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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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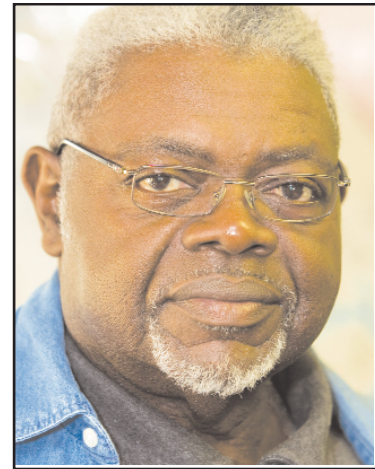
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MOTHER OF THE YEAR

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
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The Brunswick County Chapter of NAACP is planning for their Mother of the Year Program. This program helps raise monies for the NCNAACP College Fund. If there were ever a time when this type of fund raising was needed, it is now. We are at a time when education is of very little concern to our elected officials. The NAACP is still in the fight for equal education.

Please support this cause with your presence and your donations. The Mother of the Year Program will be held at St. John Baptist Church, Bolivia, N. C. @ 4:00 on April 20, 2019. We look to see you there. We must fight this fight for equality together. We must not stand idly by and lose our youth.

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



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African Americans audited by IRS more than any other group

BY **STACY M. BROWN**
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A poor, rural county in Tennessee that is predominantly Black receives more audits from the IRS than any other county in the United States while rich counties skate by unbothered, according to a study published on the tax professional news website Tax Notes.

Humphreys County, Tenn., where more than a third of its Black residents live below the poverty line and the median yearly

household income is \$26,000, somehow is on the IRS' radar to audit at a higher rate than anywhere else in the nation, according to AOL News.

The irony? Humphreys County is audited at a rate that is 51 percent higher than wealthy Loudoun County, Virginia, which has a median yearly household income of \$130,000, the highest in the country.

The reason is believed to be because the majority of taxpayers in Humphreys County claim the earned income tax credit, a government program to help lower

income taxpayers get out of poverty.

According to the report, the top five counties in the United States that were audited by the IRS were predominantly poorer, Black counties in the rural South.

Other highly-audited counties included majority Hispanic counties in Texas, Native American areas in South Dakota, and white, rural spots in Appalachia, according to Salon.com.

Last year, ProPublica found that the IRS audits poor, EITC workers at higher rates than any other group, excluding Americans earn-

ing over \$1 million annually.

The states that experienced the lowest IRS audit rates were largely white and middle-class, like Minnesota, New Hampshire and Wisconsin. The safest taxpayer bracket were households with a median yearly income between \$50,000 and \$100,000, according to Salon.

What's even more alarming about auditing poor, EITC taxpayers at a higher rate than wealthier Americans is that wealthier tax-

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UNCW, Brian Hamilton Foundation collaborate with D.C. Virgo to inspire and support young entrepreneurs



D.C. VIRGO HAMILTON CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS

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D. C. Virgo Preparatory Academy students interested in becoming business leaders will have the chance to sharpen their entrepreneurship skills through a week-long program.

The innovative lab school has been selected as a pilot for the Hamilton Challenge, a youth entrepreneurship initiative sponsored by The Brian Hamilton Foundation. The challenge will encourage students in grades 6-8 to develop basic skills to launch their own small businesses.

The nonprofit foundation is partnering with D.C. Virgo and the UNCW Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) to incorporate the challenge into the school's classes. D.C. Virgo is a K-8 year-round public school operated by UNCW Watson College of Education and New Hanover County Schools.

Foundation founder Brian Hamilton visited D.C. Virgo on April 8 to kick off the challenge. Hamilton sold his company, Sageworks, last year in one of the largest exits in North Carolina history. Hamilton grew up in a blue-collar neighborhood in Connecticut, started a landscaping business to pay his way through college and business school and owned a few coin laundromats before starting

Sageworks. His story could be anyone's story, which is why he believes so fervently in the power of teaching young people that entrepreneurship is something they can do. The foundation's Future Entrepreneur Tour has reached thousands of students in North Carolina in the last several months.

D.C. Virgo students expressed an interest in learning more about business, innovation and invention, said William Sterrett, interim associate dean for teacher education and outreach in the Watson College of Education.

"The DC Virgo and UNCW relationship is special because it supports unique, specific opportunities, like this collaborative effort with the Hamilton Foundation, to bolster student success," said Sterrett. "We look forward to this event helping us realize the D.C. Virgo focus on the whole child and opportunities that extend to the UNCW campus and broader community."

CIE staff also are developing a partnership with DC Virgo to integrate the center's programming and entrepreneurial educational opportunities into the school's offerings, said Laura Brogdon-Primavera, CIE manager of programs and operations.

"When we met with the Hamilton Foundation, we thought this would be the perfect audience to test the

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REV. DR. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN

NC NAACP gearing up for big fights toward 2020

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

For 110 years, the NAACP has stood on the front lines of civil rights advocacy, whether it be fighting for better education, criminal justice reform, economic opportunity, or the burning of Black churches in the South, similar to what is going on now in Louisiana and Tennessee. In that same spirit, the NCNAACP

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NC HBCUs take part in third annual "Day of Action"

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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For the third consecutive year, students and others from historically Black colleges and universities are boarding buses and heading toward Washington, D.C. for another HBCU Collective Day of Action on April 11, 2019.

Sponsored by the nonpartisan HBCU Collective, the event, which kicks off at the Russell Senate Office Building at 9 a. m., brings student representatives from the 101 Black schools throughout North Carolina and across the nation to Capitol Hill to meet with and lobby their elected members of

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REP. BUTTERFIELD POSES WITH WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AT LAST YEAR'S HBCU COLLECTIVE DAY OF ACTION.

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NAACP MEMBERS TAKING PART IN WINTER MEETING ON SATURDAY.

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- the state conference of its national namesake, also continues to stand on the front lines of battling for voting rights, affordable health care, ending racism, and more.

However, to do that, members must recommit themselves to the original principles and constitution of the oldest civil rights organization in the nation, and that's why the NCNAACP held its delayed annual winter meeting and mandatory training in Research Triangle Park last Saturday, where approximately 500 members attend-

ed. Delayed from December because of the aftermath of hurricanes, Florence and Michael, NCNAACP president, The Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman says that the mandatory membership training, which helps the membership in carrying out their duties, according to the NAACP Constitution and Bylaws, occurs every other year, when new chapter officers are elected.

"The mandatory training is geared towards the old [members] honing their skills and the new ones becoming equipped skills as it relates to being able to do their duties in an appropriate way," Rev. Spearman says.

He led the training with the chapter training for the presidents and vice presidents, the executive committee and four State vice presidents. The secretaries were trained by the state conference secretary and assistant secretary, while chapter treasurers were done by the state conference treasurer and assistant treasurer.

The youth membership of the NC NAACP were trained by the state conference youth advisor and Youth and College Division president.

This mandatory training is key because it brings the membership back into correlation with the NAACP mission statement.

"Each one of us, when we say we are going to abide and carry out this oath, makes sure that he or she is responsible and held accountable to that which he or she does," Rev. Spearman added, noting that the NAACP oath was re-administered for everyone during a unity session.

Beyond the training, the NCNAACP membership were brought up to date on the civil rights organization's historic victory a few months ago in the courts, wherein a Wake Superior Court judge ruled that the 2018 voter ID amendment, which was ratified by North Carolina voters last November, was null and void because it was passed by an illegitimate NC legisla-

ture. The North Carolina Court of Appeals has stayed that ruling as it awaits arguments on the case. It may eventually go to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The Humanitarian Awards this year went posthumously to Mrs. Rosanell Eaton, who successfully sued the State of North Carolina to overturn its 2016 voter ID law; and Rev. Vernon Tyson, a veteran civil rights activist and father of author, Dr. Tim Tyson.

It was also announced that the NCNAACP and the NC Black Publishers Association were joining forces, working closely together towards the 2020 election sea-

son, with more stories about local and State NAACP activities in Black newspapers across North Carolina.

