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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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GUN DEATHS MUST STOP

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It happens again! Two youth under twenty years of age dead from gun violence! Two youth involved in killing them! From information I have been given, this killing was done with a large caliber hand gun, not a Saturday night special! This means that high quality guns are easy to get and use! Don't be fooled about your second amendment right. A gun in the wrong hands is just a killing machine, and it will do harm and kill.

The system is not always timely in matters of investigations and reporting of gun deaths, especially when it comes to people of color. It is my understanding from sources that, regarding the killing of the young Black man killed by the highway patrolman down near Shallotte over five months ago, records have not been released fully to his

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LEADERS REACT TO NEGATIVE HIGH COURT GERRYMANDERING DECISION

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

"I think electing Republicans is better than electing Democrats," said Republican State Rep. Lewis, who led the redistricting effort. "I propose that we draw the maps to give a partisan advantage to 10 Republicans and 3 Democrats because I do not believe it's possible to draw a map with eleven Republicans and two Democrats."--Rep. David Lewis, Chair, North Carolina House Committee on Redistricting on February 16, 2016

In the aftermath of the devastating 5-4 U. S. Supreme Court decision last week, effectively upholding North Carolina's Republican congressional partisan gerrymandering, Democrats and anti-gerrymandering activists are responding by intensifying their call for a

greater voter turnout for the crucial 2020 elections.

"Sad day for democracy," State Rep. Evelyn Terry [D - Forsyth County] posted on Facebook after the Supreme Court decision last Thursday. "While the ballot still exists let's use it wisely."

"Now the fight against extreme partisan gerrymandering that undermines democracy moves to state courts and the ballot box," said Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, in a statement. "The battle is far from over."

Republicans rejoiced. "This ruling is a rebuke of the activist judges who attempt to make laws, win elections and

suppress the voices of voters from the bench," said Congressman Mark Walker (R-NC-6) of Guilford County, in a statement Thursday. "There is no doubt that North Carolina liberals' 'sue-til-blue' strategy will continue as we face more partisan cases that cost the State more money and faith in our election process."

However, both of North Carolina's African American Democratic congressional representatives, two of only three Democrats in North Carolina's thirteen-member congressional delegation because of Republican redistricting, were not pleased.

"The Supreme Court's decision today has put



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SUPREME COURT BUILDING

Supreme Court sends mixed Civil Rights signals as America celebrates July 4th

BY HAMIL R. HARRIS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - On the eve of America's celebration of its 243rd Independence Day, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down rulings that sent mixed messages to Civil Rights groups at a time when President Trump and Republicans hope to tilt the 2020 presidential elections their way.

In a 5-4 decision, the court ruled that the issue of partisan gerrymandering (drawing district lines in order to achieve political outcomes) does not belong in federal court and should be decided by state legislatures. Conservatives applauded that decision because it comes on the eve of the 2020 Census when

state lawmakers configure districts often to benefit whatever party controls their particular state.

While the court rejected challenges to Republican-drawn congressional districts in North Carolina and a Democratic district in Maryland, the decision was still a major blow to critics who have argued for years that partisan manipulation of electoral maps unfairly results in single-party political control. The 5-4 decision fell along traditional conservative-liberal lines. Conservative Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch,

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NC NAACP PRES. REV. SPEARMAN



LT. GOV. DAN FOREST

NC NAACP blasts Lt. Gov. Forest over White nationalist remarks

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The president of the NCNAACP is none too pleased with remarks purportedly made by Lt. Gov. Dan Forest recently at a Salisbury church, where he said, "...no other nation, my friends, has ever survived the diversity and multiculturalism that America faces today because of a lack of assimilation, because of this division, and because of this identity politics."

"Someone with no depth of understanding called his message a sermon," said Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, president of the NC NAACP, and senior pastor of St. Phillip's A.M.E. Zion Church in Greensboro. "I cringed in disgust. Sermons expound on moral subjects and

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Sen. Bernie Sanders delivers keynote at Black Press event, labels Trump "racist and worst president in history"

BY STACY M. BROWN NNPA NEWSWIRE CORRESPONDENT @STACYBROWNMEDIA

One night after many pundits said he acquitted himself well in the debate in Miami between himself and other 2020 Democratic Presidential hopefuls, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders arrived in Cincinnati to deliver the keynote address at the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) Legacy Awards Dinner.

Sanders addressed a large local and national media contingent, which also included many members of the Ohio press.

Earlier this month, Sanders was the lone candidate to accept an invitation to speak at the gala, which is part of the NNPA's weeklong national convention.

The NNPA is a trade organization that represents the more than 200 African American-owned newspapers and media companies

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SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS AT NNPA

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Brett Kavanaugh, and Chief Justice John Roberts voted to keep the redistricting cases out of the federal courts. And liberal justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer voted to maintain federal jurisdiction over the cases.

Speaking for the conservative majority, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote that while redistricting plans "are highly partisan by any measure," the Supreme Court and lower courts are not the venues to settle these disputes. With this decision, Civil Rights groups say the court is giving state houses, mostly controlled by Republicans, more power to tilt things in their ideological direction.

But writing for the four dissenting judges, Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan, who was appointed by President Obama, said, "For the first time ever, this court refuses to remedy a constitutional violation because it thinks the task beyond judicial capabilities."

In the case of Rucho v. Common Cause and Lamone

v. Benisek, NAACP President Derrick Johnson, said in a statement, "The Court's rulings are allowing party politics to determine the outcomes of our elections...Extreme partisan gerrymandering has infected our electoral process for far too long. Exercise of the franchise, which many fought and even died for, must not be reduced to a political charade in which the outcomes are predetermined. In America, voters should choose their representatives instead of representatives choosing their voters."

Johnson concluded that the high court should have halted what the NAACP and other civil rights advocates consider unconstitutional conduct, but it did not. Therefore, he contends, this is a throwback racism of the past.

"In racially polarized environments like North Carolina where racial block voting is standard, today's decision will license policymakers to mask racial intent as partisan gerrymandering in order to suppress votes and prevent communities from fully participating in democracy to elect candidates of their choice,"

Johnson stated.

The court's decision basically reverses the outcome of rulings in Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina and Ohio, where lower courts had ordered new maps drawn and it ends proceedings in Wisconsin, where a retrial was supposed to take place later this summer.

On the other hand, the NAACP and members of the Congressional Black Caucus applauded the court ruling in the case of the Department of Commerce v. New York that blocks the Trump Administration's attempt to insert a citizenship question into the 2020 Census based on the pretext of enforcing the Voting Rights Act (VRA).

"I am very pleased that the Supreme Court ruled today that the Trump Administration may not add the citizenship question to the 2020 Census based on the Administration's claim that it was trying to protect voting rights," said Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.), referring to the 5-4 decision where Robert's decided with the most liberal leaning justices on the bench.

Cummings, Chairman of the House Oversight and

Government Operations Committee, challenged President Trump's move from the very beginning after his Secretary of Commerce added the citizenship question to the upcoming 2020 Census form.

"Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross testified before Congress that the Trump Administration was adding the citizenship question to the census 'solely' at the request of the Justice Department to help enforce the Voting Rights Act," Cummings said in a statement. "The Supreme Court has now eviscerated this claim, calling it a 'pretext,' 'contrived,' and 'incongruent with what the record reveals.'"

Johnson said that the NAACP also welcomed the court ruling, which he said stopped the Trump administration's fraudulent efforts to suppress votes in the upcoming Presidential election.

"Through various means, the Trump administration is deliberately seeking to undercount communities of color in the 2020 Census, a ploy designed to increase the political power of Whites at the expense of already underrepresented communities," Johnson said.

"Weakening the political representation of communities of color has been a stain on our democracy since its founding. The Three-Fifths Compromise of the Constitutional Convention in 1787 counted enslaved black people as three-fifths of a person in apportioning congressional districts. Since that time, the Census has severely undercounted the communities of color."

This week President Trump has planned a huge 4th of July celebration, complete with a military parade and even a jet fly over in Washington DC. But Johnson wrote that President Trump would do better by stopping his effort to take Democracy away from so many vulnerable people whether it is through a census or mass deportations scheduled sometimes after the holiday.

"The citizenship question was not made for the reasons put forth by Secretary Ross," Johnson said. "Rather, it was a bald-faced effort to benefit one race and one political party at the expense of some of our nation's most vulnerable communities. This astounding truth can no longer be swept under the rug. It is there for all to see."

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throughout the country.

The organization does not endorse candidates, leaving such decisions up to its member publishers whose influence and readership comprise the nation's largest media markets, including New York, Los Angeles, Washington, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Tennessee, San Francisco, and numerous swing states around the country.

After being introduced by former Ohio State Sen. Nina

Turner, Sanders gave an inspired 25-minute address in which he blasted President Donald Trump as a racist and a bigot and he promised that, if elected, he will work to make college tuition-free, eliminate student debt, take climate change seriously, and make every effort to level the playing field economically, educationally and in other ways that reflect his stance on social justice for African Americans and other individuals of color.

"It is absolutely imperative to defeat the most dangerous president in the history of this country," Sanders said.

"He is a racist and a bigot," the senator said.

Sanders said he and his wife thought long and hard before he decided to enter the race this year. Even after deciding to run, Sanders said he slept on it and almost reconsidered, but he believed it was important that he step up for the sake of all Americans, particularly the underserved.

