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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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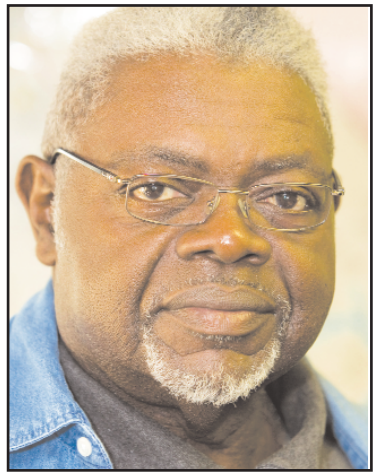
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BERNEST HEWETT

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BY BERNEST HEWETT
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Concerning the decision on the shooting that led to the death of a young Black man here in Brunswick County back in January of this year, there is a lot of information that has not been seen, and the public is unaware of it. I, for one, would like to see all the tapes and hear from witnesses who were there. I can't talk innocence or guilt of the state trooper who did the shooting, but I can say that bad decisions or acts such as this one have caused the public, Black and White communities, to lose respect for law enforcement. This is not good. Law enforcement is a really demanding and tough job on a day to day basis when there is

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Suspect in Black church burnings influenced by music sometimes tied to hate, police say

BY MICHAEL EDISON HAYDEN

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FROM THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

Holden Matthews, the 21-year-old man accused of burning three historically black churches in Louisiana, was influenced by "black metal," police say - a music genre sometimes tied to organized hate. Matthews engaged in a conversation about Varg Vikernes on Facebook. Vikernes is a musician who is linked intimately to

National Socialist Black Metal (NSBM).

NSBM is a subgenre within black metal that is explicitly racist and fascist in nature. Vikernes, who is Norwegian and founded the band Burzum, burned down three historically significant churches in his homeland during the 1990s. He also murdered a guitarist for the black metal band Mayhem.

From prison, Vikernes expressed views closely aligned with neo-Nazism, even though he objected to that term. Anders Breivik, the Norwegian far-right terrorist who murdered 77 people including children during a 2011

rampage, mailed Vikernes his manifesto before his arrest. In a 2012 blog post, Vikernes took issue with Breivik's methods and wrote that Breivik should kill himself, and argued there were more constructive ways to deal with "internationalists lead [sic] by their Jewish masters."

Matthews, the son of a Louisiana sheriff's deputy, is in St. Landry Parish jail. He's charged with three counts of simple arson of a religious building. The

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HOLDEN MATTHEWS

Shaw University to honor "Women Who Lead"

Honorees include Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, Dallas Mavericks CEO Cynthia Marshall, and McDonald's owner/operator Deborah Holder



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SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As part of the day-long celebration of the inauguration of Paulette R. Dillard, PH.D., as its eighteenth president, Shaw University will host the "Women Who Lead" luncheon honoring NC Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, Dallas Mavericks CEO Cynthia Marshall, and McDonald's owner/operator Deborah Holder. The luncheon will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 25th in the auditorium of Estey Hall on Shaw University's campus, 118 E. South Street, Raleigh, NC.

Chief Justice Beasley assumed the highest seat on North Carolina's Supreme Court in February 2019, becoming the first African-American woman ever to serve as Chief Justice. Justice Beasley has served on the North Carolina Supreme Court since 2012, having been appointed to that position by Governor Beverly Perdue, and subsequently winning statewide election to the office in 2014. Justice Beasley had previously served on the Court of

Appeals and as a district court judge in the Twelfth Judicial District, Cumberland County. She is the only Chief Justice in our state's history to have experience as a district court judge. Justice Beasley serves in numerous bar organizations and other professional and civic organizations. She is a graduate of Douglass College at Rutgers University, received her J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law, and her Masters of Law (LL.M.) in judicial studies from Duke University School of Law.

Widely considered one of the most powerful and influential women in business today, Cynthia Marshall currently is the CEO as the Dallas Mavericks. Marshall, the NBA's first woman CEO, is widely recognized as one of the most powerful and influential women in business. Ms. Marshall came the Mavericks at a time when the franchise needed a leader with her specific skill set. Ms. Marshall previously was senior vice president of Human Resources and chief diversity officer of AT&T. When

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Despite years of pronouncements, study finds SBA does little for HBCUs

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In April 2013, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) proudly announced that it had signed "Strategic Alliance Memorandums (SAMs) with three HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities) in

SBA Region IV (comprised of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida).

The SAMs were designed to "collaborate (with HBCUs) by ensuring that students get vital information on starting a business, and the surrounding communities at large may also benefit from these relation-

ships."

Cassius Butts, regional administrator for SBA Region IV said, "I've always believed that these institutions and their faculty serve as the foundation for strong and thriving communities. This partnership will foster entrepreneurship amongst the young population, especially in minority communities."

The signings were considered a big deal per the White House Initiative on HBCUs and the U.S. Dept of Education then.

However, none of the three HBCU's recognized were in North Carolina.

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and they would also have to cover co-pays.
"There are things we as legislators have to do in order to get things done," said Rep. Donny Lambeth (R- Forsyth) in defense of the requirements.
Republicans, in an effort to assure voters that their tax dollars, even federal

funds, are not being wasted or scammed, tack on the work requirement for political reasons, critics say, even though there are many who are sick and unable to work in desperate need of health insurance coverage they can't afford.
"Work requirements are an ill-informed attempt to legislate behavior and do not reflect the realities of people living in poverty," writes Brian Kennedy II, a

public policy analyst with the Budget and Tax center at the NC Justice Center. "In fact, the science shows that they effectively take away the ability of people to make good, rational decisions. If our legislators are truly in the business of helping to improve the lives of North Carolinians, they will listen to the research and evidence and reject these harmful provisions."
On Monday, sixteen

health advocacy organizations issues a joint statement opposing the Republican proposal.
"HB655's 2 percent premium is an affront to working families barely making ends meet given their current incomes," the statement by The NC Justice Center, Health Care Justice NC, the NC Council of Churches and others, said. "To charge people earning 50 percent of the Federal Poverty Level -

as little as a single parent earning approximately \$700 a month - will force families to choose between putting food on the table and health care. This bill does not improve access to care for working families."
"We call on our General Assembly to expand Medicaid."
HB 655 has passed first reading, and has been referred to the House Committee on Health.

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All of them were in Mississippi. Two months prior, one HBCU was recognized in Florida. One month prior, two were recognized in Alabama.
The pace and location of SBA agreements began to raise questions.
A few weeks ago on March 7, the GAO (Government Accountability Office), in a report to "Congressional requesters," stated that "SBA ...fosters working relationships with institutions of higher education through memorandums and outreach activities (such as training and counseling). However, little is known about the extent of SBA's activities and partnership programs with HBCUs."
North Carolina Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12) requested the GAO report, and she wasn't pleased with its findings.
"The report found that, despite decades of White House Executive Orders promoting engagement with HBCUs, strengthening HBCU participation in federal programs, and directing federal agencies to identify priorities for working with HBCUs,

there has been no specific HBCU outreach at the SBA," a release from Rep. Adams' office stated. "GAO reviewed recent executive orders and SBA's 2018 plan and found that the Agency's key programs designed to promote entrepreneurship do not specifically target HBCUs. The report also concluded that only 18 out of 101 HBCUs have Small Business Development Centers, and 24 schools have strategic alliance memorandums that, according to SBA officials, are mostly symbolic."
"I am very disturbed by its findings," Rep. Adams said. "HBCUs are critical to providing a pipeline of diverse talent for our workforce, and it is vital that HBCUs have access to the resources they need to cultivate successful small business owners and entrepreneurs."
At Rep. Adams' request, the House Small Business Committee will now hold a hearing to delve deeper into why the SBA is not helping HBCUs as it was first mandated to.
"Preliminary findings in the report also revealed that the SBA does not have any plans or infrastructure in place to execute the Executive Order on White House Initiative to Promote Excellence and Innovation at HBCUs," Adam's office said.

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help from the community and law abiding citizens. When respect is gone, it is twice as hard! Now, if there is an answer, it is for people and friends that knew this young man. We must fight this fight! Carry it to courthouse! We must make our voices and thoughts heard and known. Don't resort to violence. It will only hinder us. Keep your focus on justice. This battle is not ours! It is the Lord's, if we allow it to be! Get ready for the long haul!
Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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**DURHAM CELEBRATES
150TH ANNIVERSARY
AMID TEARS**
[DURHAM] There were smiles, and even some laughter. But underneath, as Bull

City citizens wished each other a 150th "Happy Anniversary," there were solemn prayers for those responders injured during the April 10th gas explosion in downtown that injured 25, and killed a coffee shop owner who refused to evacuate his business. Durham Mayor Steve Schewel led those gathered at the American Tobacco Campus is honoring the first responders who risked their lives to

save others. Mayor Schewel said though he was saddened by the tragedy, he was heartened by how the Durham community came together to help the affected families.
NCGOP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WOODHOUSE TO STEP DOWN
[RALEIGH] In the aftermath of his boss, NCGOP Chairman Robin Hayes, being indicted by a federal grand jury for alleged

bribery, NC Republican Party Executive Director Dallas Woodhouse has announced that he will step down once his contract ends after the next NCGOP Convention in June. Woodhouse has been in charge of the day-to-day operations of the state Republican Party since 2015. He is a former television reporter, known for his "in-your face" style. Woodhouse testified before the grand

jury in December, but was not named in the indictment.
COOPER PICKS REUBEN YOUNG, CHRISTOPHER BROOK FOR NC APPELLATE COURT
[RALEIGH] Gov. Roy Cooper now has an 8-7 Democrat majority on the NC Court of Appeals, and a 6-1 Democratic majority on the state Supreme Court. The 8-7 majority comes after appointing Reuben Young and ACLU

of NC Legal Director Chris Brook. Young is currently chief deputy secretary for adult corrections and juvenile justice at the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. Previously, Young served as a special superior court judge for five years, and secretary of the NC Dept. of Public Safety. He replaces former NC Appellate Court Judge Mark Davis, who was elevated to the State Supreme Court several weeks ago.

