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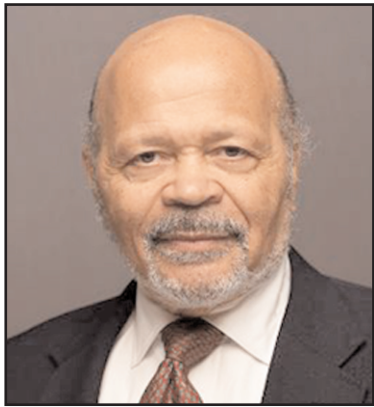


EBONEE SPEARS

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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EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In all the counties where I have been this year and last year, there has been a great concern about our children and young adults. There seem to be a large and growing disrespect for the system that governs them. They all see all kinds of unfair and unjust treatment of people around them. We have a duty and a responsibility to the next generation to teach them right from wrong. We must talk to our adults about their children, even if they dislike what we say and then stay in touch with our elected officials about justice for all people.

We must "school" our children about the dangers in the streets and the value of a good education. Life is not always fair. We must teach our children about the dangers "behind the badges." When he or she should be in their dealings with unjust law enforcement, the law is supposed to protect and serve the public. Law enforcement is for the good of the people who live within the

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Community outraged over AG's Brandon Webster killing decision

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

There is outrage in Brunswick County and beyond after State Attorney General Josh Stein announced on April 12, 2019, that excessive force was not used by a State trooper who fatally shot Brandon Webster, an unarmed African-American man, in front of the Civietown Mini-Mart in Shallotte on New Year's Day.

Webster, 28, was killed by State Trooper Scott Collins, as the Black man drove his truck out of the

parking lot of the mini-mart. Seriously wounded, Webster later ended up at Norvant Health Brunswick Medical Center, where he died.

"Based on the video, audio, and witness statements, we have determined that a reasonable officer in this situation would have reasonably believed that the truck, rapidly accelerating toward him, posed an imminent threat of deadly physical force," State Attorney

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BRANDON WEBSTER



STATE TROOPER SCOTT COLLINS



REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER

Barber wins right to take part in May 1 teachers' rally

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When thousands of public school teachers from across North Carolina come back to Raleigh on May 1, 2019, to protest poor working conditions at the NC Legislature, The Rev. Dr. William Barber will be there with them.

Thanks to a district court ruling last week, Rev. Barber, former President, NCNAACP, and currently Co-chair, Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival, once again legally has the right, as any North Carolina citizen, to walk into the NC General Assembly Building and exercise his First Amendment right of Freedom of Speech, some-

thing Republican legislative leaders attempted to prohibit when they banned him from the property in recent years.

"It was a great victory for the people," Dr. Barber said by phone Saturday from Chicago. "My lawyers have been fighting ...and the judge said [to the Legislature], 'You can't do that. You can't profile somebody, keep them out of a place when they haven't done anything violent and have the presumption of innocence, and the State admitted that they were doing this specifically to me, which is unconstitutional.'"

So why is Dr. Barber participating in the May 1 teachers' rally?

"The same people who vote against teachers are

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CARMEN SIDBURY

Carmen Sidbury named Honorary Chair of Million Women Mentors-NC

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Carmen Sidbury, director of UNCW's Center for Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, has been named an honorary chair for Million Women Mentors - North Carolina. MWM is a national movement to encourage girls and young women to pursue STEM careers. The organization is active in 35 states, with more than 45 corporate partnerships serving over 30 million girls. Dr. Sidbury joins North Carolina Representative Graig Meyer as an honorary chair of MWM-NC.

Sidbury was selected for her vision

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Thousands sign petition to oust judge after murder of NC A&T graduate

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

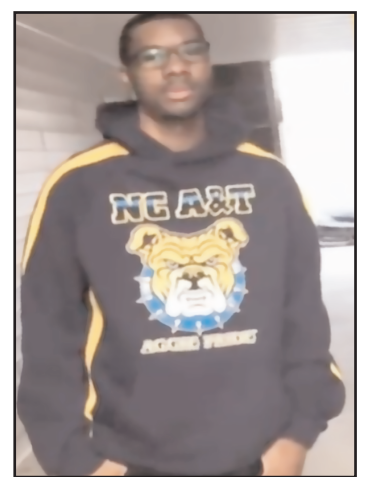
As of Monday evening, over 11,000 people signed a Change.org petition (https://www.change.org/p/state-of-maryland-removal-of-arundel-county-judge-who-denied-the-restraining-order-for-tyrique-tj-hudson) calling for the removal of an Arundel County judge

some say is responsible for the death of a N.C. A&T graduate.

That grad, Tyrique Hudson, 22 of Wilson, was fatally shot on the morning of Monday, April 15, 2019, just outside of his apartment in Glen Burnie, Maryland, allegedly by a White, and authorities say, "deranged" downstairs male neighbor identified as James Allen Veronbeck, 53.

According to published reports, Hudson had felt so threatened by Veronbeck that, in February, Hudson went to court, petitioning for an order of protection after Veronbeck allegedly threatened his life with a slit-throat "death gesture" with his thumb, adding

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TYRIQUE HUDSON

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and leadership in academia, entrepreneurship, and advocacy for STEM education.

"People at UNCW and our partners who have met Carmen know what an incredible colleague and resource she has become in a short amount of time with us," said Watson College Dean Van Dempsey. "The MWM appointment is reflective of who Carmen is as a leader, an educator and an advocate. She is going to be a great champion

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verbally, "...you knew this day was coming."

The young man also considered moving, his parents say.

According to Maryland court documents, that order of protection was denied by District Court Judge Devy Patterson Russell, saying that Hudson "...could not meet the "burden of proof" needed.

After allegedly killing Hudson, the suspect reportedly ran back into his apartment and barricaded himself inside for ten hours, as authorities tried to take Veronbeck into custody. During the course of the standoff, Hudson lay lifeless on the outside stairwell because police could not reach him before securing his alleged murderer.

Veronbeck has been charged with first and second degree murder and first and second degree assault, using a

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bounds of the law when it works right. However, when it gets off, there should not be trouble from the citizens' side, even with being caught in unjust conditions! We must teach our children and adults how to handle these problems.

We must walk away alive and be able to survive. Death has no returns, but life has many chances in communities. We need to talk this talk, especially in communities of color, and make sure adults and children hear it time and time again! There is an old spiritual that declares, "Let the work I've done speak for me!" Community leaders, we must work to save our people, both old and young!

To God be the glory! Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

for STEM for girls and young women."

Sidbury has more than 30 years of experience in industry, government and higher education. She earned BS and MS degrees in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina A & T State University and in 1995 became the first African-American female to earn a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Her professional experience includes several years in technical positions at AT&T Bell Laboratories and Lucent Technologies and two

years at the National Science Foundation as a program director. Sidbury joined Spelman College as an associate dean in 2007, and served as the college's Associate Provost for Research from 2011-2016. She is also founder of The Sidbury Group, LLC, a business focused on enhancing diversity and inclusion in STEM.

"It is an honor to be invited to serve in this role at MWM-NC," Sidbury said. "Women have made tremendous progress in education and the workplace during the past 50 years. In science, technology,

engineering, and mathematics (STEM), however, women's progress has been slower, especially in engineering, computer science, and physics."

"The structural imbalance between America's need for, and production of, scientists and engineers, give real urgency to the question, 'who will do science in the new millennium?' To address this imbalance larger numbers of scientists and engineers must come from the talent pool comprised of women and people of color - not to displace any group, but to expand our

capacity to innovate within a framework of inclusiveness and opportunity for all," she said. "As a mechanical engineer, I have benefited tremendously from a myriad of outstanding mentors. I look forward to partnering with Rep. Meyer and the MWM-NC organization to spark the interest and confidence of girls and women to pursue and succeed in STEM careers and leadership opportunities through the power of mentoring."

Sidbury has served as director of CESTEM since July 2018.

firearm in a violent felony and reckless endangerment.

Veronbeck reportedly has a long history of violence and gun associated arrests, dating back to 1996, according to court records.



VERONBECK

"The family and friends of Tyrique Hudson are calling for the removal, permanent suspension, or forced retirement of District Court Judge

Devy Patterson Russell," the Change.org petition states. "She failed to complete her duties of a district court judge and failed to protect the innocent, leaving a man dead."

The petition later continues, "The courts should not trust that she has the citizens' best interest at heart. We question whether if this had been the other way around, would a request for protection have been granted. If Hudson were a White man requesting protection, would he still be alive."

The petition goes on to call for an investigation into Judge Russell's record to

determine if there is a pattern of order of protection denials based on race.

Hudson (or "T.J." as he was better known), graduated N.C. A&T University in May 2018, and was known as "a quiet, well mannered young man and talented software engineer with a very promising future," his friends and family say. He had moved to Maryland after graduation to work for a technology company there and was doing very well.

His parents, Tyrone Hudson and Tonya Burch, remember their son as loving,

caring and committed to church.

"This is a different kind of hurt no parent wants," Ms Burch told The Wilson Times. "He is my one and only child. He has always been my heart and joy."

He was just overall a very gifted, unique child."

Hudson's funeral is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019, in Wilson.

Judge Russell is reportedly on "temporary assignment" as the Maryland Court of Appeals considers an unrelated complaint seeking her suspension from the bench.