"We are going to have to transform this nation and create an economy that works for all of us, not just the one percent," Sanders said.

"People aren't able to go to the doctor because they

can't afford to and if you go to a hospital, you're afraid to get hit with a \$50,000 medical bill," he said, before promising that a Sanders Administration would work to provide medical coverage for all.

"My anger at [Trump] is not just that he wanted to take away health care for 32 million people, but his [proposed] massive cuts to Medicare and Medicaid and Social Security and his tax cuts which were for the top one percent," Sanders said.

The senator drew applause several times from the packed crowd inside the second-floor ballroom of the Westin.

He also blasted Trump for the president's disbelief in climate change.

"It is the great existential threat of our time and this is not an issue that we have a choice about," Sanders said.

Sanders also promised to focus his presidency on social, environmental, racial and economic justice.

"We have a president who deliberately is trying to divide America and not only do we have to defeat the worst president in the history of our country, we will have to transform this nation and create an economy for all of us and not just the one percent," he said.

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family or their lawyer.

Wake up, Brunswick County! Let's begin the talks! Let's begin to talk with our children about the danger of guns and then the people who keep talking about your second amendment rights and how they need to be protected. However, what are you protecting. Is it for your good, or is it their way of killing and destroying you and yours?

Think! Think! The world sees it's time for change! VOTE! VOTE! PRAY! PRAY! VOTE and then pray some more! Death is the final chapter here on earth! God is the answer for eternity!!

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

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SBI TAKES OVER NHC SCHOOLS SEX ABUSE PROBE
[WILMINGTON] The New Hanover County

Sheriff's Dept. and District Attorney Ben Davis have asked the State Bureau of Investigation to take over their joint investigation into multiple child sexual abuse allegations in New Hanover Public Schools, and how the system administration looked into them. Reportedly a former teacher who pled guilty to 59 child sex abuse charges last week told the FBI that originally

he had been cleared by administrators of any wrongdoing. Authorities say there may be other alleged cases originally overlooked.

DEPUTY NHC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCES HE'S STEPPING DOWN
[WILMINGTON] After 37 years with the New Hanover County Public School System, Deputy Schools Supt. Rick

Holliday has announced that he is retiring, effective August 1st. The timing of Holliday's announcement has many wondering whether it is at all connected to allegations by a former teacher convicted of 59 charges of child sexual abuse that he had been cleared by the system's administrators who originally investigated. Holliday has served as the system's Title IX coordinator, published reports say, respon-

sible for probing sexual abuse allegations. Holliday has been with NHC Schools since 1982, and was once considered for the superintendent's job.

BENNETT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STILL LOOKING FOR NEW PRESIDENT
[GREENSBORO] The trustee board of Bennett College for women is still looking for a new president

to lead the historically black college after President Dr. Phyllis Worthy Dawkins stepped down on June 21st. Dr. Dawkins was recently heralded for leading the nationwide \$9.5 fundraiser for the school when it was recently in danger of closing due to a loss of accreditation. A transition team headed up by Dr. Gwendolyn O'Neal is currently running school operations.

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the voice of America's voters and our democratic process in grave danger," said Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1). "I am deeply disappointed by the Court's ruling that partisan gerrymandering claims are beyond the reach of the federal courts," he continued. "The Court had an opportunity to issue a landmark decision that would make it clear what constitutes unconstitutional partisan ger-



BUTTERFIELD

rymandering and how to place limits on the practice. Instead, the Court decided to turn a blind eye to blatant partisan gerrymandering and has now opened the door to continued abuse of position and power."

Butterfield's Democrat colleague, Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12), agreed.

"The Supreme Court got it wrong. Gerrymandering is undemocratic and undermines the voice of the people. We can't continue to let politicians draw legislative districts that allow them to choose their voters. We need to ensure that in North Carolina, and across the country, the power belongs to the electorate. It's time to take politicians out of the process and establish independent com-

missions that will draw fair maps."

However, there are possible remedies, observers say.

Which ever party wins the North Carolina General Assembly in November 2020 re-draws the legislative and congressional voting maps for the next decade, unless an independent, nonpartisan body is created to do so.

"The Court's decision...in which a 5-4 majority declined

to act on North Carolina's partisan gerrymanders, demands state-level reform," said Tomas Lopez, executive director of the nonpartisan Democracy North Carolina.

"In North Carolina, that begins with action on Senate Bill 673's Gold Standard Citizens' Redistricting Commission, a proposal that would finally take the power to draw maps away from lawmakers, remove the incentive to rig maps regard-

less of who's in power, and elevate citizen input over partisanship," Lopez added.

However, Republicans currently in charge of the State legislature would have to appoint that panel, and thus far, because the GOP enjoys a numerical advantage in both State legislature, as well as the congressional delegation, it is not expected to willingly do so.

SB 673 hasn't moved for a vote, and now isn't expected to. Furthermore, as Gov. Cooper indicated, the majority Democratic NC Supreme Court is scheduled to decide on state partisan gerrymandering.

"Nothing bars the North Carolina Supreme Court

from banning blatant partisan gerrymandering from our State elections," says Rick Glazier, executive director of the NC Justice Center.

"Ongoing litigation challenging partisan gerrymandering of our State's voting maps should proceed with deliberate speed to finally firmly end gerrymandering in North Carolina."

That North Carolina Supreme Court decision is expected shortly.



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Dan Forest's ideological speech contained not one morsel of morality. As a matter of fact, as I listened, especially to his remarks about Christian assimilation, I perceived what sprung forth as a strong focus on nationalism."

Forest, a conservative Republican, is expected to announce his 2020 candidacy for governor to unseat one-term incumbent Democrat, Governor Roy Cooper.

He reportedly made his controversial remarks June 23, at Cornerstone Church, in Salisbury, ironically a church well known in the area as being ethnically and culturally diverse, during its recent "Celebrate America" service.

Forest's anti-multiculturalism remarks warned that America is doomed to fall because of its embrace of the nation's wide diversity.

"No other nation has ever survived this, but no other nation has ever been founded on the principles of Jesus Christ that begin the redemption and reconciliation through the atoning blood of our Savior," a video of his remarks show.

The online publication which first broke news of Forest's remarks, Think Progress, also noted that the language the Republican lieutenant governor used to disparage diversity and multiculturalism is sometimes used by the White nationalist movement, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, the nonprofit group that historically has tracked and challenged White supremacist organizations.

Forest's campaign spokesman responded that "Dan's speech was one of unity, not division, presented to a diverse

audience, and was met with universal applause. We will not comment on race baiting political ads."

However, Liz Doherty, spokesperson for the NC Democratic Party, made clear they were in opposition to the Lt. governor's remarks.

"Dan Forest's comments on diversity and multiculturalism are deeply troubling. They suggest that diversity is somehow harmful to our state and nation when the truth is diversity should be celebrated, not regarded as a point of weakness," she said.

Because Forest made reference to America's being founded on God's principles, Rev. Spearman couched his critique biblically.

"Recently Lieutenant Governor Dan Forest, at a church in Salisbury, NC touted that "no other nation has ever been founded on the principles of Jesus Christ" which is an admirable thing for a nation, but, simply as such, really means nothing at all," Rev. Spearman said. "Joy is experienced when you can boast that the nation founded on those principles is living by those principles, and currently this nation is not."

Then, chiding Forest for his divisive stance against diversity, Rev. Spearman continued, "One of the central teachings of the Old Testament that Jesus practiced with tender care was Leviticus 19:34. "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

Spearman continued, "True Christian assimilation incorporates the practice of these principles. When a nation measures up to standing on the foundation that is Christ, a totally different reality emerges, and it is not the one Dan Forest sees."

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Tubman on the twenty

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

When President Barack Obama left the White House, he left a very positive image of what a President should be like. He set a high standard for his staff, with no swamp creatures running around his Administration and no scandals emerged in the eight years he was in office. Even those who might have had a few differences with him look back and wish we could have him back in the White House to clean up what is there now.

I will never forget the day we learned that the people had spoken about which woman should be on the \$20.00 bill. It was a magical day when we heard the news that we would see Harriet Tubman on the bill in 2020. The decision had come about when in 2014 Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (D-OH) introduced the Woman on the Twenty Act (HR 2147). In April of 2016, Secretary Jack Lew announced that Harriet Tubman would be on the \$20.00 bill. Suffragists would be on the \$10.00 bill and other historical figures would be on the \$5.00 bill. We were told the redesigns would be unveiled in 2020.

Then at the end of 2016 came that disastrous day when the Russians helped to deliver the Presidency to the most undeserving person our country has seen in modern times—maybe of all times! Less than a year later in August of 2017, on a television appearance Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin refused to endorse putting Tubman on the \$20.0 bill.

Shortly thereafter Congresswoman Beatty contacted Mnuchin asking him to recommit to putting Tubman on the \$20.00 bill. A few weeks later, he responded that it would be more than 10 years before a new \$20.00 bill would be released. 2018 passed by without much being said about the Trump Administration's mean-spirited decision that Tubman wouldn't be on the \$20.00 bill while he remains Secretary. Not to be defeated, Congresswoman Beatty renewed the "Woman on the Twenty" Act (HR 3082) in June of this year.

