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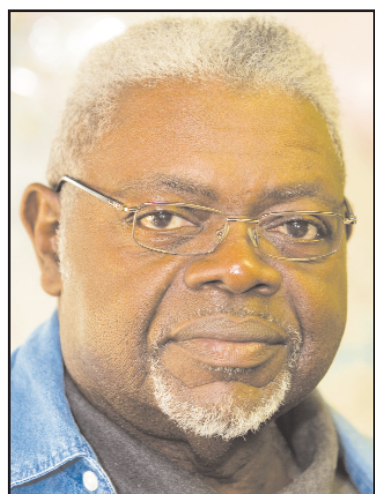


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BERNEST HEWETT

FREEDOM FUND BANQUET

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's time again to support the Freedom Fund Banquet and have a voice that has spoken since 1909 and that has had some of the greatest victories in the battle for justice on which the United States court system has ever ruled.

This year, the Brunswick County Freedom Fund Banquet will be held August 17, 2019, at 6:00 p. m. at the Brunswick Senior Center, located at 102 Stone Chimney Road, Supply, N.C.

Tickets are on sale at the door for 60.00 per person, or you may call Carl Parker at 910-619-4974 to get tickets in advance at the price of 50.00 per person. There will be plenty of good food, good fellowship, great people and a great speaker, Mr. Clifford Barnett. Come out and join hands for freedom.

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NORTH CAROLINA REACTS TO WEEKEND GUN VIOLENCE

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Top North Carolinians joined the rest of the nation this week in sorrow and outrage at the bloodshed last weekend that saw 22 Latino people killed in an El Paso, Texas Walmart Saturday morning, and nine people, mostly Black, in a Dayton, Ohio entertainment district later Saturday evening, all the latest victims of two alleged mass murderers with semi-automatic high capacity rifles.

And because of the alleged White supremacist leanings of the El Paso

alleged murderer, North Carolina's Democratic leaders and some in the civil rights community, were quick to assign blame to Republican Pres. Donald Trump.

"It matters that this President has devalued the worth of people of color and inspires homegrown terrorists to release their justified White rage on innocents," posted the African American caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party on facebook Sunday.

"The randomness of Alt-Right terrorist attacks is frightening and proves that all of us are at risk, especially minorities. As long as we have no gun control and a racist

President, the security of our nation remains at risk."

Both of the accused shooters were White males. Only the El Paso gunman was taken alive and later found to have White supremacist leanings towards Pres. Trump and against Latinos.

The double tragedy came on the heels of Pres. Trump, attacking Congressman Elijah Cummings last week as coming from a "rat-infested" city of Baltimore, Md. and presiding over a Greenville, NC campaign rally the week before, where the crowd shouted "Send her back," mimicking Trump's tweeted admonition towards Somali-America

Democratic Rep. Ilhan Omar, from Minnesota.

"In 1963 George Wallace spewed his racist hate rhetoric and policies," former NC NAACP Pres, and current co-convenor of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Revival, Rev. Dr. William Barber, said on Twitter. "By [that September]



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After hate-filled massacres, NAACP blames Trump for fueling 'racism, bigotry and White supremacy'

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY OF TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

President Donald Trump, in the wake of mass shootings that killed at least 31 people over the weekend, called for a unified condemnation of "racism, bigotry, and white supremacy" while he, himself has consistently promoted and supported racism, bigotry and White supremacy.

At least 22 were killed and more than 20 injured at a Walmart in El Paso Texas on Saturday as parents and children ventured out for back to school shopping. Dallas resident, Patrick Crusius, 21, was arrested in the shootings. According to authorities and widespread reports, Crusius wrote a manifesto claiming responsibility for the attack and railing against what he described as a "Hispanic invasion of Texas," using language mirroring Trump's language describing "invasion" immigrants.

Crusius also reportedly told authorities that he had intended to kill as many Mexicans as he could. At least 18 Mexican nationals were shot. Nine died,

reports say.

Federal investigators, including the FBI, have classified the case as domestic terrorism.

Less than 15 hours later, another White male opened fire at a bar in Dayton, Ohio, killing nine people, six of them Black. Twenty-seven others were injured in Dayton. The shooter, Connor Betts, 24, was shot dead by responding officers.

"The shooter in El Paso posted a manifesto online consumed by racist hate. In one voice, our nation must condemn racism, bigotry, and white supremacy," Trump said in a televised speech from the White House Monday morning. "These sinister ideologies must be defeated. Hate has no place in America. Hatred warps the mind, ravages the heart, and devours the soul. We have asked the FBI to identify all further resources they need to investigate and disrupt hate crimes and domestic terrorism - whatever they need."

Ironically, Trump also called the Internet "a dangerous avenue to radicalize disturbed minds and perform demented acts" and described it as a place with

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Gerrymandering case certainly headed to NC Supreme Court

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Yesterday, August 7, 2019, written concluding closing summary briefs were due from both sides in the controversial Common Cause v. Lewis partisan gerrymandering case by the three-judge panel which heard two weeks of testimony recently.

A court decision may be evident in weeks or maybe even months. Plaintiffs are hopeful a decision comes in time so that if it's a favorable decision, there's time to redraw the voting districts for the 2020 legislative elections.

However, what is more likely, legal and political observers agree, is that the court decision will be appealed to

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NEWS ANALYSIS

The impact of Trump's vile racist rhetoric and the hate that hate produces

BY DR. WILMER J. LEON, III

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "Sadly, the overwhelming amount of violent crime in our major cities is committed by Blacks and Hispanics..." - Trump Tweet 6-5-13

"They (Democrats) don't care about crime and want illegal immigrants, no matter how bad they may be, to pour into and infest our Country, like MS-13. - Trump Tweet 6-19-18

"Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?" - Trump 1-11-18

On August 3, 22 people were killed, and dozens injured in a shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas. Authorities have uncovered a document that they believe links the shooter's actions to his dismay at the increasing Hispanic population in Texas.

On April 27, 2019, one woman was killed, and three other people were injured at the Chabad of Poway synagogue in Poway, CA. In an antisemitic and racist open letter posted on 8chan shortly before the shooting and signed with the shooters name, the

author blamed Jews for alleged "white genocide" ...a conspiracy theory, which he referred to as the "meticulously planned genocide of the European race".

On October 27, 2018, eleven people were killed and seven (including the perpetrator) were injured at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Citing the Central American migrant caravans and immigrants, the shooter posted on "Gab" shortly before the attack that "HIAS likes to bring invaders in that kill our people. I can't sit by and

watch my people get slaughtered..."

At least three people were killed, and 12 others wounded in a shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Northern California on Sunday, July 28. Nine people were killed, and 27 others injured in Dayton, OH Sunday, August 4. Police have yet to determine the motive in these shootings.

Much has been made of President Trump's racist and xenophobic

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another as he loves himself. Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.



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racists, emboldened by him, were blowing up children in churches. President Trump is lying and spewing his racist hate rhetoric and policies. Now we have a mass shooter in El Paso. This has to stop."

Rev. Barber continued, "Trump's words and policies embolden White supremacy, but so does the silence of members of his [Republican] party and many religious nationalists. Their silence is complicit."

Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12) agreed. "I think he's a hypocrite," Rep. Adams told Spectrum News' 'Capital Tonight' Monday after President Trump addressed the nation earlier, denouncing White supremacy but blaming the media and mental illness for the shootings.

"He's talking about what we should do, yet people are taking his example of hatred he's talking about over and over again," Adams bristled. "So he's setting a poor example."

Her African American Democratic colleague, Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), called on his colleagues in the U. S. Senate to cut short their August month long recess, come back to Washington, D.C., and pass needed gun control legislation.

"The time for simply expressing our thoughts and prayers is over," Butterfield declared in a terse statement.

"After the 250th mass shooting in this year alone, now must be the time for action. I join Speaker Pelosi and Democratic Leader Schumer in calling for the Senate to immediately reconvene and, at the very least, pass the bipartisan legislation the



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BUTTERFIELD

House passed in February that will strengthen background checks."

Rep. Butterfield continued, "Leader McConnell's refusal to take up even the bare minimum legislation that could save lives and is supported overwhelmingly by the American public can no longer be tolerated. The Senate needs to do its job and immediately come back into session to pass this legislation. The American people deserve better."

Even Gov. Roy Cooper demanded, in light of the double tragedies, the NC General Assembly debate and pass two measures - HB 86 and HB454 - that could improve public safety across North Carolina.

"The General Assembly should move quickly to debate the details of these bills so that we can end up with legislation to keep deadly weapons out of the wrong



COOPER

hands," Cooper said in a statement Monday. "I am also directing my administration to ensure that we are doing what's needed to try to prevent these tragic events."

"HB86, the Gun Violence Prevention Act, includes several provisions to improve background checks and encourage safe and responsible gun ownership. HB454, which allow ERPOs to Save Lives & Prevent Suicides, would create Ex-treme Risk Protection Orders, sometimes called a red flag law, and authorize family members and law enforcement to petition a court to restrict an individual's access to firearms if there is evidence that the person poses a danger to himself or others. Fifteen states have already enacted this type of law."

The governor continued, "Both HB86 and HB454 have been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Neither bill has had a hearing."

Though Republicans generally didn't react to the mass murders, two prominent North Carolina GOPers said they

were "heartbroken" by the tragedies.

"Our hearts are broken today with the news of the deadly shootings in Ohio, just hours after the tragedy in El Paso," tweeted Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, a 2020 candidate for governor.

"As a nation, we must address the moral emptiness driving people to violence."

Congressman Ted Budd of Greensboro also tweeted, "It was a hateful act of domestic terrorism and must be condemned to the highest extent."

"We have to do more to end these mass shootings," Rep. Budd contused, vowing to work with his colleagues "...to do just that."



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"dark recesses".

But some - including the NAACP - believe it has been clearly Trump himself who has used social media - mainly Twitter - to fuel racism, White supremacy and bigotry throughout the nation and around the world through his attacks on people of color, portraying them as less than human.

Following the recent shootings, NAACP President Derrick Johnson called out Trump's own hate-filled behavior on the Internet over past years, months, weeks and days.

"These tragic shootings are stark reminders of the dangers that plague our communities under the resurgence of white nationalism, domestic terrorism, intolerance, and racial hatred germinating from the White House," wrote Johnson in a statement.

Other civil rights leaders chimed in, appearing to be at a loss for answers.

"When is enough, enough?" asked Melanie Campbell, president/CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP) and Convener of the Black Women's Roundtable (BWR). "Gun violence in America must end, and it must end now. How many more lives must be lost by senseless gun violence for elected officials to step up and lead?"

Campbell issued the following statistics on gun violence to date in 2019:

*** There have been 253

mass shootings in America in 216 days of this year. That is more than one mass shooting per day for 2019. And we still have five more months to go this year.

*** According to the Gun Violence Archive, to date, the total number of gun-related incidents in this country now stands at 33,076, resulting in 8,744 deaths and 17,366 injuries.

*** The number of youths killed, ages 1 to 17, now stands at 2,197.

"This is absolute insanity for a so-called 'civilized' nation. The shootings in El Paso and Dayton were senseless acts of hate that could possibly have been prevented had there been laws in place to control access to high powered, rapid-fire, military grade weapons. The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and the Black Women's Roundtable strongly urges the U. S. Senate to come off of vacation and deal with this crisis by passing a national common sense gun safety law now."

