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

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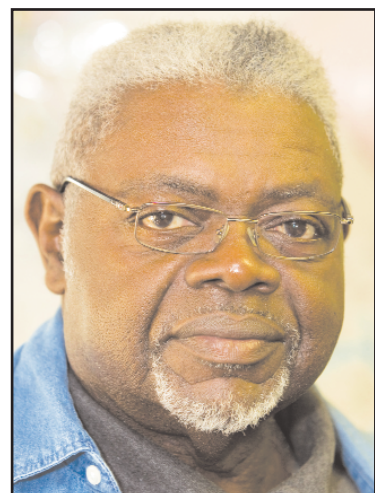
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

INSTITUTIONAL SLAVERY

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, in a study done on this county, we find that a third of this county was once Black farmers and their families. Landholders were also that many or more, but now we see housing developments where some of the farms were and those that are not being developed are growing up in straw and trees, with part being taken by taxes. Even worse is the fact that some are being taken by fraud.

Very little of the land is being developed by Blacks, and there is little money available for Blacks to borrow in order to develop. We find that, even though development is coming very fast, the time clock has gone backward and the ability for Blacks to use their property to their advantage to make money does not exist.

We have not moved forward in the past twenty years as far as the number of Black-owned businesses is concerned. We have no Black representation on the Board of County Commissioners,

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BRUNSWICK NAACP LETTER ON WEBSTER KILLING:

"Trooper intended to kill"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In a four-page April 28 letter to North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein, Carl L. Parker, Sr., president of the Brunswick County NAACP, charges that, when Trooper Scott Collins shot Brandon Webster on January 1, Collins "...intended to kill the moment he got out of his patrol car."

Meanwhile Ira Braswell, the attorney for the victim's family, confirms that, while AG Stein's

April 12 decision not to file charges against Trooper Collins for the fatal shooting of the 28 year old Black man may have ended the criminal prosecution, there are other legal avenues to pursue, including civil liability.

Webster died after he was severely wounded by Trooper Collins in the parking lot of a Shalotte mini-mart New Year's Day. Webster, accompanied by a female passenger in his white truck, was shot after he drove around a traffic stop Collins had setup. After ordering Webster to stop, Collins discharged his

weapon.

The female passenger was unharmed.

After a three month investigation, State Attorney General Josh Stein issued an April 12 decision, indicating that Collins was justified in firing his weapon when Webster's truck wouldn't stop. Stein added that, based on his review of video of the incident, Trooper Collins did not employ excessive force.

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY NAACP PRESIDENT CARL PARKER, SR.



FIVE NC BLACK SHERIFFS

Five NC Black sheriffs say leadership "is not easy"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Five of North Carolina's seven newly-elected Black sheriffs say, despite their collective commitment to serve all citizens in their respective counties with respect and fairness, being African-Americans, elected to be the top law enforcement authority in their areas presents a special set of challenges with which other sheriffs don't have to deal.

That is especially true of Pitt County Sheriff Paula Dance, North Carolina's first African-American female sheriff in history, and only one of three throughout the entire country.

"Being a female sheriff has its issues in and of

itself," Sheriff Dance, who shared the NCBA Town Hall last Friday with Sheriff Cleveland Atkinson (Edgecombe County), Sheriff Danny Rogers (Guilford County); Sheriff Gerald Baker (Wake County), and Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry McFadden, told the audience.

"I have to sometimes go above and beyond to prove myself...I always have and will continue to do so."

Because law enforcement is a male dominated field, Sheriff Dance said she has to "lead with a leadership of confidence that I know what I'm doing. I have to have the "buy in" from the men in my department, and I'll tell you, from day one, I haven't

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REV. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN

NC NAACP to petition NC Supreme Court to take up voter ID case

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The NC NAACP is petitioning the NC Supreme Court to "...take up direct review..." of Republican legislative leadership's appeal of a Wake Superior Court February ruling that invalidated the 2018 voter ID constitutional amendment.

"This case is one of grave importance to the people of North Carolina," The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, president of the NC NAACP, said during a Monday morning press conference at Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh.

In a stunning legal precedent,

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Biden enters race bringing White supremacy to the forefront of issues

Calls campaign against Trump as 'battle for the soul of America' - but will he get the Black vote?

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Former Senator and Vice President Joseph Biden, after much suspense, has finally entered the Democratic campaign for president - immediately surging ahead of a crowded field with a message against White Supremacy.

"We saw Klansmen and White supremacists and Neo Nazis come out in the open, their crazed faces illuminated by veins bulging and baring the fangs of racism", Biden said in a video

announcement with images of the violent 2017 White supremacist march in Charlottesville, Va. juxtaposed with images representing America's promise that "all men are created equal." He called the incident in Charlottesville in which the young activist Heather Higher was killed, "a defining moment of this nation."

Biden's entry not only brings a new voice to the field of at least eight candidates who have announced so far, but a voice taking direct aim at incumbent Donald Trump.

He continued in the video, "And they

were met with a courageous group of Americans. And a violent clash ensued. And a brave young woman lost her life. And that's when we heard the words of the President of the United States that stunned the world and shocked the conscious of this nation. He said, there were quote, 'some very fine people on both sides.'"

Biden said with those words, "the President of the United States assigned a moral equivalency between

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BIDEN CAMPAIGN VIDEO SCREENSHOT

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Wake Superior Court Judge G. Bryan Collins, Jr. ruled last Feb. 22 that, per NC NAACP v. Moore filed by the NC NAACP and Southern Environmental Law Center, he was voiding two amendments to the North Carolina Constitution - one establishing voter photo identification, the other capping the North Carolina income tax at seven percent - that were passed by North Carolina voters in Nov. 2018, because "...the constitutional amendments placed on the ballot on November 6, 2018, were approved by a General Assembly that did not represent the people of North Carolina...An illegally constituted General Assembly does not represent the people

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those spreading hate and those with the courage to stand against it. In that moment, I knew the threat to this nation wasn't like any other I'd ever seen in my lifetime. I wrote at the time that were in the battle for the soul of this nation."

He said eight years of the Trump Presidency would "forever and fundamentally alter the character of this nation, who we are. And I cannot stand by and watch that happen."

Biden has since catapulted to the forefront of the other Democratic candidates. But his race will not be easy. Trump has already taken aim, calling him, "sleep Joe" an attempt to pin a nickname on him as Trump has successfully done to many other candidates.

Trump spokespersons have defended his words about Charlottesville, saying he did in fact condemn racism and antisemitism as well. But despite his successes with maintaining economic growth started by President Obama, the Trump years have been so far full of insults to people of color including calling members of the National Football League "Sons of Bs" for protesting unwarranted police violence against Black people.

No viable Republican candidates have challenged Trump so far. And most Black Republicans and even conservative Christians have remained silent amidst what some deem as deplorable conduct; such as the SOB remark as well as hundreds of documented untruths.

So far, Democratic candidates have dealt mainly with

themselves. When we are not allowed to vote for people of our choosing or our own community, we are still slaves to an unbalanced society. When our people are afraid to speak truth to the most powerful, we then begin to help our people fall to slavery! Institutional slavery is as bad as chains! It, too, ties us up!

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

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of North Carolina and is therefore not empowered to pass legislation that would amend the State's constitution."

In other words, Judge Collins said the 2018 NC legislature was illegal because the federal courts had determined that its members were elected from voting districts that were constitutionally racially gerrymandered and, therefore, illegal North Carolina voting districts.

Republican legislative leaders, like State Senate Protem President Phil Berger, were outraged. Castigating Collins as "a liberal judge," Sen. Berger went on to vow, "We are duty bound to appeal this absurd decision."

The GOP initially petitioned Judge Collins to stay his own order; but he refused, but the State Appellate Court did stay his order until an

appeal could be filed.

The NC NAACP now wants the argument over Judge Collins' extraordinary ruling to be immediately kicked upstairs to the North Carolina Supreme Court, which has the final word.

"There's a provision in North Carolina law that, when a case is so important, you can ask our State's highest court, our State Supreme Court, to take up direct review of this question," said Attorney Kim Hunter, of the nonprofit Southern Environmental Law Center. Hunter, along with Attorney Irving Joyner (who was not present at Monday's press conference) and Attorney Caitlin Swain, of Forward Justice.

"We really think that there has been no more important case than this one before our courts," Attorney Hunter added. "This case speaks to

our democracy, the legitimacy of our Constitution - the very foundational document that makes up our State law."

"So we are going to be asking North Carolina Supreme Court to rule on this question and uphold the [Wake] Superior Court's very clear, very well thought out, legal ruling that makes common sense"

"Our State constitution is clear," said NC NAACP Pres. Spearman. "The Constitution may only be amended by the will of the people. Only a legislature that is properly bestowed with popular sovereignty can propose constitutional amendments to the people."

Reminding all that there is no voter ID requirement per voting this year, 2019, and especially in the 3rd and 9th congressional district special elections now underway, Rev. Spearman added, "This case

and so many others that the NC NAACP and our partners in the Forward Together Moral Movement have fought over the years during the long season of voter suppression make one thing very clear:

"The people of North Carolina hold sacred our democracy and our fundamental right to vote. The people of North Carolina will tirelessly defend against intrusions and injuries upon our popular sovereignty, our right to govern ourselves."

"The people of North Carolina will not allow an illegal legislative super majority that came to power by way of racially discriminatory maps to tamper with our foundational document, the Constitution."

"The people of North Carolina will defend our movement victories," Dr. Spearman concluded.

Sen. Kamala D. Harris (Calif.); Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Mass.); Congressman Beto O'Rourke of Texas, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (Minn.) and Cory Booker (N.J.).

