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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I once read part of this book called Truth. The author said that he dreamed of freedom as he grew up and time had allowed him a glance of freedom. As he grew and times change, sometimes it seems to stand still and not move because of legal loopholes and bad leadership. We are in these times now. Please, let's get out and vote! Get information on who is running for what office and make good sound decisions. As you Vote, remember! IT IS YOUR RIGHT!

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

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NC NAACP asks court for "racial" Hoffeller files

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, president of the NC NAACP, has formally asked the three-judge panel which struck down the partisan legislative gerrymandered maps last week, for "...the public disclosure of files currently under seal of the court relating to political consulting by Dr. Thomas B. Hoffeller." This morning, only 35 of the tens of thousands of Hoffeller files were used in the court case. The rest, thus far, have been held back from the public under court order.

"...[T]he Hoffeller files contain extensive evidence

of the use of race and ethnicity to further the partisan political goals of the Republican Party in North Carolina and nationally," Dr. Spearman continued in his Sept. 6 letter:

A Sept. 6 exclusive expose' by The New Yorker Magazine, if correct, more than confirms Dr. Spearman's contention. According to the explosive article entitled "The Secret Files of the Master of Modern Republican Gerrymandering," Hoffeller, who died in August 2018, and whose files found their way into the recent NC legislative partisan gerrymandering case, Hoffeller "...collected data about voting patterns of Americans based on their race."

After reviewing much of Hoffeller's emails, files, research and voting maps found by his daughter on

the hard drive of his computer after his untimely death and turned over to Common Cause, the non-partisan redistrict reform group, The New Yorker paints a disturbing portrait of exactly what Hoffeller was doing for the North Carolina Republican Party when it came to knowing everything it could about Black voting patterns, where Black voting strength in the State was, and how to compromise it.

Hoffeller's files include dozens of intensely detailed studies of North Carolina college students, broken down by race and cross referenced against the state driver's license files to determine whether

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Homes in the Bahamas turned to wreckage by Hurricane Dorian.

Bahamas facing long road to recovery but cleaving to hope amidst devastation

BY BARRINGTON M. SALMON

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Chris Laville remembers looking out of the window of his apartment, thinking it might not turn out too bad.

"It was early in the morning. It had rained and there was a light breeze," Laville recalled in an interview with the Trice Edney News Wire. "I woke saying we could ride this out not knowing what a Category 5 storm was."

Over the next day and a half, Laville, his wife and nine co-workers learned much more about Dorian than he ever wants to again. Elbow Key, where they lived, bore the brunt of Hurricane Dorian, the strongest storm ever to hit the Caribbean archipelago of 700 islands.

Laville, the 40-year-old head chef of the Sea Spray Resort, now says if he ever again hears a hurricane's coming, he'll be on the first flight out. Dorian made landfall and then sat for almost two days, lashing the islands with 185 mile an hour winds and gusts of up

to 220 miles an hour.

He said he's never been more afraid in his life and has been left deeply traumatized.

"... I met everybody running as the storm took off the roof," he said. "I grabbed some things as the roof flew off my room. I looked and saw the veranda was gone, the stairs were gone and the railing took off. The only thing I could do was jump."

Laville said he caught his wife Indira who jumped out of the building and waited for the rest of the group to do the same. As they sought shelter, they were buffeted by fierce winds and driving rain and sand.

Elsewhere on Abaco and Grand Bahama islands, Dorian - which traveled at a glacial pace of one mile per hour - tore through buildings, shredded objects in its path, tossed boats and other marine vessels onto land, obliterated homes and businesses and killed residents.

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Republicans say they won't appeal gerrymandering ruling

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With only two court-mandated weeks to complete the job, the redistricting committees of the State House and Senate began Monday redrawing the 2017 legislative redistricting maps a NC three-judge Superior Court panel ruled last week were unconstitutionally partisan gerrymanders in the case of Common Cause v. Lewis.

Republican legislative leaders, like Senate Pro-Tem, Sen. Phil Berger, decided not to appeal the decision, realizing that doing so would send it straight to the NC Supreme Court, which is 6-1 Democratic, where the GOP would probably lose again.

The judicial panel made it crystal clear in its stringent ruling that there will be new remedial voting maps in time for the 2020 elections, meaning, if primary dates have to be rescheduled, then so be it. The new maps are to be completed by state lawmakers by Sept. 17. The panel, two Democrats and one Republican, has also mandated that no partisan information can be used to redraw the maps, all work must be done in public, and a referee who has the power to reject what he sees and redraw lawmakers' finished product will oversee the work.

During the State Senate Redistricting Committee meeting, Senate Minority Democratic Leader, Sen. Dan Blue, said, "I think that what the court has concluded is that our ability to use technology has exceeded



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Rev. Barber begins national voter registration drive

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Starting Monday, Sept. 16, in El Paso, Texas, and continuing on to Greenville and Greensboro directly afterwards, The Poor People's Campaign: a National Call for Moral Revival will kick off its 22-state "We Must Do Mobilizing, Organizing, Registering, Educating (M.O.R.E.)" National Tour, culminating on the National Mall with the Mass Poor People's Assembly & Moral March in Washington, D. C. on June 20, 2020.

Voter registration will be a highlight among

the many activities planned at each stop, say organizers.

"The "We Must Do M.O.R.E." Tour will shine a light on the conditions of those most impacted by systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, militarism, and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism," says the campaign's website.

The second stop on the tour will take place in Greenville and Greensboro, N. C. Friday, Sept. 27, to Monday, Sept. 30.

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REV. WILLIAM BARBER

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these students likely possessed the proper ID to vote," *The New Yorker* story stated. The studies are dated 2014 and 2015, the years before Hofeller helped North Carolina Republicans redraw its congressional districts in ways that voting rights groups said discriminated on the basis of race. North Carolina Republicans said that the maps discriminated based on partisanship but not race. Hofeller's hard drive also retained a map of North Carolina's 2017 state judicial gerrymander, with an overlay of the Black voting age population by district, suggesting that these maps, which are currently at the center of a protracted legal battle, might also be a racial gerrymander.

Of particular note to North

Carolina's African American community is this passage from *The New Yorker* story on how Hofeller literally split the campus of NC A&T University in Greensboro in half, thus creating two Republican congressional districts, and crippling Black voting strength there.

Perhaps one of the clearest and ugliest gerrymanders in North Carolina, or in the entire nation, is the congressional district line that cuts in half the nation's largest historically Black college, North Carolina A&T State University, in Greensboro. The district line divided this majority minority campus and the city so precisely that it all but guarantees it will be represented in Congress by two Republicans for years to come. North Carolina Republicans have long denied that this line, between North Carolina's Sixth and Thirteenth Congressional Districts,

was intentionally drawn to dilute Black voting power, which would be a violation of the constitutional prohibition against racial gerrymandering.

Hofeller's files, though, show that he created giant data bases that detailed the racial makeup, voting patterns, and residence halls of more than a thousand North Carolina A&T students.

Furthermore, *New Yorker* story revealed another startling detail about Hofeller's racial mapmaking.

A spreadsheet named "NC College Voters for ZIP ID" contains voter data for more than 23,100 North Carolina university students, including thousands in Greensboro. The detail for the North Carolina A&T students is precise. Students are sorted by residence hall. That means that Hofeller knew which A&T students lived in Aggie Village, on

the north side of campus, and which resided in Morrow or Vanstory Halls, on the south side, along with a detailed racial breakdown and information about their voting status. As Hofeller sought to create two reliably Republican congressional districts, his computer contained information on the precise voting tendencies of one of the largest concentrations of Black voters in the area.

Hofeller reportedly had a file entitled, "The Greensboro Master Race," which, according to the story, "...contains a color coded map that shows the city's Black population, ages eighteen and older, by precinct."

He also did extensive work on the impact of voter ID in North Carolina, especially after the state NAACP filed suit to have the 2013 voter ID law overturned.

"Inasmuch as Dr. Hofeller was a consultant to the General Assembly long before he drafted new legislative maps in June of 2017, we have strong reason to believe that other evidence of the impermissible use of race in North Carolina and elsewhere exists in the undisclosed materials," NCNAACP Pres. Dr. Spearman wrote in his letter to the three-judge panel.

"Given what is known so far, it is unquestionably in the public interest that the Hofeller files be disclosed in their entirety so that, in the light of day, the people of North Carolina and the rest of the country may understand how voters' interests have been manipulated in continuation of a long history of race based voter suppression to advance the partisan political interests of one party," concluded Dr. Spearman.