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churches Matthews allegedly burned were the St. Mary Baptist Church in Port Barre, the Greater Union Baptist Church in Opelousas, and the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Opelousas.
The fires occurred on March 26, April 2, and April 4. It is unclear if Matthews chose the churches because of their connection to the Black community. Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards told the media that Matthews' motive was unknown and described the church burnings as "evil acts."
Metal music may have played a role in inspiring Matthews, who on Facebook praised the 2018 film Lords of Chaos, a fictionalized

retelling of Vikernes' crimes in the Norway black metal scene in the '90s. The film's director is Jonas Åkerlund, a former drummer of the seminal Swedish black metal band Bathory.
The film was inspired by the book Lords of Chaos: The Bloody Rise of the Satanic Metal Underground, which was co-written by Michael Moynihan. Moynihan edited together the collected writings of neo-Nazi James Mason for the book Siege in 1993. Siege has become influential with more terroristic corners of the racist right in recent years, and the words "Read SIEGE" are sometimes used as a rallying cry by extremists on social media.
Atomwaffen Division (AWD), a neo-Nazi group linked to five murders since the start of 2017, has mem-

bers who are connected to the black metal scene. John Denton, who goes by the name "Rape," once served as a leader of the group, and was spotted last April throwing up a Hitler salute at the Houston concert for the black metal band Horna.
Denton also has been photographed wearing a T-shirt of Burzum, Vikernes' band. Horna, who has ties to the NSBM scene, was forced to cancel or move shows on its current U.S. tour due to protests from antiracist activists.
Incidents of arson linked to NSBM
While NSBM is far from the most visible strand of black metal (the genre also features contemporary bands that are explicitly antiracist and antifascist) - the specific subgenre has

been tied to racist crimes and acts of arson in the past. Brian Moudry, a man from Illinois who was linked to the NSBM scene, was sentenced to 10 years in prison in 2013 for setting fire to the home of his Black neighbors.
Maurice Thompson Michaely pleaded guilty in that same year to attempting to burn a historically Black church in Virginia. Michaely is a member of a neo-Völkisch group called the Wolves of Vinland (WoV). Members of WoV, including one of its founders, have expressed affinity for bands or played in bands connected to or close to the hate metal scene, including NSBM.
A black metal drummer was charged April 2 with burning down two Mormon churches in New Zealand, a

country that is still reeling from a domestic terror attack that claimed the lives of 50 Muslim worshippers last month. The drummer, Jacob Lowenstein, played for the band Igni.
It's unclear if he or his band have any ideological motivations beyond making music.
Trend of recent incidents impacting the Black community
The southeast pocket of the U.S. has seen a smattering of incidents that have either targeted or impacted the Black community in recent weeks. Nancy Rushton McCorkle, 50, and Ryan Francis Barnett, 31, were arrested April 8 in connection with vandalizing the University of North Carolina's Unsung Founders Memorial on March 31. The

pair are accused of defacing the memorial, a dedication to slaves and Black workers, with permanent marker and urine.
Hatewatch reported April 2 about a White supremacist symbol that was left at the scene of a fire. The fire destroyed the offices of the Highlander Research and Education Center in Tennessee on March 29, according to neighbors. The Highlander Center is a civil rights institution which once hosted Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. The symbol, which has been popularized by figures in the "alt-right" movement, stems from a 20th century Romanian group called the Iron Guard that perpetrated gruesome mass killings of Jews in the 1940s.
Police are investigating the source of the blaze.

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she retired from AT&T, Ms. Marshall founded Marshalling Resources, a consulting firm that provides support for team building and human resource needs. Ms. Marshall graduated from the University of California-Berkeley with degrees in Business Administration and Human Resource Management. Bennett College and Livingstone have conferred honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees for her many corporate achievements,

public service, and support of young people.
Deborah Holder and husband William are the owner/operators of 4 McDonald's restaurants in Raleigh, NC. The Holders previously had owned 6 McDonald's restaurants in New York for many years prior to relocating to the Raleigh area in 2011. Prior to joining the entrepreneurial ranks as a McDonald's owner/operator, Ms. Holder worked to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC. Ms. Holder believes it is vital to give back to the community that supports her business. While

in New York, she served as Committee Chair for the New York Metro Black McDonald's Operators Association for 5 years, during which time they raised over \$200,000 for scholarships and other charitable causes. She served on numerous other boards and committees in the area as well. Ms. Holder currently is the Raleigh Board Representative for the National Black McDonald's Operators Association, and is on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Durham and Orange Counties.
For information on tickets to the Women Who Lead

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

TIP PROJECT NO. U-4738

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:

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.

Note: This hearing presentation will be streamed live. See project website for details.

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.

Note: This hearing presentation will be streamed live. See project website for details.

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 be 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.

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A new plan to make Wall Street pay for creating the foreclosure crisis

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Last week, as Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., convened a House Financial Services Committee hearing, featuring the CEOs of Wall Street's biggest banks, the financial watchdog group Better Markets released a stunning report on the banks' criminal records: Wall Street's Six Biggest Bailed-Out Banks: Their RAP Sheets and Their Ongoing Crime Spree.

The report profiled the records of Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo. Detailing the staggering \$8.2 trillion that was committed to bail out these banks when their excesses blew up the economy in 2008, the report laid out what it called their RAP sheets — the record of illegal activity for which they have been fined a cumulative total of \$181 billion in over 350 major legal actions.

The report concludes that these big banks "have engaged in — and continue to engage in — a crime spree that spans the violation of almost every law and rule imaginable. ... That was the case not just before the 2008 crash, but also during and after the crash and their lifesaving bailouts. ... In fact, the number of cases against the banks has actually increased relative to the pre-crash era."

The scope of the illegal activity is breathtaking — overcharging soldiers on their mortgages, conspiring to fix the price of credit card fees, massive improper foreclosure practices, billing customers for services never provided, rigging interest rates, violating sanctions against countries like Iran, and more. The large fines are, for these mega-banks, merely a cost of doing business. And so the crime wave continues.

The banks particularly prey on the vulnerable, regularly pleading guilty of discriminating against African Americans and Latinos. Long after the bailout, for example, JPMorgan Chase paid \$53 million to settle charges that it had discriminated against minority borrowers by charging them more for a mortgage than white customers.

The banks were at the center of the housing bubble and its collapse. About 10 million people were displaced from over 4 million homes across the country. Minority neighborhoods were hit the hardest.

For decades, the banks red-lined minority areas, depriving residents of access to mortgages or loans for small business development. Then, when the banks inflated the housing bubble, they targeted minority neighborhoods, peddling predatory mortgages to customers who they knew could not afford them. As one former Wells Fargo mortgage broker explained in a sworn affidavit, "The company put 'bounties' on minority borrowers. By this I mean that loan officers received cash incentives to aggressively market subprime loans in minority communities." At the height of the rapacious lending boom, nearly 50 percent of all loans given to African American families were deemed "subprime." The New York Times described these contracts as "a financial time bomb."

When housing prices cratered, the bomb exploded. Mass evictions left entire neighborhoods scarred by empty houses. The banks then failed their legal duty to keep the homes up, with neighborhoods turning into waste pits. With homeowners evicted, local revenues declined. Stores were shuttered; schools closed; local services decimated.

Those victimized were most often those who did the right thing: working steadily, putting together the money for a down payment on a home for their children. A rising African American middle class was eviscerated. In 2012, the National Fair Housing Alliance reported that African Americans suffered "the largest loss of wealth for these communities in modern history." Between 2009 and 2012, African Americans lost just under \$200 billion in wealth, bringing the gap between white and black wealth to a staggering 20:1 ratio.

According to the Better Markets report, the six biggest banks have paid over \$181 billion in fines and settlements for their criminal activity. This money generally goes back into the general fund, unless the settlement agreement provides for some relief to those injured.

That too often leaves those most injured by the illegal practices out in the cold. What would make sense is that any fines that aren't used to recompense the direct victims be put into a fund to rebuild the communities most injured. Supplement that with revenues from sensible taxes on the banks — like Elizabeth Warren's call for a simple corporate tax on the profits they report — and a multibillion-dollar fund could be created to help repair the communities most impacted by the bankers' crimes. Use that money not to line the pockets of the big banks again, but to seed community banks and cooperatives, to support nonprofit affordable housing development, to create postal banking services that could liberate the poor from the usurious charges of payday lenders.

That might not end Wall Street's addiction to crime, but it would help repair the communities that they have devastated. One would think that law-and-order conservatives might support this act of simple justice.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

The Black Press: USE It or LOSE It!

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YOUR VOICE

GOD HAD A BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE THAT EASTER SUNDAY WHEN HE WITNESSED THE STRONG FAITH OF LITTLE ZION HANKINS

Grandma started cooking at 7:00 a.m. before she went to church for her family's mouth-watering homemade dinner. After church all were seated in the dining room waiting to eat the scrumptious food grandma would serve using her finest table cloth, china and silver ware. When little 4 ½ year old Zion got his plate, he started eating like it was the last supper. Zion wait until we say grace, demanded his father. I don't have to Zion replied. "Of course, you do" his mother insisted rather forcefully. "We always say a prayer before eating at our

house". That is at our house, Zion explained, "but this is grandma's house, and she knows how to cook"!!!

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

REPARATIONS

The subject of reparations is quickly becoming one of today's most controversial issues, with differences of opinion existing not only between the parties, but within them. If you're not sure about where you stand, consider this:

To honor and reward returning soldiers who fought in WWII, Congress passed the G.I. Bill in 1944. Among its many benefits were government-guaranteed low-cost mortgages and low-

interest loans. The bill marked an important milestone in the expansion of the American middle class, paving the way for families to build generational wealth.

