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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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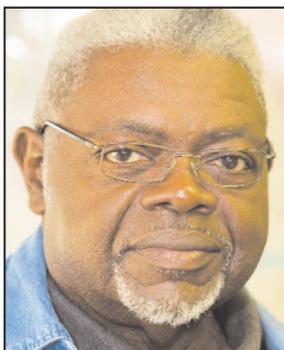
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BERNEST HEWETT

A DIVIDED PEOPLE

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**

Brunswick County, our policies that elected our officials have divided the people of Brunswick County by economic and racial classes. We have citizens who complain about dogs on leashes, the killing of deer by hunters who buy licenses to do so, and the number and size of signs along the roadways. They are heard and some actions are taken.

I have seen the people who believe in freedom and justice go to meeting after

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Short session ends on racial note

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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Some have criticized it for its haste and keeping important legislation close to the vest, then springing it at the last minute with "nary" a hearing or debate. Other have criticized the 2018 NC Legislative Short Session for trying to codify long held agenda items Republican could not pass as N. C. statute without the courts getting involved into the State Constitution.

However, one thing for certain, many observers note, is that Republican legislative leaders continued not to be friendly to North Carolina's African-American community.

First, the State House passed changes to the early voting law, inexplicably eliminating the last Saturday before Election Day, and requiring all early voting sites to remain open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., effectively forcing many counties not to open as many because of lack of volunteer staffing.

Eliminating the last early voting

Saturday was seen as a direct slap in the face to African-American voters because it traditionally is the most popular early voting day for them to come out.

Only after the bill was sent over to the State Senate did cooler heads realize that it might be too easy for a court to see what the House had done and that the last early voting Saturday was restored. After the House has finally complied, the law goes into effect this October.

Black Democrats in both the House and the Senate fought

mightily against the constitutional amendment, placing voters to approve voter ID, details to be filled in later.

The 2013 voter ID law passed by the Republican led General Assembly was struck down in 2016 in federal court as being directed towards suppressing the Black vote with "almost surgical precision," but that didn't keep Republicans from passing this referendum question for the November elections, hoping that,

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THE TIME IS NOW!



NNPA PHOTO

Rev. Jesse Jackson is calling for a federal anti-lynching law. Senators Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), and Tim Scott (R-S.C.) recently drafted the "Justice for Victims of Lynching Act of 2018." In this photo, Rev. Jesse Jackson speaks during the 2018 NNPA Lifetime Legacy Award Black Tie Gala in Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Jesse Jackson pushes for federal anti-lynching law

BY **JEFFREY L. BONEY**
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If history has proven one thing, it's that when Reverend Jesse L. Jackson speaks, the nation tends to always listen. Rev. Jackson continues to use his voice to speak on an atrocity that has plagued Black people for decades-the horrific act of lynching.

While in town to receive the 2018 Lifetime Legacy Award from the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) at their NNPA Awards National Legacy Awards Black Tie Gala and Annual Convention in Norfolk, Virginia, Rev. Jackson

spoke to NNPA publishers about the need to adopt legislation to address the despicable act of lynching.

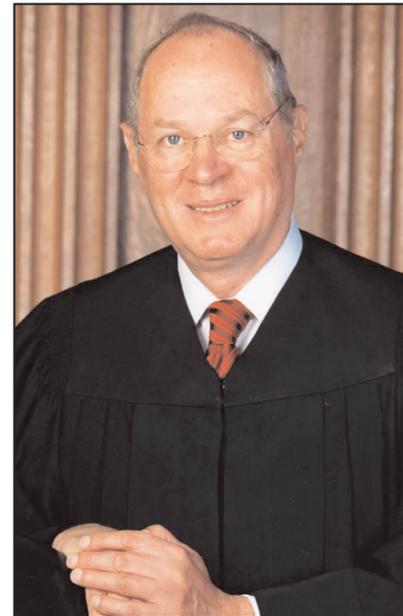
"Lynching should be a federal crime," Rev. Jackson told the group of publishers at the NNPA Annual Convention. "Blacks are still being lynched today. Not just with a rope. Unarmed Blacks are being killed on a regular basis and it must be addressed. More people were killed after slavery than before slavery. Prior to the ending of slavery we were considered assets, but after slavery we were considered a threat, because we could vote. We need this legislation now."

Rev. Jackson believes that addressing the issue of lynching

in this country is long overdue, and he has been aggressively pushing for members of Congress to step up to the plate and officially make lynching a federal crime. Rev. Jackson told NNPA publishers that he has spoken with the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and many other top congressional lawmakers about this issue.

As a result of Rev. Jackson's targeted efforts, Rep. Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) recently introduced a bill to amend section 249 of title 18 in the United States Code, specifying lynching as a hate

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JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY

Kennedy retirement from High Court not good for African Americans

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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Nothing has sent more shockwaves across the political spectrum this midterms election season than the unexpected announcement that U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, whom many considered a moderate swing vote on the nine justice High Court on issues of civil rights, abortion and education, would be retiring on July 31, after 30 years, allowing Pres. Trump to chose his second conservative justice this term and definitely swinging the Supreme Court to the right.

Trump is expected to announce his nomination on Monday, July 9. Senate Democrats have vowed to do everything they can to

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AME Church and Black banks launch new partnership for Black wealth

BY **HAZEL TRICE EDNEY**

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The Black church, among the most prosperous institutions in America, has long led movements for the spiritual, social and civic uplift of Black people. When the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, he had just launched the Poor People's Movement, which quickly fizzled after his death.

With this historic backdrop, the African Methodist Episcopal Church - with a legacy of leadership in its own right - has announced an innovative economic partnership with Black-owned banks across the country. The partner-

ship aims to be a catalyst to spur business development, homeownership and wealth in the Black community.

"We are now pleased to announce a partnership with the presidents of the nineteen (19) Black banks in the United States, with the goal of increasing Black wealth," said Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, president of the Council of AME Bishops. "This initiative will strengthen Black banks across the United States and increase their capacity to lend to

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AME Church Bishops pose with Black bankers and business leaders after announcing historic partnership.



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meeting for years and all they have gotten has been half promises and the same lies. One hundred years of freedom and we are still asking for civil rights for all people and justice for the downcast.

I find it strange to hear people that think more of dogs than human beings! We need both, but God made man a little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honor and gave man authority over all animals! Where are the righteous? Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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if citizens say "yes," lawmakers can come back on November 27 in Special Session and design another voter ID law to their liking. On Friday, both the State House and Senate went into special joint session to decide which of Gov. Roy Cooper's nominations as Special Superior Court judges they would confirm.

Gov. Cooper nominated three, a White male, a White female, and Bryan Beatty, an African-American, who has previously served as a commissioner on the NC Utilities for ten years, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, and secretary of the State Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety.

Beatty had appeared before three



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different legislative committees and, sources say, was never negatively reviewed once, never faced any opposition.

Republican lawmakers, who hold the majority, voted Bryan Beatty's nomination down without explanation.

"This is yet another instance of Republicans working to inject partisan politics into our courts," said Ford Porter, Gov. Cooper press spokesman, noting that GOP lawmakers had no problem confirming Republican Former Gov. Pat McCrory's staffer, Andrew Heath, as a Special Superior Court judge before he left office.

And finally, Republicans allegedly "...hung fliers around the General Assembly...with the names and faces of [three] prominent African-American judges and attacked them by name," according to Robert Howard, Communications Director for the NC Democratic Party.

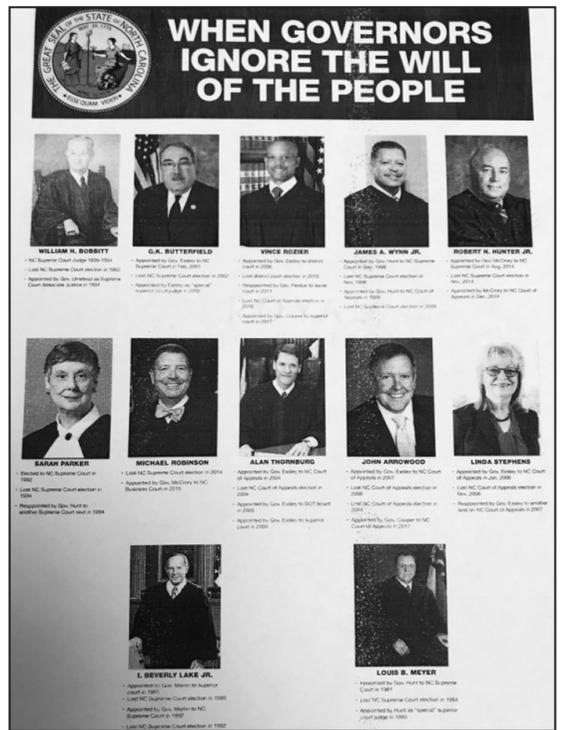
Indeed, a picture of the

flier shows 12 current and former NC judges, three of them Black.

Current Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1) is pictured, with the caption noting that former Gov. Mike Easley appointed him to the NC Supreme Court in Feb. 2001, as well as a Superior Court judge. The flier also shows Superior Court Judge Vince Rozier, who was appointed by Gov. Easley in 2017, and current US Fourth Circuit Judge James A. Wynn Jr., who was first appointed by Gov. Hunt to the NC Supreme Court in 1998, then appointed to the NC Court of Appeals in 1999.

The title of the flier - "WHEN GOVERNORS IGNORE THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE." All of the judges and former judges on the flier were once appointed by Democratic NC governors.

The NC Republican Party was asked to comment on the flier, but no comment was forthcoming by deadline.



GOP lawmakers posted this flyer on the walls of committee meetings Monday where lawmakers discussed a judicial selection constitutional amendment. The information contained in the poster is not entirely accurate.

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small businesses, to secure mortgages, to provide personal lines of credit, and to offer other forms of credit to AME churches and our members. This, of course, includes enabling members and their families to become homeowners."

Bishop Jackson made the announcement during a press conference held during the 2018 Council of Bishops and General Board Meeting in Atlanta June 26. The specific details of a memorandum of understanding are being formulated and will be announced this summer. But the goals are as follows:

- Increase deposits and loans with Black banks;
· Increase Black homeownership to over 50 percent nationwide. This means 2,000,000 more Black homeowners than now exist; and
· Grow the number of Black businesses from 2.6 million to 4 million and total gross receipts from an average of \$72,500.00 to \$150,000.00.