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STATE BRIEFS



COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

SBOE WAITS FINAL REPORT ON COLUMBUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S RACE [WHITEVILLE] It is now up

to the State Board of Elections to decide whether Jody Greene actually lives in Columbus County, and qualifies to be sheriff. After two days of testimony last week - which included a trip to the RV that Greene and his wife say if their permanent domicile they've been living in for the past year - the Columbus County Elections Board voted 3-2 that Greene is not a permanent resident. Greene defeated Lewis

Hatcher in the Nov. 6th, 2018 election by a slim margin, but the victory was challenged when issues arose dealing with where exactly did Greene permanently reside. Three of the five Columbus County Board members, after touring the RV and property, did not believe that Greene and his wife lived there permanently, especially since they own two homes elsewhere. The state elections board will determine the final

outcome of the sheriff's race.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS PROPOSE DIFFERENT FORM OF MEDICAID EXPANSION

[RALEIGH] Fully intent on offering an alternative to Medicaid expansion that Gov. Roy Cooper and Democrats have been calling for, but the GOP has been blocking, Republican lawmakers this week unveiled

their own plan for providing health insurance for thousands of uninsured North Carolinians.

According to Rep. Donny Lambeth (R-Forsyth) HB 655 would be an alternative to Medicaid expansion by functioning as a private insurance plan that would have a work requirement. Enrollees would also pay 2 percent of their income as a premium, in addition to medical co-

pays. Eligibility would be no more than 133 percent above the federal poverty level.

House Democrats oppose the proposal, however, saying that they oppose the work requirement and co-pays. They, along with Gov. Cooper, want 500,000 North Carolinians coveted with a traditional expansion of Medicare, or which the federal government picks up at least 65% of the costs.

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payers generally commit more instances of tax evasion, which costs the agency more than \$450 billion per year, according to the IRS. By comparison, poor people who file more fraudulent tax returns cost the agency \$1.6 billion per year.

As the April 15 deadline to file income tax approaches, African Americans aren't the only ones leery about the IRS.

Americans spend 8.1 billion hours doing taxes each year and the average person

spends 11 hours and \$200 completing his or her IRS 1040-Form, according to another new report by the personal finance site, WalletHub.

Since the tax code is so complicated and has rules based on individual household characteristics, it's hard for the average person to tell, WalletHub experts said.

And with a new tax code taking effect this year, 2019 taxes will be quite different than last year.

One simple ratio known as the "tax burden" helps cut through the confusion. Unlike tax rates, which

vary widely based on an individual's circumstances, tax burden measures the proportion of total personal income that residents pay toward state and local taxes. And it isn't uniform across the U.S., either.

To determine the residents with the biggest tax burdens, WalletHub compared the 50 states across the three tax types of state tax burdens - property taxes, individual income taxes and sales and excise taxes - as a share of total personal income in the state.

With a 12.97 percent total tax burden, New York has

the highest burden of any state, followed by Hawaii (11.71 percent); Maine (10.84 percent); Vermont (10.77 percent); and Minnesota (10.25 percent).

Alaska enjoyed the lowest overall tax burden at 5.10 percent followed by Delaware (5.55 percent); Tennessee (6.28 percent); Florida (6.56 percent); and New Hampshire (6.86 percent).

The national survey from WalletHub also noted some interesting facts and quirks about American taxpayers including:

*** 4.6 million fewer taxpayers will get a federal tax refund this year.

*** The average refund in 2019 is \$2,957, as of 3/15/2019.

*** Nearly one-third of people (31 percent) say their biggest Tax Day fear is making a math mistake on their taxes, topping not having enough money (28 percent), identity theft (24 percent) and getting audited (17 percent).

*** 36 percent of Americans would move to a different country and 24 percent would get an "IRS" tattoo for a tax-free future.

*** 50 percent of people would rather do jury duty than their taxes.

*** 1 in 5 would prefer

talking to their kids about sex.

*** More than 10 percent would swim with sharks, spend the night in jail and drink expired milk.

*** Fewer than 4 in 10 people are happy with President Donald Trump's tax reforms.

*** 70 percent think they benefit the rich more than the middle class.

*** 89 percent of people think the government currently does not spend their tax dollars wisely.

To view the full report, visit <https://wallethub.com/blog/tax-day-facts/11835/>

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Hamilton Challenge with and build on other CIE and community initiatives such as the YEPex Youth Summit," said Brogdon-Primavera. "Working with the Hamilton

Foundation, which focuses on grades 6-8, really supports developing a larger pipeline of young innovators to inspire creativity and an entrepreneurial mindset earlier in their education."

The CIE launched a new youth entrepreneurship program this academic year

called YEPex for students in grades 9-12. The year-long program is an expansion of the Chancellor's Innovation and Entrepreneurship High School Competition and the Youth Entrepreneurship Program founded by the Cameron School of Business. Participants in the

Hamilton Challenge will attend the YEPex Youth Summit and the competition on April 12, where they will be able to hear high school students pitch their startup ideas.

The partnership incorporates many of the goals outlined in UNCW's Strategic

Plan including community engagement and capitalization on key partnerships.

About The Brian Hamilton Foundation

The Brian Hamilton Foundation was established with one principle in mind: with the right resources and support, anyone can be a

successful entrepreneur. We are helping youth, veterans and other underserved populations start and run their own businesses. Our hope is to help people take part in the American dream and climb the social and economic ladder. To learn more, visit brianhamilton.org.

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Congress about issues directly affecting the survival of their institutions.

And once again, alumni from some of North Carolina's top HBCUs are leading the effort - Robert Stephens, founder of the HBCU Collective and a 2008 alumnus of Winston-Salem State University, and co-leader Shambulia Gadsden Sams, an alumna of Shaw University in Raleigh.

According to Stephens, he came up with "Day of Action" three years ago after seeing Pres. Trump move the federal HBCU Initiative from the US Dept. of Education to the White House and invite various HBCU presidents and chancellors to the White House with promises of aid. Stephens began calling the Student Government Association presidents across the country, shared his concerns that issues affecting their schools would not get a full hearing

given the move. They agreed, and the very first HBCU Collective Day of Action was born.

It was during their first press conference at the Capitol when they invited Rep. Alma Adams [D-NC-12], Co-chair of the Bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus, to endorse their efforts, and the rest is history. Other members of Congress, Black and White, including Rep. Adams' North Carolina colleague, Rep. G. K. Butterfield, embraced the effort and

advocated for Congress to vote for more resources to keep HBCUs functioning.

"We produce the most science, technology, engineering and math scholars; the most Black doctors, Black lawyers, most Black engineers," Stephens said a year ago. "We're saying that HBCUs make a huge contribution to society, and we just want to make sure that our schools are sustainable."

Last year, student representatives from 35 HBCUs from across the country made the trip, along with

the then interim president of Shaw University, of Raleigh, Dr. Paulette Dillard, who made remarks.

"These students here today are proof that, in the 21st century, HBCUs will continue to play a vital role in educating the leaders of tomorrow," Dr. Dillard said during a rally on the U.S. Capitol steps.

Students from North Carolina Central University in Durham also made the trip.

In the end, the approxi-

mately 200 HBCU students who lobbied members of Congress, had something to cheer for.

The 2018 Omnibus budget, with strong funding for HBCUs, was ultimately passed and signed by Pres. Trump. Stephens, Rep. Adams and others credit the lobbying efforts of the HBCU Collective and hope that Congress will again respond positively to their message about how vital historically Black colleges and universities are to the nation.

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NCDOT TO HOLD PRE-HEARING OPEN HOUSES AND CORRIDOR PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE CAPE FEAR CROSSING PROJECT

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The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold two (2) Pre-Hearing Open Houses and Corridor Public Hearings regarding the proposed Cape Fear Crossing Project. The open houses and public hearings will be held on April 29, and 30. Please note that the same information will be presented at both meetings.

The Cape Fear Crossing is an approximately 9.5-mile proposed road and high-level bridge over the Cape Fear River that would help improve traffic flow and enhance freight movements from U.S. 17 and I-140 in Brunswick County to U.S. 421 near the Port of Wilmington in southern New Hanover County.

NCDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has approved the Cape Fear Crossing Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS contains a summary of the purpose and need of the project and the impacts associated with the various route locations under consideration. With the DEIS now available to the public, the formal review period has begun. The open houses and hearings provide an opportunity for the public to make formal comments that will be included in the project record. These comments will be considered in the selection of the Preferred Alternative for the project.

The two (2) open houses and hearings are scheduled at the following times and locations:

<p>Monday, April 29, 2019 John T. Hoggard High School Cafeteria 4305 Shipyard Boulevard, Wilmington, NC Open House: 5 - 6:30 p.m., Hearing: 7 p.m. <i>Note: This hearing presentation will be streamed live. See project website for details.</i></p>	<p>Tuesday, April 30, 2019 North Brunswick High School Gym 114 Scorpion Drive, Leland, NC Open House: 5 - 6:30 p.m., Hearing: 7 p.m. <i>Note: This hearing presentation will be streamed live. See project website for details.</i></p>
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NCDOT representatives will be available at the open houses to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to provide verbal comments and/or submit written comments and questions will be provided. The public may attend at any time during the above hours.

The formal presentations will consist of an explanation of the location of the six (6) detailed study alternatives, right of way and relocation requirements and procedures. The public will have the opportunity to comment. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a written transcript will be prepared.

Copies of the DEIS and maps showing the six (6) detailed study alternatives are available for review at the following locations, through May 16th:

- NCDOT—Division 3 Office, 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne
- Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Office, 305 Chestnut Street, Wilmington
- Leland Town Hall, 102 Town Hall Drive, Leland

Copies of the DEIS are also available for review at the following locations, through May 16th:

- State Library of North Carolina, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh
- New Hanover County Public Library, Main Campus, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington
- Northeast Regional Library, 1241 Military Cutoff Road, Wilmington
- Leland Library, 487 Village Road NE, Leland
- New Hanover County Public Library, Myrtle Grove, 5155 S. College Road, Wilmington
- Brunswick County Library, 109 W Moore Street, Southport

The DEIS and maps are also available for review on the project website at www.ncdot.gov/projects/cape-fear-crossing.

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, will be issuing a public notice describing the ongoing process in choosing the LEDPA (Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative) for the subject project, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. That public notice will be available at this website: www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PermitProgram.aspx.

For additional information, please contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT Public Involvement, Community Studies & Visualization Group Leader, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1598. You may also contact the project team through our toll-free hotline at 1-800-233-6315, or via email at capefear@ncdot.gov. In addition, comments may be submitted electronically using the project's website or NCDOT's online engagement portal: www.publicinput.com/CapeFear-Crossing. Comments may be submitted through May 16, 2019.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. Interpretive services will be provided at each meeting.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas que no hablan inglés o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

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OUR VOICE

Unfit, unprepared, unworthy: Betsy DeVos and the Department of Education

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Betsy “DeVos” (of good sense), also known as Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, is an aberration, an abomination, an abscess on the complexion of educational policy and equity. She has been so egregious that at least two members of Congress, Katherine Clark (D-Ma) and Mark Pocan (D-WI) have called for her resignation because of her abject indifference to young people, especially those who are Black, Brown and poor. Additionally, Ronald J. Mason, President of the University of the District of Columbia, has written an open letter to DeVos, challenging her interpretation of meritocracy. The letter, published in a recent issue of *Diverse Issues of Higher Education*, suggests that education can be a bridge to maximize human potential, but only if we are open to the contributions of every human being and especially every young person who aspires to greatness.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Instead of supporting our young people, DeVos has attacked them. There are alarming statistics that the Obama administration attempted to deal with. Black boys are three times as likely to be suspended as their white counterparts. More disturbingly, Black girls are twelve (TWELVE) times more likely to be suspended than white girls. Why? Because Black girls have no girlhood, no presumption of innocence. We are the recipients of Afro-phobia or the fear of Black people. President Obama didn't do much for Black folks, but he did introduce civil rights division protections for these overly suspended students. DeVos would roll them back.

That's not the only thing she'd roll back. She wants to change the rules on campus enforcement of sexual harassment, giving the attacker the "presumption of innocence," and more jarringly the right for a rapist to question his (usually, could be her) attacker. And she wants to protect for-profit colleges while President Obama said that students should be protected against these predators. Understand this. These for-profit colleges only exist to take people's student loan money. They provide little in services and even less in educational support. But DeVos, whose family seems to benefit from their involvement in the for-profit college space, is protecting her own interest. That's not unusual in an administration where the Presidential daughter has garnered patents with China, perhaps influencing our nation's foreign policy.

DeVos's ignorance was most recently exhibited when she attempted to defend budget cuts that would affect the differently abled, including cuts to the Special Olympics, our nation's only deaf-focused university, Gallaudet, and to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Really, DeVos? Don't you understand that those who are differently abled transcend political party? Don't you know that these are folks who need special services? Ms. DeVos's tepid response to aggressive questioning by Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA) among others exhibited her unpreparedness and unfit-ness. We know that the man who lives in the house that Enslaved People Built is sufficiently uneducated to be clueless about this, but even he had to back up and acknowledge that cuts to the Special Olympics sent the wrong signal.

DeVos favors charter schools over public schools and would put money into charter schools, taking it away from public schools. DeVos is someplace past wrong on this, but that woman is doing the work she was sent to do – her job is to dismantle public education in favor of publicly supported private education. If folks want to do private schooling, that's their business, but should public schools suffer for elitism? And should someone whose biases are so publicly visible be in charge of this? I think not.

We knew that DeVos was unqualified when she narrowly squeaked past Senatorial confirmation, only earning it because Vice President Mike Pence cast a historical tie-breaking vote for her. Even Republicans find her out of order, out of line, unqualified, unprepared and unfit. She has spent her time in public office attacking student rights, ignoring students of color, and attacking young people who have experienced sexual assault. She is entirely consistent with the cretin who appointed her, and young people are paying for her ignorance.

Members of Congress can request the DeVos resignation, but she is fully supported by the man who has enabled her to wreak havoc on our educational system. The blessing in her presence is that she can, perhaps, motivate our activism at the local level. More progressive activists must run for school boards. More progressive activists must reject the ways this administration is attacking education. And we must be clear that it did not start with this administration, but it is amplified and exacerbated by this administration. If we believe that education is a human right, we must resist this nonsense.

Betsy DeVos is the tip of the iceberg that began melting when Black activists attacked school segregation in a series of lawsuits that culminated in *Brown v. Board of Education*. DeVos is on the frontline of a cultural war designed to sideline folks who don't look or spend like her. Are we ready to fight back, resisting a woman who is unfit, unprepared, and unworthy of educational policy leadership?

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While I have for the most part had a blessed life. I don't mean that I didn't grow up in poverty, that I didn't face racism or sexism or that I did not experience bad breaks in life. I've experienced all of those things, but I was never bogged down in ungratefulness. As a matter of fact, no matter how little I've ever had, I've felt a need to share what I had with someone who may have had less. I've never asked to be served by others, but I've felt compelled to be of service to anyone who needed my help.

Dr. E. Faye Williams

I've often given my best and my last to help others. I've always been energetic, willing to study many things so that I could qualify to help more peo-

ple even when some didn't show that they were grateful for the help I often gave. I know that I'm by no means the perfect servant. Others have given far more than I have, but I'm pretty satisfied that I've given my best whenever someone needed my help.

Sometimes I gave family help, church help, organizational help, financial help, living space help, counseling help, legal help, advisory help, clothing help, help with food, help with advice—you name it. I was always grateful that I had the ability to help.

Sometimes people said thank you. Sometimes they didn't, but even when they didn't and came for my help again, I've tried to be there. However, recently the time came that I began to feel totally worn out, realizing that I was helping everyone I could, while not always helping myself. An elderly neighbor once said to me, "Be grateful that you're the one giving the help rather than always needing the help." I think that's good advice, but sometimes you just feel that

you need someone to give you some of those things you've so often given to others—your time and attention.