Did I say families? Sorry, I meant to say white families.

A confluence of obstacles, largely ignored and even condoned by the government, including exclusionary deed covenants and the red-lining of black neighborhoods by banks, prevented most African-American veterans from reaping the benefits of the G.I. Bill. So, while white families were paying down mortgages and building nest eggs, black families were paying rent. While white families watched as the values of their homes increased, black families were paying rent. While white families were

using their wealth to fund higher education for their children, black families were paying rent. While white families were passing down their wealth to subsequent generations, black families were paying rent.

The denial of benefits under the G.I. Bill represented yet another obstacle in the road to equality for African Americans. Its legacy is a continuation of the economic disadvantages that generations of African-Americans suffer from even today. The black soldiers of WWII fought valiantly for our freedom, for their families, and for a piece of the American pie.

It's time we gave it to them.

Jeffrey Zalles
Southport, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

TO BE EQUAL

Find out how your state was graded

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"This bill upholds the core value that animated the original Elementary and Secondary Education Act signed by President Lyndon Johnson — the value that says education, the key to economic opportunity, is a civil right. With this bill, we reaffirm that fundamental American ideal that every child, regardless of race, income, background, the zip code where they live, deserves the chance to make out of their lives what they will." President Barack Obama, upon signing the Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the 2015 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, establishes civil rights standards for educating students from historically underserved populations — like children of color, students with disabilities and

those learning English as a second language — receive the resources they need.

Not every state is meeting its obligations, however.

The National Urban League reviewed the plans



Marc Morial

states are required to submit to the federal government, outlining how they will meet their commitments to ensure equity and excellence to every student and every community. We found that only nine state plans qualified as "Excellent."

We reviewed plans in the 36 states and the District of Columbia where Urban League affiliates are located.

The review comes at an important time in our history. The landmark 2016 election marked a shift in conver-

sations about race, socioeconomic status, and the systemic impact of these social markers on the experiences of people across the nation. With education at the forefront, advocates and stakeholders are looking critically at what states have committed to do for students and how they are going to do it.

The nine state plans identified as "Excellent" are Colorado, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Kentucky, Illinois and Rhode Island. These states are off to a strong start making the most of opportunities to further advance equity with some areas for improvement and a small number of areas deserving urgent attention.

The eight state plans identified as "Poor" are Virginia, Florida, Arizona, Georgia, Missouri, Kansas, Michigan and California. These states missed opportunities to further advance equity in a majority of areas with sever-

al areas needing urgent attention.

The other 20 states, rated "Sufficient," were adequately attentive to opportunities to further advance equity while missing several opportunities, all of which having a few areas deserving urgent attention.

The report cards are not meant as an or analysis of a state's school system on the whole. Rather, they identify the extent to which states have addressed specific equity concerns, such as breaking the school-to-prison pipeline, expanding access to early childhood education, cultural competence training for staff and disparate per-pupil spending in their state plans.

For example, California — one of the states ranked "Poor" — makes little mention in its plan of out-of-school

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We must not be afraid!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

My good friend, Dick Gregory, often talked about the power of the Black woman. In a joking manner, but a serious meaning, he said, "A Black woman is the only woman in the world who can cut a man's tires to the rim with a butter knife!" He also said the two strongest forces in the nation are the Black church and the Black woman. Despite all of our hardships, discrimination, disrespect by gangsta rappers and others, Black women have shown the strength and the know how to overcome whatever gets in our way. We jump through the hoops and accomplish what we set out to accomplish.

When white women received the right to vote with the support of Black women, some were okay leaving us out. It took another 40+ years through dangerous conditions, and numerous efforts for us to vote. We've pushed our way to victory for not only Black women, but for those who offered to support our issues when Black



Dr. E. Faye Williams

women were not in the race. Sometimes we had to vote for the lesser of two evils. We always did what we had to do. Our efforts are beginning to pay off, but some are trying to diminish our strength. In this last election, we played an important role in electing Black women in a larger number than ever; and played an important role in the victories of others. A Black woman is now facing threats on her life for saying far less damaging things than #45 says daily and he goes unpunished. I've faced my share of threats for speaking truth, but I've never backed down from saying what I believed to be right.

Now, we're faced with threats against one of our sisters, Congresswoman Ilhan Omar. A Trump supporter boldly threatened to "put a bullet" through her skull. We must

not be afraid to stand up for her. We don't have to agree with everything she says to defend her right to speak. If we don't stand with her, and other Black women when they speak up on issues with which others agree, but are afraid to say so, when they come in the morning, it could be for any one of us. It's tragic that so many for whom Black women have done so much, leave the words of others unchallenged, but make only luke warm statements in support of Ms. Omar or criticize her for what she says.

You don't have to agree with everything she says, but, she is our sister and we must speak up for her rights. The system tries to crush her today, but it could be any one of us tomorrow. Those of us who understand that are not afraid. Those of us who've been through similar treatment, know how lonely it can be when even our friends are afraid to protect our rights.

What's happening with Ms. Omar is one more effort to silence Black women. Critics see the power we have. 20

Black women mayors in Louisiana—including the 3 largest cities, is an example of the power of Black women. We have Black women mayors in San Francisco, Washington, Baltimore, Rochester, Charlotte, Flint, Toledo, Atlanta and Chicago. There're others, but you get the point. We have a Black woman running strongly for President of the United States. We have many new Black women in Congress, joining a strong group already there.

Think about what Sojourner, Harriet, Ida B. Fannie Lou, Shirley and others went through to bring us to where we are today. Let's not lose the momentum by our silence that is interpreted as our consent when one of our sisters is attacked.

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time learning. It sets the number of students of students needed to form a student subgroup for federal reporting and accountability purposes unreasonably high. The definition it uses for

“consistently underperforming schools” is not specific enough to identify any schools for additional support under the law. On the other hand, Louisiana – one of the states ranked “Excellent” – has set a goal of 63.5 percent of students proficient in reading and 56.5 percent of students

proficient in math by 2025. That’s double the current rates, and it has set the same long-term goals for each “subgroup” of underserved students. Louisiana is also tackling the school-to-prison pipeline, targeting schools with unusually high suspension rates for support and improvement.

These are just a few examples of what went into our evaluation of the plans. You can check out each state’s detailed report card along with our policy recommendations for improving education equity at www.naturbanleague.org. “*Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.*”

CCFPB denies duty to enforce Military Lending Act

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

America’s 1.29 million member-strong, all-volunteer military includes men and women from all 50 states, according to the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations. Regardless of race or ethnicity, each made a choice and swore an oath to protect our nation. Together, they wear our nation’s uniforms and carry our flag on assignments and deployments in times of both peace and war.

I’d like to believe that our entire nation respects and appreciates their sacrificing service that takes them away from families, our stateside, and deployments. Further, while these brave men and women protect us, the nation should also protect them – including the clutches of predatory lending.

It was that kind of perspective that led to strong bipartisan enactment in 2006 of the Military Lending Act (MLA), a reform that was strongly supported by the Department of Defense DOD. At the time, DOD warned how severe financial stress diminished “military readiness”. Years later with the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB),

MLA enforcement was assigned to the new agency along with other laws, and MLA was updated to include the phrase, “shall be enforced by the CFPB”. That kind of language eliminates discretion or interpretation, thereby ensuring appropriate actions when warranted.

For years, CFPB’s enforcement levied fines against businesses that broke consumer finance laws and made consumers financially whole with proportional restitution. From July 2011 through September 2017, CFPB’s Office of Servicemember Affairs delivered \$130 million of financial relief as a result of actions taken on 91,482 military complaints filed. In just one lending area – payday loans -- CFPB projected that servicemembers saved \$35 million every year as a result of MLA rules.

Justification for continued aggressive enforcement is attested to in CFPB’s own reports. From 2016 to 2017, CFPB recorded a 47% increase in the number of servicemember complaints. The following year, 2017 to 2018, the number of complaints were still rising at 12%.

According to the Pentagon, military members can and do lose security clearances and/or less than satisfactory discharges each year. Every discharged soldier’s separation costs the government an estimated \$58,000.

Despite this abundance of complaints and warranted

enforcement, CFPB’s first Trump-appointed leader, Mick Mulvaney as Acting CFPB Director, turned an about face on our military families by halting its use of its supervisory powers to fulfill its mandate of MLA enforcement.

CFPB’s new Director Kathleen Kraninger made it clear that she supports the same policies and practices begun under her predecessor in a March 8 letter to Ranking Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Further in a recent Capitol Hill hearing, Director Kraninger went even further, advising, as reported by POLITICO, Director Kraninger went even further, claiming that Congress via legislation should provide CFPB with appropriate authority.

Confused? You’re not alone.

Last October, a bipartisan group of 33 states attorneys general (AGs) wrote then Acting CFPB Director Mulvaney following his announcement that the Bureau would no longer ensure that lenders would comply with MLA as part of its supervisory examinations.

“We are perplexed by reports indicating that the CFPB has determined that it needs further statutory authority in order to conduct examinations for MLA violations,” wrote the AGs. “We

are disappointed to learn that CFPB did not consult the Defense Department in developing its new examination policy, even though Congress specified that the Defense Department – not the CFPB – is the primary federal agency responsible for interpreting the MLA.”

The officials signing the letter to Mulvaney represent states as far west as Alaska and Hawaii, to as far east as Massachusetts and New York, and southward to Mississippi and North Carolina. Together, these state officers understood and embraced that when it comes to consumer finance, predatory lenders make no partisan distinction.

“There’s no utility in arguing the fine questionable difference between enforcement and supervision,” said Scott Astrada, the Center for Responsible Lending’s Federal Advocacy Director. “The bottom line is that consumers – especially those serving in the military – need their government’s protection against those who would exploit their personal finances and at the same time, jeopardize their military service and careers. Our nation should protect them with just as much dedication as they give to protect all of us.”