"The spirit in which you all have shared the commitment to the community, to the banks and to what we can do together is outstanding," responded Preston Pinkett, III, chairman and CEO of the City National Bank of New Jersey and chairman of the National Bankers Association. "Thank you for your willingness to step outside of the norm to do something that I would say is extraordinary here in America and extraordinary in the world." Pinkett says the church-bank partnerships are already beginning around the nation. "It is safe to say that this kind of commitment; this kind of demonstration will go a long way in supporting our banks and the banks to be able to support the community...With God's blessings, we will accomplish great things."

Amidst an atmosphere of excitement, the bankers, bish-

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Advertisement for Food Lion featuring a circular logo with 'NORTH CAROLINA HEART & SOUL OF OUR COMMUNITIES' and the text 'LOCAL GOODNESS HUNDREDS OF LOCAL ITEMS SOURCED, PRODUCED & HARVESTED RIGHT HERE IN OUR STATE.' The background shows hands holding fresh produce like tomatoes and peppers.



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ADJOURN UNTIL NOV. 27th
[RALEIGH] The 2018 Short Session of the NC General Assembly ended June 29th, but no matter how the Nov. 6th midterm elections turn out, the same state lawmakers will be back for at least one more lame duck session to write laws based on whichever of the six NC constitutional amendment referenda pass during the elec-

tion. This gives current Republican lawmakers a chance to set in constitutional stone the laws most important to them if the Democrats take over the state House or Senate, or both. Democrats argue that no new laws should be passed prior to the January 2019 long session, but of course, Republican leaders aren't listening.

STATE DEPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ELIMINATES 61 POSITIONS

[RALEIGH] NC Dept. of Public Instruction Supt. Mark Johnson announced last week that 61 positions were being eliminated from the state education agency, affecting some 40 employees and 21 vacant positions in Educator Support Services,

which focuses on low performing schools throughout the state, and Information Technology. The cuts were required by the legislature, which slashed 6.2 percent of the agency's funding.

MAN DROWNS AFTER SAVING A DROWNING BOY IN ZEBULON

[ZEBULON] People are hailing the selfless act of a 36 year-old man who saw a young child drowning in the water at Little River Park in Zebulon, and without hesitation, jumped in and saved the 8-year-old boy, only to then drown himself. Jeremie Earp is now being called a hero for giving his life for a child he didn't even know, his friends are saying. Meanwhile, the child he rescued is said to be doing well.

NC COULD TIP THE SCALES TOWARD RATIFICATION OF EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

[RALEIGH] North Carolina is poised to make history. Thirty-seven states - most recently Illinois - have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, which has been more than 40 years in the making.

There is a renewed push to call on state lawmakers to ratify the ERA, which many think either already has been passed or isn't needed, said Roberta Madden, co-president of the ERA North Carolina Alliance.

"We have a problem with perception. We need to get people to understand that equality of rights for women is not in the Constitution,"

Madden said. "Any law that has been passed can be taken away, and we've seen that happen on the federal and state levels."

According to the ERA Coalition, 80 percent of those polled in 2016 said they believed men and women already are guaranteed equal rights under the U.S. Constitution. In the same poll, 94 percent were in favor of the amendment.

There are currently bills in committee at the State Assembly which could lead to passing the ERA in the Tar Heel State in this session.

In addition to having legislation poised for a vote in this session, Madden said, North Carolina has a long history of activism.

"We have such a dedicated group of volunteers. We have

a lot of people who really care deeply about it," she said. "I am one. I've been working on it for 46 years. I've been working on it for 46 years, ever since it came out of Congress. And we feel very strongly that women's rights ought to be enshrined in the U.S. Constitution."

Ironically, North Carolina was in a similar position in 1920 with the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. The state could have cast the final required vote, but it was abandoned by lawmakers. Tennessee eventually cast the final vote.

Arizona and Virginia also are poised to pass the ERA in coming months. SOURCE: Stephanie Carson, Public News Service - NC

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crime act. After Rep. Rush introduced his bill, the three African American lawmakers in the U.S. Senate followed suit by drafting bipartisan legislation to classify lynching as a hate crime that would carry a more serious sentence for the act.

The three African American senators-Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) and Tim Scott (R-S.C.)-drafted the "Justice for Victims of Lynching Act of 2018," which defines the act of lynching as "the willful act of murder by a collection of people assembled with the intention of committing an act of violence upon any person."

"It's a travesty that despite repeated attempts to do so, Congress still hasn't put anti-lynching legislation on the books," Sen. Booker said in a statement regarding the legislation. "This bill will right historical wrongs by acknowledging our country's stained past and codifying into law our commitment to

abolishing this shameful practice."

Although lynching has been a terrible and traumatic act that has ruined the lives of many Black families for decades, the U.S. has never passed any form of federal anti-lynching legislation since its inception. The Justice for Victims of Lynching Act of 2018 highlights the fact that several attempts to pass federal anti-lynching legislation failed to gain support from the U.S. Senate even though seven sitting U.S. Presidents pushed to have the legislation passed.

"Lynching is a dark, despicable part of our history, and we must acknowledge that, lest we repeat it," Sen. Harris said in her statement supporting the need for the bill. "From 1882 to 1968 there have been 200 attempts that have failed to get Congress to pass federal anti-lynching legislation; it's time for that to change."

The Justice for Victims of Lynching Act of 2018 also points to statistics taken from research compiled by Tuskegee University that reveals more than 4,700 peo-

ple were lynched between the years 1882 and 1968. The bill also states that about 75 percent of the lynching victims were Black and nearly 99 percent of all perpetrators of lynching escaped from punishment by state or local officials.

"This measure is certainly well past due and I am glad to be able to join in efforts that will underscore the severity of this crime," Sen. Scott said in his statement highlighting the need for the legislation. "This piece of legislation sends a message that together, as a nation, we condemn the actions of those that try to divide us with violence and hate."

Congressional lawmakers have known this to be an issue for decades, and in 2005, the U.S. Senate even brought a resolution to the Senate floor, where they sought to apologize for never approving any federal anti-lynching legislation in the history of the country. Sadly, only 80 out of the 100 senators showed up for that vote, which eventually passed on a voice vote only.

Lynching has been at the forefront of many discus-

sions in this country for decades.

Back in April of this year, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice opened up the nation's first memorial to the public in Montgomery, Alabama, dedicated to the legacy of enslaved Black people, and as a constant reminder to America about the countless number of people who were terrorized by the horrific act of lynching.

Going back even further, the issue of lynching was heavily highlighted by publisher and journalist Ida B. Wells. She led an anti-lynching crusade in the U.S., using her platform of journalism to address the issue of lynching after many Black people, including several of her close friends, were brutally lynched.

In a speech delivered in Chicago in January 1900 entitled "Lynch Law in America," Wells spoke to the issue of lynching and described the challenges of having a lack of accountability for these brutal and despicable acts of domestic terrorism.

"Our country's national crime is lynching," Wells

began her speech by saying. She continued, saying, "It is not the creature of an hour, the sudden outburst of uncontrolled fury, or the unspeakable brutality of an insane mob. It represents the cool, calculating deliberation of intelligent people who openly avow that there is an 'unwritten law' that justifies them in putting human beings to death without complaint under oath, without trial by jury, without opportunity to make defense, and without right of appeal...It is considered a sufficient excuse and reasonable justification to put a prisoner to death under this 'unwritten law' for the frequently repeated charge that these lynching horrors are necessary...And the world has accepted this theory without let or hindrance."

Pushing for federal anti-lynching legislation also became a primary focus for the NAACP over time. The NAACP gathered tons of statistics about lynching in the country, and released a chilling report entitled "Thirty Years of Lynching in the United States, 1889-1919"

which gave the organization leverage to push for federal legislation.

To date, however, no federal legislation has passed.

Rev. Jackson is still pushing to change that. He believes that having elected officials in Congress who see this as important is significant as well, which is why Rev. Jackson is supportive of the NNPA's efforts to register 5 million new, Black voters before the November midterm elections.

"We will not stop until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream," said Rev. Jackson. "We must Keep Hope Alive!"

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block the nomination, but procedurally, there's not much that can be done, and Senate Republicans promise to take up the nomination before January.

Progressive groups believe that once Trump gets his choice on the High Court, canon law like a woman's right to choose via Roe v Wade will be overturned, in addition to other civil rights laws.

Here in North Carolina, NCNAACP Pres. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, like oth-

ers in the civil rights community across the nation, was not pleased by the news,

"The retirement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's 'swing vote' is certain to have a far reaching and devastating impact on people of color," Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President, NCNAACP, said in a statement. "It will prove once and for all just how 'social' justice actually is in this nation. With his nomination(s) #45 will cure the blindness of justice for generations to come, pull the rug of yet another check upon the power to oppress from

beneath us, and American law will be outlawed for all the world to see."

Nominated by President Ronald Reagan in 1987, Justice Kennedy, 81, is considered the most powerful member of the High Court, precisely because no one knew just how he was going to vote on a case before the Court.

In terms of civil rights, Kennedy has been a strong proponent for gay rights and gay marriage. In a 2000 decision, he agreed that hate crimes should allow racial intent to affect sentencing, and he upheld that a suspect should be read his/her Miranda rights upon being

arrested.

And even though he wrote the 1986 majority opinion upholding Michigan's ban on affirmative action in college admissions, Justice Kennedy did say that "...the consideration of race in (college) admissions is permissible," as long as the voters don't say otherwise.

Irving Joyner, law professor at the North Carolina Central University School of Law, and chair of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee, says Kennedy will be deeply missed.

"Many rights, which citizens enjoy today, will be cur-

tailed and the protections presently provided to African Americans and other minorities by past civil rights decisions and statutes are in immediate and imminent danger of being repealed or significantly diminished," Prof. Joyner warned.

"These are serious times for African Americans," Joyner continued. "We can expect the immediate enactment of more repressive laws by state legislatures and the 'right wing' zealots will be emboldened. That projection is especially relevant here in North Carolina, where this General Assembly, which is

already illegally constituted, will likely seek to impose more restricted voting restrictions on African Americans, other racial minorities and women."

And NCNAACP President Spearman urged citizens to be proactive, starting now.

"Start calling your senators now and demand that the process for selecting the next Supreme Court justice be careful, deliberative and conducted with bipartisan support," Dr. Spearman said. "Demand that the process not begin until AFTER the next Senate is seated in January, and not before!"

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ops and supporters of the movement packed into a meeting room in a Downtown Atlanta hotel. Jackson was surrounded by all 20 Bishops of the 231-year-old denomination as well as supporters of the movement. They included principals of the growing economic movement, Black Wealth 2020, which Jackson credited as inspiration for the idea.

"This partnership grows out of an initiative formed in Washington, DC in 2015, called Black Wealth 2020 which is providing an economic blueprint for Black America," Jackson said.