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EXPECT MORE BIG HURRICANES, NEW INSURANCE REPORT SAYS
[RALEIGH] In the coming years, North Carolina can

expect more "huge, wet, slow" major storms like hurricanes Floyd, Matthew and Florence, thanks to climate change, and the state can expect them more frequently, and for them to be even more damaging. That's the future projection of a new report, out this week, from Zurich North America, a risk management and insurance company. The report goes on to state that state and local governments are ill-prepared to

deal with future large storms, because they're not devoting the resources needed to study the impact of past hurricanes for better preparation.

EARLY VOTING BEGINS IN 9TH DISTRICT PRIMARY FOR REPUBLICANS
[BLADEN COUNTY] As of Wednesday, primary voters in the controversial Ninth Congressional District began casting early voting ballots

for the ten Republican candidates vying to face Democrat Dan McCready Nov. 5 in the followup race to the controversial 2018 midterm contest that was marred by what the state Board of Elections later ruled were absentee ballot irregularities in Bladen County. The Ninth District stretches from Charlotte to Bladen County. Republican Mark Harris originally unofficially won the 2018 contest, until the SBOE overturned

his tainted victory, based on absentee ballot fraud. The primary is May 14th. The winner must garner at least 30 percent of the vote, to stave off Sept. 5th runoff.

NEW BIPARTISAN HOUSE BILL WOULD ADDRESS ABSENTEE BALLOT FRAUD
[RALEIGH] A new bipartisan measure introduced in the state House would, if passed, allow the State Board of Elections to hire new

investigators and data analysts, and also make it illegal to pay people for completed absentee ballot request forms. State Rep. Cynthia Ball [D-Wake] is the primary cosponsor of HB 944, along with Rep. David Lewis (R-Harnett), Rep. Harry Warren (R-Rowan) and Rep. Alison Dahle (D-Wake). The bill is one of several addressing problems associated with the Ninth District absentee ballot scam.

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General Josh Stein said in the statement after a State Bureau of Investigation probe. "As a result, Trooper Collins' use of force was not excessive under the circumstances."

However, none of Webster's family or friends or local community leaders are buying that and say the killing of unarmed Black men, women, and children by law enforcement officers must end.

"I'm not sure what [surveillance] tape [investigators] were watching,"

quipped Carl Parker, President of the Brunswick County Chapter of the NAACP, saying that he saw no reason for Trooper Collins to have drawn his weapon and fired.

"Brandon was not trying to run over the state trooper. The trooper was never in any danger, but the trooper got out of his car with his gun in his hand with the intent...to kill!"

Parker, who told *The Journal* that he will be issuing an official statement about the AG's decision shortly, charged that Trooper Collins "...put Brandon in a state of fear." Other community lead-

ers, like Rhonda Sekhmet Ra, Congressional District 7 Chair for the National Black Leadership Caucus, called AG Stein's decision "extremely disappointing..." adding that, "even though the caucus was well aware of the many unpunished police shootings of unarmed African-American men across the country, ...we did hope for a different response in this case."

"But it just motivates us to continue seeking other options for what we can do to make sure [Brandon] gets justice," she said.

One of those options may be for Webster's family, who were not available for

comment at press time, to file a civil suit against the trooper, the NC Highway Patrol, and the State of North Carolina.

The family's attorney, Ira Braswell, did not return a call for comment by press time, but Sonya Patrick, New Hanover County Representative for the National Black Leadership Caucus agrees that justice should not end with AG Stein's pronouncement, and further legal options should be pursued.

"We need to hold them accountable," Ms. Patrick insisted, adding that AG Stein will be up for re-election in 2020, and the

African-American community should remember his decision in the Webster case.

There will be a community "Rally for Brandon" Friday, 5:00 p. m., at

Mulberry Park, 123 Mulberry Street in Shallotte. It will be sponsored by the National Black Leadership Caucus to continue to seek justice for Brandon Webster.

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the same who block health-care, living wages, labor rights, and voting rights."

However, most people may not realize that Dr. Barber's parents were also educators who came back to North Carolina in the 1960's to help desegregate public schools.

"It's a shame and a disgrace to see the level of high poverty, re-segregated schools today in our State," Dr. Barber continued. "It's a shame and a disgrace the way we underpay teachers, but we overpay everyone else. We still accept high poverty schools; we're still not abiding by court decisions that said that North Carolina was in violation of its own

Constitution by not properly funding all of our schools."

"So we have a lot of work to do," Dr. Barber continued. "We have a Legislature that, since they've been in office, has cut over a billion dollars in public education, lowering North Carolina's standing in the whole country as it relates to high poverty schools and per pupil spending. If we're not there, we're almost below Mississippi, and that is shameful in a state with so much potential and possibilities."

"So I'm going there to stand with teachers who are demanding, not only raises, but demanding investment in public education because to invest in a public education is to invest in a better economy, the growth of our people, human capital, and,

literally, our future."

Dr. Barber continued, "So we're fighting for education, fairness and justice - some of the critical issues we're fighting for today."

Indeed, the agenda of the North Carolina Association of Educators sponsored march and rally on May 1 is broader than just education issues, public reports say. It's about living wages, Medicaid expansion, and school voucher spending.

State Senate president pro tem, Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) has issued a statement.

"This strike is not about education," Berger stated. "It is a strike organized by partisan activists with the express intent of eliminating Republicans from the North Carolina General

Assembly, and it is at the expense of children who should be in the classroom learning."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

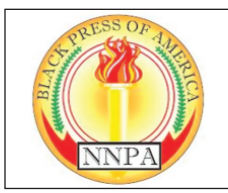
For additional information, please contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT Public Involvement, Community Studies & Visualization Group Leader, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1598. You may also contact the project team through our toll-free hotline at 1-800-233-6315, or via email at capefear@ncdot.gov.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

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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

Congresswoman Omar and the "Pseudotyping" of the state of Israel

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Donald Trump is trying his best to demonize Congresswoman Ilhan Omar of Minnesota's 5th congressional district by unfairly castigating her for public remarks she has made in recent weeks. Her remarks, while not directed against Jews, have been characterized by Trump as "anti-Semitic."

Trump's baseless accusations are also sinister because they negate the fact that Congresswoman Omar, like most people of color in this nation, knows that Jewish Americans and African Americans alike have suffered from the bigotry and racism that is in the cultural DNA of this country. And she also knows that the history of America is replete with acts of valor by Jewish heroes as well as African American heroes sacrificing themselves to secure human dignity and justice for all Americans.



Oscar H. Blayton

The tweeting disaster that lives in the White House fans the flames of division in America by relying upon the sensitivity of people who have suffered hurtful stereotyping. The result is a backlash of social "pseudotyping."

Pseudotyping, in the social sense, is the false perception that criticism aimed at the behavior of an individual, or individuals within a group, is a criticism of the entire group to which those persons belong. And it arises from the well of pain created by harmful stereotyping that entire group has suffered in the past.

Attacks on Jews and Black folk are often based upon stereotypes grounded in bigotry. While these attacks may be physically violent or even lethal on occasion, they are always hurtful. Because of this, some Jews and Black folk can be quick to pseudotype a criticism as an all-encompassing stereotype.

Because of pseudotyping, past condemnations of human rights violations by the governments of certain African nations have triggered vocal protests from members of the African American community as being racist. Likewise, condemnations of the government of Israel for its treatment of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank precipitates loud accusations of anti-Semitism from the Jewish American community.

As responsible citizens of the global community, we must not allow pseudotyping to cloud our judgment where a reasonable basis for criticism exists. And while there are many examples of this to which we could point, I will only address one at this time.

Since the election of two Muslim women to the United States Congress in 2018, there has been a heightened sensitivity to criticisms of the policies of the Israeli government that violate human rights, United Nation mandates and international law.

The complexity of the Palestinian-Israeli crisis cannot be understated. It is a human tragedy with which the United Nations has wrestled since the end of World War II, when the Nazi attempt at Jewish extermination created a sense of guilt among politicians in Europe and the United States and the political will to provide for "a national home for the Jewish people" began to gel.

For years prior to World War II, the United Kingdom had been toying with the idea of a Jewish homeland. In 1903, Britain's Colonial Secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, met with Jewish leader Theodor Herzl and offered to settle Jewish people in what is now Uganda. That offer ultimately was rejected as the leadership in the U.K. Jewish community pushed for the establishment of a homeland in Palestine.

In 1917, the U.K.'s Foreign Secretary, Arthur Balfour, sent a letter to Lord Rothschild, a leader of the British Jewish community, expressing Britain's interest in establishing a national home for the Jewish people, stating:

"His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

Despite Balfour's words of protection for "non-Jewish communities in Palestine," since 1844, the phrase "A land without a people for a people without a land," had been a popular slogan in support of the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. This sentiment negating Palestinians was an echo of America's Manifest Destiny doctrine that negated the existence of the Native Americans on the North American continent. Given this sentiment, it is no surprise that for more than 70 years, the government of Israel has forcefully removed Palestinians from land that they occupied for centuries (and possibly millennia).