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
White supremacist intimidation must stop

The attacks on Rep. Ilhan Omar, a freshman Democratic lawmaker from Minnesota, have been less than transparent in their hypocrisy, but have also set the stage for a violence not only against Ms. Omar but for other Muslims in this country.

Ms. Omar, who was born in Somalia, said in a recent speech that the 9-11 attack became the excuse for racists to attack and besmear all Muslims. In that speech, she said that Muslims were tired of living with the discomfort of being second class citizens, and she pointed to the fact that much of the animus directed toward Muslims is because in the 9-11 attack on American soil that "some people did something," and because of their actions, all Muslims in this country were "starting to lose access to" their civil liberties.

The reaction against what Omar said was swift and far-reaching and has been relentless. The attacks this week were highlighted by the president himself, who posted a video of Rep. Omar in a tweet, focusing only on those words, with the words "WE WILL NEVER FORGET" in all caps at the top of the post. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/13/us/politics/trump-ilhan-omar-sept-11.html>)

The attacks against Omar, coming primarily from conservative new outlets, are feeding the racism of a group of people who are fighting to "make America great again," which seems to include silencing the voices of those who speak up against the president and his policies. Politicians are warning that such vitriol coming from the president is dangerous and is tinder for a rumbling climate for racial violence. Ms. Omar has herself indicated that she has received threats against her life.

But the outrage is manufactured. No group of people likes to be lumped into a group and be called "bad" because of the actions of a few. It is a fact that "some people" did "some thing" that was heinous, wrong, immoral and painful to this country. There was a group of people, not an entire race of people, who carried out the attack which killed over 3000 Americans.

Acknowledging that is simply honest, and white people, who are so very quick to defend themselves when racism and the heinous acts that have been carried out against black people in this country for years are mentioned. If one says "white people did it," the defensive response is quick. "We didn't do that," we have heard over and over again. They say that they have no control over what happened "back then," even as they bask in the fruit of those heinous acts of a society which has favored white people from this country's inception.

Just as whites in this country refuse to take responsibility and do not want to be punished for something their ancestors did, Rep. Omar is stating that it is offensive for this society to attack and discriminate against all Muslims for something that a few people carried out.

It is a fact that when people act badly, they want people to forget about it. When curious progeny of those who were lynched in the South begin to dig into their family history and find evidence of one of their loved ones having been killed by racist mobs, they hit walls of silence. The relatives of the perpetrators, or those who were simply alive at the time of the offense, refuse to talk, wondering why anyone would want to "bring all that up." America does not want to own up to her racist history. Conservatives in a couple of states are trying to rewrite, or redact, the actual history of this nation, saying that slavery wasn't bad, that slaves were treated well, and they are working to keep graphic details of the horror of slavery out of textbooks. They don't want the country's stigma caused by racism to get any worse and they do all they can to minimize the injustices carried out by white American society.

Conversely, white American thought has lumped all black people into one basket, a basket which says black people are bad, are inferior to whites, are less intelligent than whites, are naturally violent ...and so much more. While they do not want to be lumped into the group of violent racists, they almost unconsciously lump people of other races, religions and ethnicities, into their respective baskets of biased beliefs, and the people in those baskets have and continue to suffer the condition of being second class citizens in this country.

Rep. Omar is not denying that something bad happened or that the people who carried out the attack were not Muslim, but what she is saying is that all Muslims did not do what "some people" did. She does not want to see yet another basket of bias grow and cause yet another group of people to suffer the indignity of white supremacist hatred and treatment.

That's fair, right, white America? You understand not wanting to be "lumped" together for something a few of your ancestors did, right?

Those in this country who resent the "browning" of America, the increase of non-white, non-Christian people are teething at the bit to express their anger through violence. These attacks on Omar are merely excuses for them to do what they want to do and the president of this nation is egging them on.

Hopefully, more and more politicians - both Democrat and Republican - will come forward and defend Rep. Omar's right to express frustration over how all Muslims are in danger because of "some people" who did "something." She is not minimizing the 9-11 attack. To the contrary, she is maximizing the radical, violent and discriminatory tendencies of people who are aligned with white supremacist and white nationalist identity politics. We should not let Rep. Omar stand alone. We should not let intimidation, which has long been one of the tactics of white supremacy to silence critics and to kill off challengers, to win again. This is the 21st century. It is time for racist intimidation to be cast aside once and for all.

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Dr. Julianne Malveaux

der Mnuchin won't release 45's taxes. No wonder he could not answer the direct questions of a congressional committee. No wonder he whined about being the "worst treated" Treasury secretary in history. Was that comment supposed to impress someone?

It surely didn't impress Maxine Waters who handled Mnuchin the same way one might treat a bag of dog poop abandoned by its careless owner: You wouldn't put your hands on it. You might not even kick it. But you'd sniff at it and turn away. That's just what Congresswoman Maxine Waters did when she told him that he could leave the hearing he'd committed to participate in. Then, she icily told him not to presume to instruct her on how to hold a hearing, and how to use a gavel (he said gravel – inarticulate). Maxine Waters took the hapless Mnuchin to Liberation School, but since he graduated from the Klux Academy of White Supremacy, he will probably have to subject himself to further detoxification from his racist behavior.

Mnuchin's behavior toward Congresswoman Waters was his exercise in white supremacy, pure and simple. White supremacy is the belief that the white race is inherently superior to other races, and that white people should have control over people of different races, especially people of African descent. White supremacy manifests itself in public policy that allows white so-called "law and order" officers to kill unarmed Black people because they think they are superior and call tell the lie that they are in fear for their

lives. White supremacy manifests itself in the ways that African Americans earn unequal pay for the same work and the ways that supremacists justify it. White supremacy occurs when colonizers come into predominately Black communities and then insist that others play by their rules and kowtow to their desires. They want someone to turn down the go-go music, but readily accept other loud noise. Because they are loud noise. Loud, myopic, uncompromising noise. And Munchkin Mnuchin was the noisiest of all when he presumed to instruct an African American icon on how to use a gavel after she has spent nearly 30 years in Congress.

Mnuchin's performance was a tribute to the racist capitalist patriarchy that is the foundation of white supremacy. He would not have even slightly presumed to tell a white man, or a Black one for that matter, how to close a hearing. He might have told a white woman, possibly adding the term "honey" in to soften or sharpen the bow. But the only person he'd dare get huffy with, just based on the white supremacist belief of his privilege, was a Black woman. Maxine Waters was the wrong Black woman. Excuse my Ebonics, but Max don't play. She takes no tea for the fever. She takes back her time, stands up for her rights, and was not about to have a pathetic 45 lackey disrespect her.

The House Judiciary Committee held hearings around the same time the House Financial Services

Committee was. So while the Treasury Secretary was disrespecting Congresswoman Waters, the House Judiciary Committee was holding a hearing about the dangers of white supremacy. White supremacy was displayed at its most privileged, when an elected member of Congress is inappropriately chided by a Cabinet member, who does not have peer status.

White supremacy attempts to reinforce the egregious nature of the Dred Scott decision in which the Supreme Court of these United States declared that the Black man had “no rights that a white man is bound to respect.” For Steven Mnuchin, Congresswoman Maxine Waters had no rights he was bound to respect. For Mnuchin, and too many others in the 45 circle, the Dred Scott decision still stands.

Mnuchin may have simmered in his faux white superiority for much of his life, but his simmer turned into a boil when he tangled with the House Judiciary Committee, and his boil was on the hot seat. He learned, I hope, not to mess with Max. I hope he also learned that his white supremacy will not protect him from a band of tenacious Democrats who will continue pushing him for both truths and tax returns.

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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.narcononnewlifetreat.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 nhccentennial@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 nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Become a homeowner and a landlord, same time!

This week I want to share with you about a 1st-time homebuyer's program that few know about. Traditionally when someone thinks of buying their 1st property, they think of ONE home or ONE townhome. Well, what if I told you



Brenda Dixon

that you could purchase not 1, not 2, not 3, but up to 4 units your 1st go round. Yes, it's true you can. This program allows you to purchase a multi-family unit (up to 4 units) as your 1st home and as long as you live in at least 1 of the units, you're in!

Now, I understand that most will say, "how would someone

handle a mortgage payment of a 4-unit building just starting out?" That is a valid point and truthfully, most 1st-time buyers will not be able to handle the payment alone. The good news is that as long as you can show that your income could cover some of the payment, and you can produce signed leases for the other units, the lender will count the rents of the other units to help qualify you for this kind of FHA loan. THAT'S AMAZING, RIGHT! Oh yes, it is.

This is the same program that enabled a single mother of 2 that worked minimum wages to purchase her 1st home (tri-plex) at a cost her wages never could have handled. That same single mom sold that property a few years later for over \$200,000 more than she bought it for. This is the same program that many

across the USA are using to become a homeowner and a landlord at the same time. This program does require a 3.5% down payment and if you negotiate well, that very well could be the only funds you will have to come up with. Unlike some other 1st-time homebuyer's loans, you got to put a little skin in the game so no 100% financing available. I would highly recommend finding a realtor that is skilled in negotiations of the closing cost, repairs, etc and that will help you greatly in this acquisition.

In addition, finding a lender that has experience with this type of FHA loan that doesn't have to learn as they earn is your best route as well. This is indeed an awesome program and if you're smart with it, could yield great returns over and over. FHA loans as a

general rule usually requires the borrower to move into the financed property within 60 days of purchasing and also requires them to live in the property at least the first 12 months.

Footnote: Umm, I don't know about you but for me and mine, NONE of that would be a problem! Lol, so go ahead and open your mind past single-family. How about a duplex, tri-plex or a Quad? It's possible, it is VERY possible!

