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EBONEE SPEARS

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.

UPDATE



DR. HOWARD-VITAL

The celebration of Michelle Howard-Vital's life has been set for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 22 in the UNCW Madeline Suites.

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REV. JESSE JACKSON

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BERNEST HEWETT

MORALITY

BY BERNEST HEWETT

This week after the death of one of America's most respected veterans, Senator John McCain, the United States had another look at a President, who has very little respect for anyone, talk about Senator McCain yet again with a great deal of disrespect and in language that hurt Senator McCain's family.

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BARBER TELLS "SILENT SAM" PROTESTERS TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

[CHAPEL HILL] Lauding the demonstrators Saturday who five days earlier pulled down the controversial Confederate monument of "Silent Sam" on UNC - Chapel Hill campus, Rev. Dr. William Barber, President of Repairers of the Breach, and Co-chairman of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Revival, "insisted that that was not enough.

He urged those same protesters and indeed the UNC students who support their actions to also register to vote, and then "...if you're going to pull a statue down, you'd better pull a voting lever in November" during the upcoming midterm elections.

"It's not just about statues but about the statutes," Dr. Barber added

during a "Speak Out" rally in front of First Baptist Church on W. Rosemary Street.

As he spoke, some of the 200 anti-White supremacy protesters and a few dozen pro-Silent Sam supporters carrying Confederate flags, clashed where the statue once stood, off Franklin Street a half mile away. Police arrested seven people on various charges, including assault. Barricades were erected, along with stationed police officers, to protect the base where Silent Sam once stood.

Protesters defended that the 103 year old statue had to come down because it was really a monument to White supremacy, not to the South's Civil War dead, as supporters maintain.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF CASH MICHAELS REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER AT "SPEAK OUT RALLY"

Silent Sam is a bronze statue of a Confederate soldier by sculptor John A. Wilson, which stood from 1913 until 2018 on the historic upper quad of UNC in Chapel Hill. Its location on McCorkle Place, at the main entrance to the university, was described as "a place of honor".[1][2]

Establishing a Civil War monument at a Southern university became a goal of the North Carolina division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) in 1907. UNC approved the group's request in 1908 and thus, with funding from UNC alumni and the UDC, Wilson designed the statue using sixteen-year old Harold Langlois of Boston as his model. At the unveiling on June 2, 1913, local industrialist Julian Carr gave a speech espousing white supremacy. The statue was originally called "Soldiers

Monument," but was also referred to as the "Confederate memorial" during the 1920s through the 1940s.[5] The name "Silent Sam" was first cited in campus newspaper The Daily Tar Heel in 1954.



Beginning in the 1960s, Silent Sam faced opposition on the grounds of its racial message, and calls to remove the monument reached a higher profile in the late 2010s.

In 2017 UNC Chancellor Carol L. Folt said that she would remove the statue if this was not prohibited by a 2015 state law; during the 2017-18 year UNC spent \$390,000 on security for the statue.

On August 20, 2018, protesters toppled Silent Sam and university authorities hauled it away in a dump truck. UNC later said its location was being kept hidden for safety reasons. SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA



PHOTO COURTESY OF NNPA Andrew Gillum celebrates a stunning, come-from-behind victory as the Democratic candidate for Florida governor.

Black American political victories sweep nation

BY STACY M. BROWN NNPA NEWSWIRE CONTRIBUTOR

Across the United States in the 2018 election primaries, Black American political leaders are scoring historical victories - changing the conversation and the face of politics.

"Congratulations to gubernatorial nominee Andrew Gillum, Senator Bill Nelson and all our Democratic candidates who won their primaries tonight in Florida," said Democratic Party Chair Tom Perez following Gillum's historic victory.

"In a historic victory, Andrew Gillum ran an inspiring campaign on his way to becoming the first African American to win a major-party nomination for governor in the Sunshine State," Perez said.

The victory in Florida comes as African Americans have continued to stun at the polls with wins by London Breed in San Francisco,

Stacey Abrams in Georgia and Gillum in Florida.

It's also a testament to an unprecedented voter registration drive spearheaded by the NNPA and NAACP which joined to start a voter registration drive aimed at signing up 5 million new Black voters.

The NNPA is a trade organization representing the 220 African American-owned newspapers across the country with a combined 22 million weekly subscribers.

"Democrats came out in record numbers to support an incredible slate of candidates who are committed to fighting for greater access to affordable health care, better public schools, and protecting the environment for Floridians," Perez said.

The Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton both tweeted about the Gillum victory.

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Federal court ruling on NC redistricting applauded

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Republican NC legislative leaders are petitioning the US Supreme Court to stay an order from a three-judge federal court Monday that ruled the state's congressional districts unconstitutional, and that new redistricting maps be drawn.

The 2-1 ruling in the US District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina found that the congressional districts were skewed because of partisan gerrymandering and could not be used beyond the 2018 midterm elections.

In fact, the judges offered a choice. Either draw new redistricting maps before the November elections or hold primaries in November, based on new maps, and hold elections in January just before the new Congress is sworn in.

According to the court decision, led by

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AT PRESSTIME:

The Wilmington Journal has learned that the Rev. Dr. William Barber will speak at the funeral of Aretha Franklin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31. Other North Carolinians scheduled to appear are Shirley Caesar and Fantasia.

The complete program can be found at:

https://www.clickondetroit.com/entertainment/aretha-franklin/aretha-franklin-funeral-service-on-aug-31-heres-the-official-program



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He has Republican followers who agree with him on this and many other issues. It is my strong belief that this is not a partisan issue. A person can be Republican or Democrat if he or she wants, but if he or she has no moral values and responds with no decency toward his or her fellowman, he has no justice in him or her.

I find myself thinking of all the excuses that were used to bring President Obama down, but nothing was found. There were all kinds of searches made and slanderous things said, but still nothing indecent or immoral was found. Today, being a citizen of color, I find that this immoral character has infected us all. The Republican Party, mostly with actions that this Republican led government, is headed to unjust laws, unfair bills, and the changing of the election process to suppress the Black vote.

I ask you, as a citizen, and if you are a Republican, "Where did all this high morals talk go, and why have the standards changed for this administration? Why are the standards set so much lower than for the Obama administration? Is there a just and righteous meaning, or is this a weakness in man's ability to lead with a fair hand? We are seeing the disrespect, the moral breakdown. We must stir up our faith, hold on to prayer, and stand in the gap for our people because the moral movement is coming!!!

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

Lawyer leads online petition to overturn Cosby verdicts

BY STACY M. BROWN
NNPA NEWSWIRE
CONTRIBUTOR

Bill Cosby isn't giving up his fight to clear his name and, while the comedian awaits his September 24 sentencing on aggravated indecent assault charges, supporters have launched an online petition seeking 1,000 signatures to help spur an investigation into Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele and Judge Steven O'Neill.

The petitioners cite the sixth amendment which states, in part, that an individual has a right to be confronted with the witnesses against him and to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

"We wanted to organize and galvanize people because many of us who followed the trial or actually attended the trial, like I did, were very troubled with how everything went down," said Nicole Lawrence, who started the petition.

Lawrence seeks 1,000 signatures and, to date, she's already gathered more than one-third of that total.

"It seemed as though Mr. Cosby didn't have a chance in hell with this prosecution and judge along with mainstream media who purposely did not check the backgrounds of [Cosby's accusers]," Lawrence said, echoing the sentiment previously expressed by Cosby's wife, Camille, who in 2015 cautioned the media to do just that.

Lawrence has taken up the call and she's started a group called "The Bill Cosby is Innocent" campaign on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram in an effort she hopes will expose what really happened at trial.

In April, a jury found Cosby guilty of three counts of aggravated indecent assault for a 2004 or 2003 incident between he and former Temple University employee Andrea Constand.

On the witness stand and in police statements, Constand flip-flopped repeatedly as to the type of relationship she had with the now 81-year-old comedian, who faces 10 years in prison for each of the three counts.

At one point, Constand told an investigator that she had never been alone with Cosby at his home except for that faithful night in which no one seems to remember exactly when it occurred.

During other testimony, she said she had been alone several times. While at first denying whether there had been any intimate contact, like kissing, Constand later admitted that there was.

Cosby's team contends that if the star was going to drug her as had been charged, then why is it that he never attempted to have sexual intercourse.

"He's going to jail because she put her hands on his penis and he put his hands in her pants," said Alice Durkin, a courtroom observer. "He's going to jail for foreplay. This is unreal and yet America has turned their backs on this man who had consensual foreplay and is going to prison because the prosecutor and the judge are caught up in this #MeToo stuff and, I believe, because Andrea Constand is white," Durkin said.

Louisiana attorney Gavin Richard of the Law Office of Gavin M. Richard, LLC, which had no role in the case, has sent a letter to the state disciplinary board to protest Cosby's verdicts and what he believes is misconduct on the part of both Steele and O'Neill.

He also lashed out at mainstream media.

"I was greatly disturbed by the coverage by mainstream media which clearly pushed for a guilty verdict," Richard said.

"Media should be impartial, as should our judicial proceedings. I felt that the media had a prejudicial effect on the trial. The judge allowed several witnesses to testify whose accusations



PHOTO COURTESY OF NNPA
COSBY IS TO BE SENTENCED ON SEPTEMBER 24.

were beyond 30 years," he said of O'Neill's decision to allow five other women to testify against Cosby.

Those women, whose stories had long been either discredited or had never been alleged before law enforcement or a courtroom, testi-

fied about incidents they claimed occurred as far back as 1981.

During Cosby's first trial, which ended in a mistrial, O'Neill only allowed one other accuser to testify. Inexplicably, he reversed himself for the second trial which resulted in

guilty verdicts.

"Mr. Cosby was neither charged nor convicted in regards to those [other women claims]," Richard said.

The attorney also found problems with Steele's campaign for district attorney in

which he vowed to get Cosby if elected.

Richard also said O'Neill permitted outbursts that tainted the jury.

"The judge allowed outbursts on the witness stand in front of the jury that was prejudicial, and on top of that, it's my understanding that there were special interrogatories that were to be given during deliberations that the judge did not give," Richard said.

O'Neill also allowed a juror to remain in the box after he was overheard saying, "We can all go home, Cosby's guilty," even before the trial began.

The judge also failed to sanction two assistant district attorneys who publicly made racial remarks toward Cosby and his team.

"So, it was highly-prejudicial and our legal system, which says innocent until proven guilty, seems to be in jeopardy," Richard said. "Cosby was guilty until proven guilty. There were too many sixth amendment violations."

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DUKE OFFICIALS PROBING RACIAL SLUR WRITTEN ON BLACK CENTER SIGN

[DURHAM] Officials at Duke University are investigating who wrote a "heinous racial epithet" on a sign to the campus Center for Black Culture. The racial slur, which officials reveal was the n-word, was discovered Saturday on a sign on the Flowers Building on the West Campus. Officials say the vandalized sign will be repainted. Duke University President Vincent Price said, "Such a cowardly and hateful act has no place on our campus."

PLAN FOR FUTURE OF SILENT SAM EXPECTED BY NOVEMBER, SAYS UNC BOARD

[CHAPEL HILL] After a two-hour closed door meeting Tuesday, the UNC Board of Governors mandated that UNC Chancellor Carol Folt and the UNC - Chapel Hill Board of Trustees must have

a "lawful and lasting" solution to the future of the controversial Silent Sam Confederate statue that was torn down August 20th by demonstrators, by Nov. 15th. The plan must spell out the "disposition and preservation" of the statue. Folt told reporters afterward that she is looking at "all options" as to the future of Silent Sam. She indicated, however, that the public safety of students on campus was paramount.

TRUMP COMING TO CHARLOTTE; TRAVEL PROBLEMS EXPECTED

[CHARLOTTE] President Trump is scheduled to appear at Central Piedmont Community College on Friday to sign an executive order on retirement security, and attend a luncheon for two Republican congressmen. However, if you're traveling from or two the Queen City area, especially near the airport, expect delays on the road and in the air. Anytime the president of the United States travels to an area, air traffic is halted for at least a mile from the airport, and the route he must travel by motorcade is shutdown to all vehicular traffic. With Friday kicking off the heavy traveled Labor Day weekend, the added delays are going to wreak havoc as long as Trump remains in the area.

Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson's response to Secretary DeVos' plan to arm teachers

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson issued the following statement in response to news reports that the U.S. Department of Education is considering allowing states to use federal tax dollars to purchase guns for teachers: "I was astounded to learn today that the U.S. Department of Education is allegedly considering using federal tax dollars to arm public school teachers by diverting funding from the Every Student Succeeds Act earmarked for mental health treatment, anti-bullying programs, and drug prevention in our nation's poorest schools. Such a policy would not only endanger students, but also would rob them of access to these critical support programs."

"The department has pushed back on the news reports and said that it received an inquiry from the Texas state Department of Education about funding for firearms, which it ignored. I believe that it should have responded to the agency with a resounding 'no.'"

"Earlier this year, Congress passed the bipartisan Stop School Violence Act, which allocated \$50 million yearly to local school districts to augment school safety, and specifically prohibits funding for firearms. I will continue to work with my colleagues on initiatives to stem gun violence and prevent weapons from reaching classrooms."

"This is yet another example of Secretary Betsy DeVos's disdain for our



CONGRESSWOMAN FREDERICA S. WILSON

nation's public schools and underscores the urgent need for Democrats to remain steadfast in the fight to safeguard our students, teach-

ers, and schools."

Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson is a fourth-term Congresswoman from Florida representing parts of Northern Miami-Dade and Southeast Broward counties. A former state legislator and school principal, she is the founder of the 5000 Role Models for Excellence Project, a mentoring program for young males at risk of dropping out of school. Congresswoman Wilson also founded and chairs the Florida Ports Caucus, a bipartisan taskforce that coordinates federal action in support of Florida's harbors and waterways. The Florida lawmaker sits on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Education and the Workforce Committee.

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A Durham attorney indicated that he has prepared a lawsuit against the State if the UNC Board attempts to put the statue back up, alleging that its very presence creates a "hostile" atmosphere, especially for UNC students of color, who have to walk by it every day.

Barber then warned that, if the UNC Board of Governors did put the Silent Sam statue back up in 90 days, as is prescribed by law, that then becomes a "political question."

"Because they are appointed by legislators and the governor, if you want a more progressive board of [UNC] governors, we'd better have a massive turnout to the polls in November."

Barber, the former President of the NCNAACP, said that fighting racism is to be about more than "...somebody's calling you the n-word. I'm more concerned about the folks who don't call me the n-word, but then they vote to suppress the vote, or vote to deny or dismantle healthcare in poor minority communities. These are the kinds of issues [we must fight]...policy-based racism!"

"You can't change policy-based racism by merely changing language. You have to change laws, and you can't change laws if you're not engaged in the electoral process!"

Rev. Barber was in Chapel Hill and Stokes County Saturday, promoting the Poor People's Campaign's "massive" voter registration, canvassing and mobilizing poor

and low-wealth communities there and in 26 states across the Nation. Barber said the campaign now has coordinating committees in 41 states and Washington, D.C.

"The estimated two million poor people in North Carolina alone could make a huge difference in the direction of this State's government," Barber assured.

He announced that the campaign will be registering and canvassing people to vote from now until the November 6 elections and every month thereafter, presumably towards the 2020 presidential election.

"This is not about Trump alone," Dr. Barber insisted. "Now Trump is a problem, but our moral political analysis is extremists who call themselves Republicans and Democrats who too often act

as if they are scared when they have power, created a context to allow a Trump to be elected."

That "context" was the deliberate splintering of various groups from each other by the very same politicians nationally and in State legislatures who are scurrying to distance themselves from the embattled President now that several federal investigations and court cases are zeroing in on past alleged crimes.

"Extremists, under the guise of Republicans, got into office and attacked voting laws and suppressed the vote and denied health care or attacked immigrants...and denied living wages," Dr. Barber continued. "Our movement is saying, 'No longer will we be divided. We're going to be together. We can change America!'"

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Fourth Circuit U. S. Court of Appeals Judge James A. Wynn, Jr., the Republican led NC General Assembly deliberately used "political data" from past elections when it drew its 2016 redistricting maps, "...specifying whether, and to what extent, particular voting precincts had favored Republican or Democratic candidates and, therefore, were likely to do so in the future _ to draw a districting plan that would ensure that Republican candidates would prevail in the vast majority of the State's congressional districts and would continue to do so in future elections."

The result, the court said,

was that thirteen North Carolina congressional districts, ten of which elected Republicans, three Democrats, in a state where Democratic and Republican numbers are virtually even.

Attorney Irving Joyner, Chair of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee, and law professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law, applauded the court's ruling.

"This is a great consideration and determination by the court, which demonstrates, once again, how extreme this General Assembly has been in its misguided efforts to illegally retain political power for ultra-right wing zealots in our legislature," Joyner said in a statement. "The court recognized the unconstitu-

tionality of what the General Assembly did with this partisan restricting and, once again, the people of North Carolina have had to suffer for this misconduct. At the same time, this General Assembly continues to do everything possible to corrupt and diminish the separation of powers in this State and it requires resort to the Court to resist this uncontrolled quest for power by this group of legislators.

The nonpartisan group, Common Cause of North Carolina, a litigant in the case, also hailed the ruling.

"We are pleased that a North Carolina federal court has once again stated what we have long believed, that partisan gerrymandering is unconstitutional," said Bob Phillips, Common Cause

NC's executive director.

"This is an historic win for voters and a significant step towards finally ending gerrymandering."

On January 9, earlier this year, the federal court initially struck down the 2016 maps drawn by the NC legislature as unconstitutional. Republicans filed an emergency stay after the court ruled then that remedial maps should be drawn, hoping that the U. S. Supreme Court would take up the matter. However, the High Court didn't. The case was eventually remanded to the District Court.

At press time, NC Republican lawmakers asked the US Supreme Court to stay the federal court order, saying what was being mandated was "simply impossible."

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Sharpton said Gillum stood firm against Florida's controversial Stand Your Ground law while Jackson the victory set up an epic general election in November.

"Black American voter turnout in 2018 will be the single-most determinative factor in the upcoming Midterm Elections on November 6, 2018," said NNPA President and CEO, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

"In Florida, Maryland, Georgia, Connecticut, North Carolina, Texas, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Wisconsin, a huge Black voter turnout will choose the winners of the elections for governors and members of Congress,"

Chavis said.

"This will be our payback national vote for all the injustices and inequalities that confront Black America. We are proud that the Black Press is helping to make this happen profoundly across the nation this year," he said.

Dorothy Leavell, NNPA's National Chairman and publisher of the *Crusader* newspapers in Gary and Chicago, said the victory could signal a political sea change in November.

"The results of yesterday's voting in Florida which made Andrew Gillum the Democratic nominee for Governor of Florida is yet another big victory for African Americans this year. As Chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association I applaud the voters in Florida and Mr. Gillum, Leavell said.

"It's exciting to see Andrew Gillum becoming the latest Black politician making history in the deep south. It's also refreshing to see a product of an HBCU school break racial barriers in Florida's lily-white politics. Our nation has too few people of color heading major governments. I applaud Gillum for his stunning, come-from-behind victory as the Democratic candidate for Florida governor. We look forward to seeing Gillum take it all in the November election and become the first Black governor in Florida's 173-year history," Leavell said.

Bobby Henry, publisher of NNPA member *The Westside Gazette* in Florida, said more work is yet to be done.

"We have one more River to cross. We are certainly proud and elated that brother Gillum has made the first

step into Florida's history and now we have to insure that his which is our's also journey complete," Henry said.

"His election as the first Black governor of Florida is one historical account however the fact that the Democratic Party has not been in control of the Florida legislature for over 20 years is another milestone," he said.

This is where the Democratic Party will have to unify and pour all that is necessary for Gillum to win this race, Henry added.

"It has yet to come. The possibility is there however we as the voters have to be a part of the making of history," Henry continued.

"The book has not been completed yet, the preface is done now the story has to be written, record and made known. Let the story continue."

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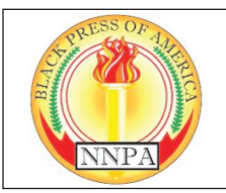
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Trump's ongoing scandals mask a radical agenda that hurts everyday people

Trump's serial scandals - Stormy Daniels, the Russia investigation, the Paul Manafort verdict, the Cohen guilty plea, the juvenile tweets - fill the headlines. Beneath the noise, however, Trump's appointees and the Republican Congress are relentlessly pursuing a radical right-wing agenda that is gutting basic protections for workers, consumers and the environment.

This is often characterized as Trump's fixation on erasing everything Obama, but it goes far beyond that.

Trump's administration and Congress are not only rolling back President Obama's policies, but weakening the advances of the Great Society, the Civil Rights Movement, and even pillars of the New Deal. Consider:



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Eviscerating the Voting Rights Act

The Department of Justice has essentially abandoned enforcement of voting rights. The signal was sent when DOJ lawyers withdrew from the Texas voter-ID case in which the Obama Justice Department was co-counsel, arguing that the Texas act was intentionally designed to discriminate against people of color. Combined with the Supreme Court's right-wing gang of five weakening the act in *Shelby County v. Holder*,

there is now a virtual vacuum of voting rights enforcement.

Saving enforcement of civil rights

While Attorney General Jeff Sessions has dramatically weakened enforcement of basic civil rights in the Justice Department, the same is true across the government. The Labor Department disbanded its civil rights division. The Department of Education gutted the budget of its Office of Civil Rights. The Environmental Protection Agency targeted the Environmental Justice program for elimination.

For immigrants, basic civil rights have been trampled - from the travel-ban orders affecting predominantly Muslim countries, upending the DACA program for the young people who were born here and know no other country, to the grotesque policy that separated children from their parents at the border.

Under Sessions, the Justice Department has also essentially abandoned what was a bipartisan effort to bring about criminal justice reform, with Sessions ordering a review of the consent decrees that were addressing systematic racial discrimination and police brutality.

Climate change denial

Trump famously has announced he will pull the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement, while his appointees have sought to scrub any mention of climate change from government websites. EPA Director Andrew Wheeler, a former coal lobbyist, replaced the Obama administration Clean Power Plan that limited the release of greenhouse gases from power plants.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has abandoned efforts to end the 30-year ripoff of government by fossil fuel companies mining public lands. At a time when even the Pentagon recognizes climate change as real and present threat to national security, the Trump administration remains in denial.

Undermining public education

Under Betsy DeVos, the Department of Education has become the vessel of for-profit plunder. Her budgets seek to use public funds for private school vouchers. Stuningly, the DOE is pushing plans to make it harder for students to repay their college debts, ending or weakening various plans to limit the burden.

Now DeVos is jettisoning rules that require for-profit colleges to provide an education that actually prepares graduates for decent jobs, opening the door for rip-offs like Trump's own notorious university.

Saving worker rights

In one of his first votes, Trump's Supreme Court pick Neil Gorsuch provided the determining vote in the Janus decision that weakened the ability of public employees to organize and bargain collectively.

Trump's Labor Department repealed the Fair Pay and Safe Workplace Rule that required companies with federal contracts to disclose and correct labor and safety violations. It also announced it would not defend Obama's order that increased the number of employees eligible for overtime pay, effectively depriving tens of thousands of workers of a raise.

Tax cuts for the rich, cuts in Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security for the rest

Trump's one main legislative victory - the Republican tax cut - lavishes its benefits on the rich and the corporations. Trump and Republicans are using the deficits they created to push for deep cuts in Medicaid, Medicare and - watch for it if they survive the November election - Social Security.

Trump's budgets call for deep cuts in virtually every program for the vulnerable, including food stamps, affordable housing and more.