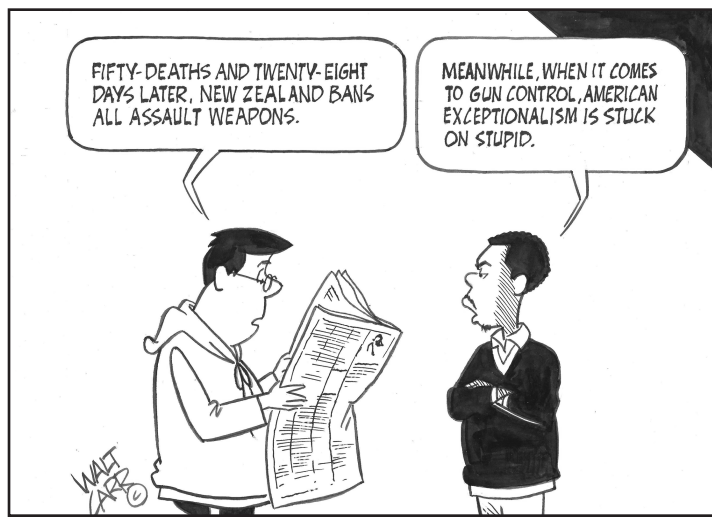
There has existed a constant state of hostility between Jews and Palestinians, along with neighboring Arabs, before and after 1947 when the United Nations voted to institute a Partition Plan that divided Palestine into a Jewish state and an Arab state with Jerusalem as an "International City" to be shared by both. And the wars and conflicts between the two sides have been too numerous to discuss in this short commentary.

Various individuals on both sides of these conflicts have opposed the violence as others have perpetuated it. And criticisms leveled at the government of Israel are not leveled at all Jews around the world, just as criticism leveled at the Palestinian Authority is not criticism leveled at all Palestinian people.

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YOUR VOICE

I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!!!

Excerpt from my book "What We Blacks Need To Do" (RESPONSIBILITY). Is there a real difference between Sodom, Wilmington, Gomorrah and New Hanover County? The Board of

Education is still acting like pre -1954, the City Council is spending millions on the Cape Fear River area, licensing bars and approving breweries like the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, shootings happening about every seven days, parents are not

monitoring their children school work and churches open, part-time, on Wednesdays and Sundays, but very few are sponsoring after-school tutoring programs for our children. These problems require all of us to step up to the plate and should

der our responsibility. When the Isley Brothers wrote their hit song "I've Got Work To Do" they were talking about all of us. Are you ready, willing and able to do your work???

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

TO BE EQUAL

Hate crime surge continues with racially motivated burning of Black churches

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"A lot of people want to make it a hate thing. Well, we don't represent hate. We represent love. Togetherness. Peace. Long suffering. Hope. That's what we're here today to say, not just to our community, but to our country. Be strong." - Rev. Gerald Toussaint, pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, one of three Louisiana churches burned down over 10 days this month.

in a span of 10 days. And unlike the fire that damaged Notre Dame, the fires that consumed them were deliberately set by someone motivated by racial hatred, according to authorities.



Marc Morial

In response to billionaires pledging to fund the rebuilding of Notre Dame, activists were inspired to raise money for the Louisiana churches - contributions can be made through GoFundMe.

The arsons are part of an ongoing spike in hate crimes that began in 2015, fueled by racist rhetoric throughout the Presidential campaign that continued into the first year of the current administration.

The destruction of Black churches, the spiritual and cultural heart of many Black communities, has long been a

tactic of white supremacist terrorists, predating the Civil War. Churches were the gathering places for civil rights activists in the 1950s and 1960s. The 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in 1963, which killed four young girls gathered for worship, marked a turning point in the Civil Rights Movement and galvanized support for the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

At the end of last year, the FBI reported that hate crime reports increased 17 percent in from 2016 to 2017, the third consecutive year reports have risen. Of the more than 7,100 hate crimes reported in 2017, nearly three out of five were motivated by race and ethnicity.

That's not the only sign that violent racial and ethnic hatred are on the rise. The Southern Poverty Law Center reports a nearly 50 percent increase in the number of white nationalist groups in the U.S. in just a single year, from 100 chapters in 2017 to 148 in 2018.

The Anti-Defamation League reports a 182 percent increase in incidents of the distribution of white supremacist propaganda, and an increase in the number of rallies and demonstrations by white supremacy groups, from 76 in 2017 to 91 in 2018.

The number of terrorist attacks in the United States by far-right actors, including white supremacists, quadrupled between 2016 and 2017, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The U.S. House Judiciary Committee convened a hearing last week on the rise of white nationalism. Kristen Clarke, President and Executive Director of Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, testified, "The violence that erupted in Charlottesville in 2017 was a wake-up call that demon-

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Rules favor them - Not us!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The much anticipated and long-awaited Mueller Report has been handled in an unbelievable way. We first received 4 pages of a 22-month study that told us nothing truthfully. Atty. General William Barr led us to believe everybody had been "picking on the poor innocent President." The 4 pages gave Trump the opportunity to continue his mantra that the report totally exonerated him when it clearly did not. A few days before that Trump was throwing flames at the Mueller team. There's no doubt the Department of Justice and the White House are doing everything they can to discredit the Mueller Report, so Barr hooked up a report to try to confuse Americans.

Before the press conference, Rep. Maxine Waters had characterized the AG as having proved himself to be a lackey and a sycophant. Then came Barr's press conference proving her to be right. All laws, precedents and common courtesies were broken denying lawmakers and the public

what we have the right to know—the truth. One wondered why we couldn't get Mr. Mueller's findings from Mueller rather than having Atty. General Barr telling us what the report said. I must add that the report was meted out in different versions at different times. The White House saw it before Congress!



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Before Dick Gregory made his transition, he warned us about this chaos. I didn't see clearly what he meant until Barr delivered his interpretation of what the Mueller Report actually said. Barr's version compared with what came next once the redacted report went public, is mind boggling. What Barr reported has no relationship to what the Mueller Report actually said.

We now know, and understand, why some on the Mueller team were concerned, even offended by earlier versions of their report. The

report does not exonerate Trump! It specifically says he did many things that would endeavor to obstruct justice such as trying to get his staff to commit illegal acts, but they refused. In essence, Mr. Mueller turned the matter over to Congress to act on the findings in the report.

Barr has shown himself to be a puppet of Trump, and no concern for the American people. He leaves me as well as many others with no confidence in the Department of Justice. In Barr's going into Trump's head and describing how angry and frustrated he was and used that as an excuse for his doing and saying the awful things he did. One of the more egregious ones being, "I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn't lose any voters." What sane person would say such a thing! Do you think a person of color could go into court after shooting somebody and use the Angry and Frustrated Defense that Barr offered for Trump's behavior? We know the answer to that. We have a sick person leading our nation who knows nothing but name-call-

ing, exclusion of non-white people and punishment of all who disagree with him.

The report presented to us by Barr is reason to understand that it is up to us to deal with the systematic process of being wounded by circumstance. A brilliant group I know has developed a program that focuses on healing and prevention. Our whole society is wounded when the system on which we're expected to depend favors certain people over others. This country cannot seem to overcome its horrible history of unequal treatment of people of color and the underserved. We must take heed when a talented group of people who look like us come up with a system for healing our wounds.

By request tscott@strategiclivesolutionsgroup.com will provide you with more information on the study.
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OUR VOICE

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Governments should be criticized when they cause suffering and death, but we must not conflate the acts of some with the intentions of all. And we must not assume that a criti-

cism of some is a criticism of all. We must neither stereotype nor pseudotype.

I believe Congresswoman Omar is critical of many of the policies of the Israeli government towards Palestinians. But I also believe that a fair reading of her statements, which have been the object of so much con-

trovery, will bear out that she has not disparaged Jewish people, as a group, through implication or otherwise.

Donald Trump and his minions have seized upon the tendency of the fearful to pseudotype and weaponized this against Congresswoman Omar. Trump does this because he

always needs to rail against a "villain" in front of his supporters. And in most cases, it is a villain he has conjured up out of lies.

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strated that racial violence continues to stand as a threat to our democracy and presents a danger to vulnerable communities.”

She called on the FBI to redouble its efforts to fight racist extremism. She called on Congress to “encourage

the use of existing laws to investigate and prosecute acts of hate violence to the full extent of the law and oppose efforts to create new legislation that risks the further criminalization of communities of color.” She called on social media companies to terminate “purveyors of hate who violate those terms by promoting and inciting violence.”

Unfortunately, her expert testimony was overshadowed by right-wing activist Candace Owens’ absurd and baseless assertion that the “Southern Strategy” -- the electoral strategy to increase political support among white voters in the South by appealing to racism -- was a “myth.”

Owens’ presence at the hearing is evidence in itself

that appealing to racism, or at least the fantasy that racism isn’t a threat -- remains a political strategy.

The threat is real, and it is growing. Elected and community leaders across the ideological spectrum need to confront it for the crisis that it is.

“*Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.*”

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

"The Report" is out; It's time to refocus

The long-awaited Mueller report is out; the scope of the charges and findings against the president and his administration have been at least partially revealed and the Congress is threatening to subpoena the full, unredacted report. Trump supporters are spewing expected venomous statements about the apparent sainthood of this president, and the president himself has taken to his beloved Twitter to continue to communicate his ever-enlarging self-delusions about the "rightness" of all he has done.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

If people listen to it and internalize it, they will fall into the grip of fury - either as a Trump-lover, convinced that he has been the victim of a witch hunt for over two years, or as a person who believes that what Trump has done on a daily basis, inflaming the passions of everyone, has been wrong and dangerous to the very survival of this democracy.

This president is a media guru. He knows how he operates and how he has always operated. He has been able to walk in his privilege

as a wealthy white man and has manipulated "the system," if reports are true, ever since he has been a businessman.