A few days ago, a large crowd of men and women showed up at Mr. Mnuchin's door on the steps of the Treasury Department to tell him he doesn't have the final word on this issue. In the crowd there were over 20 House Members and a lot of supporters of diverse backgrounds.

As I walked backed to my office with my "Show Me the Tubmans" sign in my hand numerous people enthusiastically gave a thumbs up. Now, I know that the boss man in the White House and his minions want to prevent Harriet from being on the \$20.00 bill so that women can't celebrate Harriet on the \$20.00 bill to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. We already know how little respect this Administration has for women—especially Black women, but that will not deter us from having Harriet on that \$20.00 bill.

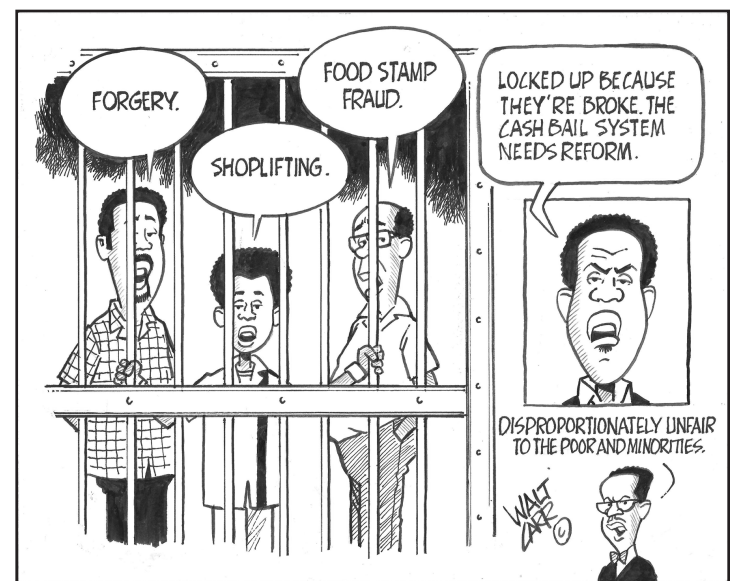
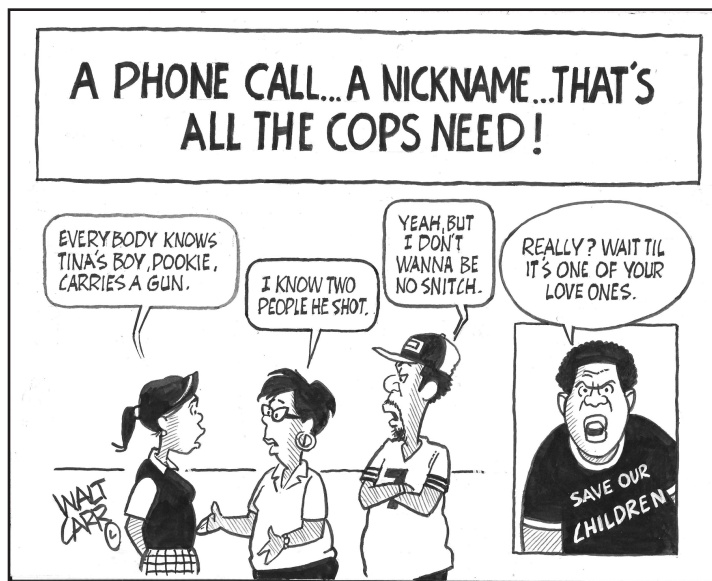
The disrespect this Administration has shown to Black women is not just about us. It's disrespectful to men and women of all colors and cultures who voted to put Harriet on the \$20.00 bill and to all who want to have at least one woman on the money. I know it's hard for racists and misogynists to give up old Andrew Jackson, but it will happen!

Along with Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, I call on all fair-minded people—men and women—to demand that we get Harriet on the money as scheduled by former Secretary Lew and President Obama. Until it's done or #45 is out of office, everywhere #45 and Mnuchin go, they should hear the words or see the signs that say, "Show Me the Tubmans" or "Tubman on the Twenty."

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.

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OPEN LETTER TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

For the last twenty five years or maybe more, Blacks in Wilmington, N.C. leadership seems to have turned toward darkness and apathy as what was one our community that is now the community of others where houses now have historic plaques designating them to remain as is. The Wilmington riots and the struggles over the years to regain a footing in economic development, equality seems to have been surrendered by the leadership and one of the most powerful unions the ILA 1426 whose History of struggle dates back to the gathering of Black men wanting work on the sugar boats docked in the then Tank Town area in a building on the corner of 4th and Harnett. This union of men and now women with the majority being Black has failed to be the resource that our community needs for filling the voids for economic development. There remains a continuance of dependence on other businesses instead of having our own retail outlets, a shopping mall, a retirement settlement open to all on fixed incomes and using a the political/social and economic development strategy that adds value and longevity.

The voices of such leaders as Mr. Tom Jervay with fire bombings of the newspaper office and the arrest of the late Dr. Hubert Eaton along with the injustices of the Wilmington Five seem to have been forgotten. There is no facility to house our History and our culture. There should be no "Creek Wood mentalities" where hate for ourselves ending in too many deaths of many compounded by hate festering by hoodlums, young and old, male and female in our communities. The leadership seems to be working as individual fingers as opposed to forming a fist to fight the continued invasion of our communities using zoning ordinances, etc. Castle Street and its' surrounding areas has been invaded and there seems no resistance to the taking over and establishing commercial and enterprise zones areas are thriving and we are still the consumers, while the original residents remain "on the table

as in lunch" as opposed to at the table dealing for inclusion. Could this avalanche for reshaping have the Sportsmen's Club and other Black owned businesses on their all encompassing agenda? What does the Black leadership including the religious organization say and think as the economic injustices continue. This is a reshaped riot of 1898 to dismantle our City and draw it along racial lines.

Haywood Fennell, Sr. Roxbury, MA.

MY THREE FAMILIES (BELLAMYS, HANKINS AND MCLEANS) HAVE NOTHING TO CELEBRATE ON THE 4TH OF JULY.

The great celebration started when the slave owner, wife and their children (our black ladies nursed and reared) gathered at their mansion (big house), which we built, ate a mouthwatering meal cooked by house slaves consisting of vegetables which we field slaves grew and meat from livestock we tended. It was hot so they had large castrated/eunuch male slaves with strong upper body strength fan them as they ate. Did I mention that we also washed and dried the dishes, pots and pans?

The slave owners buffet consisted of: Country ham, pork chops, fried chicken, fried fish, corn on the cobb, collards, succotash, biscuits, tea and apple pie. Whatever was leftover they fed to the hogs. They did not want the slaves to develop a taste for good food. The slave's meal consisted of: pig feet, pig tail, fat back, chitterlings, fish heads, chicken feet, black eye peas, sweet potatoes, corn pone and well water.

We, slaves planted cotton in March and April. Eight to ten days after the cotton plants pushed up through the topsoil, we started "hoeing" (chopping the weeds that grew around it). The latter part of August we started picking cotton. In 1776 we were working from sun-up to sun-down in the cotton fields. The "evil" whites were proud slave owners. The "good" whites did not own any slaves. They kept their heads up and maintained a modicum of dignity. They pretended everything was okay because they

enjoyed the rich lifestyle of their fellow "born again" white Christians. The "poor" whites were treated then as they are today as "poor white trash". (Their words, not mine.) All three justified their inhuman treatment of black slaves by quoting a misnomer from their preachers about the curse of Ham.

Independence Day then and today is not a forward movement for us blacks. It is tantamount to us moving from a sub-par low-rent single-wide trailer park in Wilmington, North Carolina to the high-rent slums in New York City. My family will spend our time educating our people on registering and voting. We will spend our money with Black businesses that give us quality products and professional services. We are blessed to have many in New Hanover County. I will name a few for your information.

- FB. Hankins, Certified Public Accountant-Faye Bellamy Hankins- (910) 362-0209.
- Newspaper-The Wilmington Journal -Mary Alice Jervay Thatch- (910) 762-5502.
- Newspaper-Greater Diversity -Peter and Kathy Grier--(910) -762-1337.
- Insurance -State Farm - Henry Brown- (910) 395-2300.
- Attorney--Peter Grier--(910) 763-4671.
- Barber Shop-Citz Kurtz-Mr. Sid- (704) 976-9927.
- Crossland Beauty and Barber Supplies- Thomas Crossland- (910) 264-1755.
- Real Estate-J Hankins Realty--James Hankins (910) 799-1046.
- Contractor-Blanks Brothers Construction--Michael Blanks (910) 233-5587.
- Author, James J. Hankins- "What We Blacks Need To Do" (910) 799-1046

Will you join us as we continue to fight for civil rights and economic independence???

ARE YOU REGISTERED???

James J. Hankins Wilmington, NC

GERRYMANDERING DECISION

With so many issues at stake in 2020, we hear little mention of one of the most important issues in every campaign - the makeup of the Supreme Court. On Thursday, we were given

another taste of the Court's power when it issued a 5-4 ruling striking down challenges to gerrymandering in Maryland and North Carolina.

The ruling, like so many others, points to the fundamental differences between conservative judges, usually Republican appointees, and liberal judges, usually appointed by Democrats. In most cases, the former will follow what was written - the "letter of the law", while the latter will look to what was intended - the "spirit of the law".