In Trump's speech, he mentioned mental illness that leads to gun violence, but said nothing about his own hateful tweets.

He said, "We must reform our mental health laws to better identify mentally disturbed individuals who may commit acts of violence and make sure those people not only get treatment, but, when necessary, involuntary confinement."

He said he is directing the Department of Justice to work in "partnership with local, state, and federal agen-

cies, as well as social media companies, to develop tools that can detect mass shooters before they strike."

He said the "glorification of violence in our society" through "gruesome and grisly video games" must end.

He added, "We must make sure that those judged to pose a grave risk to public safety do not have access to firearms, and that, if they do, those firearms can be taken through

rapid due process. That is why I have called for red flag laws, also known as extreme risk protection orders."

Finally, Trump said he was "directing the Department of Justice to propose legislation ensuring that those who commit hate crimes and mass murders face the death penalty, and that this capital punishment be delivered quickly, decisively, and without years of needless delay."

Still civil rights leaders lay blame for the El Paso and Dayton massacres squarely at Trump's feet:

Johnson wrote: "The NAACP is calling on the Trump administration to cease its use of divisive and discriminatory rhetoric which fuel these unconscionable attacks and allot resources to combat the rise of domestic terrorism and hate crimes."

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GUN SHOP TARGETING FOUR ANTI-TRUMP CONGRESSWOMEN TAKEN DOWN

[MURPHY] A billboard sponsored by a local gun shop that targeted four anti-Trump congresswomen of

color was taken down Monday after the double mass murders in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. Cherokee Guns had initially erected the controversial sign to protest the liberal and "socialist" views of congresswomen Ilhan Omar (D-Minn), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), also known as "The Squad." The congresswomen had been criticized by Pres. Donald Trump for alleged speaking out against America. A spokesperson for the gun

shop said the billboard was taken down because of death threats online.

SUSPECTS ARRAIGNED IN NINTH DISTRICT BALLOT FRAUD CASE

[RALEIGH] Seven suspects alleged to have illegally tampered with absentee ballots during the November 2018 elections in Bladen County, were formally charged in court Monday. The alleged ring-leader, McCrae Dowless was charged with two counts of obstruction of justice and one count each of conspira-

cy to obstruct justice, illegal possession of an absentee ballot, perjury and solicitation to commit perjury - all felonies. Dowless allegedly paid people working for him to collect the ballots, or complete filling them out for voters. Other suspects - alleged accomplices of Dowless - were charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice, and illegal possession of an absentee ballot.

COOPER DEMANDS GOP LEADERS END BUDGET IMPASSE

[RALEIGH] On Monday,

Gov. Roy Cooper's office issued the following statement: It has been 29 days since Governor Roy Cooper and Democratic leaders shared a balanced, reasonable compromise offer on the state budget to Republican legislative leaders. Republican leaders have still not responded to that compromise with their own counteroffer and they still haven't been able to override the Governor's veto despite their attempts to buy Democratic votes. The state budget veto and bipartisan Medicaid expan-

sion remain stalled. Gov. Cooper's compromise offer ...would close the health care coverage gap, raise teacher pay, cut taxes for people and guarantee school construction while balancing the budget and saving money in the Rainy Day Fund.

By press time Tuesday, there was no response to Cooper's challenge. The \$23 billion state budget remains vetoed until either a deal is struck, or Republican leaders convince enough Democrats to vote to override the governor's veto.

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the North Carolina Supreme Court, which will render the final decision.

Whether that will occur in time for the 2020 elections...no one knows. However, the implications are stark. Whoever wins the decision may be able to control who wins the 2020 legislative elections, and with them, the right to redraw the voting districts that will govern the next decade for the State House, State Senate, and the 13 congressional districts.

Democrats could retake the NC General Assembly for the first time since 2011 and keep it through 2030.

Yet again, only if the majority Democratic state rules that North Carolina Republican legislative leaders violated the North Carolina Constitution when they had a voting map drawn that was based on "extreme" partisan gerrymandering.

State Rep. David Lewis (R-Harnett), chair of the House Redistricting Committee, was sued by Common Cause NC, the nonpartisan redistricting reform organization, and the NC Democratic Party, both of which claimed that the Republican-led NC General Assembly's 2016 redistricting maps violated North Carolina's Constitution because the voting districts were deliberately drawn to deny Democrats

any opportunity to ever win back the majority in either the State House or Senate.

The trial, which featured some of the now infamous Thomas Hofeller files of the now deceased Republican redistricting mapmaker, who previously drew several racially gerrymandered voting districts, ultimately struck down by the federal courts, was highlighted by false testimony by a witness for the Republican defendants, testimony that was ultimately thrown out of court.

That witness was supposed to disprove claims by the Common Cause attorneys and witnesses that the GOP maps drawn by Hofeller violated the State Constitution. Republican

lawyers claimed that Democrats basically lost in the 2018 elections in several districts because they just had lousy candidates, not rigged maps.

Furthermore, the Republican attorneys claimed, the courts really have no say in the matter because, in the political process, the voters decide.

Plaintiffs, however, argued that for voters to fairly decide, the rules governing elections must be fair. When those rules, in the form of redrawn voting districts that assure one party of an absolute certainty of victory over the other, then the rules have been skewed, thus violating the rights of voters of the other party to ever have representation of

their choice.

Because the State Supreme Court is six Democrats and one Republican, a Republican justice who has already taken his Democratic colleagues publicly to task for allegedly being "AOC" liberals - it is generally assumed that the majority will side with Common Cause and the NC Democratic Party.

"At least three of the Democratic-backed judges on the State Supreme Court would have to join the lone Republican-backed colleague in declining to overturn the North Carolina's legislative maps, and I don't see where those three votes would come from among the six Democratic-backed judges on the court," Wake

Forest University Politics and International Affairs Professor, John Dinan told Carolina Journal recently.

At the same token, if the State High Court, led by Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, does come down against the Republican leaders, because several of them are also up for re-election in 2020, they will have to ensure that their legal decision is wholly legally sound and justified, given that the GOP would be sitting in wait to make political hay out of it if they lose.

Again, the three-judge panel has not made its decision yet, but, when it comes, expect it to be immediately appealed to the NC Supreme Court for the ultimate decision.

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Tweets and rants. The discussion now centers around the "rise" of white supremacist language, web sites, activity and action. Analysts and others are trying to assign blame to President Trump for inciting this hatred and violence...but this is not new; this is America! To quote H. Rap Brown, "violence (and in this case racism) is as American as cherry pie".

America as a settler colonial state was founded upon violence, racism, bigotry and hatred. This month America

commemorates the 400 years that enslaved Africans arrived on the shores of Port Comfort, Va. in 1619.

It's codified in the Constitution. Article 1, Section 2 of the US Constitution - Better known as the 3/5ths compromise. Article IV, Section 2, Clause 3, - The Fugitive Slave Clause and Article 1, Section 9 - the importation of enslaved Africans was allowed for 25 years after the Constitution was ratified.

The Indian Removal Act was signed into law on May 28, 1830, by President Andrew Jackson. The act has been referred to as a unitary act of systematic genocide as count-

less numbers of Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole, and Cherokee people (including mixed-race and Africans who lived among them) were forcibly removed from their ancestral lands in the Southeastern United States and forced to relocate west of the Mississippi. It will never be determined how many people perished during this process also known as The Trail of Tears.

The Supreme Court was very clear in its language on March 6, 1857, Chief Justice Roger Taney issued what is widely regarded as the worst Supreme Court opinion ever in the infamous Dred Scott v.

Sanford case, "[African Americans] had for more than a century before been regarded as beings of an inferior order; and altogether unfit to associate with the white race, either in social or political relations; and so far inferior, that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect..."

These are just a few examples of the historic basis of President Trump's racist tropes, but Trump is not alone. On the evening of March 21, 1915, President Woodrow Wilson attended a special screening at the White House of THE BIRTH OF A NATION, a film directed by D.W. Griffith and based on THE CLANS-

MAN, a novel written by Wilson's good friend Thomas Dixon. It depicted the Ku Klux Klan as valiant saviors of a post-war South, ravaged by Northern carpetbaggers and immoral freed blacks. The film helped to revive the Klan and its domestic terror in African American and Jewish communities.

Even the beloved Ronald Reagan (Obama's favorite) was clear in his racism. According to Slate, In 1971, when both then-CA governor Reagan and President Nixon were frustrated about a United Nations vote to recognize the People's Republic of China. African delegations sided with others in supporting Chinese sovereignty over Taiwan. In a racist phone call to President Richard Nixon Reagan said, "To see those, those monkeys from those African countries-damn them, they're still uncomfortable wearing shoes!" Reagan said, to laughter from Nixon.

Trump is not the progenitor of this racist rhetoric. He is an accelerant of it and the resulting violence. What is

most dangerous is how Trump has now neo-liberalized racism. By using his bully pulpit as president to spew his hatred and racism for political advantage, he has given the green light to like-minded white supremacists to act out individually. He is neo-liberalizing or privatizing what heretofore has been government sanctioned violence.

So, whether it is Trump's people from "shithole countries" or Reagan's "monkeys from those African countries" the controlling American sentiment is that people of color in this country still have no rights which the white man is bound to respect. Trump's vile racist rhetoric is the hate that hate produces.

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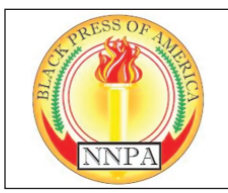
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First look in the mirror, Mr. President to quell America's deadly violence

The horrifying and heartbreaking news of the domestic terrorist attacks in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, in less than 24 hours over the weekend reached me while I was in Poland, a country haunted by the deadly power of politically irresponsible and racist rhetoric.

I was participating in a series of events commemorating the 75th anniversary of the mass murder at Auschwitz-Birkenau death factory near Krakow, where in one night the Nazis killed more than 4,000 Roma and Sinti men, women and children, classified and persecuted by the Nazis as "Gypsies," aliens, undocumented and other.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The motivation of the young white killer in Dayton is unclear.

But in El Paso, a 21-year-old white man apparently posted to social media a hate-filled, anti-immigrant rant before driving nine hours and 600 miles from the Dallas area to a Walmart, where you can see Mexico from the parking lot, to kill as many brown-skinned people as possible.

Wielding a semiautomatic, military-style rifle — a weapon of mass destruction — the Texas shooter killed 20 people and wounded dozens more in a matter of minutes. The death toll in the El Paso shooting now stands at 22.

The scourge of homegrown racial terrorism is not new.

Since the birth of the Klan during Reconstruction, to the White Citizen's councils of the '60s to Timothy McVeigh's slaughter of 168 people, including 19 children, in Oklahoma City, the radical and racist right has used guns and bombs to intimidate and spread fear.

President Donald Trump said many of the right things at the White House Monday morning in condemning the shootings, racism, bigotry and white supremacy.

Better late than never. Now he must do the right thing. He can start by looking at the man in the mirror. He must end his use of racially charged (often racist) rhetoric and tweets for political gain. It is divisive, dangerous and diversionary.

