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

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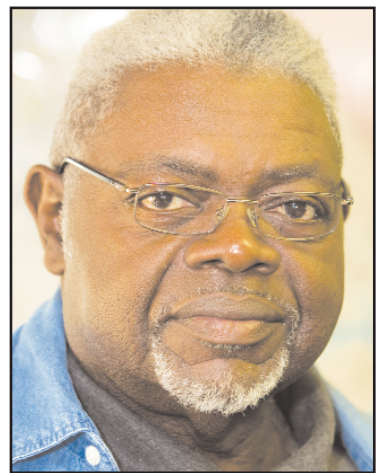
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



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PRAYERS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, as I write this article, a very dear friend of mine and Brunswick County's is in the hospital in Supply and is very sick. This lady has given a great deal to Brunswick County and its citizens. This article is solely to request that the community would give her some love and pray for her health to improve. I ask everybody to pray this week for Mrs. Verniece Stanley! She is in the ICU UNIT at Novant Health Hospital at Supply. Pray for her! Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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McCrorry still trying to smear Black Bladen PAC

Editor's Note: At press time, Leslie McCrae Dowless has been indicted and arrested for allegedly illegally collecting absentee ballots in both the 2016 and 2018 elections. He faces three felony counts of obstruction of justice, two counts of conspiracy to commit obstruction of justice, and two counts of conspiracy to commit obstruction of justice, and two counts of possession of absentee ballots. Four other people who reportedly worked with Dowless' Bladen County operation have also been indicted. The Wake District Attorney's office says the criminal investigation is ongoing.

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

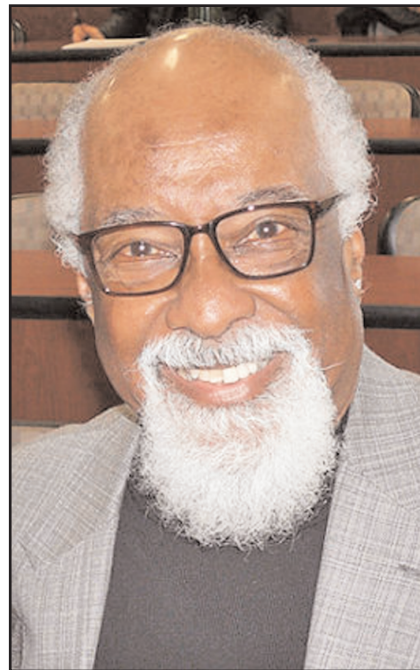
Twenty-seven months after he lost re-election, former NC Gov. Pat

McCrorry, who revealed Monday he will not re-enter the political arena for now, is still insisting that his 2016 race in Bladen County was the victim of absentee ballot "voter fraud," similar to what was proven in State Board of Elections hearings to have happened in Bladen County during the 2018 midterm elections.

After witness testimony and documented evidence last week, the SBOE ruled that the Bladen County portion of the Ninth Congressional District race was legally "tainted" by the deliberate mishandling of absentee ballots and that a new election should take place.

However, McCrorry is not placing the blame on Leslie McCrae Dowless, the White two-times convicted felon and political operative,

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ATTY. IRV JOYNER



FORMER GOV. PAT MCCRORY

STUNNING JUDICIAL VOTER ID RULING SHOCKS REPUBLICANS

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It is the lower court ruling heard throughout North Carolina, and the only thing louder will be the intense battle coming to overturn it!

Wake Superior Court Judge G. Bryan Collins opened up a real political hornets' nest with his Feb. 22 decision to throw out two of the four North Carolina constitutional provisions passed by voters last November, effectively approving of a cap on State income taxes, and requiring a voter ID law.

The NCNAACP, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit that sought to overturn the voter ID law, was ecstatic about the ruling.

"We are delighted that the acts of the previous majority, which came to power through the use of racially discriminatory maps, have been checked," NCNAACP President, The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman.

"The prior General Assembly's attempt to use its ill gotten power to enshrine a racist photo voter ID requirement in the State constitution was particularly egregious, and we applaud the court for

invalidating these attempts as unconstitutional overreach."

In his ruling, Judge Collins wrote, "...the constitutional amendments placed on the ballot on November 6, 2018 were approved by a General Assembly that did not represent the people of North Carolina....An illegally constituted General Assembly does not represent the people of North Carolina and is therefore not empowered to pass legislation that would amend the State's constitution."

Republican Party and legislative leaders across the State were steamed, to say the least. NC Republican Party Chairman Robin Hayes called the ruling "unprecedented and absurd."

Railing against "a liberal judge," State Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger remarked in a statement, "We are duty bound to appeal this absurd decision."

Legislative attorney, Martin Warf, said, "An appeal is absolutely coming."

Judge Collins' ruling that the 2018 NC legislature was illegal because the federal courts had determined that its members were elected from voting districts that were racially gerrymandered effectively delays implementation of the voter ID law indefinitely,



JUDGE BRYAN COLLINS



DAVID CASEY

CVS officials talk Project Health, Black Press at Rainbow Push Wall Street Conference

BY STACY M. BROWN NNPA NEWSWIRE CORRESPONDENT

When Cornelius Raven visited his nearby CVS Pharmacy for free health screenings, he didn't realize that he was having a stroke. His blood pressure was so high — 200/190 — that he was sent to the hospital for immediate care.

Unfortunately, when it comes to health care, Cornelius is the exception when monitoring our health should be the rule.

At a time when health care costs are mounting, CVS officials say it's smart to take advantage of free health screenings. "It saved his life and that's the message CVS wants to get out to everyone," said David Casey, the vice president of Workforce Strategies and Chief

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Activist "requests" public apology from NHC school board chair

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The head of the Southern Coalition for Equal Protections Under the Law has sent a letter to Lisa Estep, Chairwoman of the NHC School Board, requesting a "public apology" for alleged mistreatment at a recent school board

meeting.

"After careful research, consultation, and collaboration with friends, colleagues, and others, I have concluded that your actions at the February 5, 2019, New Hanover School Board



MURPHY

Meeting, along with fellow board member actions, were an attempt to humiliate me and suppress my right to free speech," wrote The Reverend Dante Murphy, President of SCEP. "Your abridgement of my First Amendment rights was demonstrated by your comments and a decision to halt my comments at the three minute mark, while you consistently allowed other speakers

to go beyond that time limit without interruption."

"This correspondence is a request for a public apology for your attack on my First Amendment rights...." Rev. Murphy continued in the letter dated Feb. 26, 2019, a copy of which was emailed to The Journal. "Because two

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## Alabama publisher calls for KKK to 'night ride again' and 'clean out' D.C.

BY LAUREN VICTORIA  
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Goodloe Sutton, publisher of the Democrat-Reporter newspaper in Linden, Alabama, wrote that the Ku Klux Klan should "night ride again" in an editorial the week of February 11.

"Time for the Ku Klux Klan to night ride again," he wrote. Sutton, the publisher, says he stands by the editorial and that the KKK, a white supremacist group founded in the late 1800s after the Civil War, "didn't kill but a few people."

"We'll get the hemp ropes out, loop them over a tall limb and hang all of them," Sutton explained in an interview regarding the editorial.

"If we could get the Klan to go up there and clean out D.C., we'd all been better off," Sutton told the Montgomery Reporter after news broke of his editorial.

The editorial has gained national attention and condemnation.

Sutton didn't walk back his comments after receiving press attention for the controversial editorial.

"OMG! What rock did this guy crawl out from under? This editorial is absolutely disgusting & he should resign NOW! I have seen what happens when we stand by while people - especially those with influence - publish racist, hateful views. Words matter. Actions matter. Resign now!" Wrote U.S. Senator Doug Jones of Alabama.

On February 19, The Alabama Press Association voted to censure Sutton and suspend the membership of the Democrat-Reporter following the publication of the editorial.

Color of Change, a young civil rights group, tweeted that, "The Democrat-Reporter has a history of anti-Black racism and their recent edito-



GOODLOE SUTTON

rial calling on the KKK to lynch members of Congress is unabashed white supremacist violence."

The University of Southern Mississippi, "removed the name of a newspaper publisher from its journalism hall of fame after Sutton urged the KKK

to 'ride again'" and "strongly condemned" Sutton's "dangerous" editorial.

Though many expressed shock and outrage on social media, others pointed out that the recent rise in hate crimes and normalization of racism and white supremacy over the last few years is a

contributing factor in Sutton's boldness regarding writing such a forceful endorsement of the KKK.

**EDITORS NOTE:** According to a news release distributed by the Democrat-Reporter newspaper, Elecia Dexter was named publisher and editor on Thursday, February 21. Reached by phone Sutton told a reporter from the Montgomery Advertiser that Dexter is the new "publisher, owner and editor" of the Democrat-Reporter. "He refused to say if the paper had been sold to Dexter or if ownership had been transferred, and repeatedly called an Advertiser reporter 'dumb' for asking."