He is a master at "stirring the pot." We have all seen people do it and we have all been affected by it, but in this instance, we would do well not to continue to allow ourselves to be caught up in it. It is not clear if the Congress will impeach this president or what good it would do, but one thing is clear: "we the people" have to stay focused on the issues. We have to pay attention to what he is doing behind the scenes while he makes a mess in front of the cameras. He is rolling roughshod over the rights of "the least of these," and has no intention of stopping, and the only weapon we have is the vote.

The GOP and the far Right are on a mission, a mission that is said to have started with the Southern Strategy (<https://www.history.com/topics/1960s/ask-steve-southern-strategy-video>) Lawmakers in Tennessee are on their way to passing a law that will make it more difficult to register voters. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/16/us/politics/tennessee-voter-registration.html>) . The GOP is determined to complete its mission of converting America from being a progressive to a nation which espouses and supports far-right policy.

As has been the case historically, they are touting that what is happening is from God and of God. Michele Bachman recently said that the current president is one of the most, if not the most, godly presidents this nation has ever had. (<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/16/politics/michele-bachman-donald-trump-bible-religious/index.html>) The far right has been pushing for a while that God appointed this president:

(<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/01/27/millions-of-americans-believe-god-made-trump-president-216537>), and Lou Dobbs repeated this belief that the presidency of Trump is God-given after slamming the Mueller report: (<https://www.indy100.com/video/news/fox-business-presenter-lou-dobbs-claims-that-evidence-is-accumulating-to-show-that-god-sent-this-president-sG8zMucZ>).

With that kind of rhetoric swirling around, and that kind of intentional effort to make sure non-GOP voters are made unable to vote, we do not have the time to sit around and wait for the next soap-opera installment of the Trump presidency. We do not have time to wring our hands or sit stewing in frustration and anger. If the nation is to survive this episode of our history intact, we have to be "steadfast and immovable" as Paul wrote, and work "while it is still day" to make sure injustice, prejudice, racism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia and all of the other "isms" do not gain more footing than they already have under this administration.

Predictions are swirling now that this president will win a second term. If the economy does well, as many expect it to, the chances of beating him are almost nil. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2019/04/17/us-recession-looks-less-likely-boosting-trumps-chances-re-election/?utm_term=.e21bc0ef599b)

People like gossip and drama. That is why soap operas, with all of their tales of human weaknesses continue to flourish. I can remember being in college and wanting to see "my story," ("The Edge of Night), and listening to classmates and relatives wanting to hurry home to see their "stories." There was hell to pay if the stories were pre-empted by some breaking news or other event. Too many of us are caught up in this president's Twitter rants, and in the endless prognostications of pundits on cable news programs, which repeat the same stories and the same interviews all day long.

We can't afford to watch and be sucked into any of that. We have to be wide-eyed and aware, and determined to save what's left of the gains oppressed people have made over the last 50 years. Being frustrated and "caught up" takes away our strength and our capacity to fight the powers and principalities which are creeping up, one step at a time.

"The report" will not change the minds of people who love this president and will only be fodder for those who want to keep the confusion going. We have way too much at stake to participate in our o

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RAINBOW COALITION

Trump plunges U.S. deeper into forgotten wars

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

While Washington is consumed with reactions to the Mueller Report and the potential impeachment of President Donald Trump, America is descending deeper into largely forgotten wars.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

In the last month, the president has decided to sustain our involvement in the most unconscionable humanitarian crisis in the world in Yemen, and fueled even more violence in the civil war in Libya. Neither his actions, nor the wars on the other side of the world, get much attention.

But, they reveal the true dangers of allowing a president complete license in questions of war and peace. Few Americans know that the United States is a participant in the bitter civil war in Yemen, a conflict that has savaged that impoverished country. Eighteen million people — of a total population of some

27 million — are now in need of humanitarian assistance. Three million have been displaced, and seven million have no idea where their next meal will come from. More than 14 million lack access to safe drinking water, and a deadly cholera epidemic has already begun.

The U.S. has backed the Saudi-led intervention into the civil conflict, largely by providing direct support for brutal Saudi airstrikes — ordnance, targeting, aerial refueling and intelligence. The stated rationale provided for our participation is that the Saudi coalition is attacking rebels that it claims are backed by Iran. As Andrew Bacevich notes, Trump himself suggested that the real deal is he backs Saudi Arabia in this horror, in exchange for their continuing purchases of American-made weapons: "I don't like the concept of stopping an investment of \$110 billion into the United States," the president told reporters last year. When Congress — with bipartisan support — passed a resolution under the War Powers Resolution calling for an end to U.S. participation in the carnage, Trump vetoed it, claiming that it was a "dan-

gerous attempt to weaken [his] constitutional authority."

Then Congress failed to overturn his veto — and the U.S. continues to abet the worst humanitarian catastrophe in the world. In Libya, Trump just turned U.S. policy upside down with a phone call. The U.S. has backed the UN endorsed Government of National Accord while seeking an end to the destructive Libyan civil war.

When the Libyan warlord Khalifa Haftar began an offensive against that government to capture the capital, Tripoli, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo forcefully restated U.S. opposition to that offensive, urging an immediate halt to military operations. One week later, Trump spoke on the phone with Haftar, praising him and their "shared vision" of the future. Ironically, the reversal came just as Haftar's forces were beginning to lose ground. Worse, Haftar's offensive forced the government's militia to turn their attention to fighting him rather than focusing on ISIS terrorist cells in the country. Again, Trump is lining up with a Saudi favorite, even at the expense of sabotaging the pol-

icy of his own State Department.

Congress has failed to rein in executive war-making for many decades. Now in Yemen, Congress is once more allowing a president to usurp war powers that the Constitution gave to the legislature. And in both Yemen and Libya, presidential license only serves to add to the violence and destruction, and draw the U.S. ever deeper into conflicts we should never have engaged in.

Trump frequently claims that he intends to terminate our wars without end and without victory. But, by vetoing the congressional resolution to end our involvement in the Yemen calamity and by bizarrely reversing U.S. policy in Libya, he is only extending the folly. And the United States continues to contribute to the violence that is spreading across the world. Dr. Martin Luther King taught that we must find an alternative to war and bloodshed. He would quote President John F. Kennedy who said, "Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind."

I only hope we can learn this lesson before it is too late. *Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.*

Who gains when democracy is destroyed?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Democracy is defined as the government "of the people, by the people, and for the people". Who are the people who support our contemporary status quo?



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

And how, in marginalizing the will of the people, is democracy destroyed? The long-anticipated Mueller report is a scathing expose' of at least ten ways the man who calls himself the President of the United States bent or broke the rules and actively interfered in an investigation of his wrongdoings. The Attorney General who auditioned for his role by sending a memo that indicated that a sitting President could not be charged by the In-Justice Department edited, obfuscated, and then prevaricated about the many ways Mr. 45 simply did the wrong thing. His wrongdoings ranged from perjury (which he often couched as "I don't remember") to intimidation, to near, if not outright collusion. After the release of the Mueller Report, many Democrats have called for investigation or impeachment, but few Republicans have raised their voices to censure the rogue they selected as their leader.

As of this writing, Utah Senator Mitt Romney (R) has been the most vocal detractor of Mr. 45, but he was that before the Mueller Report was issued. George Conway, the bold husband of the equally fearless Kelleyanne Conway,

has called for 45's impeachment even as his spouse maintains her position as the 45 handmaiden. I don't even want to wonder what their pillow talk sounds like, but George Conway gets mad props for speaking his truth even as he sleeps with the devil.

Why are so many so silent, though? These are people who say they love democracy, but their truth is that they love it only when it works for them. So, while they cringe privately, they cover publicly, understanding full well that they work for a racist, crook, and tyrant who will suppress democracy at any cost. What do they gain?

Most importantly they gain the courts. While Senate Majority Leader, the Tennessee Turtle Mitch McConnell built a wall between President Barack Obama's constitutional right to appoint judges by blocking appointment whenever he could, most notably a Supreme Court appointment that should have gone to Merrick Garland, he has never met an inexperienced Republican ideologue that he would not rush to confirm. Lifetime appointments to 39-year-olds (consider Florida's Robert J. Luck) who have practiced law less than a decade but proven their worth with harsh partisan positions will have an impact on public policy for decades. If McConnell rules the Senate and 45 stays in office, so many of our rights will be eroded, including voting rights, the right to choose, labor rights and more.

Voting rights are on the chopping block in jurisdiction after jurisdiction. The judicial repeal of the Voting Rights Act with the reversal of Section 5 has been a setback, but aggressive state legislatures who

have sought to restrict the right to vote have posed an equally challenging problem. In Florida, despite a successful initiative to restore the rights of convicted felons, the legislature has attempted to reverse the will of the people by imposing financial requirements to these returning citizens. There will undoubtedly be a court challenge, but will it be resolved in time to have 1.4 million people participate in the 2020 Florida election? In Tennessee, the state legislature proposes to impose fines on organizations that register voters who make minor mistakes on their registration forms, mistakes as insignificant as middle initial or hyphen. Republican state legislatures are passing new rules to restrict the vote in anticipation of a 2020 surge of new voters. Florida and Tennessee aren't the only states that would suppress the vote. But voter suppression is what Mr. 45's sycophants gain when they fail to call him out on his perfidy.

Those who support 45 gain profit maximization opportunities — he is the triumph of predatory capitalism.