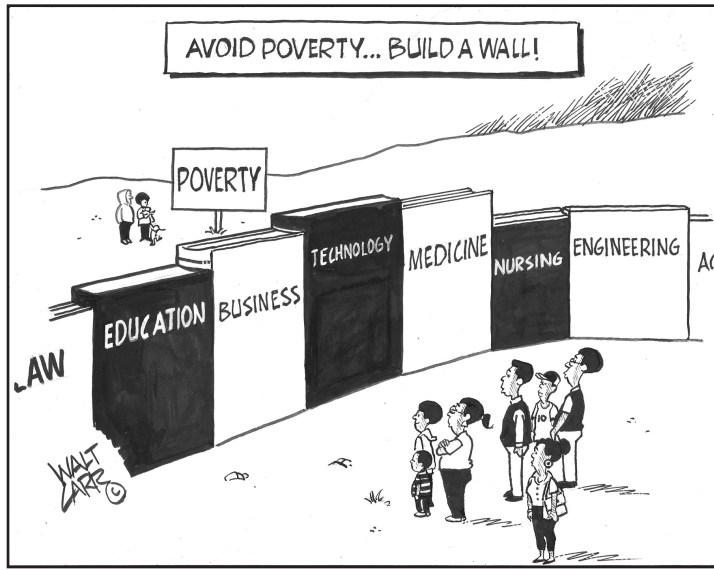
We can't allow ourselves to be distracted by the circus which is the Trump presidency. Under the chaos, Trump's appointees and the Republican Congress are pursuing a radical and very destructive agenda. These measures are incredibly unpopular, or would be if Americans knew about them.

They are done by executive order, by administrative rulings, by judicial decisions, by budget cuts. Their effect is masked by the good economy. But they are incredibly destructive, systematically making America more unequal, undermining equal justice under law and elevating corporate rights over worker rights.

They must be exposed and stopped. The elections this fall will be the first chance to curb this misrule.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

Visual Voice



YOUR VOICE

ENCOURAGE THREE

TRUMP does or tweets something "outrageous" every day, so the press will report on that and not talk about his stealing the election with the help of Russia / Putin. While the press is going in all directions fact-

checking his lies, one reputable man and his team of 19 federal forensic prosecutors are putting together cases that will bring down this dictator. Robert Muller, the special prosecutor, is questioning TRUMP'S "best people," under oath so they dare not tell a lie and slow

walking TRUMP'S path of lies, skirt-chasing, profiteering and other corruption. It is said "if you follow even a 'good' man close enough for months, you will catch him doing something wrong." Hound dogs only needed to follow TRUMP for about 45 minutes. My team's

job is to research all candidates, issues, register and encourage at least three people to vote. Are you ready to jump aboard the VOTING TRAIN TO FREEDOM???

James J. Hankins
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MATTERS OF OPINION

How long?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The world has waited much too long to find out when Americans are going to rescue our nation from the havoc we've witnessed just about daily since #45 and his folks have been in charge of "Making America Great Again." We've agonized through 2017 and now we're almost at the end of 2018 waiting for the end of the agony called the Trump Administration. It just seems to get worse by the day.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

As much as Rachel Maddow has tried to keep us updated on folks who've been pushed out of this Administration that promised to drain the swamp, I've lost track and it seems that Rachel's board has long ago run out of space!

During the past week, we seem to be inching closer

toward a place where even the Republican leaders should be about ready to throw in the towel and confess that the swamp they brought to Washington, DC in January of 2017 is far worse than what they call the swamp they imagined we already had here!

President Barack Obama presided over one of the best Administrations of my life. We didn't have to witness a new scandal every time we turned on the news. We didn't see the President's lawyers and staff pleading guilty or embarrassing the nation on the evening news as though that is the normal thing to do. From 2008 to 2016, we enjoyed the respect and admiration of most people in the world. Now, we look back on those years as the good old days. How long will it take us to get back to days like the Obama years? How long? We pray that the answer is "Not long."

Even those who grumbled during the Obama years are now wishing President Obama could be President again. We have gone from the brilliance and shining light of

the Obama years where we had great hope for an even better world to the deep pit of ignorance, more racism, more misogyny, more crime from so-called leaders, more hopelessness and the list goes on and on.

I dread thinking about what our children must be thinking about the world in which they are now growing up. The Presidency was once something to appreciate, something so awesome that only the few could aspire to become. Now I wonder how many young people look at the current President and wonder who'd want to be like him! The person holding the title of President now is a disgrace to humanity.

No matter what one might think of Omarosa, I pray that she will move a bit faster on releasing the tapes she has of Donald Trump's madness so that it will be clear for even the staunchest supporter of what Trump and his Administration—with emphasis being on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW—are doing to destroy our coun-

try. Omarosa had the foresight to know that one day the tapes would be useful in returning this nation to one that is at least trying to perfect itself. Now that Michael Cohen has confessed his sins and implicated Trump, maybe it's not too long before we'll begin to see the light of day and begin to return to some semblance of sanity. I use the words "some semblance of sanity" because I fear that it will take years to repair the damage we are now witnessing. The Republican leadership seems to have no intention of putting a stop to Trump's madness. Mitch McConnell's and Paul Ryan's silence are plainly giving their consent to what's going on as the Republican Party is dragged deeper into the pits by their leader. How long? Prayerfully not long before this is over.

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Mourning Kofi Annan, remembering Ron Walters

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Kofi Annan made his transition in August. The seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, he worked up from the lower ranks (starting at age 24) of the international organization, to serve as head of peacekeeping operations, and four years into his term as UN Secretary-General, earning the Nobel



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Peace Prize. Annan, born in the kente-weaving province of Kumasi, Ghana, was the first African to lead the United Nations. After leading the UN for a decade, he continued to serve the world in a peacekeeping role through his foundation and in a leadership role in the Elders, a peacekeeping group.

Kofi Annan's contributions to the United Nations are twofold, in my opinion. First, he was committed to peace, and to the UN's peacekeeping role. He saw human rights as more important than "state sovereignty" and felt that the UN had a role in maintaining citizen rights in the face of state brutality. To be sure, he failed to recognize

the threat to human rights in Rwanda (as did the Clinton administration and the rest of the world). Still, he expanded the role of the United Nations by asserting the importance of human rights.

Kofi Annan's second significant contribution was his expanded definition of human rights, which included the fight against global poverty, global warming and AIDS. In other words, he felt that human rights included the right for us all to live in a better world, and he focused on the ways that predatory global capitalism shaped the ways many in the developing world lived. Annan, the consummate diplomat, would not use the same words that I have. But he was passionate in advancing the vision of global politics that was both peaceful and expansive.

In these moments after his transition, African Americans must celebrate the legacy of Kofi Annan. We must commemorate an African man with a global vision by widening our lens to acknowledge our global view of, in the words of the late Dr. Ron Walters (the dean of African American political science) "foreign policy justice". Walters decried inconsistencies in US foreign policy, in the many ways that some nations were favored and others were not, with Israel often having too pre-

ferred a status compared to Palestinian nations, as well as the uneven ways our country chose to intervene in country conflicts. Through the lens of Walters, too little conversation about foreign policy justice took place, and African Americans were too often missing when these conversations took place.

Walters was among those who felt that African American people needed to be more fully involved in the development of US foreign policy, not only around Africa but in general. He was a trusted advisor to Rev. Jesse Jackson, a longtime political science professor at Howard University (and later at the University of Maryland), and a prolific writer and speaker. He embraced the legacy of Kofi Annan and the vision of Afroglobalism. When we embrace Annan, we also recognize the many ways that Dr. Ron Walters was pivotal in lifting awareness of African American people around global issues.

Both Annan and Walters were born in 1938, both would have turned 80 this year (Walters made his transition in 2010). Both provided a foundation of critical thinking around foreign policy issues and foreign policy justice. Thanks to Walters, African Americans embraced foreign policy issues more closely and critically. Thanks to Kofi Annan,

the United Nations began to look at human rights more globally.

I do not hesitate to celebrate the legacy of Kofi Annan, a legacy that the Nobel Prize committee was "an excellent representative of the United Nations and probably the most effective secretary-general in its history." At the same time, when I celebrate Annan's legacy, I remember the legacy of Dr. Ron Walters, the civil rights activist (leading sit-ins in his hometown of Wichita, Kansas), iconic political science professor, and pioneering political activist and advisor to leaders, and submit that his legacy should motivate African Americans to be more fully committed to foreign policy justice. Two men, Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Professor Ron Walters, embraced the vision of a safe, peaceful, equitable world and must be celebrated for it. Their legacy is in contrast to US leadership where our 45th President sows dissent and disparages the countries Annan and Walters so loved as "shithole" countries.

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Is Trump looking out for American workers?

(Via NNPAnews.com)

This may seem strange, but there are apparently unions that feel that President Donald Trump's policies on trade are in the interests of workers in the United States. I am a bit perplexed.

If you leave aside for a moment the horrendous assaults that Trump and his Republican allies have been conducting against

American workers and their unions, it is still difficult to see how Trump's views on trade are helping American workers.

Let's look at the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) for a moment. Trump has repeatedly suggested that the U.S.—as a nation—has been the principal victim of NAFTA; that turns out to be less than true. Workers in the U.S., Canada and Mexico have all been victimized by NAFTA. For instance, NAFTA destroyed Mexican agriculture, and forced a massive migration of Mexican farmers into the cities of Mexico and later to the U.S. Many U.S. manufacturing plants

have closed and gone to border areas of northern Mexico where the workers are underpaid. Canadian companies have left Ontario and moved to the U.S. in search of cheaper labor.

What does Trump say about this? Nothing, as a matter of fact. Instead he acts as if the people of these other countries are out to carve up the U.S. the way that you carve a turkey at Thanksgiving.

This leads to another question. If Trump is squeezing U.S. workers through his judicial appointments, destruction of worker and environmental regulations, and siding with the corporate "Right" against workers, why

would anyone assume that in dealing with NAFTA negotiations or negotiations with China that he would be particularly concerned about the interests of U.S. workers?

I suppose that I look at it this way. If the neighborhood bully regularly assaults me and then one day comes to me and says that "we" should join together against some people on another block, why would I believe them? In fact, why would I believe that my interests and those of the bully are at all aligned?

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES When it's time to let go

The country got the news today that Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) has decided to discontinue his treatment for brain cancer. Though I never agreed with his politics, I respected him for his willingness and capacity to fight overt racism during his bid for the presidency in 2008, and for his courage in standing up to the current president, something few of his colleagues have been willing to do. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrnRU30cIH4>) (<https://www.politico.com/story/2008/10/mccain-obama-not-an-arab-crowd-boos-014479>)

Those who are immersed in the ideology of white supremacy have a difficult time admitting that perhaps their worldview is wrong. McCain got booed by white Conservatives when he stood his ground in telling them that they did not have to be afraid of then-Senator Barack Obama, and, in another instance, that Obama was not an Arab.

While many to most of his Republican colleagues in the House and Senate have bowed shamefully to the bullying tactics of the current president, McCain has never retreated. This president has resented McCain's strength, failing to see and/or appreciate that standing up to a bully takes more strength than this president appreciates. McCain has fought back, but with honor. In spite of being denigrated by candidate Trump, who disparaged McCain's history of being a war hero, McCain has stayed the course.

Now, after fighting an aggressive form of brain cancer for over a year, the senator has decided it is time to let go, and I find it both interesting and troubling that the president's connection to felons who helped him win the presidency, refuses to let go but instead continues his attacks on people whom he deems to be his political enemies.

It is interesting that in this week, where the president's former campaign manager, Paul Manafort, was convicted of eight felonies, and his personal attorney, Michael Cohen, confessed to having committed eight felonies, that even as the chief finance officer of the Trump Organization and the publisher of The Enquirer have been granted immunity by federal prosecutors, that this president refuses to let go.

The president, for all of his bluster, is not very strong. Calling people names and insulting them, as well as bullying any and everyone, is not a sign of strength but rather of deep and extreme insecurity. This man has great wealth but also great fear that he could lose it all. It appears that he has done shady things to get both his wealth and his win in the election, and he knows it. The persistent steps of truth have never stopped moving toward the surface, and this president has heard them. He has worked as hard as he can to push them back, but truth does not give in to being bullied or silence. Sooner or later, truth pushes from the undersides of life, and intrudes into the lives shaped by lies and corruption.