Biden will also face opposition from Democrats who point to his political record. They include his treatment of now Professor Anita Hill dur-

ing the confirmation of Clarence Thomas for which he recently tried to make amends. She did not think his apology was strong enough. Biden is also remembered for his leadership on legislation that led to the growth of mass incarceration of Black people; including the so-called "war on drugs."

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the Brunswick County Board of Education, the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustments, or any other major board in Brunswick County. Having representation would help our advancement!

We must vote! We must not stand idly by and let our elected officials give our people crumbs and take the load

STATE BRIEFS



COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

WPD INCREASING PATROLS IN BLACK COMMUNITY
[WILMINGTON] After sev-

eral recent shooting incidents, the Wilmington Police Dept. has announced that it is increasing patrols in and around the inner-city. Since March 27th, published reports say, one person has been killed, and ten shot in Wilmington. Police say the violence comes with increased gang activity, and other smaller incidents. Fifteen firearms have been captured, a WPD spokesper-

son says.
NEW BILL WOULD PREVENT FUTURE TEACHERS RALLIES ON SCHOOL DAYS
[RALEIGH] According to a proposed measure in the NC House, it would be illegal for a NC school board to alter its school calendar for anything other than weather emergencies, an energy shortage, utility failure,

public health or safety crisis. That would restrict school districts from canceling classes if teachers decide they want to take a school day off, unless they're able to confirm that a substitute teacher is available to take their place. Over 30 school districts cancelled classes statewide Wednesday because of the teachers rally in Raleigh. Lawmakers now want to

put a stop to the practice, arguing that educators can rally on the weekend when children won't miss instruction.
U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKS TOP HIGH SCHOOLS IN NC
[RALEIGH] Ever wonder what the top public high schools in North Carolina are? Thanks to the maga-

zine U.S. News and World Reports, now we know. The Early College in Guilford County is ranked #1 one by U.S. News (#37 nationally), followed by Raleigh Charter High School. Raleigh Charter High has a 99% graduation rate and a 90.3 score for college readiness, while The Early College has 100% graduation rate and 93.6 score in college readiness.

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excessive force. Brunswick NAACP Pres. Carl Parker sees it differently. Further expounding on comments he gave to the Wilmington Journal last week, Parker, in his April 28 letter to AG Stein, says, "The video is clear and compelling. Trooper Collins, while successfully "stepping" aside from the fleeing truck, acted as judge, jury and executioner to terminate Mr. Webster's beautiful young life, and for what pur-

pose? What guise of reasoning?" Parker charges that Brandon Webster was a victim of racial profiling. "Racial profiling isn't a recent phenomenon in Brunswick County," Parker wrote. "It has been [a] constant and tragic pattern deeply etched into how Black people have been treated and abused through no fault of their own except the color of their skin. With the sad death of young Mr. Brandon Webster, we see once again the tragic results of racial profiling." Mr. Parker later continues, "And what is so ironic

with this is Mr. Webster's hands were in the air, visible to the trooper, (as reported by an eyewitness). The trooper never had to say, 'Keep your hands where I can see them.' Instead he said turn off the engine of the truck. If Brandon would have turned off the engine, his hands would have been out of the trooper's sight so the trooper would say, "I thought he was going for a gun." "History has been a witness [to] this type of tragedy over and over," Parker continued. "Clearly, Mr. Webster was in fear for his life and his companion's

life." The Brunswick NAACP president then chides SBI agents for allegedly intimidating the mini-mart owner for the store's video of the shooting, as well as a woman for her cellphone video, calling them "storm trooper tactics." Mr. Parker concluded his letter to AG Stein, saying that, as a result of the Brandon Webster killing, "...there is great fear amongst our families...and a loss of trust in our legal system..." He "implored" AG Stein to "re-examine this case..." and "remove Trooper

Collins from law enforcement service." "Please don't let your April 12, 2019 decision fuel future discontent towards those charged with law enforcement in Brunswick County," Parker concluded. "We pray for you to rebuke the winds and the sea." Attorney Ira Braswell, who represents the family of Brandon Webster, was not able to attend a peaceful demonstration on behalf of Webster last Friday at Mulberry Park, but in an interview with The Wilmington Journal last week confirmed, "Oh, there IS a next step. We now have

to use the mechanism of the civil system in order to get justice, or, at least, as much justice as you can get." "Of course we would prefer to have [Trooper] Collins criminally charged, but..." Attorney Braswell alleged that "...this is the second time he's been under investigation, and he got cleared by umpires that are not calling balls and strikes..." Braswell called AG Stein "...a partisan actor. That's all he is..." adding that Stein is a Democrat, and that's because Blacks keep voting for Democrats. "...Things will never change!"

SHERIFFS

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had an issue with that." Dance said her staff understands that she earned her way up through the ranks over the years and that "...nothing was given to me. I earned it." Edgemont County Sheriff "Cleve" Atkinson, a veteran of the NC Highway Patrol, sees his main challenge as getting his department on the same page as the community they serve. That means "getting rid of bad apples" on his force. Thus, according to Atkinson, "training is big, big, big. Teaching our officers on how to talk to the community. It's a skill like no other." "Sometimes you have to make a tough call," Sheriff

Atkinson added, "...and pull a 15-year person, a 20-year person, who has skated by for a long time. So a lot of times, as sheriff, you've got to pull the trigger because we're charged with improving the lives of the citizens [we serve]." Sheriff Danny Rogers, of Guilford County, said the challenging aspect of taking over has been making sure that he pays his law enforcement personnel well in terms of the salary and benefits "that they need." Rogers says he's dependent on local and state governments for that. Like his colleagues at the table, Sheriff Rogers firmly believes "that we have to instill hope" in those who are sentenced to his detention center. I meet and greet every person that comes in there. It is not my place to

judge anyone, but it is my place, as the sheriff, to make sure that they are served and protected." As sheriff of the host county, Wake, Gerald Baker made clear that one of his major challenges has been changing the culture from the previous administration (Baker had served under former Wake Sheriff Donnie Harrison for several years before retiring and then running against the longtime Republican incumbent last year, shocking political pundits by unseating his former boss). "We all know that we had been under a certain type of leadership for 16 years/4 terms, and that style of management ran deep in that office. Each and every day we're moving about, trying to change that culture and establish one standard

of integrity and accountability in that office, serving all residents of Wake County fairly, no matter who you are," Sheriff Baker added. Perhaps the most controversial of the five Black sheriffs present was Garry McFadden, of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina's largest county. Sheriff McFadden has been a veteran Charlotte homicide detective and even a reality TV star. Since taking office, Sheriff McFadden has made clear, like Sheriff Baker, that his officers will not detain illegal immigrants for I.C. E. agents (even though the Republican-led NC General Assembly is passing a law mandating that sheriffs in all 100 counties work with I.C. E.). "My challenge is racism; my challenge is hate; my

challenge is having a community that looks like me to support me," the Mecklenburg sheriff said. McFadden has also made it clear in Charlotte that there will be no double standard in enforcing traffic violations. Deputies will be ever present in "well to do" areas of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, as they are in the central city. Furthermore, don't call those detained in his detention center "inmates." They are "residents," McFadden says, "who are innocent until proven guilty." He has also eliminated solitary confinement based on studies that have shown such treatment is mentally harmful. Sheriff McFadden, who proudly says that he and North Carolina's other Black sheriffs "love each other and talk with each

other every day because the challenges we face you couldn't imagine," and refers to Pitt County Sheriff Paula Dance as "our queen." He is proud to be unconventional because he sees his role in law enforcement as truly being of service to all citizens and wants the citizens he serves to understand more about what good law enforcement is all about. "When we leave here," Sheriff McFadden assures, reiterating that every Black sheriff in North Carolina needs community support, "all of us have to fight." The Black sheriffs of Durham, Forsyth, Buncombe and Cumberland counties were not present at the town hall. Seven of North Carolina's largest counties have Black sheriffs.

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GUEST EDITORIAL RAINBOW COALITION

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

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

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

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

The report concludes that these big banks "have engaged in — and continue to engage in — a crime spree that spans the violation of almost every law and rule imaginable.

...That was the case not just before the 2008 crash, but also during and after the crash and their lifesaving bailouts. ... In fact, the number of cases against the banks has actually increased relative to the pre-crash era."

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

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

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

For decades, the banks red-lined minority areas, depriving residents of access to mortgages or loans for small business development. Then, when the banks inflated the housing bubble, they targeted minority neighborhoods, peddling predatory mortgages to customers who they knew could not afford them. As one former Wells Fargo mortgage broker explained in a sworn affidavit, "The company put 'bounties' on minority borrowers. By this I mean that loan officers received cash incentives to aggressively market subprime loans in minority communities."

At the height of the rapacious lending boom, nearly 50 percent of all loans given to African American families were deemed "subprime." The New York Times described these contracts as "a financial time bomb."