Sometimes givers need help, but never ask. I'm taking it upon myself to speak for those who serve and never ask others to do for them. Givers rarely ask for anything from others, but it doesn't mean the smallest gift of gratefulness does not lift the giver's spirit. My spirits were lifted beyond measure when Hazel Trice-Edney, President and CEO of Trice-Edney News Wire contacted several of us who write, publish and appear on radio or television to tell us we were being honored for our service with the Stateswomen of the Black Press Award. I'm sure I speak for my sisters who received the award to say that we're grateful and proud of the recognition of our efforts to "plead our own cause" week and day after day. We feel that it is our duty to do so.

The day after receiving that award, I received the "Champions of Peace and Nonviolence" Award from The

National Women's History Alliance. In a beautiful ceremony, I met two women who were in Iraq when I was there in an effort to prevent the first Gulf War. That was a pretty emotional meeting for which I'm grateful, and that taught me how soldiers who were in the same war must feel when they run into each other years later.

The Sunday following those two awards, I went to church not knowing they, too, had planned to recognize my work! I have just learned of three more awards coming soon, so I'm re-energized and grateful that much of my work has not gone unnoticed. I deeply appreciate all of the awards, and I am ready to go back to the drawing board to work just a bit harder to be of service to somebody in need!

Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women and she is host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-89.3 FM radio. www.nationalcongressbw.org. 202/678-6788.

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The politics behind Donald Trump's empty threats on Mexico border

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Donald Trump's flailing on immigration and the Mexican border continue to spiral into chaos. First, he threatened to close the border with Mexico. One week later, he walked that back.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

He declares a national emergency about the "invasion" of people seeking asylum from Central American countries, and then says he's stopped all aid to those countries, which can only worsen the conditions that cause people to leave. He says he's already building a wall. That isn't true. He torpedoes bipartisan measures that might begin to make things better.

It's increasingly clear Trump wants a crisis that he can use politically, not a solution that can ease human suffering. Two weeks ago, Trump's threat was clear: "If Mexico doesn't immediately stop ALL illegal immigration coming into the United States through [sic] our Southern Border," he tweeted, "I will be CLOSING...the Border, or large sections of the Border, next week."

His aides said he was deadly serious. Trump's leading mouthpiece, Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney, told ABC

News that it would take "something dramatic" to stop him from doing it. Less than a week later, Trump reversed himself. He suddenly praised Mexico as being "very nice," claiming that Mexico had changed its policy toward the asylum seekers, which a befuddled Mexican government quickly denied. He retreated by issuing new bluster: "We're going to give them a one-year warning, and if the drugs don't stop, or largely stop, we're going to put tariffs on Mexico and products, in particular cars."

And if that doesn't work, we're going to close the border. You know I will do it. I don't play games," Trump warned, playing games with his threats. What was the "something dramatic" that convinced the president to take back his threat? He was mugged by reality. Closing our 2,000-mile border with Mexico would be an economic catastrophe, a moral blight, inconceivably inane and literally impossible. A combined 15 million people live along the border. Some \$1.7 billion of two-way trade and hundreds of thousands of legal travelers cross the border each day. Mexico is the second-largest market for U.S.-made products (Canada is first). It is our third-largest trading partner (after Canada and China).

It is the fourth-largest supplier of foreign crude oil to the United States. It is the top destination for U.S. travelers. Trump lives in a universe

that he shares only with rabid Fox News commentators, but, in this case, he was forcibly reminded of reality by Republican business leaders and by the conservative U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which warned that closing the border would "inflict severe economic harm on American families." Even Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who usually wags his tail at whatever the president tweets, warned of "potentially catastrophic economic damage."

Trump's threats are just posturing, but his policy is a chaotic calamity. He declares a national emergency to claim money for his wall (largely from the military) against the will of the bipartisan majority in both houses of Congress. He rails about the import of drugs, ignoring the reality that virtually all of the hard drugs come in through legal ports of entry that his "wall" won't address. He describes the rising number of people seeking asylum as "an invasion," scolding both international and U.S. law and basic morals, then directs his State Department to cut off \$450 million in aid to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, which will surely worsen the conditions that are driving people to seek asylum.

He traveled to the California border to celebrate the building of a new section of his promised border wall, when no new building had taken place, only a routine

upgrade of old fencing. He cut off protections for the Dreamers, young people who have grown up in the U.S., and torpedoed the bipartisan agreement that would have protected them and added to border security after he said he'd sign it. He scaled back protections for asylum seekers, helping to create the backlog at the border. Then his administration cruelly separated parents and children at the border, creating a shameful human horror that continues to this day. Clearly Trump wants an issue to run on politically, not a solution to a humanitarian tragedy.

Steve Bannon, Trump's 2016 campaign strategist, argued that as long as the debate is over immigrants, Trump benefits. Trump uses attacks on immigrants as the centerpiece of his white nationalist appeal. His railing about the crimes of Latin American gang members is simply the updated version of the Willie Horton ad that George Bush used against Mike Dukakis. So don't worry about Trump closing the border. Even his administration won't be that self-destructive. And don't expect him to make progress with the humanitarian crisis at the border. Trump is fanning the flames, not putting out the fires. A sensible border policy and humane and effective immigration reform will have to wait for the next president.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

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New Hanover County

Narconon New Life Retreat would like to remind families to stay educated on the signs and dangers of drug abuse. Methamphetamines and opioids are on the rise in both rural and city areas. Learn the signs and protect your loved ones from drug abuse and addiction. The amount of deaths caused by Methamphetamines has almost tripled since 2014. To learn more, visit: <https://www.narconon-newlifetreat.org/blog/the-other-drug-epidemic.html>. Narconon provides free drug education materials covering a wide range of topics. Please call today for your free drug education materials at: 1 (800) 431-1754.



Community Briefs

The Cape Fear Community College International Center presents Let Me Tell You a Story: The American Dream: A Collection of Stories of Immigration on Tuesday, April 22, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at Cape Fear Community College Union Station Auditorium (U-170), 502 North Front Street, Wilmington, NC. Students from the Cape Fear Community College International Center will share their stories of immigration.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. The New Hanover NAACP branch proudly turns 100 years old in May and information on the New Hanover NAACP Centennial Celebration May 31st at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Convention Center, 515 Nutt Street, will be provided. You can also email nhnaacp@gmail.com. Other important state and community issues will be included on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

The Williston Alumni Community Choir will celebrate The Easter Season in concert on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at New Beginning Christian Church, 3120 Alex Trask Drive, Castle Hayne, NC. Tickets \$15.00 per person. Tickets available at The Wilmington Journal, 412 S. 7th St. or contact a member of The Williston Alumni Community choir.

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

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

IRS Tax Liens/Judgements.... Not even death can free you....

This week family I want to enlighten you exactly how the impact of an IRS tax lien judgment of record affect real estate.

Recently I ran into 2 scenarios and they both caused HUGE problems. As stated, not even death will cancel that lien. It attaches to a deceased estate. "Internal Revenue Code section 6324 provides that on the day someone dies a federal estate tax lien comes into existence.



Brenda Dixon

The lien attaches to all assets of the decedent's gross estate that are typically reported on Form 706. This estate tax lien does not have to be publically recorded in order to be valid. An "assessment lien" under IRC § 6321 arises when tax is

assessed and may be recorded in addition to the lien provided by IRC § 6324."

What does the above mean? Put simply as possible, it means that before you sell real property of a decedent's estate you typically need the IRS to "discharge" that property from either the estate or the assessment tax lien. To discharge property from a lien is to remove the lien's effect. This allows the buyer to take title to the property free and clear of the tax lien." To clip note this, "Before any properties or money is disbursed to any heirs, IRS gone get theirs."

Let me tell you of 2 incidents where the person that owed IRS was not dead and the IRS tax liens were holding life hostage. First there were 2 sisters that inherited land from a mother and they had a sale for it for \$3600 sale price. During title search, it was discovered one of the sisters owed \$6000 to IRS. That \$6000 attached to

that land and before it could be sold, IRS had to agree to release that property for an amount less than \$6000 cause the land was not valued at that amount. Long process but IRS agreed to take \$3000 of the \$3600 so it could be sold.. Yea, the 2 sisters were left with only \$600 from the sale. Since the sister that owed the IRS caused the other sister not to get as much as she could have, she let her sister keep the \$600. Yes as you can imagine, NOBODY was smiling after that deal was done.