Michael Grant, one of the founders of Black Wealth 2020, presided at the press conference. He connected the new partnership directly with the movement begun by Dr. King.

"The great civil rights movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others has now

morphed into a full-fledged movement for economic empowerment," Grant said. "The offspring of African slaves and their unrewarded labor have catapulted a small Colonial outpost into the greatest industrial giant the world has ever known. Now, as a people, we are turning our efforts toward our own enrichment. We must now create those economic opportunities for ourselves."

Opening the press conference, Grant underscored the historicity of the moment. "For those of you who are students of history, you would not be surprised that the Church of Richard Allen would be leading an effort to close the wealth gap across the United States of America." Allen, among America's most influential Black leaders, founded the AME church in 1794. It was the first independent Black denomination in the U. S. "And we do this with malice towards none," stressed Grant.

Bishop James L. Davis, of the Second Episcopal District, likened the partnership to a marriage - a marriage between a church and its community. "It is a marriage that says a church that is concerned about its people, concerned about the good and the bad, all of the things our people have had to go through."

The prophetic voices of Black church leaders not only articulate ideas, but strategies.

"In the next decade in the global church and in the AME church and in Black banking, we will see both evolution and revolution. Banks must reinvent themselves, not just to respond to the pressures of the day, but to be flexible enough to adapt to the world of tomorrow.

The ecclesia, the church, must also evolve its business knowledge, educational platform, and its missional thrust without losing its stance in the Word of God," said General Board Chair Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie. "Both of our institutions are dealing with increasing assertive governmental intrusion, higher membership and customer demands along with increasing change in the wider world."

The announcement of the new partnership was met with applause from national civil rights leaders.

"Thank you and your fellow bishops for making economic development a priority of your denomination," wrote civil rights icon Georgia Congressman John Lewis in a letter to Bishop Jackson. "Hopefully, your visionary leadership will inspire other denominations to replicate your efforts nationwide."

National Urban League President/CEO Marc Morial also weighed in with a letter: "I want to express the support of the National Urban League for your leadership and initiative in addressing the challenges of Black homeownership and the need to increase the support, viability and profitability of our African-American businesses," he wrote.

Morial is among economic leaders who have determined that among the reasons homeownership among African-Americans is disparately low is, in part, because of discriminatory lending practices.

Mortgage Banker Lois Johnson, president/CEO of Salt Lake City-based United Security Financial, said she takes "great pride in our HUD

designation as a fair practice lender. We provide loans to all who meet the minimum criteria, especially people of color who have been denied the opportunity to have their own homes."

Johnson, who is licensed to operate in 49 states, says she intends to travel to each of the AME church's episcopal districts to "create hope and opportunities."

The principals agreed that the key to the success of the partnership must be mutual respect for Black spending power and mutual support of Black businesses.

"We hear about Black folks have a trillion dollars in spending power," said Ron Busby, president/CEO of the U. S. Black Chamber, Inc. and co-founder of Black Wealth 2020. "But that's usually White folk talking about our dollar sand how can they get their share of it. We came together to say how can we deal with the Black wealth, the gap of it and really to move our agenda forward inside our own community."

Busby pointed to the USBC's new AP called the USBC Mobile Directory with 109,000 Black-owned businesses in order to help consumers make targeted purchases inside the Black business community.

Robert James, CEO of the Carver State Bank in Savannah discussed how the movement will be sustained. "There was a time that no church got financed in Savannah Georgia unless we financed them at Carver State Bank," James said to applause. "This program will get us back on the path."

James says he knows the relationship can be sustained because the bishops have

authority to oversee and encourage AME church leaders to do business with Black-owned banks. "We can talk to the Bishops about those local churches. And you can talk to your elders and your preachers," he said.

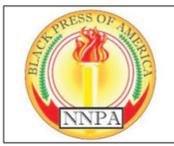
Bishop Jackson underscored the fact that the U. S. partnership is only the beginning. He indicated that the movement will also expand abroad. "The possibilities extend throughout the Diaspora. The African Methodist Episcopal Church has over 4,000 churches in Africa, the Caribbean, West Indies and Europe. These churches and members can also benefit from this partnership," he said.

To augment this expansion, Her Excellency Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao, ambassador for the African Union, spoke to the Bishops the day before the press conference, promising to encourage Africans in America to also put their deposits in Black banks. She stressed the need for Black-owned institutions to unify, cooperate and not turn on one another.

"I hope we will all come together and support the idea of putting all of our money in Black banks. I have already taken the initiative and listed all of the Black banks in the country on our website. I'm already encouraging all Black people when I do presentations to say we've been stupid for too long. We drive past Black banks to give our money to people who don't give a hoot about us. And they take our money so they can get rich; not only here, but in Africa. We've got to change this."

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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

A wake-up call for Democrats

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I've never met Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a 28-year-old New York activist, but I am surely looking forward to it. This giant-slayer of an organizer (she worked for Senator Bernie Sanders during the 2016 campaign) was out-spent, but certainly not out-worked, by her opponent, Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY).

Crowley had served in Congress for ten terms and was the fourth-highest ranking Democrat in Congress, one who had openly coveted Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's position as Minority Leader in Congress. He spent \$1.5 million in his first primary race since 2004, while Ocasio-Cortez spent just a fraction of that.

Congresswoman-elect Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez (wow! It feels good to type that, and she is a shoo-in because the district is mostly Democratic) won because, despite fewer funds and less name recognition, she had a ground game that did not quit. The day after her election, she told CNN that her team "knocked on doors that had never been knocked on, reaching voters who had been dismissed." Lacking money for the television ads Crowley spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on, Ocasio-Cortez used social media to get the word about her candidacy out.

She didn't mind being sharply critical of Crowley, highlighting his disconnection from the New York district that includes parts of the Bronx and Queens, and focusing on the demographic mismatch between a 50 plus white man representing a district that is majority minority. Ocasio-Cortez's hard work paid off - she had more than 57 percent of the vote, hardly a nail-biter.



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In some ways, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez sounds something like Stacey Abrams, the Democratic powerhouse who made history when she became the first-African American woman to win a primary party nomination for governor and in the South, at that. When Abrams first declared her candidacy she was met with skepticism, and especially from some in the Democratic Party establishment.

But she had been registering some of the voters that the party had ignored, and if she can get about 100,000 more registered and voting, she has an excellent chance of being elected governor.

Unfortunately, the national Democratic Party and some state parties have done a poor job of dealing with the nation's shifting demographics, and with the demand from younger, browner, and more focused voters to dispense with business as usual. In Washington State, for example, Tirzah Idahosa is a candidate for the 30th Senate District. The union member, volunteer lobbyist, former correctional officer and foster parent is a founder of Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion and a precinct captain. In a primary race with another Democrat, she tells me that she has been advised to "wait her turn" or to run for something "less-er" like the school board. Don't these mainstream Democrats get that advising folks to "wait their turn" is what is turning so many away from the polls? President Barack Obama didn't wait his turn when he was advised to, and he beat Hillary Clinton soundly and out of turn!

Mainstream Democrats didn't get the Bernie memo, but Senator Bernie Sanders had a good night on Tuesday, June 25. Not only did he have the Ocasio-Cortez victory to savor, but another of his acolytes, former NAACP President Ben Jealous, won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Maryland. His opponent, Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, was in many ways both the superior candidate and the one better poised to beat Republican governor Larry Hogan. But Jealous had the Bernie machine and the enthusiasm of younger people who saw Baker as "business as usual."

In Boston, City Councilor Ayanna Pressley has challenged incumbent Representative Mike Capuano (D-Ma) for his congressional seat. Capuano has used the power of his incumbency to persuade members of the Congressional Black Caucus, including civil rights icon, Congressman John Lewis, to support him, a colleague, instead of Councilor Pressley. If some of the CBC representatives spent time with Ayanna Pressley, they'd like her and wish they had someone with her passion as a colleague. But Capuano thinks his seniority (he has only been in office 5 years) should be persuasive and dismissed Pressley's candidacy by telling the Boston Globe "if we decide to send junior people, good luck."

His rank will yield him a key subcommittee chairmanship in Congress if Democrats can take the House back. Or, if Democrats can win the house, it will put Pressley in line to be a committee chair just a few years from now. Capuano forgets that demographics have shifted in his Congressional district, which is now majority-minority. He also ignores that fact that not so long ago he, too, was a junior person in Congress.

Younger, more progressive Democrats like Ocasio-Cortez and Pressley aren't trying to "wait their turn," they are trying to turn our country around. The Democratic Party ought to look at these candidacies as a second wake-up call. The first happened when Senator Bernie Sanders nearly beat Senator Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination and lit a fire among young change agents that won't be contained by the power of incumbency or the condescending rhetoric that folks should "wait their turn."

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Visual Voice



YOUR VOICE

America the Beautiful in Blue & White then Maroon & Gold!

When I look at HOPE, it can be yielded in and through a school's community. At the Williston Industrial/ Williston Senior High School community HOPE was illustrated in more ways than one. Williston from its inception encouraged a political and moral strengthening against poverty, racism and materialism through spiritualism and integrity. Being a student as a Willistonian assured that as a student from

this rich community that the community would find warmth and succor in you at arm's length.

Let it be acknowledged that the matters which these students faced were prior to and or close in time to May 17, 1954 when the courts ruled that, "separate but equal public schools were unconstitutional." These students did not live during a time of impunity which was exemplified by their teachers. Just to mention a few of their educators Mrs. Catherine Hauze Robinson, Mrs. Doris Telfair, Mr. Frank

Robinson, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Mr. E. Adelbert Corbin, B.T. Washington, Mr. James H. Harris, F. J. Rogers, Miss J.B. McIver, Mrs. L.S. Williams, Mrs. Alice Lofton, Mr. William Lowe and Mrs. Annie C. King.

There were limited feelings of emptiness amongst the graduates from year to year. It is the opinion and thoughts of many that Williston graduates were well informed and prepared to face the economic, political and social democratization of the majority. They knew that their future meant taking baby steps

and being devoted throughout the years, would ensure full metamorphosis for their dreams in order to be allowed full citizenship. Williston was the cathexis which provided the emotional exponents for the students. The students had HOPE which was driven systematically in a segregated society. Their Blue & White then Maroon & Gold turned out to be Red, White and Blue.

In Honor of Mrs. Avery G. Jones, "Williston Class of 1944".

DERRICK C. JONES
Virginia Beach, Va.

MATTERS OF OPINION

It's been a rough week!

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I don't usually complain about a rough week or any rough times. My mantra is "It is through our struggles that we gain our victories." Unfortunately, I'm having a tough time trying to count any victories during the past week.