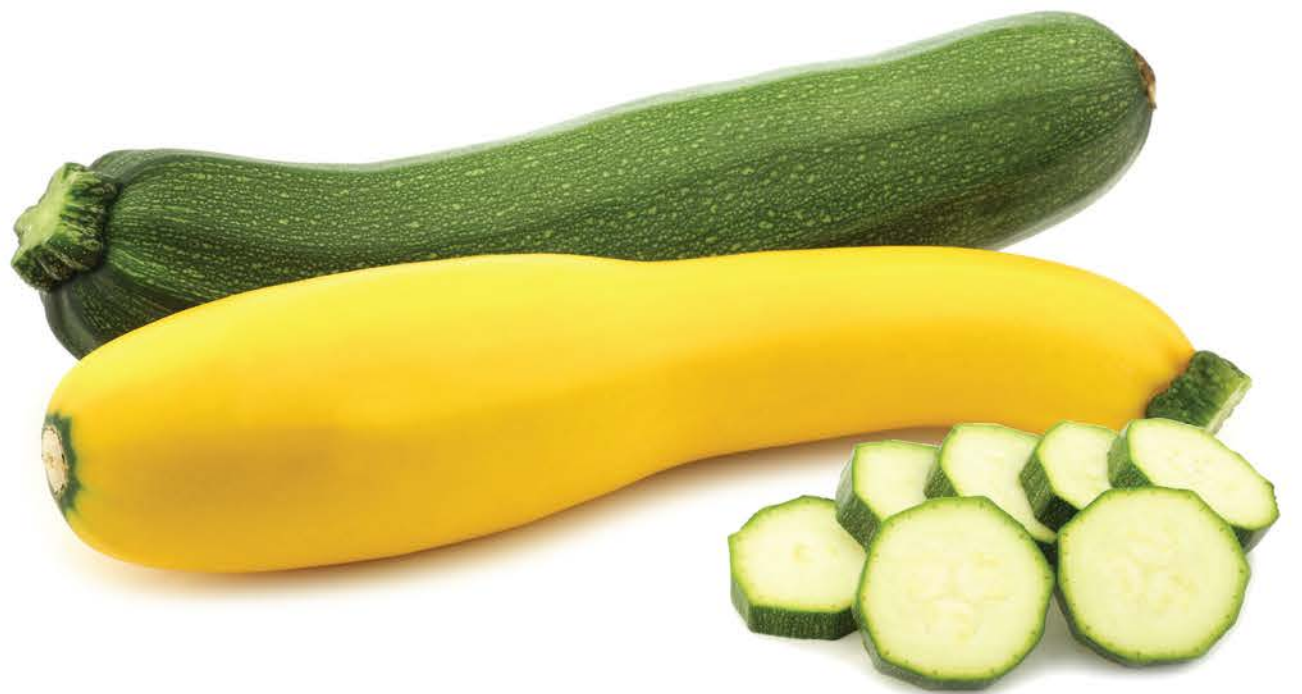
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**STATE BRIEFS**



**WITH TRUMP'S HELP, GOP SWEEPS DISTRICTS 3, AND 9 RACES**

[CHARLOTTE] Thanks to last minute campaigning by both President Donald Trump and Vice President

Mike Pence, Republicans running for congressional sets in both North Carolina's 3rd and 9th Congressional Districts won their special elections Tuesday night. In the 3rd, Greg Murphy (R-Pitt) easily won with 62 percent of the vote over former Greenville mayor Democrat Allen Thomas. In the controversial 9th, where a ballot fraud probe is still underway, conservative state Sen. Dan Bishop won a slim victo-

ry over once-leading Democrat Dan McCready, 50 to 49%.

**NC HOUSE OVERRIDES GOVERNOR'S VETO WITH JUST 64 MEMBERS PRESENT**

[RALEIGH] While Gov. Roy Cooper and several state House members were attending the NC National Guard Sept. 11th Commemoration, Republican Speaker Tim Moore pushed through a sur-

prise vote - 55 to 9 - with just 64 of 120 members present to override Cooper's veto on the budget proposal that does not extended Medicaid coverage. Republicans had been stymied by Democrats who refused to vote with them in the past. Democrats objected to the vote, primarily because they had been told that no vote would be taken. "How dare you Mr. Speaker?" Opined Rep. Deb Butler (D-NH). "The trickery

that is being evidenced by this morning is tantamount to a criminal offense."

**OUTER BANKS CLEANING UP AFTER HURRICANE DORIAN**

[OUTER BANKS] Hurricane Dorian, once a dangerous Category Five storm that devastated the Bahama Islands last week, caused some mild flooding in mainland North Carolina, including Wilmington, but then

ransacked the Outer Banks as a Category One storm, spawning tornadoes that destroyed homes and businesses in Dare County. Many residents were trapped in their homes because of flooding they'd never seen before. Volunteer workers are now helping to reopen businesses and clear debris.

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Laville said 40 units on the resort are gone and he lost a co-worker and a friend who was a ferry boat pilot. Elsewhere, Bahamians are trying to comprehend obliterated communities, washed out roads and neighborhoods sitting under water.

Dr. Paul Hunt, a pediatrician and allergy specialist, who has lived in the Bahamas since 1990, said he's heartbroken. He's fortunate, he said, because he and his family were in Nassau when the storm hit and his home is not damaged. His thoughts, he said, are on those who're coping with loss and struggling to come to terms with the shocking devastation.

"I'm just numb. The gut-wrenching thing is my patients. I have a patient who I looked after since he was two and I just heard that a storm surge swept away him and two of his children," said Dr. Hunt, a husband and father of three. "He's lost and presumed dead. Save for the surge, this wouldn't have been a big thing. The surge doesn't happen over time, it can occur in two or three minutes."

Dr. Hunt said on Friday morning, he spoke to a niece who works at CNN who told him the government just sent 200 body bags to Abaco. Official reports indicate

that 43 people have been confirmed dead but that number is expected to rise astronomically as rescue teams finally reach islands and communities that have been cut off by flood waters. At least 70,000 are homeless, according to reports.

**Here's How You Can Help Hurricane Dorian Relief Efforts**

The hurricane dropped 30 inches of rain and triggered a storm surge as high as 23 feet, leaving more than 13,000 homes damaged or destroyed, the Red Cross and government officials said. A video, which was shared widely, taken by a member of Parliament inside his home, shows dark water lapping against a second-story window 15-20 feet off the ground.

Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis said in a press conference that although the storm targeted only a small section of the Bahamas, it still inflicted "generational devastation."

According to CNN, Joy Jibrilu, director-general of the Bahamas Tourism and Aviation ministry, estimates that "... hundreds, up to thousands, of people are still missing." Bahamas' Health Minister Dr. Duane Sands told Guardian Radio 96.9 FM, that body bags, additional morticians and refrigerated coolers to store bodies are being transported to Abaco and other affected areas. Four morticians in Abaco

are embalming remains because officials have run out of coolers, he added.

"The public needs to prepare for unimaginable information about the death toll and the human suffering," Sands said. "Make no bones about it, the numbers will be far higher. It is going to be significantly higher than that. And it's just a matter of retrieving those bodies, making sure we understand how they died. It seems like we are splitting hairs, but not everyone who died, died in the storm."

Back at Elbow Key, Chris Laville said the group took refuge in a laundry room after breaking a window to get in. While gaining entrance, he gashed his hand but ignored it as everyone tumbled inside. It wasn't long before the floor above them began to fall into the store-room so they all set off to find another safe space.

"I ran to the boss's house and saw a boat parked in the room where he was," Laville said.

His boss joined the group which went to another house.

"We bent down low and reached the house, by the grace of God," said Laville. "Amazingly, the door opened with a gentle kick. As soon as we got in, the wind slammed the door behind us."

Laville said this particular house was on stilts.

"Actually the building

moved four or five inches," he said, referring to the wind's power. "When the eye passed over, I went to look for food and snacks because we ran out of food and water. We slept with our clothes and shoes on because we were afraid that something else might happen while we slept."

Although he didn't think of the wound to his hand, or his having stepped on a nail, Laville said his wife was concerned enough to encourage him to go to the Hopetown Fire Station. Surprisingly he said, he received 12 stitches and was put on an emergency flight to Nassau to receive additional medical care.

"It was a minor cut, but they opened it up and stitched the tendons," he said. "My wife couldn't come with me. She just said, 'Honey, just go.' I'm still worried about her because she's there with people but still by herself. She was at the ferry station 'til 4:45 p.m. and didn't get on. I'm not feeling good, it's not a good feeling at all."

After Dorian's arrival, Kevin Seymour said, he spent the worst 48 hours of his life.

"My second daughter Keayshawn lives in Abaco. We lost track of her for two days. They got flooded out and had to find refuge somewhere else," said Seymour, director of health, safety and

the environment for the Grand Bahama Power Company. "Not knowing - that was painful. It was the worst two days of my life. I last spoke to her on Sunday and told her she needed to go to Marsh Harbor which is higher ground. Good thing she didn't go."

As he and his family rode out the storm with no electricity but with adequate food and water, Seymour said the hurricane sounded like airplane engines revving on the tarmac. While the sound didn't bother him, he said it really bothered his wife.