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## ACTIVIST

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of your fellow board members verbally supported your actions during that meeting, I am also requesting an apology from Mr. Wortman and Mr. Beaulieu. Case law demonstrates clearly that my comments were well within my rights."

The Reverend Murphy later continued, "The Southern Coalition for Equal Protections Under the Law maintains that substantial evidence supports the conclusion that top administrators within the NHCSS inadequately responded to complaints of child sexual abuse and discrimination over the years,

resulting in an abnormally high amount of lawsuits, federal investigations, and arrests of school personnel. An investigation, as requested by our group, could answer legitimate, logical, and pressing questions. You should investigate, in light of questions we have raised and evidence we have in hand. To fail to investigate, in light of what is known, will be clearly recorded in the history of this board's tenure. Top administrators cannot be trusted to adequately lead in their current capacities; and they cannot be trusted, of course, to investigate themselves. You have the authority and the moral duty to do the right thing."

Published reports have

school officials saying that, because of the nature of the allegations, they could not discuss any of the suspected cases publicly.

However, Rev. Murphy felt that the board could do more to assure the community that the allegations were being taken seriously.

"Public apologies will assure that the future rights of citizens to advocate for clean government, equal opportunities for students, and child safety are all protected, honored, and respected," he wrote. "Apologies will indicate that the NHC School Board is committed to acting in a professional manner, while abiding by the Constitution of the United States of America."

## MCCRORY

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who allegedly ran the alleged election fraud scheme last year that helped Republican Mark Harris win that race.

Instead, the former governor and mayor of Charlotte is "falsely" pointing fingers at the Black, Democratic Party funded Bladen Improvement Political Action Committee (BIPAC) as the culprit in his defeat, charging that the grassroots group ran a similar "voter fraud" operation to Dowless' across North Carolina, ultimately helping Democratic gubernatorial challenger, Roy Cooper, to oust him.

Published reports state that the Republican-controlled SBOE did look into McCrory's complaint in 2016, which was actually lodged by McCrae Dowless on behalf of McCrory, and dismissed it. Nothing was found to have cost McCrory his re-election.

"I don't think this [SBOE] investigation should have

been dropped whatsoever and just adjourned without finding out exactly what is happening regarding voter fraud in the state of North Carolina, especially with absentee voting," McCrory said on his WBT-AM radio show Monday morning.

"It is time for the media and the elections board to reopen this investigation in public. Don't wait for the federal or state authorities and ask the question, "Who did what, when...not just in 2018, but in 2016 when I raised, as a gubernatorial candidate, the exact same issues.

Irving Joyner, attorney for the BIPAC, responded Monday by counter charging that McCrory "is lying" about why he lost in 2016, and, in fact, alleges that McCrory was supported by the very same Leslie McCrae Dowless, who was the central "person of interest" in the 2018 Ninth District race scandal that made national headlines.

"McCrory is lying about what happened to him in 2016," Joyner says. "He lost the governor's race and is attempting to

falsely cast blame on others for his inept campaign."

"The Bladen County Improvement Association did not engage in any illegal conduct during either the 2016 or 2018 campaign."

In fact, the GOP-led SBOE in 2016 determined then that Leslie McCrae Dowless was allegedly involved in illegal absentee ballot "harvesting," and referred its findings to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District, but nothing was done to stop Dowless, and he was hired by the Harris campaign in 2018 to generate votes.

After his son, an assistant federal prosecutor, testified at the SBOE hearings that he tried to warn his father about Dowless, Mark Harris took the stand and asked the SBOE to grant a new election, which it eventually did.

On Tuesday, Mark Harris announced that he will not run. Instead, he is endorsing a Union County commissioner. His Democratic opponent, Dan McCready, has already begun his campaign again for the congressional seat.

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ATLANTA FEDERAL JUDGE MAINTAINS BENNETT'S ACCREDITATION

[GREENSBORO] A federal judge in Atlanta, Ga. maintained Bennett

College for Women's accreditation Feb. 22nd after the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Schools informed Bennett officials that they had lost its appeal to keep the school open. Bennett had appealed the association's initial ruling to close the school for lack of operational resources, raising over \$9 million in a national effort. When its appeal was rejected, Bennett sued in federal court, getting a

judge to issue a restraining order until an arrangement could be better reached.

NINTH DISTRICT ELECTION FRAUD CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION TAKES CENTERSTAGE

[RALEIGH] Now that the State Board of elections hearing into allegations of absentee Ballot fraud in last year's Ninth Congressional District race are over, and the SBOE has voted for a new election,

the criminal investigation into "person of interest" Leslie McCrae Dowless and others allegedly involved is now the primary focus. Published reports say investigators with the State Bureau of Investigation and the Wake District Attorney's office have issued three sealed search warrants for evidence. Financial papers have already been seized at the State Employees Union, as well as cell phone records from Dowless' account. No

word at press time of pending arrests, if any.

COOPER CALLS FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION, MORE SCHOOLS FUNDING

[RALEIGH] In his second State of the State address since taking office in 2017, Gov. Roy Cooper told the Republican-led NC Legislature Monday that despite crushing natural disasters like two major hurricanes in recent years, the spirit of North

Carolina is strong. But rural communities still need assistance, Medicaid health coverage for the poor needs to be expanded to more North Carolinians, and the state's public schools need more funding. Cooper struck a tone of bipartisanship in hopes of working better with GOP legislative leadership. But in the Republican response, Lt. Gov. Dan Forest charged that Cooper has yet to show that he wants to work with GOP leaders.

PROJECT HEALTH

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Diversity Officer at CVS Health.

Casey joined other CVS Health representatives at Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Push 22nd Annual Wall Street Project Economic Summit in New York where, among other things, care providers demonstrated the company's pop-up health screenings - known as Project Health.

Offering care that is quick and convenient with no appointment needed, Project Health offers free biometric screenings for individuals to help identify chronic conditions before they become life-threatening illnesses.

Such screenings are valued at \$100, but CVS offers them for free.

It includes screenings and offerings like body mass index; blood pressure; glucose; total cholesterol; individual health plan access plan; professional consultations; smoking cessation counseling; and diabetes resources.

In November, CVS Health closed on its acquisition of Aetna, which created what CNBC called a new healthcare powerhouse.

The merger combined CVS' pharmacies with Aetna's insurance business and the final deal was valued at about \$70 billion.

While the merger counts as critical to CVS Health's mission of providing access to care to often overlooked communities, it does present some challenges in getting the word out about the importance of the CVS/Aetna marriage and Project Health.

"One of the value propositions of doing the deal with Aetna is how can we make healthcare local because there's a lot of folks who can't get to healthcare," said Casey.

"About 80 percent of Americans live within a couple of miles of a CVS so the question becomes what can

we do more? You can't do anything without [good] health. You can't learn without health, you can't walk without health, so we have to figure out how we can deliver more healthcare in the [underserved] community," Casey said.

The CVS-Aetna merger has the potential to create an integrated model for consumer healthcare that could transform the consumer experience.

CVS has indicated its focus on the consumer will be its primary strategy to engage customers, improve health outcomes and lower healthcare costs

J.D. Power's December 2018 pulse survey delved into consumer perception of the CVS-Aetna merger and the prospect of receiving care in a CVS retail pharmacy setting.

It generated 1,000 responses. More than half (53 percent) had visited a CVS store within the previous 12 months and 96 percent said a CVS store was located less than 30 minutes from their home.

Additionally, 45 percent said they would consider receiving primary care at a CVS Clinic while 55 percent said they would not.

Most of the respondents that said they would not along with many who were not survey participants but who've said they're "on the fence," are minorities. Casey agreed that's where the Black Press of America could assist.

"The Black Press is important because, as great as we think our brand is, there's a level of credibility at the community level where the Black Press is," he said.

"Mainstream and other media may have a voice, but they're not always that sense of community and credibility and people like to engage with and hear from folks they know have invested in that community. So, the Black Press has a huge role," Casey said.



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### Standing on the right side of history

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)

One of the best skits that ever appeared on comedian Dave Chappelle's hit television show, the Chappelle Show, was one called "When Keeping it Real Goes Wrong." Each skit would highlight the outcome of what would happen to individuals who made the choice to 'keep it real.' In every skit, it showed how a person's decision to 'keep it real' led to a negative outcome for them doing so. In other words, when you decide to 'keep it real' there are consequences for your actions, which could backfire on you.

Former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick decided to 'keep it real', but in his case, he came out on top.

In spite of receiving pushback from those who disagreed with his stance. In spite of being blackballed from playing the game he loved. In spite of being vilified by countless people, including NFL owners — and even the President of the United States. In spite of everything that was thrown his way, Kaepernick proved that when you stand up for what you believe in, even if you have to stand alone, you can win.