It would be gracious and kind, and respectful to the concept of democracy, if this president would let go, would resign and go take care of the myriad issues confronting him, his family and his businesses. His presidency is malignant, and there is nothing that can be done at this point to stop the malignancy. His quest for power at any cost has brought him to this point.

But it is very likely that he will not let go. He will continue to rile up his base, a base which seems devoted to white supremacy and the preservation of the white race, no matter what. This president will continue to stoke the fires of bigotry and hatred because he knows that in this country that purports to be the "land of the free and the home of the brave," commitment to diversity, equality and fairness for all is weak. He will continue to throw "red meat" to his base, continue to hold rallies whose purpose seems only to keep his angry base angry. He will continue to do and say things to distract people from headlines that put his shallowness, his racism, and his incompetency on front street for all to see.

Yes, it is ironic that the man who this president criticized as being weak for having been a war hero because he got captured, has shown up the president yet again. Sen. McCain is an example of courage and honesty, while this president is his polar opposite. No, I did not agree with McCain's politics, but I respect this man who has stared adversity in the face - both during the war and during the current presidency - and stood his ground.

Would that the president show even a tenth of the strength, courage and honor that McCain has shown. © Susan K Smith
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"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."
--AN AFRICAN PROVERB



TO BE EQUAL

Music and the movement: The lasting legacy of the Queen of Soul

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Aretha helped define the American experience. In her voice, we could feel our history, all of it and in every shade—our power and our pain, our darkness and our light, our quest for redemption and our hard-won respect. She helped us feel more connected to each other, more hopeful, more human. And sometimes she helped us just forget about everything else and dance." —Statement from President and Mrs. Obama on the Passing of Aretha Franklin, August 16, 2018

If you could choose one artist to embody the African-American experience of the 20th century, it would have to be the incomparable Miss Aretha Franklin.

In exchange for her prodigious talent, the American audience gave Franklin 20 No. 1 R&B hits and 17 Top 10 Pop singles. She won 18 Grammy Awards and was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award. She was the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame,



Marc Morial

and was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the National Medal of Arts and the Kennedy Center Honors. And while Americans are well-known for their anti-aristocratic strain, she was universally crowned and internationally known and revered as the Queen of Soul.

But Franklin was more than the sum of awards she amassed over her six decades-long career. Her voice, sweeter than honey, became the soundtrack of a tumultuous time in American history when African Americans, women and other marginalized communities were fighting for equality and justice. Her music demanded R-E-S-P-E-C-T when far too little of it was being shown to women and people of color for far too long.

The song, "Respect," was a minor hit for Otis Redding. According to an autobiographer, once Franklin "deconstructed and reconstructed" it, this two-minute and 30-second long song became her signature, forcing Redding to later admit that, "The girl has taken that song from me." Recorded on Valentine's Day in 1967, what was originally Redding's demand to an unfaithful lover transformed into a soul anthem for social

justice. It was an anchor in the constant ebb and flow of achievements and setbacks—a touchstone that intersected any and all movements, bridging any perceived divides.

Explaining why "Respect" resonated with so many seemingly disparate groups of people, Franklin wrote in her autobiography that, "It was the need of the nation, the need of the average man and woman in the street, the businessman, the mother, the fireman, the teacher—everyone wanted respect."

Using her craft to create change was likely inherited. Aretha Louise Franklin was the daughter of Barbara Siggers Franklin, a celebrated gospel singer and pianist, and C. L. Franklin, a gifted pastor with a radio broadcast who was popularly known as "the man with the million-dollar voice." She was raised by her father, a man who preached Black pride and befriended Martin Luther King Jr. The Franklin household was filled with two things: music and politics, and all these influences found their way into Franklin's art and advocacy.

Franklin was a familiar and comfortable with the movement for civil rights as she was with keys on a piano. She performed at rallies for

Dr. King in an effort to fundraise for the movement. Later, she would also sing at his funeral, performing "Precious Lord," a song Dr. King asked Franklin to perform on countless occasions before his assassination. Like her father, her voice became central in the civil rights movements, with many adding "Respect" and her 1968 hit "Think" to the canon of pivotal protest anthems.

Franklin's presence and popularity were not limited to the 60s or 70s. Whether she was warning freshmen that college was a different world than where they came from, feeling like a "Natural Woman," riding on the "Freeway of Love," or performing a stirring rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" during Barack Obama's 2009 inauguration, multiple generations have its version of Franklin to celebrate and rediscover.

Born in Memphis and raised in Detroit, where she will be laid to rest, Franklin ultimately became an American treasure. Today, heaven may have the Queen of Soul, but forever, forever and ever she—and her music—will stay in our hearts.

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EPA roll-backs will hurt people of color

(Via NNPAnews.com)

President Trump visiting West Virginia to announce a major rollback in regulations limiting coal fired power plant emissions feels like being lost in a dark coal mine, reaching a fork in the tunnel with one direction pitch black and a bright light at the end of the other. The choice seems so obvious and yet the President of the United States of America intentionally heads into the darkness.

At the turn of the millennium we knew for a fact that the planet is warming and that greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide accelerate warming. We were aware of the human contribution and that limiting carbon emissions is the best way for humans to try to avoid catastrophic upheaval.

It took much time and work to get the Clean Power Plan in place that eliminating it is just short of insane. The president's announcement sent me back to our 2002 report "Air of Injustice: African Americans & Power Plant Pollution." The collaboration brought Dr. Joseph Lowery and Dr. Yvonne

Scruggs-Lefwich of the Georgia Coalition for the Peoples' Agenda and Black Leadership Forum, respectively, together with Martha Keating and Angela Ledford Anderson formerly with the Clean Air Task Force and Clear the Air to mobilize and educate the African American community about the impact of power plant pollution on air quality, climate change and public health.

We reported that coal-fired power plants are the largest industrial emitters of a list of pollutants with negative health impacts such as increased asthma, lung disease, premature deaths and even increases in infectious disease. Long before Hurricane Katrina we tried to sound the alarm connecting poverty, race, geography and even insurance status to climate impacts. Scientists tried to explain that while we can't point to any single weather event as evidence of climate change, by the time the pattern is proven it will be too late. We're like slowly boiling frogs unable to grasp the upheaval that climate change is already causing.

We did a poor job of explaining what a global degree Celsius actually means, our hockey stick graphs and bathtub analogies only worked for people who understand climate science. People can't seem to connect floods, drought, fires, hurri-

canes and extreme weather to climate change. We should have stressed the fact that there are only ten global degrees of difference between today's climate and the ice age. We need to break things down in terms everyday people can appreciate. Perhaps we should remind Americans about the days of the Dust Bowl or the water wars between ranchers and farmers featured in western movies.

Looking back the 10 Principles of Just Climate Policy developed by the Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative (a diverse group of 28 US environmental justice, religious, policy and advocacy groups) included in the Air of Injustice appendix should have been featured more prominently. Principle number one: Stop Cooking the Planet and states plainly that, "Global warming will accelerate unless we can slow the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. To protect vulnerable Americans, alternatives must be found for human activities that cause global warming."

If we started there and elevated these principles, there would have been a focus on workers and communities. We were adamant that "no group should have to shoulder the burden alone of transition from a fossil fuel-based economy to a renewable energy-based economy. We had in

mind training and economic development for miners and other displaced workers.

While caring about the needs of local communities down to the individual, it is important to recognize that, "Global Problems Need Global Solutions" and as one of the largest contributors the US should be out front. The Paris Agreement was a major accomplishment. After decades of negotiations finally the whole world was on one accord when it came to the urgent need to collectively work to reduce emissions and adapt to changes that are inevitable. Resilience emerged as a priority given the magnitude of change underway.

We were headed in the right direction. How could we know that the fact that progress was made under America's first Black president, Barack Obama, would usher in a period that is best described as retrograde?

Truth and science are under attack and our most effective weapon is education. There is little that we can do to move those that know better but still make poor choices and head into the darkness. It is up to us to educate and embrace those that do not know better. We know better and it is up to us to do better.

Felicia M. Davis, Director of the HBCU Green Fund and on the boards of Green 2.0 and The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation.

The Black Press: USE It or LOSE It!

New Hanover County

Southeastern NC Central Labor Council will hold a meet and greet on Thursday, September 6th from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at ILA Hall, 1305 S. 5th Ave. Free for Union members and families. Door prizes for the 3 largest union in attendance. For more information contact Herb Harton 910-791-3643.

Williston Last Junior Class of 1968 meetings will be held the 4th Saturday of each month at New Hanover County Museum from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.



Community Briefs

Wilmington Police Department and Maides Park are sponsoring a six week mother/daughter self-defense training. Every Wednesday from September 5th to October 10th WPD officers will lead a one hour class that explores self-defense techniques, discusses situational awareness and offers tips to help protect yourself. The program is a part of an on-going effort to provide free classes to the community. Participants should wear loose fitting clothes, soft sole shoes and should bring a water bottle. Classes will be held at Maides Park, 1101 Manly Avenue. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. Participants must be at least 11 years old. Register online: www.wilmingtonrecreation.com. Questions? Please call 910-341-7867.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Cedar Grove Community in Brunswick County

There was a time when Brunswick County was one of the poorest counties in North Carolina. This was true particularly in the days of President Herbert Hoover. It was a struggle, particularly for African Americans, to survive, especially in the southern states. We struggled from sunrise to sunset, working hard on the farm or wherever else we could find work every day. Children were taught to be good helpers, working hard, not only on the farms, but sometimes in the fish factory.

Verniece Stanley

Those who lived on the farms raised vegetables and produce. Others raised farm animals, especially chickens, hogs, and other livestock.

Those who lived near the waters usually went fishing with the family for whatever sea was available. This, not only provided food for the family, but provided money that could be saved to help better homes in which to live and assist in securing a better education for the children. The main thing which has helped bring us through has been the help we've been willing to give to each other who have gone through difficult times. If our children are to be rescued, it must be through the cooperation of parents, teachers, and other community agencies, joining together to assist them in acquiring the necessary materials and skills to become successful in a viable career or profession.

Communities must come together and help one another overcome the damage done by the various vicious storms which we have been experiencing and which we expect

to continue to experience. These can create much destruction and many heart-breaking situations. If we are blessed to escape safely with our lives, that, in itself, is much for which to be thankful, for we always must remember that it might have been the other way.

When misfortune does result from nature's unruliness, it is a good thing for the community to get together to help one another make it through. All kinds of good relationships can grow out of such situations. Someone must take the leadership role and reach out, offering viable and valuable aid. Then, no doubt, others will join in and follow in his or her footsteps.

When one of us in trouble, we're all in trouble! No man is an island! No man stands alone!

Each man's joy is joy to me! Each man's grief is my own! We need one another, so I will defend,

Each man as my brother, Each man as my friend.... When I help my brother, Then I know that I, Plant the seed of friendship that shall never die.

-Portion of song by Joan Baez

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.