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

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

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

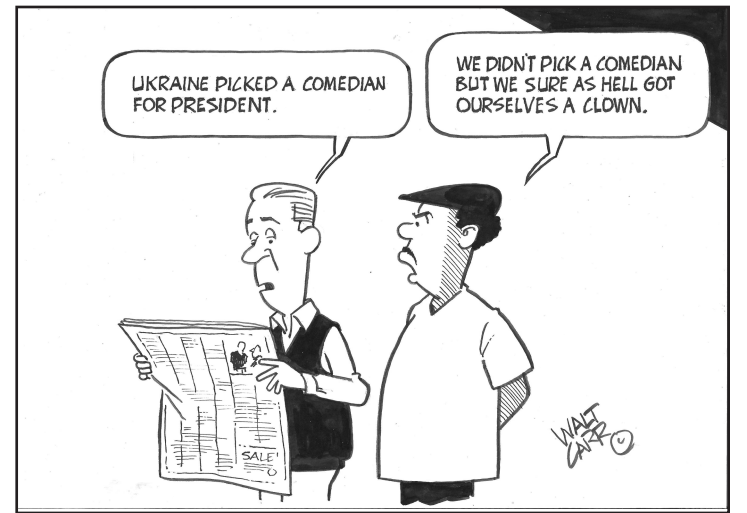
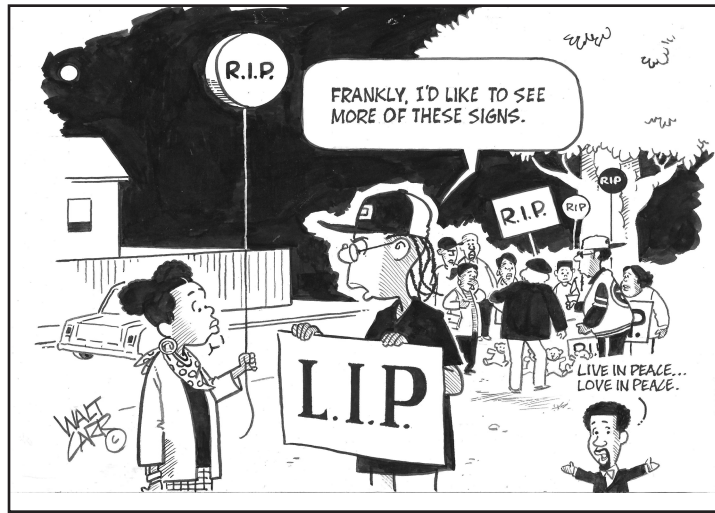
That too often leaves those most injured by the illegal practices out in the cold. What would make sense is that any fines that aren't used to recompense the direct victims be put into a fund to rebuild the communities most injured. Supplement that with revenues from sensible taxes on the banks — like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

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

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.



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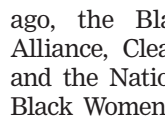
Isn't it time?

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Black women in Houston, TX and across the nation began preparing to use our political power during a recent event held at Texas Southern University. Presidential candidates attended to begin a conversation with Black women regarding what's important to us, and what we're looking for from candidates in 2020.

Isn't it time for us to begin using our economic power, too? A few months ago, the Black Leadership Alliance, Clear the Airwaves and the National Congress of Black Women began the campaign called RESPECT US, to urge corporations that spend millions of dollars in advertising on radio programs that play hate music that disrespects our communities, and in particular, Black women and girls.

We've made every effort to



Dr. E. Faye Williams

get the attention of the guilty parties, but it's as if they don't care and relish making it possible for stations to play the degrading, hateful music that worships murder, illegal drugs, shooting up neighborhoods and misogyny.

We recognize there're Black franchisees of McDonalds and Subway Restaurants, but that's not a good reason for accepting the disrespect of our people. Franchise owners should be the first in line influencing their corporate offices to spend their advertising dollars on programs that uplift us. Franchise owners don't get a pass just because they want to earn a dollar off the very community they should be uplifting. Some franchise owners make modest donations to certain community activities. That's all the more reason they should want to clean up the filth their corporate owners are paying for.

We've made every effort to communicate with not only McDonald's and Subway Restaurant corporate offices, but have been ignored. We've taken the same step with other heads of corporations that disrespect our community, but the time has come for us to move to

action.

Juneteenth has some meaning in to us so we're asking you to join us on the weekend of June 21-23 to join with brothers and sisters in Atlanta, Washington, DC; Philadelphia, New York and Chicago to support our effort on this Juneteenth Economic Withdrawal Weekend. Don't Shop at McDonalds and Subways Restaurants because when you do, you are supporting these offenders, and disrespecting the communities some try so hard to clean up and protect. It's the duty of all of us to support events and projects that are in our best interest.

We oppose vulgar hateful rhetoric that encourages the killing of Black people and the abuse and degrading of Black women and girls in particular.

Below are actual lyrics from current rappers: "Wet your mamas house (meaning to spill blood) wet your grandmamas house. Keep shooting til somebody die. Spray your block down, we not really with that rah rah sh**t Glock cocked now, I don't really give no fu**k bout who I hit. Coupe got the missing roof, your boo come up missing too Poof, I just stole

your boo, now ooh, she got to eat the whole crew. We done with her come and pick your b**ch back up."

There're many more rappers putting out this same kind of filth. In the words of the late Dr. Frances Cress Welsing: "We're the only people on this entire planet who've been taught to sing and praise our demeanment (calling ourselves bit*hes, ho*s, dogs and ni**as)...If you can train people to demean and degrade themselves, you can oppress them forever. You can even program them to kill themselves and they won't even understand what happened."

McDonalds and Subways are major sponsors of these disrespectful songs. They've chosen instead to continue paying to sponsor this hateful rhetoric. No other group has to ask sponsors to withdraw from offensive media. Sponsors do so willingly. Respect yourself, and demand that all others RESPECT US.

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

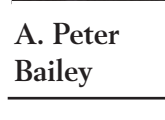
REALITY CHECK

Guidance from wise, courageous ancestral warriors

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

It was in 1619, 400 years ago, that the first African captives were brought to what is now Virginia, North America. Since that time, many of our courageous ancestral warriors, men and women, have fought against the physical and psychological terrorism inflicted by the proponents of white supremacy/racism. If we, as people of African descent, had paid more attention to and agreed upon the guidance and advice from our ancestors, we would most definitely be further ahead in the war for equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity. Their directives include the following:

David Walker - I pray that the Lord deceive my ignorant brethren, and permit them to throw away pretensions, and seek after the substance of learning. I would crawl on my hands and knees through mud and mire, to the feet of a learned man, where I would sit and humbly supplicate him to instill into me that which neither devils nor tyrants could remove, only with my life—for coloured people to acquire learning in this country makes tyrants quake and tremble on their sandy



A. Peter Bailey

foundations.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune - If our people are to fight their way out of bondage, we must arm them with the sword and the shield and the buckler of pride—belief in themselves and their possibilities, based upon sure knowledge of the achievements of the past. That knowledge and that pride we must give them if it breaks every back in the kingdom!

Benjamin E. Mays - I hope we will make it clear to ourselves and our children—that whether we believe in integration, separatism or nationalism, there is no substitute for a trained mind. For the future belongs, always has and always will belong, to the man who knows, and the man who has skills.

Martin Luther King, Jr. - Education without social action is a one-sided value because it has no true power potential. Social action without education is a weak expression of pure energy. Deeds unformed by educated thought can take false directions. When we go into action and confront our adversaries, we must be as armed with knowledge as they are. Our policies should have the strength of deep analysis beneath them to be able to challenge the clever sophistries of our opponents.

Malcolm X - Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today... Just because you have colleges and universities doesn't mean you

have education. The colleges and universities in the American system are skillfully used to miseducate.

Carter G. Woodson - No systematic effort toward change has been possible, for, taught the same economics, history, philosophy, literature and religion which have established the present code of morals, the Negro's mind has been brought under the control of his oppressor. The problem of holding the Negro down, therefore, is easily solved.

When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his "proper place" and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his special benefit. His education makes it necessary.

W. E. B. DuBois - May God write us down as asses if ever again we are found putting trust in either the Republican or Democratic parties.

Frederick Douglass - It is easier to raise a strong child than to repair a broken man.

Marcus Garvey - Our leader will not be a white man with a black heart nor a black man with a white heart but a black man with a black heart.

Harold Cruse - The black man's one great and present hope is to know and understand Afro-American history.

Lerone Bennett, Jr. - Given

one way we were forced to live in this society, the miracle is not how so many families are broken, but that so many are still together. That so many black mothers are still raising good children, is the incredible toughness and resilience in black people that gives me hope.

Dr. C. DeLores Tucker - We believe that anyone who will condone, support, produce or profit from gangsta rap is conspirator in the denigration and destruction of the black community. We will not be silent and allow our youth and our community to be murdered. We will not be silent and allow our women to be degraded and denigrated...

Steven Biko - The most important weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.

Fannie Lou Hamer - For three hundred years we've given them time. And I've been tired so long, now I am sick and tired of being sick and tired. We want a change.

Though she is not an ancestor, the following advice from Dr. Atallah Shabazz, the eldest daughter of Brother Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz, is very pertinent: "Remember when you are with your grandparents, you are holding the hands of history."

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James Byrd's killer didn't deserve the death penalty

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Killing is wrong. Killing Black people because they are Black is even more wrong. Lynching Black people is exponentially wrong. So why was I opposed to the state-imposed killing of John



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

William King, the despicable murderer of James Byrd, Jr.? I happen to think that there are worse things that can happen to you than death. The now 44 year old King could have gotten a sentence of life in prison and lived miserably there for the rest of his life. In some ways, death is salvation for him. Imagine being relatively healthy with nothing to look forward to? Just sitting there, in jail, surrounded by the Black people your white supremacists self purports to hate. That might be torture worse than death.

James Byrd, Jr. was dragged for almost three miles near Jasper, Texas in 1998. John William King and two other men (one whose death penalty sentence was carried out in 2011, another who was sentenced to life in prison) were found guilty one of the most horrific hate crimes in modern US history (Black men were also burned alive in the heyday of lynching). Mr. Byrd's family was

present at the execution in Huntsville, Texas. Byrd's sister, Clara Taylor, noted that the murderer, who maintained his innocence, showed no remorse when he was convicted, and showed none when he was executed. He never acknowledged, and never looked at James Byrd, Jr.'s family.