Corinne Laville, Chris' aunt, said she's most concerned about the trauma people have experienced and how that will affect them going forward. This hurricane offers yet another opportunity for the government and Bahamians to self-correct, she said.

"I swear, if we don't change our thinking ... this is an opportunity to really do this right," said Laville. "In Freeport people are taking care of one another. But in Abaco, Haitians have replaced White Abaconians as cheap labor while they stay on their yachts. We have to look at Haitian-Bahamian situation."

Laville said a few thousand Haitians live in two shanty towns, one called the Mudd, where the structures aren't built to code and likely were not able to withstand

the powerful hurricane. "We need to set standards on the islands," she said. "And everything is too Nassau-centricity. That has to stop."

She said humor has been one way for Bahamians to cope. For example, people said Dorian couldn't leave the Bahamas because it was too dark, referring to the constant electrical blackouts caused by load-sharing.

"And a Bajan newscaster said on air that the Bahamas is a vacation destination and Dorian came for vacation," Laville said with a hearty chuckle.

Dr. Hunt said the Bahamas will rebuild.

"Our beloved island of Grand Bahama took a pounding and there is a lot of hurting," he wrote on Facebook. "My heart goes out to the families of those with loved ones who have lost their lives, several of who were well known to me. The destruction in Abaco was catastrophic and gut wrenching...I will be returning to Freeport shortly to do my part in trying to alleviate some of the suffering and help in the rebuilding of our island. We in Grand Bahama have faced and conquered many obstacles that have been placed in our path. We will not be undone by Hurricane Dorian and we all will emerge from this collective experience stronger, wiser and more united."

**RULING**

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our use of democracy," referring to how the Republican legislative majority drew voting maps by computer that garnered the GOP a legislative partisan advantage that was eventually deemed unconstitutional.

There was already controversy Monday when Republican lawmakers rec-

ommended that conservative leader, Art Pope, serve as a co-referee in the process. Plaintiffs in the case rejected Pope, saying that he served as co-counsel in 2011 when the original racial gerrymandered voting maps were drawn by the Republican legislative majority.

The voting maps were ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court and thrown out. They were later replaced by the partisan gerryman-

dered maps, which were ruled unconstitutional by the three judge panel last week.

The court's ruling affected 28 counties in House maps and 21 in the Senate. Information on incumbency is allowed to be used in the remedial maps to prevent the double bunking of two already elected state lawmakers in the same district.

In the House, the redrawing affects Brunswick, New Hanover, Guilford and

Mecklenburg counties, among others.

At the beginning of the process, redistricting committee members were leaning toward using the base maps of expert, Jowei Chen, from the University of Michigan. Chen was a witness against the Republicans during the two week trial that resulted in the three-judge panel ruling. Chen has reportedly created approximately 1,000 nonpartisan leg-

islative maps from which lawmakers may choose from.

The public can watch the proceedings being streamed at [www.ncleg.gov](http://www.ncleg.gov).

Meanwhile, reaction to the historic redistricting decision continued to come in.

"We are encouraged by this tremendous ruling," said NCNAACP Pres. Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman. "The fact that there were no dissenting parties is an indication that we have witnessed what happens

when courts operate fairly; when all partisan interest is removed from the table, we are well on our way to a season of democracy.

"The three-judge panel made its decision based on the undisputed fact that the Republican General Assembly deliberately manipulated legislative districts to provide a political advantage to Republican candidates," said U.S. Rep. G.K. Butterfield.

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According to The Reverend Dr. William Barber, co-chair of the Poor People's campaign, the issues of the poor must be seriously addressed by those

running for local, state and national office.

"We have identified areas all over the country where, if just 2% of poor and low wealth people and their allies are organized, it changes the political calculus and can make a huge electoral difference," Barber

said in a statement.

Rev. Barber insists that this is a nonpartisan effort to empower poor and grassroots voters to have a say in the upcoming elections.

"Systemic racism is dangerously impacting our democracy from voter suppression to denial of immi-

grant and indigenous rights," Rev. Barber continued. "The reality of 140 million people who are poor or low wealth and just one \$400 emergency away from being poor and who represent every race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, and political party and

account for 43.5% of the people living in the richest nation in the world is a moral crisis."

"It is no accident that, despite both parties' appealing to their bases, the single largest voting block in American politics is those who did not vote at all in the

2016 elections," Rev. Barber continued. "The current system does not work for the poor, and they make up the majority of nonvoters."

Cities and states the M.O.R.E. National Tour will visit include Concord, NH; Little Rock, AR; and Mobile/Selma/Birmingham, AL.

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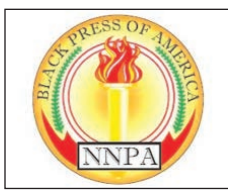
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## OUR VOICE

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Flying while Black: Stop the U.S. Congress from raising air travel taxes

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

Working families in the African American community and beyond have a hard-enough time keeping up with daily expenses. Every mortgage payment, car payment, trip to the grocery store, stop at the gas station, or utility bill that shows up in the mail is a reminder of how expensive it is to afford basic needs. Now, lawmakers in the U.S. Congress have introduced legislation that threatens to add one more expense to that list.

On Capitol Hill, some lawmakers are championing what is essentially a regressive tax on airline passengers that would raise the cost of flying - painfully, on working families. If successful, the tax hike would burden African American travelers with significant additional fees on top of what is already required. Lawmakers who support the increase insist that the money will be spent on infrastructure improvement projects at airports. But, if our communities can no longer afford to fly, this becomes a moot point.



Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr.

The tax, known as the passenger facility charge, is a locally enforced but federally authorized fee that every passenger must pay at U.S. commercial airports. Nearly every airport in America charges it. The fee is currently set at \$4.50 per person per leg of a trip. Legislation has been introduced that would remove that cap, allowing airports to charge any amount they want.

Some have proposed raising the PFC to \$8.50, nearly doubling the current tax. That would add a significant cost for all American families. Under that proposal, a family of four on a connecting flight would pay nearly \$150 in this tax alone - a tax that is layered on top of the price of the ticket itself. Such a substantial increase could be the deciding factor between that family taking this vacation or staying home.

Fortunately, largely due to the recent surge of low-cost flights from many airlines, air travel has become a more obtainable luxury, remaining largely affordable for working people, whether in rural America, the suburbs or the inner cities. While still a relatively expensive proposition, air travel to get away on a vacation, or to visit far-away family and friends, without the proposed new tax, is still within reach for many individuals on tight family budgets. The near-doubling of the PFC tax will likely place air travel out of reach for many. And the reason for this hike is absurd.

The argument for the hike is that the additional money will pay for much-needed infrastructure improvement projects at airports nationwide. But here is the problem: America's airports don't need the extra money. Airport revenues are already growing strongly. Since the year 2000, airports have enjoyed revenue increases of 87 percent, without the cost of flights rising meaningfully. This growth drastically outpaces the actual cost of flying, even after factoring for inflation.

In addition, over the last decade, more than \$165 billion in federal aid has been directed to airports for improvement projects at America's largest 30 airports alone. More than that, the so-called Aviation Trust Fund is expected to reach nearly \$8 billion by the end of 2019.

And this summer alone, the Federal Aviation Administration has awarded hundreds of millions in renovation grants to airports across America earmarked for infrastructure improvements. It's also worth keeping in mind that air travel and tourism are now at or nearing all-time highs, meaning that airports are collecting more in PFC taxes than they know what to do with.

By contrast, the income of working Americans has been stagnant for years. Considering that airports are more profitable now than ever before, it is disappointing that they, with the backing of politicians in Washington, are now coming to average Americans and asking them to shoulder the cost.

America's airports are well-positioned to continue to fund infrastructure improvement projects without needlessly reaching into the pockets of America's working families and robbing them of one of the few affordable luxuries available to them. Congress must stand up for working people and refuse this tax increase.

Economic progress in America should empower African Americans and others. We in the Black Press of America will not be silent on this issue.

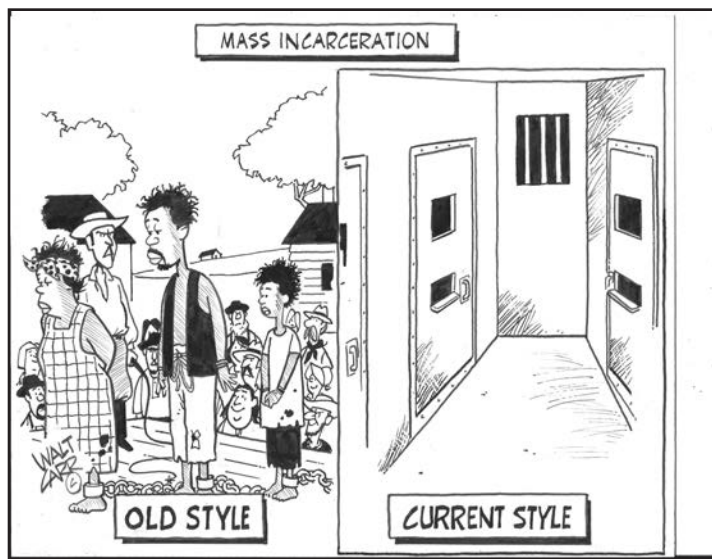
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### RAINBOW COALITION

## NFL's Depression-era ban on Black players lingers on in the owner's box

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The National Football League season opened last week with a full slate of games. On the field, extraordinary athletes of all races and backgrounds competed with the same set of rules. Yet, it is worth noting that this has not always been the case — and that the legacy of discrimination has yet to be redressed.