Take the Second Amendment. Most of us believe that the intent of the framers was to ensure citizen safety in a rural society where there were no phones to dial 911 and the nearest peace officer could be days away. Fire power at the time was a musket that had to be loaded one shot at a time. In the Heller decision of 2008, the Court affirmed gun rights by applying a strict interpretation of the wording of the constitution which stated that individuals had a "right to bear arms" while not necessarily looking to the intent of the law, which was to promote citizen safety. Had the framers been able to foresee society as it is today, would they have written the Second Amendment in the same manner?

In this latest decision, a conservative majority has once again looked to the wording of the Constitution and ruled that the right to determine election districts was a political task given to state legislators and that there was no permission given to federal courts to interfere. However, once again the majority ignored the intent of the framers, as well as subsequent election laws, which is the guarantee of fair elections.

Would our Constitution be a different document had the framers possessed a crystal ball? Probably. The best we can do today is elect candidates who will appoint judges that will give more weight to the intent of the framers than to their language.

Jeffrey Zalles Southport, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

SB559

For most of us, we're too busy trying to make a living, raise our families, and take care of the many details of our lives to be able to follow every piece of legislation up for debate at the General Assembly. We're tending to important details that make a difference right here, right now. Unfortunately, a bill is moving through the legislature that would make a very unpleasant difference in



Rev. Dr. A. Spearman

everyone's day-to-day details. This is a bill that, if passed in its current form, will significantly raise your monthly power bill, give Duke Energy millions in extra profits annually, and set our state back many years in the effort to add money-saving competition into North Carolina's energy market.

Senate Bill 559 is good for shareholders; bad for customers. It's as simple as that.

The key portion of S559 will allow Duke to establish rate structures that would be set for years at a time, eliminating annual hearings where Duke's costs - and the price they intend to charge customers - is reviewed by

the utilities commission. These types of structures, called multi-year rates, have been tried in other states - but S559 here in North Carolina is missing key guardrails that would protect customers.

One such missing guardrail is a mechanism to keep customers from missing out on bill refunds when Duke over-earns, which it has done nearly every year in its history, save for a few exceptions during economic recessions. This missing guardrail could add up to as much as \$140 million per year, which, when rates are set for 3 years at a time, totals \$421 million Duke gets to

pocket rather than return to customers. Good for shareholders, bad for customers.

Another missing guardrail is utility accountability. Passage of S559 would lead to less oversight in that it would allow Duke to increase rates annually without going through a full accounting of their previous year's financial activities. Coming in for hearings every 3 years opens the door for the utility to "stack the deck" in its own favor. Dominion has done this very thing in Virginia under a similar structure. They pile all their

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costs into the third year of their 3-year rate cycle, which is the year upon which the next 3 years of rates are set, unnecessarily increasing the amount of customer bills. Good for shareholders, bad

for customers.

Utility regulatory reform is needed, that's true. But \$559 is not the kind of reform we need. Changing the current system should be done in a way that protects low-income families and fixed income seniors and anyone trying to keep the lights on. When this bill

comes to the floor for a vote, I hope every elected representative in the room will think of their constituents living paycheck-to-pay-check, who often have to choose between paying for medicine or food or the power bill. I hope they think of these folks and vote against \$559. And if this bill

passes and finds its way to Gov. Cooper's desk, I hope he vetoes it. To all our leaders in Raleigh, the choice is yours now – we'll be praying you do the right thing and watching closely if you don't.

Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman is the President, of NAACP NC.

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Tuesday meditation when lies become truth

I was talking with a man recently who had lived through the furor of the Civil Rights movement of the 60s. He shared that he still has deep anger; he was at Selma, to march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. He was in Birmingham. He traveled wherever he could, going where his spirit led him to go, in order to lend his voice, his spirit, and his body to "the cause."

His anger was palpable. He described going to the Legacy Museum and breaking down as he walked in that space, knowing that it had been a place where black people had been held before being sold into slavery. He broke down even more when he recalled white people in that space, some obviously affected. "I couldn't understand why they were there," he said. "It was crazy because I always say that white folks need to know the story but I guess I didn't want them to learn the story standing next to me. I wanted them gone."

But his deepest anger came as he described how black people had been abused by the "justice" system, and his feelings were exacerbated as he described the recurring situation of blacks being accosted by the justice system based on lies.

Rev. Susan K. Smith

(Portrait of Rev. Susan K. Smith)

"All white people had to do was say a black person had done something, Just say it. And it didn't matter if that black person hadn't been in the vicinity, or even in the state where the offense happened. All the police needed was for someone to say a black person had done it. There were never fair trials if there were trials at all. People don't even talk about all the times black folks were killed before there was a trial. But it didn't matter. People would go to those trials and just lie. The police. The witnesses. Everybody. And the black person would be convicted and thrown away. I watched lies become truth."

Of course, what this man is describing is not new. Lies told in many situations become truth; the more a lie is told the more it "stands up" in the eyes of those who hear it. The truth may eventually come out, but too often, the revelation is too late. The person lied about, or the situation which has been imagined and developed to support the lie or lies being told about it has already resulted in the ruination of that person or institution.

It occurs to me that this is the second week I'm writing on lies, and in thinking about it, I think it's because of the Central Park 5, Ava DuVernay's excellent film about ...how the lie of the guilt of these young men became embedded in the mind of Linda Fairstein. It makes me angry that she still says she believes they are guilty and that their suffering has not convicted her of her complete immersion in the culture of lies that exist about black people. She and others think that way because the lies that black people are criminals, and are inhuman, oversexed, and dangerous have become truth for people and have been "truth" for people for over 100 years. The lies have resulted in false arrests of black people, have resulted in police continually claiming they had to shoot and kill a black person because he was in "fear for their lives." The lie that women who are raped or sexually assaulted bring it on themselves has resulted in too many women remaining quiet about their experiences, carrying the pain for years.

There are victims and perpetrators of lies meant to become truth. People who specialize in lying know that lies can and do become truth; one needs only to say the lie frequently enough before it takes on a life of its own. The charge of news being "fake" being pushed by the current president is a case in point. Not just Americans, but people living all over the world have picked up the phrase and are making the charge of "fake news" the new truth. Freedom of the press is in danger, but those who have decided that the lie is truth do not care. Another lie which has become truth is that "common sense gun laws" means that those who want gun control really want to take all of the guns away from Americans.

The only way to reverse the lie is to keep telling the truth. People are gullible and often, way too lazy. It is easier to accept a lie than to search for the truth. But if truth is sought, it will be found. When the attorney general, William Barr, gave a summary of the Mueller report, the lie he gave was that the report said there "was no collusion, no obstruction." When Muller made his own, brief statement about his findings, some people who had believed Barr felt like they had been "taken," and were angry. They had in fact been "taken" because that is the purpose of a lie. Lies are told to create a new reality. They are told to make a new truth and if unchallenged, they do just that.

But if we can continue to search for the truth, even and especially when we don't want to, we enter onto a battlefield where truth will eventually win. Not all those who believe any given lie will ever admit that perhaps they were wrong, but if enough people fight for the truth, and gird themselves with the armor necessary to fend off the attacks they will suffer as people of the lie fight to retain their power, the truth will eventually win out.

It is a fight that we cannot afford to run from. We can be angry about the lies that have hurt us, our people, the cause of justice – but hopefully, our anger will propel us to refuse to stand down. We "will know the truth" and the truth will set not only us but scores of people who have had their whole belief systems shaped by lies which became truth free as well. Amen and amen.

Rev. Dr. Susan K Smith is nearing completion of a book, "On the Shores of America: Two Nations, Two Gods" and in November, her book, "Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul" will be released by Whitaker House Publishers. To inquire about booking her, contact cassady2euca@icloud.co.

TO BE EQUAL

Census citizenship question appears blocked - for now

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Altogether, the evidence tells a story that does not match the explanation the Secretary gave for his decision. We cannot ignore the disconnect between the decision made and the explanation given. Our review is defensible, but we are not required to exhibit a naïveté from which ordinary citizens are free." Accepting contrived reasons would defeat the purpose of the enterprise. If judicial review is to be more than an empty ritual, it must demand something better than the explanation offered for the action taken in this case." -- Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., United States Department of Commerce v. New York

of a citizenship question was a blatant ploy to reduce minority participation and rob communities of their political power, and that Secretary Wilbur Ross' explanation that the question is "critical" to enforcement of the Voting Rights Act was laughable. That's why we joined other civil rights group in filing a "friend of the court" brief opposing the citizenship question.

As we argued in our brief, "There is no factual or legal basis—none—to support the position that collecting citizenship data from the decennial census is needed for VRA enforcement. In fact, modifying the short-form census to ask for the citizenship status of everyone in the country, as Secretary Ross has proposed, would undermine VRA enforcement.

And we – grassroots, advocacy, labor, legal services, education, and faith-based organizations who came together to file the brief – would know. "[We] have been among the most experienced guardians of the VRA and the values it reflects for the past 54 years. In that time, existing citizenship data drawn from sample surveys

the administration's flimsy argument, especially since the real motivation behind the citizenship question emerged just days after the case was argued before the justices. We're relieved the Supreme Court saw through the administration's flimsy argument, especially since the real motivation behind the citizenship question emerged just days after the case was argued before the justices. Computer files revealed that a political consultant who played a crucial role in the decision to add the question had authored a study concluding that adding the question would allow the drafting of extremely gerrymandered Congressional maps to drain even more influence away from urban communities and communities of color.