I think he is better than that. I know the country is. The president should also clean the swamp inside his administration.

During his campaign and in the White House — the people's house — Trump has surrounded himself with racial ideologues, including his immigrant-bashing speech writer Stephen Miller, a close college friend of Richard Spencer, who, along with former KKK leader and Trump endorser, David Duke, were organizers of the demonstrations in Charlottesville where hundreds of neo-Nazis marched through the streets, chanting, "Jews will not replace us."

Racism is a pathology. It is unscientific. It is immoral. It is a sickness. It is deadly.

The ideology of white supremacy is spewing hate, anti-immigrant and racially polarizing rhetoric. It is cannon fodder for these mass killings. These are not killings of passion, but political killings. Calling the shooters mentally ill is dismissing their plan of action, their ideology of supremacy and hate.

They are at war. They know what they're doing and why. We have a gun crisis, a hate crisis and a leadership crisis.

Trump must use his bully pulpit for something more than bullying. He must lead the way with action, not just words, in the passage of tough, meaningful gun control and an immediate ban on the military-style weapons used by both killers in El Paso and Dayton.

He must demand his fellow Republicans do the same. The House has passed gun legislation that would likely reduce such mass killings in the future, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has refused to bring it before the Senate for a vote.

Mr. President, start twisting arms. These political acts of domestic terrorism are an attempt to undercut our democracy. The combination of well-armed white nationalists and white supremacists, and a multiracial democracy, cannot co-exist.

The president must take a moral stand for humanity and curb his ugly rhetoric.

His FBI must clamp down on right-wing, white nationalist groups inspiring and committing these acts of violence. He must join the American people who are demanding sensible gun safety measures.

Prayers and condolences are not enough. We need action. We need gun control. We need the political will and moral leadership to stop the violence, save the children — and the country.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

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Vote every Republican out!

There is only one way to

end the daily madness of gun violence in America. On November 3, 2020, from dog catcher to President of

the United States, vote every Republican out of office.

Jeffrey Zalles Southport, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Ronald Ray gun's secret past

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

While Presidential Candidate Joe Biden is struggling with being confronted with his past, let's not forget that there were politicians with far worse records of racism than Joe. Most of us have been able to witness Joe's evolution to become a better person. One might say, he learned from his experiences, and became someone who is much loved by many of the very people who were hurt by his earlier position on several issues such as criminal justice. I can forgive people who do better when they know better.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

I think that describes Mr. Biden. I have no doubt that he has learned from the error of his ways and he has become a much better person. When you know better, you are charged with doing better, and I think that fits Mr. Biden. Surely President Barack Obama knew about Mr. Biden's past, and still selected him to become his Vice-President. He turned out to be a good choice and that's why so many Black people are now supporting him.

Now let's take a look at another politician from not too long ago—President Ronald Reagan. He was our 40th President, and is often admired and quoted by many on both sides of the aisle. I was never impressed by him, but many were. I met Mr. Reagan in 1984 when I visited him at the White House with Grambling's Coach Eddie Robinson. While I didn't formally meet him then, I ran into him in Detroit at the Republican Convention and had an opportunity to size him up. I didn't find him impressive either time. Yet, I knew people who treated him like he was a close second to God! I never thought of him as a particularly smart person; but until today many (white) people speak of him in glowing terms.

We can't measure him against Joe Biden. They're

very different people. Let's measure him beside Donald Trump. Trump recently disrespected African leaders with very offensive terms. Mr. Reagan disparaged African delegates to the United Nations. A few days ago, The Atlantic published an article where Reagan in one of his racist conversations with a questionable character named Richard Nixon tried to convince us when he got caught that he was not a crook!

Once Reagan vented his frustrations about African leaders to Nixon saying, "To see those monkeys from those African countries—damn them, they're still uncomfortable wearing shoes!"

As Trump was campaigning for President, he ran off statistics disparaging the way some Black people live. In an effort to get Black people's support, he asked, "What have they got to lose?" Recently he referred to cities where there're many Black people in derogatory terms. His reference to Baltimore as rat infested, and he couldn't understand how any humans could live there—was his way of dehumanizing Black people. A few years ear-

lier, Reagan claimed minorities were better off under him—just the way Trump says it.

Trump claims not to have a racist bone in his body, but it's obvious there's racism in his heart while accusing Cong. Elijah Cummings of being racist. Reagan was quoted as resorting to the old standby of turning the problem back to Black people because surely, he wasn't racist! He challenged NAACP'S Dr. Ben Hooks to imagine looking into his (Reagan's) heart, and he would find not a trace of prejudice or bigotry there! No, it's always the fault of the accuser!

One of Reagan's defenders denied that he was racist—just backward in some ways on racial issues! That sounds like racism to me. Listening to these secret tapes, maybe that statue at DCA should be retired to another place!

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The Paradox of Love: Trump's United States of hate

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

America is experiencing the most perilous of times in recent history as the result of its president, Donald Trump. Even though Monday morning he stepped forward to speak against the weekend's hate crimes, it lacks residence because of the hate that has been reverberating since his stance against the Central Park Five, his ascendance in the GOP with the birther inquisition of Barack Obama, and not immediately condemning the chants of "send her back" aimed at four congressional women of Congress for doing their job.

It remains jarring how he and the leadership of the GOP lack human decency by caging children at the border and proclaiming that Baltimore is a predominately African-American city where no humans should live. These hateful words are intentional verbal terrorism to inflame his base and continue to label some human beings as unworthy of being in the same race as White Americans. What is equally puzzling is the silence of the White Evangelical church in which 81 percent supports and believes that he has been called by God.



Dr. Keith Magee

These blatant domestic terrorist attacks, being exercised

by White supremacists best known as the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazis, are embedded deeply it how they understand God, practice Christianity and see humanity. And, yet, there are other social justice faith leaders who are grappling with this torture and how to convey the message of God's, resulting in a divided gospel.

In the New Testament gospel of Mark 12:28-33, a scholar and scribe, out of curiosity, questioned Jesus, "which out of all the commandments is the most important?" Jesus responds with two statements. The first is how you are to love the "Lord your God with all your heart, your mind, your soul and your strength." The second one is to "love your neighbor like you love yourself". The implication is very powerful because what it means is to be authentically a follower of Jesus, means I have to know how to love me before I can love you.

I recently had a rather challenging dinner conversation with a young Jewish member of the GOP, who I consider close family. He questioned why continuously refer to this president as "it". He asked, "as a Christian (that believes in the same teaching in the Torah) isn't the fundamental teaching of our faith love? If so, are you not being equally divisive in referring to Donald Trump as an "it" and the GOP as them?" My rapid response was human beings don't spark flames of hatred. They would not find any justification in anyone that assembles to chant Jews will not replace us, say that there were very fine people on both

sides, call Mexican's rapists and target Muslims. Those who have a soul would condemn the acrimony so that it wouldn't ignite a fire.

The Civil rights movement wasn't driven by policy experts. It was accomplished by people who actually practiced their faith in love. The movement was filled with the love of Imams and Rabbis, Catholic and Orthodox Priest, Unitarians and Muslim, Baptist and Hindus, and Atheist and Quakers. There were Black women frying chicken, White women making cold cut sandwiches, gay men organizing and lesbian women strategizing. They galvanized together to enact laws because there were racist White Americans who lacked civility. The laws had to be created to protect those whom they dehumanized with Jim Crow, the violence of rape and torture of death.

The preaching of "whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also", is no longer applicable in these times. There's no longer the tolerance to mount a non-violence movement or foot soldiers in protest when the evidence is clear that this venom embodied in these White-skin individuals is filled with intentional rage, injustice and violence, against everyone that isn't a pure American of Anglo-Saxon decent. Yes, there are few who Blacks that are getting passes but I learned early in life that there was no difference between house slaves and those in the field. The white supremacist groups categori-

cally deem them all as subhuman.

After I stepped away and reflected on my dinner conversation, I realized that my retort to these times have caused me to depart from the most essential and guiding principle of my faith. With all that the raced baited massacres in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio by White males ages 21 and 24 in the last 48 hours, I'm wrestling with how do you continue to offer love to those who are responsible for the spillage of your brother's blood-shed on the ground?

How do, I, as a social justice intellectual and faith leader provide guidance that teaches how to love those who persecute you, speak all manner of evil against you? How do I lean in to find similarity with those who say that the believe in the same Jesus that many non-White Americans serve? If this gospel can't unite us, especially, in times like this, then what can?

Anger and Love have no limits especially when it is seeded in fear and one's misappropriated religion. The scribes were so caught up on the rules, which made up the religion, that they had fallen short on knowing how to have relationship with God, themselves and their neighbor.

There is no negating the reality of the fear of a group of White Americans being left in poverty. According to the Center on Budget and Policy

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Priorities. White people are 52 percent of people lifted from poverty by safety-net programs, while Black people made up less than a quarter of that share. When it comes to receiving Medicaid, Whites make up about 43 percent of recipients, Hispanics about 30 percent, African-Americans 18 percent, with 9 percent identified as other. It is obvious that their concerns are valid.

However, it is unfortunate that their anger is misappropriated. It should be directed towards the White men, like

Donald Trump, who are more focused on their own wealth than strengthening and providing economic opportunities for these White Americans.

When I awakened Sunday morning I learned of the incident in Dayton, Ohio, where I graduated high school. My close group of friends immediately began to check on those who still reside there. We learned of several recent insinuations of targeted violence in Dayton. When I learned that one of my sister-friends and her family were literally next door to where the shooting happened, I began to weep because she's family. In our

group of five, who have been friends now over 35 years, I'm the only African-American. And, yes, race shows up because we have fluid conversations. However, what has kept our bond with our religious, sexuality and political party difference is love.

It was then that I realized that perhaps the answer is larger than what's in the written text and man-made doctrines. The defining moments to overcome hate will be from what is written with love in our hearts. Maybe we can organize a healing, peace and love march with American presidents, Baraka and Michelle Obama standing

alongside George W. and Laura Bush? Though they had many differences, they served the United States of America honoring a commitment of justice, equality and love for all.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

How white privilege has produced a group of spoiled brats

It is a fact that whenever any of us feel privileged in any way, we expect that privilege to always be there, and we expect for those around us to know about that privilege and to honor it. A person, for example, who has a substantial income is used to going to his or her favorite restaurant and is used to being treated as someone "special," receiving the respect he or she believes is due, but one day gets someone who does not know "who" that person is, the person is offended, or even insulted.

It is becoming clear that white people in this nation have grown used to the privilege of being white; they have gotten used to getting away with things no other member of any other ethnic group can get away with. They have grown accustomed to expecting respect from police officers, as did the El Paso shooter who was arrested and not mowed down and killed by police in spite of having killed 20 people and who was known to be heavily armed.

White people have grown accustomed to expecting better schools, and being able to live in better neighborhoods. They have grown accustomed to committing crimes and getting away with it and worse - not really worrying about being held accountable, as seen in the steady parade of people in the current administration who committed crimes that would have landed anyone else in prison a long time ago. Rich white people have gotten even more accustomed to doing what they want and not worrying about the consequences, because they have the money to purchase justice.