#45 continued his ranting, blaming President Barack Obama and the Democrats for everything.

He even blamed them for his horrendous policies with regard to babies being torn from the arms of their parents. To top it off, his Secretary of Homeland Security told us with a straight face that she didn't know where the girls and the babies were located when asked about them. She showed no concern about rushing to find an answer for the distraught children and parents. We had Atty



Dr. E. Faye Williams

General Jeff Sessions justify what the Administration was doing by quoting the Bible! Many of 45's other Administration officials showed extreme confusion about how to explain what was going on and whose fault it was.

Well, I'd grown accustomed to the incompetence of #45 and his Administration, but it was taken to a new level last week. In the midst of the immigration confusion, Melania Trump wore a coat in 80+ degree weather with the words scrawled over her back saying "I really don't care. Do U?" No one has satisfactorily explained that—especially after she'd just joined other First Ladies pretty much denouncing her husband's actions that imprisoned babies in cages while deporting some of their parents and leaving the children at some unknown place in the United States!

Then along came the wrath of the U.S. Supreme Court via its shocking decisions that would set us back by many years. First, they approved the Muslim ban, making it impos-

sible for some families to visit their relatives in this country. So much for family values! Then came the decision forbidding unions from collecting fees from non-members for work on their behalf. As soon as Justice Anthony Kennedy voted for those horrendous decisions, came his unexpected announcement that he was out of here as of July 31st! It was almost like he was punishing us for his ever having voted on the right side of issues such as Roe v. Wade and for his vote on LGBTQ rights. By the end of the week, we could only ask, "Whatever can happen next?"

If we're not all out registering potential voters and educating them on the real issues such as the almost certain possibility of having laws that have made our lives better such as a woman's right to choose, the ability of labor unions to be sufficiently funded to negotiate fair wages and benefits for all workers, people's right to love and/or marry whomever they choose, the opportunity to practice the religion of their choice, to be kind to those seeking asylum in our country and

more, then we are traitors to our nation. Our silence gives consent.

America has become a scary place, and things are getting worse. Like some Democrats have been saying lately, "We had better get ready to play hardball." #45 has done so much damage to the image of America, that we may not be able to recover for many years. Mitch McConnell and he are trying to put together a U.S. Supreme Court that leaves us without any appeal.

It's time for all of us to be worried; but being worried is not enough. All of us must become activists who're ready to fight to preserve what is good about America and come up with solutions that'll prevent people like #45 from ever being able to tear down everything we've ever built for the greater good.

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What about us? A letter from America's children

Dear U.S. Media, Democrats, Republicans, Independents and to the concerned Americans who poured out into the streets to protest Donald Trump's cruel and faulty immigration policies,

What about us?

We understand and applaud your response to this administration's malvolent separation of immigrant families from their children, policies and practices so un-American and



Ron Harris

shocking that they have come to dominate the national conversation. Your immediate, visceral response to evil spurred you into action.

But there is another evil, a pervasive, chronic and unrelenting wickedness that we, your children, live with every day. We are being shot down on the nation's streets, locked away in juvenile facilities, poisoned by dangerous drinking water, threatened and harassed by neighborhood gangs, left

homeless, either alone from abuse or with parents that cannot afford to put a roof over our heads. We live in neighborhoods bereft of adequate food sources and with fathers and mothers so wrought with financial and psychological instability they can't provide our needs.

And because our nation has lived with this reality so long, it has become almost accepted. It has become quietly and unconsciously perceived as part of the norm, part of the landscape, like the air we breathe, until little by little it becomes so caustic that it kills us or chokes us into action. Unfortunately for us, your children, you haven't reached that point.

There are 408,000 of us, American children, who also have been separated from our families and placed in the care of others, like the 2,000 immigrant children who you took to the streets to protect. Many of us languish in foster care with little hope of ever being united with our parents or extended families. We watched the huge crowds that stretched across 700 U.S. cities Saturday. We saw the signs proudly held high that read, "Family Separations

Are Cruel."

And we thought, "Yes, they are." What about us? Where is our march? Where is our media coverage?

Half of us currently in foster care will be homeless within six months after growing too old for the system. We are unprepared to live on our own. We have limited education and no social support. About a quarter of the rest will be homeless within two to four years of leaving the system. Some of us will become part of the 20,000 U.S. children annually forced into prostitution.

This year, another two million of us will be separated from our families and placed behind bars and in juvenile custody. Many of us, like Clarice, one of twin 14-year-old sisters in Montgomery County, Md., can't go home because there is no suitable home to go to. Her parents are homeless, and authorities can't release her to an unstable home. Other parents are dysfunctional or can't provide the guidance we need. So, we go behind bars because there are not enough treatment facilities for us.

We want a march, too, one for better schools for all, because you recognize how the

hopelessness created by faulty education diminishes lives and leads to incarceration - that 32 percent of white males in juvenile custody dropped out of school, and that nearly half of African-American and Hispanic male youth behind bars also quit.

Media reported how families from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico are fleeing to the U.S. to escape gangs in their countries. Many of us live in gang-infested neighborhoods, too. In cities like St. Louis, Baltimore, New Orleans, Detroit, Cleveland, Las Vegas, Kansas City, Mo., Memphis, Newark and Chicago, the 10 U.S. cities with the highest murder rate, we have long understood their terror. We understand their fear.

In Chicago, a city rife with street gangs and where at least 16 children have been murdered in the first six months of this year, more than 50,000 people demonstrated for the rights of immigrants fleeing gangs in countries few of them have ever visited.

Ironically, they never

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Inhumane immigration policy is an inapt solution to an imaginary crisis

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The facts set forth before the Court portray reactive governance - responses to address a chaotic circumstance of the Government's own making. They belie measured and ordered governance, which is central to the concept of due process enshrined in our Constitution. This is particularly so in the treatment of migrants, many of whom are asylum seekers and small children". - U.S. District Judge Dana M. Sabrow, June 26, 2018

separations at the border and the status of Dreamers - another "chaotic circumstance of the Government's own making" resulting from cancellation of the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.



It's hard to imagine what kind of crisis would justify the trauma being inflicted on refugee families and Dreamers. But the fact is, there is no crisis.

Illegal crossings of the southern border have steadily declined over the last decade, last year reaching its lowest level in nearly 50 years. Writing in The Atlantic, City University of New York Professor Peter Beinart points out that, despite a slight uptick this year, drastically falling birth rates in Mexico mean there simply is a far smaller pool of potential migrants. A higher percentage of those crossing the southern border now are fleeing violence-

plagued Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

It is these refugees who make up the overwhelming majority of children who have been separated from their parents.

What effect do these illegal border crossings have on American society, that such drastic measures should be taken in response? Claims of an immigrant-fueled crime wave are blatantly false. According to a study by the National Academy of Sciences, "Immigrants are in fact much less likely to commit crime than natives, and the presence of large numbers of immigrants seems to lower crime rates." The study added that "This disparity also holds for young men most likely to be undocumented immigrants: Mexican, Salvadoran, and Guatemalan men."

The study concluded, "Today, the belief that immigrants are more likely to commit crimes is perpetuated by 'issue entrepreneurs' who promote the immigrant-crime connection in order to drive restrictionist immigration policy."

What of the economic effects of immigration? The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services last year found that refugees brought in \$63 billion more in government revenues over the past decade than they cost. The Trump Administration rejected the findings.

With falling rates of illegal border crossings, relatively low crime rates among immigrant communities and a net positive economic benefit from refugees, what could possibly be fueling the Administration's brutal crackdown on immigrants?

One clue may lie in the fact that negative views about immigrants was a significant factor in determining how people voted in the Presidential election. The so-called immigration crisis is a classic case of inventing a disease in order to sell the cure. But instead of losing a few dollars to gain a bottle of useless snake oil, we are losing our soul as a nation and gaining the destructive force of fear.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES When we need to exhale

This has been a rough week. If the United States Supreme Court's decisions did nothing else, they energized some, but caused deep pain, anger and fear for others. Some even admitting having feelings of despair and hopelessness.

Those emotions were exacerbated by the announcement by Justice Anthony Kennedy that he is retiring from the court, effective in July. His vacancy gives the president the opportunity to nominate a person for the court for the second time in



Rev. Susan K. Smith

less than two years, and this choice is almost certain to give the far right a voice in issues that affect people of color, women, members of the LGBTQ community and children. Senate President Mitch McConnell, who blocked the nomination of Merrick Garland for the Supreme Court, is vowing that the Senate will vote immediately to confirm this president's nomination.

It seems and feels like this is the worst situation the American political system has been in in a very long time, but historians remind us that things have been bad - this bad and worse - before, and the country has weathered the storms and survived.

Historian Jon Meacham quotes W.E.B. DuBois, who wrote in Black Reconstruction in America, "Back of the writing, yelling, cruel-eyed demons who break, destroy, maim and lynch and burn at the stake, is a knot, large or small, of normal human beings, and these human beings at heart are desperately afraid of something." If reports are to be believed, what we saw happen in 2016 and what we see happening now is the movement of people who are, in fact afraid. As DuBois noted, they are afraid of losing their jobs, being declassified and/or degraded, of their hopes and dreams.

They voted for this president because of those types of fears. But they also voted for this president because of Afrophobia. Ever since reports came out that the white majority in this country will be forever changed by 2036, the fear of that happening has increased. With the president leading the pack, masses of people are being emboldened to express and act on their racism which includes their fear and disdain not only for African Americans, but for people of color who are in this country in numbers too large for them to accept.

If they have their way, they will correct what they see as the imbalance and get things back to normal; hence, "make America great again."

Because people of color, women, and marginalized communities have had to work too hard for the gains they have made, the spreading of bigotry which has never disappeared and policies which threaten to take away the result of their work, there is this feeling of despair; juxtaposed against feelings of arrogant white supremacy. The "right" has too much power, and it is wasting no time in wielding that power. The changes that may come about might affect Americans for as much as a generation.

Yes, it is disheartening. The truth that will emerge is that those who are despairing will exhale before long. They will look at the battleground on which they find themselves and will go inside of themselves to fight for justice yet again. A bond between them and the ancestors, who endured the vacillations of history and who never stopped fighting, will become apparent and will get stronger. History is not linear; it has ebbs and tides; it gives small victories and what seem like mammoth defeats, but it never stops being made. The history of marginalized people in this country and all over the world is filled with stories of those who wept when hard-fought changes were made and then lost, but that same history is filled with people who decided that in spite of their disappointment, anger, fear and despair, they would not stop fighting.