The citizenship question was one of several potential problems that could produce a significant undercount of Black Americans, including underfunding, understaffing and the practice of prison-based gerrymandering. Under current policy, incarcerated persons are counted in jurisdictions where they are imprisoned rather than

in the communities where they live. This represents a massive transfer of political power and federal funding for programs like Head Start, Medicare, Lunch programs and transportation infrastructure, from urban districts of color to rural, prison hosting, predominantly white districts.

In the face of this week's ruling, the National Urban League and the Urban League Movement is re-committed to working for a fair census and urging participation among Black communities.

An inaccurate census will deprive communities of accurate data for most federally produced statistics, and critical social, demographic and economic research. It would deprive communities of more than \$675 billion in federal funding, and the just enforcement of civil rights laws and constitutional protections like fair housing and voting rights.

Most importantly, an inaccurate census will deprive communities of fair political representation in the U.S. Congress, the Electoral College and state and local legislatures.

Blocking the citizenship question is just one step among many in safeguarding a fair, accurate Census.

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



Marc Morial

Meharry's Juul grant is good news

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Should Meharry Medical College, a Historically Black College (HBCU) established in 1876 in Nashville, have accepted \$7.5 million from Juul Labs, the controversial e-cigarette company that provides an alternative to smoking tobacco? Meharry says it will use the grant, the second-largest it has ever received, to study public health issues and African Americans, including the health effects of tobacco products. They will establish a Center for the Study of Social Determinants of Health, and, according to its President, Dr. James Hildreth, "begin conducting fully-independent research into the health conditions and issues related to tobacco and nicotine-delivery products."

Critics say that Meharry has made a deal with the devil since African-American people smoke more and have a higher death rate from tobacco-related illnesses than other racial and ethnic groups. They think Meharry should have passed on the Juul donation because they don't believe that the historically Black Meharry can't take Juul's money and continue to make a difference in Black lives.

I say nonsense! Juul will not be dictating the topics or terms of research with Meharry. The College's President, Dr. James K.K. Hildreth, Sr., who has been determined to increase the amount of research that Meharry students are doing,

says the college approached Juul, not the other way around, and they did it with their eyes wide open. He says he is confident that the new research center Meharry will establish will be independent of Juul. They won't have input to the research topics that Meharry tackles, nor will they determine the course or direction of research.

Most medical colleges, including Meharry, turn down contributions from tobacco companies. As Meharry and Juul were exploring the possibility of the donation, Altria, a tobacco company, acquired 35 percent of Juul. Should that have killed the deal? It caused Meharry to pause. But eventually, they decided to accept the money because they believe they can use it for the greater good. I agree.

President Hildreth has been a biomedical researcher for more than 36 years. In a letter to the Meharry community, he reminded them that, "The bodies of black Americans have historically been the subject of scientific experimentation with no control on our part. If it takes an unorthodox partnership to change that dynamic, then let the research begin."

I can't read that part of Hildreth's letter without thinking of the Tuskegee syphilis

experiments, where the federal government funded research on the effects of untreated syphilis on black men. Medicine to cure syphilis was withheld from the men in the experiment. The federal government did this! The commercial use of Black bodies included the harvesting (and reproduction) of the cells of Henrietta Lacks, a Black woman whose DNA is still being used today for medical research. And, when we think of experiments on Black bodies, one must think of the odious J. Marion Sims, who was called the "father of modern gynecology." He earned his fame by conducting painful experiments on enslaved women. Thank goodness New York City removed his statue from Central Park!

Meharry doesn't aim to hurt the six million African Americans who are smokers or to profit from them. They aim to have a seat at the research table, a place from which Black researchers, and Black research institutions, have often been excluded. Juul's contribution allows Meharry to pull up a chair to the research table and participate in the scientific inquiry about the health effects of cigarettes and other tobacco products, critical investigation given the fact that African Americans are more likely to die from tobacco-related illnesses than others.

Dr. Hildreth's letter to the Meharry community outlines several research questions. What is the long-term impact of e-cigarettes? Does vaping

cause developmental health issues? Are vaping devices effective as smoking reduction or cessation devices? Will laws prohibiting tobacco sales for those under 21 improve health outcomes? San Francisco recently passed legislation outlawing the sale of vaping devices. How effective are such laws? These are questions worth answering through research.

From where I sit, Meharry should have negotiated for a much more substantial contribution from Juul, and perhaps they will. After all, according to Dr. Hildreth, the tobacco industry "has taken our money and delivered sickness and death in return. "We at Meharry intend to advance the fight for better health and longer life by turning that insidious relationship on its head."

Bravo, Dr. Hildreth. If Meharry's research can help us learn more about addiction, and if the research can be used for tobacco use prevention, then Meharry is doing the right thing. I don't see others lining up to fund Meharry's research, and fundraising for HBCUs is extremely challenging.

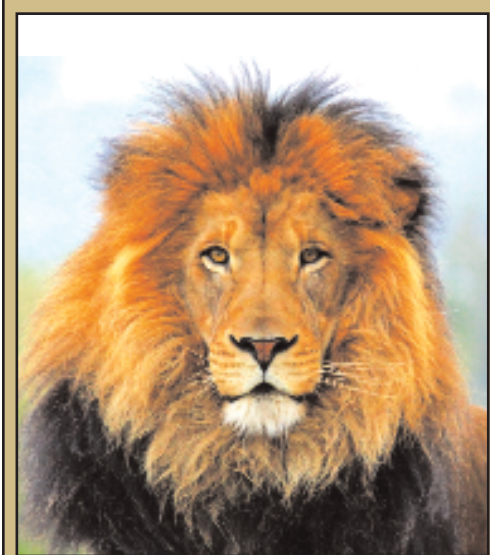
I look forward to the work that the Center for the Study of Social Determinants of Health will produce.

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Dr. Julianne Malveaux

**"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."
--AN AFRICAN PROVERB**



**THE BLACK PRESS:
USE It or LOSE It!**

New Hanover County

New Hanover County NAACP Branch will sponsor SANKOFA a free summer 2019 African American Heritage Workshop for students ages 10-15, from June 25th- July 25th (Tuesdays and Thursdays) 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. LITE LUNCH provided. Parent and/or adult are asked to bring the student and complete the registration form on Saturday, June 22, 2019 between 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church(719 Walnut Street) Contact number 910-512-1026 for information <http://www.nhcnaacp.com/> Sankofa, the name of the workshop is taken from the Akan language of Ghana and means "go back and take." It symbolizes one taking what is good from the past and bringing it into the present in order to make progress through the proper use of knowledge.

Chapter 885 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, in conjunction with The American Honor Guard of NC, is bringing the traveling memorial wall to Wilmington from July 26 to July 29, 2019. The opening ceremony will be at 10:00 am on the 26th and the closing ceremony will be at 8:00 am on the 29th. The wall will be located at the Mayfair Town Center at 1055 International Drive in Wilmington. The wall will be open 24 hours a day and FREE to the public. Please come out and share in this memorable experience.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

THE AMERICAN DREAM! Where is it?

This is 4th of July Holiday week and I want to know, where the heck did it go! The white picket fence, the apple pie, the baseball? Why all these robots, artificial intelligence creatures taking all the good folks jobs? WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON!

Oh my goodness we are in some very different times Family but one thing I do know... Is when things are changing you better CHANGE with it or you're going to be left behind! One area that is red light emergency got to do something really soon is renting vs. buying... Oh, I'm telling you Fam that you got to really evaluate if catching a portion of that American

dream with ownership is better than continuing to live in a rental nightmare! Yes, family I just want to encourage somebody today. If you are reading this it's no accident. It's no mistake because even if you do already own, this is your reminder that your friends and family need to be owners too. The rental payments all over from the inner city to the suburbs to the back roads country has gone to an all-time HIGH! I'm floored at the amount of money that is being paid out here. You got to live

somewhere, yes I get it BUT when you can find a way to purchase YOUR OWN for less than 1st and last month rent, wouldn't you want to know about that? I promise you that is what has been happening more and more now. With the rental payments so high, literally, people are buying homes with LESS out of pocket than if they went into a new lease somewhere. Also, in many cases, their house payments are LESS than the payment would have been to rent the same kind of home as they bought. Wow, it will make you weak at the knees sometimes just thinking about it! It's not too late family, it's NEVER too late to as long as you

YET still have breath in your body! That's all I got for you this week Family! It's the 4th of July holiday and many have been celebrating since last weekend, lol.

Y'all be safe, be happy, Be blessed, Be encouraged and most of all, BE MOTIVATED to go ahead and put those things in order that YOU know need fixing and go GET THAT DEED!

Until next week, please share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to also reach out for their Free personalized Action Plan to OWN in the next 18 months or less!

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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING PROPOSED INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE U.S. 17 AND U.S. 17 BUSINESS INTERSECTION JACKSONVILLE, ONSLOW COUNTY

STIP Project No. U-5951

The N.C. Department of Transportation is proposing to make improvements to the intersection of U.S. 17 and U.S. 17 Business in Jacksonville.