The second situation was that a husband and wife wanted to buy a house and the wife had a huge IRS tax judgment and even if the husband that did not have the lien tried to get a loan in his name only, the IRS tax bill would have to be paid in full. That's because all IRS tax liens attach to real estate you own or any you are going to buy.

Therefore no lender will

give you thousands to purchase a home and it immediately has a tax lien attached to it. The lender is always thinking about their best interest so if they have to foreclose, that tax lien would follow the house when the bank took it back. They're not having that. So that couple is now trying to get the IRS judgment paid off so they can buy their 1st home. As you can see, if you have IRS debt or if your deceased loved one does or if your spouse does, it's a bill that must be and will be paid, one way or another, BELIEVE THAT.

Until next week, please share this with at least 3 people and reach out to get your personalized game plan to own in the next 18 months or less..

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Daddy's Little Angel Tabria A. Tyson
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What I wouldn't give for one more night, to tuck you in all nice and tight. I'd give you kisses and sing our song, and tell you I love you and to be strong. I'd tell you not to worry, and that we're all OK. And even though I wanted to, I couldn't make you stay. I know that you are happy now and in no more pain.

And this again I promise you, your loss was not in vain.

So take my word here and now, I make this to you my solemn vow, forever shall I love you, and keep your memory until that day once more, I can hold you close to me.

Love,
Daddy (Rodney Tyrone Tyson)

New Hanover County students excel at NAACP Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics

For Immediate Release- New Hanover County Schools' students won some of the top awards at the New Hanover County NAACP's Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) 2019 local competition held recently at the International Embassy of Holiness.

Congratulations to the following district students on their awards:

Kennedy Martin, Laney High School, (Gold - Sculpture; Silver - Poetry), Cameron Martin, Isaac Bear Early College, (Gold - Short Story, Playwriting, and Painting), Dhara Devane, Wilmington Early College, (Gold - Painting, Essay), Laury Lee, Isaac Bear Early College, (Gold - Filmmaking), Jackie

Benetone, Laney High School, (Gold - Contemporary Dance).

Nestor Rodriguez-Garcia, Brunswick Early College (Gold - Oratory).

The winning students will be traveling to Detroit this summer to compete at the national NAACP ACT-SO competition. ACT-SO has been the primary national NAACP youth activity for the past 41 years. Each year, high school students compete locally in 32 categories for the opportunity to win a trip to nationals and a chance to win national scholarships. New Hanover County is in its third year of competition. Last year, two of NHCS students won bronze medals nationally, along with \$1,000 scholarships and new iPads.



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NHC AND BRUNSWICK COUNTY STUDENTS THAT WON TOP AWARDS

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April 20, 2019

The Brunswick County Solid Waste Department will be at Shallotte Middle School, 225 Village Rd, Shallotte, from 9am to 12pm to collect household hazardous waste. Items will be taken free of charge from Brunswick County property owners, residents and farmers.

Must show proof of Brunswick County property ownership or residency.

Some items that are accepted at the HHW collection are non-latex paints, stains, insecticides, herbicides, household cleaners, pool chemicals, and aerosol cans.

For items not mentioned please contact the Brunswick County Solid Waste Department at (910)253-2520.

All items brought to the event must be labeled.

The staff onsite reserves the right to refuse any item brought to the event.

Electronics, latex paints, fluorescent bulbs, automotive fluids, clothing, smoke detectors and batteries are not included in the HHW collection, however, they are recycled at the Brunswick County Landfill year round for free.

The following materials cannot be accepted: ammunition, radioactive materials, infectious or biological waste, explosives, shock sensitive materials (crystallized ethers, picric acids, etc.), and non-household materials.

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ROCAME holds 2019 Jamboree for Brunswick County

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
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ROCAME held its annual Brunswick County Jamboree on Saturday, March 30, at North Brunswick High School. Four middle schools and three high schools (approximately 110 students, teachers, and volunteers) participated in the math and science events.

The winners of middle school events are: Write It Do It - Christopher Graham and Josiah Johnson, Leland Middle (LMS), First; Ashley Dominguez and Brittney Dominguez, Shallotte Middle (SMS), second; Mariana Diaz and R'Tasia Bellamy, SMS, third; Metric Mastery - Allen Olmedo and Armando Tapia, SMS, first; Ja'lashia Marlow and Jordan Matthews, SMS, second; Andrea Benbow and Lauren Sturdivant, Cedar Grove (CGMS), third; Egg Drop - Jacky Zheng and Jason Zheng, CGMS, first; Savannah Simmler and Sydney Brock, CGMS, second; Aryanah Moore and Davina Daley, South Brunswick Middle (SBMS), third; Mystery Architecture - Brooke Robinson and Zoe Stratman, CGMS, first; Yoselin Marin and R'Tasia Bellamy, SMS, second; Ashley Diaz and Mariana Diaz, SMS, third; Science Clue - T'Asia Grant and Rose Green, CGMS, first; Aleysha Vazquez and Makayla Rivera, CGMS, second; Lavar Sharpe and Allen Olmedo, SMS, third; Science Project - Savannah Simmler and Jason Zheng, CGMS, first; Rose Green, CGMS, second; Kelly Tapia and Emely Olmedo, SMS, third; Pentathlon - Joshua Matthews, Allen Olmedo, Armando Tapia, and Lavar Sharp, SMS, first; Araceli Sierra, Maurice Hardy, Michel Alas, and Ava Charland, LMS, second; Makayla Rivera, Ty'Asia Grant, Jalen Brock, and Chris Tillman, CGMS, third; PowerPoint - Zoe Stratman and Brooke Robinson, CGMS, first; Kelly Tapia, Emily Olmedo, and Ashley Dominguez, SMS, second; Oratory - Savannah Simmler, CGMS, first; Arielle

Price, SBMS, second; Engineering (NACME) Test - Gladys Dominguez, Ana Garcia, Kelly Tapia, Emely Olmedo, SMS, first; Ty'Asia Grant, Jalen Brock, Teo Ruiz, Jacky Zheng, CGMS, second; Aryanah Moore, Arielle Price, Davina Daley and Samantha Lindsay, SBMS, third; Robotics - Teo Ruiz, Amyra Daniels, and Jalen Brock, CGMS, first; Ara Charland, Christopher Graham, and Isaiah McFadden, LMS, second; Samantha Lindsay and Arielle Price, third; ElectroGames - Diamond Mahoney and Marclin Alas, LMS, first; Aryanah Moore and Davina Daley, SBMS, second; Aleysha Vazquez and Rose Green, CGMS, third; Quiz Bowl - Miyauna Tillman, Brooke Robinson, Chris Tillman, and Teo Ruiz, CGMS, first; Allen Olmedo, Ja'lashia Marlow, Lavar Sharpe, and R'Tasia Bellamy, SMS, second; Maurice Hardy, Ava Charland, Diamond Mahoney, and Araceli Sierra, LMS. The middle school championship trophy was won by Cedar Grove Middle School. Shallotte Middle School and Leland Middle School placed second and third, respectively.