In June, when the Chicago Bears announced that their “throwback jersey” for their 100th anniversary this year

would come from 1936, they were honoring a jersey that was worn in the third season of the NFL's 12-year ban on black players. In an extraordinary article for *Windy City Gridiron*, Chicago Sports historian Jack Silverstein detailed the story and background of the ban. Unlike baseball, the NFL



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

allowed black players to play in its early years.

Black players like All Pro halfback Fritz Pollard and tackle Duke Slater were among the most honored players of the day. “What makes the NFL so unique is that it's a full-fledged league and it starts off integrated,” says professor, author and historian Louis Moore, whose work includes the podcast *The Black Athlete*.

Yet, when the Great Depression deepened, black players were suddenly banned from the league. The owners — led by George

Preston Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins and, Silverstein postulates, likely George Halas, famed owner of the Chicago Bears — clearly enforced a ban on black players that lasted from 1933 to 1945. The argument apparently was that with the Depression, black players would be resented — the football version of last hired, first fired. The Washington owner, Marshall, writes Silverstein, was an “avowed,

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## Healing the wounds

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The chaotic and catastrophic conditions we are seeing at an alarming rate across the world have even the most optimistic people around us very concerned. Mass shootings appear to be ordinary now. Just recently, there was the tragedies in El Paso (TX), Dayton (OH) and Odessa (TX) in rapid succession before we had a chance to recover from the tragedy before the last one. What just happened in the Bahamas is hard to imagine — and yet, tragedy of a monumental proportion just happened. Add to that the horrendous way #45 behaves daily both at home and abroad, and acts like none of it matters to him. As the song by Marvin Gaye goes, “It makes you want to holler and throw up your hand.” Unfortunately, that is not the solution.

In some way, we've all been wounded. Some us have been wounded by the circumstance of our ancestors' enslavement. It's too difficult for me to think

about people like Harriet Tubman having to stand there and taking the lash of an evil system called slavery, of Fannie Lou Hamer having to leave her family and her home just because she wanted to vote, of

Dr. Martin Luther King facing the threat of murder and ultimately being murdered, and about Malcolm X, Evers, and many others being murdered for trying to do good.

Add to that all the mothers who've buried their children much too soon for senseless reasons. Our brains have been battered with mass shootings in churches and synagogues, and in schools where some children have become traumatized by the thought of going to schools. We've seen babies separated from their parents, and a recent report indicates how these chil-



Dr. E. Faye Williams

dren have been damaged — maybe even wounded for life unless we come up with a way to heal the wounds.

Can we afford to just let it go and hope that things will get better? I submit that we cannot. We must look for ways to heal our wounds. My eyes are always open to do just that. On a recent trip to Columbus, Ohio, I met a group of wonderful people who've come up with ways to heal the wounds of our circumstances. As President of the National Congress of Black Women, I've invited the principals of this process to come to Washington, DC during the upcoming Congressional Black Caucus Foundation conference to begin the discussion of what we can do as a group of people who've been wounded in this country for over 400 years, and with the current occupants in the White House, it seems there is no hope and no hope of hope, so the healing falls on you and me collectively with the help of professionals who've offered us help. Keep your ears open for the names Dr. Linda Myers, Dr.

Monica Clement and Dr. Jordan Argus. In the meantime, you may do one of 2 things: Go to [www.wpfwfm.org](http://www.wpfwfm.org). Click on Archives, scroll down to Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 10 AM for my program called “Wake Up and Stay Woke.” Click on Play and you'll be able to hear an interview with some of the leaders involved in the process called “Healing the Wounds of Circumstance.” I guarantee you'll want to hear more about the program. It's very promising!

In the meantime, there are things we can do to begin the process of healing. We can form healing circles, always do the right thing, look out for one another, refuse to meet hate with hate, anger with anger, jealousy with jealousy or fear with fear. Finally,

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## In the wake of Hurricane Dorian: Climate change and infrastructure issues

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Hurricane Dorian has drowned the Bahamas and devastated the coasts of North and South Carolina. There are trillions of dollars worth of damages, and communities that it will take years to rebuild. The fury of this hurricane, some say, is unprecedented, with winds measured at 130 miles per hour at their fiercest. Dozens of lives have been lost — at least 30, as of this writing, in the Bahamas, and many others here in the United States. As the winds die down, the questions rise up. Could this hurricane, and its devastation have been prevented? What role does climate change play in the destruction this hurricane has caused? Are extreme and unexpected weather patterns our new reality? What does it mean for our quality of life and our economy?

One doesn't have to be a climate scientist to believe that climate change is affecting our weather. But there is a large body of scientific research to prove it. The ferocity of Hurricane Dorian and the massive destruction it has left in its wake is at least partly due to climatic destabilization. This is why 195 nations signed

the Paris Accord, the 2016 agreement to contain greenhouse gas emissions. Many applauded President Barack Obama's support of this accord. We have been dismayed that the current “President” has indicated his intent to withdraw from the agreement, and has already supported public policy to undermine it.

The willingness of US leaders to ignore the scourge of climate change is challenging. It is also challenging to watch democratic presidential candidates flail around the issue, as they did in the recent CNN debates. To be sure, there was great rhetoric and good ideas, but from my perspective, no robust approach to better managing our environment.

Hurricane Dorian reminds us of the urgency of dealing with climate change policy. It also reminds us of the underinvestment our nation has made to our infrastructure. Better infrastructure would mitigate some of the destruction of this hurricane, and our

45th President promised to address infrastructure. He has not. It's a bipartisan challenge since whether you are a Democrat or Republican, you ride on our nation's highways and drive across vulnerable bridges. The American Society of Civil Engineers ([asce.org](http://asce.org)) rates our infrastructure a D+, hardly a passing grade. It points to deficiencies on everything from our bridges and roads to our water supply, and daily headlines suggest their D+ grade may be generous.

Flint, Michigan has yet again made national news headlines after its water supply has been again polluted. It is easy to focus on Flint, but too many other municipalities also have water challenges, and the public health effects in Flint reverberate all over the country. We have long known of the adverse effects of lead paint on children, yet too many of our schools still are riddled with lead paint. And the beat goes on. The worst thing is that little has improved between 2013 and 2017 when the last report was released. The “President” knows it, but doesn't care to use his political capital to spark a bipartisan agreement, but instead prefers to keep up the combative mess around

immigration and jingoism.

Congress is just back from its six-week break. Perhaps they will approach our challenges with renewed enthusiasm. From my perspective, the three top things they must deal with are gun control, infrastructure, and climate change. These need to be bipartisan issues, issues that the majority of the population will be positively impacted by. But the rudderless, leaderless Oval Office prefers to engage in a rhetorical sideshow that diverts from the failing economy (even with low unemployment rates), the white supremacist gun crisis, and infrastructure ineffectuality.

Hurricane Dorian reminds us that legislative malfeasance is unacceptable. To ignore climate change, infrastructure, and gun control is to ignore the issues that are critical to the lives of our nation's citizens. I'm not surprised that 45 ignores these issues, but what about the Congress, including those who represent areas that Dorian devastated?

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gleeful racist," who generally bears the onus of pushing the ban. He hoped to market the Washington team as the team of the South.

But other owners, including legends in the sport, were complicit or worse, including Chicago's Halas, Curly Lambeau of the Packers, Tim Mara of the Giants and Art Rooney of the Steelers. Mara's Giants didn't have a black player until 1948, Halas' Bears not until 1952, Lambeau's Packers not until 1950. Marshall's

Redskins were the last to integrate, doing so only in 1962 when the federal government threatened to revoke the lease on the team's stadium.

Today, NFL rosters are integrated. But there's still a dearth of blacks in the elite club of owners. Of the 32 teams in the NFL, only two principal owners are people of color — Shahid Khan of the Jaguars and Kim Pegula of the Buffalo Bills. (Of the 92 teams in baseball, basketball and football combined, there are only six majority owners that are people of color.) Ownership is a small club, and the club owners still tend to

admit only people that look like them.

The exclusion is also a legacy of the discrimination. When black players — and black owners — were banned, teams were affordable. As the league built up, many teams were inherited, gaining in value along the way. By being excluded at the start, black owners have a far harder time getting in now.