Edvis wins first pro fight



Pro Boxer Edvis (Hands on Deck) Galloway out of Wilmington NC, No Limit Boxing Gym - had his first PRO Fight in Fayetteville NC on August 18th at Fort Bragg Sports Center and WON! 1st round KO(Knock out)

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

"Hold or Fold"

Investor Series: Beginner tips. What is real estate investing? Saw this definition in The Balance article and it's to the point so let me share it.. "Simply stated, when investing in real estate, the goal is to put money to work today and allow it to increase so that you have more money in the future. The profit, or "return," you make on your real estate investments must be enough to cover the risk you take, taxes you pay, and the costs of owning the real



Brenda Dixon

estate investment such as utilities, regular maintenance, and insurance. Real Estate investing can be as conceptually simple as playing monopoly when you understand the basic factors of the investment, economics, and risk. To win, you buy properties,

avoid bankruptcy, and generate rent so that you can buy even more properties. However, keep in mind that "simple" doesn't mean "easy." If you make a mistake, consequences can range from minor inconveniences to major disasters. You could even find yourself broke or worse." My friends every word of that is factual so take heed. There are 4 ways to invest in real estate, Real Estate Appreciation, Cash Flow Income, Real Estate Related

Income, and Ancillary Real Estate Investments Income. Let's start with Real Estate Appreciation. This is the method of buying the property with the intentions of holding it for a while. The goal is to benefit from the rise in value as the months go on. That is great and works as long as no unexpected turn happens in the market or unforeseen changes in that area occurs that brings the value down. These types of properties tend to be good returns espe-

cially when you steadily lease them out. You then benefit from the monthly cash flow as well as the appreciation of the property. Our local market has a very robust rental climate and finding tenants will not be an issue. Make sure to do as much research on potential tenants to safeguard your investment. I've seen some run a house into the ground in 12 months, lol. Oh yes, do your due diligence and consider hiring a rental company to handle it for you. Most

investors have found that this yields better screened tenants and keeps the condition of their property due to the regular inspections made by management. Many say that is worth the management fee all day. Until next week, share this article with 3 people and reach out for your FREE personalized action plan to OWN in 18 mos. or less. *Brenda Dixon, Dixon Realty Since 1991, 27 yrs. F/T expertise. Brenda@getthatdeed.com. 910-262-4836.*

Mortgage industry leaves millions of prospective home buyers on the table

September conference aims to increase homeownership and financial capability

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

The home mortgage industry across the U. S., now on "sound footing" since the crisis of 2007, is still leaving prospective homeowners behind, according to a recent Harvard University study.

"By many metrics, the U.S. housing market in 2018 is on sound footing," said Chris Herbert, managing director of the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies in the center's annual State of the Nation's Housing report. "But a number of challenges highlighted in the first 'State of the Nation's Housing' report 30 years ago persist today, and in many respects the situation has worsened for both the lowest-income Americans and those higher up the income ladder."

This dearth in homeownership - largely affecting African-Americans - is the reason that an upcoming annual conference is crucial says Marcia Griffin, founder and president of HomeFree-USA a leader in home mortgage counseling. The 14th Annual HomeFree-USA Reaching Millions conference is set for Sept. 17-19 in Washington, D.C.

The inspirational, educational and leadership development conference will feature

nationally renowned speakers. They include author/speaker Stedman Graham, the Rev. Jamal-Harrison Bryant; Gospel artist Bishop Marvin Sapp; and the Rev. Dr. DeForest Blake "Buster" Soaries, Jr., all aiming to teach and inspire financial independence and debt free lifestyles.

"This conference is a very important gathering of leaders - nonprofit, faith-based, government, mortgage and banking leaders," says Griffin. "It's crucial in order to elevate the issue of homeownership in general but also the financial stature of people of color specifically. This conference delivers new ideas to capture the millions of potential homebuyers who want to buy but need guidance and encouragement. The unique aspect of the conference will be a mixture of education and inspiration with a goal of establishing a synergy for partnerships," Griffin says.

"We will all come together to learn from each other, and gain ideas to increase mortgage approvals and reduce denials among people of color," Griffin continues. "It is going to take partners working together to give homebuyers the kind of guidance they need to sustain homeownership and weather

the financial challenges that arise in life."

The conference is designed to:

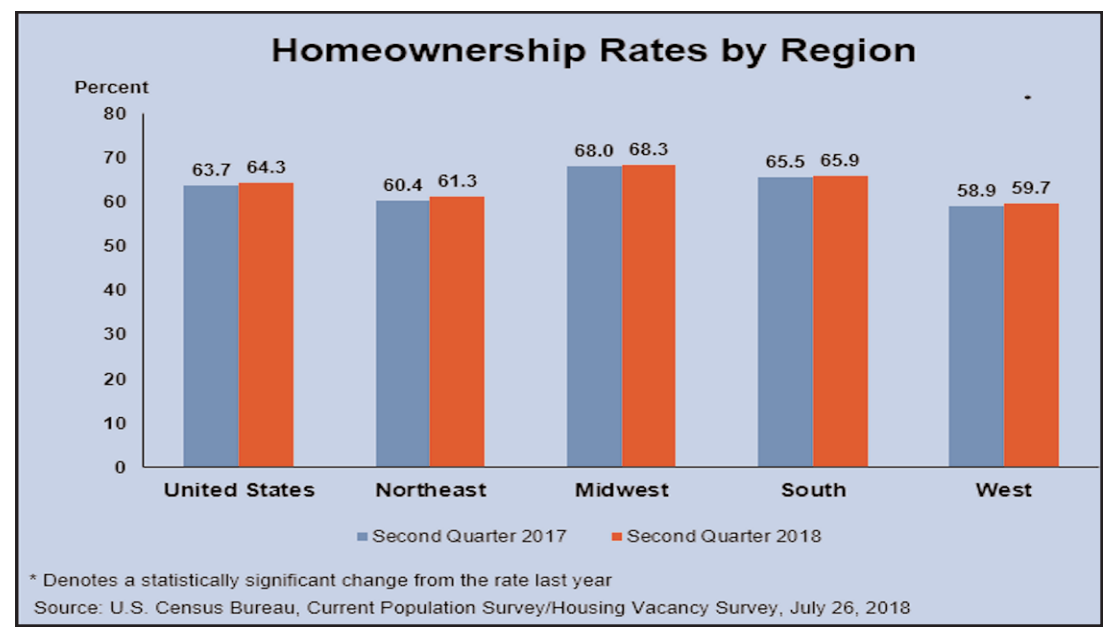
- Increase homeownership and financial success among low-to-moderate income people.
- Elevate the stature and increase the impact of government, nonprofit and for-profit housing and homeownership providers
- Create and strengthen public/private partnerships

Reaching Millions is for professionals and leaders whose focus is on:

- Affordable lending
- Increasing homeownership in low-to-moderate income communities
- Personal and professional leadership development
- Developing new public and private partnerships to further their mission and expand affordable housing
- Ways to reach more qualified homebuyers

According to the latest stats from the U. S. Census Bureau, general homeownership rates in the second quarter of 2018 revealed significant room for growth. Overall, the rate is 64.3 percent in the second quarter of 2018, growing slightly by .6 percent from the first quarter.

However, a closer look at the Census Bureau breakdown of



HOMEOWNERSHIP RATES BY REGION

the homeownership rate by race shows communities of color still lagging far behind White homeowners, despite historic efforts to close the gap, including the Fair Housing Act of 1968. According to the Census Bureau, the following are the current stats broken down by race:

- Non-Hispanic White householders was highest at 72.9 percent.
- Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander householders was second at 58.0 percent.

•Hispanic householders was at 46.2.

•Black householders was lowest at 41.6 percent.

"Although the changes in homeownership by race and ethnicity were seen as mostly positive, Black households are the one group that has made no appreciable progress," says the Harvard Joint Center study.

This conference contributes to the efforts to turn these deplorable statistics around. Conference attendees will leave with a roadmap, partner-

ships and resources to capture the homebuyers that we are leaving behind. Working together the mortgage industry, nonprofits and government leaders will be able to deliver the tools families need to become successful homeowners.

More information about the conference can be found at www.HomeFreeUSA.org/rm2018. Contact MilanG@homefreeusa.org for information on a limited number of discounted registrations.

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Sarah L. Sanders

Sarah L. Sanders was born on April 30, 1932, the daughter of Junious and Louise Hollie of Hartsville, South Carolina. She entered into rest on Friday, August 10, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at Masonboro Sound. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Sarah graduated from Rosenwald High School in Society Hill, South Carolina.

She married her soul mate the late Burnett A. Sanders, Sr. on April 2, 1957, in Prince George County, Maryland.

Sarah supported her husband's military endeavors in the United States Air Force by traveling to meet him in Japan with their son Burnett Jr. While living in Japan, two daughters were born, Carolyn and Deborah.

A devoted wife and mother, Sarah dedicated her time to nurturing her family with wisdom and love. She was a fabulous cook, homemaker and entertainer. Many guests, whether they were family members, service members, exchange/college students or young professionals, were welcomed into her home and benefited from her care and hospitality.

She held numerous jobs throughout her life from working in food preparation to serving customers as a waitress in the restaurant at Cape Fear Country Club.

After retiring from the latter position, she continued to work at various New Hanover County School cafeterias and at Spring Arbor Senior Living.

She was a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Masonboro Sound, where she served as head of the usher board for many years.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three children, Burnett A. Sanders Jr. (Lorrionica) of Columbus, Ohio; Carolyn Sanders Adiko (Amoncho) of Wilmington and the Ivory Coast; and Deborah M. Sanders Murray (David) of Honolulu, Hawaii. Three grandchildren: Courtney Adiko, Terrence Adiko, and Phylcia Murray; four sisters: Virginia Hollie, Betty Hollie, Gloria Hollman, Janie Bennett (James), and one brother, Maec Hollie all of Baltimore, Maryland; one brother-in-law David Sanders of Wilmington; three sisters-in-law, Marie Lawrence of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Elizabeth Evans of Wilmington; and Carlotta Tyree of Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania; and a host of 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.com.*

Jessie J. Gore

On August 16, 2018, Jessie James Gore entered into eternal rest at Silver Stream Nursing Facility in Wilmington, N.C. Jessie lived to be 90 years old. Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home.

On April 24, 1928 Jessie was born to the late Joseph and Patsy Gore. He was 1 of 10 children, 6 siblings (Ralph, Joseph, John, Jane, Geraldine, and Shirley) preceded him in death.

Jessie was born in Mt. Olive, N.C., but he was a life-long resident of Wilmington, N.C. In his early years he drove the bus for the State Port, scrapped metal and sold cars.

He later orchestrated a fruit stand on 3rd Street for many years. He met and married his wife Sarah Smith Gore and remained married to her until she was called home in 1988. If any of you knew him, he was an unbending, uncompromising, die hard old fashioned, and a stubborn man. Once his mind was set on any task or he made a decision he was not one to compromise or be flexible. He meant what he said. He had one of the biggest hearts in the world and he would give you his last talking smack. He was determined to drive again and go back to work at the age of 86. He had a big personality that everyone will always remember. We should also remember his strength, loving kindness and his stubbornness.

Jessie leaves to cherish his memory three children: Ernell (Emily) Gore, Sr. of Leland, N.C., Harold Lynn Gore and Melissa Prather, of Wilmington, N.C.; sisters, Rosetta Gore, Julia (Lonnice) Brock of Wilmington, N.C., Rebecca Teachy of Fayetteville, N.C.; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Cassandra, James, Ernell, Jr., Kevin, Quentin, Donald and Calissa; three sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, great grands and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, 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.com.*

Quashon D. McRae

Quashon D'Juan McRae, age 25 of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, August 16, 2018. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

We are all God's children. From the morning hour of birth, He let us live and laugh, love and be loved and have our happy and sad days on earth.

Because of this, life begins, life moves on and life ends. So it was

with Quashon D'Juan McRae. He was born in Wilmington, NC on June 5, 1993 to Duana Robinson and Clyde J. McRae.

Quashon attended Hoggard High School where he loved playing basketball and football and also attended First Baptist Church when he lived with his grandmother Barbara.

Quashon is survived by his mother; Duana Robinson of Wadesboro, NC and his father Clyde J. McRae of New York, NY; four beautiful daughters, Qua'Syah, London, Gabrielle and Miya; grandmothers, Dentrail Robinson Hollis (George) and Barbara Adger DeVane (Eugene); one brother, Tai'jon Robinson; two sisters, Octavia Robinson and Cecelia Robinson, and a host of other family 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.com.*

Thurman K. Grady

Thurman K. Grady, age 67, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Mr. Grady's life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 1, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Grady Family 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.com.*

Ms. Geraldine Bernice Lamb

In Wilmington, North Carolina on January 17th, 1945 a precious child of God was born and they named her...Geraldine B.

Beloved and cared for by her parents Sarah A. Thomas Beckett and Lewis Beckett, Sr., and co-reared by her grandmother, Annie Mae Thomas more affectionately known as "Ma-Mimi. Geraldine was born into a very large and close-knit family, as the second eldest of nine siblings 4 sisters and 5 brothers and a host of cousins who were often more like siblings. After high school, Geraldine began her migration to the North where she spent a couple years in Cleveland, Ohio with her Aunt Stella and her cousins Kenny and Ronnie Thatch who have always considered her as their sister.