While African-Americans might stew over the fact that Daniel Pantaleo, the officer responsible for the death of Eric Garner, has basically gotten away with murder; many white people are insulted that any agency would even consider the possibility of him being fired. There is a disgusting arrogance which "the privileged" carry with them; they cry out "law and order" while knowing they have no intention of obeying the law - or the Constitution - if they don't feel like it and have the money to do just that. It does not appear that any of the officers who have been accused of state-sanctioned murders over the years have worried one iota about being held accountable for their crimes which include, too often, murdering unarmed black people.

When white people are called the "r" word, they buck like angry mules; they insist that they are not racist even as they walk in the privilege that racism has afforded them, but when they get caught in their wrong-doing, and for a short time are exposed for who they are and for what they have done - they react like spoiled brats. They are angry not because they have done wrong; they are angry because they feel they have been mistreated and that those calling them to accountability have forgotten "who they are."

Police officers are notorious for wielding unlimited power and then putting them they are held to account. The New York Police Department is incensed that anyone would call for Daniel Pantaleo to be fired. (https://www.foxnews.com/politics/nypd-union-rips-de-blasio-garner-cop-case) Though not a police officer, Michael Dunn, a white man who shot and killed Jordan Davis because the latter was playing his music too loud, was astounded and angry that he was actually charged and sent to prison for what he did. (https://www.cbsnews.com/news/michael-dunn-described-himself-as-victim-victor-after-killing-teenager-in-argument-over-music/) When whites are called to account, they frequently claim that they are the victims.

White people have been pampered in this country, made to feel that they are special, that they are above the law, and that the country owes them something because they are white. The current fight against immigrants is being waged largely because whites say that black and brown people are taking jobs away from them (not true, as immigrants do the jobs that no American wants to do), and they are complaining that these "foreigners" are getting too much from America, a country Africans, forcibly brought here and then later, immigrants who came here voluntarily, built.

They whine, they pout, they throw temper tantrums in the form of policies made and set and in the form of violence against those who they believe is in their way of being "privileged." If one looks at some of the traits of "spoiled brats," one notices that they include:

- They don't play well with others. One of the clearest signs your kid's been overly indulged? ...
- They drive people away. ...
- They have frequent tantrums. ...
- They're not helpful. ...
- They don't say "thank you." ...
- They start sentences with "I need." ...
- They're not generous. ...
- They talk to you like a peer


The whining of the "white privileged" is hard to take, maybe harder than enduring the pain of seeing them get away with the things that they do. In thinking about it, white people in this country and around the world are like the perpetual younger sibling, doing what he or she wants while the parents, exhausted with parenting, let them get away with that behavior.

The good thing about being the elder sibling is that often, that sibling is stronger and more able to deal with the curveballs thrown at them in life, while the pampered "little brother or sister" is totally or near totally inept to navigate change, difficulty, disappointment and a host of other life experiences that we all must go through.

As our government spirals into an unknown place, my hunch is that the spoiled brats will flounder and panic, even as those who have been trained to weather difficulty find a way to "make do" and keep on moving.

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.com.

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No justice for Eric Garner

NYPD must terminate officer who ued excessive force

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"It was Eric and my family five years ago, but it could be you and yours today or tomorrow. They want all of us to believe that we didn't see what we saw on that video, but our eyes do not deceive us ... Eric is no longer able to speak so I will be his voice and you will hear me." - Gwen Carr, Eric Garner's mother.



Marc Morial

ity toward civil rights protections is unprecedented in the last 50 years.

Astonishingly, Pantaleo remains a member of the New York Police Department, pending a decision by an administrative judge who is expected to rule within a few weeks. His continued employment by the NYPD diminishes the institution, and he should be terminated.

It is difficult to imagine the grief of Garner's family. To lose a father, a son, a brother, to an untimely death is painful enough. To have been dragged through five years of injustice after injustice, to see the person responsible for that death escape accountability seems almost too much to bear.

Not only has Pantaleo escaped accountability, he has received a substantial raise in his pay since Garner's death.

Sadly, police officers are rarely held accountable when

unjustified brutality - local prosecutors are predictably reluctant to bring charges. That's precisely why the federal government has a special responsibility to seek justice in such cases, and why Attorney General Barr's failure to do so in the Garner case cuts so deeply.

In the wake of the death of Garner and other unarmed people of color who died violently at the hands of police officers, the National Urban League promulgated a 10-Point Plan for Police Reform and Accountability, elements of which were incorporated into the final report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. One of the key recommendations is "external and independent investigations and prosecutions of officer-involved shootings and other use of force situations and in-custody deaths."

In the Eric Garner case, as in many others, the Department of Justice's civil rights inquiry was arguably the only hope for an external and independent investigation.

But this is an administra-

tion that is intent on weakening enforcement of civil rights laws. Under Barr's predecessor, Jeff Sessions, the Justice Department abandoned all efforts to work with local police departments to address discriminatory practices. Consent decrees historically have been a crucial tool in the Justice Department's efforts to ensure constitutional and accountable policing.

The department also tried, unsuccessfully, to block a federal court in Baltimore from approving a consent decree between the city and the Baltimore Police Department to rein in discriminatory police practices that the department itself had negotiated over a multi-year period.

The Department of Justice's failure to seek justice in the Eric Garner case is just the latest in a series of missteps with regard to civil rights. Our hearts go out to Garner's family as they suffer yet another blow in the ongoing tragedy of Garner's untimely death.

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What goes up, must come down, but when?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

President Barack Obama and his team masterfully designed an economic recovery from the George W Bush-induced Great Recession of 2008. The man who now leads our country inherited the Obama recovery and claims credit for our robust economy



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

whenever he opens his mouth. There are signs that the ten-year expansion is slowing, and that our 45th President may be squandering the gift President Obama gave him.

There is much to object to about 45's Presidency - his hateful racial rhetoric, his attacks on women and people of color, his appointment of extremely young and inexperienced members of the federal judiciary, his rollback of environmental protections, his attacks on public education and more. But his economic stewardship, an arena he claims to have mastered, is as repulsive as his non-economic stewardship. Indeed, many of his minions have, albeit gently, criticized the ways he has managed the

economy.

His trade wars, especially with China, may stand at the top of the list. He says that China will pay when he, most recently, announced that he would impose a ten percent tariff on \$300 billion worth of imports from China. The Chinese won't pay. US consumers will. And US producers and manufacturers will also pay when China retaliates against us, as they have promised to do. To be sure, China has been a "bad actor" in trade relationships with the United States. But 45's intemperate and ill-advised tantrum will not only affect many in the United States (including farmers, manufacturers, and consumers) but may also play a role in slowing down the world economy.

For the first time in a decade, the Federal Reserve has reduced the interest rate by a quarter-point. Cutting the interest rate during the early recovery from the Great Recession was an effective way to lower the cost of money and, theoretically, put more money into the economy for expansion. In reality, cheaper money didn't trickle down to homeowners or consumers, but it did generate GDP growth. Now, growth is slowing, partly because of Trump's trade wars, and partly because his tax cuts have not trickled down and people don't have as much money to

spend as they'd like. Interest rate cuts are a clear sign that our nation's bankers are not confident that economic expansion will continue to be robust.

Many of 45's allies tout low unemployment rates as evidence of economic strength. And the July 3.7 percent unemployment rate, unchanged from June is, indeed, a ten year low. The Black unemployment rate, too, is at an all-time low. And last month, 164,000 more jobs were created, labor force participation rose, and the number of discouraged workers declined. Why aren't some of us celebrating? Firstly, because wage growth is slow. In a tight labor market, with low unemployment rates, wages should be increasing by more than the 3 percent annual rate they are growing at now. Further, although there is slight improvement in labor force participation, and fewer workers holding part-time work for economic reasons, tepid wage growth suggests that while jobs are available, they aren't necessarily good-paying jobs. What does it take to increase wages?

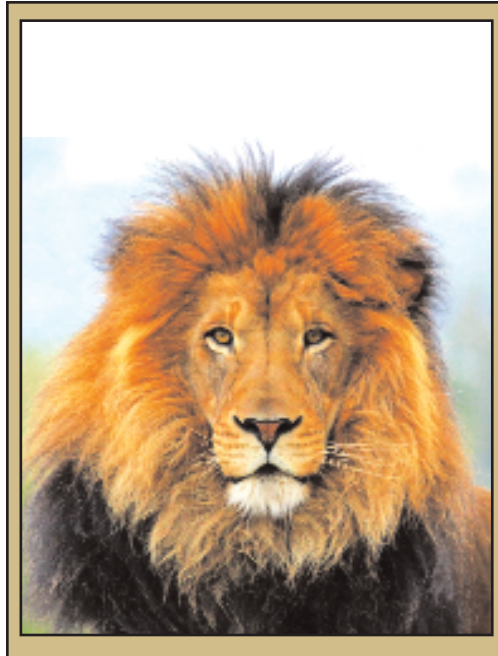
Slow wage growth and a slowing economy are likely to lead to a new recession. Economist Heather Boushey says that increasing inequality makes a recession more possible than it otherwise

might be. And this administration does not mind increasing inequality. Most recently, they have proposed cuts to food stamp programs that will leave at least three million people - low-income workers and their children, people with disabilities and some older Americans, vulnerable to hunger. The Senate just passed a budget that will increase military spending by more than \$750 billion and will cut spending on food.

Economic expansion depends on people spending money, and too many have little to spend. The food stamp cuts give some even less. Increased prices of good imported from China gives them less to spend. And the Administration team that touts economic strength, on the one hand, is undermining both growth and poverty alleviation, on the other.

What goes up must come down. Can the 45 economic team manipulate the economy to continue expansion through the 2020 election, or will attacks on the poor result in less spending, less expansion, and an economic catastrophe?

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New Hanover County

New Hanover County seeking applicants for boards and committees to provide opportunities for citizens to participate in county government, the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners is seeking interested citizens to apply for appointment to the following:
 New Hanover County Adult Care Community Advisory Committee
 New Hanover County Board of Examiners of Electricians
 Category: Independent Electrical Contractor
 New Hanover County Board of Mechanical Examiners
 Categories: Mechanical Contractor, NC Registered Mechanical Engineer
 New Hanover County/ City of Wilmington Community Relations Advisory Committee
 Categories: At-Large, Education Community

Community Briefs

New Hanover County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
 Categories: At-Large Business Community, Faith Community, Under Age 18
 New Hanover County Nursing Home Advisory Committee
 New Hanover County Risk Management Advisory Committee
 Parks Conservancy of New Hanover County, Inc. Board of Directors
 New Hanover Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees
 Applicants must reside in New Hanover County. Applications can be obtained at the Board of Commissioners Office, located at the New Hanover County Government Center, 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 175, by calling 910-798-7149, or on the county's boards & committees web page at Commissioners.NHCGov.com. Applications are due August 30, 2019 for consideration by the Board at the September 16, 2019 meeting.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, August 22, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Featured speaker will be Rae Hunter-Havens, Director of New Hanover Board of Elections. Information on the upcoming Candidate Forum in September and other important state and community issues will be on the agenda, as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch events and activities. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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Cape Fear Community College selected as Duke Energy 2019 Power Partner winner

WILMINGTON, NC – Cape Fear Community College is pleased to announce its recent recognition from Duke Energy as a 2019 Power Partner Winner. On July 29, preceding the College's meeting with the Electrical Lineworker Advisory Board — of which Duke Energy is an active member — Duke Energy presented CFCC with the 2019 Power Partner Winner award.