Does a man whose body sported disgusting tattoos, including, according to one news source, "one of a black man with a noose around his neck hanging from a tree" deserve the death penalty? I say no. Keep that filth alive and keep him miserable. His execution creates a martyr for white supremacists. Had he lived he would have evolved into nothing more than pitiful irrelevance. The death penalty has been abolished in 20 states, with moratoriums on executions in other states, most recently in California, thanks to Governor Gavin Newsome. It ought to be abolished nationally.

According to the Death Penalty Information Center (<https://deathpenaltyinfo.org/documents/FactSheet.pdf>) nearly 1500 people had their death sentences carried out between 1976 and now. Despite the fact that African Americans are just 13 percent of the nation's population, we were more than a third of those executed after receiving a death sentence. People who killed white people were far more likely to get the death penalty than people who kill Black people. There are racial biases replete in the applica-

tion of the death penalty, with numerous studies supporting the many ways the death penalty is unfairly awarded. According to the Death Penalty Information, as an example, Washington state jurors were "three times as likely to recommend a death sentence for a Black defendant than a white one". In Louisiana, someone who killed a white person was nearly twice as likely to get the death penalty as one who killed a Black person. The death penalty is applied through a racial lens - based on the race of the criminal and the race of the victim.

From that perspective, the man who murdered James Byrd, Jr. committed a crime so egregious that jurors acted contrary to the statistics, voting to apply the death penalty to an avowed racist white man who participated in the brutal murder of a Black man. But I am frequently reminded of the 1920 Tulsa, Oklahoma lynching of Ray Belton, an 18 year old white man who shot a taxi driver. Though Belton confessed to his crime and said it was "an accident", he was denied the due process of a trial and conviction. After his lynching, a Black newspaper editor opined that if a white person could be lynched, so could a Black person. A year later, the attempted lynching of the Black shoeshine "boy" Dick Rowland because of the false accusation that he assaulted the white elevator operator Sarah Page was the spark that led economically envious

whites to destroy the Greenwood (Black Wall Street) section of Tulsa.

This walk down history lane is extremely relevant to the present. If we could execute the white murderer of James Byrd, Jr. (I try not to mention the names of devils more than is necessary), we can execute a Black person accused of something, whether they did it or not. Applying the death penalty erodes our humanity, whether the accused is guilty or not.

I think it is far more appropriate to let a reprobate like James Byrd Jr.'s killer simmer in his repugnance. If he had lived his life in prison, with no hope, no help, no possibilities, that would have been a greater punishment than death. While I respect the Byrd family and ache with them at the gruesome murder of James Byrd Jr, I would prefer a punishment for racist murderers that is both humane and inhumane. We don't execute them because we don't stoop, as a society, to the level of committing a crime we abhor. We ignore them and exacerbate their misery by reminding them that they have no hope of release.

The death penalty is inhumane. It should be abolished.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

White supremacy is killing America

White supremacy is killing America. Hiding under the First Amendment of the Constitution and the Christian Bible white Americans have been terrorizing people of color - African-American, Native-American, people of Japanese and Chinese descent, for decades. White supremacist ideology has birthed and nurtured children who have held and still hold the ideology dearer than the theology of Christianity. They have actively hated Jewish people, and Muslims as well. They have used the name of God and the claim of patriotism to justify their hatred. Though perhaps not in the same way as is happening now, they have received support from all three branches of the federal government; they act not caring about repercussions because so often, they have not been held accountable.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

This ideology is killing America. The French journalist said in the 19th century after visiting America that he did "not think the white and black races in any country would ever live upon equal footing," and he added that America would never achieve racial harmony without a war."

The shooting in a California synagogue which at the time of this writing left one person dead and three injured is the result of an ideology which kills the capacity of people who adhere to it to differentiate between "good" and "evil," and between what is moral and immoral. The ideology has destroyed not only the capacity but the desire of adherents to see others who are not white as human beings worthy of dignity and respect.

They fear no human at all and they seemingly do not fear God. In a very strange way, they believe that the God they worship supports their hatred of others whom God created; they see themselves as the real "chosen people," assigned the task of getting rid of those whom they do not believe God created equal to them or capable of feeling pain. It is as though America is a sociopathic nation; white supremacist thoughts and practices are so deeply ingrained that they cannot even access those parts of themselves. They live in denial; they practice cognitive dissonance, which keeps them able to deny their heinous actions which result in misery and death - emotional and physical - for so many people.

The audacity of anyone to attack people who are in their houses of worship strains the desire of people who have been taught that God is love to forgive them. The language of hatred spewed by the president of this nation is like a drug to those who live to hate. They listen to the words - or the lack of necessary, comforting words - from the president and their souls are further radicalized.

They are terrorists, although their partners in white supremacist beliefs are wont to admit it. They are every bit as detestable as are the "radical Islamic terrorists" that the Right so loves to denigrate, criticize, and attack. Their friends in high places never call them what they are, but they are terrorists who have been attacking non-white, non-Christian people for decades.

This administration is allowing them to room to hate; their hatred is expanding to include those who criticize the president. Just this week, a judge decided that Christopher Hasson, a Coast Guard officer who had prominent Democrats on a hit list, could not be jailed. (<https://thehill.com/home-news/house/440885-maxine-waters-blasts-judges-decision-to-release-coast-guard-officer-accused-of>) And in spite of the heinous nature of the crimes that Cesar Sayoc, who pleaded guilty to 65 felony counts of terrorism, white supremacists never really attacked him as they so often do when a terrorist is a person of color and Muslim as well. (<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/21/us/cesar-sayoc-guilty-plea/index.html>)

America has hidden under the myth of being a great democracy, a place where there is "liberty and justice for all." There is not and has never been because America has been paralyzed by her white supremacist ideological foundation.

We are not the land of the free and the home of the brave. We are a country which feeds white supremacists a steady dose of racialized hatred, and thanks to the president and his stoking of the fear that so many white people carry with them, we are headed down a path which is not going to lead us to a Promised Land where there is healing and wholeness. We are marching - or are being marched - straight into the bowels of hell.

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Looking back while moving forward is the way to commemorate Africa

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Commemorations are planned globally and locally to mark the 400th anniversary of the first documented arrival of 20 African slaves in Jamestown, Virginia in August 1619. An estimated ten million Blacks were captured and shipped to the Americas and the Caribbean. They endured two centuries of brutal enslavement in the USA until slavery officially ended in 1865.



Dr. Barbara Reynolds

State planners in Virginia have designated Jamestown ground zero in codifying the history of the slave trade and are commemorating the historic event with a program called "America Evolution: Virginia to America 1619-2019." Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo has launched The Year of Return (TYOR) project in Washington DC and has positioned Ghana as the number one destination for African-Americans and other diaspora Africans in 2019. He also said there's a long history of African-Americans returning to Ghana and other African countries.

Commemorate and celebrate might be the mantra of Bernadette Champion, president of Champion Services Travel in Prince George's County, Md., who has been leading cultural-sensitive tours to Africa and the nations of the world for 32 years. "We all know this is the right time to return to Africa, but we also know Africa's history did not begin with slavery."

"The entire world owes a great debt to Africa," she says. Scientists have well documented that civilization began in Africa. This is where humanity first saw the light of day, not just for Blacks, but all of humanity. In Ethiopia scientists have discovered a specimen of the world's most famous early human ancestor they named Lucy, dating back 3.2 million years.

"Africans invented the first

calendar," she continued. "Egyptians discovered the first form of writing called hieroglyphics; they were first to learn to make tools from metal. By studying the sun and the stars, the early Egyptians invented the first calendar and the first library was formed in Timbuktu. It is tragic to believe Black Africa had no history before European colonization and with the help of Hollywood Black culture has been whitened. Nevertheless, blacks ruled vast kingdoms, such as Ghana, Mali and many of the great pharaohs of Egypt were black. This is a time to reflect on the jewels of Africa, not just the horrors of slavery."

Champion toured virtually every corner of the globe and operates on the premise that "you should see the world through your own eyes and not allow the mediator paint a portrait for you... nothing beats seeing a variety of cultures and traditions that in most cases are different than yours."

Traveling with Champion is different from the standard travel services because she is culturally astute. Her travelers don't get the standard package that is void of Black history. With an eye of a historian-detective, she combs the world to find facts about how indigenous Blacks have impacted history. "No matter where you go, you can find a Black African presence. My goal is to get African-Americans to leave their comfort zone and see who we are around the world."

What surprised me was the tour she led to China after unearthing research about the early black dynasties there that influenced politics and culture. Studies show that one of the first dynasties was African. One of the first documented governance in China was headed by the Shang or Chiang dynasty in 1500-1000 B.C. King T'ang or Ta, was founder of the Shang dynasty which came from the Fertile African Crescent. The Shang were also called Nakhi, which literally means "Black" (Na) and "Man" (khi). King T'ang and the Shang dynasty were responsible for unifying China to form their first civilization."

Champion's reputation is



BERNADETTE CHAMPION

so respected her travelers often get special treatment. She tells the story about how in 2014, her group touring Kenya was invited to meet with President Barack Obama's grandmother, Mama Sarah Onyango Obama. Other tourists were allowed to see the Obama house, but only Champion's group was invited in for a dinner which Mrs. Obama, an educator and philanthropist prepared.

A long-standing practice is not to visit empty-handed. In Kenya after searching for the most appropriate gift for Mrs. Obama, the group presented her with a baby calf, something once grown continue to bless the villagers with milk after she had left. "We named it Champion."

Champion's groups contribute to major causes in area they visit. In April, this writer toured with the Champions to Morocco. With Bonita Edwards, who organized the project, we contributed shoes to children at a private school in Marrakech. The shoes were special shoes that can be enlarged as the children grow.