Until next week, please share this article with at least 3 people. Reach out if want more details on this FHA program or want to obtain your FREE game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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New Hanover County Schools parents and volunteers honored at the Council of PTA's Annual Awards Banquet

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Some of New Hanover County Schools' most dedicated volunteers were honored at the New Hanover County Council of PTAs' annual Volunteers Banquet on April 10, 2019. The special event recognizes the hard work and dedication of volunteers throughout the district's schools. Annually, these individuals contribute over 215,000 hours of recorded service across NHCS with a total of 27,731 volunteers. This volunteer service translates into over \$5 million in manpower and services to our schools.

"The event is so important because we must recognize our volunteers, which are an integral part of the PTA. We want to show our volunteers how much we appreciate them and let them know they are doing great work in the

schools," said Bernice Johnson, president of the NHC Council of PTAs. The event paid tribute to the two volunteers of the year for each school. In addition, seven specially-named awards were presented to individuals and groups for excellence in service including "The Future," "For the Cause," "Making a Difference," "Beacon of Light," "Pinnacle," "Outside the Box" and "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year."

The Future Award - presented to a student that has demonstrated the heart of a volunteer either in a school's community or in the community.

•Savannah Brookman - Bradley Creek Elementary
•Maddox Ross - Anderson Elementary
•Trisha Guidi - SEA-Tech

For The Cause Award - An achievement award for PTAs that have successfully implemented and conducted a

unique program or project that has involved families, students, and teachers. This project or program has improved the school or school's community.

•Carolyn DeGrammont and Murrayville PTA

Making a Difference Award - presented to a PTA community partner who has demonstrated an exceptional contribution to the betterment of our schools, our children's education or health.

•Church of the Servant of Wilmington @ College Park Elementary

Beacon of Light Award - presented to outstanding leaders with a vision who have "mobilized the troops" in their schools. These are the volunteers that encourage and make others want to step up. They have guided parents, teachers and other volunteers through the many ways to be involved with the schools and the community.

•Kim Badrock @ Parsley Elementary

Pinnacle Award - presented to an exceptional volunteer who has answered the call of duty with respect to bridging the gap between home, school, and community. This individual has continually and successfully promoted the overall wellbeing of students, families, school staff and the school community.

•Lisa Beaty @ Alderman Elementary

Outside the Box Award - presented for outside of the box thinking and highlighting what can happen when a school and a PTA work together.

•Alderman Elementary "Look Good, Feel Good" Campaign

Outstanding School Volunteer Award - presented to a volunteer who has made a measurable positive impact on their school's community.

•George Grusmark @ Mary C Williams Elementary



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Las Amigas, Incorporated, Wilmington Chapter holds Women of Distinction Luncheon 2019

SUBMITTED BY
MARSHA GRAHAM-ALI

The Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Incorporated hosted its Women of Distinction Luncheon on March 23, 2019 at the Ebenezer Empowerment Center, 2929 Princess Place Drive, Wilmington, NC. This year's honorees were a group of distinguished, sophisticated and elegant women of the community. The program for the luncheon was opened by Mistress of Ceremony Sister Marsha Graham-Ali. The Honorees were then escorted to the stage by their sponsors. Sister Emelie Todd gave the Invocation and the welcome was given by President Johnsie Davis. Las Amigas Regional Director Marilyn Westinghouse Webb gave a brief history of Las Amigas and a musical selection was performed by Mr. Alvin Vines. Mr. Michael Richardson presented us with another musical selection.

The 2019 Women of Distinction Honorees were then presented to the audience by Vice President Wanda Pugh Trice and Sister Lena Williams as follows:

- Mrs. Mary Session Armwood Sponsored by Sister Sherby Eaddy.
- Mrs. Gloria Ballard Blanks Sponsored by Sister Marsha Graham-Ali
- Mrs. Helena Boykin Sponsored by Sister Emelie Todd
- Mrs. Rosa Galloway Sponsored by Regional Director Marilyn Westinghouse Webb
- Mrs. Gladys McFaddin Sponsored by Sister Peggy Mack
- Mrs. Marva Mapson Robinson-Sponsored by Sister Marsha Graham-Ali
- Mrs. Larneice Spencer Sponsored by Sister Faye Jacobs



JOHN DAVIS PHOTOS

2019 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION
LEFT TO RIGHT-MRS. MARY SESSION ARMWOOD, MRS. ROSA GALLOWAY, MRS. HELENA BOYKIN, MRS. GLADYS MCFADDIN, MRS. MARVA MAPSON- ROBINSON, MRS. GLORIA BALLARD- BLANKS, AND MRS. LARNEICE SPENCER



LAS AMIGAS, INC. WILMINGTON CHAPTER-LEFT TO RIGHT-PRESIDENT JOHNSIE DAVIS, DELORIS WHITTED, REGIONAL DIRECTOR MARILYN WESTINGHOUSE WEBB, LENA WILLIAMS, FAYE JACOBS, WANDA PUGH TRICE, JACQUELINE DAVIS, MARSHA GRAHAM-ALI, EMELIE TODD, LESLIE WATSON, SHERBY EADDY , ANNISTEEN GRADY AND PEGGY MACK.

Mr. Alvin Vines graced the audience with another selection. Sister Sherby Eaddy

blessed the food and we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by James McNeil Catering. The chapter pre-

sented door prizes to the fantastic audience and introductions of the Las Amigas, Inc. Wilmington

Chapter were given by President Johnsie Davis. Closing remarks by Chairman Peggy Mack.

Special thanks to photographer John Davis for capturing all the beautiful pictures of the luncheon.

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Carolyn Ann Hall

Ms. Carolyn Ann Hall, born September 6, 1962 to the late Jonny Hall and Gertrude Ashley Hall, transitioned into an "Angel" on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center, Wilmington, North Carolina.

"Kit" as she was affectionately called, was a home maker and an adopted mother to all the children in her community. Tidewater Townhouses as well as the East Wilmington community. She enjoyed cooking and preparing meals for everyone. Carolyn was one who gave wise counsel (advice) and inspiring words of encouragement. She always encouraged everyone to do a good deed for someone every day.

She was the niece of Eugene Ashley Jr. for whom Eugene Ashley High School in Wilmington, North Carolina is named. The honor acknowledges his Military Service during the Vietnam War to honor his Vietnam Military services.

She will always be remembered by all who knew and loved her. Her memory will live in the hearts of many. Husband: Papa Fall of Castle Hayne, NC; daughters: Valerie Hall (friend Nicholas Carr of Wilmington, NC, Teresa Luzon (Alex) of Newport News, VA; son: Michael Hall (friend Kimaya Brytan) Wilmington, NC; grandchildren: Ty'quail McAllister, Jy'quail McAllister, Jykayla McAllister, Kaalliyah Luzon, Carlos Luzon, Khalil & Carmelo Luzon, My'kel Hall, Michael Hall, Jr., Mallory Hall, Shamila Hall; great-grandson: Jakai Richmond; Sisters: Mary E. Hall of Dorchester, MA, Harriette Williams, Johnette Wilson and Sara Hall all of Wilmington, NC; brothers: Larry Hall "Penn" her favorite brother (Karon) and Ernest Hall both of Wilmington, NC, and Freddie Hall (Modestine) of Goose Creek, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, numerous adopted children and grandchildren from the East Wilmington community.

A funeral service was on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at Adkins Drain Funeral Service. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

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.

Betty was born on November 29, 1957 to Hazel Mae Grady. She was preceded in death by her brother, Cliff Grady and her niece, Dominique. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System. Betty worked tirelessly as a cook until her health began to fail.

She leaves to cherish her memory, daughter: Erica Grady of Wilmington, NC; sons, Antyne Grady (Gaitanette) of Louisville, KY and Torrey Grady of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Asja Grady, Tiasja Grady, Serenity Grady and LaQuans Grady, all of Wilmington, NC; mother, Hazel Grady Hankins of Wilmington, NC; brothers, Larry Grady (Vanessa) of Castle Hayne, NC, Tony Grady, James Grady and Adell Grady, all of Wilmington, NC;

a special sister; Juanita (Wilson) of Leland, NC; aunts, Gloria of Leland, NC, Annie Mae of Wilson, NC, Carolyn of Wilmington, NC, Arnell of New Jersey, Dorothy of Supply, NC, Freda and Catherine both of Wilmington, NC; uncles: Alexander of Baltimore, MD, Larry of New Jersey, John of Charlotte, NC and Lester of Leland, NC; special friends, Kandis, Margie, Wanda, Frances, Shertle, Latavia and Osteien and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Hannah Jane Sidberry

Hannah Jane Sidberry died April 7, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Hannah Jane was born May 30, 1927, in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Hannah Jane Newkirk Hall Spicer and the late Willie Edward Hall. Hannah Jane received her education in the public schools of Bladen County. She joined Mt Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church of Kelly, NC at an early age, but for the last 60+ years she has been a trusted member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, where she served on the Senior Usher Board, Hospitality Committee, and attended the Morning Bible Study Class. She was preceded in death by her two oldest children, William Henry Smith and Delores Smith Russ and one grandson, Anthony Leon Smith.

She leaves to rejoice in her memory and celebrate her life: her husband of 67 years, Albert Sidberry of the home; three daughters, Gloria Smith Grady (Larry) of Castle Hayne, NC, Mona Sidberry Hankins (Roderick) of the city and Lucille Sidberry Benjamin (Cedric) of Raleigh NC; four grandchildren, L'Thanya Russ of Dumfries, VA, Darrell Smith of the city, Yolanda Russ Bivins (Scott) of Louisville, KY, Kerwin Dean Russ (Tara) of the city; ten great-grandchildren, Dominique, Antoinette, Darrell Jr, Khalliah, Brandon, Kaylah, Kameron, Kaleb, Ryan and Jeremy; one sister, Lucille Spicer Harris (Levy) of Wake Forest, NC; one brother-in-law, Ralph Sidberry of Connecticut and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Willie Lynell Sellers, Jr.