More importantly, Kaepernick showed that you can motivate and inspire at least one other person to stand with you when the odds are stacked against you and make a major statement and significant impact.

This past week, it was reported that Kaepernick, who filed a grievance against the National Football League (NFL) back in October of 2017, had reached a settlement with the NFL for a substantial amount of money. Kaepernick had not played a game in the NFL since early 2017. Kaepernick filed the grievance and accused NFL owners of working in collusion to deliberately keep him from playing quarterback in the league, because of his much-publicized stance of pointing out racial injustice and police brutality by protesting and taking a knee during the national anthem of each game during the 2016 NFL season.

It was also reported that his former San Francisco 49ers teammate, safety Eric Reid, who was one of the only other players to consistently stand with Kaepernick from the beginning of his initial protest, has settled his collusion grievance against the NFL for a significant amount of money.

While the details of both settlement agreements are undisclosed due to a confidentiality agreement between all parties, it has been reported that Kaepernick's settlement amount alone is somewhere in the ballpark of \$60 to \$80 million. Reid's settlement is reported to be significantly less, but he still received a settlement, which means that both he and Kaepernick proved, over these past two years, that the NFL was wrong and did not want the truth to come out.

If the NFL was innocent of these charges, and had the evidence to prove their innocence, they would have fought tooth and nail to crush Kaepernick and Reid. But Kaepernick and Reid stood together and came out victorious, not just because they received a financial settlement, but because they were able to stand up against the Goliath known as the NFL and show that you can't silence the voice of Black people.

There were several NFL players who joined in with Kaepernick at the start of his protests in 2016, but the majority of those NFL players fell by the wayside. Reid, not only stood with Kaepernick when he was his 49ers teammate, he has also stood with Kaepernick after he got blackballed from the league. Reid could have abandoned Kaepernick and abandoned the cause, but he stood his ground and stayed true.

Things got so bad for Reid, that when he became a safety for the Carolina Panthers during the 2018 NFL season, he claimed that he was being targeted by the NFL via their performance-enhancing drug testing program. After his December 17 game against the New Orleans Saints, Reid claimed that he had been 'randomly' selected to take a drug test for the seventh time since joining the Panthers the year prior. Reid strongly argued that there was nothing 'random' about the drug tests he was being selected for and that he was being targeted simply because he joined in with Kaepernick to file a collusion grievance of his own against the league.

The NFL and the NFL Players Association (NFLPA) issued statements last month, stating that there was "no evidence of targeting or any other impropriety with respect to his selection for testing."

Reid may not have proven that these drug tests were far from 'random', but he and Kaepernick were able to prove that the NFL was guilty of trying to bully them into submission, sought to silence their voices and make them compliant with their demands to stop their protests. It didn't work and the NFL had to pay for it dearly.

This is a huge win for Kaepernick and Reid, and a prime example of how at least one person can influence others, as well as how a small number of people — in this case, Kaepernick and Reid — can change the game of football and change the game of life in a major way.

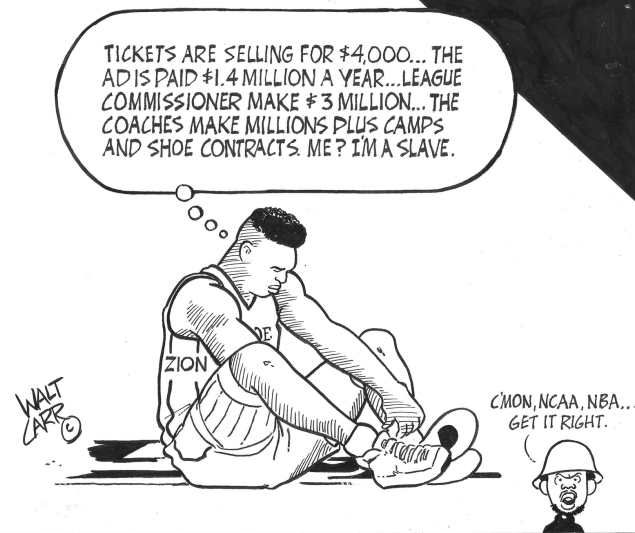
The NFLPA released a statement regarding the news of the settlement, stating:

"We continuously supported Colin and Eric from the start of their protests, participated with their lawyers throughout their legal proceedings and were prepared to participate in the upcoming trial in pursuit of both truth and justice for what we believe the NFL and its clubs did to them. We are glad that Eric has earned a job and a new contract, and we continue to hope that Colin gets his opportunity as well."

If we look at the course of American history, we see that grassroots advocacy, like protests, have been around for a long time and

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let TRUMP steal that money. North Carolina 7th District U.S. House Congressman, David Rouzer, voted yes to back TRUMP. In 2020 will you vote to send him back to Washington or retire him.

James J. Hankins  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Four hundred years and we still ain't clear: Distortions of Black History

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

According to some historians, Afro-descendants first entered these united states in 1619 off the coast of Virginia. If we believe that narrative, Afro-descendants have been in this country for 400 years. If the people who were kidnapped and brought here had to tell the story, would they tell the same one? Would they say that we came before Columbus? That some of us might have been

here even longer? There were captured Africans that came from the mother continent in 1619, but also, thanks to the transatlantic slave trade, Africans here who had come from Bermuda, Jamaica, and other places. Why is this relevant?

Because there is this misguided group of Afrodescendants, who are throwing shade at those who are not "American descendants of slaves" ADOS. Their shade is an odd version of the "am I Black enough for you" game that some folks ran against President Barack Obama, and are now running against Presidential candidates Kamala Harris and Corey Booker.

What is Black enough, when we, Afrodescendant people, all have enslavement in our back-

ground? Let's make it plain. Europeans went to the African continents, kidnapped people (sometimes with African acquiescence), brought them to the Western Hemisphere, and sold us. Goods and people flowed between England (or New England, the Americas, and Africa), including sugar, tobacco, manufactured prod-

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## Respect Us gains a support!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

During President Barack Obama's 2008 and 2012 campaigns, I worked really hard to elect him. Friends often joked that I was supporting him before Michelle was. That was probably a stretch, but I supported him very early. Supporting him remained true during his entire presidency. You can imagine my shock when I looked at his favorite songs list and saw Cardi B! If you don't know her, please look up her lyrics. Find a song called "Twerk." When you read the lyrics and see the women, you'll understand why I nearly passed out.

I'm one of the leaders of the Respect Us campaign where we're leading a movement to rid the airwaves of disrespectful, hateful music. It pains me to call it music that Cardi B, Kanye West, Nikki Minaj, 21 Savage and others do because the words used are nothing but hate against Black women and often the Black community. I told myself President Obama had never really heard the

words used by Cardi B because a lot of rappers sound like they're performing in another language!

Fast forward to the Obama I supported so vigorously. He was speaking at a meeting of "My Brothers' Keeper—a program he initiated. I read an article a few days later by James Hohmann. The title was "Barack Obama Criticizes Pop Culture for Promoting the Wrong Values to Young Men." He was talking with young men about defying stereotypes about what it means to be a man.

I perked up as I read on. He lectured the men about not worshipping money at all costs, and told them their worth is not measured by how much money they have or how famous they are. He told them he knew a lot of rich people who're really messed up.

He cautioned against bullying and being selfish while urging them to seek causes greater than themselves. I wanted him to get to the part about not only respecting themselves, but respecting women. He did. He said, "If you're very confident about your sexuality, you don't have to have eight women around you twerking ... because you know I've got one woman, who I'm very happy with. And she's a strong woman." I love this man for his love and respect for Michelle!

He blamed pop culture for amplifying toxic messages about modern masculinity (and presumably other things). Pop culture isn't to blame for everything, but there's a lot of disrespect in hateful rapping. As a Black woman, I was pleased to hear him say, "We tend to rise to the expectations that are set for us." He reminded the young men to be kind and not bully people, and that would have an impact. He told them to treat young women with respect. He said, "They're not objects. They're humans with the same aspirations and desires,

and they're just as worthy of respect as men."

He touted the importance of respecting and listening to women. He said, "Often times, historically, racism in this society sends a message that you are less than and weak, so we feel like we've got to compensate by exaggerating certain stereotypical ways that men are supposed to act." He went on to say, "That's a trap that we fall into, that we have to pull out of. If you're confident about your strength, you don't need to show me by putting someone else down. Show me how strong you are in that you can lift someone else up and treat someone well and be respectful."

My Brother's Keeper is a program that shows who Barack really is. In that lecture, he gave credence to our Respect Us campaign.

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## OUR VOICE

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have been used to bring about significant change in this country.

If you look at Black historical figures like Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Muhammad Ali and several others who have led protests to speak out against injustice, it is clear that those civil rights champions used their platforms and influence to address the myriad issues that have negatively impacted Black people in America during their time. And sadly, those civil rights advocates who we highlight and talk about every year during Black History Month did not have the type of support we are afforded today. As a matter of fact, many of them had just a handful of supporters getting behind their cause during their era, with some of them having little to

no support at all, even from those that looked like them.