High school winners are: Write It Do It - Michelle Hewett and Jazmin Torres, West Brunswick High (WBHS), first; Malik Shaw and Nicole Glenn, North Brunswick High (NBHS), second; Ashley Esquivel and Oscar Sainos, WBHS, third; Metric Mastery - Maya Bernecker and Ahmani Mapson, NBHS, first; Ayana Johnson and Tamiya Todd, NBHS, second; Egg Drop - Armani Moore and Ivori Cobb, NBHS, first; Jazmin Torres and Michelle Hewett, WBHS, second; Liana Slade and Tamiya Todd, NBHS, third; Mystery Architecture - Cornaijah Morrison and Nyah Perkins, NBHS, first; Nicole Glenn and Malik Shaw, NBHS, second; Robotics (3 student max.) - Tylik Corbett, Travis Love, and Julianne Greene, NBHS, first; Alexandria Moore, South Brunswick High (SBHS), second; Liz Valerio, Isaac Ipatzi, and Ariene



NORTH BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS

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CEDAR GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNERS

Velasquez, WBHS, third; Chemistry Clue - Katherine Nguyen and Paulino Olan, WBHS, first; Snaunayza Grainger and Adora Sloan, NBHS, second; Science Project - Liz Valero, WBHS, first; Pentathlon - Travis Lowe, Shaunayza Grainger, Cailen Goodman, and Nyah Perkins, NBHS, first; Katherine Nguyen, Oscar

Sainos, Sara Dominquez, and Arlene Velasquez, WBHS, second; ElectroGames - Ivori Cobb and Liana Slade, NBHS, first; Paulino Olan and Isaac Ipatzi, WBHS, second; Quiz Bowl - Cornaijah Morrison, Jordan Rascoe, Tamiya Todd, and Maya Bernecker, NBHS, first; Katherine Nguyen and Isaac Ipatzi, WBHS, second; PowerPoint - Jordyn

Rascoe, NBHS, first; Sara Dominguez and Oscar Sanios, WBHS, second; Oratory - Jayla Rascoe, NBHS, first; Alexandria Moore-Plummer, SBHS, second; Engineering (NACME) Test - Cornaijah Morrison, Nyah Perkins, Ayanah Johnson, and Tamiya Todd, NBHS, first; Isaac Ipatzi and Katherine Nguyen, WBHS,

second. The high school championship trophy was won by North Brunswick High School. West Brunswick and South Brunswick placed second and third, respectively. The jamboree sponsors were Food Lion (Leland), Harris Teeter (Leland), Walmart (Leland), and McDonald's (Brunswick Co.).

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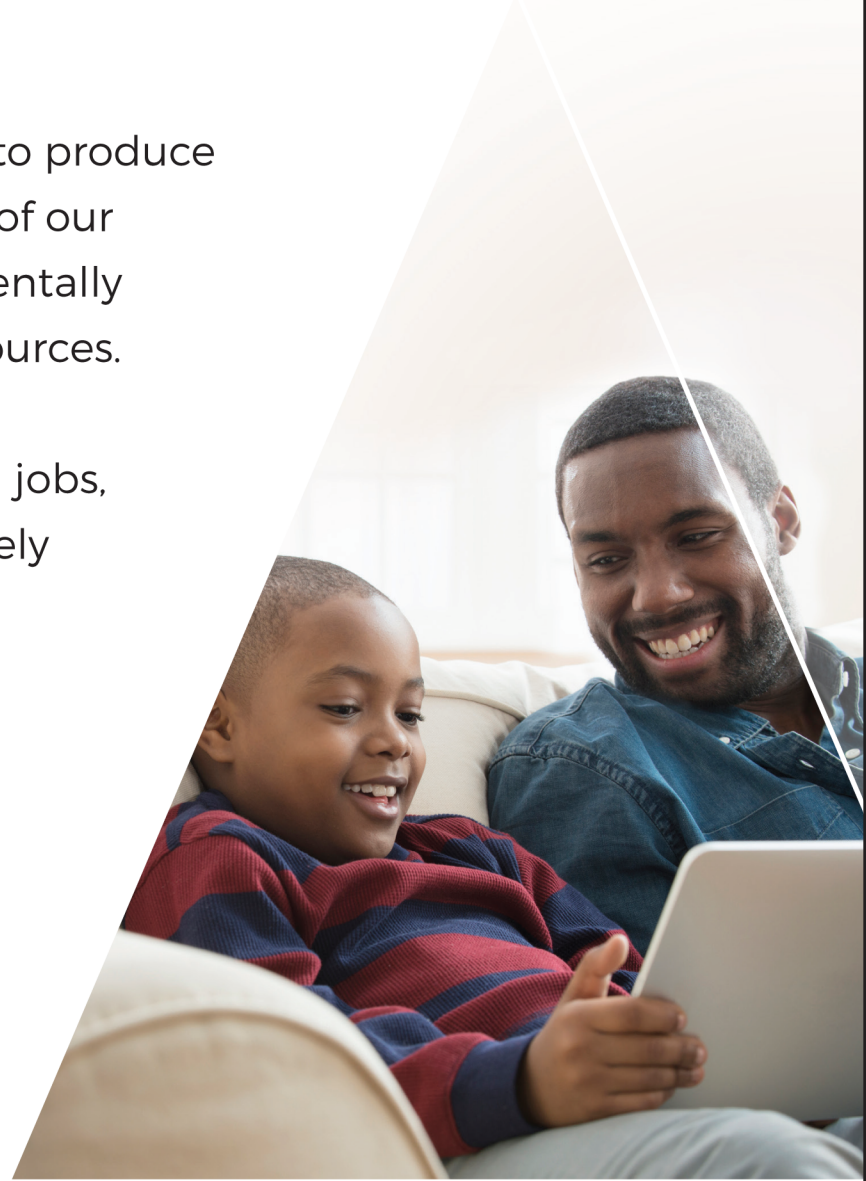
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Barbara Ann Taylor Hansley

Barbara Ann Taylor Hansley died March 28, 2019. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Soul Saving Station. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Barbara, daughter of Jerry L. Taylor, Sr. and Delores Clarida Taylor; known also as Barbara Ann or Bobann, was born on February 3, 1955 in Wilmington, NC. She attended several schools throughout the US due to her father being in the Air Force. Barbara finished high school at New Hanover High in the early 70's. She married Fred D. Smith in 1972. From that union she had four wonderful children. She later remarried in 1978 to Oscar Earl Hansley, Fr. And they remained together for over 40 years, until she departed this life. Barbara was a kind-hearted and free-spirited person who loved the Lord. She was a faithful member of the Soul Savings Station where she sang and served as an usher until her health began to fail. She's remembered as a humble servant of God. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend who was always willing to give and not want anything in return. Even in the hospital she was praying for her loved ones instead of herself.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by one son, Eric Lamont Smith and grandson, Tyshawn Taylor-Gause. Barbara leaves to cherish her memories: three wonderful children, Frederick Douglas Smith (Libra) of Leland, NC, Lakeitha Evette Smith of Wilmington, NC and Tonya Arlene Smith of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren, Jalani Smith, Meelik Smith, Janeil Davis, Kanisha Davis, MiAngel Smith, Gabriel Smith, Isaijah Smith, Elijah Smith, Erica Davis, Mary Smith and Aaron Smith; great-grandchildren, Jordan Thompson, Khloe Thompson and Xavier Hall; her parents, Jerry L. Taylor, Sr. (Glyndora) of Raeford, NC; siblings, Jerry Taylor, Jr. (Deborah) of Wilmington, NC, Veronica Watson (Chris) of Raleigh, NC, Beverly Haynes (Roy) of Clinton, MD, Angela Galloway (Cyrus) of Fayetteville, NC, Carmen Morrison (Clessie) of Rayford, NC and Derrick Taylor (Shianne) of Raleigh, NC; aunts, Freddie Mae Sloan (Elber) of Joppa Town, MD and Dorothenia Williams (James) of Wilmington, NC; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Lewis Elliot Mears

Lewis Elliot Mears died March 29, 2019. Funeral services were held Friday, April 5, 2019 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Lewis Elliot Mears began his life's journey on June 11, 1952, born to the late Richard and Bessie Brown Mears, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Lewis was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He joined the Job Corps to complete his education.

Lewis joined the love of his life, Fannie "Tiny" Davis in Holy Matrimony on February 9, 1973. He went on to honorably serve his country in the US Marine Corps, where he received his Rifle Expert Shooters and Pistol Marksman Shooters Badge. Lewis also received the National Defense Servicemen's Medal and Good Conduct Medal as a Navy/Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia. After leaving the Corps and working several jobs, he attended Cape Fear Community College, studying Heat and Air and Plumbing, after which he landed a job with JJ Barnes Plumbing. He also worked several other jobs including, TA Woods Heating and Air and lastly Murray Transfer. Lewis had a love for sports, watching Western TV shows, dancing and entertaining family and friends. His favorite football team was the Pittsburg Steelers. When his health began to fail, he never complained and kept smiling. He took it upon himself to make laughter and fun a part of his everyday life. He was a very loveable and fun going person and will be truly missed.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Archard "Champ" Mears. Memories of Lewis will forever live in the hearts of his wife, Fannie Davis "Tiny" Mears; loving daughter, Tasheka Mears Richardson (George); 3 granddaughters, Janya Neal, Jaziah Hill and Jalyiah Richardson; brother, Richard Mears, Jr.; sisters, Barbara Formey, Linda Mears and Cressie Mears Andrews (Terry) all of the home; mother-in-law, Mary Alice Davis of Wilmington, NC; sister-in-law, Debra Davis of the home; brother-in-law, David Lee Davis of Victorville, CA; uncle, Andrew Brown (Myrtle) of Detroit, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including special friends, Mike Galloway, Lonnie Hollis, Donald Scott, Bernard Stevens and William Stribling, and his Marine Buddies, Frank Thompkins, Anthony Gibson and Derrick Mahatha. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Barbara Ann McKoy

Barbara Ann McKoy funeral services were held Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the St. Thomas Cemetery, Leland, NC.