An open-house public meeting will be held at the **Jacksonville Center for Public Safety** located at **200 Marine Blvd in Jacksonville** from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2019**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide interested citizens the opportunity to review maps of the project, ask questions and provide feedback.

Interested citizens may attend at any time between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation. Maps of the proposed improvements will be displayed at the meeting and staff of NCDOT will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

A map of the proposal is available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings/>.

For additional information please contact NCDOT Project Manager, Brian Harding, P.E. by phone at (910) 341-2000, or by email at bjharding@ncdot.gov. Comments will be accepted at the meeting or by mail or email following the meeting but should be submitted by **August 17, 2019**.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact NCDOT Senior Public Involvement Officer Diane Wilson by phone at (919) 707-6073 or by email at pdwilson1@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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

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

SOC holds Annual Student Recognition Program

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Save Our Community (SOC) Organization of Southport held its annual Student Recognition Program recently at St. James AMEZ Church. Norman Jones, master of ceremonies, opened the program by asking the audience to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing". Samantha Lindsay (First Baptist) read the Scripture (Psalm 23), Andrew Hankins (Mt. Carmel AME) prayed and Sister Pamela Ferguson (St. James AMEZ) gave the welcome. Tyana Swain (Friendship Baptist) read the five original objectives of the organization. She noted that SOC has concentrated on three objectives by sponsoring the Emancipation Proclamation Program in December, the Student Recognition Program in June, and a Bible Quiz Bowl in September.

Mrs. Pamela Ferguson (St. James AMEZ) presented students with certificates for their involvement in church, school, and community activities. Mrs. Regina Alexander (Brown's Chapel AMEZ) presented students with perfect attendance and honor roll certificates. Samantha Lindsay and Syrianah Reyna were recognized for their perfect attendance. Honor roll students were Tyana Swain, William Brown, Bryan Hankins, Andrew Hankins, Samantha Lindsay, Arielle Price, Aviana Ray, Jose Reyna, and Syrianah Reyna.

The SOC Student of the Year



Samantha Lindsay, SOC Student of the Year, posed with her mother (L), Nicole Eller, and SOC Adviser, Emma Myles.



The honor roll students were: Syrianah Reyna, Jose Reyna, Arielle Price, Samantha Lindsay, Andrew Hankins, Bryan Hankins, and Tyana Swain.

Award was presented by Deacon William Flythe to Samantha Lindsay, an honor roll student at South Brunswick Middle School. Samantha participated in the Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Math program and was active in ROCAME-second place in Robotics at the Brunswick County Jamboree

and member of the first place math team at the Regional Jamboree. She is also a member of the praise team and the youth choir at First Baptist Church.

Musical selections were presented throughout the program by the SOC Youth Choir under the direction of Minister Lenda Hankins and Corbett Hankins.



NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT U.S. 17 AND HICKMAN ROAD NW (S.R. 1303) BRUNSWICK COUNTY

STIP PROJECT NO. W-5703H

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project to convert the U.S. 17 / Hickman Road NW Intersection to a Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI). The proposed improvements include adding U-turn movements and median crossovers at intersections to improve safety and traffic operations. The total length of the study corridor along U.S. 17 is about 4,400 feet.

The meeting will take place on **July 15, 2019** from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in the **Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School Gym** located at **250 Pea Landing Road NW, Ash**. The public may drop-in at any time during the meeting hours. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit comments will also be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by **July 30, 2019**. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

For additional information, contact Michael Bass, NCDOT Project Manager, at NCDOT Highway Division 3, 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, NC 28429, (910) 341-2000, or mlbass@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Samantha Borges, Environmental Analysis Unit at smborges@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6115 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO CONVERT THE INTERSECTION AT U.S. 17 AND N.C. 904 TO A REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

STIP Project No. R-5851

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to convert intersection at U.S. 17 and N.C. 904 to a reduced conflict intersection in Brunswick County. The primary purpose of this project is to improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection.

An RCI is a Reduced Conflict Intersection, which is designed to reduce potential collisions for vehicles and pedestrians by allowing drivers from a side road to only turn right. To go the other direction, or cross the highway, they then would pull into a dedicated lane to make a U-turn, and then go straight or turn right at the intersection.

A public meeting will be held from **5-7 p.m. on Monday, July 8** at **Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School** located in **Ash**.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of the project and gather input on the proposed design. As information becomes available, it may be viewed online at the NCDOT public meeting webpage:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

The public may attend at any time during the public meeting hours, as no formal presentation will be made. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments. The comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops.

The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided at the meeting or can be done by phone, email, or mail by **July 22, 2019**.

For additional information, please contact NCDOT Division Highway 3 Engineering Technician Michael Bass, at 5501 Barbados Blvd., Castle Hayne, NC 28429, (910) 341-2000 or mlbass@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Tony Gallagher, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, (919) 707-6069 or magallagher@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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

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

William Bernard Lee

William Bernard Lee died June 21, 2019 at home in the care of Lower Cape Fear Hospice, in Wilmington North Carolina. Funeral services were held Friday, June 28, 2019 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

William, son of the late Roy Lee and the Amelia Beatrice Hill Lee was born on December 5, 1952, in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Core and brother, Earl Fisher. William was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He worked at Bedford Fair and Accordius Health Center. Bernard was well-known and loved by all who knew him. He was truly compassionate and remained close to his family to the end.

He leaves to cherish his memory: three sisters, Bettye Newsome and Frances Anderson of Wilmington, NC and Doris Beacham (Kenny) of Greensboro, NC; one brother, David Earl Lee (Linda) of Wilmington, NC; special nieces, Cheryl, Tonya, Adrian, Ingrid, Michelle, Nicky, Erica, Tana, Stephanie, Denise, Khad, Ah and Ajah; special nephews, Darryl, Davis, Michael, Brandon, Tony, Matthew, Earl, Marcus, Kenny, Tony, Bell, Devante, Darron, Gregory and Charles Jr.; special godchildren, Jhamir, Ava, Aubree, Ja'Shaun, Myia, Doron, Avian and Meme; special friends, The Anderson Family, Beverly Martin, Rosetta Locke, Lizzie Locke Johnson, Helena Carolyn Thomas, Maurice Jones, Carolyn, Pam and Freddie Marshall, and Antionette; many, many cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Frank Weeks, Jr.

Frank Weeks, Jr., died June 20, 2019 in King's County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 29, 2019 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Frank, affectionately known as Frankie was born on January 17, 1945 in Wilmington, North Carolina, to the late Helen Marie Moore Weeks and Frank Weeks, Sr. Frank was preceded in death by his sisters, Ida Weeks Ferguson and Josie Mae Corbett, and brother, Walter McGuire. Frank was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating in the Class of 1963, from Williston Senior High School, "The Greatest School Under the Sun". In his youth, Frank attended Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. After graduation, Frank moved to Brooklyn, New York to join his sister Constance "Connie". He attended Brooklyn College to study Business Administration, graduating on the Dean's List, which led to employment at Dean Witter Brokerage Company. Frank was drafted into the United

States Army and became an infantry soldier where he served 3 years honorably during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Two Overseas Services Bars, Army Commendation Medal and EXPERT (RIFLE). While serving in Vietnam, he was wounded in combat and was awarded the Purple Heart. After completing service in the military, Frank returned to work at Dean Witter Company until accepting employment from the US Postal Service. He worked at the Post Office until his retirement. Frank was joined in holy matrimony to Dorothy Kinsey Weeks for 49 years and had one daughter, Felicia. The greatest love of Frankie's life was his family. The family attended Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Frank was passionate about singing. He sang in the Williston Senior High School Glee Club under the direction of Constance Odell. As a teenager Frankie and his sister Helen "Linda" often sang around the house and did duets together for their friends in the neighborhood. Eventually, he joined a singing group called "The Majestics" while he was in high school. They were so popular they were asked to perform at various places around the city.

Frank leaves to cherish very fond memories: his loving wife, Dorothy Weeks of Brooklyn, NY; the apple of his eye, his daughter, Felicia Weeks; grandson, Isiah Weeks-Hall of Brooklyn, NY, who affectionately called him "Pop-Pop"; four sisters, Constance Washington of Wilmington, NC, Helen "Linda" Pugh of Charleston, SC, Geraldine Pollock (Frankie Sr.) of Wilmington, NC and Geraldine McGuire-Robertson of Brooklyn, NY; three brothers, Rudolph McGuire of Virginia Beach, VA, Arthur McGuire of Brooklyn, NY and Michael McGuire (Gillian) of Snellville, GA; sister-in-law, Patricia Kinsey Wright of Wilmington, NC; brother-in-law, Edward Earl Watkins of Wilmington, NC; two uncles, Clayton "June" Moore, Jr. and Ernest Walker both of Wilmington, NC; three aunts, Pauline Green of Bronx, NY, Estelle Moore of Charleston, SC and Debbie Moore of Wilmington, NC; aunts-in-law, Lena Logan of Warwick, NY and Vera McLaurin (Robert) of Wilmington, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jessie Lee Walker

Jessie Lee Walker died June 19, 2019 in New York. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 29, 2019 at Willie L Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Mt. Calvary Church Cemetery, Leland, NC.