From a tax cut that disproportionately advantages the wealthy, to a massive corporate tax cut that places a tax burden on the rest of the economy, 45's economic policies have been an unapologetic transfer of income from people at the bottom to people at the top. While he talked populist trash to white folks who had racial issues, he offered public policy that contributed nothing to his core constituency. Meanwhile, through his appointments to, as an example, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), he eroded consumer rights. Instead of draining the

swamp, he fed his personal alligators the raw meat of consumer protection; shredding the many ways CFPB protected the little people.

Supporting Mr. 45 also supports the triumph of white supremacy. After Heather Heyer was killed in Charlottesville by a now-convicted white supremacist, our nation's leader opined that there are "good people on both sides". His rhetoric is a signal to racists that it's okay to attack those who have been historically marginalized in our nation. While we are in the middle of a cultural realignment, with pointed questions being raised about the corrosiveness of confederate culture, we have a national leader who disgustingly cleaves to the past and elevates white supremacy. Republicans who fail to censure an out of control president often do so because while they abhor his behavior, they embrace his white supremacist enthusiasm.

Democracy dies when tyrants prevail, and when we have seen a prevaricator, a provocateur, a philistine, and a panderer occupy the Oval Office. Why? Because predatory capitalists gain from the elevation of a braggadocious tyrant who, while feeding their bottom line, is behaviorally uncontrollable. We have attempted to impose democracy all over the world. Why are we willing to support its demise in these United States?

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New Hanover County

Chapter 885 of the Vietnam Veterans of Wilmington will host an open house for "Blue Water" sailors or their widows to sign up for potential service related benefits. The event will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. at 801 Princess St. For more information or questions contact 978-590-3659.



Community Briefs

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.narcononnewliferetreat.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.

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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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

New Hanover County Schools to close for students on May 1st

New Hanover County Schools announced today that schools will be closed for students on May 1, 2019, due to the number of teachers who plan to be out that day to participate in the teacher rally in Raleigh. May 1st will become an optional teacher workday for teachers and staff. As of April 23rd, 440 NHCS teachers are planning to be out on May 1st.

"Closing schools on May 1st is a difficult decision. Our students lost nearly three weeks of school after Hurricane Florence, and we do not want them to have to miss any more time; however, with over 400 teachers and staff, who have already put in leave requests and more are expected, we cannot safely

operate the schools on May 1st," said Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley.

Further he stated that the Board has expressed their strong support for teachers and their issues, but were disappointed with the fact that students will have to miss another day of school. Student and school safety are top priorities in NHCS and are the driving factors in the decision to close schools; the district does not employ enough substitute teachers to keep the district open on May 1st.

The Superintendent will collaborate with the Board to decide whether the day will have to be made up. That decision will be announced at a later date.

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Rent history, it matters

When going to a bank seeking a home loan, one of the main things the lender will want to know is how have you paid your rental payments over the last two years. The way you paid your rent will give them a good insight on how you might pay your mortgage.



Brenda Dixon

There are different scenarios that I have seen over the years and what proof of payment that will be accepted may vary from bank to bank. Things get a little tricky when someone has been living with family members and give them money every month to help out. Some banks will want a paper trail of that, which means, paying in cash is not a good idea. It's recommended to pay with a money order, personal check

or some kind of direct bank deposit so the payments can be verified. It's also important to pay the same amount around the same time of the month to show you are consistent in meeting your obligation. Then there are some banks will say that if you were staying with family, a signed letter from that family member stating how much you paid and that you paid it on time is enough. Self-Help Credit Union has a mandatory rule that if you can't prove you have paid rent or if you are not paying any rent, you must do simulated rent payments for 12 months. Simulated rent payments are you depositing into a bank account the same amount of money around the same time-frame for 12 months straight. Example, \$500 by 5th of every month into the simulated bank account that will end up as a saving account with accumulated funds at the end of the 12 months. That's a plus because now you will

have funds for a down payment, home inspections, etc that you may not of had if not for this simulation. Making these simulation payments as agreed will also show the bank that: (1) You make payments on time (2) You can meet your other financial obligations not having that money you put in the simulated account.

Now on the other hand, if you have been renting from a landlord over the last 2 years, the lender will send a form out to the landlord to verify how you've paid. This form is called a VOR (Verification of Rent). Lenders understand that most people would not want their landlord to know they are trying to buy a home until they know for sure they can get an home. No worries, this form will not be sent out to a landlord until after the lender has given you a pre-approval for a home loan, you have gone out and found a home and have made a written offer on it and it has been

accepted. Also, there have been occasions that a private landlord did not keep good records and fill out the form saying tenant didn't always pay on time. If you are renting from a private owner and not a rental company, it is very important to keep your own receipts to have proof if needed.

The main take away from this article I want you to gain is that paying your rent on time will help you greatly in getting home loan approval and being able to provide proof of payment will be very important. So if you need to make some adjustments before paying May 2019 rent, you now know what to do.

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

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Wilmington Children's Business Fair to be held on May 4, 2019

Featuring local child entrepreneurs

Kids are the boss for a day!!! S & J Concierge Services is bringing Acton Children's Business Fair to Wilmington, NC. Acton Children's Business Fair inspires children to discover their inner entrepreneur. The largest entrepreneurship event for kids in North America, this one-day market gives children the opportunity to showcase their very own businesses.

On Saturday, May 4 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. the Wilmington Children's Business Fair will be open for business at the New Hanover County Public Library - Northeast Branch located at 1241 Military Cutoff Rd, Wilmington, NC 28405. For further information please visit: <https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/wilmington>.

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Come and visit the booths and meet the children who will be offering their products and services to the public. Kids ages 6 - 17 create a product or service, develop a brand, build a marketing strategy, and then open for customers at this one-day marketplace. The kidpreneurs are responsible for the setup, sales, and interacting with customers.

The Wilmington Children's Business Fair is a nonprofit organization in partnership with the Acton Children's Business Fair - the philanthropy arm of the Acton Academy and Acton MBA program with campuses in many states and even outside of the country.

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Come and visit the booths and meet the children who will be offering their products and services to the public. Kids ages 6 - 17 create a product or service, develop a brand, build a marketing strategy, and then open for customers at this one-day marketplace. The kidpreneurs are responsible for the setup, sales, and interacting with customers.

The Wilmington Children's Business Fair is a nonprofit organization in partnership with the Acton Children's Business Fair - the philanthropy arm of the Acton Academy and Acton MBA program with campuses in many states and even outside of the country.

Haile Murray receives 2018 Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship

Wilmington, NC – Haile Murray, a student at Cape Fear Community College, has been named a 2018 Oberndorf Scholar by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and has received a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship helps Phi Theta Kappa members overcome unanticipated financial barriers preventing the completion of their first college credential, associate degree, or certificate. Haile is one of seven students selected internationally to receive the award.

The scholarship is named for its benefactors, Mr. Lou and Rosemary Oberndorf. Lou co-founded METI, a world leader in medical education technology whose products are used in many community colleges as well as in the world's leading medical schools. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation Board of Trustees.

Up to 15 Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarships are awarded annually, with scholars selected in both the fall and spring each year.

"Without a doubt, the Oberndorf Scholarship has a tremendous impact on the lives of these hard-working, high-achieving students, making it possible for them to complete their associate degrees," said Dr. Monica Marlowe, Executive Director of the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation. "We are grateful to the Oberndorf family for their commitment to helping students achieve their educational goals. Congratulations



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HAILE MURRAY

to all of the scholarship recipients!"

"Since November of 2017 I started battling a series of unforeseen occurrences that I believed to be solved, but due to Hurricane Florence the battle to complete my degree continued," said Murray, scholarship recipient. "This scholarship has given me the financial stability to finish my degree. I cannot express enough gratitude to the Oberndorf family for their generosity, and Phi Theta Kappa for opening the doors to such scholarships that promote and aid in the

completion of community college education."

Students may apply for the next round of Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarships beginning in March.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 10 nations. Learn more at ptk.org.



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Female bondsman turns heads, fills hearts in N.C.

BY MARY GLEN HATCHER
UNC MEDIA HUB

WILMINGTON, North Carolina -When Kiara Brewster steps out of her white Chevy Camaro and into the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, she's greeted - more often than not - with confusion.

With a petite frame, dark eyes that match her bronzed complexion, and meticulously-styled blonde hair, the 29-year-old shyly admits she's a "head-turner" in the jailhouse. Her delicate tattoos peek out underneath the sleeve of a bold pink shirt - sometimes she'll match her nails to it, but today they're bright yellow, encrusted with jewels, and firmly grasped around her Louis Vuitton phone case. She's always on-call.

Sometimes, her clients don't immediately recognize her.

"They're always looking around and they see their family, and I'm sitting right beside them, but they're like, 'Where's the bondsman?'" Brewster said.

With the logo of her all-female company - Brewster's Bail Bonding - emblazoned on her top, she approaches with the smile that her father says can pull anyone in; a glamorous anomaly in the male-dominated industry of commercial bail bonding.

"Hi, I'm Kiara, the bondsman. Nice to meet you."

Mondays are busy days in the second-floor office on the corner of 6th and Market - the primary location of Brewster's Bail Bonding in Wilmington. New arrests over the weekend mean a stream of new clients and paperwork for Brewster and her team of bail agents to file and process in court.