This particular cycle of history feels strangely unsettling because the current president seems to despise the democracy which is the benchmark of the country he leads. He is isolating America, alienating American allies, and forming bonds with dictators and with leaders of other countries which are not our friends. He is running roughshod over much of what the majority of Americans believe in, and those in other branches of the government are acquiescing to his demands. It is frightening to watch. The extreme polarization his words and actions are causing are dangerous. It feels like the American democracy is sliding toward the side of autocratic rule.

Many Americans refuse to believe such is possible, but that refusal is dangerous. Democracies do die. America is not immune.

But that possibility cannot and will not keep the foot soldiers for justice to stop fighting. We will exhale. We will get up and brush ourselves off. And we will do what we need to do to protect ourselves, our people, our values and our very lives.

It is how we have always survived in a nation and a world which is beholden to Afrophobia. Our history is that of a people who have believed in a God who has kept us alive and with enough energy, hope and faith to keep on. While we may not understand why the fight is so brutal, this we know: we will exhale. And we will prevail. © Susan K Smith

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marched for the children slain this year in a city they traverse every day - Maysia Woodard, 1, Damarcus Wilson, 16; Deshawn James, 17; Rhomel Wellington, 17; Mateo Nathan Aguayo, 2; Joseph Smith, 16; Jose Aguilar, 14; Jayton Jones, 17; Erin Carey, 17; SheVaughn O'Flynn, 12; Jechon Anderson, 11; China Lyons-Upshaw, 17; David Thomas 16; Parris Purdis, 17; Kyle McGowan, 17, and Jazmyn Jester, 15, who was among four people murdered and 13 others shot over 17 hours on a Tuesday and a Wednesday in May.

Where do families like theirs emigrate to escape the violence?

Many of us live in poverty,

one of every four children in Arizona, Georgia, California, Kentucky, Texas, Nevada, New Mexico and New York, one in three in the nation's capital. At least 2.5 million of us will spend some period this year homeless, maybe a month, maybe six months or it will be just another year in an unrelenting grind. Most of us will spend at least one day every month without food.

Look at us. Pivot your cameras and microphones to us as well. We are your children, and there is real evil that plagues us too.

What about us? Ron Harris is a journalist, adjunct professor at Howard University and co-author of the new book *The Black and The Blue, A Cop Reveals Crimes, Racism and Injustice in America's Law Enforcement*.

Evil personified

This past month saw a new level of evil and political degradation at the American border with the unbearable images of crying children being taken away from their desperate parents and locked up in "tender age shelters" and warehouses, with some even kept in cages. For many people of faith the suggestion that the God of the Scriptures would somehow endorse the Trump administration's callous cruelty toward children and immigrant families is literally beyond belief. The Hebrew Scriptures stress over and over the importance of welcoming the stranger since we were once strangers ourselves.



Marian W. Edelman

You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry... (Exodus 22:21-25)

You shall not follow a majority in wrongdoing; when you bear witness in a lawsuit, you shall not side with the majority so as to pervert justice... You shall not oppress a resident alien; you know the heart of an alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. (Exodus 23:2 and 23:9)

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God. (Leviticus 19:33)

In the New Testament, when Jesus was asked about

the law, he taught that the ultimate guiding principle and commandment is love.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:36-40)

In the book of Romans, the passage that immediately precedes one quoted recently by Attorney General Jeff Sessions describes the marks of a true person of faith - including "extend[ing] hospitality to strangers" (Romans 12:13b). And the following chapter emphasizes that the commandment to love one another supersedes any other:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:8-10)

Every person who knows right from wrong has a responsibility to speak out right now and teach President Trump a lesson about human decency. Never forget the words of Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel:

I remember he asked his father: "Can this be true? This is the twentieth century, not the Middle Ages. Who would allow such crimes to be committed? How could the world remain silent?"

And now the boy is turning to me. "Tell me," he asks, "what have you done with my

future, what have you done with your life?" And I tell him that I have tried. That I have tried to keep memory alive, that I have tried to fight those who would forget. Because if we forget, we are guilty, we are accomplices.

And then I explain to him how naïve we were, that the world did know and remained silent. And that is why I swore never to be silent whenever wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe...

What all these victims need above all is to know that they are not alone; that we are not forgetting them, that when their voices are stifled we shall lend them ours, that while their freedom depends on ours, the quality of our freedom depends on theirs.

Every child's life is sacred and valuable and as worthy of protection as President Trump's children and grandchildren. His cold human indifference to the suffering of innocent children shames our nation. No political goal or "war" is worth the life of even one innocent child. Love and human decency trump hate. Love and family trump politics. Love and compassion trump unjust treatment of the smallest and most vulnerable among us. The President of the United States has brought shame on America with his reckless disregard of our most vulnerable young children

entrusted to our care.

While the President's June 20th Executive Order states it is the policy of this Administration "to maintain family unity," he fails to clarify how they will keep parents and children together in the future and describe actions they will take to reunite the more than 2,500 children who have been cruelly separated from their parents and in many cases sent to distant states. It should cause us all great concern when we hear they will seek permission from the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to modify the Flores settlement, which defines existing standards for appropriate treatment of unaccompanied minors, to allow them to hold these children without their parents longer term and in unlicensed facilities.

This immoral tragedy must end with children returned to their parents immediately. And all of us must do everything we can to let these children know that they are not alone, that we are not forgetting them, and we will speak up and take whatever action is required to reunite them with their families and reunite our political leaders and nation with their sense of moral decency and caring for these beleaguered children and parents. A nation that does not stand for children does not stand for anything and will not stand guiltless before the God of history and all great faiths.

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

---AN AFRICAN PROVERB



**VOICE YOUR OPINION!!
WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR, TODAY!**

Brunswick County

The Navassa Parade Committee will hold their Annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, July 7th. Queens, civic groups, drill teams, churches, community organizations, community leaders and vendors are invited to participate. For more information visit town website www.townofnavassa.org.

Community Briefs

Pender County

PCTS/SPH Alumni Association will hold its Bi Annual Reunion beginning on Friday, July 6th with a dedication ceremony held on the grounds of the facility from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. This event is open to the public.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

United Senior Citizens' Club of Wilmington

The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum was for 6 days/5 nights. The starting date was Monday, June 18, 2018. We departed from the Stein Mart parking lot, located at 3501 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, N. C. The bus arrived at 7:30 a. m. and we departed at 8:00 a. m.



Verniece Stanley

Sandra Sloan was very helpful to us in every possible way. We were given our helpful instructions regarding what would make our trip go more smoothly. The kindness shown by her and her family touched our hearts deeply and will not be soon forgotten.

The Diamond Tours Bus Company's main concern was our safety. Therefore, we were cautioned to remain in our seats the whole time that the bus was in motion. Lolita

Brown, the driver, a lady from Greensboro, let us know that the bus would be stopping roughly every two and a half hours. We considered our driver one of the best in North Carolina.

The motor coach was equipped with a restroom, but, in the interest of our safety, we were asked not to use it except in the cases of emergencies. This was to minimize situations whereby individuals would be walking in the aisles while the bus was in motion.

On Monday, June 18, all safe and enjoyable activities on this trip were carried out. We had been advised to have our umbrellas or rain ponchos ready, just in case they were needed. We were reminded that our driver's license or N. C. photo I. D. were required by the casino.

On Tuesday, at the Creation Museum in , where there were displayed over 140 Biblical exhibits, we were able to walk through Biblical history. The Ark itself was an amazingly massive structure, an exhibit whose size and

craftsmanship alone were enough to take our breath away! As we "took in" the sight of the three decks, we felt we ourselves were a part of history! It is 510 ft. long, 85 ft. wide, and 51 ft. high. It has 3.3 million board feet of timber and is the largest timber structure in the world. We learned that the Ark is made of various types of wood, such as Engelmann spruce, Douglas fir, radiata pine, and bamboo.

Touring through the exhibits of the pre-flood world reveals to one an idea of how Noah's family might have maintained the Ark and cared for thousands of animals during the flood. We were excited by the opportunity to roam through the amazing living quarters and get a good notion of the impact of the flood on the world. We brought our visit to a moving close on Deck 3 by considering how trustworthy the Bible and its history must be.

In Cincinnati, Ohio, we stopped at a farm and enjoyed a well prepared dinner and visited the National Underground

Railroad Freedom Center. We took a self-guided tour through one of our most recognized museums and cultural learning centers. We were able to explore some of the stories of some of the heroes of freedom from the Underground Railroad through the present. On Saturday, June 23, 2018, we enjoyed a continental breakfast at the hotel and started for home, thinking about the next trip.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

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Navassa's Pinochle Club celebrates anniversary

BY HERBERT A. BEATTY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Navassa Pinochle Club recently celebrated its tenth anniversary.

Approximately ten years ago, the Navassa Pinochle Club was formed. The club meets regularly every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. From the time of its origin, all meetings have been hosted by Eddie "Buzz" Williams. The club appreciates Eddie for his efforts that have not gone unnoticed.



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Pictured are the members, clockwise- Reggie, Butch, Robert, Jimmy, Scrap, Rick, Buzz, Charles , (standing)--Herb, Ham, Ernest and Al. Deceased members are the late William (Bill) Robinson and James (Juice) Holmes The club extends their sincere thanks for the wonderful photographs taken by Eddie Jenkins.

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However, it is a good idea if you are buying in an area that the lines are not clearly defined. For land in rural areas surveys are especially recommended. Reasons to get a land survey: I have seen where family land was trying to be sold off after generations of use and the survey showed that portions never belonged to them. Just

because a family has used land or a driveway for years doesn't mean it belongs to them. Only a survey will determine what is yours and what's not. The survey can help clear up confusion between neighbors if an issue ever arises. One common example is when a neighbor erects a fence that appears to be over a property line. If the neighbors can't come to an agreement on their own, they might hire a land surveyor to figure out whose land it is and where the fence can legally be built. Trust me, this one becomes an issue very often and when it does, it's nothing nice. Land surveys can also accurately determine how large a plot of land is that's being bought or sold. It can be a great negotiation tool; if a survey finds that a plot is actually smaller than advertised, buyers can bargain accordingly. How are land surveys made? Surveyors lay out the exact dimensions of a property by using the description in a deed.

Sometimes these descriptions can be hazy and might use very outdated landmarks such as trees, railroad tracks, barns, etc that have long since disappeared. For that reason, a surveyor will physically measure the land as well. How much does a land survey cost? A survey can be negotiated and sometimes a seller will pay for it. While the cost of a land survey varies by the size and complexity of the plot, in general, the price can range from as low as \$200 for a simple one-side boundary marking to \$1,000+ for a full property survey.