During Hurricane Florence last September, CFCC allowed Duke Energy to establish a 2500-person staging area at the College's North Campus in Castle Hayne. "With floodwaters impeding travel and gas shortages anticipated, a difficult restoration effort was more manageable thanks to Duke Energy's valued partnership with Cape Fear Community College," said Duke Energy VP of Customer Delivery, Rufus Jackson.

Jackson added "supporting storm restoration efforts is just the latest evidence of the strong partnership with Cape Fear Community College. Over the years, we have seen this partnership flourish with CFCC working with Duke Energy to develop and deliver



Pictured from left to right: Duke Energy Account Executive Wilson Hudspeth, CFCC President Jim Morton, Duke Energy VP of Customer Delivery Rufus Jackson.

a lineman training program and host various energy-efficient workshops."

Duke Energy played an instrumental role in the launch of the Electrical Lineworker Training program with the \$200,000 Apprenticeship grant. The College continues to rely on Duke Energy's insight for the future developments of the

program. Recently, the College implemented the CAST TEST which Duke Energy uses as part of their hiring process. The assessment is known to eliminate 50% of applicants. CFCC, by adding this assessment to the program's curricula, offers Duke Energy tested, qualified applicants. The program has the highest pass rate of any

college in the state coming in at 97%.

"We are extremely grateful for this commendable recognition," said CFCC President Jim Morton. "The growth of this continued partnership is an exciting prospect for the future development of not only Cape Fear Community College, but coastal North Carolina as a whole."

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!
 18-24 month leases? REALLY?

Oh my, put some serious thought into this one. As long as I have been in real estate for 28-yrs, the norm has been 12 month leases and every blue moon, now and then would run across a 6-month rental.

Fast forward and in 2019 there are more and more 18-24 month leases that families are obligating themselves to and to break them is not cheap. I ask myself, "what would make someone commit to that long?", but then I have to remind myself of how much of a shortage it is of rentals all across the Carolinas and some just want to know they have a set place for a little while. I get it, some of these longer leases will also lock in a monthly rental rate with a cap on the amount of increase so that gives some comfort to the families. Some want to be sure that if they enroll their child in a school that they will at least have them anchored in that district for more than 12 months and give them some stability. I can definitely

see why some would consider this and this only becomes a problem if they want to leave the area before those 18-24 months are up.

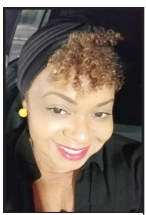
Now recently I stayed in one of those Hawthorne apartments for 60 days while my home was finishing up rebuild from Florence and I can tell you I could not get my boxes out of there fast enough! We were on the 2nd floor and we had neighbors directly below us that we nicknamed, CORNHOLE CARLA! Every weekend they were partying, cussing, fussing, throwing those corn-hole tossers and I was about to lose it a few times, LOL. Kept telling myself, "it's only a few weeks sista girl, calm down, it soon will be over." I promise you I can't begin to imagine if I was locked into a long lease, how I would have been able to sustain. That is one of the things you can't control in multifamily units, your neighbors. Then there's another thing to consider, what if you decide you want to purchase a home and you still have a long time before the lease ends, it will delay getting your deed for sure unless you negotiated a reasonable "OUT clause" upfront. After all, breaking a lease

usually triggers a hefty fine and may cause the landlord not to give a good reference when needed.. At the appropriate time, a mortgage lender will always reach out to your landlords for the last 2 years for a report of how you have paid your rent and if you left in good standing. This is called a VOR (Verification of Rent). Since you are asking this bank to lend you over \$100,000 for housing, the way you handled your rental housing obligations will weigh very heavy on their decision to lend you that money or not.

Therefore, please think long and hard about the upcoming months, your overall game plan and desire for your family and make your best decisions from there. At the end of the day, a rental is a house, owning your own is A HOME. I for one truly believes that everyone deserves to have a HOME.

Until next week Family, please share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to reach out if want a Free personalized game plan to own in the next 18 mos or less.

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Pauline Moore Green celebrates 85th birthday



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MRS. PAULINE MOORE GREEN AND GRANDCHILDREN

On July 13, 2019 Mrs. Pauline Moore Green (Bunny) was given an 85th Hawaiian Luau themed birthday party celebration at Carolina Bar-B-Q Restaurant.

The birthday celebration was given by her son Mr. Kevin Green. She is the youngest daughter of 10 children from Mr. Clayton & Pauline Moore Williams. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, games & fellowship.

Mrs. Pauline Moore Green would like to thank everyone for coming out and celebrating with her on her 85th birthday celebration. We wish her well and many, many more birthdays. May God continue to bless her.



MRS. PAULINE MOORE GREEN

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WILMINGTON, N.C. - The Wilmington Fire Department is pleased to announce open registration for the Fall edition of the 2019 Citizen's Fire Academy. The eight week academy will begin on the evening of Thursday, September 5th, 2019 and will last from 6-9pm, with the graduation scheduled for Oct 24th, 2019. This is an incredible opportunity for citizens to meet local first responders, learn what a career in Public Safety is really about and gain hands-on experience

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AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina contracts with Community Care Physician Network to serve North Carolina Medicaid recipients

Raleigh, N.C. — AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina and Community Care Physician Network, LLC (CCPN) announced that they have signed a contract that will allow CCPN clinicians to serve AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina members seeking primary care services. AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina is a managed care organization that is slated to begin serving North Carolina Medicaid enrollees in November 2019 and is part of the AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies. CCPN is a physician-led, clinically integrated network of independent primary care clinicians that provides practices with the support needed to deliver high-quality patient care. CCPN has more than 2,500 PCPs currently caring for more

than 2.5 million North Carolinians, including 700,000 Medicaid enrollees. CCPN's agreement with Community Care of North Carolina, Inc. (CCNC) allows CCNC to support CCPN practices serving AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina members with care management and provider support services. "Primary care is at the heart of every Medicaid managed care program, and CCPN's providers have a stellar reputation in North Carolina for delivering patient-centric care that improves health outcomes," said AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies Regional President Rebecca Engelman. "This contract is the latest milestone in our preparations to bring our whole-person model of care to North Carolina. We look forward to collaborating

with CCPN to help build healthier communities throughout North Carolina." "We look forward to working closely with AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina in providing high-quality primary care across our state," said CCPN Co-President Greg Adams, MD. "We look forward to the resources that AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina plans to bring to help support our practices and assist us in better serving our patients," said Co-President Conrad L. Flick, MD. North Carolina's transition to Medicaid managed care is slated to begin on Nov. 1, 2019, in the first phase's 27 counties, and on Feb. 1, 2020, in the state's remaining counties. AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina is one of five managed care organizations selected to

serve the new managed care program, which will include many of CCPN's patients. **About AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina** AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina is a managed care organization that will offer a standard benefit plan to North Carolina Medicaid enrollees, with coverage slated to begin in November 2019. AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina will help North Carolinians get care, stay well, and build healthy communities by addressing the acute and broader social factors that drive health outcomes. For more information, visit www.amerhealthcaritasnc.com. **About AmeriHealth Caritas** AmeriHealth Caritas is one of the nation's leaders in health care solutions for those most in need. Operating in 11 states and

the District of Columbia, AmeriHealth Caritas serves more than 5 million Medicaid, Medicare, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) members through its integrated managed care products, pharmaceutical benefit management and specialty pharmacy services, and behavioral health services. Headquartered in Philadelphia, AmeriHealth Caritas is a mission-driven organization with more than 35 years of experience serving low-income and chronically ill populations. AmeriHealth Caritas is part of the Independence Health Group in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. For more information, visit www.amerhealthcaritas.com. **About CCPN** CCPN is a physician-led, clinically integrated network

of more than 2,500 primarily independent primary care clinicians in 880 practices across North Carolina. CCPN, a high performing network, has chosen Community Care of North Carolina to support its practices through analytics, care management and practice support. CCPN is committed supporting practices across multiple payers and all value-based payment models. For more information, visit www.communitycarephysiciannetwork.com. *Any reference in this press release to any person, organization, activity, or services related to North Carolina Medicaid does not constitute or imply the endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.*

Another 100 million consumers at risk from Capital One Bank data breach

Largest bank breach affects 140,000 Social Security numbers, 80,000 bank accounts

(Via TriceEdneyNewsWire)

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

A second major disclosure of major consumer data breach was announced on July 29 by Capital One Bank. That same day, the FBI arrested a suspect was charged with stealing the personal information on March 22 and 23. The apparent focus of the financial theft was credit card applications filed with the bank between 2005-2019. Those most vulnerable are two types of consumers: small businesses whose company credit card applications included personal Social Security numbers, and other customers who linked 'secured' credit cards to other accounts. For these two developments to occur on the same day, suggests a tacit agreement between one of the nation's 10 largest banks and the country's top law enforcement agency. But why did it take four months for consumers to

learn their personal data has been at risk for four months? Ranked number 145 on the Fortune 500 company list, Capital One has 45 million customers in the states of Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Texas, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. In the second quarter of this year, the bank reported net income of \$1.6 billion. According to the bank, the data breach affects approximately 100 million consumers in this country and additionally 6 million Canadians. An estimated 140,000 Social Security numbers used for credit card applications and another 80,000 bank account numbers all place affected consumers in financial jeopardy. "I sincerely apologize for the understandable worry this incident must be causing those affected and I am committed to making it right," said Richard Fairbank, Capital One's CEO. The bank has also pledged to provide affected customers with free

credit monitoring and identity. For consumer advocates, however, Capital One's mea culpa was too little, and much too late. "I wouldn't say that consumers can or should 'breathe a sigh of relief,'" cautioned Aracely Panameño, the Center for Responsible Lending's Director of Latino Affairs. "The latest data breach speaks to the lax cybersecurity systems currently in place at major financial institutions and national credit reporting agencies (NCRAs)." Equifax, one of three NCRAs, waited two months to disclose its cybersecurity breach that occurred in July but was kept from the public until September that year. During that delay, 147 million unsuspecting consumers – the equivalent of 58% of the US adult population – did not know that their personal data – including federal income tax records, as well as employee records for government employees and those of

Fortune 500 firms – was at risk. Nor did recipients of major government programs like Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security learn that they too were affected. In response to Equifax's massive cybercrime, a surge of 50 federal class action lawsuits were filed in at least 14 states and the District of Columbia in September 2017, following the public disclosure. "This settlement is a slap on the wrist of Equifax," continued Panameño. "The restitution fund is up to \$425M, which is equivalent to \$2.89 per impacted consumer (147M); the initial restitution fund is only \$300M. The average monthly cost for credit monitoring is \$20. These 147 American consumers will have to worry about identity theft and financial fraud in perpetuity. Yet under the settlement agreement, consumers must request benefits by January 22, 2020." Similar reactions came from other consumer advocates.