Giving back can also mean investing and doing business

in the motherland, says Champion. The economic tide is shifting in Africa's. In fact, according to The Brookings Africa Growth Initiative, about "half of the world's fastest-growing economies will be located on the continent over the next five years."

Egypt 2020 is Champion's next big event. "I am taking 100 African-Americans to Egypt. I usually take smaller groups, but this experience will be different. When we sail down the Nile, we will be large enough to have our own tour boat. In this way we can share our love with the wonderful people there, which is difficult when you mix other cultures. The Nubians, for example, will follow us all along the Nile. There is such a oneness of love."

Bernadette Champion can be reached at www.all4champion.com.

Dr. Barbara Reynolds is an ordained minister, educator and columnist for USA TODAY. She is the author of seven books the latest is the award winning memoirs of Coretta Scott King, My Life, My Love, My Legacy was published in paperback this year.

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The Black Press: USE It or LOSE It!

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.



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.narcononnewlifere retreat.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 nhcentennial@gmail.com. Other important state and community issues will be included on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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Celebrating the Coastal South: Lumina Festival of the Arts returns

WILMINGTON (April 24, 2019) -- Art lovers in search of a summer festival offering a plethora of visual and performing arts events will find what they're looking for at the annual Lumina Festival of the Arts.

UNCW's summer festival celebrating the coastal south returns July 12-28 and features nearly 30 events including music, poetry, opera, theater and dance. Performance and screenings will be held at various locations on the UNCW campus and venues throughout Wilmington. Tickets go on sale May 1.

Grammy-winning artist Rhiannon Giddens will make a second appearance at the festival with special guests master musician Regina Carter and award-winning author John Jeremiah Sullivan for "Lost Love Song," a musical quest for a forgotten song by Samuel Coleridge Taylor, a London musician often dubbed "the first great

black composer" by music scholars.

The event also includes the "Hooked on Arts" street fair, a collaboration between the Lumina Festival of the Arts and UNCW College of Health & Human Services that celebrates the healing power of creativity. The family-friendly festival brings together art vendors, food trucks, visual and performing arts and an opportunity to help the community. The festival aims to raise awareness about arts-based therapy and support of addiction-related services and community partners in the Cape Fear region.

For a full schedule of events and ticket information, visit www.uncw.edu/arts/lumina. Free or reduced-price student tickets are available for most events. Contact the Kenan Auditorium Box Office for details at 910-962-3500 or 800-732-3643. Box Office hours are noon - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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The Willis Richardson Plays to present annual spring productions



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THE CAST OF A ROOM WITH A DOUBLE BED AND WELCOMING THE NEW MINISTER

The Willis Richardson Players will have their annual spring productions featuring two plays, *A Room With a Double Bed* and *Welcoming The New Minister*.

The event will take place at Thalian Hall Center For The

Performing Arts Inc., 310 Chestnut Street on Friday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18th at 3:00 p.m. matinee and at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Thalian Hall box office. For more information you may call 910-833-0167 or 910-763-1889.

e-Academy at the Career Readiness Academy at Mosley allows senior to finish high school degree internationally

New Hanover County School's e-Academy proved to be exactly what an international student needed recently to finish high school and make her dreams come true.

Claudia Webb and her family came to New Hanover County Schools in the spring of 2018. The family needed to move back to London, but Claudia had one more year of high school. Claudia's private

school could not assist the family, so they reached out to NHCS. If the family moved back to England and Claudia finished school there, she would be caught in a loophole that could negatively impact her applications to a university. She would have had to repeat courses required for graduation in the UK, which would delay her graduation date and delay her college start date and jeopardize her admission to college.

Claudia's transcript indicated she needed four courses for graduation in NC. District

staff and school staff at Career Readiness Academy discussed and advised enrollment to e-Academy at Career Readiness Academy at Mosley. The online format would allow Claudia to finish her graduation requirements and be able to move back to London in the fall of 2018.

Claudia enrolled in the e-Academy at the Career Readiness Academy at Mosley and took one course over the summer at Cape Fear Community College, through the CCP program. She then began her final three online

courses in the fall.

The Webb family relocated to London, England in October of 2018, where Claudia finished her online courses successfully and graduated from New Hanover County Schools. Claudia has received acceptance letters from NC State, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro and Campbell, stateside, and Nottingham Trent and Bournemouth University in England. The Webbs have expressed great thanks for the flexibility the e-Academy allowed their family.

SENIOR MOMENTS

A Room With a Double Bed

My fellow seniors,

Enough has been said about our financial problems, so let's move on.

Some years ago, I wrote a play called *A Room With a Double Bed*. It is about an elderly couple who had to separated due to illness.

Their daughter took her mother to live with her but she was not able to take both of them. So the

husband went to live with another relative. When the woman started getting better she was determined to get back with her husband. So they started looking for a room with a double bed. However, the daughter did not approve. She insisted that her dad was not able to take care of her mother. Rather than confronting their daughter the couple started meeting in a nearby park.

The play opens as she sat on the bench, knitting a scarf for her husband. Moments later he come to

her with a hand full of roses. Several other characters come and go as the play continues.

A homeless woman lives in the park all the time. Another woman is ducking her daughter, who is trying to put her away. The homeless woman has pictures of her four children, who all went to college.

This play is being presented at Thalian Hall on Friday, May 17th and Saturday, May 18th. Please go check it out!

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.



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David

In Memory Of



Mrs. Julia Carmichael Johnson

A mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, Saturday, May 4, 2019, will be the 20th anniversary of our gathering around your bed to hear your last breath. After they opened the window to allow your spirit to be free, then we also felt a sense of relief, knowing that you were free from suffering and pain. You went to join your God and ancestors in their heavenly home. Rest in peace!

Love,
The family

Douglass Academy students compete in high intensity academic competition

Students at Douglass Academy competed in a high intensity, NASCAR-inspired academic skills competition on Thursday, April 25, 2019. The competition - named "FASTAR" - sees students "race" to complete a reading passage and 50 math problems at speeds close to two minutes. "FASTAR" stands for Fluent Academic Skills Tournament in Arithmetic and Reading and was developed 14 years ago.

The FASTAR competition, which had 50 competitors vying for trophies from grades K-5, lasted approximately two and half hours - going from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. After the racing, an awards ceremony was held where every racer received a medal and top scorers received trophies.

Nikki Chaney, Headmaster of Douglass Academy, commented, "Our students love competing in FASTAR! The competition turns reading and math into a high-octane race that excites the whole school. FASTAR challenges our students in a fun way and places the spotlight on our rigorous classical curriculum."

Douglass Academy is one of four charter schools managed by The Roger Bacon Academy, Inc. founded in 1999 by education pioneer Baker Mitchell. The other schools include Charter Day School in Leland, Columbus Charter School in Whiteville, and South



DOUGLASS ACADEMY STUDENT KAMRYN BERRY

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Mrs. Pecolia McKoy

Mrs. Pecolia M. McKoy, 77 of Mint Hill, North Carolina, passed away on April 23, 2019 at Novant Presbyterian Health, Charlotte, North Carolina.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. Inurnment will follow at Sunset Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers: donations can be made to the L.C. Riddick Scholarship Fund in Pecolia McKoy's name c/o Mt. Carmel Baptist Church 7237 Tuckasegee Road Charlotte, NC 28214. *Grier Funeral Service, 115 John McCarroll Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28216 is in charge of arrangements.*

Ms. Patricia Ann Joseph

Patricia Ann Joseph, the second oldest of seven children was born on January 10, 1943 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Helen J. Davis and Osburn Burton. She departed this earthly life and entered into eternal glory on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her eldest brother, James A. Joseph. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Patricia was educated in the New Hanover County School System. She graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1960. She graduated from Wilmington College (now University of North Carolina at Wilmington-UNCW) with an Associate's Degree on May 20, 1962. She graduated from Cape Fear Technical Institute in 1980 with a degree in Accounting. She was employed by UNCW in 1971 and worked in what was then the Mathematics and Engineering Department, where she became the first full-time secretary of the department, which consisted of 13 faculty members. Over the years she faithfully served as head secretary as its staff and faculty expanded to match the changing mission and function of the department. She assisted faculty, students and her staff colleagues as the department's role changed from mathematics and engineering education to mathematics and computer science and then mathematics and statistics. She retired from UNCW after 30 years of service. She also received her FNA/BCA Certificate from Primerica Financial Services on April 27, 1996 and the entrepreneurial spirit to make a full-time career change: to become educated about your own personal finances and to become a licensed insurance representative. Patricia served as the Williston Senior High School Class President from January 20, 2018 until her passing.

Patricia was a member of Union Missionary Baptist Church where she was a faithful and devoted servant. Patricia was appointed as one of the first female trustees of Union. Throughout her many untiring years, she served in various capacities and ministries including: Trustee, Church Treasurer, Senior Usher, Senior Women of Faith, and the Abundant Food Giving Ministry. She always had a willing and compassionate heart to help wherever she was needed. Her love for God, her family and friends, her kind and gentle ways, her beautiful and giving spirit will forever be cherished in our hearts.