While a receptionist fills a large whiteboard on the wall with at least 40 new cases - name, court date and bail amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 - a profusion of phone calls and alerts light up Brewster's phone.

One caller asks about a bond being transferred from Raleigh, a few potential clients ask for her rate, another worries about leaving a loved one alone at the jail once their bail is posted.

"When does he get out?"

she asked. The answer is sometime around 2 a.m.

"Yeah, I'll be there." Since opening in 2013, Brewster and co-owner Tammy Tilghman have worked non-stop to expand their bail bonding business to more than five counties in North Carolina, and they have plans for a new office in Jacksonville soon.

Their success is mirrored in bail bonding businesses across the U.S.; the industry generated more than \$2 billion in 2018.

Here's how it works: If a defendant can't afford to pay the full bail amount for their case, he can stay in jail until his court date, or contract a bail bondsman to front the amount for a fee. The bondsman is then responsible for the client throughout the trial process, making sure he takes all the necessary steps to resolve his case.

For bail agents at Brewster's, this means frequent phone calls and visits with clients, making sure they understand their cases and their contracts, and offering support and guidance when they can.

For some clients, Brewster has reached into her own pocket to make ends meet during their difficult adjustment to life outside jail. She's driven others from Wilmington to Raleigh and back again, just so they can make their court dates.

But there's one thing she gives every client she encounters: a speech.

"I'm a firm believer that everything happens for a reason, and people come into our lives for a reason," Brewster said.

"If somebody calls me to the jail, I go down there to see them and talk to them. I just have to. I have to tell them to make better decisions, or to change whatever's not working for them, and I get a rise out of that - I'm a lover, not a fighter."

Something as simple as showing empathy can have a huge impact on a client's life, Brewster understands, because she's seen it happen with 24-year-old Kaitlin Massey.

After Brewster bonded her out of jail in July 2018, Massey was anxious. She'd had bad impressions of other

bondsman - some were aggressive, or made her uncomfortable, others didn't seem to take her seriously. She worried what Brewster would think of her history, her charges, her tattoos.

Once they left the jail, Brewster invited Massey to sit and talk for a moment, and levelled with her in a way no one else had before.

"She was the first person on that side of the law that treated me like I wasn't this piece of garbage," Massey said. "She knew the mistakes I made were not who I was as a person, and she managed to help motivate me, and showed me that I could be something."

With Brewster's encouragement over the next few months, Massey got a job, then a second job, and then a house for her and her young son, away from Massey's abusive partner. Even today, Brewster checks-in with Massey's progress and motivates her to stay on a positive life path.

"It makes you feel good," Massey said. "She makes people feel like they matter."

But not all her clients are so receptive.

Hanging above her desk in bold red letters, Brewster's "Do NOT Bond" list is a daily reminder of those who have taken advantage of her generosity, skipped payments or missed a court date - clients she's contractually obligated to locate and return to court, or pay the entire bond amount herself.

The scar on her back serves as another reminder. After one client skipped court, Brewster found her crouched in a bedroom closet at her home. The client ran outside, and Brewster gave chase. During the pursuit, a rainstorm erupted, causing Brewster to slip and fall on her spine before finally catching the runaway.

It was either that, or pay the \$25,000 bond in full.

"I only had one option there," Brewster said, laughing. "I had a job to do."

It all started with her father.

A former bondsman himself, Raul Brewster has a booming voice and a big heart that he shares with everyone he meets. In elementary school, Kiara would



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Brewster sits at her desk at the headquarters of Brewster's Bail Bonding in Wilmington to sort through new cases and bonds she's collected over the weekend.

ride around Wilmington with him, checking-in on his clients.

"No matter where he went, everyone knew him," she said. "He was like the face of Wilmington."

While some bondsmen might obsess over profits, or only see clients if they miss court, Kiara said her father showed her the real value in bail bonding is found in the relationships built with clients.

If someone needed a ride to the courthouse, Raul Brewster would be there to drive them. If clients were having a difficult adjustment to life outside of jail, even after their contract with Brewster ended, he'd offer them words of encouragement, a shoulder to cry on, even money out of his own pocket.

Dealing with an arrest can be a shocking and confusing experience for people, Raul Brewster said, but having a supportive bondsman who is invested in their client's progress can make all the difference.

"If you give them this kind of guide in the direction they should go, they're more apt to get through the case and better their lives, even to the point where they might not need to see a bondsman in the future," Raul Brewster said.

"At the end of the day, we want them to be functional in the community. It's not just

about a business, it's about helping your community."

It's these lessons that Kiara thinks about when Brewster's Bail Bonding passes out Christmas stockings for the homeless, or when her company sponsored a donation drive to help rebuild after Hurricane Florence last December.

"It's important to us at Brewster's to give back to the same community that supports us," she said.

"It's also important for us to try and help steer kids in a positive direction," she said, which is one reason Brewster's Bail Bonding also links with local nonprofit Support the Port for their annual "Stop the Violence, Start the Peace" campaign, encouraging children to be role models in their community.

It's a message Brewster feels called to reiterate to younger clients, as a young person herself, because she understands what they're going through.

"I myself got into a little trouble when I was in high school, and at that moment it could have broken me, but instead, my dad helped me through it," she said.

"At a young age, we all make mistakes, some worse than others, but the beautiful thing about mistakes is that you can be forgiven. You learn from it, and now have

the opportunity to change your life around. That's the impression I like to leave with my clients."

When she began her business, Brewster knew she was entering a world glamorized by "Dog the Bounty Hunter;" a world with dangerous criminals, high-stakes and gruff, bearded men.

But a large part of her success in the industry, she said, is credited to everything that sets her apart from that stereotype - her femininity, her youth and her big heart.

Working in a climate where that combination is a rarity, Brewster stands out in her own way, said fellow bail bondsman Coach Pridgen. Her presence is one that people - even one of Pridgen's own clients - can't help but gravitate toward.

"They told me one day, 'Coach, I think you're a nice guy, but I just like Kiara better,'" Pridgen said, laughing. "And I thought I was pretty personable myself."

For Brewster, it's a small validation that the work she's done to build her brand in this industry, and leave a positive impact on her clients and her community, is paying off. The heads she turns are starting to take notice.

"It's empowering, and it feels good," Brewster said. "I can do exactly what you (men) do, probably better, with my nails done and my short hair."

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Blossie Lee Campbell Flood

Blossie Lee Campbell Flood died April 11, 2019. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at St. Paul AME Church, Floydale, SC. Burial followed in the Old Page Cemetery, Floydale, SC.

Blossie was born on November 1, 1944 in Dillon County, South Carolina to the late Major and Mattie Campbell. "Blot", as she was affectionately known, Blossie graduated from Latimer High School in Dillon, South Carolina. Her employment included Seimens Corporation and New Hanover County Board of Education in Wilmington NC. As a child, Blossie was a member of St. Paul AME Church, in Floydale, South Carolina. After moving to Wilmington North Carolina, she joined St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church where she was a faithful member for 44 years. This faithful member served on many auxiliaries such as; Mother Board, Usher Board, Conference Hospitality Committee and several different choirs, just to name a few. She also served as the Sunday School Superintendent until her health no longer allowed her to attend service.

In addition to her parents, Blossie was preceded in death by two brothers, J. T. Campbell and LeRoy Campbell.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: Spouse: Allen Floyd of Wilmington, NC; sons: Anthony Floyd (Patrice) of Wilmington, NC; Glen Floyd (Necie) of Wilmington, NC; step-daughter: Cotella Cox of Dallas, TX; grandchildren: 13; great-grandchildren: 10; siblings: James Campbell (Delorise) of Dillon, SC; Rosena Willis of Latta, SC; Carpenter Campbell of Cincinnati, OH; Shirley Stevens of Chicago IL; sisters-in-law: Betty Jean Bailey, Wilmington, NC; Carolyn Hall (Bruce) of Wilmington, NC; Patricia Fulmore (Bruce) of Patterson, NJ; uncle: Herbert McCrae of New York; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including four special friends, Rosa McNeil, Valerie Jones, Karen Legette and Beulah Dixie. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jacqueline Marie Stuckley Cowan

Jacqueline Marie Stuckley Cowan died April 10, 2019 in Houston, TX. Funeral services were held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Jacqueline, the oldest of three children born to the late John "Jack" and Louise Matthews Stuckley, was born December 11, 1934. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert R. Cowan. Jackie attended public school in New Hanover County, Wilmington, NC and graduated from Williston High School in 1952. She was a homemaker. She loved to travel and take long rides, always smiling. She had a keen sense of style, a vivid imagination, and an eye for color. Jackie loved her family and friends dearly. She loved to laugh and encourage others. She was absolutely the best mother. Her heart's greatest accomplishment was to see her girls happy and successful in life. Although Jackie's path took her out of the Wilmington area and North Carolina, she had a special place in her heart for the Ekklesia Church Family and her Maranatha Church Family. Her happiest place to be was sitting by the ocean, listening to the waves, and reflecting on how good God was to her.