Kaepernick isn't the first Black person to have been vilified in this country for going against the grain, challenging the status quo or taking a controversial stance on issues.

Both, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Muhammad Ali, spoke out against the Vietnam War and were deemed traitors to their country and were even called communists while they were alive.

After Dr. King's speech in New York, criticizing the Vietnam War, other civil rights leaders who once stood with him, began to distance themselves from him and he was heavily castigated in local and national newspapers. Very few people stood with him.

Ali was stripped of his heavyweight boxing title and sent to jail after refusing to join the U.S. Army to go fight in the Vietnam War. He ignored the request to be inducted into the military at the Armed Forces

Induction Center in Houston, Texas, and was eventually arrested, convicted of draft evasion, sentenced to five years in prison, fined \$10,000 and banned from boxing for three years.

Interestingly enough, Dr. King has a federal holiday in his honor and the legacy of Ali is revered today.

As it has been with Dr. King and Ali, time will also be good to Kaepernick, and the history books will be even better to him for his bold and courageous act.

Many publications that are a part of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a trade group that represents over 200 Black-owned media companies across the U.S., have chronicled Kaepernick's story and have been a part of ensuring he will be forever remembered for his legacy defining act of strength and courage.

Throughout this entire ordeal, Kaepernick has served

as a master teacher, who has taught the nation how to use the power of the platform they possess, be prepared to pay the price for the sacrifices they make and learn to endure the criticism they receive, because in due time, they will go down in the history books as a true catalyst for change.

Now, the real question becomes, will the NFL allow Kaepernick to come back and play the game he loves without further collusion? Time will tell and the nation will be watching.

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ucts, guns and humans. Understand that everyone in the triangle was affected and that enslaved people were freely traded between the United States and other parts of the Americas!

I am not sure what kinds of warped brains dreamed up the realities of enslavement and the ways that a minority in the South was able to control a majority. The laws that managed enslavement included laws that prevented literacy, ownership, and much else. The laws often detailed the terms of punishment if restrictive conditions were breached. A North Carolina law said, "teaching slaves to read and write, tends to excite dissatisfaction in their minds, and to produce insurrection and rebellion." Disobeying this law was punishable by thirty-nine lashes or imprisonment for a free Black person, or a fine of two hundred dollars then, or

about \$5000 now. People violated the laws, of course, but the warped sensibility that prohibited the dissemination of knowledge is the basis for many sick stereotypes, such as "if you want to hide something from a Black person, put it in a book."

Fast-forward four hundred years, or even two. Why are teachers in Louden County, Virginia, forcing fifth and sixth-grade students to simulate enslavement with an obstacle course they called "The Underground Railroad"? Why were many of these students Afrodescendants? Why are the leaders of the school silent about the discipline that was ordered on the rogue teachers who took it upon their ignorant selves to construct such an exercise? Why has David Stewart, the principal of the Madison Trust School in Louden County, sent out a vapid apology for a "culturally insensitive" exercise, and not a more strongly worded condemnation of the racism implicit in

this nonsense.

We have been here at least 400 years, and still, some folks aren't clear about the ways enslavement has shaped our nation. In Virginia, where both the governor and the Attorney General (two of the top three elected officials in the state) have admitted to masquerading in Blackface, albeit thirty-odd years ago, teachers don't see anything wrong with subjecting Black students to a reenactment of enslavement. Oh, they said they were teaching "teamwork." Really.

We have been here at least 400 years, and our nation is not yet clear about its flawed foundations. There would be no house at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, which should not be called the White House, but the House that Enslaved People Built, were it not for the labor of kidnapped people and their descendants. There would be no banking system if enslaved people were not used as collateral for

European devilment. There would be no insurance industry were it not for the enslaved. But in our collective ignorance allows us, all of us, African Americans, European Americans, and others, to live in denial, pretending that there is fairness is a racist, patriarchal, predatory, capitalist society.

We have been here at least 400 years, but we still aren't clear about the nonsense and exploitation that affects and infuses our very foundation. Our entire nation needs to go back to school to learn some history. But there is a special place in hell for teachers in Louden County, Virginia who think that enslavement is some kind of game!

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**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**  
**On "getting over" racism**

There are few things that rattle my spirit like white people saying to and about black people that we should "just get over" slavery.

Their saying that shows a profound ignorance, arrogance, and lack of the capacity and demand to understand what the American white supremacist system has done to so many people and continues to do.

Fox News anchor Tucker Carlson had a guest, Canadian author and columnist Mark Steyn - to make the statement. ([https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/tucker-carlson-tonight-guest-says-african-americans-need-move-slavery-213605922.html?tsrc=fauxdal&fbclid=IwAR3f-i3x7-lcPBw7-iTP20-aqkg5QEL\\_ZcATVn60wsJZIUzfy01mnlhY](https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/tucker-carlson-tonight-guest-says-african-americans-need-move-slavery-213605922.html?tsrc=fauxdal&fbclid=IwAR3f-i3x7-lcPBw7-iTP20-aqkg5QEL_ZcATVn60wsJZIUzfy01mnlhY)) When I posted the article on my Facebook page complaining that this statement is totally insulting, I got the expected push-back from some who think that Steyn was right and from some who castigated me from taking issue with it.



**Rev. Susan K. Smith**

The question I always ask is "do white people ask the Jews to "get over" the Holocaust?" They do not. What happened to the Jewish people in Germany - and to others whom the Germans believe were unfit to live - should never be forgotten.

Why, then, should what this country did - and continues to do - to not only African Americans but to people of color in general be forgotten? If the truth be told, this country has never dealt with what it has done. The power structure works to keep hidden and diminished the horror of racism which is the child of white supremacy. America has worked hard to communicate the false narrative that it is the "land of the free and the home of the brave," when in truth, this country was never meant to be a place of equal citizenship for all people from the very beginning.

The belief that black people were inferior to white people was built into the DNA of this country, and has since prevailed. In his book *The Last Days: A Son's Story of Sin and Segregation at the Dawn of a New South*, author Charles Marsh recalls that the message and ethos of white supremacy was not only politically but religiously supported. His father, a Christian pastor and preacher, would not preach an egalitarian message from his pulpit; he says that his father had "not been convinced by the civil rights brass that God was on their side." The fact that blacks had no recourse from established institutions - from the church all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court - ought to cause many of the "get over it" advocates some calm.

The American eugenics movement was based upon the belief of white Americans that this country was built by white people for white people. American science in the area was so deep and broad that the Germans borrowed from the research and conclusions reached by American scientists and politicians to set up their own system of genocide of Jews and "other undesirables."

If the assault on black people had ended, if it hadn't prevailed in areas including housing, education and economic development, not to mention health, perhaps it would be easier for African Americans to move past our lingering pain, but the racist assaults and attacks have not ended. Bryan Stevenson, the founder and director of the Equal Justice Initiative, says that "slavery never ended. It just evolved."

That statement is cutting in its truth. The fact that African Americans have made significant gains not because of but in spite of the American political and religious systems says much about our character and tenacity. From being captured in Africa, to surviving the Middle Passage, slavery, and Jim Crow, we have prevailed. We have fought racism on every front - and we still have to fight. We are disrespected and accused of whining, when in fact we have adopted the words of the Declaration of Independence and of the Christian Bible and have made them work for us, even as this country has thwarted our efforts at every turn.

America will fall because of its refusal to make restitution for its white supremacist ways. Our race law, our policies and practices are known, studied and are recognized by countries all over the world. James Q. Whitman, who wrote *Hitler's American Model: The United States and the Making of Nazi Race Law* said that the tyrannical German ruler "regarded the United States as the obvious leader in developing explicitly racist policies of nationality and immigration."

In the present day, Russia is exploiting America's racism to manipulate and engineer specific outcomes in our elections. (<https://qz.com/1495383/a-racial-history-of-russian-meddling-in-us-politics/>)

So, let's not talk about "getting over" something that we have never fully acknowledged as being as damaging and toxic as it is and has always been. No person, government or institution can heal from a situation unless and until they admit the problem.

America has done none of that. *Rev. Susan K Smith is available for lectures, workshops and preaching. Contact her at [revsuekim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revsuekim@sbcglobal.net), or visit her page at [www.crazyfaithministries.org](http://www.crazyfaithministries.org).*

**Director Spike Lee wins first Oscar at 91st Annual Academy Awards**

(Via NNPANewswire.com)

Director Spike Lee, who was famously passed over for Best Film and Best Director for his 1992 film "Malcolm X," won his first Oscar at the 91st Annual Academy Awards.

Wearing a purple suit and hat and seated in the front row at the Dolby Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles, Lee was nominated for two Oscars: Best Adaptive Screenplay for "Blackkklansman," and for Best Director of the same film.

