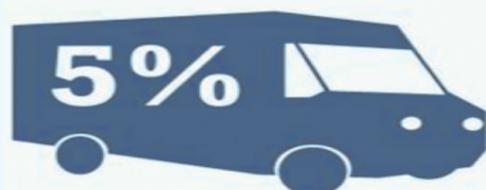


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