Willie Lynell Sellers, Jr., died April 4, 2019. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 12, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 515 Ann Street. Burial followed in the Grady-Moore Cemetery.

"Shabba", "Zayd" was born September 10, 1991 to Sebrina Newkirk and Willie Lynell Sellers, Sr., in Wilmington, NC. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System and was employed by Coastal Precast Systems. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Gerald Sellers, Frances Sellers and Brenda Newkirk.

Shabba's beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of his three children, Daeyon Sellers, Kye'moni Sellers and Da'miyah Green; mother, Sebrina Newkirk (Barry); father, Willie Lynell Sellers, Sr. (Sheena); godfather, Derrick Allen; sisters, Shanquelle Stukes, Shantelle Jackson, Jamequia Miller "Dee" and Lei'ani Sellers; brothers, Dustyn Sellers and Tommy Sellers; uncles, Gearld Sellers (Priscilla), Antione Sellers (Shaquetta), Eric Thompson and

Shaki Dekine; aunts, Malissa Davis, Adrian Sellers and Toni Dekine; nieces, Emann, Jade, Deah and Madison; nephew, Brayen; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Terry O'Neal Wallington

Terry O'Neal Wallington died April 6, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Faith Temple COGIC. Terry was born on December 18, 1954.

He received his education in Greensboro, North Carolina and graduated from Dudley High School. Terry loved to have a good time and no matter where he went you knew he was there. His infectious, laugh, smile and humor could turn any bad day into an amazing day. He honestly met no strangers.

Terry leaves to cherish his memories: brother; Larry Edward Wallington (Melinda) of Wilmington; sister, Cynthia Wallington Hall (Troy) of Greensboro, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Robert Munn

Robert Munn died April 9, 2019. Robert affectionately known as "Hookman" was born January 7, 1955, in Wilmington, NC. He attended East Arcadia School until the high schools transitioned to East Bladen High School, after the 9th grade. He then transitioned to North Brunswick High School where he graduated in the Class of 1973. He worked for Federal Paper; now known as International Paper for over 38 years. He received his certification in Heat and Air & HVAC through International Paper's internal education program. He used his skill to support the many, many customers in southeastern North Carolina. In the early years, Robert attended Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church, Riegelwood, NC. After moving to Northwest, he continued submitting financial support to his home church and visiting others. He was preceded in death by his father, Deacon Charles Munn, Jr. and mother, Eva R. Lowery Munn.

He leaves to cherish his memory; daughter, Eva Rebecca Munn; sons, Tyrell Munn, Tymothie "OJ" Munn and Robmell Lowery; grandsons, Amir "Maxx" Munn, Simeon "YaYa" Munn; granddaughters, Janiyah Munn, Makayra Munn; sisters, Kathleen Munn, Sr. Ophelia Munn-Goins (Donell), Leisha Munn; brothers, MSG Horace Munn (June), Oliver Munn; aunts, Dorothy Lowery Brown (James), Gracie Opher Len Munn and Candy Munn; uncle, Leon Bowen; sisters-in-law, Willie Mae Ballard, Judiette Ballard; brother-in-law, Harry Lee Ballard, Jr., special cousins, Shirley Freeman and Kim Daniels Stevenson; special friends, Marvin "Wink" Graham, Belveria Webb, Derrick Smith, James "Bo" Hall, Angie Lowery and James "Mookie" Keith; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Blossie Flood

Blossie Flood died April 11, 2019. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at St. Paul AME Church, Floydale, SC. Burial in Old Page Cemetery, Floydale, SC. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jacqueline Cowan

Jacqueline Cowan died April 10, 2019 in Houston, TX. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mae Jones

Mae Jones died April 14, 2019. Funeral services will be held 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Bryan Holland

Bryan Holland died April 11, 2019. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Oscar Armstrong

Oscar Armstrong died April 15, 2019. Funeral arrangements will be 12 Noon Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Herman Page

Herman Page died April 15, 2019. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Terry F. Brown

Elder Terry F. Brown, age 59, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, April 6, 2019. A celebration of Elder Brown's life was held on Friday, April 12, 2019 at New Beginning Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry E. Brown; son, Kian M. Brown (Marquitta) of New York, NY; daughter, China S. Brown of

Durham; mother, Essie M. Brown; brother; William L. Brown (Gail) of Wilkesboro, NC and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Brenda L. Perez

Brenda Lee Perez, daughter of Elizabeth Sharpless and the late John Leslie Palmore, was born January 30, 1949 in Winnabow, North Carolina. She was raised by a loving and caring stepfather, Lester Sharpless. Early Sunday morning on April 7, 2019, the Lord called her home to eternal reward. A celebration of Ms. Perez's life was held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Brenda received Christ at an early age and was a member of St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, until moving to Paterson, NJ and becoming a member of Madison Avenue Christian Reformed Church. In 2013, she later moved back to Winnabow, North Carolina and rejoined St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Harris J. Wallace.

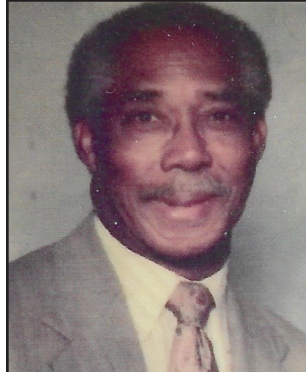
Brenda obtained her education through the North Carolina public school system, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1967. After graduating, Brenda relocated to Paterson, New Jersey. While in New Jersey, Brenda became employed by Herman's Sporting Goods, Charles E. Roberts and Keystone. It was at Keystone where she met and married the love of her life, the late Jose Perez. From their union, they had two children.

Leaving to cherish her memories are: son, Jose Perez, Jr.; daughter, Tinesha Nicholas (Daron); grandchildren, Shanay Mouzone, Taheem Singletary, Madison Nicholas, and Malia Nicholas; her mother, Ms. Elizabeth Sharpless; brothers, Ronnie Jenkins (Velva) and Okey Palmore (Lily); sisters, Alorda Randolph, Mary Franks

(Willie), Ida Hardy (Kenneth), Violet Pearson, and Viola Taylor (Jasper); stepmother, Mary C. Palmore; aunt, Carrie Mae Pugh; special cousin, Mary Jones; special friend, Betty; and a host of other family, friends and love ones.

Brenda was a kind and generous woman who loved her family. She enjoyed calling and talking with her family and friends daily. It was nothing for her to call early in the morning or late in the evening just to ask "what are you doing?" Sometimes she would call just to offer advice or let you know something you haven't done. Her laugh, smile, strength and love will truly be missed. 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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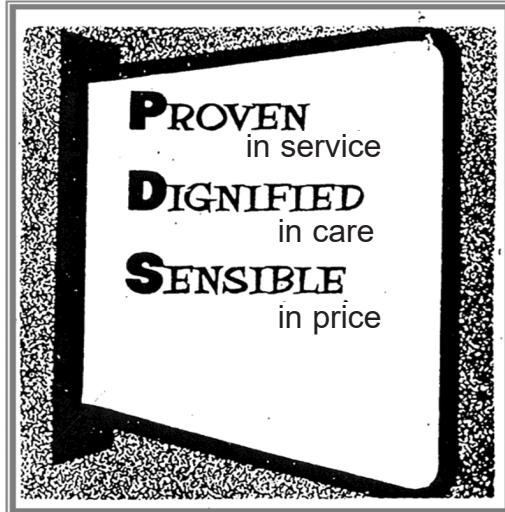
Willie McRae Jr.
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Church Women United will hold May Friendsdship Day on Friday, May 3rd at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St. The program and luncheon will begin at 11:00 a.m. and cofee and sign in at 10:30 a.m.

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. Phillp 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.



Religious Briefs

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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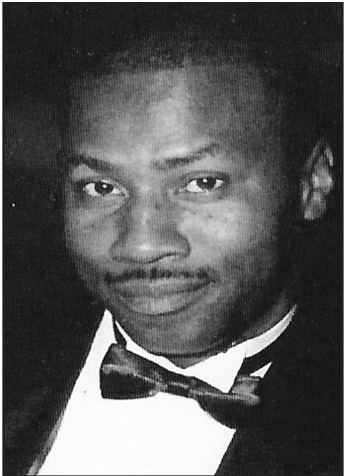
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Elder Ronald McGraw to speak at Mt. Nebo Missionay Baptist Church

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church senior choir will celebrate their 108th anniversary on Sunday, April 28th at 10:45 a.m.

The speaker will be Elder Ronald McGraw of Hampton, VA, where he serves at The Way Church under the leadership of Bishop Callie Walls in New Port News, VA.

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church is located at 801 S. 10th Street, Wilmington, NC.



ELDER RONALD MCGRAW

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Ernestine Lewis

Ernestine Lewis, daughter of the late Lonnie and Marylene Hansley Lewis was born February 19, 1940, in Pender County. She departed this earthly life on April 7, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Lewis' life was held on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Lewis Family Cemetery.

Early in life she attended Moore's Creek Baptist Church in Currie, North Carolina. She later moved to Wilmington, North Carolina and joined Price Cathedral AME Zion Church where she served the Lord for over twenty years. Ernestine was a loving and caring person. She loved her family, watching sports and entertaining her family and friends.

In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her loving son, Alphonso "Fonz" Lewis. She leaves to cherish fond

memories: daughter, Dale Lewis-Burnett of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Cedric Burnett of Charlotte, NC, Aljuan Burnett of Charlotte, NC, Shauna Burnett of Washington, DC; Alphonso S. Lewis of Orlando, FL and Christopher Daniels of Newnan, GA, 10 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Arthur W. Brown

Arthur W. Brown, age 77, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, April 12, 2019. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 19, 2019 Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. *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.*

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Extra ordinary God

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

This is the day that The Lord has made and we will rejoice and be glad in it. We as usual rejoiced to see each other one more time. Our meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Gladys Taylor: Mr George Hill said it is a great day and we will be glad in it. We opened with the song," Because He Lives." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Marie Stitt. We then sang," Hold To God's Unchanging Hand." Minister Doris McQuillan said that's

what we need to do; hold to God's unchanging hand.