Patricia leaves to cherish her loving memory: son, Brian Colby Joseph; grandson, Raekwon J. Richardson; one brother, Roland Davis (Jackie) of Wilmington, NC; four sisters, Joan C. Lewis, Helen C. Bivins, Dessadra McGee and Barbara S. Simmons (James) of Wilmington, NC; ten nephews, Rodney, Kelton, James Jr., Corey, Eddie, Shawn, Jamile, Ricky, Kris and Steven; five nieces, Mariama, Tina, Tisha, Jennifer and Jessica and a host of other relatives and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkins-drainfuneralservice.com.*

Ms. Remell C. Melvin

Early on Resurrection morning, April 21, 2019, God received His daughter, Remell Council Melvin from labor to reward. Remell was born July 31, 1922 in Wilmington, N. C. to Joseph Council and Frances Sloan Council, the youngest of seven children. She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings: Thomas Lee, Joseph Council, Ethel Lee Howe, Edith Lee Williams, Samuel Council, and Ruth Council Birch. Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Remell grew up in Wilmington, N. C. She attended New Hanover County Public Schools and was a graduate of Williston Industrial High School. She started her nursing training at Cape Fear Community College. However, when she met the love of her life, Hezzie Melvin, from Tabor City, S. C., she married him in July 1942, and traveled with him around the world as an army wife. They were blessed with two sons, George and Owen Melvin. Hezzie, George and Owen also preceded her in death.

St. Stephen A.M.E. Church was the place of worship and membership from her earlier remembrances of a walk with the Lord. Serving as a member of the Rose S. Ely Missionary Society seemed to bring her the greatest joy. She loved caring for, feeding, and helping others. Remell enjoyed life-loving and laughing with friends and family as often as possible. She enjoyed preparing meals for them and allowing her gift of hospitality to bless people from various backgrounds. Remell was also an inactive member of the Jephthah Chapter No. 4 of the Eastern Stars. Surviving to cherish her memory: granddaughter Charmaine (Jeff) Lambert, of Raleigh, NC; great grandchildren, Seraiah and Jefferson Lambert, of Raleigh, NC.; brother-in-law L. D. (Christine) Melvin, of Tabor City, NC; niece Minister Debbie Birch, of Wilmington, NC; nephews Adrian and Joe Council, of Staten Island, N. Y.; grand-nephews Ralph Ladson and Curtis Jacobs, of St. Albans,

NY; grand-niece Zain Jacobs Murdock, of Silver Spring, MD; special friend and daughter-in-law, Dr. Patricia Melvin; and a host of cousins, other relatives, close friends, and caregivers. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkins-drainfuneralservice.com.*

Gladys W. Dukess

Gladys Lillian Walker Dukess was the eldest child of George and Blanche Walker. She was born on June 18, 1928 and entered eternal rest on April 18, 2019. A memorial service was held on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at Masonboro Sound.

Gladys, affectionately called "Nuke", grew up in the Masonboro Sound Community. She attended New Hanover County Public Schools, including, Williston Industrial High School. After high school, she worked domestically for several years and then married Albert Thomas Dukess.

Eventually, Gladys realized the need to make a change in her life and had the opportunity to move to Washington, DC. Once there, she was employed by the U.S. Postal Service, Forrestal Building and U.S. Naval Yard. She resided in Washington, DC for approximately 30 years before returning to Wilmington and her Masonboro Sound Community.

She had a quiet demeanor, but was noted for her bold fashion statements and stiletto heels. She enjoyed dancing. The electric slide was one of her favorites. Gladys loved spending time with her family and often talked about returning to Washington to visit friends.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a sister, Mildred Ripley; brothers, George Walker, Jr. and Charles Walker, Sr.; sisters-in-law, Rhoda Walker, Delores Walker and Cynthia Walker; nieces, and nephews, Donald Walker (Wanda), Ronald Walker, Antionette Ripley, Valerie Costin (Delton), Linda Brown (Mike), Angela Warder (Daryl), James Walker, Jr., Anita Williams (Johnny), Charles Walker, Jr. (Verneatha), Judy Page (Michael), Janice Robinson (Sam), Phoebe Richardson; and many other great-nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Carol Pollard

Carol was born on February 1, 1950 in Leland, North Carolina. On April 18, 2019, she was promoted from labor to reward where she now sits at the feet of Jesus to gaze upon his face for eternity. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home.

She attended the public schools of Brunswick and New Hanover County. A master seamstress, she worked for many years at Century Mills, Inc. She was later commissioned by private clients to make their personal couture fashions. Most recently, she found great satisfaction in providing comfort and compassion as an in-home Health Care Aid to the elderly. She was employed by Home Instead.

Carol was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. She never met a stranger and demonstrated love

and compassion in every encounter. Years ago at Price Cathedral AME Zion Church, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and grew her faith and relationship with Christ under the leadership of Pastors Clarence and Shirley Shavers. Carol was a faithful member of Bethesda Christian Life Center for more than thirty-five years. She served the ministry as an ordained Evangelist as well as Praise and Worship Leader. Additionally, she worked with the Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School, and the Women's Ministry.

Carol was preceded into eternal life by her parents, Willie Lee and Lucille Sneed, and one sister, Estelle Dukess.

Left to cherish a life well lived and precious memories with love and gratitude, are her husband of 52 years, James Edward Pollard, Jr.; two daughters, Angela Pollard Wilder of Charlotte, NC and Cheryl Pollard Burns of Winston-Salem, NC; one son, James Edward Pollard, III (Delicia) of Huntersville, NC; two granddaughters, Alisha Wilder of Raleigh, NC and Shanita Wilder of Charlotte, NC; two grandsons, Joshua and Jayden Pollard of Huntersville, NC; three sisters, Willa Byrd (Rashad), Eula Brunson (Charles) and Deloris Aikens; one brother, Kenneth Sneed; one special uncle, Earl Burns; one brother-in-law, Ronald Pollard and one sister-in-law, Barbara Brown; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Michael L. Elijah

Michael Lloyd Elijah, known to all as "UNK", departed this life on Sunday, April 21, 2019 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home.

Michael was born on January 3, 1959 in Brooklyn, New York to the

late Orclelar and Willie Mae Elijah. Michael completed his studies at Hillcrest High School. He had many accomplishments. Michael worked for the New York City Sanitation Department for several years. He later worked for Curve Construction Company in Wilmington, North Carolina for a short length of time. He also loved to cook for family and friends. Michel was outgoing and a fun-loving person. He loved to make people laugh and enjoyed being around his children, family and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his sister, Joyce and brother, Peter.

Michael leaves to mourn: five children, Tywan Price (Latifah) of Brooklyn, NY, LeShawn Elijah of Wilmington, NC, Erica Price of Brooklyn, NY, Justice Price of Wilmington, NC, and Shaquana Price of Brooklyn, NY; seven grandchildren, Tylay, Kimora, Kieyama, Jeniyah, Amora, Mahogony, and Artisean; six siblings, William Elijah of Newark, NJ, Debra Elijah and Viola Elijah (Allyn Pollock) all of Wilmington, NC, Mary Elijah (Daniel Ecke) of Queens, NY, Belinda Heard and Danny Heard both of Brooklyn, NY, one aunt, Carolyn Heard of Brooklyn, NY; two brothers-in-law, Daniel and Al; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Amelia T. Jones

Amelia T. Jones, age 84, of Sneads Ferry, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2019. A celebration of Mrs. Jones' life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Pine Valley Church of God, 3810 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington, NC 28403. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. A second visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Jenkins

Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 166 Sneads Ferry Rd., Sneads Ferry, NC 28460. Interment will follow in Interfaith Community Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

Robert C. Smith

Robert C. Smith, age 74, of Supply, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2019. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the Galloway Cemetery in Supply, NC. *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.*

Marcus Coleman, Sr.

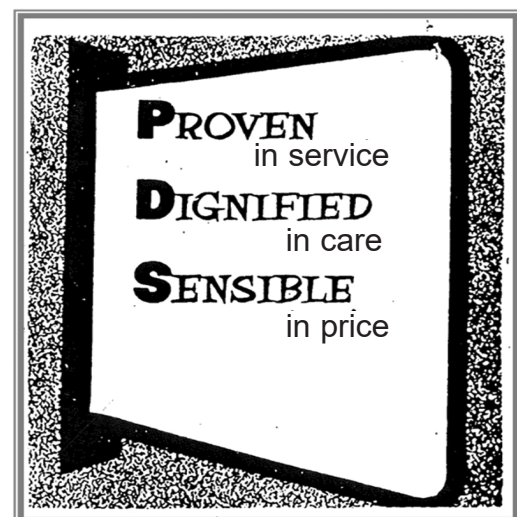
Marcus Coleman, Sr., funeral services were held on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the Middle District. Burial followed in Register Cemetery.

Marcus was born March 7, 1983 in Frankfurt, Germany to Teresa Gurganian Coleman and the late James Haywood Coleman. Marcus, the second of three children departed this life on April 21, 2019. Marcus grew up in Atkinson, North Carolina. He was a sweet and caring young man who had a great sense of humor. He loved to laugh and make others smile. No one was a stranger to "Marcus". Everyone that knew him loved him. Family meant everything to Marcus. The bond he shared with his loved ones was admirable. He loved helping people in any way he could. He found joy in working with the children at Christian Chapel #2 Missionary Baptist Church during children's church. His contagious smile and beautiful spirit will be sadly missed. Marcus was a hard worker and loved working with his hands. He was an

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New Hanover County

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 Friendsdhip Day on Friday, May 3rd at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St. The program and luncheon will begin at 11:00 a.m. and cofee and sign in at 10:30 a.m.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Women to see us as God sees us

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

On a clear day you can see forever. We the Senior Citizen Fellowship met at the same place and the same time. Thanks to the Good Lord! Our meeting was called to order by Mr. George Hill who said, "It is a great day!" We opened with "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." A fervent prayer was offered by Mrs. Ethel Lawson. Next we sang, "Nothing but the Blood." Minister Doris McQuillan said, "This is the day that the Lord has made and whatever God does is a blessing."