In 1971 Gerri met Robert Sinkfield together they moved the family to Castle Hill. In 1975 a new addition to the family was born and she was named Samantha. It was Samantha's birth that changed Gerri's focus and she became more intentional about building her community, which included working as a volunteer for New York State Senator Joseph L. Galiber. It was there as a mentee Gerri developed a passion for politics and began bonds that would last a lifetime. As God would have it Gerri found greater opportunity in 1980 and she was commissioned to be the Director for the Community Development Agency.

Gerri Lamb deeply cherished by her family is survived by her children George, Cheryl, Samantha and Peter. Her 10 grandchildren Shanice Elliot Lamb, Marcus A. Lamb, Shaun Lavin, Sahrasia A. Guity, Sariah A. Noiis, Solomon R.G. Cruz, Michael Holcomb, Christian and Aaron Rosato, Angela Rosario and her five great-

grandchildren Brian Melvin, Jazayah Elliott, Nyair Lamb, Raelyn Guity-Scott and most recently Oliver Lavin and beloved pet and grand cat Porrie. Siblings William A. Thomas of the Bronx NY, Larry D & Marian Y. Beckett of Wilmington, NC, D. Elaine Beckett of Charlotte, NC, Gail E. Beckett of Wilmington, NC Terry W. Beckett of Wilmington, NC a host of loving cousins, nieces, nephews, adopted sons and daughters, cherished friends, her beloved church family BCCPF and the Castle Hill Community.

A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at Ephesus SDA Church. Interment in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Harry Lee Ballard, Sr. "Bud"

Harry Lee Ballard, Sr. "Bud" was called home Friday, August 17, 2018 at NHRMC surrounded by loved ones. He entered into this world on October 31, 1934 to Willie Ballard and Rebecca Ballard. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at St. Matthews Church, Leland, NC. Burial followed in the Robinson Cemetery, Phoenix Community.

Harry was the owner and operator of Ballard Community Grocery Store. He was joined in holy matrimony to Lessie Mae Ballard, who preceded him in death, for 63 years. He was preceded in death by his daughters, Cynthia Bell, Jennifer Lowery, Pernela Ballard Munn and Ethel Lewis.

Surviving to cherish his memory are: his children, Willie Mae Ballard, Harry Lee Ballard, Jr., Judiette Ballard, Barbara Davis and Reginald Lewis; sons-in-law, Robert Munn and Warren Bell; siblings, Walter Ballard (Jacqueline), Marvin Ballard (Earlease), Earnest Grady (Roxie) and Lula Brostow; Grandchildren Ricardo Lowery (Pamela), Geraldo Lewis, Tyrell Munn, Donna Walker (Larry), Mark Lowery, Jr. (Emily), Christopher Bell (Jacqueline), Tymothie Munn, Ebony Edwards, and Eva Munn; special grandchild, Ashantia Ballard; eleven great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; special friends, Rev. & Mrs. Acie Robinson, Johnny Cobbs and Paul Dowe, Sr. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Queen Ester Lucas

Queen Ester Lucas, daughter of the late James Wilson and Mable Garris, was born July 30, 1936 in Summerton, SC. She departed this life Sunday, August 19, 2018 at North Chase Rehabilitation and Nursing Center Memorial Services were held Friday, August 24, 2018 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel.

She moved to North Carolina as a small child with her mother and settled in Wilmington, NC. She was educated in the New Hanover County Public Schools. Later, she was employed at Corbett Packaging Co. until she retired. She was loved, admired and adored by so many. She was a passionate and loving person who would give her all to help anyone. She was passionate about her family and friends, but especially her sisters. She was married to Charles Lucas who preceded her in death. They had six children.

She was preceded in death by James Garris and Michael Lucas. She leaves to cherish her memory; Mable Garris (Ronald Bethea),

Leon Garris, Shannon Lucas, Angela Lucas, all of Wilmington, NC; four sisters, Lillie Holmes (Mack), Beulah Wilson (Donald), Roberta Brown (Charles), Emma Yancey (Roger); grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dr. Brenda Gail Robinson Ezell "Gail"

Dr. Brenda Gail Robinson Ezell "Gail" departed this life on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at NHRMC in Wilmington, NC.

She was affectionately addressed by friends and loved ones as Gail; by her classmates as Brenda or by her colleagues as Dr. She was born July 4, 1951 to Elder Thomas D. Robinson and Ollie Bell Price Robinson and Sara Price Stewart.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Price

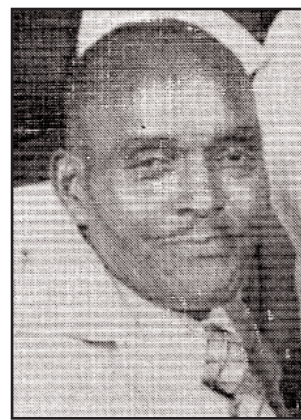
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In Loving Memory Of
"Our Mother"

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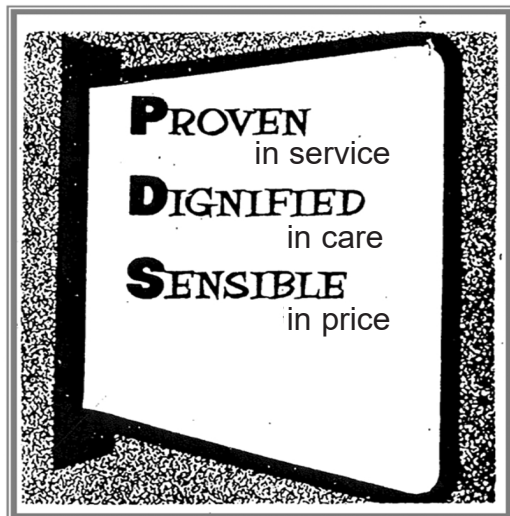
King Frank Dixon
Sunrise: September 1, 1918
Sunset: February 15, 1996

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have is memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping, I have you in my heart.

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New Hanover County

Church Women United will be having the Area III Meeting on Friday, September 14th at St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church. The address is 1416 Market Street, Wilmington, NC. POT LUCK. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Sign In 11:00 a.m. Meeting. All are welcome. Further information: Contact Angel Priscilla Laster Dualeh at 910-833-0167.



New Jerusalem MBC, 504 S 6th St, will hold revival nightly at 7:00 p.m. on Sept.5th- Rev.Cary Godwin-St.James MBC- Bolivia; Sept.6th- Rev.Richard Robinson- Central Baptist; Sept.7th- Rev.Carnell Stringfield- Christian Chapel #1.

Religious Briefs

The Better St. Phillip A ME Zion Church will be celebrating their Pre Church Anniversary on Sunday September the 9th at 4:00 p.m. The Rev. Christopher Jones and the Saulsbury A.ME Zion Church Family of Wilson N.C. will be the choir and special guests. For more information, call 910-200-4953 or 910-540-4406.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church will hold their 'First Biking for Christ' celebration on Sunday, September 2nd at 8:00 a.m. Rev. Charles Jacob of First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church of Riegelwood, NC will render service. Fellowship breakfast immediately after worship service followed by a 15/20 mile ride. All bikers are welcome. Everyone is invited.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Women of Faith Ministry will presents "Remembering Aretha Franklin, A Celebration of Life" at 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 31, 2018. Pastor Priscilla L. Jackson of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church; Council NC is the guest speaker. Refreshments served. Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC.

Pender County

Full Gospel Christian Church of Burgaw, Pastor Javon Hankins will be holding a Back to School community outreach on September 8th at 12 noon. Located at 307 South Vann St, Burgaw. There will be a bounce house, free food, games, and back to school supplies. Inviting everyone to come out and participate. For more information call 910-259-1638.

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TELL SOMEBODY

"Integrity - Have you considered my servant job"

"Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know my integrity." Job 31:6

Integrity - Honesty; Soundness of moral character
Character- Quality of honesty and courage (Who you are when no one is looking)
Reputation - How one is publicly recognized in name or standing (What others think of you)

In the book of Job, we see a Servant of the Lord who took and passed the "Integrity Test" after suffering multiple trials and tribulations. The Bible said he was perfect and upright before the Lord and he feared God and shunned (avoided) evil. He had a good reputation, but it was not his reputation that re-deemed him. It was his character that Saved him and made the devil out to be a liar. Job possessed a level of integrity that was so high, God gave Satan permission to try him in the fire of pain and suffering.

A Servant of the Lord must avoid the seduction of being a public success and a private failure at the same time. A Christian without integrity is like a car without a motor.



Sylvia Hooper

You may look good on the outside, but you cannot accomplish what you were built and designed to do. Your gifts and calling will never be fully realized without the main ingredient of Integrity!

Job 2:3, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth a perfect and an upright man, one who fears God, and hates evil? And still he holds fast his integrity, although you moved me against him to destroy him without cause."

God not only knows the reputation of his Servants. He also knows their true character. (private thoughts and deeds) He knew what was in Job's heart and he knew that Job would pass the test! God had so much confidence in Job's integrity, God recommended the testing of his Servant Job that shook Job to his inner core.

Job held on to his integrity even though his losses were catastrophic and his pain was debilitating. Job held on to his righteousness and his faith in God even though he did not understand what was happening to his life. Hebrews 10:23, says "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering for he is faithful who promised." Job lost his children, his servants, his cattle, his health and strength. His marriage appeared to be hanging on by a thread. His wife echoed the sentiments of Satan his accuser, when she told Job to curse God and die! (Job 1:11)

David said in Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise will continually be in my mouth." "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Job 1:22. David the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 25:21, "Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on you."

The true character of Job was revealed in his time of testing, because he refrained from sinning against God or charging God foolishly. Job retained God in the integrity of his heart. "Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in my integrity. I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide."

Servant of the Lord, you probably will never know suffering of the magnitude of Job, the Lord's Servant, but there will be a season of suffering for each and every one of us. It does not matter what your reputation is, when it comes to pleasing God. The question is, what is your True character? Do you possess INTEGRITY when no one is watching? We know what God said about Job from reading the scripture. What is God saying about you?

What if God said, Have you considered my Servant.... And looked toward you?

Job was rewarded for retaining his integrity by God himself. (Job 42:12-17). In the end, Job received total restoration, mentally, physically, spiritually, and materially. Servant of the Lord, always remember. God sees. He Knows. He cares for you. Whatever you may lose in this life. Do not lose your Faith in God. Do not lose your Integrity. 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!

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Cathedral AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Wilmington, NC.

After graduating high school in the Class of 1968 at Williston Sr. High School, she attended Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, AL, graduating in 1972. She began the year-long Medical Technology Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She married Toronzo Dawson Ezell in 1973 and moved to Huntsville, AL to begin her career at Medical Center Hospital as a registered medical technologist. There she had her daughters Toronya and Terricka. Then, she decided to pursue her Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from Meharry Medical School of Dentistry. She and her co-worker, Dr. Maria Williamson-Dennis opened Horizons Dental Care, P.C. in Madison Alabama and later Horizons Dental Concepts. In 2015, she became the Chief Dental Officer at MedNorth Health Center in Wilmington, NC. When Dr. Ezell was not at work or church, she was traveling with family and friends or at the seaside, meditating and relaxing or gathering materials for the short stories that she loved to write. Gail leaves a legacy of love, faith and strength to those who came her way.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elder Thomas D. Robinson, Ollie Bell Price Robinson and Sara Price Steward. She is survived by two daughters, Toronya K. Ezell and Terricka G. Ezell; two sisters, Cynthia Sterwart-McDuffie (James) and Pamela Bell (David); two nieces, Tremecia B. Wilson and Tawana Stewart-McDuffie; one nephew, Tyrus Stewart (Traci); special cousins, Janie Reed Baker and Sandra Price; Bernard Price, Gracie Redfern (Alton), and a host of other cousins, friends and colleagues. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

King David Troy, "KD"

King David Troy, "KD" entered into eternal peace Sunday, August 19, 2018 at NHRMC in Wilmington, NC.