Our speaker for the day was Mrs. Dot Pridgen. She said Easter is Resurrection Day and we should be glad. If we didn't know God what would we do? God gave us a Virgin Mary to bring Jesus who lived, died and arose. We've had God's love for a long time. Sometime we want to be around important people. But God uses ordinary people and with God's help we can do all things. If God tells us to do something we should do it. God used many people in The Bible to do extra ordinary things. We are suffering from elitism.

God used ordinary people to get His work done. God takes plain people and makes them extra ordinary carry on his work. God can use the foolish, weak and some that lack wisdom to carry on. People carry on hurt and we need to pray for them. Remember, God uses ordinary people to do extra ordinary things. Think of president Obama. God knew all of us before we were formed in our mother's womb. We should choose ordinary people to do extra ordinary things. Mrs. Pridgen was given a hand and thanked for such a great message. Expressions were shared

and Mrs. Taylor thanked everyone for their participation in the program thus far. Our minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. All callers were given a hand. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave the sick report. We were encouraged to pray for Mrs. Eloise Chester; Mrs. Mary Green, Mr. Claude Martin as well as others. Announcements were shared, and Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow presented smiles. Our circle was formed. We then sang, "Bind us together". Closing prayer was lead by Minister Doris McQuillan. Forty persons attended this gathering.

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Mark 16th. Chapter

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.



Sylvia Hooper

And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young

man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. Verse 1-7

Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her; believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked,

and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Verse 8-15

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. Verse 19-20 Tell Somebody that He Is Risen, I know Because He Lives In My Heart! Happy Resurrection Day !

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!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The uniqueness of Jesus

The word unique is defined as being the only One of its kind, having no equal or likeness. Jesus is the only One in history who made a decision to be born into the earth realm. Jesus is the only One, who existed in the dateless past before the creation of the heavens and the earth. He was and is unequal in history and the only One



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

who was fully God and fully man or God manifested in the flesh. Only He, Jesus, lived a sinless life and the only One who performed miracles unprecedented.

His birth was prophesied in Genesis and described as miraculous and is called the seed of woman and not the seed of man. This in itself describes something miraculous because a woman does not carry the seed for birth. Genesis 3:15 (KJV) 15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel". Let's examine other scriptures that tells us in advance of the coming Messiah, Redeemer and the seed of Woman: God manifested in the flesh. Isaiah 7:13-14 (KJV) 14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel". Isaiah 9:6 (KJV) 6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace". The verse in Genesis was written thousands of

years before His birth and in Isaiah it was written seven hundred years before His birth and every book in the Old Testament points to the coming of Jesus. In Luke's gospel chapter 2, the angel Gabriel appear unto Mary: 30"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God". In Matthew gospel chapter 1:20-21, the angel appeared unto Joseph saying: (KJV)20"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins". His baptism was unique: Matthew 3:16-17, (KJV)16"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

He's the only One who performed miracles unprecedented. Matthew chapter 14, "Jesus took two fishes and five loaves and blessed them and fed 5000, men beside the women and children and had 12 baskets of food that was not eaten".

Matthew 8:26-27 (KJV) 26"And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" 15:30-31, (KJV) 30 "And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel". In John's gospel chapter 11, we have a man named Lazarus who was dead 4 days and buried in a tomb. And Jesus raised him from the dead. The Bible says multitudes came unto Him with all manner of sickness and diseases and He healed them all.

Notice these statements made about Jesus: "it was never so seen in Israel"; "The officers answer never a man spoke like this man". Never means, not ever; on no occasion; not at all; in no way"; "What manner of man is this that even the wind and sea obey him"; Demons fell down before Him and confessed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Jesus' death on the cross was the only one of its kind and it had no equal or likeness. He died for the sins of the entire world and the sin debt has been paid in full. No one has to die and be eternally lost. The choice where you will spend eternity is yours alone. The Easter

celebration has become a camouflaged lie of Satan. Instead, it should be about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who gave his life on the cross for the sins of the world.

It is now about the Easter bunny and the Easter egg, stolen like Christmas. It has become a pagan holiday and in many ways promoted by the church. It is a cunning way of celebrating a false representation of who Christ is, driven by multi-billions of dollars. Let's not be a part of glorifying the devil. Celebrate Christ for His birthday of coming into the world.

The celebrations of the two greatest events the world has ever known, the birth of the Son of God into the earth realm to redeem man from sin through His death on the cross and His resurrection. He is now seated at right hand of the Father as our mediator or High Priest. 2Corin. 5:21, 21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him". John 3:16, (KJV) 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". I want to conclude this lesson by saying you don't have to stay the way you are; change is available to you through the blood of the Lamb of God Jesus Christ. His arms are outstretched to welcome you into the family. Pray this simple prayer. Father in heaven be merciful to me a sinner. I ask forgiveness of my sins and I accept Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen! Glory to God you are a new person!

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



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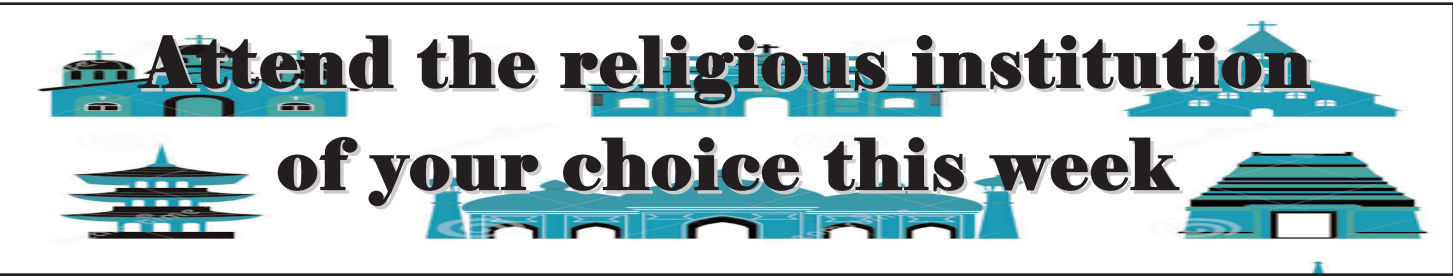
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **E. Edward Nixon AKA Ernest Edward Nixon, Ernest E. Nixon and Ernest Nixon**, 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 June, 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 March, 2019

Anna M. Nixon, Executrix
1509 Orange St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2019

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Norman Rex Dixon**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 11th day of April, 2019.

Barbara R. Dixon, Administrator of the Estate of Norman Rex Dixon
1325 Pembroke Jones Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Emily Holmes**, 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 **10th day of July, 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 11th day of April, 2019

Louvenia Haynes, Administrator
14 Hampton Drive
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Marguerite L. Owens**, 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 **10th day of July, 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 11th day of April, 2019

Rhonda Owens Allen, Executrix
5019 Caesar Way So.
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Kelly Hansen and Kimberly Barton, having qualified on the 1st day of April, 2019, as Administrators of the Estate of **Linda Johnston (19-E-417)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, C/O Attorney Kevin T. May, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **9th day of July, 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 9th day of April, 2019.

Kelly Hansen
Kimberly Barton
Administrators
Estate of Linda Johnston
Kevin T. May
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

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Notice of Sale

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Telephone: 910-762-3159

April 11, 18, 25, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **James T. Jones, Sr.**, 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 June, 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 March, 2019

Johnny M. Jones, Executor
158 Redbud Dr.
Clayton, NC 27520

March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 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-409

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **THOMAS LANIER WALLACE**, late, of Wilmington, 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 **5th day of July, 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 4th day of April, 2019.

Thomas Lanier Wallace, II, Executor
Estate of Thomas Lanier Wallace
Jeffrey P. Keeter
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **June W. McDonald (19-E-415)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **July 3, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April , 2019

Gail M. Halada
of the Estate of June W. McDonald
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Dale Charles Case (19-E-440)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **July 10, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of April, 2019

John Boyce Staton
Executor
of the Estate of Dale Charles Case
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Victoria Bailey Liles (19-E-393)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **July 10, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of April, 2019

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

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Richard S. Kapsa**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 4th day of April, 2019.

Laura L. Kapsa, Executrix of the Estate of Richard S. Kapsa
9101 70th Loop
Ocala, FL 34481
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **James T. Gray**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, who died on January 22, 2019, are hereby notified to present their claims to William T. Gray, Personal Representative in care of the undersigned attorney at his address, on or before **July 2, 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 4th day of April, 2019

William T. Gray, Personal Representative
John J. Peck, Attorney at Law
428 Eastwood Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Beatrice M. Schlageter**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 4th day of April, 2019.

Barbara L. Parks, Executrix of the Estate of Beatrice M. Schlageter 4833 Blue Clay Rd
Castle Hayne, NC 28429
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Terry O. Wallington**, 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 **10th day of July, 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 11th day of April, 2019

Larry E. Wallington, Administrator
2301 Sunnyside Circle
Wilmington, NC 28411

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jimmy Hughes Fulford**, 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 **17th day of July, 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 18th day of April, 2019

Mary Belle F. Moore, Executrix
727 Spring Branch Road
Wilmington, NC 28405

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Administrators of the estate of **Margaret Anderson**, 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 **17th day of July, 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 18th day of April, 2019

Regina Anderson, Co- Administrator
317 North 7th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Catherine M. Anderson,
Co-Administrator
319 N. 7th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA) invites sealed bids from contractors for NEW ROOF AND OVERFLOW DRAINS AT SOLOMON TOWERS. Please go to www.wha.net for a bid package and further information. Packages will be available for viewing 4/8/2019. Pre Bid Meeting is schedule on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 10:30 am located at 15 Castle Street. Bid Opening is schedule on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 2:30 pm at 1524 S. 16th Street.