Mrs. Lena Boykin introduced our speaker Minister Annette Williams; a minister at New Beginning Church. Minister Williams thanked God for the privilege of being present. She said she was born into poverty but sometimes we are delayed but not denied. The lord always lets us know that we are not alone. She owns Pretty and Plus Boutique. She gave us information about her shop. She said we need to use what God has given us. We need to be encouraged, God is faithful. Minister Williams was thanked. No visitors were present.

Our visit to Shiloh Baptist Church for worship Sunday morning was great. Everyone enjoyed the service. We were given information about our Fun Day Celebration scheduled for May 21, 2019. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave our sick report. Please keep everyone in prayer because we all need it. Mrs. Shelia Ross read a poem from Mrs. Evelena Jennings' book. Mrs. Michelle Brooks shared information about encouraging words such as visualize. Let go, relax: "How Great Thou Art." Peace, love: "When I See Jesus Amen!" Our members spoke on the following: strength, balance,

slow down. Everyone was given a hand of appreciation. Mrs. Gladys Taylor was the call winner. All callers were applauded. Mrs. Mary Martin will no longer serve as a caller. Mrs. Cherry Pearson thanked her for a job well done over the past years. Announcements were entertained. Smiles were offered by Mrs. Mary Martin; thanks for the laughter. The Fellowship's minutes were read by Mrs. Mary Green. Our circle was formed and we sang, "Bind Us Together!" Closing prayer was offered by Minister Doris McQuillan. Forty persons were in attendance.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Living in the reality of the word of God

As we began this lesson, I want you to get a mental picture in your mind of our theme:

Living in the reality of the Word of God. When my wife and I decided that we wanted our own home we started looking. We began by looking at locations and prices. Our final plan was to decide on land ownership and check out a floor plan to get exactly what we wanted. We ordered the blueprint, which represented the vision of the house we desired. We were excited to begin. Because we knew what to expect, Ms. Fullwood studied those plans until she knew as much as a layperson could about how it should look inside and outside.



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

Once the home was completed with all the necessities, electrical and plumbing, the house was now available and filled with promises. We were, then responsible for equipping it with the necessary furniture, appliances, and entertainment items that are needed in a house to make it a home. Those things include: furniture, appliances, accessories and other items for work and entertainment. Our responsibility does not stop there: in order to complete the reality of the dream, water and gas are turned on for using the various appliances, fixtures and equipment. Now we have moved in and now we are enjoying this new home because we are living in the reality of it or in the manifestation of its promises.

In order to see the correlation of the story, I want to define these terms: furnish, equip, outfit and accouter. These verbs mean to provide with what is necessary for use or operation. Furnish refers primarily to the provision of basic necessities. Equip, a narrower term, usually implies provision of more specialized items for a particular need or particular service. Outfit suggests comprehensive provision of necessary items for a larger purpose, as for an expedition or the pursuit of a line of work. Accouter refers most often to provisioning for military service. Let's turn now to the teacher of the infallible, and eternal Word of God, which is the fountainhead of all spiritual truth and the revelation of the complete will of God for mankind. Psalm 119:89, Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Isa. 40:8b, but the word of our God shall stand forever. God's Word is an absolute, which mean perfect in quality or nature; complete. Not mixed; pure. It is not limited by restrictions or exceptions; unconditional. It is also unqualified in extent or degree; total. Not limited by constitutional provisions or other restraints. Therefore, the Word of God is conclusive and definitive:

Conclusive means serving to put an end to doubt, question, or uncertainty; decisive. Definitive means precise or explicit. Supplying or being a final authority, settlement, or decision. Authoritative and complete; indisputable. Therefore we must bring God's Word into the reality of our life, or experiential stages of our life, which means into the now (present tense). We want to move from God can, God shall, or the possibility of God doing it into the God is. Notice what Jesus did in both of these cases, He moved them from the future tense to the present tense, from possibility to reality or actuality. Jesus demonstrated the reality of His power over and over again, The psalmists describes the word of God: Ps. 19:7, (KJV) "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul": 119:130,(KJV) 130 "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple". John Phillips in his book exploring Genesis, says nobody, even today, can tell us what light is. We know what light does, but not what light is. It is one of the most mysterious entities in the universe. John Phillips describes light as constant, which means it never changes. He says "no matter how the source of light moves, or how an observer moves, the speed of light relative to the observer never changes. Imagine two space ships at rest, both brilliantly illuminated. Light travels from one to another at the constant speed of 186,273 miles per second. Now the two ships are set in motion traveling toward each other at a combined speed of a thousand miles a second. The speed with which light from each space ship reaches the other is unchanged even though the two sources of light are coming together at the rate of a thousand miles a second. Nor would it make any difference if the space ships were traveling away from each other and the light sources getting further and further away. The speed of light from the space ships would remain constant".

John's gospel says that Jesus Who is the living Word, and the Bible, which is the written Word are inseparable, he called Jesus the living Word Living is defined as possessing life; alive. In active function, or use. Of or relating to persons who are alive. To live in accordance with. The condition or action of maintaining life. Living and alive these adjectives are applied to what has continuing existence. Living and alive refers principally to organism that have life (Living is use as an adjective and a noun). Living and liveli-hood, these nouns refers to that which provides the necessities of life(occupation, vocation or profession). Living in just the theory of the Word of God does not produce the God-kind of life or fruit, but just that, I have all the information or data, which is the Word of God, that I need to become a productive. But if I fail to keep, obey, apply, or practice the Word, I am nonproductive. Such knowledge or such a system distinguishes itself from experimental rather practical use which the Word requires.

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

Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. " Because we want to please God, we are willing to walk by faith and to live by faith, as he asks us to do in His word. Faith allows us to lay hold to the promises of God and to receive many blessings from above. This is why we should, Fear Not! Fear is the opposite of faith.

Christian Believers live victorious lives when walking by faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the proving of things not seen. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. "

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TELL SOMEBODY

"Fear not!"

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

Fear: Unpleasant, often strong emotion caused by expectation or awareness of danger; Anxious concern

Christian Believers live victorious lives when walking by faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the proving of things not seen. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. "



Sylvia Hooper

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employee of Freeman Curb and Gutter of Rocky Point, North Carolina. He met and was united in marriage to the love of his life, Chanel Dixon. Marcus and Chanel were blessed with one son, Sincere Coleman; two daughters, Areanna Coleman and Ulani Coleman, also lovingly known as "Tootie". Marcus was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ross and Amy Coleman; his great-grandparents, Edward and Alice Gurganious and mother-in-law, Stephanie Dixon. In addition to his wife and children, Marcus leaves to cherish his memory; his mother, Teresa Coleman; brothers, James Coleman and Jamie Coleman; grandmother, Alice Milton; father-in-law, William Marshall (Sonya); and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jean Willis

Jean Willis funeral services were held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Mt. Calvary AME Church, Navassa. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Jean Hilda Willis, daughter of the late Alexander Willis, Sr and Lannie Merrick Willis, was born on April 6, 1942 in Navassa, North Carolina. On Sunday, April 21, 2019, the Lord called her home to eternal rest. She was predeceased by brothers, Herbert, Alexander, Jr., Gaston, James and Lawrence Willis; and sisters, Liza Jane Willis, Margie Kinston, Dorothy Lofton and Juanita Kinston. Jean accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Mt. Calvary AME Church. She was educated in the North Carolina Public School System, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1960. After graduation, Jean relocated to Westbury, New York where she worked at Ademeo Electronics until retirement. In 2002, Jean returned home to Navassa, North Carolina. Here she enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends. Jean was a loving, caring mother and a doting grandmother. Leaving to cherish her fond memories are: three sons, Myron Willis, Darryl Willis and Anthony Willis; six grandchildren, Darryl Aycosk, Tyelka Willis, Raheem Willis, Justyce Nicole Willis, Najee Willis and Cortez Willis; one great-grandchild, Alanni Aycosk; one brother, Alphonza Willis (Lucinda); three sisters, Beatrice Kinston, Ruth Kinston and

Armour Douthit; three sisters-in-law, Louise Willis, Gladys Willis and Essie Willis; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Frank Smith

Frank Smith died Tuesday, April 23, 2019. He departed from this earth on April 23, 2019. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at The Basilica Shrine of St. Mary, Wilmington, NC. Burial followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park. He was affectionately known for his entertaining "sense of humor". Frank was born on October 19, 1930 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Clayton Smith and Lula Walker Herring. Six brothers and four sisters preceded him in death. He attended Williston Industrial School and fell in love with his life-long wife, and married on July 23, 1955, Annabell Carroll Smith, who preceded him in death. Frank was a life-long member of The Basilica Shrine of St. Mary where he and his wife were faithful members. He was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in Wilmington, North Carolina, and a longstanding member of the Wilmington Sportsman's Club. He was employed at the State Ports Authority until his retirement. He leaves to cherish his memory: one daughter, Antoinette Donna Simpson Butler (David) of Raleigh, NC; one grandson, Alex Butler of Raleigh, NC; one sister, Martha Afetse' of Wilmington, NC; a beloved and dedicated niece, Beverly Hedgebeth (JJ) of Wilmington, NC; twelve nieces, Dr. Monica L. Bolds of Georgia; Martine, Charlene and Kimberly Herring of NY, Darlene, Patricia and Denise Armstrong of Chicago, Daisy Corbett of Charlotte, NC, Christie Prentice (Billy), and Kathy Johnson of Wilmington, NC, Jacqueline Garland (John) of Atlanta, GA and Carol Kelly (Gary) of Chicago, IL; two nephews, Edwin Armstrong of NJ and Charles Herring, Jr. of NY; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Diane Baker Tyson

Diane Baker Tyson daughter of the late James William Baker and Hattie Rhodes Baker was born on November 6, 1953 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She departed this earthly life on April 23, 2019 at Regency Hospital in Florence, South Carolina. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 30,