Today's integrated teams on the field serve as positive examples. Fans cheer for favorites by the color of their jerseys, not the color of their skin. That players of all races and backgrounds play by the

same set of rules exemplifies the equal justice under the law that we strive for. But equality on the field should parallel equality in management and ownership.

The NFL should start by acknowledging the racial ban it enforced, recognizing black players and moving more of them into the Hall of Fame and taking concrete steps to ensure that the ownership, management and coaching of NFL teams reflect the diversity of the players on the field and the fans in the stands.

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**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**  
**The racist definition of crime**

Actress Felicity Huffman made a plea for leniency as she faced sentencing for paying \$15,000 to rig the SAT scores of her daughter.

She said she was "just trying to be a good mother" and added that she believed her cheating was "giving her daughter a fair shot" to get into the colleges she believed her daughter would want to attend. (<https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/09/us/felicity-huffman-letter-to-judge/index.html>).

She doesn't want to go to jail. She probably doesn't believe she deserves to go to jail, because by her own admission she was "just trying to be a good mother."

Black mothers have, however, gone to jail not for paying to rig their children's SAT scores but for sending their children to better school districts. Kelley Williams Bolar spent 10 days in jail, was placed on 3 years' probation and was ordered to

pay \$30,000 in back tuition for sending her child to a better school in Ohio, (<https://abcnews.go.com/US/ohio-mom-jailed-sending-kids-school-district/story?id=12763654>), and in Connecticut, Tanya McDowell was sentenced to 5 years in jail for sending her son to a better school in a district not in alignment with the district in which she lived. Reportedly, her jail sentence included some time for drug offenses. (<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/mom-went-prison-enrolling-her-191400017.html>) At the time she registered her son in the district, McDowell was homeless. After her arrest for sending her six year old son in the Norwalk school district, she was arrested on drug charges and also picked up a charge of grand larceny; she received as 12-year suspended sentence on the drug charges.

While the "good character" of Huffman is being touted, it is notable that these black mothers were demonized and criminalized for wanting to be "good mothers," as Huffman said she wanted to do. While Huffman wanted to make sure her daughter got into a "good college," and wanted a "fair chance," both Bolar and McDowell wanted the same thing, but on a different level. The elementary schools in the districts in which they lived were not good; a "fair chance" for them included being in a school where they learned the basics which would make them competitive in applying for colleges years later. "Fair" for Huffman and the other wealthy parents who may have spent all of their parental years paying their way and the way of their children into places they've wanted to be is far different from what is "fair" for black, brown, and poor people whose children too often are forced to attend schools which offer sub-standard education.

It is regrettable that this country does not see the worth of black, brown, and poor people, and equally as regrettable that in this country the crimes committed by wealthy people are considered less problematic than the crimes committed by poor people. Historically in this country, poverty has been viewed by the wealthy white people in control as proof of the genetic inferiority of certain groups of people. According to proponents of the American eugenics movement, crime was viewed as a "group phenomenon" and an "inherited family trait," according to Edwin Black in his book, *War Against the Weak: Eugenics and America's Campaign to Create a Master Race*. In that same book, Black noted that "when robber barons stole and cheated their way into great wealth, they were lionized as noble leaders of the day, celebrated with namesake foundations and honored by leather-bound genealogies often adorned with coats of arms. It was the petty criminals, not the gilded ones, whom polite society perceived as the great genetic menace."

Black, brown and poor mothers wanting their children to get the best education possible is not viewed as their being good mothers, but serve as yet another way to label them as criminals and a bane to society. The short-sightedness of this worldview is troubling, but it is as baked into the white American mindset as is the belief that being wealthy and white is an automatic indication of one's superiority. It will be interesting to see what "time" Huffman gets. It is doubtful that it will be significant, which will be the most troubling part of this story overall, and proof of what Bryan Stevenson, the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, has noted: "It is better to be rich and guilty than poor and innocent."

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Golden Slam twice (2001 & 2003 Australian Open, 1999 & 2010 Roland Garros, 2000 & 2002 Wimbledon, 1999 & 2009 U.S. Open, and 2000 & 2008 Olympic gold medalists).

•In 2012 Wimbledon, in her semifinal match against Azarenka, she hit a record 24 aces in a match.

•At the 2012 Wimbledon Championships, she set a record for most aces served in a tournament, hitting 102 aces in the tournament, which was the most of men or women at the Championships that year.

•In 2014, she won her 6th U.S. Open title, the most in the Open Era (tied with Evert)

•In 2017, she won her 7th Australian Open title, the most in the Open Era (stands alone).

•Four-time Olympian (2000, 2008, 2012, 2016); Four-time Olympic medalist (4 golds)

Rio 2016 Olympic Games, T-9th

(singles); T-17th (doubles)  
•London 2012 Olympic Games, gold (singles, doubles)  
•Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, gold (doubles), T-5th (singles)  
•Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, gold (doubles)

"She's without question the embodiment of strength, character, and accomplishment," said Julio C. Rodriguez, of Université Paris-Sorbonne.


The Undefeated Magazine's managing editor Raina Kelley summed up why Williams is the Michael Jordan and Muhammad Ali of her sport.

"Serena Jameka Williams did not come just to play — she came to slay. And you are alive to see it," Kelley said.

"Is Serena the GOAT? She reinvented tennis. She invented #BlackGirlMagic. She has all of the trophies ever, and she stands for equality of women around the globe. Is Serena the greatest athlete of all time? Please," Kelley said.

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**Trump and the weather**

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

Each week I swear that I will write something other than about Donald Trump. I cannot keep to that promise consistently, particularly when certain events unfold. This week is a prime example.

The Washington Post published a story on September 8th that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration backed Trump over its own scientists when Trump — incorrectly — stated and restated that Hurricane Dorian would hit Alabama. Worse, the NOAA allegedly insisted that its staff stand by the President regardless of the inaccuracies he articulated. This all happened after the National Weather Service contradicted Trump.

The evolution of this story started as near comedy.

Trump, not known as a meteorologist, informed the public that Hurricane Dorian would be hitting the state of Alabama, among other places.



**Bill Fletcher**

Even when it was clear that this would not happen, he and his clique stood firm. Thus, what began as a simple error, became an international embarrassment. But now it is much more.

There have been repeated stories of the repression of science under this administration. Scientists have been informed not to use this word or that word. The suppression of scientific exploration and publication of new research

on climate change. This is all being done under the cover of night. But now we have a story where it is quite public that this administration not only wants to dictate reality, but it wishes to suppress those who contradict them, irrespective of the truth.

The obvious question is where does this end? There is no outcry from Republicans in Congress about this. I found myself thinking about what a scenario might have looked like had then President Obama told the NOAA that it was to support misinformation that he provided. Well, I think that you know what would have happened. But in the current situation, such idiocy is being tolerated by those in Congress.

This is not a situation to take lightly. There is no Grand Canyon between the

suppression of science and the suppression of other ideas. If you happen to live in a district represented by Republicans, you might want to ask them why they don't speak up.

In the meantime, just a reminder of what is at stake in 2020. A president who wishes to suppress reality is a president who will stop at nothing to get their own way. It reminds me of an episode starring Billy Mumy from the original *Twilight Zone* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0734580/>) but we'll save that for another column...

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(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

Serena Williams lost her bid for what would have been her sixth U.S. Open Singles title.

It was the second straight year that Williams lost in the finals.

But, with 23 Grand Slam tournament titles and a .850 career winning percentage, Williams legacy as the world's greatest tennis player was solidified a long time ago.

"Serena Williams's legacy is sealed, whether or not she ever hits a tennis ball again," Tera W. Hunter, a professor of history and African American studies at Princeton, wrote in an op-ed for the New York Times.

"It's sad she didn't beat Bianca Andreescu at the finals of the U.S. Open Championships and match Margaret Court's record of 24 Grand Slam singles titles. But her contributions to the game are much bigger than reaching another Grand Slam Final," Hunter wrote.

Williams, 37, began playing tennis at the age of 5 in

Compton, California. Under the tutelage of her father, Richard Williams, Serena and her sister Venus rose to stardom in the 1990s. The duo took the tennis world by storm with Serena Williams ultimately surpassing her sister and others as easily the best in the sport.



**Stacy M. Brown**

Here are just some of her accomplishments:

•At the 1999 U.S. Open, became the second African-American woman to win a Grand Slam title at 17 years old.

•By winning the 2001 Australian Open doubles championship with Venus Williams, became the fifth pair to complete a Career Doubles Grand Slam and the only pair

to win a Career Doubles Golden Slam.

•At the 2001 U.S. Open, marked the first time in the Open Era, and the second time in 117 years that sisters met in a Grand Slam final (with Venus)

•At the 2002 Roland Garros final, she became the first younger sister to defeat her older sister in a Grand Slam singles tournament.