Barbara Ann Waddell McKoy, age 71, departed this life on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at her home, surrounded by her loving husband, children and brothers. The daughter of the late Leroy Waddell and Sarah Jane Harvey Waddell, Barbara, was born on March 18, 1948 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Gwendolyn Green and brother, Leroy Waddell, Jr. Barbara graduated from Edmondson High School in Baltimore, Maryland. She worked at Belk's, Independence Mall, Wilmington, North Carolina as a Retail Sales Associate for thirty plus years before retiring. She enjoyed crocheting and painting ceramics. Barbara enjoyed spending quality time with her family and friends, but her primary joy was spoiling her grandbabies. Chloe, Zoe and Olivia were the light of her life.

She leaves to cherish many fond memories: her husband, Joe Louis McKoy of the home; one daughter, Nicole McKoy of Durham, NC; two sons, Joe McKoy, Jr. (Tommyette) of Ft. Meade, MD and Byron McKoy (Christin) of Leland, NC; three granddaughters, Chloe, Zoe and Olivia; three brothers, Elliott Waddell, Douglas Waddell and Eugene Waddell all of Baltimore, MD; two sisters, Maxine Dees of Daytona Beach, FL and Patricia Waddell of Wilmington, NC; one uncle, Thomas Harvey of Wilmington, NC; five sisters-in-law, Wilma McKoy, Sebrina Ross (George), Diane Shuler (David) all of Jacksonville, NC, Hannah Caldwell (Jesse) of Bridgeport, CT and Serena Oliver (Vivian) of Bronx, NY; five brothers, Anthony Clark, David Clark, Arthur Clark (Charmony) all of Jacksonville, NC, Michael Clark of Stafford, VA and Edward Mapson, Jr. (Linda) of Bronx, NY; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Kathy Odessa Green

Kathy Odessa Green died March 31, 2019. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Pollock Cemetery.

Kathy, daughter of the late Alfred Lee Green and Gertrude Campbell Green was born on September 10, 1958. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Horace Lamont Green. Kathy grew up attending Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church and it was there she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. Kathy was a proud 1976 graduate of John T. Hoggard High School. She worked at several retail stores in Wilmington before starting her own cleaning business, KOG Cleaning Service. She loved life and her family. Kathy was a helper and a giver, even though she never had children. She treated her nieces and nephews as though they were her own. She had a smile and a laugh that was memorable and she never met a stranger.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a very special niece whom she raised, Zikeanna "KeKe" Green; brothers, Thomas F. Green, Sr. of Burgaw, NC and Johnny Ray Green of Pomona, CA; sister, Ruth Green of Wilmington, NC; her companion, Joseph Spicer and his children; aunts, Lillie C. Galloway (Fredrick) of Aberdeen, MD, Eva Fort of Augusta, GA, Vernell Green of Iselin, NJ and Bertha Jackson of Chesapeake, VA; uncle, William C. Green (Joyce) of Leland, NC and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Betty Mae Grady

Betty Mae Grady died April 5, 2019. Funeral services were held

on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Summerville AMEZ Church Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Hannah Jane Sidberry

Hannah Jane Sidberry died April 7, 2019. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Willie Sellars, Jr.

Willie Sellars, Jr. died April 4, 2019. Funeral services will be held 12:00 noon on Friday, April 12, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 515 Ann Street. Burial will follow in the Grady-Moore Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Terry Wallington

Terry Wallington died April 6, 2019. Funeral services will be held 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Faith Temple COGIC. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Elmer Howell, Jr.

Elmer Howell, Jr., age 79, of Leland, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Howell's life was conducted on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at St. James AMEZ Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Irma Howell; children, Sonya Howell of Charlotte, NC, Andre Howell (Andrea) of Santa Ana, CA, Steven Howell of Atlanta, GA and Wendell

Thompson, of Wilmington, NC; siblings, Shirley Wormsely (Robert), Marlene Thomas (Henry), Earl Howell, Lemuel Howell and Alvin Howell (Diane) all of Pittsburgh, PA, eleven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Terry F. Brown

Elder Terry F. Brown, age 59, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, April 6, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28401. A celebration of Elder Brown's life will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 12, 2019 at New Beginning Christian Church, 3120 Alex Trask Dr, Castle Hayne, NC, 28429. *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.*

Brenda L. Perez

Brenda L. Perez, age 70, of Winnabow, passed away Sunday, April 7, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Perez's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2019 at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, 6401 Ocean Hwy E, Winnabow, NC, 28479. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

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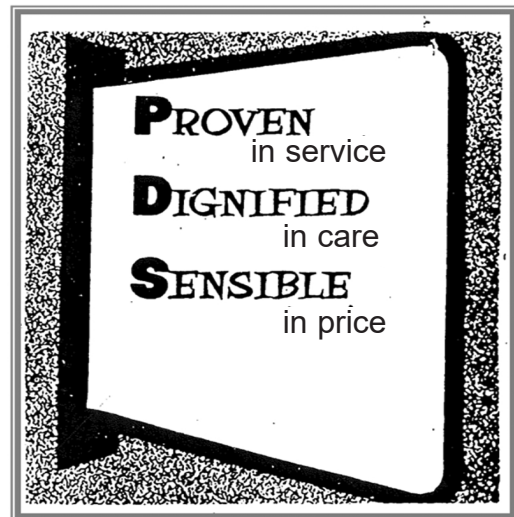
A husband, father and grandfather who left us two years ago. He is gone but not forgotten. Never will his memory fade, loving thoughts will forever linger around the grave where he is laid. We miss you and always will.

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City Wide Holy Week Worship Services will be held nightly at 7:00 p.m. April 14th-Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Benjamin Pittman; April 15th- St. John AME Church, Pastor Wilma Hansley; April 16th-New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Dr. Carl McIntyre; April 17th- Shoulder Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Sampson Lemon; April 19th-Central Baptist Church, Pastor Richard Robinson; Service begins at 6:00 p.m. on April 20th at St. Phillip AMEZ Church, Pastor Dr. Elijah Coleman and on Sunday, April 21st Sunrise Service will be held at 6:00 a.m., Pastor Isaac Alderman. **On Thursday, April 18th Holy Communion, please wear white if possible.

Mount Zion AME Church, 1111 North Fifth Ave., will hold their Pastor's Appreciation Program for Reverend Jerould Richburg on Sunday April 14th at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker is Reverend Charles Davis.

The AME Zion Wilmington District city churches will celebrate Holy Week Services April 18th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew AME Zion Church, Rev. Maria Lacewell, Pastor of Price Cathedral AME Zion Church will be the preacher. April 19th 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke AME Zion in The Seven Last Words of Jesus preached by Reverends: Jermaine Armour, Clifford Barnett, Sr., Karen McCracken, Elijah Coleman, Dorian Daniels, Gwendolyn Burns and Deidre Parker. April 21st 6:00 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Price Cathedral AME Zion Church.

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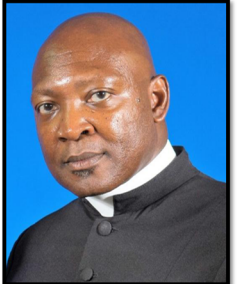
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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

That glorious word of God!