2019. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Diane was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School in the Class of 1972. Diane attended North Carolina Central University and also obtained her Cosmetology License in Raleigh, North Carolina. Diane worked as a Nurse's Aide and volunteered at St. Mary's Catholic School. Diane married John Tyson. She was a people person, always trying to help or assist where ever she was needed. She loved being a fashion statement and designing clothes. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a brother, Nathaniel Holmes, Jr. and sister, Hattie Ann Holmes. She leaves to cherish fond memories: her children, Yolonda L. Sullivan (Alfred), Jomonde' Baker, Toyce Baker Ballard (Jabar) and Takeyah O. Baker (Tyese Joye); eleven grandchildren, Jacquelyn Thran (James), Alexis Sullivan, Morgan Sullivan, Keimon Baker, Vashaun Cheatham, Tiye Cheatham, Juzua Ballard, Zoi Baker, Zylene' Baker, Zaeysa Baker and Zae' Lie Baker; two great-grandchildren, Rose Thran and Zakobe' Baker Hines; two brothers, Abdul Rahman Shareef (Beverly) and Kenneth Baker; one sister, Peggy Green; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Geraldine Robbins Stackhouse

Geraldine Robbins Stackhouse service of celebration was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at Summerville AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the Williams Cemetery. Geraldine Robbins Stackhouse was born on March 26, 1930, to the late Rev. John I Robbins, Sr. and Lila Brown Robbins. She entered into eternal rest on Sunday, April 21, 2019. Gerri was educated in the public school systems of Leland, NC, and Philadelphia, PA. She was a member of the Summerville AME Zion Church of Leland, NC, and gave her life to Christ at an early age. After moving to Philadelphia, she became a member of The Greater St. Luke Disciple Church of God where she served on multiple auxiliaries such as: Senior Choir, Sunday School Secretary and Kitchen Committee. Gerri loved quartet music and her favorite group was the Mighty Huff Singers. She was a true Huffette groupie. Gerri was a strong person who was never afraid to speak her mind. Her love and laughter were truly one of a kind. The bond her loved ones

shared was beyond words. Yes, they had their differences, but the love overshadowed that. She was preceded in death by her siblings: Lonnie Marshall Robbins, Strossie A. Robbins, Tyler Francis Robbins, Samuel Lee Robbins, Rev. John I Robbins, Jr., Ulysses Grant Robbins, and Helen Robbins Davis. She leaves to cherish her memories: five children, Thomas D. Hooper, Sr. of Leland, NC, Albert Lee Robbins (Jackye) of Wilmington, NC, Evangelist Gwendolyn Allen, Devida Simpson (Danny), and George Calvin Hurdnett (Cynthia) all of Philadelphia, PA; one brother, Timothy Robbins, Sr. of Leland, NC; two sisters-in-law, Gladys Robbins of Leland, NC and Blanche Robbins of Wilmington, NC; two adopted brothers, Thomas and Alphonso Patrick of Philadelphia, PA; one adopted daughter, Gwendolyn Patrick; one favorite cousin, Mildred Jacobs (Coochie) of Leland, NC; eight grandchildren, Aaron Robbins (affectionately known as Doodlebug) of Philadelphia, PA, Jamielle Robbins of Raleigh, NC, Rashim Peterson of Philadelphia, PA, Sabra Robbins Wright of Wilmington, NC, Thomas Hooper, Jr. of Leland, NC, Amanda Silver of Philadelphia, PA, Yvette Robbins of Gaithersburg, MD and Ryan Robbins of Wilmington, NC; ten great-grandchildren, Darius Robbins of Houston, TX, Paris Robbins of Wilmington, NC, Kai Robbins of Gaithersburg, MD, Bella Wright of Wilmington, NC, Rashima Peterson, Rasheena Peterson, Rashoda Peterson and Rashonda Peterson all of Philadelphia, PA, Cristiana Silver and Nasir Silver both of Philadelphia, PA; one great-grandchild, Lala Peterson of Philadelphia, PA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Carole Ann Moore

Carole Ann Moore funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Myrtle Grove AME Church, Leland, NC. Burial will follow in the Grainger Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Robert Boney "Punky Bill"

Robert Boney "Punky Bill" died Monday, April 29, 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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NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

This 11th day of April, 2019.

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

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Emily Holmes**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **10th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of April, 2019

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

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Marguerite L. Owens**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **10th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of April, 2019

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

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

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

This 9th day of April, 2019.

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

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Carrie Neil**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of April, 2019

Crystal R. Whittaker, Executrix
152 Elmira St. SW
Washington, DC 20032

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jimmy Hughes Fulford**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **17th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of April, 2019

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

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Administrators of the estate of **Margaret Anderson**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **17th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of April, 2019

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

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 288

IN THE MATTER OF:
**K.P.J.S.
(D.O.B. 01/21/2015)**

TO: **RESPONDENTS:**
SHANTELL STOKES, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO TO SHANTELL STOKES

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following 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 have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR May 13, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25h day of April, 2019.

Karen F. Richards
Staff Attorney - New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
PO Box 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 798-3526

April 25, May 2, 9, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Hazel G. Smith**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of April, 2019

Pamela Smith Kittredge, Executrix
154 Ginger Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 19-E-103

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **CHARLES B. KING**, late, of Castle Hayne, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, with a copy to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **27th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of April, 2019.

Brian Anthony King, Executor
Estate of Charles B. King
Harrison B. Freeland
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

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 JA 66 & 67

IN THE MATTER OF:
**B.L. dob: 10/05/2005
J.M. dob: 12/18/2002**

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

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

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

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATION/DISPOSITION HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR Thursday, MAY 2, 2019, at 9:30 A.M., at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401, or upon a date and time set thereafter. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Jacquelin GomezCIDEO and may be contacted at: 910-343-5415. Attorney Kristen Callihan has been appointed to represent Rene Morenoguiterrez and may be contacted at: 910-763-6365.

This the 11th day of April, 2019.

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

April 18, 25, May 2, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Flora Doub Burnette**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 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 TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Virginia Blair Moore (19-E-482)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **July 31, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of May, 2019

Thomas Patrick Moore
Executor
of the Estate of Virginia Blair Moore
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 18CV829

**OTTO GREENE JR.,
PLAINTIFF
V.
THEDDIUS EVETTE GAINES
GREENE**

TO: THEDDIUS EVETTE GAINES GREENE, DEFENDANT

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

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

This the 2nd day of May, 2019

Otto Greene Jr.
704 Hanover St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 2, 9, 16, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

ESTATE NOTICE

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

This the 18th day of April 2019.

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

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

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

The undersigned, having been duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Leroy McAllister**, Deceased, of New Hanover County, NC, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned at P.O. Box 1554, Leland, NC 28451, on or before the **21st day of July, 2019**, or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the under-signed.

This the 11th day of April, 2019.

Leroy C. McAllister, Executor of the Estate of Leroy McAllister
TAMIKA JENKINS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
JENKINS LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 1554
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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This the 18th day of April, 2019

Melissa Lee Stephens, Executrix
10158 Stoneybrook Ct.
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Kenneth L. Davis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of April, 2019

Lisa Caple, Administratrix
51 Winding Way
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April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

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This the 15th day of April, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox
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701 Market Street
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April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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This the 11th day of April, 2019

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

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co- Executrix of the estate of **Emma T. Miers**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **31st day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of May, 2019

George T. Miers, Co- Executor
1727 Azalea Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403
Peter H. Miers
3913 Sweetbriar Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Lori Ann Skokowski**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **31st day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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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

May 2, 9, 16, 2019

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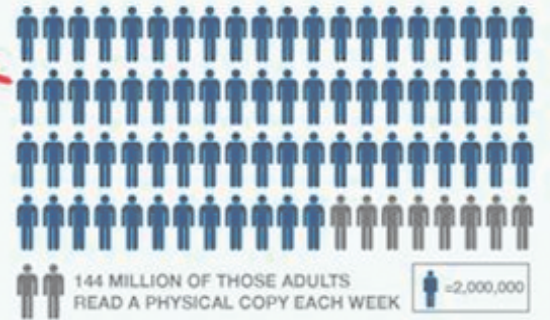
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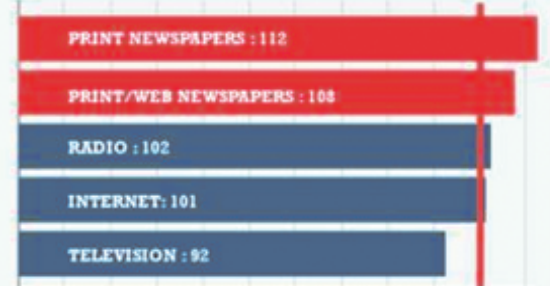
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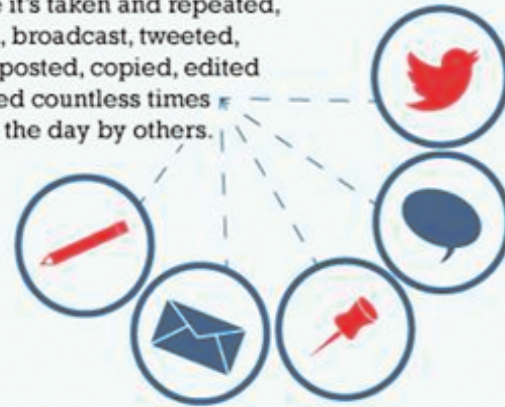


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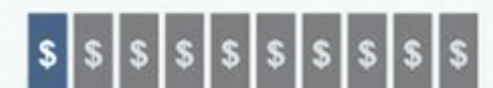
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