Though Lee did not win for Best Director for "Blackkklansman," the evening featured a great deal of diversity as the

Director of the film "Roma," Alfonso Cuarón, was awarded for Best Director.

Lee's production company, 40 Acres and a Mule Filmworks, has produced over 35 films since 1983. Lee, 61, has created several memorable films including, "She's Gotta Have It" (1986), "School Daze" (1988), "Do the Right Thing" (1989), "Mo' Better Blues" (1990), "Jungle Fever" (1991) and "Malcolm X" (1992).

When Best Actor nominee Denzel Washington, who starred in "Malcolm X," lost to Al Pacino for his performance in "Scent of A Woman" it was considered one the biggest snubs in Oscars history. Overall, "Malcolm X" won no major awards.

"It was so funny and so horrifying because it was based on the truth and truth is so precious these days,"



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said legendary singer and film director, Barbra Streisand, as she introduced Lee's film "Blackkklansman," at the Academy Awards.

Though Lee was born in Atlanta, he was raised on New York and has made Brooklyn, NY his home-

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**Black women in America and cervical cancer prevention**

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Many people may believe that cervical cancer is a problem of the past. Prior to the 1940s, it was a major cause of death of women of child-bearing age. According to the National Institute of Health, invasive cervical cancer is now considered to be the 14th cause of cancer deaths in women in the US. That accounts for approximately 4,000 deaths of women each year.

African American women are twice as likely as Caucasian women to be diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer and 2-3 times more likely to die from this diagnosis. Before we examine why this health disparity exists, let's explore the historical gains that lead to the reduction of invasive cervical cancer diagnosis and deaths.

Before the 1940s, it was difficult to diagnose cervical cancer unless accompanied by significant symptoms such as bleeding, pain, and nausea were occurring, which caused women to present in the later stages. In 1943, Dr. George Papanicolaou published a paper on his work to identify cervical changes as normal or cancerous via a microscope before invasive cancer occurred in an article titled "Diagnosis of Uterine Cancer on Vaginal Smear."

In 1954, Dr. Papanicolaou published his atlas for labs to learn how to identify cervical cancer using his method and this is now called a

Papanicolaou test or "Pap" smear. We now use this to screen for cervical cancer and catch it in its early stages. Cervical cancer caught in the early stages can be removed with very minor surgeries and in many cases, hysterectomy can be avoided.

In the 1970s, the HPV virus was being extensively researched as a possible link to cervical cancer. In 1984 Dr. Harald zur Hausen discovered that HPV 16 and 18 were major causes of cervical cancer. He later won a Nobel Prize in Science for this discovery. In the 1990s, Dr. Lowy and Schiller began working to create an HPV vaccine that could help prevent cervical cancer altogether. In 2006 the FDA approved the first HPV vaccines.

We now use the HPV vaccine to help prevent cervical cancer in the first place. This is especially important internationally since currently 500,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and 275,000 of them will die of their disease due to low access to screening and treatment.

Cervical cancer has had such great advancements in treatment and diagnosis in the United States that even one death from this disease could be considered a failure of the system. But an estimated 700 African American women still die of cervical cancer each year. The three main reasons are: later stage at diagnosis, less aggressive treatment, and more barriers to care once diagnosed.

One reason cited for lack of timely screening is confusion of Pap smear with a pelvic exam causing a person to think that they have already been screened, although they may have had this exam for a different reason. Many

African American women do not receive treatment due to comorbid conditions, advanced cancer, or refusal to be treated. In 2016, Nardi et al detailed some of the findings of multiple studies that indicate that lack of knowledge about cervical cancer may be the largest barrier to screening and treatment of cervical cancer in African American women.

Many women do not know that a Pap smear is a cervical cancer screening and do not realize that HPV is a known risk factor. They also may believe that if they are no longer sexually active, they no longer need to be screened which may contribute to presenting with cervical cancer in the later stage. There was also discussion that women feared hysterectomy would be needed and they did not desire to have this performed so they avoided screening.

In 2012, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology drastically changed the guidelines for cervical cancer screening. As of September 2017, the guidelines are:

Screening starting at age 21 with a Pap smear

Screening is now every 3-5 years with a Pap Smear and depending on age, HPV testing

HPV testing is recommended to start at age 30 but many physicians perform it at ages 21-29 with Pap smear

These changes have caused further confusion about the importance of cervical cancer and when a person's next pap smear is due. This change occurred due to research demonstrating that yearly Pap smears were not better at decreasing cancer rates than when performed every 3 years. There was also concern about damaging the cervix

with unnecessary procedures if screening too often.

The HPV vaccine has been FDA approved since 2006. It is currently recommended for use in all genders aged 11-26 and it was most recently approved to be extended for use up to age 45. The vaccine has been shown to be effective in preventing an estimated 90% of HPV related cancers. In 2015, the CDC studied the percent of women aged 19-26 who received at least 1 dose of the vaccine and it was found that African American women were 10% less likely to have started that vaccine.

Despite the many advances in cervical cancer screening, treatment, and prevention, African Americans women are more likely to be diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer and death as a result of late diagnosis. Increased knowledge about the purpose of a Pap smear and how often it is needed, the new treatments available that may prevent need for hysterectomy, and the purpose of the HPV vaccine may help reduce this health disparity in the future.

For Black American women receiving updated information about how to prevent cervical cancer is a matter of life or death. If our Black families and communities are made more aware of the advantages of early detection and diagnosis concerning cervical cancer, the current disproportionate mortality rates for Black women with this health problem in America will be dramatically reduced.

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## New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. There will be a presentation by the North Carolina African American Heritage Committee on the "Green Book", the annual guidebook used by African American road-trippers, published from 1936-1966, during the Jim Crow era, when open and often legally prescribed discrimination against non-whites was widespread. This discrimination resulted in a variety of dangers and inconveniences along the road; anything from a refusal of food and lodging to arbitrary arrest. The "Green Book" was a guide to services and places relatively friendly to African Americans. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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## Community Briefs

## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

## "Should I or shouldn't I?"

This week I want to share a couple of questions I got from aspiring homeowners I'm mentoring towards 1st-time purchasing in 18 months or less.

On Tuesday morning I received a text from one asking "Will my going back to school hurt my chances of buying a home?" Then I got a FB message asking "If I buy a car from one of those buy here/pay here dealers that don't report to credit reports, will that hurt my chances of buying a home? I really need another car and what if I can pay it off in less than 12 months before I buy a home?" Both of these are great questions and I really commend these two ladies for asking questions before they made the moves. That is what I told them was best to do and them listening showed me they are serious about their families owning. So let me tell you how I answered them. To the 1st person, I replied: "Before I answer your question, please answer 2 questions for me. 1) Will you be getting student loans to go back to school? 2) Will your current income change if you go back? Will your hours or pay decrease at all?" Her reply was that no changes to the income would happen and if she got any student loan, it would be a very low one. So with those responses, I was equipped to answer her original question. So I told her; then NO, going back to school wouldn't hurt her. That's because since she was not losing any income and if she made a new debt with a small student loan, the loan payment would be low and should not hinder her purchasing. She was happy to hear that because going back to school would open more doors and I

Brenda Dixon

was happy for her. Now onto the 2nd person and the car question, I responded: "I know you really want/need a car but you are so close. I caution you from buying from a buy/pay here and this is why. There are a few exceptions but most of those places sell cars that are "dressed-up lemons". If you buy that car and in a few months it starts to fall apart you will want to turn it back in like so many others have done before you. That will cause you a major setback. It doesn't matter if you drive it or tow it in, once you take it back and say good day, that WILL report to your credit reports as a repossession. A voluntary repo is as devastating on a credit score and credit history just as much as if Lizard Lick Repo service snatched it in the middle of the night. Now I know I've gone all the way "left field" on the "what ifs" on her question but that's what you must do when evaluating a credit/money move. WHAT IF this car does turn out to be a bad purchase? WHAT IF you can't pay it off as quickly with that high-interest rate? Will you be able to afford the car payment and house payment? I ended saying it's for these reasons that I encourage you to hold off. Call Uber, bum a ride from relatives, homies or boo. Do whatever you can to not purchase that car. She thought about all of the "what ifs" and she decided that yes waiting would be the smartest option. I was very happy she saw the value of how a little sacrificing now would reap the greatest rewards later. She's smart. Until next week, help others and share this one with at least 3 people. For anyone sick of throwing away thousands and ready for a Free game plan to OWN in the next 18 months or less, just reach out and it's done. Brenda Dixon, Dixon Realty Since 1991, 27 yrs. F/T expert. Brenda@getthatdeed.com. 910-262-4836.

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## A trip to Washington, D. C.

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We were there on time; Deborah Dicks Maxwell, Jere McMillan, Brenda Fong, Emma Myles, Francis Harrison, and Frances Burney Matthews.