She leaves to cherish her memories, three daughters, Hazel L. English (Emil) of the home, Marie "Ann" Freeman of Columbia, MD, and Lisa P. Dudley (Calvin) of High Point, NC; grandchildren, Emil English, Jr. (Shelly), Uvonka R. English (Robert) and Sean R. Burchette; great-grandchildren, Brian English (Debony), Rebecca English, Caitlin English, Christian Clausell, Xavier Vlausell and Kadon-Jacks English; sister, Ruby Jacobs of Wilmington, NC; brother, Ernest Rouse, Jr. (Brenda) of Sanford, NC; nieces, nephews, long and precious last living friend, Ann Carr; other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mae Nellie "Polloy" Jones

Mae Nellie "Polloy" Jones died April 14, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Mae or "Aunt Polly" as she was known to many, was born in Dothan, Alabama on October 24, 1924 to Robert and Willie Faye Franklin. She married William H. Jones, Sr. and to that union one son, William H. Jones, Jr. was born. She received her education in Alabama and Miami, Florida. She worked as a Practical Nurse while living in Florida and Philadelphia. Most of her life she cared for others with loving kindness and telling others about that agape love that Jesus shed for us. She always had time to lend a listening ear. Mae served faithfully in all aspects of helping to build God's Kingdom and telling others about that precious love of Jesus. Upon moving to Wilmington with her family, she joined and became a faithful member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church until her health began failing her.

She leaves to cherish her sweet memories: sister, Mrs. Ann Murphy (Deacon George Murphy) of the home; granddaughter, Tamara Jones (Jovan) of Greenville, NC; grandsons, Lamont Jones (China) of Millville, NJ, Brandon Jones (Jessica) of Camden, NJ; other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Oscar Earl Armstrong

Oscar Earl Armstrong died April 15, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Oscar was born January 2, 1938 to the late Woodrow Jackson and Doretha M. Armstrong. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System. After high school, he married his childhood sweetheart, Dorothy Mae White. The young couple moved to Brooklyn, New York, where they resided for 15 years. Upon returning to Wilmington, NC, he was employed with the North American Moving Company until retirement. Oscar was an avid baseball fan and he also enjoyed watching westerns.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Dorothy; five sisters, Mary Malloy, Vernel Lucas, Ernestine Miles, Christine McCrimmon, Estelle Jackson; four brothers, Eddie Levern Armstrong, John Henry Armstrong, George Albert Armstrong and Burnie Leroy Armstrong.

He leaves to cherish his memory: one son, Ronald White of Virginia Beach, VA; one daughter, Sandra Josey of Elizabethtown, NC; grandchildren, Sharonda

Josey of Elizabethtown, NC, Jackeema Armstrong of Wilmington, NC and Katalina Thompson of Virginia Beach, VA; great-grandchildren, Brandon, CeCe, Jamir, Azaiya and King; sister, Vernice Jackson of Atlanta, GA; aunt, Claretta Murray of Wilmington, NC; sister-in-law, Geraldine Armstrong of Castle Hayne, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, other relative and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Willie "Herbert" Sampson

Willie "Herbert" Sampson died April 17, 2019. Funeral services were held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Willie James Sampson, son of the late Martha Henry Sampson and Calvin Sampson was born in Bishopville, South Carolina on October 20, 1928. Willie was educated at Williston Industrial School. He married the love of his life, Irene McDonald Sampson, and they shared 62 years of marriage before her passing. She loved her "Herbert" as she would call him. In this union, six children were born. Willie joined St. Stephen AME Church at a young age. He retired from Queensboro Steel Company after 32 years of dedicated service as a crane operator and truck driver. While at Queensboro, Willie received honors and recognition for not missing a day at work for 32 years. He was a hard worker and during those years and after, he drove a cab for Brooklyn Taxi, where he was known as 'Cave Man'. "Herbert" was well known and everyone loved him for his kindness. He enjoyed his family and friends and listening to music. His favorite artist was Al Green. Willie would sing every song on the CD and knew all the words.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sons, Lionel Sampson and Calvin Sampson.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two daughters, Gloria Lamar and Jacqueline Davis (Elton) of Wilmington, NC; two sons, Willie Sampson Jr. and Michael Jerome Sampson of Jacksonville, NC; four granddaughters, Sherneta Parker of Raleigh, NC, Tomeika Watkins and Tatiyana Little of Wilmington, NC and Tikeysha Tomlin (Alex) of Leland, NC; five grandsons, Richard Mears, III (Lynn) of Chattanooga, TN, Cedric Antonio Mears of Wilmington, NC, Oscar Lamar of Raleigh, NC, Jerrold Davis (Allison) of Raleigh, and Lionel Sampson Jr. of Newark, NJ; several great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; nephews; two special cousins, Carolyn Nelson of Wilmington, NC and James White of Virginia Beach, VA; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Rodney Tyrone Black

Rodney Tyrone Black died April 17, 2019. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at St. Andrew AMEZ Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Rodney was born on March 31, 1968 to Willie Black and Shirley Galloway Black. Rodney attended New Hanover High School. He began his employment at W. R. Grace and later became the Co-Founder of Economy Auto Detailing & Body Shop. Rodney was a member of Shoney's Little League Baseball Team. When Rodney was introduced to a toy model of an engine, he became

infatuated with race cars, dirt bikes and anything dealing with mechanic work on cars, (mainly body work & painting).

Rodney is predeceased by two grandparents, Elizabeth Galloway and Rosa Bell Black, two uncles, Henry Lamb and Alexander Boone, and one aunt, Grace Merrick.

Rodney leaves to cherish his memories two sons; Mario Jerrod Black of Castle Hayne, NC and Steven Robinson of Phoenix, AZ; one grandchild, Zion Elijah Black; two step-children; Cecelia Moore and Cecil Robinson; a special god-daughter, Aubriana Genwright of Wilmington, NC; his father, Willie Black and his mother, Shirley Galloway Black both of Wilmington, NC; his sisters, Shelia Denise Black and Demetria Latonya Black and his brother, Willie Sarrad Black, all of Wilmington, NC; four aunts, Queen Esther McLoud (Henry), Elizabeth Mitchell, Diane Galloway, Cynthia Clemmons; two uncles, Michael Galloway and David Merrick; cousins, Michelle Galloway, Shemucca Galloway, Lateisha Sallah, Shamari Boone, Curtis Galloway, Natasha Clemmons, Danielle Clemmons (several close family cousins); one nephew, Kaiden Black; one niece, DaKayda Boone; and a host of special friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Linda Faye Scott

Linda Faye Scott died April 17, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Linda, daughter of the late Henry Scott and Francis Smith Scott was born on October 11, 1957. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Latricia Scott, her sister, Flora Mae and brother, Lionel. Linda Faye accepted Christ early in her life at New Covenant Holiness Church. She worked at the Crab House for several years. Linda Faye truly loved life to the fullest. She was a good-hearted per-

son and would open her home to everyone. She loved her some spots and pork chops. But, most of all she loved her grandkids. Being the oldest girl of her siblings, Linda Faye never let anything stop her from the joys of life.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one son, Craig Scott; her granddaughters, Zyria and Mydaya; her grandson, Keon; siblings, Robert Lee, Mary, Ruby, Mary, Hattie, Helen, Floyd, Isaac, Ella, Patricia, Ike, Lucille, Charlie, Brenda, and Ablry; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including special friends, Faye McCoy, "Ad Pack", B. Murphy, Adell Jacobs and Raymond Keels. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Marcus Coleman, Sr.

Marcus Coleman, Sr., funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the Middle District. Burial will follow in Register Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Quilla Greene

Quilla Greene died Saturday, April 20, 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.

Jean Willis

Jean Willis died Monday, April 22, 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.

Frank Smith

Frank Smith died Tuesday, April 23, 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.

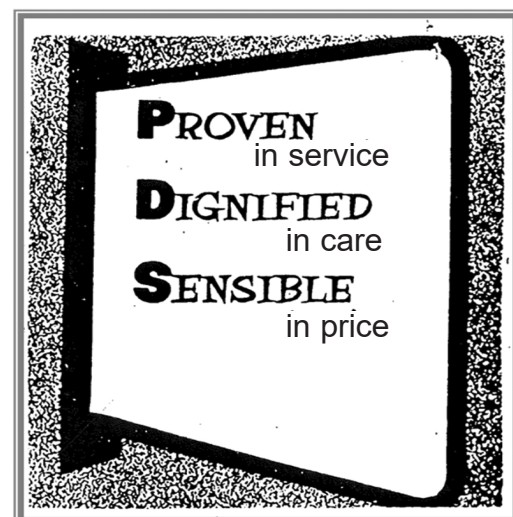
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In Memory Of**Ezmas Marscine Carmichael**

Monday, April 22, 2019, marked the 31st anniversary of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother from this side of heaven. With the love of God, she opened her arms wide to family and friends and saying the right things to smooth our hurts, continues to give us the will to go on and remain as a family. That day, April 22, has been etched into our hearts and allows us each day to remember that smile and the good memories that we created with her.

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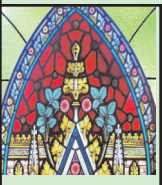
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Central Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will celebrate Mother's Day & Women's Day on Sunday May 12th at 11:00 a.m. the guest speaker will be Elder Henrietta McGlenn, DD of Antioch United Holy Church, Rocky Point, NC.



Religious Briefs

Church Women United will hold May Friendship 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 coffee and sign in at 10:30 a.m.

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Gladys W. Dukes

Gladys L. Walker Dukes, age 90, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2019. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at Masonboro Sound, 7022 Masonboro Sound Rd., Wilmington, NC 28409. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Carol Pollard

Carol Pollard, age 69, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2019. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27,

2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Michael Elijah

Michael Lloyd Elijah, age 60, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, April 21, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Elijah's life will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Baldwin Branch male chorus celebrates 48th anniversary



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BALDWIN BRANCH MALE CHORUS

The Baldwin Branch Male Chorus recently celebrated their 48th Anniversary.