April 11, 18, 2019

INVITATION FOR BIDS SOLICITATION HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA

RE- BID ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES WHA WIDE

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

•Bid Opening: Monday, April 30, 2019 at 11:00 am
Project Manual along with specifications will be available for pick-up beginning on Tuesday, April 9th at the Central Office.
•Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 or you can Download Project Manual at no cost -- www.wha.net (under Business Opportunities/IFB).
•Questions; E-mail to Chauntrell Burns no later than April 26th at 2:00pm to c.burns@wha.net.

Upon written request to the Contracting Officer, bids will be available after contract award. NO BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE. FAX NEITHER COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The WHA does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

April 11, 18, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

ESTATE NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of **JOHN A. FABRIZIO, SR.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of such decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before three months from the date of publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of April 2019.

CHAUNCEY E. WILLIAMS
EXECUTROR
c/o Mark R. Bachara
BACHARA & ESSEY
200 Country Club Drive, Suite A
Oak Island, NC 28465

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER File 18 E 517

The undersigned, having been duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Leroy McAllister**, 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 1554, Leland, NC 28451, on or before the **21st day of July, 2019**, or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of April, 2019.

Leroy C. McAllister, Executor of the Estate of Leroy McAllister
TAMIKA JENKINS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
JENKINS LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 1554
Leland, NC 28451
(910) 547-9930

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Robert Peter Klerx**, 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 **17th day of July, 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 18th day of April, 2019

Melissa Lee Stephens, Executrix
10158 Stoneybrook Ct.
Leland, NC 28451

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

The Board is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The Board sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Tracy Manning at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning
Organization

April 18, 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. 19 JA 66 & 67

IN THE MATTER OF:
B.L. dob: 10/05/2005

J.M. dob: 12/18/2002

**TO: RESPONDENT-MOTHER: JACQUELIN GOMEZCIDEO
RESPONDENT - FATHER: RENE MORENOGUITERREZ**

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:

Adjudication of a Juvenile Petition filed on November 6, 2018, alleging that the above-referenced Juveniles are Neglected and Dependant.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than May 28, 2019, said date being forty (40) days following the first date of publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATION/DISPOSITION HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR Thursday, MAY 2, 2019, at 9:30 A.M., at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401, or upon a date and time set thereafter. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Jacquelin Gomezcideo and may be contacted at: 910-343-5415. Attorney Kristen Callihan has been appointed to represent Rene Morenoguiterrez and may be contacted at: 910-763-6365.

This the 11th day of April, 2019.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.
of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615
(910) 798-3772 * fax

April 18, 25, May 2, 2019

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NOTICE OF SALE
NORTH CAROLINA
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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT
DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
19 SP 0105

IN THE MATTER OF:
The Foreclosure of the Real
Estate Deed of Trust execut-
ed by Bertha Higgins
recorded in Book 2605,
Page 778, New Hanover
County Registry.

By: Alan M. Solana
Substitute Trustee

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power and authority contained in that certain Real Estate Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Bertha Higgins, recorded in Book 2605, Page 778, New Hanover County Registry (as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Deed of Trust"); and under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned as Substitute Trustee by that certain instrument recorded in Book 5878, Page 169, New Hanover County Registry; and under and by virtue of that certain Authorization, Findings and Order Allowing Foreclosure entered by the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and the said Deed of Trust being by its terms subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded the foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, and due notice having been given to those entitled to same, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the appropriate place for foreclosure sales at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, at 12:00 Noon on April 26, 2019 the property conveyed in said Deed of Trust, which property includes all that certain lot or parcel of real estate, including all improvements and fixtures located thereon, situated, lying and being in New Hanover County, North Carolina, the same being owned of record by the heirs of Bertha Higgins, as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice of Sale, and being more particularly described as follows: See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Together with all the buildings, fixtures and improvements thereon, and all rights, easements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, including all heating, plumbing, ventilating, lighting goods, equipment and other tangible and intangible property, attached to or reasonably necessary to the use of such premises.

The sale will be made subject to all encumbrances existing prior to the recording of the Deed of Trust, including all valid and enforceable liens and also will be subject to all taxes and special assessments outstanding against the property. This sale will be further subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the herein-described property for a period of 120 days following confirmation of the sale. The real property may be sold in separate parcels, all together or in any manner the Substitute Trustee determines is appropriate.

The property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, or both, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the notes make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

Should the property be purchased by a party other than the holder of the Deed of Trust, that purchaser must pay, in addition to the amount bid, the following items: (a) the tax required by §7A-308(a)(1) of the North Carolina General Statutes of forty-five cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the bid amount up to a maximum tax of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and (b) the excise tax on conveyance required by §105-228.28 et. seq. of the North Carolina General Statutes of one dollar (\$1.00) per five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or fractional part thereof of the bid amount.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.10(b), the successful bidder at sale may be required to make an immediate cash deposit or certified check not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount bid or seven hundred fifty and no/100 dollars (\$750.00). In the event the holder is exempt from paying the same, the successful bidder may also be required to pay revenue stamps on the Trustee's Deed, any land transfer tax, and the tax required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in N.C.G.S. §45-21.30(d) and (e). The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

The upset bids procedure of §45-21.27 of the North Carolina General Statutes is applicable to this sale.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination pursuant to §45-21.16(b)(2) of the North Carolina General Statutes. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons for such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to expiration of the upset bid period and/or the sale, and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Substitute Trustee(s). If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee(s), in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

Exhibit A

Legal Description
BEGINNING at a point in the Eastern line of 5th Street 137 feet North of the Northern line of Wooster Street; running thence Northwardly along the said Eastern line of 5th Street 61 feet; thence Eastwardly and parallel with Wooster Street 173 feet 3 inches; thence Southwardly and parallel with 5th Street 61 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with Wooster Street 173 feet 3 inches to the Eastern line of 5th Street, the point of Beginning. Same being a part of Lot 4 in Block 63 according to the Official Plan of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina which is located in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina.

This the 26th day of March 2019.

Alan M. Solana, Substitute Trustee
1650 Military Cutoff Rd. #200
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 18, 25, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE
TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
18-SP-708

In the Matter of the
Foreclosure of the Deed
of Trust executed by MCHAR
Investments LLC,
Grantor, to James C. Engel
and Timothy S. Beck,
Original Trustee, As recorded
in Book 6054, Page 285
of the New Hanover County
Public Registry.
See Substitution of Trustee
which Substitutes Robbie B.
Parker as Substitute
Trustee in the place and
stead of Original Trustee, as
recorded in Book 6182,
Page 1511 of the New
Hanover County Public
Registry.

Pursuant to the power and authority contained in the Deed of Trust from MCHAR Investments LLC to James C. Engel and Timothy S. Beck (the "Original Trustee") for the benefit of Aquesta Bank recorded in Book 6054, Page 285 of the New Hanover County Public Registry (the "Deed of Trust"), the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the real property commonly known as 1613 South 41st Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, as more particularly described in Exhibit A attached to the Deed of Trust (which description is fully incorporated herein by reference), together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, wells, ditches and water stock, crops, timber including timber to be cut now or at any time in the future, all diversion payments or third party payments made to crop producers and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described (the "Property").

The record owner of the Property as reflected by the records of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice was MCHAR Investments LLC.

The Property will be sold subject to any and all matters superior to the lien of the Deed of Trust, including without limitation: (a) superior mortgages, deeds of trust, liens and assessments, if any; (b) the lien of unpaid ad valorem taxes; (c) valid and enforceable easements and restrictions of record; and (d) matters which would be revealed by a current and accurate survey of the property.

The Property will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the debt secured by the Deed of Trust, nor their respective officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives, make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions expressly are disclaimed.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.10, any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a cash deposit in an amount not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the Property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Sections 45-21.30(d) and (e). In addition to the purchase price so bid any successful bidder will also be responsible for payment of revenue stamps and other costs of closing the sale, including fees and costs of the Substitute Trustee incurred after the date of sale.

The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as by law required.

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units or less

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Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Section 45-21.16A, you are hereby given notice that an order for possession of the Real Property may be issued pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court in the county in which the Real Property is sold. If an order for possession is issued, you may be required to vacate the Real Property.

Any person who occupies the Real Property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

DATE OF SALE: May 1, 2019
HOUR OF SALE: 12:00 p.m.
PLACE OF SALE:
New Hanover County
Courthouse

This the 20th day of March, 2019.

/s/ Robbie B. Parker
Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee
Lee Law Firm, PLLC
3414 Wrightsville Avenue
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Telephone: (910) 399-3447

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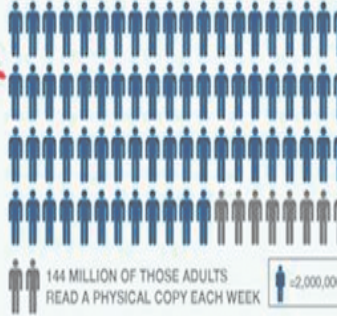
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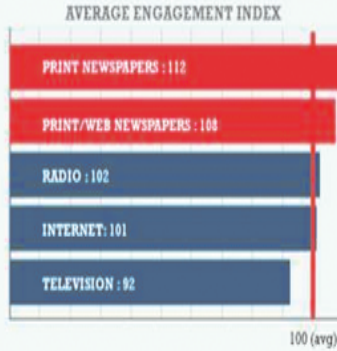


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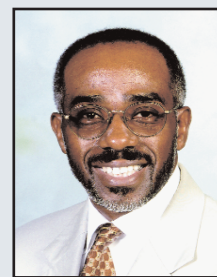
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