Prayer was offered by Gelana Jones, and the whole group felt the joy of safety. Everybody's name was included in the prayer. To me, we are one big

happy family with a strong sense of freedom. Marching with 20,000 people was history in the making for another generation to talk about.

In 1963, we marched to achieve long overdue justice demands. Over and over again, we have demanded equal civil rights. Many Republicans demand that this unfair system of justice to continue, as if it's the right way to run our government. Poor people are suffering because of the lack of food and shelter. It may be your relatives. They do not want to become a part of this capitalis-

tic system like you rich people. This system needs to be changed to one of fairness, one that represents all the people. We are engaged in a political fight to transform this exploitive system that is destroying us into one based on cooperation, justice, equality, and affirmative action.

To us, this is another start, and no one can stop our movement toward justice and equality. Fifty years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his historic "I Have a Dream" speech before hundreds of thousands of people who marched on Washington, D. C.

Our determination to fight injustice with the same tactics of mass militant action, learned from Dr. King during the old Civil Rights Movement will inspire both young and old across America and in other places as well. We can build the Civil Rights Movement with other peoples, Latinos, Asians, Arabs, Native Americans. We are all American.

I am thinking about this era of high technology, with millions of people thrown out of work. People are losing their jobs, their homes, and their hope for the future, as future for their children. What do you think about these movements? A comfortable place to rest was on the grass. Young chil-

dren, six years old or so, played games peacefully near me. Blacks and Whites played together. Color of the skin did not matter. They were all wearing Dr. King "T" shirts. What a true picture of progress toward racial equality! Sitting and thinking of the great progress we have made is not enough. They came to make it possible.

Looking at the statue of Dr. King would bring tears to one's eyes. His words are still a part of history today. "Let us not wallow in the valley of despair: I say to you today, my friends, 'So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream! It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this Nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be evident that all men are created equal.'"

This march proved to be another milestone in the Civil Rights Movement. He envisioned a time when all of god's children...will be able to sing with new meaning: My country tis of Thee, Sweet land of liberty! Of Thee I sing! Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride! From every mountain-side, let freedom ring!

For that moment in American history, Blacks and

Whites, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, young and old, rich and poor \_ they were all one. Marching with groups, one has the feeling of being an important person. It is a feeling of "this is where I belong, united and equal in the dreams we share for a great future. Yes, they came, and leaving was peaceful. It was though we were being guarded by angels.

We cannot leave out Diego Maxwell Ramos, a very intelligent seven year old boy. His behavior was something by which to remember him. He was a great helper. Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

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## Black History Month:

## Celebrating the legacy of The Retired Teachers of the Cape Fear Area



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## MEMBERS OF THE RETIRED TEACHERS OF THE CAPE FEAR AREA

BY EMELE TODD  
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We, the members of The Retired Teachers of the Cape Fear Area, pause to embrace the legacy of our founding members.

A small group of retired teachers who were members of the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A would meet monthly just to socialize and discuss issues of the times. It was at one of these meetings in March, 1964, that the idea of

forming a Retired Teachers' organization was credited to Mrs. Bertha Berry, Mrs. Nada Cotton, Ms. Katherine Crawley, Mrs. Lula Davis, Mrs. Margaret Lofton, and Ms. Ada McKoy.

On April 8, 1964 a formal organizational meeting was held with Mrs. Nada Cotton presiding. Also in attendance at that meeting was Mrs. Margaret Lofton, Mrs. H. V. Gattison, Ms. Ada McKoy, Mrs. Lula C. Davis, Mrs. Essie Miller, Mrs. Carrie Shephard, and Ms. Katherine Crawley. The group became known as The Retired Teachers Association of Wilmington, NC in New Hanover County. However, in 1987 the present name was chosen to enlarge and encompass retired teachers in not only New Hanover County, but Brunswick and Pender Counties as well. The purposes of the organization have remained the same which was to afford the presentation and the interchanging of opinions about subjects of interests to retired teachers and to promote the social and professional status of retired teachers.

One of the goals of the organization over 50 years ago was to establish a scholarship of \$50.00 to be contributed to a deserving high school graduate of Williston Senior High School. Today a \$1,000.00 scholarship is given to a deserving high school student in New Hanover, Brunswick, or Pender counties. We now have a Children First Fund from which donations are presented to one of the schools in the surrounding counties for the principal to use where it is needed. Other activities that have been included since the beginning of this wonderful organization are trips to places of interest to family and friends, monthly area guest speakers/ entrepreneurs, tutoring and mentoring programs, monetary donations to organizations such as the Community Boy and Girls Club, the 13th Street Home for Women,

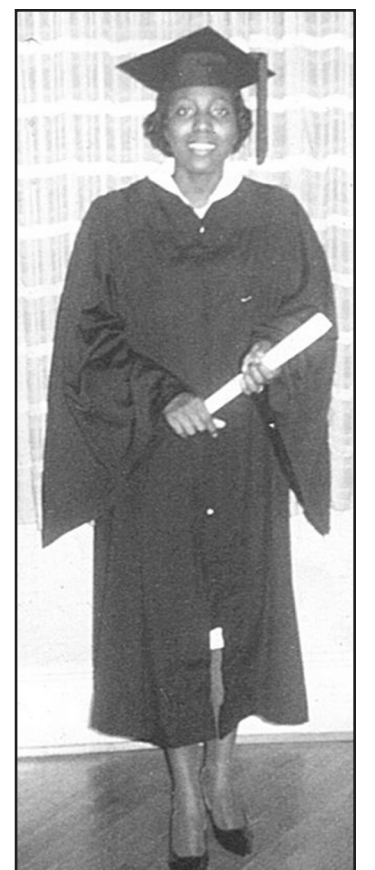
Elderhaus, and various local and national non-profit health organizations. Our donations are a worthy investment in helping to make our local and national communities a better place for everyone involved. Over the past years we have also added an Annual Luncheon when we invite current school retirees, family, friends, and other community members to fellowship, renew/ re-ignite old and new acquaintances.

Under different presidential leaders along with our dedicated members, we have had several activities to remember our founders. One such activity was the year 2013-2014, a very special year, when we commemorated the 50th Year Anniversary of the organization's inception. Our President at that time, Mrs. Julia Bibbs along with the Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Barbara Mike, and the Executive Committee planned a year of festivities for us. "What year to remember"!!!!

This year our current, President Mrs. Laura McIntyre, along with our Executive Board and other members are now making plans for another celebration later this year for our 55th Year Anniversary. Anyone who is a retired teacher, retired teacher assistant, or retired school personnel and lives in the southeastern NC area is invited to become a member.

COME JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO EMBRACE AND CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF OUR FOUNDERS OF THE RETIRED TEACHERS OF THE CAPE FEAR AREA HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONGRATULATIONS!!!! TO MRS. LELA PIERCE THOMPSON THE LEGACY CONTINUES

In an article published in the 2018 Fall-Winter UNCW Magazine, one of our own Wilmingtonians, Mrs. Lela Pierce Thompson, had the honor bestowed on her as being the first African



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## LELA PIERCE THOMPSON

American woman to graduate from the University of North at Wilmington in 1967.

Mrs. Thompson did not learn about this honor until 50 years later, thanks to her daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Wiggs who works as a business service coordinator in the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and saw her name on a timeline that was created by the Upperman African American Culture Center.

The tradition of attending UNCW was followed by her granddaughters Tamesha Moore '02, Angel Moore Major '03, and Kourtney Moore '13. They all have agreed that the importance of education was instilled in them not only by their grandmother, but their late grandfather, the late Mr. Melvin Thompson also.

(Mrs. Thompson is a member of the Retired Teachers of the Cape Fear Area and Mr. Thompson was also until his passing.)

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**Wilber Joseph Yates**

Wilber Joseph Yates died February 17, 2019 at North Chase Nursing and Rehab. Funeral services were held on Monday, February 25, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Born in Wilmington, North Carolina on December 9, 1943, Wilber was the first of eight children born to the late Ms. Janie Mae Johnson-Yates. He was reared by his grandmother, the late Mama Elouise Johnson Yates, who introduced him to Jesus early in life. He was a member of St. Phillip AME Church, Class #2, with Class Leader Bernice James, until his health failed. Wilber was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating in 1964 from Williston High School. Upon graduation Wilber enlisted in the US Army where he served in Germany and obtained an Honorable Discharge on the 31st day of December 1969. Wilber moved to Brooklyn, New York where he gained employment with United Parcel Service. In New York he married his high school sweet heart, the late Shirley Ann Gary-Yates. To this union was born their only child. He was a great provider, a loving husband, a devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle and loyal friend to many. In addition to his mother and grandmother he was preceded in death by his brother, Alphonzo Yates "Piney", niece, Shakya Yates; special brother, Louis "Sam" Clark; special sister, Maggie Irving and "Big Man" Alfred "Red Boy" Clark.