•By winning the 2003 Australian Open, became the fifth woman to hold all four Grand Slam singles titles simultaneously.

•By winning the 2003 Australian Open, became the first African-American to win the championship.

•By winning the 2003 Wimbledon ladies' title, Williams became just the fifth woman in the Open Era to win back-to-back Wimbledon crowns.

•By reaching the final of the 2003 Australian Open, she and sister Venus became the first players to compete in 4 consecutive slam finals.

•By winning the 2005 Australian Open by defeating

Mauresmo and Davenport, became the only player in tennis history to win three Grand Slam singles titles (1999 U.S. Open, 2002 Roland Garros) by beating the top two ranked players.

•By winning the 2007 Australian Open became the first unseeded player since 1978 to win a slam; she was ranked #81 in the world.

•Her six-year gap between Wimbledon titles (2003-2009) is second only to Evonne Goolagong Cawley's nine years in the Open Era.

Her eleven-year gap between Roland Garros titles (2002-2013) is the longest in the Open Era.

•By winning the 2010 Roland Garros doubles with sister Venus, they became the first pair since 1998 to hold the four doubles slams at the same time.

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**TOO BE EQUAL**

**Attitudes about guns safety are changing, but Senate leadership is mired in the past**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The biggest movement and shift that we've seen in this culture is simply because of the victims. When victims and survivors are coming to the legislative bodies and they're telling their stories and they're appealing, we've seen movement. We've seen movement. And so it's a matter of changing one mind and one heart at a time. You change the culture, and the policy change comes right on the heels of that." — Congresswoman **Lucy McBath, mother of 17-year-old Jordan Davis, shot to death in an argument about loud music. The facts on gun safety are clear.**

Since 1994, background checks have blocked over 3.5 million gun sales to felons, domestic abusers, and other people who aren't allowed to have guns under existing law.

About 90 percent of Americans support background checks for all firearms sales.

But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refuses to allow the senate to vote on bills, passed by the House of Representatives, that would expand background checks to

private sales and extend to at least 10 days the amount of time firearms dealers must wait for a response from the background check system before the sale can proceed.

A ban on military-style assault weapons effect from September 1994 through 2004 was associated with a 25 percent drop in gun massacres and a 40 percent drop in fatalities.

About two-thirds of American support a ban on military-style assault weapons.

But a bill to restrict the sale of military-style assault weapons remains mired in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

One of the people who should have failed a background check to buy a handgun was Dylann Roof of Columbia, South Carolina. Because the check was not completed within three days, Roof was able to buy a gun.

A few months later, Roof shot and killed nine people at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. One of the people who was prevented from buy-

ing a gun because he failed a background check in 2014 was Seth Ator of Odessa, Texas. Ator had been committed to a psychiatric institution in 2006 because he was deemed a danger to himself and/or others. Because of a loophole in the law — a loophole that would be closed by the House-passed Bipartisan Background Checks Act — Ator was able to purchase an AR-15 style rifle through a private sale.

Ator used that rifle to shoot nearly 30 people in Odessa and Midland, Texas, on Saturday, killing seven and wounding 22.

There were six other mass shootings in the United States on Saturday, leaving five more dead and another 20 injured. There have been 287 mass shootings in of 2019 — more than a shooting per day. There have been 10,018 deaths and 20,061 injuries from gun violence this year, and that's not even including suicides by firearms, which claim about 23,000 lives each year.

Stopping gun violence is now the third-most important issue for voters, after health care and immigration, according to a recent poll.

The ongoing epidemic of gun violence prompted Walmart to stop selling stop selling handgun ammunition



**Marc Morial**

and "short-barrel rifle ammunition," such as the .223 caliber and 5.56 caliber that can also be used on assault-style weapons. Walmart and Kroger also have requested that customers not openly carry firearms in their stores.

These decisions mark a significant turning point in the effort to protect Americans from gun violence. Senate leaders have, instead, chosen to continue along the path of cowardice.

As the House passage of the background bill and the Walmart and Kroger decisions demonstrate, the firearm industry is losing its stranglehold on our political and legislative institutions. But not fast enough. As long as Senate Leader Mitch McConnell refuses to consider the commonsense gun safety laws passed by the House, it's clear his loyalties lie with the gun lobby and not with the American people.

We must do everything we can to urge the Senate to do its job. Call (202) 224-3121 to speak to your Senators and let them know they were elected to defend your safety and your family, not the profits of the gun industry."

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## BBC World Service Team follows local entrepreneur on "The Year Of Return" Ghana Tour 2019

BY INEZ  
CAMPBELL-EASON  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Inez Campbell-Eason of Inez International.LV was contacted by Efreem Gebreab, journalist with London's BBC World Service Team. Efreem expressed, "I have been a Senior Journalist with the BBC World Service since 2013 after joining the 'Focus on Africa TV' programme hosted by the late Komla Dumor. BBC Africa News broadcasts on radio, tv and online in several languages to an audience of millions across Africa and you can find our social media pages @BBCAfrica or @BBCNewsAfrica. I was based in Dakar (Senegal) as Senior Producer for Francophone West Africa in 2016/17 and now work as Senior Video Producer for Africa based in London."

Efreem shared that while searching online he came across Inez's travel agency's itinerary for the Annual Ghana Tour for "The Year Of Return". He asked if his team could follow the group during the scheduled August tour for a mini documentary. He expressed that it would more than likely be a short 10-minute segment highlighting two travelers as the first generation within their family to return after 400 years to the African continent, combined with a segment of two ex-patriots who relocated to Ghana after the Trayvon Martin and Ferguson incidents.

Inez, after reviewing his bio and previous documentary reels agreed. After sharing the information with the tour group, she provided him with the names of Cindy Joseph Meyers and her sister, Angela Matthews whom consented to be the subjects for the storyline. Cindy is a civil rights attorney and a former neonatal intensive care (nic) nurse who currently lives in Arizona, and Angela is a medical case manager for a hospital in Los Angeles. The BBC Africa team included Assistant, Elaine Okyere of London and a local videographer. Efreem is a proud

Eritrean and both assistants are proud Ghanaians. The team shot footage of the siblings departing Los Angeles, arriving in Ghana, and footage of their first couple of days along with the rest of the tour group to attractions in Accra, such as, Kwame Nkrumah Museum and Mausoleum, Black Star Square, WEB Dubois Center, Local art center, and the busy Osu Market. One of the most poignant filming days was at the The Cape Slave Castle which is along the Elmina, Cape Coast of Ghana. It was an emotional day and experience for all. Footage was also filmed at the Annual Chale Wote Festival, which is a growing street art's festival in Accra. Thousands descend upon Accra's Old Jamestown district to attend this festival each year, which is generally held around the fourth weekend of August.

Campbell-Eason, shared with the BBC that she started the annual tours to Ghana initially for purely personal reasons; but after her first experience she felt an energy source that was dormant awaken. She knew her mission was to be a sort of Harriet Tubman of the Diaspora. There are many symbolic Harriets - both male and female. She is pleased to join in that number. Inez expressed, Just as Tubman could only free those who wanted to be free, herein lies the same theory today. Only those who wish to be mentally free can break the chains of the economic disparity, and outright intellectual lies that the educational system has instilled for generations, in conjunction with the vision of poverty the United States has continuously placed upon the continent of Africa.

She shared, Ghana has its varying socioeconomic populations, just as we do. However, it is a thriving country in development and more importantly, they want Black dollars. They want African Americans to have a seat at the table to create start-up businesses, to purchase land and to have the experience and exposure of true free enterprise. They want the creative minds

of Black African Americans that this country suppresses economically or consistently undervalues on jobs, in communities and any other areas that does not support their skillset, ingenuity and/or talents. There are special programs in place to expedite repatriation or dual citizenship. Inez does not recommend anyone to drop everything without a plan because a means of income is always needed. Ghana is the second largest in the world for cocoa production. Switzerland has no cocoa farms; yet is considered one of the best producers of chocolate in the world. 70% of their cocoa comes from Ghana. Ghana has gold, oil, chocolate, coffee beans and many other investment opportunities in which African Americans have an open invitation to capitalize.

During the tour, Inez also presented two educational scholarships to Ghanaian college students, Emmanuel Dufie Agyemang, second year student at Offinso Midwifery Training College and Nyavor Larry - Accra, Ghana who is in completion of his degree in Computer Graphics at Ho University - Volta Region, Ghana. Inez has a society called, The Wysteria Group, whose mission involves support for education, small business and caretakers of dementia/Alzheimer's family members with scholarships and/or mini grants. She would like to thank the following sponsors of the students who received scholarships this year, NC Senator Harper Peterson - 9th District and Tyron W. Eason, II - Wells Fargo, N.A. Loan Administration Manager for the San Francisco Bay Area. To support additional students, you can email: thewysteriagroup@gmail.com.