He was born October 5, 1937 in Acme, NC to the late McDonald and Lottie Troy. Funeral Services were held Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Spring Green Church Cemetery.

KD was preceded in death by his wife, Minea Lee Troy; two brothers, McDonald Troy, Jr. and Franklin Troy; two sisters, Patricia Lucille Rose and Eleanor Ray Troy. He graduated High School from Armour High School as Valedictorian of his class. He played baseball in high school and entered the Military immediately after graduation. He served for 16 years in the U.S. Army. In 1961, he married Minea Lee Smith. To this union two children were born. He was a faithful member of Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church. Upon retiring,

KD spent his time helping others in need by picking up Angel Food and distributing it.

KD leaves to cherish his memory; two sons, David (Angela) Troy and Leonard Freeman; two brothers, James and Joe Troy; 3 grandchildren Diamond, Brittney and Ariyanna; two sisters-in-law, Margie Ryans and Sarah Jacobs; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; special son and daughter, Rev. Michael and Sis. Belinda Weatherly; special cousins, Georgia Bell Monroe, Rev. Michael Jackson and Gloria Lee McCaskill; special friends, Saniyh Brown, Glennis Hansley, Mary Graham, Linda Granger, Terrie Jordan, Shirley Murphy, Cyretta Page, Deirdre Woods and Emma Zimmerman. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Betty Jean Boyd-Keeling

Betty Jean Boyd-Keeling was the daughter of the late Elijah and Lottie Boyd, born June 19, 1939 in Bishopville, SC. She was called to rest in her home Monday, August 20, 2018.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, August 25, 2018 at St. James AME Church. Burial followed in Bradley-Robinson Memorial Gardens, Ivanhoe, NC. She was preceded in death by her brothers, James Boyd, Elijah Boyd, Jr., Willie James Boyd, and Jesse Boyd; sisters, Juanita Richardson, Lila Mae Murphy, Bertha Mae Boyd, Pearl Green and Bernice Abraham. She attended public schools in Bishopville, SC At a young age, she moved to Wilmington, NC. Her career spanned 40 years at McDonald's where she was known as the "Biscuit Lady." Betty was a lady who loved to smile, always had a humble spirit, and always loved the Lord.

She leaves behind 3 daughters, Gloria (Esbie) Davis, Rhonda Michelle (Roy) Devane and Vicke (Tyrone) Foy; one son, Tommy (Teresa) Boyd, Sr.; one sister, Ms. Patricia Ann Moody; one sister-in-law, Ms. Mae Ella Boyd; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Tonia Lashun Coker

Tonia Lashun Coker died August 25, 2018. Funeral Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 30, 2018 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be 1 Hour prior to the funeral service at the Chapel. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

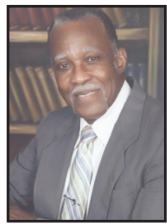
Glenda Felder

Glenda Felder died August 25, 2018 at Virginia Commonwealth Hospital, Richmond, VA. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 1, 2018 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:30 PM Friday at J. H., Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Whose report will you believe?

Matthew 23:23-25 (KJV) 23 "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. 24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but within they are full of extortion and excess".



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

The hypocrisy of the black community shows up again in black pastors who were against black pastors who met with President Donald Trump as though that is the worst thing a fellow pastor can do. The worst thing a black pastor can do is to ignore the crisis of the Black community. The Killing of the unborn or the genocide of the race, the black on black homicide rate in the major cities and the cheating of men on their wives with other women are out of control. Rather, we are focusing our attention on Mr. Trump as to whether or not he is a racist. The problems of Black America existed long before he became president. It existed when we had eight years of a Black President and there were no changes in the conditions within the Black community. Are we going to call Mr. Obama a racist?

We, the church, have the answer through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, according to Romans 1:16-17, (KJV) 16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every-one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith". The Power of the Gospel overcame the greatest empire that ever existed, the Roman Empire. Personally, I don't have the time to debate whether Mr. Trump is a racist. If he is, we don't have the power within ourselves to change his heart but there is a power that is available to us: Prov. 21:1. (KJV) "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water:

he turneth it whithersoever he will."

If we pastors would come together and pray rather than fight each like crabs in a bucket, we could turn things around according to the Word of God. I want to paraphrase this text 2Chron. 7:14(KJV)14

If my (black) people, which are called by my name (sons of God, Christians), shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land".

First, the Black community is a diverse community of all shades and colors: black, brown, yellow and white! By religion or denomination we are Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, Seven day Adventist, Catholics, Muslims and Buddhists. Educationally, we are doctors, lawyers, professors, teachers, senators, judges, college students, military personnel, retirees and the list continues. These make up the Black community. We can't put us all in the same mold. Whatever your convictions are may not be like others. We don't all agree on what the Bible teaches, that's why we attend different denominations. Should I condemn you because you are a Baptist, Methodist, or Pentecostal, that would be foolish?

Those Pastors who met with Mr. Trump had every right to do so of their own volition and those who chose not to meet with him have every right also of their own volition. All Black people are not Democrats, some are Republicans and some are Independents, therefore, their views or agenda may differ. I personally refuse to criticize these pastors, somebody needs to stand in the gap to start a dialogue with this administration, I will applaud them rather than condemn them.

Secondly, President Donald Trump is not a part of the Washington establishment. He is not a Harvard or Yale Graduate and has never held a public office like mayor, senator, or governor. Yes, his public behavior is not the norm for politicians. And I disagree with many things he says and does. But I also agree with him on many of the policy changes he has made.

I have also disagreed with many things President Obama did as well as agreed with some of the things he did in his eight years as president.

Thirdly, the question should be asked, is the Black

community better off after eight years of a Black president; what did he do for the black community? Did he address the black on black crime, did he make an appeal to his own black community in the city of Chicago which had the highest rate of homicide in the nation. What was his greatest accomplishment in the White House? He did change the culture of this country into a Sodom and Gomorrah, a nation which God destroyed from the face of the earth because of it's immoral lifestyle. It's behavior was below the animal kingdom. That same kind of behavior undermines the moral fabric of this country, and especially the Black family that was already in disarray by the great welfare plan. The crisis of Black America is spiritual. Therefore, it's greater than Mr. Trump, it was greater than Mr. Obama and greater than any elected official. It is, therefore, the mission of the church. The Black church within its communities, need to rise up in the power of the Holy Spirit, which is available to the church for the defeat of Satan, our enemy.

Ephe. 6:10-18, (KJV)10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.11, Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints";

The Black community can only be changed, from within, there is no political solution, and as long as we are looking to the Democratic Party or any Party to save us, we will not be saved! We've had eight years of Bill Clinton, eight years of

George Bush and eight years of Mr. Obama. I will ask this question again, whose report will you believe!

Jere.33:2-3 2, " Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name;3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (He's speaking to us).

Isa. 40:21-22 (KJV)2 "Have ye not known? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?22, It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in": Vs.28-31, " 28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. .30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint!" (the Black community)

Isa.45:18-19, 18, "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right".Vs.21-22, 21, Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.22, Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. "He that hath an ear to hear let him what the Spirit says to the church." (The Black church) Amen!

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

National prison strike sheds light on harsh inmate treatment

BY BARRINGTON M. SALMON

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In an extraordinary display of defiance, inmates from penal institutions in 17 states and Canada have gone on strike to protest treatment by prison guards and rejection of a system they condemn as brutal and abusive.

Prison reform advocates say the 19-day strike is the biggest of its type in history. Among the protestors' 10 demands are that they be treated like human beings, that the arbitrary use of force and punitive measures by guards be scaled back and that prison officials put in place measures that will give them a greater say in affairs that concern and affect them.

The strike began on August 21 and is slated to end on Sept 9.

The 19 days of peaceful protest was organized largely by prisoners themselves, said a spokesman for Jailhouse Lawyers Speak (JLS), steered by an abolitionist coalition that includes Jailhouse Lawyers Speak, the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC), the Fire Inside Collective, Millions for Prisoners and the Free Alabama Movement.

JLS activists began preparing the action in April after prison officials in South Carolina put rival gangs in the same dormitory which ignited an outbreak of violence leav-

ing seven inmates dead.

Representatives of the largely Black population of striking prisoners said inmates are refusing to work in prison buildings, kitchens, laundries and on prison grounds. Palestinian inmates have expressed solidarity and about 300 prisoners in Nova Scotia, Canada also joined the strike.

Nicole Porter, director of Advocacy for The Sentencing Project, called the strike unprecedented, saying that it's a cry by inmates to be seen and heard.

"We've had strikes and prison actions in the past, but the scale of this strike is new. We've seen incidents of in-prison activism and organized acts of resistance but we're in new territory for this," she said. "This strike is important to look at because it is a response to clashes in a South Carolina prison and severely inhumane conditions there and elsewhere. We need to recognize that people don't lose humanity when they're behind bars. Resistance is a part of US history. They carry history and the history of activism. It's important for officials to listen to these activists and seriously consider some of their recommendations."

A JLS statement released before the strike, said, "Fundamentally, it's a human rights issue... Prisoners understand they are being treated as animals. Prisons in America are a warzone. Every day prisoners are harmed due to conditions of confinement.

For some of us, it's as if we are already dead, so what do we have to lose?"

Bill Fletcher, Jr., a veteran labor union organizer, said the strike highlights the problem of widespread abuses in the prison system that generally go unnoticed by the larger society, which he believes harbors a deep-seated bias against people behind bars.

"I think this is really quite phenomenal," he said of the strike action. "The problem is that it has gotten so little attention but the attention it has gotten is significant. The larger problem is that we are a society that believes in vengeance, not justice. People's general position is, 'Don't do the crime if you can't do the time.'"

Fletcher adds, "A related issue is that the prisoners, because they are for the most part people of color, they are denied their human rights and humanity."

Fletcher, a talk show host, author and racial justice, labor and international activist, said there has been a slow erosion of prisoner rights since the 1970s and the emergence of the belief that rehabilitation is a waste of time and unfair to those who aren't in prison.

In an August 22 press conference, media representatives of the striking inmates said information about the scope of the strike would trickle in slowly.

"We want to note that although there aren't widespread reports of actions coming out of prisons, people need to understand that the tactics

being used in this strike are not always visible," said Jared Ware a freelance journalist who was asked to be part of team that coordinated with the press. "Prisoners are boycotting commissaries, they are engaging in hunger strikes which can take days for the state to acknowledge, and they will be engaging in sit-ins and work strikes which are not always reported to the outside. As we saw in 2016, Departments of Corrections are not reliable sources of information for these actions and will deny them and seek to repress those who are engaged in them."

Ware said, "We have spoken with family members who have suggested that cell phone lines may be jammed at multiple prisons in South Carolina. And New Mexico had a statewide lockdown yesterday. The departments of corrections in this country are working overtime to try and prevent strike action and to try and prevent word from getting out about actions that are taking place."

Although the United States represents one-fifth of the world's population, 2.3 million people are incarcerated, the highest in the world. Estimates are that about 60 percent of that population is African-American or Latino. Those numbers could ratchet up with Attorney General Jeff Sessions, at the behest of President Donald Trump, relaunching the failed War on Drugs and giving state attor-

neys and law enforcement the green light to crack down on criminal suspects even for non-violent crimes, critics believe.

The Prison-Industrial Complex is a sprawling entity that relies heavily on inmates' labor to produce goods and services for an assortment of companies, including major businesses and corporations such as Whole Foods, Starbucks, McDonalds, Wal Mart, Victoria's Secret and AT&T.

While it is a more than \$2 billion enterprise, many inmates literally work for pennies and others labor for free, said Dr. Kim Wilson.

"Exploitation of prison labor is at the heart of this strike," said Dr. Wilson, a prison abolitionist and co-host of the podcast, 'Beyond Prisons.' I don't want people to get the idea that this is an at-will job. It isn't a system where people have a choice to work. Some people are making zero and nearer to the release date, you are expected and required to work."

Courtney Stewart, a prison reform advocate released from prison in 1985 and chair of the National Reentry Network for Returning Citizens in Washington, DC, said the prisoners who went on strike had no choice.