Wilber's legacy of loved and cherished survivors include: his son, Jerome Bernard Yates of the home; adoring granddaughter, Azariah Yates and daughter-in-law, Nicole Tremiere both of York, PA; brothers, John Tucker, III of the home and Jerome C. Yates of Charlotte, NC; sisters, Dianne Hayes (Bob), Liz Yates, Mamie Jackson (Marvin) all of the home and Beverly Yates of Jacksonville, FL; special sisters, Geneva Hawes (Lennon), Roberta Salley, Joyce Clark of the home and Learnice Clark of Richmond, VA; aunts, Ernestine Allen of the home and Violet Yates of Philadelphia, PA; loyal life-long partner, Joan Davis; special children, Michelle Davis and Trever Davis; special grandsons, Tai' Mon Dais, De'Mon Faison and Bryan Davis; sister/cousin, Rosa Mack; special nephews, Antony Middleton and Nakia (Mann) Hooper; caring friends, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Harris, Mrs. Gloria Riley, Mr. Ernest Corbett, Mr. & Mrs. Amos Brown and a host of loving nieces, nephews,

great-nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Shelia Yvette Haskins**

Shelia Yvette Haskins died on February 18, 2019 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Sheila, daughter of Annie Haskins and the late Edward Canty was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on June 4, 1957. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her stepfather, Charles Haskins. She was educated in the New Hanover County schools, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School. Upon graduation, she entered the Jobs Corps where she learned life skills. Sheila furthered her education at Cape Fear Community College. Her life's experiences led her to many different vocations: drug counselor, home health aide and lastly, the former Hilton Hotel where she was highly respected. Before her illness, she was enrolled in a special training program sponsored by her employer which would have afforded her future promotions. Sheila accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. In later years, she attended various churches. At the time of her death, she was attending St. Jude's Church. Her relationship with Christ was embraced throughout her entire life. Sheila taught others how to be caring, affectionate, forgiving and empathetic toward others, especially those in need. She had the "gift of gab" and somehow was able to have complete strangers share their life story with her within their very first conversations. As a result, she was very active in a number of Outreach programs: Saint Mary's Church, Salvation Army and Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity. She loved Old School music, the Carolina Panthers, playing spades, eating crabs, and pineapple homemade cake. But her greatest joy was the love of her family. No other occasion was as dear to her than spending time with her family. Sheila was a true fighter and her incredible tenacity showed up in her strong will to live with a terrible illness. Her spirit will continue to be present in our lives and her legacy will live on through her children and those lives she touched.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: three daughters, Nykida and Ashley of the city, and Kimberly (Jonathan) of Raleigh, NC; her mother, Annie R. Haskins of the city;

four grandchildren, Mikeira, Aaliyah, Katijh, and Amia, all of the city; five brothers, Curtis and Gene of the city, William (Veronica) of Jamaica Queens, New York, Marvin and Charles Jr. of the city; three adopted aunts: Lucy, Barbara Ann, and Denise, all of the city, one godson, Rodney, companion, Felecia, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, her extended families and friends she loved that are too numerous to list. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Zalleux Johnson, Jr.**

Zalleux Johnson, Jr., funeral services will be held 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Meyona Z. Bryant Moses**

Meyona Zanett Bryant Moses, age 50, of Raleigh (formerly of New Bern), passed away Monday, February 18, 2019. A celebration of Meyona's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Little Macedonia Baptist Church, 246 Little Macedonia Rd. NW, Supply, NC 28462. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Hankins Family Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her husband, Kingsley I. Moses; step-son, Andrew Moses; brother, Mykeko Byrant, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

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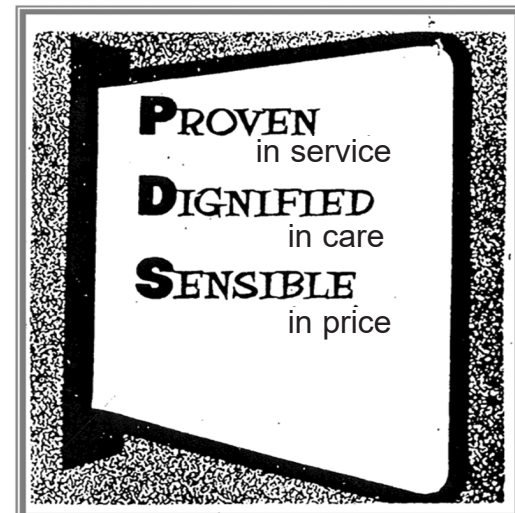
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## New Hanover County

**Church Women United** will hold their World Day of Prayer program on Friday, March 1st at Gregory Congregational Church, 609 Nun St. Sign in is at 10:00 a.m. and worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Contact Angel Dualeh at 910-83-0168 for further information.



## Religious Briefs

**Mt. Nebo MBC**, 801 S 10th St. will hold a Community Give Away on Saturday, March 9th from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Clothing all sizes and other items. There will also be chili w/bread. All are welcome.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## Will reparations become Democrats' campaign theme?

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE  
CORRESPONDENT

A new refrain could be taking center stage during the 2020 Presidential Campaign.

Senators Kamala Harris of California and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, both 2020 presidential candidates, said they support reparations for African Americans to redress the legacy of the slavery.

The senators' statements came as many are observing the 500th anniversary of the transatlantic slave trade and the 400th year since the first African was brought to Virginia.

"I think that we have got to address that again. It's back to the inequities," Harris said during an interview with The Breakfast Club radio show. "America has a history of slavery. We had Jim Crow. We had legal segregation in America for a very long time," she said.

Harris continued:

"We have got to recognize, back to that earlier point, people aren't starting out on the same base in terms of their ability to succeed and so we have got to recognize that and give people a lift up."

When she told the radio show's host, Charlamagne Tha God, that "Livable Incomes for Families Today," the Middle Class Act tax cut plan is one way to address the rising costs and the inequities of living in the U.S., the host asked if her comments were about reparations.

"Yes," Harris said.

She also noted the "systemic racism" in the criminal justice system.

"We have a problem with mass incarceration in particular of black and brown men," Harris said. "There is no question that no mother or father in America should have to sit down when their son turns 12 and start having the talk with that child about how he may be stopped, arrested or killed because of the color of his skin," she said, addressing police brutality.

Warren also said she supported reparations for both African Americans and Native Americans.

"America has an ugly history of racism," Warren said

after addressing Democrats at an annual state dinner in New Hampshire, according to The Boston Globe. "We need to confront it head-on. And we need to talk about the right way to address it and make change."

Warren later expanded on her ideas for Native American reparations in a statement, writing that, "tribal nations have unique interests, priorities and histories, and should not be treated monolithically."

"I fully support the federal government doing far more to live up to its existing trust and treaty responsibilities and that includes a robust discussion about historical injustices against Native people."

She continued:

"Tribal nations have a government-to-government relationship with the federal government, and they deserve a seat at the table in all decisions that will affect the well-being of their people and their communities."

Another Democratic Presidential hopeful, Julian Castro, also has said he endorses reparations.

A 2017 article in Quartz, noted that to "repair this breach, it's becoming increasingly clear that reparations for black slavery and its legacy—including Jim Crow—must be part of the equation."

The article continued:

"Facing what activist Randall Robinson calls 'the debt' to people of African descent, those of us who are low on melanin content (aka 'white') will have to address the often uncomfortable history of how lighter skin color conferred, and continues to confer, economic advantage. To do otherwise is to live a destructive lie, perpetuating a perverted myth of deservedness that holds back our entire society and each of us individually."

As Ta-Nehisi Coates wrote in his groundbreaking 2014 Atlantic article, reparations are "the price we must pay to see ourselves squarely."

"Reparations," he continued, "beckons us to reject the intoxication of hubris and see America as it is—the work of fallible humans. An America that looks away is ignoring not just the sins of the past but the sins of the present and the certain sins of the future," Coates said.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Listen, learn and obey

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND  
SHEILA H. ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The Lord has allowed us to see the Tuesday in February and we will rejoice and be glad in it. We the Senior Citizen Fellowship met at our usual place and time, sharing the Good news. Opening prayer was given by Minister Sharon Pollock. We are still celebrating Black History Month.

Our guest speaker was Minister Linda Smiley McMillan. Her scripture was taken from Deut. 5:1-5. Her

subject was Listen, learn and obey. God is our creator. Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit. We should bear the fruits of the spirit, starting with LOVE. We should fear the Lord. We should tell the goodness of the Lord. We all are History. For the Lord gives wisdom. Thank you so much for such an inspiring and uplifting message of encouragement.

Words were given from our president, Gladys Taylor. Gregory Jones son of Wilmer Brown acknowledged the visitors. Minutes were read by the secretary, Mildred Ellerby.