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Rep. Maxine Waters takes strong stand for Fair Housing at HUD

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

When Dr. Ben Carson was named Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), many housing and civil rights advocates wondered how a world-renowned neurosurgeon would direct the future of housing in America. By his own admission, he arrived at HUD with no governmental experience or active interest in housing's history either.

Despite those professional shortcomings, Secretary Carson swiftly began a series of actions that triggered broad and sustained criticism from civil rights and housing policy advocates. On Secretary Carson's watch, HUD proposed billion-dollar budget reductions, increased rental fees for public housing tenants, removed explicit language on fair housing from the agency's mission statement, and halted efforts that require local communities receiving HUD funds to address fair housing needs.

In sum, Secretary Carson has acted like a man on a mission with no time to spare.

This past January, Carson also announced a suspension of a key rule known as Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). The rule that went into effect in July 2015 required any state, locality, or public housing authority receiving HUD funds to have a plan and timeline that incorporates community concerns to actively address fair housing issues in their locales.

Although civil rights and

consumer protection advocates have brought legal challenges to reverse the suspension of AFFH and other misdeeds, the wheels of justice continue their characteristically slow and deliberate pace.

But California Congresswoman Maxine Waters recently stepped up to file legislation designed to cure many of the regressive ills pushed by Secretary Carson. On June 26, she introduced a bill entitled, Restoring Fair Housing Protections Eliminated by HUD Act of 2018 (H.R. 6220).

"The Department of Housing and Urban Development is supposed to create strong communities; expand access to affordable housing; and enforce fair housing rights," said Congresswoman Waters. "Unfortunately since becoming Secretary, Ben Carson has taken numerous steps to eliminate fair housing protections for the most vulnerable families in this country."

The following day, June 27, the House Financial Services Committee, chaired by Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas, convened a hearing with Secretary Carson.

"Over the last 20 years, the HUD budget has doubled, whereas the family budget, which pays for it, has increased by less than double digits," said Rep. Hensarling. "In fact, HUD's budget has grown faster than almost every other federal budget function, including social security, education, and national defense. HUD

resources have not been the challenge, HUD's focus and success has been."

Speaking next as the Committee's Ranking Member, Congresswoman Waters offered a completely opposite perspective on HUD and Secretary Carson. In her remarks, Rep. Waters underscored that her new legislation was intended to revoke key actions by Secretary Carson and return them to HUD's fair housing agenda. Those actions included restoring:

- Fair housing language to the agency's mission statement with the specific inclusion of text stating "inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination";

- HUD's AFFH rule as soon as practically possible following the bill's enactment;

- HUD's Local Government Assessment Tool that helps state and local jurisdictions to comply with the AFFH rule within 30 days of enactment; and

- A requirement that the HUD Secretary report to Congress a Secretary-directed review of fair housing complaints that involve an online platform. Additionally, the Secretary's report to Congress would include: an analysis of trends and risks related to discrimination, steps to address such discrimination, and the status of complaints filed.

The legislation also includes a requirement that owners and operators of HUD-funded homeless shelters to post a notice informing clients of their rights

under an agency rule regarding gender identity. This rule affects any grantee receiving funding through the agency's Community Planning and Development program.

Before yielding back the balance of her time, the Ranking Member added, "Congress should not stand by while the agency charged with ensuring fair housing turns its back on its mission and takes actions that roll back critical protections that ensure that all Americans have fair access to housing."

For his part, Secretary Carson noted that each year, HUD receives an estimated 8,000 fair housing complaints. In speaking to the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, he also added, "HUD and our fair housing partners continue to enforce the letter and [sic] spirit of this landmark law."

Early reactions to Secretary Carson's comments reflect how his words and his actions diverge.

"Fifty years ago, Congress empowered HUD to dismantle legalized discrimination in housing to create opportunity for all as where you live is a factor in so many of life's outcomes, including education and healthcare", noted Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). "Rep. Waters' new bill requires HUD to remain steadfast in its responsibility to foster inclusive communities free of discrimination so that all Americans have the ability to thrive.

And Bailey is not alone.



REP. MAXINE WATERS

Beyond CRL, H.R. 6220 is also supported by several civil rights and housing advocates that include: National Fair Housing Alliance, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (also known as LISC), NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, National Housing Law Project, PolicyLink, and

other organizations.

The bill has been referred to two House Committees, Judiciary and Financial Services. Time will tell whether in the year marking the golden anniversary of the Fair Housing Act if other Members of Congress will stand up for fair housing too.

Charlene Crowell is the Center for Responsible Lending's deputy communications director. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

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Lillian Tate

Lillian Tate died June 24, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, July 2, 2018 at Bowens Chapel AMEZ Church. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Lillian Blackedge Tate, daughter of the late Herbert and Miriam Blackedge was born on July 11, 1942 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Lillian attended Williston School and was in the Class of 1960. After graduation she moved to East Orange, New Jersey with her cousin Thelma Turner. In New Jersey, she met the love of her life, Willie Tate, Sr. while working at Gravestone. They married and to their union three children were born. Lillian moved back to North Carolina in 1977 and continued to work in assembly by joining the workforce of Climate Control and National Linen until 1995. In addition to her parents, Lillian was preceded in death by her daughter, Tracy Tate; two brothers, Irvin "Scrap" Ballon and Randolph Blackedge and step-mother, Lillian Wade Blackedge.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her husband, Willie Tate; two sons, Willie "Chue-Chue" Tate, Jr. and Rodney Tate; grandchildren, Jawara Tate, Adarryl Tate, Rakeba Bozeman, Allyah Tate and Sediah Simpson; great-grandchildren, Nyhan Tate, Jada Wade, Tyron Davis, Sernity Davis, Amauri Tate, Zakurie Tate, Manzon Tate; sister, Lois Blackedge; brother, Horrace Jones; aunts, Ester O. Hardy and Carrie Mae Jones; sisters-in-law, Vicky Blackedge, Hattie Bea and Martha; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Brian R. McMillian

Brian R. McMillian, age 55, of Winnabow, passed away Thursday, June 21, 2018. A celebration of Brian's life was held on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Drew Cemetery.

Brian Rene McMillian was born to James Mathew and Irma Victoria Kelly McMillian on 6/27/1962. He was the fourth of eight children born to this union. Brian was considered handicapped due to having Down Syndrome, but never seemed limited by the effects of this disorder.

Brian loved life and he loved people. He was a fan of WWA wrestling and devoted to his role in the Special Olympics. He was a participant in the Brunswick Interagency Program for a number of years up to the time of his illness. But his greatest love was CHURCH. He was a regular attendee at his church, New Vision of Faith MBC, and an active member of the usher board.

Frequently he would talk about how great his pastor was and how much he loved being with his church family. He was always willing to lend a helping hand when he could and he never met a stranger. Anyone that he would meet was either a relative or a friend because he only had two labels for people. Though his communication skills were limited, he always seemed to get his point across. Brian was a ladies man because the list of his honeys was too extensive to number. He did have one very special honey but her name is being withheld to avoid chaos and confrontations. On the rare occasions when Brian did get angry, it never lasted more than a few minutes and then it was to him as if what made him angry never happened at all. Brian was known to drop a hint or two when his birthday was getting near and might give you a few prompts about his HOHO (Christmas gifts) in case you forgot.

Preceding him in death were his parents, James and Irma; brother, Elroy Gore (Josie); sister, Deidra Ballard (Derrick) and brother-in-law, Cleve Bryant.

He leaves to cherish his memory, sisters, Lynn Bryant, Gacien McMillian, Dameron McMillian and Nikki McMillian; brothers, Anthony McMillian (Althea) and James McMillian (Joyce) 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.

Eva Mae Burney

Eva Mae Burney, age 76, of Supply, passed away Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at Ocean View Missionary Baptist Association Center. Burial followed in Galloway Cemetery. 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.

Corneisha P. Underwood

Corneisha P. Underwood, age 28, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, June 23, 2018. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 2, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in John Chapel Cemetery. 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.

Dorcas Waters

Dorcas Waters, age 83, of Brooklyn, NY (formerly of Leland), passed away Friday, June 22, 2018. Funeral services were held on Monday, July

2, 2018 at Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery. 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

Lorena B. McBroom

Lorena Breeze McBroom, age 94 passed away on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at North Chase Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at Mt. Zion AME Church in Hillsborough, NC. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

She was born in Hillsborough, NC on January 15, 1924 to Jasper and Maudie Vincent Breeze, who preceded her in death. She married Charlie A. McBroom in 1944 who also preceded her in death. Lorena was an educator for 32 years. She taught Home Economics.

She is survived by her son Randy McBroom and wife Melody of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Lore McBroom of Greenville, NC, Mia McBroom of Winston-Salem, NC, Brian McBroom, US Naval Station, Lemoore, CA; great-grandson, Miles Bowman III; brother, Delmar (Faye) Breeze of Hillsborough; sister, Katrina Beasley of Hurdle Mills, NC and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members. 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.

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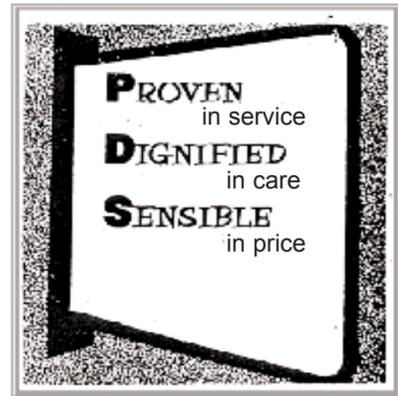
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Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Ministries, Inc., 3701 Princess Place Drive, will hold Vacation Bible School "Victory in God" from Sunday, July 8th at 9:30 a.m. with the kickoff and Monday, July 9th- Wednesday, July 12th from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Classes are for K-2-Adults. For more information please call 910-252-8772.



Religious Briefs

The Better St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church has begun serving free hot lunches for all school age children up to 18 years old. Story time begins at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is provided by NHCS Summer Food Services. For more information contact

Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon at 910-540-4406. The Better St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church Missionary Department will hold its Missionary Program on Sunday, July 8th at 3:30 p.m. Rev. Patricia Smith & the St. James A.M.E. Zion Church Family will be the guest. The Better St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church will hold their VBS 2018, July 9th thru July 14th from 10:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Theme: Game on...Text Jesus! Lunch will be provided. For more info. call Sis Dentrail Boykin our C.E. Director at 910-200-4953. The church will also have its Annual Ushers Program on July 15th at 3:00 p.m. Sis. Trudy Evans our District & Conference Director of Ushers. She will be accompanied by a choir.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

NBCI calls for comprehensive investigation of the murder of six adopted Black children

The Black Church must assure justice for those kids

WASHINGTON DC- The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, is calling on Governor Kate Brown to launch a comprehensive investigation into the suicide-murder of six adopted African American children by two white lesbians. NBCI believes that this is a moral outrage and the Church continues to warn society about the implications of homosexuality. This is a stark example of our warning.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, "The National Black Church Initiative will never allow white society to systematically kill Black children without speaking to this evil. We intend to use all of our legal arsenal to get down to the truth of this matter. We are never going to allow anyone to just arbitrarily kill Black children."