Jessie, the fourth child of the late Evan Ballard and Betty McCoy Ballard was born on September 16, 1927 in the

Phoenix Community of Leland, NC. Her older siblings, William Goldie and Annabelle preceded her in death. AT an early age she lost her parents and was raised by her late grandmother, Susan McCoy in Acme, North Carolina. Jessie found God at an early age and joined Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church. Later in life, she moved to Navassa, North Carolina to live with her aunt, the late Henrietta Brown, where she met and married the love of her life the late Gaston "Sonny" Walker. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Bronx, New York and eventually welcomed two handsome sons, Eugene (deceased), and Daron. Jessie had such a loving spirit. She was kind, calm, thoughtful and loved everyone. Whenever she met someone new, they became life-long friends. You could tell Jessie anything and she would never judge you but would always offer a positive word or thought. People knew that their secrets were safe with her and she never betrayed a word told in confidence. As such, she was well suited for her work as a Nanny with families especially the children whom she loved and cared for as if they were her own. Just ask Ben, Andrew and Kate the children under her care. She worked with their family for 35 plus years eventually retiring, physically but not emotionally. Jessie loved God and her last church home was Glendale Baptist Church where she was the "Mother" of the Church and sang on the choir. She was known for her culinary skills most notably her collard greens and would gladly guide you through a recipe if you were trying to prepare a meal, particularly Thanksgiving dinner.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted son, Daron Walker; grandchildren, LaMeesha Jones, Jala Cooper (Eugene's daughter and granddaughter); Brittany Crawford, Trinette Walker Daron "DY" Walker, Jr. (Daron's children); nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren other relative and friends, including her caregiver and friend, Kathy Rodriguez. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mamie Marshall

Mamie Marshall died June 25, 2019 at home. Funeral services were held 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 30, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. John O. Veasy, Jr. officiating. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. Mrs. Mamie was born September 16, 1934 in Wilmington, North Carolina, to the late Joseph and Mamie Jones. Mamie attended and graduated from Williston Industrial School. She was married to James Marshall who preceded her in death. Mamie was a member of First Baptist Missionary Church, where she frequented Sunday School, until her health began to decline. Mamie aka "Hawk" never met a stranger while sitting on her porch on 13th

Street. "Hawk" could really tell some stories. If you asked her, she traveled the world, flew planes, and met numerous celebrities. Mamie was loved by many and will definitely be missed.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mamie was preceded in death six sisters, two brothers, and three grandsons. Mrs. Marshall leaves behind to cherish her memories: her six children, Jimmy Jones, Debra (Frank) Nixon, Derrick "Ray" Marshall, Rosiland Marshall, Rhonda Karen (Lamont) Weems, and Rangiloe (Ashley) Marshall; twelve grandsons, Rodney (Ambrosia) Cobia, James (Navessa) Jones, Darrond (Meisha) Marshall, James Marshall, Jamison Marshall, Lamond (Shiquita) Marshall, Anthony Marshall, Christopher Flood, Jaiden Marshall, Keandre Marshall, Khalil Marshall, and Ashton White; fourteen granddaughters, Nakia (Sylvester) Cherry, Natessia (Derrick) Doughty, Latessia (Oriental) Smith, Candace Jones, Shanena Jones, Fonda (Henry) Williams, Dalphane Nixon, Latrell Nixon, Tameeka Nixon, Nolanda Marshall, Ronette Marshall, T'Shima Marshall, Sharonda Marshall and Daziah Marshall; a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; as well as a special caregiver/granddaughter, Shawntell Walker. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Betty Heyer

Betty Heyer died Sunday, June 30, 2019. Funeral services will be 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

George L. Brown, Jr.

George L. Brown, Jr., age 60, of Bolivia, passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Brown's life was held on Sunday, June 30, 2019 at Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries, 920 N 6th St., Wilmington, NC 28401.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Wanda Brown of the home; children, Swadesia Herron of Wichita, KS, Princess Herron of Arlington, TX, Warkim Giles (Darcie) of Salina, KS, Shekima Smith of Wichita, KS, Sajada Brown, of Fayetteville and Aleceya McMillion of Wilson; brother, John Brown (Andrian) of Pickens, SC, 12 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 1705 Southport Supply Rd SE, Bolivia, NC 28422. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Joseph A. Locke, Jr.

Joseph A. Locke, Jr., age 35, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2019. A celebration of Joseph's life will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 5, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 719 Walnut St., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Lester Johnson

Lester Johnson, age 78, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2019. A cele-

bration of Mr. Johnson's life will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 6, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the Johnson Family Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Elton Ray Mitchell "Cool Duke"

Mr. Elton Ray Mitchell, fondly called "Cool Duke," was born to William and Louise Mitchell in Wilmington, North Carolina on October 5, 1948. He departed this life on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at his home.

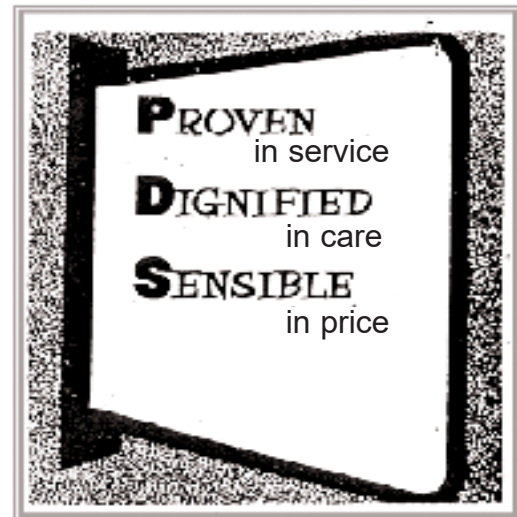
Elton was educated in New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina. He worked in construction and did factory work. He was a member and served as Deacon of The Village Worship Center Church in Leland, North Carolina for a number of years.

He leaves to cherish his memories three children, daughter Cynthia Smith of Burgaw, NC; two sons Ernest Fennell and Alton Mitchell of Wilmington, NC; one sister Doris Riley (Joe) of Chesapeake, Virginia; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren along with other nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends and loved ones.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

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New Hanover County

East Coast Community Choir formally known as Barry Smith and Company will hold The Fruits of the Spirit on Sunday, July 14th at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Scott's Hill. The speakers will be Barry Smith, E. Daniels, Minister Tomeka Sidbury, Rev. Darlene Robinson, Malissa Smith, Minister Robin Gantt, Sara Barnett and Apostle Byron McKoy. Music will be by The Bethel Missionary Baptist Youth and Young Adult Choir of Winnabow, NC. For more information please call 910-550-7475.



Religious Briefs

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, will hold Vacation Bible School 2019 "Super Training University", from Sunday, July 7th (Kickoff at 9:30 a.m.) - Monday, July 8th-Wednesday July 10th from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11th from 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

at Rachel Freeman School, 2601 Princess Place Dr. At 8:00 p.m. a review and musical program will be held at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Drive.

Brunswick County

Moore's Chapel AMEZ Church, 1492 Village Rd., Leland will hold their Annual Building Fund Rally on Sunday, July 14th at 3:00 p.m. The guest will be Christian Chapel AMEZ Church, Winnabow, NC. The speaker will be Rev. Carl Nichols.

Way of Life Ministries, 1490 Village Rd., Leland, Nc will celebrate Men's Month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in July at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, July 17th the speaker will be Elder Jay Bellamy of Salvation and Deliverance of Leland, NC. On Sunday, July 21st the speaker will be Pastor Ben Pittman choir and congregation of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Masonboro Sound Rd. For more information call 910-550-7475.

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NC American Legion sponsors NC State Troopers Program



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DE'JA MCNEIL



SHADE'CIA MCMILLIAN

The McDowell & Lesane American Legion Post 404 recently sponsored two students to attend a one-week program designed to give teens an insight into training for State Troopers. The program is named "Student Trooper Program" which was held June 16 - June 21. The training is sponsored annually as a joint venture by the NC American Legion and the NC State Highway Patrol.

Shade'cia McMillian and

De'Ja McNeil were Post 404 recipients for 2019. They participated in physical training, classroom activities, recreation as well as rode in patrol cars. The NC State Troopers Training Center Dorm was their residence. This year's program saw twenty-nine (29) students from across North Carolina which included two (2) from Bladen County. Graduation ceremonies were 1:00 p.m. June 21 at 3318 Garner Road; Raleigh NC.

TELL SOMEBODY

"The necessity of the preacher"

"How then shall they call on him on whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14

The preaching of the gospel is not for the praise of men. The preaching of the gospel is for the glory of God! "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." I Corinthians 9:16

A preacher is a servant of the Lord. "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." It is an honor to be called and anointed by God to be a g o s p e l p r e a c h e r!



Sylvia Hooper

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16

The preaching of the gospel is sometimes misunderstood. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." I Corinthians 1:18

Jesus encouraged his disciples to go and to preach to everyone, everywhere. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15 He also said in Matthew 28:19-20 to his faithful disciples.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father; and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

The disciples were happy to answer the call of God. "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Mark 16:20

The saving grace of preaching has been minimized, because in some cases preaching has been misunderstood, misrepresented, and glamorized. The suffering that is associated with preaching is not discussed openly very often. Just as Jesus Christ had a cross to carry, each of his servants is called upon to carry their own cross daily. Maybe not much is said, because most true servants will not complain of the cross they carry, because they realize the Word of God is true.