"It's disappointing but not unexpected that consumers face yet another breach of our sensitive financial information," said Chi Chi Wu, staff attorney at the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC). "People should take the most effective measure to prevent identity theft involving new credit accounts by freezing their credit reports. It's free as a result of a new law last year." According to NCLC, credit card customers are not liable for any unauthorized use of over \$50. By contrast, consumers with bank accounts in most cases are not liable for unauthorized debit card or other electronic transactions so long as the fraudulent transaction are reported within 60 days of receiving their bank statement. Further, lost or stolen debit cards must be reported within two business days of learning of the loss or theft. For Ed Mierzwinski, U.S. PIRG's Federal Consumer Program Senior Director answers to consumer ques-

tions were also a key concern. "How did this happen," asked Mierzwinski. "And how is Capital One going to prevent future breaches? We need answers to ensure that increasingly frequent, large breaches such as this, Equifax and others don't become the new norm." Neither America, Canada the United Kingdom, or any other nation needs or wants yet another financial breach. Only time and additional investigations will reveal just how many more consumers may be affected by these or other delayed announcements. "The hackers made out with all the data needed to wreak havoc in the lives of 147 million American consumers for the rest of their lives," concluded Panameño. "They need remedies that are commensurate with that risk." Charlene Crowell is the deputy communications director with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

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Kareem Demond Thomas

Kareem Demond Thomas died July 28, 2019. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Kareem, lovingly known as "Boozie" was born July 8, 1984 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Gerald Sellars, Jr. and Barbara Thomas Boney. Kareem was a member of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. He received his early education from the New Hanover County School System and competed his education at Penn Foster Career School. Kareem moved to Atlanta, Georgia where he started his career in the film industry at IATSE Local 479, as a construction utility worker. During his career, Kareem worked on the sets of Black Lightning, Uncle Drew, Vampire Diaries and Containment, along with several others.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two children, Alaysia Drayton and Cameron Patterson; mother, Barbara Boney (Rondro); father Gerald Sellars, Jr. (Priscilla); siblings, Ebony Thomas Boykin (Willie), Sheena Johnson, Leor Beverly (Xavier), Tylene Boney, Dakota Boney, Jakia Boney and Thaddeus Boney; step-siblings, Latisha Thomason, Sherrieka Thompson, Kevin Dillard and Shaniqua Truell; grandmother, Della Smith; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Janice C. Webb

Janice C. Webb died July 27, 2019 in Raleigh, NC. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Janice, daughter of the late Nelson Lee Webb and Genelsa Winford Webb was born on August 24, 1960 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Janice was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School in the Class of 1978. She previously worked for Corning, Incorporated before relocating to Raleigh, North Carolina. In Raleigh she was employed with Eaton Corporation. Janice accepted Christ in her life and joined Saint Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of Reverend Marion B. Robinson. She loved her church and enjoyed serving on the Usher Board. She took great pleasure in sewing and

doing crafts. Janice, a great mother, grandmother, sister and friend will be greatly missed. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Tawana Webb.

Janice leaves to cherish very fond memories: two loving sons, Mariki J. Webb (Nivia) of Raleigh, NC and Cory D. Webb of Wilmington, NC; three grandchildren, Cristian J. Webb, Fayth Brown and Mariah Brown; two brothers, Nelson L. Webb, Jr. and Sean L. Patrick (Natisha); one sister, Gloria W. Oliver (William); her significant other, Darrick Charles; other relatives and friends, including three special friends, Ronia Burney, Dorothea Johnson and Carolyn Mallette. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Tijuana Robinson Stukes

Tijuana Robinson Stukes died Sunday, August 4, 2019. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Doris Hooper

Doris Hooper died Monday, August 5, 2019. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mikeya Love

Mikeya Love died Monday, August 5, 2019. Funeral services will be held 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 11, 2019 at the St. Stephen AME Church. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Betty A. Zimmerman

Betty Ann Zimmerman, age 83, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, July 26, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Zimmerman's life will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Auburndale Memorial Park Cemetery, in Auburndale, FL. 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.

Matilda M. Atkins

Matilda M. Atkins, age 99, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Atkins' life was held on Thursday,

August 1, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Acorn Branch Cemetery.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her children, John C. Atkins, Jr. (Dolores) of Leland, NC and Sadie Owens of Fayetteville, NC, 6 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Anthony Lewis

Anthony "Stuke" Lewis, age 51, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, July 30, 2019. Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

He was born on February 17, 1968 to the late James T. Lewis and Margaret M. Lewis and was the youngest of five children. He attended New Hanover County schools.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his siblings, Patricia L. Bell (Mack), James Lewis Jr., Alma Waddell, Leroy Lewis, Bonnie Lewis and Quessie Jones all of Wilmington, NC; special friends, Kenneth Nelson, Mary Porter and Oliver Hansley and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Richard J. Adams

Richard James Adams, age 82, of East Stroudsburg, PA, passed away Tuesday, July 30, 2019.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his siblings, Julius Adams of Leland, NC, Rosa Cruz of East Stroudsburg, PA, Doris Edmondson of Bridgeport, CT and Patricia Williams of Wilmington, NC. 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.

Bernadine Fulton

Bernadine Fulton, age 57, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Services are pending and will be announced. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

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The family of the late Marian Gailles Crumdy acknowledges with heartfelt appreciation, the comforting messages, floral tributes and other expressions of kindness given during this time of bereavement. To all; your thoughtfulness will continue to be a source of comfort to us and a warm reminder of God's gracious provision and care. May God continue to bless and keep each and every one of you.

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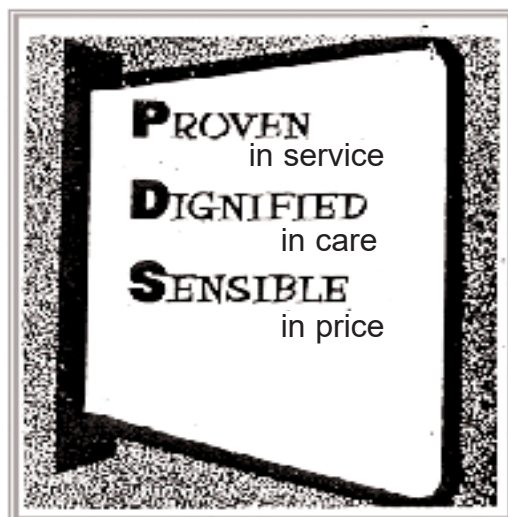
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New Hanover County

Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will celebrate their pastor's 8th anniversary on Friday, August 23rd at 7:30 p.m. Guest Elder Steven Bradley & Congregation Ekklesia Unity Holy Church. Saturday, August 24th at 6:00 p.m. Gospel Explosion featuring Sister Swandella Nixon, Tiffany Crawford (Praise dancer), Antioch Male Chorus, Mareta Freeman-Wilson, Heavenly Voices and Kia Barnhill-Martin. Sunday, August 25th, Bishop Tommy Nesbitt & Congregation Christian Hope Christian Church. For more information call 910-791-6564.

Brunswick County

Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Leland, NC will celebrate their homecoming/Family and Friends Day on Sunday, August 11th at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. with St. Mary Holiness Church and Elder Larry McLean rendering the evening service.

Moore's Chapel AMEZ Church will celebrate their homecoming on Sunday, August 11th. Pastor Rev. Valerie Robinson will bring the 11:00 a.m. message. Dinner will be served immediately after the morning service. The culmination will be 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Dorian Daniels and the St. Andrews AMEZ Church family as the guest.

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SENIOR MOMENTS

Standing tall no matter what

In my last article I spoke of establishing halfway houses to help ex-prisoners find a place in the community. It seems like an enormous task but we have to start somewhere. We must find a way to say welcome home. Otherwise the ex-cons will feel rejected by the community. As Christians and members of the older generations we need to reach out and take somebody's hand and make this world a better place any way we can.

We can't spend all of our time talking about Mr. Trump. Let's think about something we can deal with in our own community. We go to church on Sunday, we lis-

ten to the preacher and then we shake hands. But surely there must be something more that we can do.

Perhaps a few churches can come together and draw up a plan that would make our community stronger. Reading the Bible is not enough and shaking hands will soon become an empty gesture.

As members of the older generation we should do all that we can to leave this world a better place that we found it. If we spend our time throwing punches, what will the younger generation do?

Even if Mr. Trump wins the election, we must move on. We must strengthen our communities in any way we can. The older generations must set an example by standing tall no matter what.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.



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TELL SOMEBODY

“Think on these things”

“Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Philippians 4:8

Rules for living and themes for our thought life can be found throughout the Word of God. With so much bad news being spread throughout the airwaves, etc. we must maintain our sanity and peace of mind, by focusing on what God has said.

In order to obtain and maintain the peace of God, we must gird up the loins of our minds to avoid being overwhelmed from the constant negativity resulting from a constant and unending flow of shocking and devastating news. We must not allow what is happening in the world to get in our spirit. If we do, we will find ourselves victimized by the feelings of paranoia, oppression, depression, fear, and anxiety. We need to ask the Lord to help us confront all negativity with a positive attitude.

We must remember that we are in the world, but not of the world, and what is going

on in the world today has already been prophesied by the prophets and predicted by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. His words of comfort, to the church, can be found in John 16:33. “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

Paul picked it up in the Book of Philippians, when he advised us how to keep a positive attitude in a negative world. No matter how bad things may become, we can stay elevated mentally and spiritually by looking for the grace and mercy of God to be seen in all we go through! No matter how bad things are, they could be worse! We need to evaluate our lives a little closer, so we can appreciate the “good” things that are going on!



Sylvia Hooper

If we focus on whatsoever things are true, we will be reminded that God wants His people to be truthful. (Ephesians 4:25) If we focus on whatsoever things are honest, we will take heed to

obey God, no matter who disobeys God! (Romans 12:17) When we focus on whatsoever things are just, we realize we have no excuse to do wrong, and mistreat others if we want to please the Lord! (Proverbs 21:3) If we focus on whatsoever things are pure, we want to keep our hearts pure before the Lord. (Matthew 5:8) says, “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

When we focus on whatsoever things are lovely, we realize the worth and value of having the love of God! Ephesians 3:19 says, “And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge.” There is a good report in the midst of the madness and the sadness, if we would stop and listen to the testimonies of the people of God.

No matter how corrupt things may have become, God will always have a people who have not bowed and will not let go of their righteousness or abandon their moral virtue. Last but not least, there is always something to praise the Lord for! If we would think on these things, we could have a beautiful spirit and a sound mind.

None of the things going on in the world today, can separate us from the love of God and none of these things can remove our names from

the Lamb's Book of Life. That is why we have a reason to rejoice. That should be our focus!!! After all we have been through, we still have joy, and our salvation is secure, intact, because we are still in His hands.

Father I ask you in the name of Jesus to keep my mind on things that are positive, so that I will be successful in living a victorious life in this present world. Amen. Tell Somebody, to Think on these things!!!!

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!

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

For the last time, God is not schizophrenic

Let me state up front. This is not new. I heard something recently that has stayed with me and has rapidly become embedded in my spirit, so I thought it was worthy to again pass along to you. “God is not schizophrenic.” It sounds simple enough, but, at closer inspection, you might want to seriously consider its implications.