White people have long believed that they can just murder Black people and get away with it. We see this playing out week after week between white racist corrupt cops and our precious Black teenagers who are being gunned down. The National Black Church Initiative has never backed down and never will back down on speaking out against this atrocious moral behavior of some of our sick white brethren and sisters.

This is why we have asked the Attorney General of the State of Oregon, Ellen Rosenblum, to launch a criminal investigation into the Oregon Department of Health and Human Services on how this despicable immoral act could have occurred under their noses.

The National Black Church Initiative released the contents of the letter that they sent to Governor Kate Brown:

"RE: In reference to the suicide death of Sarah Hart, Jennifer Hart and their six kids

Dear Honorable Governor Brown,

The National Black Church Initiative a coalition of 34,000 Black and Latino Churches would like to express its moral outrage at the authorities that have allowed this white lesbian couple to commit mass suicide with African American children (six African American children). The Church wants to know, how

could this have happened? Why were they allowed to adopt such a large number of minority kids without a large comprehensive background and psychological test and sufficient oversight?

What we suspect is that there has been some inappropriate violation of the social service rules here. We are demanding from State as well as federal authorities, complete transparency of this incident and a comprehensive explanation with a timeline of the last two years detailing how this incident could have occurred. We will not allow the State to sweep this under the rug.

This is why we have forwarded this letter to the State Attorney General for criminal review in this awful case.

Our suspicion is: 1)because they are a white and lesbian couple, rules were not followed and were in fact bent and altered to favor this couple

2)That social services had a catastrophic failure of following up on how well these kids were taken care of

There is no secret about the National Black Church Initiative's opposition to allowing gay couples to adopt. But, we will not let white people adopt African American kids just to murder them. We have ordered our legal staff to evaluate any legal options our organization has in forcing the State of Oregon to release all relevant papers from over the last two years that have led to this tragedy.

We have also ordered local Church pastors to monitor this case. The reason why we are so upset about this incident is that we know, because of our professional experience, that there were ample warning signs and the social clinicians who are responsible for monitoring this type of behavior were absent and derelict in their duties. Most especially because they were white these ladies were given extra lee-way in the constant abuse of these children.

There is only one hero here and it was the neighbor who altered authorities over a year ago that this white lesbian couple was systematically abusing those African American adopted children while the State stood by and did absolutely nothing.

We demand a comprehensive detailed analysis from the last two years to show what happened to cause this tragedy.

Sincerely,
The Right Most Rev. Anthony Evans President"

St. Andrew AME Zion Church Missionaries sponsor their Annual Candlelight Service

BY POSEY JOHNSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The St. Andrew A.M.E. Zion Church, 1201 South Ninth Street, Wilmington, NC, will sponsor their Annual Missionary Candlelight Service on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm. A very interesting, beautiful and informative service will be held. We cordially invite all Missionaries and members of churches to attend and be blessed. Our wonderful motivational speaker will be Mrs. Delma Jones, who has worked successfully and conscientiously with the Missionaries of the Wilmington District, leading them to higher heights with God's help. A true Christian she is - who believes in helping others. This promises to be a grand occasion and we are excited.

Mrs. Delma S. Jones is president of the Wilmington District Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society of the Cape Fear Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Mrs. Delma Jones is one of ten children born to the late Edward and Lessie Skinner in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Her parents were very hard workers who instilled in their children the importance of family love, hard work and the importance of education. Mrs. Jones is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social

Studies with a concentration in Sociology. Mrs. Jones, a retired school teacher, devoted 40 years in Tampa, Florida; Kannapolis, North Carolina; Asbury Park, New Jersey; Mobile, Alabama. The last 15 years of her career were spent at Williston Middle School in Wilmington, North Carolina. Her goal as a teacher was always to inspire and encourage students to try their hardest and to do their best. She always helped them to build a positive self-esteem about themselves.

As a missionary, Mrs. Jones has visited the mission fields in South Africa and the Virgin Islands. The Wilmington District Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society supports Meals-on-Wheels each third Saturday where meals are prepared and delivered to the elderly of New Hanover County. The Missionaries also choose organizations to help. Our focus has been on the Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Breast Cancer Awareness, and the American Heart Association. We also provide non-perishable food items to food banks in New Hanover, Brunswick and Columbus Counties. Recently the members of the Wilmington District Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society made over 700 dresses out of pillowcases that were sent to countries in Africa. We also participated and the supported "Rise Against Hunger" or "Stop Hunger Now" program. This is



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MRS. DELMA S. JONES

a nationwide meal-packaging program of highly nutritious meals of rice, soy, corn and other vegetables. We prepared 10,000 meals which were shipped to Sierra Leone, a country in West Africa.

During the past hurricane season when Maria struck Puerto Rico, the missionaries spearheaded the collection of batteries, flashlights, insect repellants and packaged non-perishable meats and sent 8 boxes to Puerto Rico to help families there.

Mrs. Jones is the wife of 51 years to Rev. Alexander L. Jones, Sr., Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District. They are the proud parents of three adult children and five wonderful grandchildren.

Rev. Dorian T. Daniels, Sr. is the imminent pastor of St. Andrew A.M.E. Zion Church. Again, you are cordially invited to attend this wonderful service. For further information, you may contact Mrs. Posey Johnson (910) 792-9720 or Mrs. Esther Ford (910) 371-2782.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Be Encouraged"

"And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." I Samuel 30:6

David, though he was chosen and anointed by God to be a great leader of God's people, had to endure a time of testing and great tribulation before he became king. In



Sylvia Hooper

I Samuel 30th. chapter, David himself came face to face with the enemy of discouragement. Some of his own men, who faithfully followed him into many battles and looked to him as their fearless leader and friend, turned on him as they grieved the captivity of their wives and children. In great despair and depression over the loss of their families, David's own men spoke of stoning him! The bible says David was greatly distressed! These were the same men that he had led from battle to battle, and from victory to victory. The same men who once revered him, now reviled him! He had to encourage himself,

if he was to Be Encouraged!

David was a great leader, but he was still a man. Leadership may seem glamorous to some. Yes, there are peaks, but there are also valleys. There is a "down" side to leadership. It is what we do in the "down" times that determines whether or not we fail or succeed. There are times, when God allows the bottom to fall out, to see how we are going to handle catastrophe and calamity. He already knows, but sometimes we need to see we are not as great as we think we are. We cannot afford to believe our own press, but walk in humility and the fear of the Lord. In preparing us for leadership, we must face discouragement head on. We must, Be Encouraged.

Leaders sometimes need to be reminded that they are flesh and blood and need to depend on the Lord just like the people you lead. Godly Leaders are not perfect, just forgiven. A good leader does not depend on the people who follow him, he depends on the Lord who called and anointed him!

Leaders are used to telling the followers, "You can do it!

You are going to make it! God is able!" But, a leader can be hit so hard by discouragement, he may find himself wondering, "Can I do it? Am I going to make it through this? God is able, but is he going to do it for me?" A Godly leader must somehow muster the strength to believe God against all odds, just because He is God! He must walk the walk, not just talk the talk. "The just shall live by Faith." Habakkuk 2:4. He/She Must Be Encouraged.

What made David so great, was not his great number of followers, or even the many battles he won. He was great, because he knew the source of his HELP! He knew how to humble himself under the mighty hand of God! Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." When David's men turned against him, he humbled himself before the Lord, found him a priest, and inquired of the Lord. He prayed until he got an answer from the God that called him, and anointed him to lead his people. He got an answer, because he knew exactly what to do, in the time

of trouble. When we go through our time of trouble, that's the time to trust in the Lord with all our hearts, and not to lean to our own understanding. He said in all our ways to acknowledge him, and he would direct our paths. Proverbs 3:5,6 In other words, learn how to Be Encouraged! If you agree... Tell Somebody!!!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International.

She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

150,000 Black Churches support the marchers' objectives against Trump's zero tolerance Immigration Policy

The policy is immoral

WASHINGTON DC - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, along with the rest of the 116,000 Black Churches in the country, stand with those marching against family separation and Trump's zero tolerance Immigration Policy. The President and the GOP are playing pure politics and to their political base without regards to the deep moral ramifications of such an immoral and unholy policy towards children.

All social scientists know that such trauma at an early age can have a devastating effect on children for years to come that will impact youth

juvenile rates, youth dropout rates, and their suicide rates. The President is playing a strictly political game to win money for a voter war and control the flow of immigrants, both legal and illegal, for decades to come. The marchers must send a very clear message to the entire American people, that we will not be treated in any way as second-class citizens, even if we are illegal.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, "I am horrified that this administration would use infants to try to make public policy in the favor of white immigrants all over this world. This policy clearly discriminates against all nationalities and ethnic groups who do not look like the

President or his family. If Donald Trump was not a racist he certainly is a racist now and the Black Church is warning him, another immoral outburst from this President and we will sanction him with the authority of the Church."

The premise here is as old as the Scriptures and affirms God's indelible love for all of us. That we are Children of God despite all of the things that separate us from one another. It is simply a cause for humanity.

About NBCI
The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino Churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, educa-

tion, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, Churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting-edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science-based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltBlackChurch.com.

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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 **Thomas Walker Smith**, 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 **28th day of September, 2018**, 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 28th day of June, 2018

Dollie S. Pollock, Administrator
4937 Shelley Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Christina N. Palmer, having qualified on the 19th day of June, 2018, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Jeanette Naval (18-E-750)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at Graves May PLLC, c/o Attorney Rick Graves, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina 28403, on or before the **3rd day of October, 2018**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This the 5th day of July, 2018

Christina N. Palmer, Personal Representative
Estate of Jeanette Naval
Rick Graves
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

BID REQUEST

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NC DOT certified MBE & WBE firms for the Contract DA00333 in Dare Co. bidding on 7/18/2018. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 7/09/18 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/Letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=1. For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

July 5, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 17 CVS 4351

JOSEPH NORMAN DOSTER, Plaintiff v. MICHAEL BRANDON YWASKEVIC, Defendant TO: MICHAEL BRANDON YWASKEVIC, Defendant

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 arising from motor vehicular negligence. You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days from the first running of this notice, exclusive of such date, which was Thursday, June 21, 2018, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 11th day of April, 2018.