Rev. Andy Anderson, pastor of Father's Cup Overflow Ministries, 2357 Water Tower Road, Longs, South Carolina was the official host/master of ceremony.

Featured on the program were musical openings by the Baldwin Branch Praise

Ensemble, guests; Ambassadors for Christ; Fayetteville NC; Mt. Olive Male Chorus; Elizabethtown NC; New Hope Male Chorus; Clarkton NC, St. Thomas Male Chorus; White Oak NC and Tar Heel Baptist Church Choir; Tar Heel NC.

The celebration's mission to proclaim the word of God through "music" was realized.

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Love languages/Love is a decision

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLIA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a beautiful day, we could see God's beauty in it. The creation for us to enjoy. Our meeting was called to order by Mr. George Hill. We opened with, "Glory to His name." Our prayer was given by Mrs. Doris Nixon. Thank you God for hearing our prayers. We then sang, "Where could I go." Minister Doris McQuillan said, "We can go to the Lord when we can't go anyplace else." Mrs. Patricia Nixon then introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Cynthia Vaughn, a retired chaplain from New Hanover

Medical Center and Emory University. She opened by asking us how do we know we are alive? There is a social decline in seniors. A circle of friends is the key with seniors. The lack of friendships can cause problems. To keep us active we should engage in senior activities. What keeps us from having friendships? Maybe we are not friendly. 1. Words of affirmation. 2. Quality time. 3. Receiving and giving gifts. 4. Acts of service. 5. Physical touch. We should avoid insults. What do we most complain about? We should avoid being lazy. We should avoid abusing people. Do not shun people. Be careful who and how we touch.

Our love tanks sometime get empty. We should follow our interests not necessarily our age group. We can express appreciation for others thru love. We should be prayerful when we speak to Gods people. Rev. Vaughn was thanked and given a hand for such a great message and information. She also thanked us for having her. She reminded us that every act is an act of love or a cry for love.

Mrs. Gladys Taylor thanked everyone for their participation in our meeting. We will worship with Shiloh Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Callers reports were given. The winner was Mrs. Gladys Taylor with

eleven. All callers were given a hand and a thank you. Mrs. Haskins was not here today but we are to pray for all and trust God. Announcements were read. We then had a presentation by Mrs. Michelle Brooks. She passed out clothes pins and she let us know they were made of wood like the old rugged cross. Clothes pins can remind us to shut up. Hang it on the cross whatever our situation. Smiles were given by Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow. It was a very enjoyable meeting. Our circle was formed and we sang, "Bind us together." Prayer was led by Minister Doris McQuillan. 45 members were in attendance.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Freedom from fear!"

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Fear: A feeling of alarm or disquiet caused by an awareness of or expectation of danger. A state of dread or concern

Since God has not given us the spirit of fear, we don't have to receive it. Through Christ that strengthens us, we have the ability to overcome fear, and not be overcome by fear.

Our minds should not be filled with all kinds of fears and phobias, because it is not the will of God that his children live in fear. He often tells us in his word, "Fear Not". Yes, we are living in perilous times, but as an act of our will and faith in God, we can decree, "I will not live in fear!"



Sylvia Hooper

There are all kinds of fear. Some fears are natural and logical. When your life or general well being is threatened, or the life and safety of family or loved ones is concerned, fear is a natural instinct. We should be careful as well as prayerful, yet not allow fear to grip our hearts and minds to the point we become prisoners of fear. We should use wisdom, caution, and common sense in carrying out our daily affairs, but still not be subject (and overcome) by the spirit of fear.

Psalms 11:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We are not to fear man, though he may be able to kill the body, because he cannot touch the soul. Matthew 10:28 says, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Luke 1:50, "His mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation." We should teach our

children the fear of the Lord as well. They are going to need his mercy to be upon them, and they should know to ask for it when they need it. Psalm 56:9-11 says, "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me." When we walk by faith and not by sight, we trust God to do what he has promised, therefore, we are not afraid of what man can do. Psalm 118:6 Says, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"

Deuteronomy 10:12 says, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul." If you fear the Lord, why not accept his personal invitation he is extending to you in John 3:16?

Prayer: Father, deliver your people from the spirit of fear, that we may serve you freely. In Jesus' name. Amen. Tell Somebody...Fear Not!!!

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!

St. Mark's Episcopal Church celebrating 150th anniversary

SUBMITTED BY ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Mark's Episcopal, 600 Grace St., 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee welcomes Mr. Theodore M. Shaw as their guest speaker on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Throughout the years, St. Marks has focused on social justice by standing as a pillar in the community by supporting non-profit that stand for racial equality, Fair housing, preventing the gentrification of black communities, reducing of gun violence (WFAV). To continue with our stance on insuring the rights of all mankind, the church saw it fitting to have Mr. Shaw, an advocate for Civil rights, speak to our community. We pray that the more our community becomes aware of injustice it will take a stand for justice.

Theodore M. Shaw is the Julius L. Chambers Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Civil Rights at the University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill. Professor Shaw teaches Civil Procedure and Advanced Constitutional Law/Fourteenth Amendment. Before joining the faculty of UNC Law School, from 2008-2014 Professor Shaw taught at Columbia University Law School, where he was Professor of Professional Practice. He was also "Of Counsel" to the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright (formerly Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP). His practice involved civil litigation and representation of institutional clients on matters concerning diversity and civil rights. Professor Shaw was the fifth

Director-Counsel and President of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., for which he worked in various capacities over the span of twenty-six years. He has litigated education, employment, voting rights, housing, police misconduct, capital punishment and other civil rights cases in trial and appellate courts, and in the United States Supreme Court. From 1982 until 1987, he litigated education, housing, and capital punishment cases and directed LDF's education litigation docket. In 1987, under the direction of LDF's third Director-Counsel, Julius Chambers, Mr. Shaw relocated to Los Angeles to establish LDF's Western Regional Office. In 1990, Mr. Shaw left LDF to join the faculty of the University of Michigan Law School, where he taught Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure and Civil Rights. While at Michigan, he played a key role in initiating a review of the law school's admissions practices and policies and served on the faculty committee that promulgated the admissions program that was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2003 in Grutter v. Bollinger.

In 1993, Mr. Shaw returned to LDF as Associate Director-Counsel, and in 2004, he became LDF's fifth Director-Counsel. As Director-Counsel Mr. Shaw played a central role in leading the fight to renew the expiring provisions of the Voting Rights Act and testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Judiciary Committee in support of the Act. Mr. Shaw's legal career began as a Trial Attorney in the Honors



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MR. THEODORE M. SHAW

Program of the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division in Washington, D.C., where he worked from 1979 until 1982. He immediately joined the trial team in a landmark Fair Housing Act case, U.S. v. City of Parma, Ohio, 494 F. Supp. 1049 (N.D. Ohio, 1980). He litigated school desegregation cases in Alabama, Louisiana, Kansas, and was one of the lawyers who investigated and filed the first joint school and housing discrimination case in Yonkers, N.Y.

Mr. Shaw has testified on numerous occasions before Congress and before state and local legislatures. He testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee during the Supreme Court nominations of Sonia Sotomayor and Samuel

Alito. His human rights work has taken him to Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America. In addition to teaching at Columbia and at Michigan Law School, Professor Shaw held the 1997-1998 Haywood Burns Chair at CUNY School of Law at Queens College and the 2003 Phyllis Beck Chair at Temple Law School. He was a visiting scholar at the Constitution Center in Philadelphia in 2008-2009. He is a member of the faculty of the Practicing Law Institute (PLI).

Mr. Shaw served on the Obama Transition Team after the 2008 presidential election, as team leader for the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

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This the 25th day of April, 2019

Robert Doub Burnette,
Administrator
3825 Canterbury Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Dena Ratcliff Beard, having qualified on the 29th day of January, 2019, as Collector of the Estate of **Samuel Harold Beard, Jr. (19-E-159)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **29th 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 25th day of April, 2019.

Dena Ratcliff Beard
CollectorESTATE OF Samuel Harold Beard, Jr.
David E. Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 19 JT 91

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.R.D. (DOB: 03-25-2019)**

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE AND MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following April 25, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR June 24, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Department of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 24th day of April, 2019

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel. #: 910-795-0230
Fax #: 910-401-1485

April 25, May 2, 9, 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.

NOTICE TO TENANTS - 15 units or less

If you are a tenant of the Real Property, please read the following carefully. Your legal rights may be affected.

The street address of the Real Property being sold is: 1613 South 41st Street Wilmington, North Carolina

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
Wilmington, NC 28403
Telephone: (910) 399-3447

April 18, 25, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE NORTH CAROLINA New Hanover County 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 executed 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 dis-

claimed. 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
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 leave mail at your home or business for the postal carrier to collect?
 throw away mail with personal information without shredding it?

Have you.....
 thought about writing or revising your will?
 been audited by the IRS?
 purchased a home?
 been a defendant in a civil lawsuit?
 signed a contract of any kind?
 paid a bill you thought was unfair?
 received an inaccurate credit report?
 received a moving traffic violation you thought was unjustified?
 had any type of legal question?

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 • Credit and budget counseling
 • HUD Register Agent
 • Estate Planning

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