The caller report was given and Gladys Taylor had nine members presents. Thank you to all the callers and members that were present. The sick report was given. Remarks were made about those who attended Anna Haskins's daughter funeral on Saturday, February 23, 2019. Thank you to all that were present. Remarks and tokens of love were given by Michelle Brooks. We thank you so much for all you do and for all your memorable tokens given to all of us. We love you. Smiles were presented by Mary Martin. thank you for

the laughter, for it's truly good for the soul. We all stood and sung "Lift every voice and Sing." Next a presentation was given to George Hill given by Sharon Pollock, Michelle Brooks and the entire Senior Citizen Fellowship in recognition of an unsung hero. We truly have history right here among us. Praise God from all blessings flow. Julia Bibbs then read a poem, "Blind Justice." "Bind us Together" was sung and prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan. The meeting was then adjourned. There were 50 members present.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## Signs of His Coming: Hatred of the Saints

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matthew 24:3

Hate - Intense Hostility

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another." Matthew 24:9b,10

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." John 15:18

Jesus taught his disciples, the reality of serving him in the last days, and enlightened them about the signs of his coming. Suffering for Christ is one of the conditions of the last days. Hatred and persecution are on the list of things that the Saints will have to suffer while in this world. Jesus forewarned his disciples of what was to come their way because they carried his name in their hearts and called upon his name with their lips.

Even now, the name of Jesus is an offense to many. This is nothing strange, for it

was so in the beginning, when the disciples began to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ with so much power that signs and wonders followed them. The sick were healed, souls were saved, the lame were made to walk, and yet this was still an offense to some. The disciples were even threatened and beaten, and warned not to preach in the Name of Jesus, because his great name was so powerful. For His name's sake, his disciples were and still are hated.

There is a reason, that no other name is feared and hated, as the name of Jesus! Phillipians 2:9 - 11 says, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Spiritual blindness causes men to hate one another. Jesus taught his disciples to return good for evil. "Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it." I Cor. 4:12B "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which

hate you." Luke 6:27 Hatred is indeed, an enemy of the soul, and is condemned by Christ for this reason. There is no room for hatred in the heart of a Christian disciple. This is why so many millions of people have come to embrace the Christian faith. God has forgiven us of all our hateful ways, so we have no reason to hate anyone else. As God has forgiven us, we must forgive others, and pray for strength to walk in obedience to the lord's command.

When you have a Christian spirit, you must never allow hatred to find a room in your heart. It is a challenge to do this, when you are treated in a hateful manner. Truthfully, it is not always as easy as it sounds. Fact is, it is not easy, but it is worth it!!! We can do all things through Christ that strengthened us. Yes, we will be hated, for His name's sake, but we do not hate in return.

Romans 12:17-21 sums it up quite well. "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore, if thine enemy

hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Prayer: Father I pray that you will touch my heart and deliver me from the spirit of hatred. Keep me with a mind to obey your Word in spite of how I feel. Help me to do what is pleasing in your sight. Help me to live so you can use me. In Jesus's Name I pray. Amen." 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!

## Preserving African American historic places in the community



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS  
REAVES CHAPEL AME CHURCH

BY HERBERT BEATTY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Reaves Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Chapel Church has been an integral part of the Cedar Hill Community for over a century. The Chapel was built by former slaves of the Cedar Hill Plantation over 120 years ago, after the Civil War.

Around 1909, the church was moved from the riverfront to Cedar Hill Road. The planning and logistics were made by the community members and the

move was accomplished by using logs, oxen and mules as the mode of transportation.

Mr. Edward Reaves, a former slave, donated the property where the church now stands. As a result of his generous gift, the church was appropriately named Reaves Chapel Church.

During the 1930's through the early 50's this historic religious institution is where most of the community received most of Biblical and religious teaching. This church also served as a place for many community events. The church



Restoration President Al Beatty speaking at the recent Gullah-Geechee event that was held in Southport, NC., regarding Reaves Chapel Restoration Project.

had an active congregation until approximately 1995, which is when the church matriarch, Aurelia Gertrude (Lump) Weston passed.

The Foundation's vision and ultimate goal are to enhance the cultural education of the region citizens. The Foundation is currently working in partnership with the United Methodist Church, Town of Navassa, Coastal Land Trust and The Land Management Group.

Many community mem-

bers are descendants of the Central and West African slaves known as the Gullah-Geechee people. We are asking and will be appreciative that you will partner with us to incorporate this historic church as part of the Gullah-Geechee Heritage Trail.

For upcoming events, activities and to make donations please go <https://coastallandtrust.prg/cedarhillwestbank> and for additional information email [al.beatty@att.net](mailto:al.beatty@att.net).

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This the 14th day of February, 2019

Alayne Joyner, Administrator  
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February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

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This the 28th day of February, 2019

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This the 14th day of February, 2019

Gene Douglas Atkinson, Administrator  
1546 Grandiflora Drive  
Leland, NC 28451

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **David J. Robinson**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, who died on May 30, 2018, are hereby notified to present their claims to Evelyn R. Richburg, Personal Representative in care of the undersigned attorney at his address, on or before **May 8, 2019**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of February, 2019

Evelyn R. Richburg, Personal Representative  
John J. Peck, Attorney at Law  
428 Eastwood Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019

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

The undersigned, Charles A. Leonard and Kristin O'Neill, having qualified on the 11th day of August, 2019, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Charles G. Leonard (19-E-064)**, 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 **7th day of May, 2019**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This the 5th day of February, 2018

Charles A. Leonard  
Kristin A. O'Neill  
Personal Representative  
Estate of Charles G. Leonard  
Kevin T. May  
GRAVES MAY, PLLC  
5700 Oleander Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
AND DEBTORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
File 18E001386**

The undersigned, having been duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Charles George Bowen**, Deceased, of New Hanover County, NC, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned at P.O. Box 81, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **15th day of May, 2019**, or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All person indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of February, 2019. William Arthur Bowen, Executor of the Estate of Charles George Bowen.

Karen F. Richards, Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 81  
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Rebecca B. Hyman, having qualified on the 23rd day of January, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of **E. Parker Hyman, Jr. (19-E-040)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **3rd day of June, 2019**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 28th day of February, 2019.

Rebecca B. Hyman  
Executor  
ESTATE OF E. Parker Hyman, Jr.  
David E. Anderson  
Attorney at Law  
9111 Market St, Ste A  
Wilmington, NC 28411

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Allen David Moore, 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 **15th day of May, 2019**, 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 14th day of February, 2019

Edwin Holt Moore III, Executor  
2202 N Barker Street  
Lumberton, NC 28358

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Robert Grady McDuffie, 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 **15th day of May, 2019**, 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 14th day of February, 2019

Ms. Willie Mae McDuffie,  
Administrator  
6 High St.  
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of **Ronald Wayne Butler**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **28th day of May, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 28th day of February, 2019

Nancy Simcox, Administrator CTA  
905 Brewster Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28412

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2019

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS  
AND CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
19-E-252**

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MICHALANN HOBSON**, late, of Kure Beach, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, with a copy to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **31st day of May, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 28th day of February, 2019.

Kent James Hobson, Executor  
Estate of Michalann Hobson

Jeffrey P. Keeter  
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.  
P.O. Box 4  
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February 28, March 7, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Jennifer Darger, having qualified on the 19th day of February, 2019, as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of **Linda M. Clay (19-E-250)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **3rd day of June, 2019**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 28th day of February, 2019.

Jennifer Darger  
Limited Personal Representative  
ESTATE OF LINDA M. CLAY  
David E. Anderson  
Attorney at Law  
9111 Market St, Ste A  
Wilmington, NC 28411

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 09 JT 236**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
D. L. M.  
(DOB: 08/14/2007)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS:  
EDDA MARTIN, BIOLOGICAL  
MOTHER; DARRYL  
SMITH, JR., PUTATIVE  
FATHER; AND ANY  
UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL  
FATHER OF THE ABOVE  
CAPTIONED MALE CHILD  
BORN IN WILMINGTON,  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA TO  
EDDA MARTIN**

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following February 14, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Brian Moore has been appointed to represent Edda Martin, and he can be reached at 705 N. 4th St, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 362-1100.

Attorney Lyana Hunter has been appointed to represent Darryl Smith, Jr., and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **April 8, 2019**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 14th day of February, 2019.

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

February 14, 21, 28, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 15 JT 41**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
P. M. B. (DOB:  
02/16/2015)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS:  
KALI BROWN, BIOLOGICAL  
MOTHER AND BRANDWON  
LAWING, PUTATIVE  
FATHER OF THE ABOVE  
CAPTIONED MALE CHILD  
BORN IN WILMINGTON,  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA TO KALI  
BROWN**

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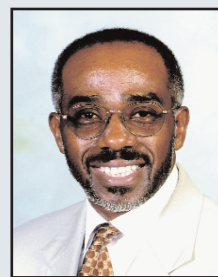
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