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLA ROSS
 CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Oh what a beautiful morning! Opening devotions included the song "The Old Rugged Cross" and prayer offered by Ethel Lawson. Thank you so much for that wonderful and uplifting prayer. God bless you! "There is a Fountain" was sung. What a wonderful and inspiring devotional time started our day. Thanks to Bro.

George Hill, our devotional leader. The speaker for today was Minister Doris McQuillan. Her topic was, "That Glorious Word of God"! Inheritance comes from accepting God's Word; when we are transformed from the old to the new creation. We are led by our Saviour Jesus Christ. Jesus paid the price with His death. The Gospel results in fruit bearing. We all have a job to do. The fruit of our lips is to praise the Lord. It produces

the work of good spirits. The Gospels are St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. The Gospel is the truth. It is communicated by the Word of God. Jesus paid the price so that we can go through and do all things. The Gospel is for all of us. We should love one another. Thanks for the Grace of God. We are not alone in this struggle. Thank you for a delightful message. May it be used to help guide us.

secretary report. Callers were recognized. Mrs. Gladys Taylor had 9 members present. Thank you to all the callers and members present. Remarks and announcements were made. Smiles were presented by Mary Martin. Thank you for the laughter. It is truly good for the soul! Our circle was formed and prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan. Meeting was then adjourned. There were 47 members present.

Mildred Ellerby gave the

TELL SOMEBODY

"Hosanna, Save Now, We Pray!"

Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.



Sylvia Hooper

And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitude that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21:5-9

Hosanna is a Hebrew word meaning, Save now, we pray. This word was used as a term of endearment; a cry of acclamation and adoration which proceeded from the mouths of the people as they saw Jesus Christ ride through the city of Jerusalem.

The words of the prophets of old were remembered, who had spoken of Jesus as The Promise Given, by God for His people. His meekness and his humility was also foretold. Even though he is the King of Kings, he chose to come in meekness and humility instead of pomp and splendor!

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." Zechariah 9:9 "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matthew 11:29

The people cried Hosanna meaning, Save now, we pray! This should be the cry of the church of the living God today. Save now, we pray! For, if the Lord does not save us, we will not be saved! We need to be saved from destruction. We need to be saved from our enemies. Many times, we need to be saved from ourselves.

When Jesus was born, in a lowly manger, it was announced by the angel of the Lord, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

The angel of the Lord came to the shepherds abiding in the fields, and told them, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." St. Luke 2:11 "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might

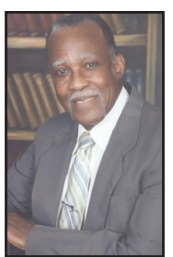
be saved." John 3:17
 Hosannah, Hosannah, Save now, we pray!!! Tell Somebody!!!

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A WORD FROM THE LORD

God's requirement for man- Ecc. 12:13-14

Iwant to read these verses of Scripture from several translations for our understanding (KJV)1 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil". (ERV)13-1 "Now, what should we learn from everything that is written in this book?[a] The most important thing a person can do is to respect God and obey his commands, because he knows about everything people do—even the secret things.



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

He knows about all the good and all the bad, and he will judge people for everything they do". (AMPC)13 "All has been heard; the end of the matter is: Fear God [revere and worship Him, knowing that He is] and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man [the full, original purpose of his creation, the object of God's providence, the root of character, the foundation of all happiness, the adjustment to all inharmonious circumstances and conditions under the sun] and the whole [duty] for every man.14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it is good or evil".

These verses are the sum total of all that God requires of man through His Son Jesus Christ; Romans 5:8-9, (KJV)8 "But God com-

mendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him". (ERV)8 "But Christ died for us while we were still sinners, and by this God showed how much he loves us.9 We have been made right with God by the blood sacrifice of Christ. So through Christ we will surely be saved from God's anger".

You got to get this! The sin debt has already been paid in full through the blood sacrifice of the Son of God on the cross, for the entire world. But because of this historical fact, that no one has to die and go to hell, it's not automatic. We must respond to what God has already done for us through His Son. We must recognize that we are sinners by nature or birth, inherited from the first man, Adam.

Conclusion is defined, as the last step in the reasoning process: judgment or opinion formed after thought. These two verses of Scripture gives us a glimpse of the complete harmony of God's eternal Word for throughout it gives to us the will and the purpose of God for man and there are no hidden clauses nor fine print. It boldly declares that the decision for eternal peace or eternal damnation is the choice of each individual.

The first requirement for man is to fear God. The word requirement means demands, need, necessity and mandate. The word fear means to reverence, stand in awe, of: it is to revere God's holiness, submitting cheerfully to His will (Word) and sincerely worship Him. The Bible defines fear as the beginning of wisdom:

Proverbs 9:10, (KJV) "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". Job28:28, "Behold the fear of the Lord that is wisdom". 1Samuel 12:24, (KJV) "Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart for consider how great things he hath done for you". The question may be asked, what has He done? It is described in John's gospel 3:16-18, 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God". We all came into the world under the death sentence Psalms 51:1-2(ERV)5 "I was born to do wrong, a sinner before I left my mother's womb.6 You want me to be completely loyal, so put true wisdom deep inside of me". Proverbs 8:13 (KJV) "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate". We are living in time where evil is being glamorizes and promoted in the world and in the church, therefore we must have a change heart, Bible calls it being born again.

You can change your mind. It takes a power greater than man to change ones heart, I'm not talking about the physical pump organ; the heart in the Bible refers to your inner most being. Jere. 17:9, (KJV)9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who

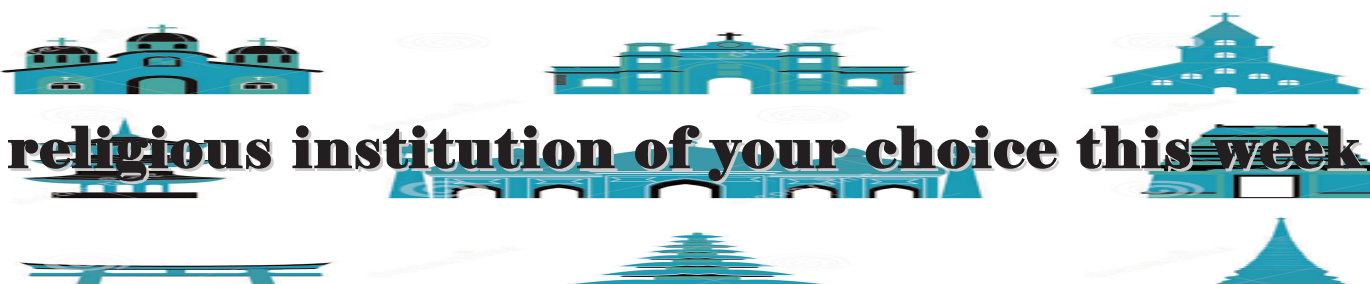
can know it"? Matt.15:19, (AMPC)19 "For out of the heart come evil thoughts (reasonings and disputings and designs) such as murder, adultery, sexual vice, theft, false witnessing, slander, and irreverent speech".

Sin originates in the heart and only God can change the heart of man. King David understood this principle and cried out, God, Ps. 51:10, (KJV)10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me". Ps.57:7, (KJV) "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise"

Prov.16:1, (KJV)"The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord". "God is sending His Word to you, yes you, that you may be healed and delivered from all your destruction". If you have never made Jesus the Lord of your life today can be the first day of your life. Jesus had you in mind when I began this lesson. Yes, He had you in mind over 2000 yrs. ago on the cross. He took upon Himself the sins of the whole world and died in our place and the sin debt that we could not pay. "He who knew no sin became sin for us (you) that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him". Will you accept Him now, He's waiting and He'll make you a new person. 2Cor. (KJV)"Therefore if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature and old things are passed away; behold all things are now become new".

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 Do you...
 hand your credit card to servers at restaurants?
 sign your credit cards?
 supply personal information over the internet?
 keep your Social Security number in your wallet or purse?
 leave mail at your home or business for the postal carrier to collect?
 throw away mail with personal information without shredding it?

Have you.....
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 been audited by the IRS?
 purchased a home?
 been a defendant in a civil lawsuit?
 signed a contract of any kind?
 paid a bill you thought was unfair?
 received an inaccurate credit report?
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 had any type of legal question?

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