Inez states, "When my tours are over, I always remind everyone that we are in a country with over 30 million Black people. While they were there touring busy over crowded markets, venues, festivals, restaurants, dancing at the local night clubs there was not one fight, there were no gun shots, there was no violence,



PHOTOS BY INEZ CAMPBELL-EASON  
**Naming Ceremony in Asante Anwomaso Region of Kumasi home of the famous Kente Cloth Factory.**



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they saw no police arrest or accost anyone, no one stole anything - if you bumped into someone or stepped on their foot or shoe no one was ready to fight; and to realize that Black people can assemble peaceably, can thrive economically together, can enjoy one another in large group settings; can run a successful government; and to go home and dispel those myths."

Campbell-Eason shared that there will be an Afrochella: Ghana Holiday Tour this coming December 25, 2019 - January 2, 2020. It is not too late to join us for the world's

largest outdoor holiday concert. Next year's annual tour will be the first weekend of August which is around the timeframe of Founder's Day in Ghana, "Calling All Asante Warriors Home: XY Ghana Tour 2020" which will include a special (XY) Born Male Naming Ceremony. We would like for all fathers, sons, men, college and school-aged students, mentors, mentees, and single mother's with sons to attend this tour or have a group sponsor a male student. If there are other tour groups that would like to collaborate please contact me.

For those who may not know, the Asante Kingdom has a strong matriarchal system. The Queen Mother appoints the King. The King can only come from the matriarchal side of the family. The Asante's have a saying, "A mother only knows the father of her child". We have a similar colloquialism, "Mama's baby, daddy's maybe." (lol) For more information on the upcoming Afrochella 2019, the Asante Warriors XY Tour 2020, or to book future travel please contact: inezinternational@gmail.com or 910-233-7959.

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# NAREB urges Black Americans not to defer their dream of homeownership

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According to the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) wealth building usually begins with that first investment in owning your own home. Whether you purchase a first-time "starter" home or inherit a property or residence, you start down the road to building wealth. But something has changed in the Black community. The U.S. Census Bureau's latest statistics indicate that the Black homeownership rate has dropped once again.

Now at 40.6%, the rate starkly signals a continual loss of wealth for Black

Americans. By comparison, the non-Hispanic White homeownership rate for the same period was reported to be 73.1%, a nearly 30% difference. There's a problem and NAREB is on point to stop the loss and return Black Americans to wealth building through homeownership of real estate investment.

NAREB is aware that the Black community, particularly its local and national leaders, may need a clear, strong wake-up call to reverse this daunting downward trend.

What are the causes? But more importantly, what are the solutions? What can the community of concern do to prompt home purchase and

therefore, wealth building?

These and other questions are slated to be addressed at NAREB's annual "State of Black America" forum to be convened at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 2019 Annual Legislative Conference, Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019, 2:00p.m.- 4:00p.m.

Expert panelists, steeped in the issues, the disparities and likely solutions to raising Black homeownership are committed to working with NAREB on its mission to restore confidence in the real estate market, identify critical systemic blockages, and outline the concerted advocacy strategies that lawmakers at every level of government

need to keep in mind to improve Black homeownership outcomes.

During the forum, Donnell Williams, the newly installed president of NAREB, will announce an aggressive program to reach out and encourage Black millennials to consider, or re-consider, homeownership as a wealth building tool.

"Statistics show that there are 1.7 million Black millennials making \$100,000 or more and could improve their financial futures with homeownership or participation in real estate investment opportunities. NAREB is determined to reach them with messages that rebut, yet improve, some

of their current lifestyle choices," he says. What's more, he adds, homeownership is critical. "One clear message to millennials: Think about a house before you buy the car."

As he explains, wealth building is all about smart choices. Dreams need not be deferred. Homeownership is possible and still desirable as a wealth building tool. NAREB, with its nationwide network of predominantly Black American real estate professionals are here to help find the wealth building pathways that best suit lifestyles and incomes. "Join me at NAREB's Forum for the answers," Williams concluded.



**Donnell Williams**  
NAREB President

## DeVos hands for-profit colleges \$11.1 billion over 10 years

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Most consumers would likely agree that consumers should get what they pay for. If a product or service fails to deliver its promises, refunds are in order.

That kind of thinking guided the Obama Administration's decision to address false promises made to student loan borrowers.

A rule known as the "borrower defense to repayment", came on the heels of successive for-profit college closures that left thousands of students stranded educationally and financially. The federal rule provided a way for snookered students and borrowers to apply for and secure loan forgiveness. Its premise was that both borrowers and taxpayers were assured that the Department of Education was looking out for them.

But with a new administration and Education Secretary, rules that made sense and brought taxpayers financial fairness have been repealed and replaced with other rules that favor for-profit colleges, loan servicers, and other business interests.

Just as many people were

about to begin their Labor Day holiday, the federal Department of Education announced it was changing a key rule that provided a pathway to federal loan forgiveness. Instead, a new rule puts in place a process that will be cumbersome, lengthy, and nearly impossible for consumers to successfully secure relief.

Commenting on the rule that will now apply to all federal student loans made on or after July 1, 2020, Secretary Betsy DeVos said, "We believe this final rule corrects the wrongs of the 2016 rule through common sense and carefully crafted reforms that hold colleges and universities accountable and treat students and taxpayers fairly."

Excuse me Secretary DeVos, the rule was promulgated due to the thousands of wrongs resulting from less than truthful recruitment practices, false advertising, and targeting of vulnerable populations: low-income, first-generation college students who were often people of color; and veterans seeking new skills in a return to civilian life. For-profit colleges largely

remain financially solvent by their heavy dependence upon taxpayer-funded student loans.

For Black America, the effects of predatory student lending at for-profit colleges comes with severe consequences. According to research by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL):

Only 21 percent of all for-profit students in four-year programs graduate within six years;

Four years after graduation, Black students with a bachelor's degree owe almost double the debt

their white classmates owe; and

While for-profit College Enrollment Represents 8.6 Percent of all College Students, These Schools Generate Over 34 percent of all Students Who Default on Their Loans.

While this new rule may make sense to Secretary DeVos, education advocates had an opposite reaction,

quickly and emphatically detailing how the rule change is as negative as it is costly.

"After the collapse of Corinthian College and ITT Tech, two of the largest for-profit education companies in the country, the Obama Administration created the Borrower Defense rule to protect students and taxpayers from deceptive practices that could jeopardize the future of thousands of students and our economy," said Ashley Harrington, a CRL Senior Policy Counsel, and a primary negotiator during the Education Department's negotiated rule-making process.

With DeVos' new rule, both the automatic discharge of federal loans that took effect after a school closed and another provision that allowed group claim relief are now eliminated. Anyone seeking redress on student loans must also bear the full burden of documenting their alleged "harm" before a claim can be reviewed.

The new rule also removes states from opportunities to defend their own constituents. State laws, many

enacted before the 2016 Obama-era rule took effect, provided another route to legal redress. But with the new DeVos rule, no state-level claims can be pursued.

"That's problematic for us," added Harrington. "The federal standard should be the floor, not the ceiling, for relief."

Over the next decade, the Education Department projects an \$11 billion cost-savings from denying loan forgiveness. But for student loan borrowers, denying \$11 billion in loan forgiveness adds an unwieldy and costly burden for an education, and earnings that were never realized.

"The new 'borrower defense rule' does anything but defend students," said James Kvaal, president of The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS). "In fact it makes it almost impossible for students who are lied to, defrauded, or otherwise abused by their colleges to get a fresh start. ...By leaving students on the hook for colleges' illegal actions, today's rule sends a clear message that there will be little or no consequences for returning to the

misrepresentations and deceptions that characterized the for-profit college boom."

A similar reaction came from Abby Shafroth, an attorney with the National Consumer Law Center, and like Harrington, participated in the Department's rule-making meetings.

"There are over 170,000 pending applications with many borrowers held in limbo for years," continued Shafroth. "The new rules reflect an ongoing shift to protect the multi-billion-dollar for-profit education industry at the expense of students and taxpayers and come amid concerns about conflicts of interest raised about the rule of former for-profit executives hired by the Department."

Rather than saving taxpayer dollars, it seems that this new rule is guaranteeing a taxpayer-funded revenue stream for the benefit of for-profit colleges -- not students.

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## Vaping: Who's side is the FDA on?

(TriceEdneyWire.com) Most recently, we are finding out that vaping and e-cigarettes are causing health problems in the healthy lungs of young people.

Initially touted as a sure-fire way to create a generation of tobacco-free adults, we are now finding that they are not the panacea they were intended to be.



Glenn Ellis

Electronic cigarettes are less harmful than traditional cigarettes, but they aren't safe. There's evidence they can damage the lungs, and they're also a path to nicotine addiction. Last year the percentage of teenagers using nicotine grew at the fastest rate ever recorded for an addictive substance, according to a survey funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

In fact, studies have found that young people who use them are more likely to become consumers of tobacco products than those who have never used them.