Being a preacher of the gospel is not an easy assignment, but it is worth it!!!! "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Matthew 5:11; "Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction and of patience." James 5:10; "And they departed from the presence of the

council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." Acts 9:16

When we realize the necessity of the preacher, we understand the importance and the power of the preached Word of God. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. "How shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14

1. Forgiveness of Sin - Acts 13:38 "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins."

2. Jesus & the Resurrection - Acts 17:18 "Because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection."

4. Christ Crucified - I Cor. 1:23 "But we preach Christ crucified."

5. Remission of Sin - Luke 24:47 "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem."

6. Salvation - Acts 4:12 - "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

7. The Word of God - II Timothy 4:2 "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

8. Righteousness - Psalm 40:9 "I have preached righteousness in the great congrega-

tion."

9. Deliverance - Luke 4:18,19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

10. The Kingdom of God - Luke 9:60 "But go thou and preach the kingdom of God."

There is without a doubt, a necessity for the preacher!!!! Tell Somebody!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Re-programming your mind to think good thoughts through the word of God

Ephesians. 4:23-24, (KJV) "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind put on new; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness". Phil. 2:5, (KJV) "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus".

This is the language of the kingdom, which is the constitution of the kingdom of God. The system of fundamental laws or principles that prescribes the eternal nature, functions, and unlimited, and unrestricted of the government of God. The document on which such a system is recorded, is called the



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

Bible, the eternal Word of God. It is the fountainhead of all spiritual truth and the revelation of the complete will of God for man. The Bible is unique and the only one of its kind!

Gen.1:1,(KJV) "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth".

Numbers 23:19, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Isaiah 34:10, (KJV) "Seek ye out of the Book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall

fail, none shalt want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them".

2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. The Amplified says, 15 Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth".

2Tim.3:14-17, "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works".

Deuteronomy 4:5-6, "Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people".

Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt

meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Job 22:21-23, AMPC. 21 "Acquaint now yourself with Him [agree with God and show yourself to be conformed to His will] and be at peace; by that [you shall prosper and great] good shall come to you. 22 Receive, I pray you, the law and instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart".

Psalm 1:1-3, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water; that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper".

Psalm 19:7-11, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of

them there is great reward."

Isaiah 55:6-11, (KJV) "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon".

In an addition problem, there is more than one combination of the number 4. For example, 4 + 0 = 4, 3 + 1 = 4 and 2 + 2 = 4, but with Christ, however, there is only one(1) door, only one(1) way that God has provided for mankind to have fellowship with Him. That entrance is through His, son Jesus Christ, the lamb of God who gave His life to pay the sin debt for the world, the entire world. John 10:9a,(KJV) "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, 14:6, (KJV) Jesus, saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Proverbs 23:7a "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is s h e " : John5:39"40,"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have Life." Amen. Seek and find God, through his Son, Jesus Christ, and LIVE.

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

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Bradley Robert Rodman (17-E-1363)**, 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 **September 18, 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 14th day of June, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator
of the Estate of Bradley Robert Rodman
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June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **Peter A. Perrino**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, who died on April 16, 2019, are hereby notified to present their claims to **Kenneth J. Perrino**, Personal Representative in care of the undersigned attorney at his address, on or before **September 13, 2019**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment.

This 13th day of June, 2019

Kenneth J. Perrino, Personal Representative
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428 Eastwood Road
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June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Elizabeth Daise**, 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 **27th day of September, 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 27th day of June, 2019

Rayana M. Wright, Executrix
7660 Sumter Crest Drive
Apt 6107
Raleigh, NC 27617

June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Rolf H. Fisscher**, 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 **27th day of September, 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 27th day of June, 2019

Monique Fisscher, Executrix
3995 North Hampton Rd.
Durham, NC 27707

June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

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

Having qualified on the 24th day of June, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of **ENNIS MYATT MOONEYHAM, JR.**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Donald A. Mooneyham, at P.O. Box 277, Castle Hayne, NC 28729 on or before the **2nd day of October, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 25th day of June, 2019.

DONALD A. MOONEYHAM, EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

July 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2019

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Public Notice

The Trustee Search Committee of Maple Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church located on 17788 NC HWY 53 East Maple Hill, NC 28454 is seeking Sealed Bids for their Church restoration project. Sealed Bids should be sent to of Maple Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 88, Maple Hill, NC 28454 to the Attention of the Trustee Search Committee by the closing date of June 18, 2019. Bids post marked after this date will not be accepted. No non Post Mark Bids will be accepted.

June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2019

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Haywood Kevin Merritt, Sr. (19-E-739), 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 September 25, 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 14th day of June, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator
of the Estate of Haywood Kevin Merritt, Sr.
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Thomas C. Pigford, Sr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th day of September, 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 27th day of June, 2019

Pamela F. McClain, Administrator
91 Saunders Ct
Spring Lake, NC 28390

June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Janie Elizabeth Jones, 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 27th day of September, 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 27th day of June, 2019

Thomas Robert Jones, Executor
PO Box 12084
Wilmington, NC 28405

June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

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

Having qualified on the 29th day of March, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of **SANDRA COOPER SUMMERS**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Walter R. Summers, Jr., at 9 Logan Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429 on or before the **2nd day of October, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 25th day of June, 2019.

WALTER R. SUMMERS, JR., EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
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Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
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July 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

**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 714**

The undersigned having duly qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **MARTHA OLIVER EZZELL**, late of Carolina Beach, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, with a copy to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **13th day of September, 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 13th day of June, 2019.

Shari Ezzell, Administratrix
Estate of Martha Oliver Ezzell
Auley M. Crouch, III
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
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June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 18 JT 99**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.E.F. (DOB: 05/21/2016)**

**TO: RESPONDENT-PARENTS:
RESPONDENT-MOTHER,
ELIZABETH GRACE
STALLINGS; PUTATIVE
FATHER, MICHAEL DAVID
FORSYTHE AND ANY
UNKNOWN-FATHER OF
FEMALE CHILD BORN IN NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA TO ELIZABETH
GRACE STALLINGS.**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **July 4, 2019**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Mark Inhat has been appointed to represent Respondent-Mother, Elizabeth Grace Stallings. Attorney Inhat can be reached at Mark@AtlanticCoastLaw.com, 314 Walnut Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, NC or at 910-769-6884.

Attorney Max Edward Ashworth, III has been appointed to represent Putative Father, Michael David Forsythe. Attorney Ashworth can be reached at max.e.ashworth@nccourts.org; 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC or at 910-343-5413.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR August 12, 2019, at 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 100, Wilmington, NC 28401.

This the 4th day of July, 2019.

Jill Cairo
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co.
Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3511
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July 4, 11, 18, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Catherine H. Sanders**, 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 **7th day of October, 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 4th day of July, 2019

Donna S. Pearson, Executrix
42 Poplar St.
Carrollton, GA 30116

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
18CVD2542**

**BEVERLY FAISON
ABRAHAM,
PLAINTIFF
v.
ALVIN L. ABRAHAM,
DEFENDANT**

**TO:
ALVIN L. ABRAHAM,
DEFENDANT**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned 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 20th day of June, 2019

Beverly Faison Abraham
520 Taylor Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 20, 27, July 4, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
PENDER COUNTY
THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
19 CVD 509**

**CANER NEWTON,
PLAINTIFF
v.
TUGBA HELVACI**

**TO: TUGBA HELVACI ,
DEFENDANT**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned action. The nature of the relief as follows: The plaintiff is seeking a divorce from the defendant, Tugba Helvacı.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 30th day of July, 2019, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this Notice, or from the date complaint is required to be filed, whatever is later; and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 18th day of June, 2019

S. Reginald Kenan
Attorney for the Plaintiff
106 West Hill Street
Warsaw, Nc 28398
910-293-7801

June 20, 27, July 4, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of **James J. Sullivan**, late of 3722 Merestone Drive Wilmington, NC 28412, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 201 N Front Street Suite 408, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **October 7 , 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 1st day of July, 2019.

Nabi Sullivan
Administrator of the Estate of James J Sullivan
CASON CRUMMIE LAW FIRM,
P.L.L.C.
201 North Front Street Suite 408
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 4, 11, 18 and 25

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **William Randall 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 **7th day of October, 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 4th day of July, 2019

Sandra Gerstenmier, Administratrix
1057 Forest Way NE
Leland, NC 28451

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 18 CVS 2594**

**LAUREN LOHMUELLER,
Plaintiff,
v.
JOHN MATTHEW BOOTH,
Defendant.
ATTENTION:
JOHN MATTHEW BOOTH:**

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

- Judgement against the Defendant for compensatory damages, special damages for medical and health care expenses, lost wages, future lost wages, future medical and health care expenses, and damages for pain and suffering in excess of (\$25,000.00) Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars.
- For punitive damages.
- For attorneys' fees and costs.
- For such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within 40 days from July 4, 2019, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 4th day of July, 2019.

Alexander M. Hall
Caroline A. Rawl
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Hall & Green, L.L.P.
718 Market Street
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