When I looked for a biblical reference point, there were actually too many to quote. I mean the bible is full of confirmation regarding God's consistency. His unwavering faithfulness to us. God does indeed keep His promises and in His unpredictability, He is predictable.

God loves us no matter how hard we try to deny this. We can never remove ourselves from this truth. It/He never changes. Warts and flaws and faults, God loves us. That means you and all your hidden secrets too. Deal with it.

The problem with God's consistency is our inconsistency. When put into that perspective alongside God's steadfastness, our fickleness screams out almost as some kind of bizarre trick.

What I'm saying is our behavior can become unsteady and sinfully shaky. But our faith should not. In the context of our faith, the consistency of God's promise and us should flourish. It should provide us with that proverbial ‘rock’ that we need to lean on.

After all, we're not dealing with trick questions, slight of hand or spiritual illusions when it comes to God's promise of eternal life and everlasting salvation. With faith comes the understanding that “God

is not schizophrenic.”

Someone once told me that there should be some things and people in life that you can always count on. Folk who will be there for you no matter what! The reason we can relate to this is we know so many things and people in our lives that we cannot count on, or certainly shouldn't.

So called friends will let you down. Family will fail you. Circumstances will change. Results are inconclusive and fame is fleeting. Being a Christian does not exempt us from everyday and every people challenges. They can be severe and debilitating.

Tests and testimonies are real. Yet God is steadfast. He does require however — or should I say, demands — the discipline of faith.

Unfaithfulness, schizophrenia, relapses, backsliding; all combine to get us into spiritual trouble. Faith, fortunately, always gets us out. That's because

God is good all the time. And God is God all the time, always was, always will be. He is not lost. He has not moved and left no forwarding address. He's at the same place where you originally found Him and blessedly for you, he's patiently waiting for you to acknowledge His presence there again and again and if needed, again.

My bible says faith proves itself by its obedience to the Lord. The more we accept His steadfastness, the clearer our paths become. When all is said and done, once you know where home is, you're never lost. Because when we acknowledge the Almighty and who we are in relation to Him, we too, will never be lost or forsaken. May God bless and keep you always.

James A. Washington is a father, husband, Christian, writer, entrepreneur and the owner/publisher of the Dallas Weekly.

James Washington



A WORD FROM THE LORD

The wisdom of God

Where can we find the wisdom of God being demonstrated?

Proverb 1:7, (KJV) 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecc.12:13-14, (KJV)13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

The right key to true wisdom or knowledge is this: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” This is the focal verse of Proverbs, the foundational truth of all that follows. There is no alternative to the truth of this statement. there is no substitute for what it prescribes. The fear of the Lord, and it alone, unlocks the door of wisdom. With this in mind, it is an attitude of submission and obedience to God. Anything less than obedience is not truly and genuinely the fear of the God.

Next, notice that the name of God is Yahweh (Hebrew) or Jehovah (Greek), which is the personal, covenant name of God. The fear of Yahweh is the Key to wisdom. Many believe that all religions ultimately worship the same god, but the only true and living God has revealed Himself in His Word (the Bible). Wisdom is not found in studying and gaining more and more information or truths. True wisdom is the result of being born again into the family of God and this is only possible through His Son, Jesus Christ. He is the Savior of the Human race. God's wisdom is revealed through His Word and it is practiced through keeping His commandments. Deu.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”. Job 28:28,(KJV) “And unto man



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding”. Ps. 111:10, (KJV) “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever” Isa.33:6, (KJV) “And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of the times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure”. It alone is sustainable.

Does wisdom equal Christ? Is everything that is said about wisdom applicable to Christ? What is the relationship between wisdom and Christ? Is it possible to acquire true wisdom apart from Christ? The Holy Bible, God's revelation to the Human race, clearly and unequivocally answers these questions. Let's turn now to the teaching of the Word of God which is incapable of making a mistake or certain not to fail: Col.1:24, (KJV) “But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God”. 1Cor. 1:30, (KJV) “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. Col. 2:3, (KJV) In whom are hid all

the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”. In conclusion: God has revealed Himself and His wisdom in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ. Christ is God, and He embodies the wisdom of God Himself. There is no wisdom or knowledge apart from Him, which means that wisdom does, in fact, equal Christ. We who have been again into the family of God have His DNA, His wisdom in us. (POSB Cmy) James 3:14-17, (KJV)14 “But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. The question should be asked? What fruit are you bearing? The tree is known by its fruit!

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

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Place: Kirby's Garage Inc.
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Date: 08-12-2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Telephone: 910-762-3159

July 25, August 1, 8, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 19 CVD 2510

EDISON LIONEL NORMAN, PLAINTIFF, v. LATONYA DENISE JACKSON NORMAN, DEFENDANT.

TO: LATONYA DENISE JACKSON NORMAN

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

You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than forty(40) days after July 25, 2019, the first date of publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 22nd day of July, 2019

David M. Godwin
Attorney for Plaintiff
8 South 6th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-762-0410
NC State Bar No.: 15867

July 25, August 1, 8, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 19 JT 169

IN THE MATTER OF: E.J.G. (DOB: 06-22-2019)

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

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

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

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

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

This the 25th day of July, 2019

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

July 25, August 1, 8, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Vernon Watkins (19-E-727)**, 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 **October 16, 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 12th day of July, 2019

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

July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joseph A. Ciquera**, 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 **25th 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 25th day of July, 2019

May-Anne Ciquera, Executor
2237 Wrightsville Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Joyce Christmas Baker (19-E-904)**, 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 506 Baytree Road, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28409 on or before **November 4, 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 August, 2019

Jeffrey R. Baker, Administrator and Personal Representative of the Estate of Joyce Christmas Baker
Jeffrey R. Baker Attorney at Law
506 Baytree Road
Wilmington, NC 28409

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 19 CVD 2264

DINA DOLORES ESPINOZA ABREGO, PLAINTIFF, v. OSEAS GARCIA FLORES, DEFENDANT.

TO: OSEAS GARCIA FLORES

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

You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than forty(40) days after July 25, 2019, the first date of publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 22nd day of July, 2019

Dina Dolores Espinoza Abrego
2401 Briarcliff Cl. Apt. 104
8 South 6th Street
Wilmington, NC 28411

July 25, August 1, 8, 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 18 E 1214

The undersigned having duly qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **JONATHAN EDWARD PETERSON**, late of Wilmington, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, with a copy to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **11th day of October, 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 11th day of July, 2019.

Kenneth Edward Peterson, Administrator
Estate of Jonathan Edward Peterson
Jeffrey P. Keeter
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2019

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Willodine M. Fash**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of October, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 18th day of July, 2019.

James William Fash, Executor of the Estate of Willodine M. Fash
1528 Radian Road
Wilmington, NC 28405
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Wilford Patterson, having qualified on the **24th day of June, 2019**, as Executor of the Estate of Bradford Eugene Worthington (19-E-638), deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at **DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC**, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **21st day of October, 2019**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 18th day of July, 2019.

Wilford Patterson, Executor
ESTATE OF BRADFORD EUGENE WORTHINGTON
David E. Anderson Attorney at Law
9111 Market Street, Suite A
Wilmington, NC 28411

July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2019

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Daisy Lee Woodbury Currie**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of November, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of August, 2019.

Neill A. Currie, II, Executor of the Estate of Daisy Lee Woodbury Currie
500 Bay Drive
Vero Beach, FL 32963
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 8th day of July, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of **JAMES PAUL SPIRKO**, 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, J. Christopher Spirko, at 3908 Ivory Rose Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612, on or before the **16th 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 11th day of July, 2019.

J. CHRISTOPHER SPIRKO, 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 18, 25, August 1, and 8, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Robert J. Keenan (19-E-933)**, 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 **October 30, 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 12th day of July, 2019

Anne K. Osborne, Executor of the Estate of Robert J. Keenan
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 35

IN THE MATTER OF: J.B.H. (DOB: 12/09/11)

TO: RESPONDENT: PUTATIVE FATHER, JERRY HUGHES AND ANY UNKNOWN-FATHER OF MALE CHILD BORN IN WAKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO ALISON NAYLOR

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following 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 Margaret Jennings has been appointed as counsel for putative father, Jerry Hughes and can be reached at 1501 S. 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, 910-762-0850 or mjennings@ec.rr.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **October 7, 2019**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Court Room #100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th 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
(910) 798-3772 * fax

July 25, August 1, 8, 2019

EMPLOYMENT

PPD Development, L.P. seeks a Senior Programmer Analyst (Bioinformatics) in Wilmington, NC to perform advanced bioinformatics programming activities for the statistical & computational consideration of research projects. BS & 4 yrs. exp. or MS & 2 yrs. exp. req'd. Can work remotely. For full req's & to apply send resume to global.recruitmentSM@ppdi.com & reference Job ID: 160274

PPD Development, L.P. seeks a Programmer Analyst (Bioinformatics) in Wilmington, NC to perform bioinformatics programming activities for the statistical & computational considerations of research projects. Can work remotely. BS & 2 yrs exp. or MS & 6 mos. exp. req'd. For full req's & to apply send resume to global.recruitmentSM@ppdi.com & reference Job ID: 160275

Job Opportunities

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina is accepting applications for the following positions: HCV Intake and Housing Manager - This position will provide operational support to the Wilmington Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program Department. Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator (Grant Funded Position) - The Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator will be responsible for the daily case management of the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Applicants must submit a letter of interest, current resume, and three professional references to : HCV Intake and Housing Manager Search or to Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Search, Attention: Human Resources Department, PO Box 899, Wilmington, NC 28402 or email to jobs@wha.net. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. For a detailed position description, please visit www.wha.net

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Public Notice

The Trustee Board of St Phillip African Methodist Episcopal Church located at 815 North 8th Street, Wilmington NC ,28401 is seeking sealed bids for their church restoration project. Sealed Bids should be sent to : Attention Board of Trustees, St. Phillip African Methodist Church, 815 North 8th Street ,Wilmington, NC 28401 by the closing date of August 31,2019. Bids post marked after this date will not be accepted. No non Post Mark Bids will be accepted.

August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 34

IN THE MATTER OF: T.S.P. (DOB: 4/15/2016)

TO: RESPONDENT: ANY UNKNOWN-FATHER OF MALE CHILD BORN IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO ALISON NAYLOR

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **July 25, 2019**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **October 7, 2019**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Court Room #100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th 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 25, August 1, 8, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the General Court of Justice Superior Court Division File No.: 19 CVS 001065

TONI G. BANKS, Plaintiff v. CYNTHIA A. HAWBOLT, Defendant

To Cynthia A. Hawbolt: Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: damages arising from motor vehicle negligence. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from the running of this notice, exclusive of such date, which was August 8, 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 8th day of August, 2019.