"The thing is that these people, the corporations who make up the Prison-Industrial Complex, have been getting away with murder for a long time," Stewart said. "They've been able to sustain the Prison-

Industrial Complex and they have ruined generations and generations of the Black community. It's been so devastating and we still haven't recovered."

"Using the school-to-prison pipeline and the War on Drugs, these people are criminalizing and have imprisoned Black men, women and children. It's profit over people and power and money in this capitalist, white-privileged society we live in. They don't see any value in the black family or Black people. They always throw pennies when it comes to fixing the African American community. We have to address this with force and radicalism. There has to be a radical revolution in how to address this."

Dr. Wilson agreed. "I'm a prison abolitionist. I see prisons as part and parcel of problem," said Dr. Wilson, who has two of her sons serving life sentences at Vaughn Correctional Facility in Delaware. "I don't know how they (prison guards) sleep at night. But those individual people are part of a larger system. I'm more concerned with the system as a whole."

"We want an end to the physical places we call prisons and conditions that make it possible in our society. But we can't do that without addressing the underlying issues of racism, anti-blackness, capitalism, gender violence, ableism and other issues deeply implicated in the broader prison system. We must take seriously the things the prisoners are saying."

Black wealth still plummeting, CRL tells lawmakers

Without more federal reforms, Black wealth to be wiped out by 2053

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - For years, and particularly in recent months, major news outlets have heralded the nation's robust economic recovery. From rising corporate profits, to lower unemployment, or rising stock prices on Wall Street, many consumers might conclude

that financial stability not only returned after the Great Recession but continues to climb.

But for people of color, and specifically Black America, the state of the economy has not recovered. Instead of low unemployment, many who were laid off during the foreclosure crisis today are under-employed and cope

with paychecks that lead to more month than money. Recent college graduates remain living with their parents, often due to burdensome student debt that delays them setting up their own households. And according to a recent report by the Federal Reserve, a single \$400 unexpected expense led to borrowing, selling some-

thing or not being able to pay for four in 10 adults last year.

These seldom unacknowledged financial disparities emerged during testimony at a Capitol Hill hearing on August 21. A subcommittee of the U.S. Senate's Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions heard and learned about how a history of economic exclusion, combined with a more recent wealth shift to the top 10 percent of income earners, leads to a bleak financial future for people of color.

Scott Astrada, Federal Advocacy Director for the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL), testified to the "fear, anxiety and despair facing millions of Americans as they look toward a financial future plagued with uncertainty and loss."

Citing data from multiple and recent research reports, Astrada noted a still-growing economic divide that has worsened since the Great Recession. Today, the wealthiest 10 percent now own 76 percent of the nation's wealth, and the median net worth of Blacks and Latinx are respectively \$11,000 and \$14,000. Further, the May 2018 Federal Reserve's Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2017, found that fewer than 40 percent of adults feel they are on track to retire with adequate savings, and 25 percent have no retirement savings at all.

"For households of color, the Great Recession erased the economic progress made over the past three decades in their entirety," said Astrada. "If current trends continue, it will take 228 years for the average Black family to reach the level of wealth White families own today. For the average Latinx family, matching the wealth of White families will take 84 years."

"Ultimately," Astrada continued, "if current trends continue Black household wealth is on the path to hit zero by 2053."

Two long-standing federal policies were cited as key components to today's financial disparities: government-backed mortgages and Social Security. Both federal programs, according to Astrada, have a sordid history of discrimination that brought long-lasting and significantly diminished and deliberate federal efforts to diminish the financial well-being of Black Americans.

In 1935, the year that

Social Security began as a financial safety net for older Americans, the New Deal program excluded domestic and farm workers. Representing nearly a third of the nation's workforce in the 1930s, these Americans were also largely people of color. A 2017 publication jointly released by Prosperity Now and the Institute for Policy Studies, *The Road to Zero Wealth*, tallied that long-time economic exclusion to be approximately \$143 billion in 2016 dollars.

Fast forward to 2018, and generations of lower wages and benefits translates into nearly a third of Black retirees relying solely upon Social Security as the sole source of retirement income for more than half of retirees for all races.

Similarly from 1934 to 1968, widespread redlining in the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) low-down payment, government-backed mortgages denied Blacks and other people of color opportunities to build and transfer wealth from one generation to another. During this 34-year span, only two percent of FHA mortgages were available to people of color. In just one city, Chicago, this three-decade exclusion short-changed Black Chicagoans by \$3 billion in 2017 dollars."

"The harm of homeownership disparities," added Astrada, "is especially clear when considering that two-thirds of the net wealth that is held by the middle 60 percent of families is in the form of home equity, resulting from, among other factors, invested wealth and appreciation."

The lack of convenient access to full-service banking was identified by Astrada as a third factor diminishing Black wealth. Communities of color, particularly those with low-incomes, frequently lack access to traditional banking. Often these same communities are where high-cost, alternative financial services offering check-cashing, money orders, or payday loans sell their predatory products.

"Individuals cannot simply save and borrow as necessary to smooth dips and spikes without access to affordable and wealth building credit," said Astrada. "Predatory lending ensnares families already in emergency situations."

Since the onset of the Trump Administration, multiple federal agencies such as



SCOTT ASTRADA

the Department of Education and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau have emphasized the need for more consumer information.

Although a 2017 report by Prudential Financial, Inc. entitled, *The Financial Wellness of America*, found that a majority of working Americans suffer from financial stress due to struggles to pay monthly bills, and/or saving for the future, the corporation's representative at the hearing attributed this financial angst to "the evolution of retirement and healthcare benefit offerings."

Vishal Jain, a vice president with Prudential Financial, Inc.'s Workplace Solutions Group testified, "Today's workers are having to assume increased responsibility for their financial security. When coupled with day-to-day financial obligations, such as mortgages and student loan debt, it is easy to understand why employees may be experiencing higher levels of stress about their financial situation."

None of the other persons testifying in the hearing spoke to the continuing discrimination that people of color encounter despite federal and state laws calling for equal treatment.

But Astrada did. Concluded Astrada, "For the purposes of this hearing, I want to underscore that financial literacy cannot, by any means, solve everything...Furthermore, the limits of financial literacy, in the context of discussion, require that strong regulators and sound consumer protection policy remain at the root for retirement readiness."

Charlene Crowell is the Communications Deputy Director with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsibleblending.org.



INTERGALACTIC
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EXHIBITION

Aug. 31, 6:30 p.m.
Upperman African
American Cultural
Center

The Upperman Center presents the artistic visions of
Marcus Kizer and Jason Woodberry.

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

The undersigned, Michele D. DiPiano, having qualified on the 2nd day of August, 2018, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Anne T. Donovan (18-E-735)**, 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 **9th day of November, 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 2nd day of August, 2018

Michele D. DiPiano, Personal Representative
Estate of Anne T. Donovan
Kevin T. May
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **George Lafayette Barger, Sr. AKA George L. Barger**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of November, 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 16th day of August, 2018

Peggy Smith Barger, Executrix
3808 Mayfield Court
Wilmington, NC 28412

August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2018

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES
EVERETTE MCADAMS**

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **James Everette McAdams**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **November 16, 2018**, or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, the 9th day of August, 2018.

Donna Brooks McAdams
Personal Representative
C/o Law Office of Jason Vaughn, PLLC
By Dawn M. Oxendine, Esq.
Attorney for Personal Representative
4932 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 397-7979
Fax (910) 338-3218

August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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THE GENERAL COURT OF
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DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
18CVD1041**

**PRISCILLA LOUISE CRANDLE
v.
MARKUS A. TEMONEY
TO: MARKUS A. TEMONEY,
DEFENDANT**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief as follows: Complaint for absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty(40) days after the first date of publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to this Court for the relief sought.

This the 13th day of July, 2018

Priscilla Louise Crandle
153-202 Halyburton Memorial Pkwy.
Wilmington, NC 28412

August 16, 23, 30, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Herman Charles Hossfeld, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of November, 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 23rd day of August, 2018

Betty Jean Hall Hossfeld, Executor
c/o Andre C. Brown
PO Box 814
Wilmington, NC 28402

August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Stephanie Daniels McRoy**, 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 **30th day of November, 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 30th day of August, 2018

James Deondre Daniels,
Administrator
PO Box 480792
Charlotte, NC 28269

August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Kathryn Elizabeth 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 **30th day of November, 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 30th day of August, 2018

George H. Walker, Executor
1509 Portsmouth Place
Wilmington, NC 28411

August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2018

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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RE-BID RFP- UTILITY
ALLOWANCE STUDY**

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

- Bids Due: Friday, November 19, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
- Specifications/Plans will be available for pickup beginning September 6, 2018 at the Central Office.
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- Download Project Manual from our website at www.wha.net, click on Business Opportunities then RFP at no charge.
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August 30, September 6, 2018

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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Sealed proposals will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below. Proposals will be opened at the Central Office, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

- Proposal Deadline: Monday, September 17, 2018 at 12:00 noon.
- Download packets: www.wha.net beginning Monday, August 20, 2018 and can be picked up at the address mentioned above between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- Questions: E-mail to Ms. Chauntrell Burns, cburns@wha.net no later than 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 10th.

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August 23, 30, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joyce Brame Montgomery**, 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 **23rd day of November, 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 23rd day of August, 2018

Delores T. Milliken, Executor
305 Spartan Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
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NEW HANOVER COUNTY
THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
18 CV 000915**

**CHARRI RAYE DILLEHAY,
PLAINTIFF
v.
CALVIN LEE DILLEHAY
TO: CALVIN LEE DILLEHAY,
DEFENDANT**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief as follows: Complaint for absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty(40) days after the first date of publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to this Court for the relief sought.

This the 23rd day of August, 2018

Charri Raye Dillehay

August 23, 30, September 6, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
Jason Daniel Booth, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jason Daniel Booth**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **November 15, 2018**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of August, 2018.

Mary Elaine Booth
Executor of the Estate
of Jason Daniel Booth
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Roy Lee Hill**, 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 **9th day of November, 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 9th day of August, 2018

Kara Renee Hill, Executrix
109 East Alton Street
Durham, NC 27707

August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Phyllis Carroll DeFanti**, deceased, of 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 **9th day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 9th day of August, 2018.

Eric Ronald Rosenberg, MD.,
Administrator CTA of the
Estate of Phyllis Carroll DeFanti
2401 Ocean Point Place
Wilmington, NC 28405
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co- Executors of the Estate of **Richard Foley Sandlin**, deceased, of 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 **9th day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 9th day of August, 2018.

Cynthia Sandlin Stout, Co-Executor
of the Estate of Richard Foley
Sandlin
406 W. Windward
Landing Place
Hampstead, NC 28443
Debra Marie Sandlin, Co-Executor
of the Estate of Richard Foley
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9732 Moore Road
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August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co- Executors of the estate of **Shelby Jean Pepper**, 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 **23rd day of November, 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 23rd day of August, 2018

Pixie Jesus, Co-Executor
4074 Overview Dr.
Canonsburg, PA 15317
Bobbie Perdue, Co-Executor
4524 Telsa Prk Dr. #102
Wilmington, NC 28412

August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2018

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **John Leon Galarde**, deceased, of 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 **30th day of November, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of August, 2018.

Alicia M. Galarde-Whitlock, Executrix
of the Estate of John Leon Galarde
5521 Chelton Ave
Wilmington, NC 28409
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
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16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the City Council of the City of Wilmington will hold a public hearing on the 18th day of September, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 102 North Third Street in order to consider the adoption of Ordinances for condemnation of property located at 306 Central Blvd and 313 Greenfield Street; directing the owner and the Housing Inspector to vacate and close and repair or demolish the dwelling/structure located thereon.

All supplementary materials related to this agenda item are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Community Development at 305 Chestnut Street during normal working hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All their heirs, successors, assigns and interested persons are invited to attend. Please call the City of Wilmington Community Services Department at 341-7836 if you have any questions. The City of Wilmington hearing impaired TDD number is 341-7873.

Amy Beatty
Community Services Director

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