David F. Turlington
Attorney for the plaintiff
1516 Dawson Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Telephone: 910-251-8088
Facsimile: 910-251-8430
North Carolina bar 20165
dturlington@davidandassociates.com

June 21, 28, July 5, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Julia Susan Rogers, having qualified on the 19th day of June, 2018, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Julia A. Rogers (18-E-795)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate 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 **3rd day of October, 2018**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This the 5th day of June, 2018

J. Susan Rogers, Personal Representative
Estate of Julia A. Rogers
Kevin T. May
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **George W. Holmes**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **3rd day of October, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 5th day of July, 2018

Cleopatra B. Wisbron, Administrator
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No.: 910-762-4176

July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 224

IN THE MATTER OF: G.P.B. (DOB: 11/16/2010)

TO: RESPONDENTS: ALISON ROBINSON NAYLOR, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO ALISON ROBINSON NAYLOR

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child. You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following July 5, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 5th day of July, 2018.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 632-0424

July 5, 12, 19, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Scott Williams (18-E-610)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, 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 **September 21, 2018** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of June, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator of the Estate of Scott Williams
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Thomas Preston Barham, having qualified on the 25th day of June, 2018, as Executor of the Estate of **Preston Harvey Barham (18-E-777)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the 1st day of October, 2018, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 28th day of June, 2018.

Thomas Preston Barham, Executor
ESTATE OF PRESTON HARVEY BARHAM
David Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Peggy Jones Hall**, 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 **21st day of September, 2018**, 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 21st day of June, 2018

Charles Jones Hall, Jr., Executor
PO 927
Rose Hill, NC 28458

June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 26th day of June, 2018, as Executor of the Estate of **DOROTHY HILL JAMES**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Cheryl Thompson, at 2062 Van Buren Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **3rd day of October, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 26th day of June, 2018.

CHERYL THOMPSON, EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Olivia Marie Addison Davis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **3rd day of October, 2018**, 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 5th day of July, 2018

Derek D. Addison, Administrator
1010 South 5th Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Lee Andrew Walker**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **3rd day of October, 2018**, 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 5th day of July, 2018

Shamonique D. Brantley,
Administrator
4506 Dean Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Henry E. Brown**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **3rd day of October, 2018**, 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 5th day of July, 2018

Edward L. Brown, Administrator
7718 Alexander Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28411

July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COURT FILE NO: 18 CV 001520

Jasmaine Daquona Batts, Plaintiff v. Arillio Marcel Smith, Defendant

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 an absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than July 31, 2018 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 21st day of June, 2018

Jasmaine Daquona Batts
1118 South 9th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 21, 28, July 5, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Constance Ellingwood Greathouse**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **3rd day of October, 2018**, 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 5th day of July, 2018

Kathleen Marryat, Executrix
250 West 90th St. Apt. 4C
New York, NY 10024

July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 302

IN THE MATTER OF: N.D.H. (dob: 13 March 2012)

TO: RESPONDENT - FATHERS OF N.D.H., KEITH HANNAH, DANIEL HATHCOCK OR ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Termination of all Parental Rights you have to N.D.H.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, July 12, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Mr. Hannah has been assigned Attorney Yulia Loshinsky. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 939-1125, 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC. Mr. Hathcock has been assigned Attorney Brian Moore. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 362-1100, 705 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, NC. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 5th day of July, 2018.
Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION SMALL CLAIMS COURT FILE NO: 18 CVM 1847

Joe Barnett, Plaintiff v. Angelica Reana Mckever, Defendant

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 complaint to enforce possessory lien on motor vehicle. Amount due for which the lien is claimed is \$2970.00

You are notified to appear before the magistrate on August 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Smalls Claims Courtroom 514 New Hanover County Judicial Bldg. You will have the opportunity at the trial to defend yourself against the claim stated above.

If you fail to appear and defend against the proof offered, the magistrate may enter a judgment against you. This the 5th day of July, 2018

Joe Barnett
3202 Princess Place Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405
July 5, 12, 19, 2018

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
18-SP-370**

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing executed by Sigmon Commons III, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, as Trustor, to Stewart Title of North Carolina, Inc., as Trustee, in favor of Countrywide Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc., a California corporation

Grantor,
To:
Elizabeth Wright,
Substitute Trustee,
dated July 16, 2007 and recorded in Book 5209, at Page 183, New Hanover County Registry.
Substitution of Trustee recorded in Book 6123, at Page 2599.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated July 16, 2007, executed by Sigmon Commons III, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, as grantor, being recorded in Book 5209, at Page 183, New Hanover County Registry (the "Deed of Trust"), the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 18th day of July, 2018, all of the Property as conveyed, defined and described in the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) All that certain real property described in Exhibit A attached hereto, together with all Improvements thereon as defined and described in the Deed of Trust; and

(ii) All other components of the "Property," all as defined and described in the Deed of Trust. This foreclosure includes personal property and fixtures as permitted by N.C.G.S. § 25-9-604. Together with and subject to tenants in possession, as tenants only, under any leases or rental agreements, recorded or unrecorded.

This sale is made subject to all prior liens, current ad valorem taxes or unpaid ad valorem taxes, special assessments, any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure, easements, rights of way, deeds of release and any other prior encumbrances or exceptions of record.

The record owner of the Property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds as of June 5, 2018, is Sigmon Commons III, LLC.

The Property is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Substitute Trustee, nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation or warranty relating to the title, leasehold interests or any physical, environmental, health, or safety, conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the Property being

offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

The Substitute Trustee, after sale, shall require the highest bidder immediately to make a cash deposit of 5% of the amount of the bid or \$750.00, whichever is greater. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the bid amount in cash at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed or attempts a tender of the deed for the Property, which shall be a date not more than thirty (30) days following the date the time for upset bids has expired; and should the successful bidder fail to pay at that time the full balance of the bid amount, he shall remain liable on the bid as provided in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30(d) and (e).

This sale shall be held open for upset bids filed in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.27.

TIME: 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 18th day of July, 2018.

PLACE: New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401

TERMS: Cash

This the 20th day of June, 2018.

/s/ Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee
Elizabeth Wright, Substitute Trustee

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lying and being in New Hanover County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of Outparcel #2 (1.04 acres, more or less) of Gateway Business Park as shown on a plat thereof entitled "Map of Survey of Outparcels 1, 2 & 3 and Public Rights of Way and Easements at Gateway Business Park", which plat was recorded December 5, 2003 in Map Book 45, Pages 85-86, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina.

Said Outparcel #2 is more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a nail and cap found at the centerline intersections of Van Campen Boulevard and Sigmon Road, the POINT OF COMMENCEMENT and runs thence S73°25'49" W 352.56' to an iron pipe found in the northern right of way line of Sigmon Road, the POINT OF BEGINNING, and runs thence with the northern right of way line of Sigmon Road S68°32'13"W 98.54' to an iron pipe found in the said northern right of way line of Sigmon Road; thence Continuing with the said northern right of way line of Sigmon Road S67°48'06"W 133.74' to an iron pipe found in the said northern right of way line of Sigmon Road; thence N21°59'08"W 161.55' to an iron pipe found; thence N68°04'41"E 40.33' to an iron rod found; thence N21°58'23"W 41.69' to an iron pipe found; thence N67°58'25"E 191.61' to an iron pipe found; thence S22°24'47"E 203.79' to the point of beginning containing 1.04 acres more or less or 45,469 square feet.

July 5, 12, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF HEARING
SUMMONS, NOTICES and
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE FAMILY COURT
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF COLLETON
DOCKET NO.
2018-DR-15-248**

**South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) Plaintiff,
vs.
Elizabeth Idella Bononia Marmolejo, Male Child Born 2003 Minor under the age of eighteen (18) Defendants.**

TO: JOHN DOE:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for Termination of Parental Rights in and to the minor child in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Colleton County Office of the Clerk of Court, 101 Hampton Street, Walterboro, South Carolina 29488, on June 4, 2018, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the Complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at P.O. Box 440, Walterboro, South Carolina 29488, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time stated, the Plaintiff will apply for judgment by default against John Doe for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you have the right to be present and represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you. It is your responsibility to contact the Colleton County Clerk of Court's office, 101 Hampton Street, Walterboro, South Carolina 29488, to apply for appointment of an attorney to represent you if you cannot afford an attorney (take all of these papers with you if you apply).

YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR AN ATTORNEY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT, AN ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE APPOINTED FOR YOU. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a termination of parental rights hearing will be held in this matter on August 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Colleton County Courthouse, 101 Hampton Street, Walterboro, South Carolina 29488. You should attend this hearing. If you do not attend, the relief sought may be granted in your absence.

This the 18th day of June, 2018.

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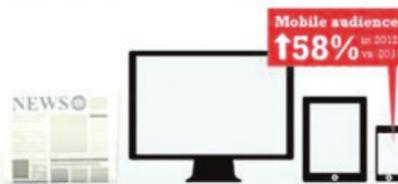
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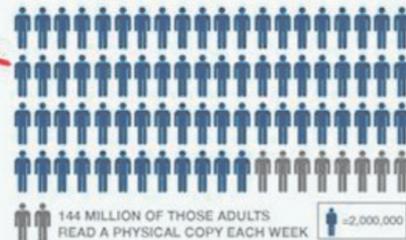
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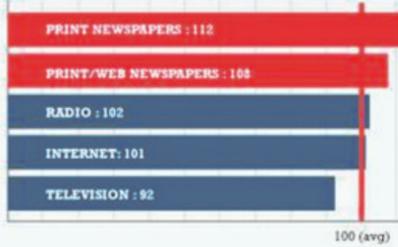
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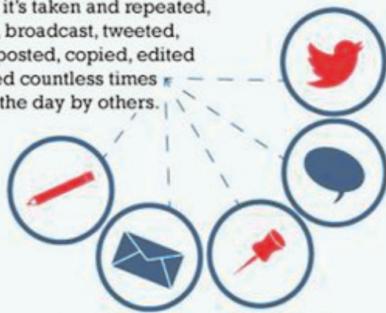


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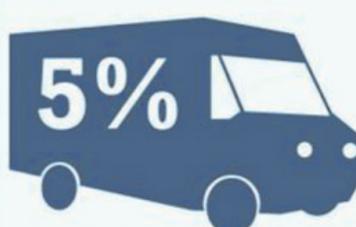
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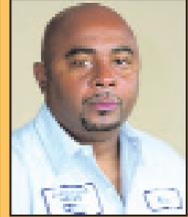
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