D. Stuart Smith, Attorney for Plaintiff
David and Associates, PLLC
North Carolina State Bar No.: 28078
1516 Dawson Street,
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Telephone: (910) 251-8088
Facsimile: (910) 251-8430
Email: dsmith@davidandassociates.com

August 8, 15, 22, 2019

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA FILE NO. 19-SP-420:

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by GARY L. LEDFORD and wife, KATIE H. LEDFORD and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the above County in Book RB 6048 at Page 1151 and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, pursuant to the demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and pursuant to the Order of the Clerk of Superior Court entered in this foreclosure proceeding, the Substitute Trustee in this foreclosure proceeding, will expose for sale at public auction on August 27, 2019, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the entrance of the New Hanover County Courthouse, Wilmington, North Carolina, the following described real property (including any house and other improvements thereon):

SEE EXHIBIT "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

EXHIBIT A - LEGAL DESCRIPTION

BEING Unit 31, of PEMBROKE AT LANDFALL, Phase 8, a Condominium, as the same is described in the Declaration establishing a plan of condominium ownership of certain lands and improvements thereto in said County of New Hanover, said Declaration being dated July 22, 1992, and recorded in Book 1613 at Page 0962 of the Land Records of New Hanover County, North Carolina, and which said Unit is herewith conveyed in conformity with Chapter 47-C of the North Carolina General Statutes referred to as the "Condominium Act" of the State of North Carolina and the first through seventh amendments thereto, said Amendments being recorded in Book 1639 at Page 0587, Book 1641 at Page 0893, Book 1716 at Page 0920, Book 1716 at Page 0929, Book 1745 at Page 1193, Book 1807 at Page 0094, Book 1844 at Page 433, respectively, of the New Hanover County Registry and includes the fee in an undivided 4.1% interest in the common areas and common elements in PEMBROKE AT LANDFALL, a Condominium and the real property described in said Declaration.

As a further aid in this Description, reference is hereby made to a Unit Ownership Plat Book 10 at Pages 318 through 321 which is recorded in the land records of New Hanover County, NC and which contains the official recorded survey Map of PEMBROKE AT LANDFALL, Phase 9, a Condominium, as well as the floor plans for the Units.

This conveyance is made subject to the provisions of said Condominium Act of the State of North Carolina and any amendments thereto and to the conditions, restrictions, easements, covenants and agreements set forth in said Declaration of PEMBROKE AT LANDFALL, a Condominium, dated July 22, 1992, and recorded in Book 1613 at Page 0962 of the Land Records of New Hanover County, North Carolina and the first through seventh amendments thereto, said Amendments being recorded in Book 1639 at Page 0587, Book 1641 at Page 0893, Book 1716 at Page 0920, Book 1716 at Page 0929, Book 1745 at Page 1193, Book 1807 at Page 0094, Book 1844 at Page 433, respectively, of the New Hanover County Registry and to the Bylaws of PEMBROKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., and any amendments thereto.

Also included herein is an easement to be used in common with other unit owners for the use of any common areas and common elements as set forth in the Declaration. This conveyance is made subject to an easement in common with other unit owners to use the common areas and common elements located within or appurtenant to PEMBROKE AT LANDFALL, all phases, a Condominium, as set forth in the Declaration.

Also included herein is an exclusive easement for the use and enjoyment of any limited common areas appurtenant to the unit conveyed herein as so designated in the Declaration or on the recorded map of the Condominium.

This conveyance is made subject to any easements now existing or hereafter created for the installation, use and maintenance of electric, water, utility or drainage lines, provided same do not interfere with the use or enjoyment of the Units.

This conveyance is made subject

to zoning ordinances of the County of New Hanover and Statutes of the State of North Carolina and the United States of America affecting the use of the property.

Said property being believed, without representation or warranty, to be commonly known as 1702 Fontenay Place, Wilmington, NC 28405. The record owner(s) of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice are Gary L. Ledford and wife, Katie H. Ledford.

TERMS OF SALE:

Pursuant to NCGS § 45-21.10(b), and the terms of the Deed of Trust, any successful bidder, other than the secured lender, will be required to deposit with the Substitute Trustee immediately upon conclusion of the sale a deposit equal to five (5%) percent of the amount of the bid or \$750.00, whichever is greater. Any successful bidder is required to tender the full balance purchase price so bid at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at that time, the bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided for in NCGS § 45-21.30(d) and (e). All payments to the Substitute Trustee (including any deposit and the purchase price) shall be by certified funds, official bank check, or the equivalent. Cash payments in excess of \$500.00 and personal checks will not be accepted by the Trustee under any circumstance.

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the Holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, attorneys, employees, agents, or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the note make any warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health, or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition are expressly disclaimed. The property is being sold subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, matters of survey, restrictions, encumbrances, leases, easements, assessments, and other matters of record, if any.

Pursuant to NCGS § 45-21.16A(b), if the property being sold pursuant hereto is residential real property with less than 15 rental units: (1) an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold; and (2) any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, including, but without limitation, the filing of a bankruptcy petition, reinstatement of the loan by the lender without notice to the Substitute Trustee, challenge to the validity of the foreclosure sale, and/or necessity of resale due to any failure to comply with applicable procedures, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Robbie B. Parker, Substitute Trustee
3414 Wrightsville Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403
Date: July 30, 2019

August 8, 15, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Lane Construction Corporation (Lane) is requesting bids from certified SBE/MBE/WBE firms on **Sweeney WTP Granular Activated Carbon Upgrades, Wilmington, NC**

- Erosion Control
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- Miscellaneous Metal Supply
- Masonry
- Painting
- Roofing
- Caulking
- Trucking & Hauling
- Pipe Heat Trace & Insulate
- HVAC
- Plumbing
- Electrical

Quotes must be received in our office by no later than 10:00 A.M. on August 20, 2019. These can be sent via email to dkgooden@laneconstruct.com or via fax to 678.762.1801. Phone quotes will be accepted at 770.274.1489. Documents can be reviewed at The Lane Construction Corporation Alpharetta office; Cape Fear Public Utility Authority, 235 Government Center Drive, Wilmington, NC, Dodge Global Network, and ISQFT project# 6250254

August 8, 15, 2019

Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS WANTED TO BID

Crowder Construction Company is preparing a bid for the Sweeney Water Treatment Plant Granular Activated Carbon Upgrades Project. We are soliciting in Wilmington, NC and surrounding areas for pricing from subcontractors for the following:

SCOPES OF WORK (including, but not limited to):
Electrical, Plumbing, Pile Driving, HVAC, Concrete, Demolition, Excavation, Hauling, Asphalt Paving, Seeding, Concrete Forming, Reinforcing Steel, Masonry, Roofing, Painting, Instrumentation, and Electrical Supply.

Quotes are due: Monday, August 19, 2019 @ 11:00 AM EST.

Historically Underutilized Businesses including Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises and all others are encouraged to participate. Bid Proposals will be received at the following address:

Crowder Construction Company
1111 Burma Drive
Apex, North Carolina 27539
Telephone: (919) 367-2019
Fax: (919) 367-2097
Contact: Christina Jahrling / Email: CJahrling@crowderusa.com

We request MWBE companies include a copy of their certificate with their quote. Complete plans and specifications may be viewed at Crowder Construction Company at the address listed above. Contact us at the above phone number for a list of other locations where plans are available.

August 8, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID NEW HANOVER COUNTY INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL CELL 9 & 10A CONSTRUCTION

New Hanover County will receive sealed proposals from qualified contractors for all labor and materials to complete the work in accordance with the "Specifications and Contract Documents" for New Hanover County Secure Landfill CELL 9 AND 10A CONSTRUCTION for New Hanover County, North Carolina, Contract #20-0052. Bid documents can be obtained at the County's website (<http://www.nhcgov.com/business-nhc/bids>) .

The partial expansion consists of approximately 16 acres of Cell 9 and 10A that will include disposal unit site preparation, grading, placement of the liner system, placement of the soil cover systems, associated haul road, stormwater management systems, collection piping, sump and pumps, electrical and control panels, force main extension and new force main, rain tarp and coordination with the County staff. The project will be phased to allow Cell 9 to be made available for disposal operations prior to the completion of Cell 10A. The construction period for Cell 9 will be 210 days from the notice to proceed to substantial completion and an additional 30 days to final completion. The construction period for Cell 10 and the forcemain will be 270 days to substantial and 30 days to final from the notice to proceed. Total project must be completed within 300 days of notice to proceed. Fill soil for the preparation of the intermediate cover and protective cover for the landfill shall be supplied from on-site borrow sources and topsoil will be supplied from off-site.

Official bid advertisement date is August 4, 2019. A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on August 13, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Environmental Management Administration Building, 3002 Highway 421 North, Wilmington, NC. Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on September 10, 2019, by New Hanover County, in the Conference room at the New Hanover County Department of Environmental Management Administration Building, 3002 HWY 421 North, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the provisions of law. The deadline time shall be established by the timepiece of New Hanover County's representative. No bids will be accepted after that time.

A copy of the Specifications and Contract Documents can be reviewed at the New Hanover County Environmental Management Office, 3002 Highway 421 North, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call for appointments.

Bidders must be licensed contractors in the State of North Carolina at the time proposals are submitted. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. S87 15, it will be necessary for contractors to show evidence of such license in the bid document.

No proposal for construction or repair work may be considered or accepted by said board or governing body unless at the time of its filing the same shall be accompanied by a deposit with said board or governing body of cash, or a cashier's check, or a certified check on some bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal. In lieu of making the cash deposit as above provided, such bidder may file a bid bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds, conditioned that the surety will upon demand forthwith make payment to the obligee upon said bond if the bidder fails to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond. This deposit shall be retained if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract within 10 days after the award or fails to give satisfactory surety as required herein.

Contractor will be required to comply with OSHA and all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any way affect the Work and will be required to review/endorse the County's Contractor Compliance Requirements in Section 01910. Bidders will be required to submit a Qualification Questionnaire located in Section 00300 as part of their bid to demonstrate qualifications to perform the Work.

The bidder shall make good faith efforts, as defined in the bid specifications, to subcontract 10% of the dollar value of the single prime contract to businesses owned and controlled by minorities. Individuals who are rebuttably presumed to be minorities include women, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and Asian-Indian Americans. Bidders are required to submit, along with the bid, information concerning minority business enterprises which will participate in the contract. The information will include: (1) name and address of each minority firm; (2) description of the work to be performed by each minority firm named; and (3) the dollar value of the work to be performed by each firm named. Bidders are required to submit along with the bid, specific documentation demonstrating that they made good faith efforts to meet established goals. Any bid that fails to meet these requirements may be considered non-responsive. Contact Lena Butler at Lbutler@nhcgov.com concerning questions related to this issue.

All prime bidders on this project must be pre-qualified in accordance with New Hanover County's Pre-Qualification Ordinance, in order to bid. Bids will not be opened unless the bidder is pre-qualified. Pre-qualification applications may be obtained at the County Legal Department, 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 155, Wilmington, N.C. 28403 or by visiting the County's website at www.nhcgov.com.

This Invitation to Bid is being used to solicit responses from suitably qualified, experienced and licensed contractors to qualify for services related to the construction of a secure landfill construction project in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

New Hanover County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Questions will only be accepted in writing by Mr. Ian Spurlock (ispurlock@scsengineers.com) until 5:00 p.m. on August 27, 2019. Response to the questions will be issued on September 3, 2019. For further information, contact Mr. Ian Spurlock, P.E., SCS Engineers, PC, at ispurlock@scsengineers.com or 813.804.6732.

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