I should say a little about vaping, and what it is, for those who don't know. In 2014, The Oxford English Dictionary made "vape" the word of the year!

Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling the aerosol, often referred to as vapor, which is produced by an e-cigarette or similar device. The term is used because e-cigarettes do not produce tobacco

smoke, but rather an aerosol, often mistaken for water vapor; that actually consists of fine particles. Many of these particles contain varying amounts of toxic chemicals, which have been linked to cancer, as well as respiratory and heart disease.

Vaping has grown in popularity with the rise of e-cigarettes, which were introduced to the mass market in the U.S. in 2007. Vaping devices include not just e-cigarettes, but also vape pens and advanced personal vaporizers.

More than 200 people across the US have come down with a mysterious illness that appears to be linked to vaping - the latest wake-up call to the potentially serious health risks of using e-cigarettes.

Federal officials are now confirming 193 potential cases of lung ailments linked to e-cigarettes reported by 22 states. The most publicized was the recent young student-athlete in Wisconsin, whose suffered from severe lung damage from vaping. Even when vapor is nicotine-free, it may carry other heart health risks. The heating element in e-cigarettes emits tiny particles, sometimes including metals, which can lodge themselves deep into the lungs and get absorbed into the body's circulatory system.

As of August 27, there were 215 cases of severe respiratory disease in 25 states since late June, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported Friday. All patients reported using e-cigarette products. But while officials believe their illness is associated with vaping, they haven't



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been able to single out which ingredient or device may be causing the problem.

My issue is with the FDA, not the CDC.

The CDC monitors and tracks diseases and outbreaks; the FDA is charged with the responsibility of "is responsible for protecting the public health by ensuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs..."

They are supposed to have our backs!

Until 2016, e-cigarettes were freely able to enter the market without any premarket approval by the FDA.

At the time electronic cigarettes were first available on the market, Obama-era Health and Human Services

Secretary Sylvia Burwell said in a news release, "Today's announcement is an important step in the fight for a tobacco-free generation - it will help us catch up with changes in the marketplace, put into place rules that protect our kids and give adults information they need to make informed decisions." I don't think so, Ms. Burwell!

To their credit, the CDC has been warning about the identified and potential dangers of e-cigarettes and vaping since these devices first appeared around 2007. In May of 2016, the FDA informed the public that its authority would be extended to cover electronic cigarettes and e-liquids, which meant that they were able to develop and

enforce regulations on the industry. Essentially, any vaping product or e-cig that was released after February 15, 2007 fell under the exact same lengthy and expensive FDA approval process as regular tobacco cigarettes.

It doesn't help matters to know that in 2010, the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit rules against the Food and Drug Administration that absent therapeutic marketing claims, the FDA cannot ban e-cigarettes as unapproved drug delivery devices. This decision provides the legal framework for the very survival of the e-cigarette and vapor industries.

Seems we've been down this

road before: The Federal Agency (FDA) charged with protection us as consumers, failed us. We saw what happened with FDA oversight on allowing Tobacco products; Opioids; and now with electronic cigarettes.

I believe that this is the tip of the iceberg or an even larger problem. A new study found that more than a third of drugs failed to complete the approval process. This means there are a lot of drugs on the market that haven't been fully approved!

The time has long passed when we can assume that as consumers, we are protected from products entering the market that can cause us harm. We must hold the FDA, and all regulatory bodies to a higher standard of accountability. If not, we pay with our lives and the lives of our children.

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!

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**Ronald D. Love**

Ronald D. Love, age 79, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, September 5, 2019. A memorial service was held on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Mr. Love leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Barbara C. Love of Wilmington; sons, Ronald Love (Carolyn) of San Antonio, TX and Jason Love (Cecelia) of North Haledon, NJ, 8 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

**Jonita L. Davis**

Jonita L. Davis, age 43, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, September 6, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A celebration of Jonita's life will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2019 Mt Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 812 Harnett St., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

**Marie Richardson**

Marie Richardson died August 21, 2019. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. Marie, daughter of the late Beatrice Robinson and Frank Thomas was born on January 11, 1951 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Connie Underwood; sister, Deloris Parker and two brothers, Lorenzo Thomas and David Thomas. She was educated in the New Hanover County System. She was a private person but yet a sincere friend to everyone that touched her life. Marie was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend who loved her family dearly. She had a generous spirit and rarely faulted to help a family member or friend who was in need. Marie will be missed by all who had the benefit of her love and guidance and were blessed to know her. Marie leaves to cherish her memories: a son Hervie Richardson; two daughters, Tara Mack (Carlos), Ulylisa Williams (Drew); three sisters, Joan Johnson, Carolyn Thomas and Patricia Thomas; twelve grandchildren, Tanisha McClain, Sonta Richardson, Antonio King, Quintarium Mitchell, Shatara Jackson, Johnathan Smith, Shanta Underwood, Antwan Underwood, Laterriar Richardson, Carlos Mack, Jr., Jolise Cobia, Ryan Williams and Zannichelan Richardson; a host of great-grandchildren; a special person who was like a son to her; Tommy Everette; a host of nieces, nephews and a dear friend, Cleveland Brown. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Clarence "Gamp" Tobias**

Clarence "Gamp" Tobias died

August 25, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Clarence Joseph Tobias, Jr., 82, of Lumberton, North Carolina, affectionately called "Gamp", was born on May 24, 1937 to Alice Boykin Tobias Miller and the late Clarence Tobias Sr. in Wilmington, North Carolina. His grandparents, the Reverend Isaac and Alice Boykin who were actively involved in his life during his formative years, also preceded him in death. He received his formal education in the New Hanover County School system, graduating from Williston Senior High School in 1955. It was there that Clarence's rich baritone voice was developed and nurtured by the late B. Constance Odell, director of the historic Williston Senior High School Glee Club. Upon graduation, he enlisted into the United States Army (Airborne Division) and was honorably discharged after two years of service. "Gamp" married the former Vernell Hankins and blessed to the union were three children, Tyrone, Cassandra, and Carlton.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at St. Luke AME Zion Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. Clarence remained a faithful member until he relocated to Lumberton, North Carolina. Later, he united with Sandy Grove Baptist Church where he was active with the Men's Tailgating Ministry, Gospel Choir and Men's Ensemble until his health declined. "Gamp" was employed in various professions. His last employment was with E. I. Dupont where he retired after 30 years of service. Upon his retirement, he shared a home improvement business with his uncle, Oliver Boykin. He became known as "Mr. Fix It."

Gamp's greatest passion was in elevating his baritone voice in singing God's praises. When we describe a singer's voice as incomparable, we may actually mean to say, "like Gamp". Any song he sang became his, and anytime he sang you knew who it was. His early years were spent singing with the legendary Norwood Hunter Male Chorus and he also sang with the Willis Richardson Players. His performances were broadened nationally by singing at the White House during President William Clinton's tenure. He was also featured as a guest soloist for the Williston Alumni Choir and the Heritage Choir of Fayetteville, North Carolina. "Gamp" loved cooking and baking. His special dishes were shrimp salad and gingerbread. Clarence was blessed with meeting and developing a special friendship with Rebecca Genus, who brought much joy in his life until his passing. He will forever be remembered and loved by: his children, Tyrone Tobias (Renee) of Wilmington, NC, Cassandra Tobias of Upper Marlboro, MD, and Carlton Tobias of Wilmington, NC; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; a loving and devoted mother, Alice Boykin Tobias Miller of Wilmington, NC; uncles, Oliver Boykin and Rev. Robert (Helena) Boykin all of Wilmington, NC; former wife and mother of his children, Vernell Hankins Tobias; a loyal companion, Rebecca Genus of Lumberton, NC; special caregivers, J. B. Boykin of Wilmington, NC and William Washington and John Graham, both of Lumberton, NC, special cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**William Pugh**

William Pugh died August 27, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Retired SFC William Riley Pugh was born on July 8, 1941 to Richard and Louise Smith Pugh. In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by all of his siblings. His spiritual upbringing began at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Reverend Ben Pittman, he joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church - Masonboro Sound. William attended public schools in New Hanover County and graduated from Cape Fear Technical Institute. William enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Army Specialist Title Infantry and as a Combat Engineer. He retired in 1981 with many awards and medals, including, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (3 Campaigns), Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Star, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Palm, Bronze Star Medal (1st OLC), Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. William gained employment with New Hanover Medical Center Special Police and retired in 1995. He had a love for fine suits, hats and Cadillacs. He was married to the former Janette Simmons and they enjoyed 52 years together until her passing. William was also preceded in death by his first born, Rosalind Pugh Melvin; two sisters, and two brothers.

He leaves to cherish precious memories: two daughters, Teresa Evans (Melvin, Jr.) of Buford, GA, and Wanda Pugh-Trice (Darryl) of the city; his grandchildren: Melvin William Evans of Buford, GA, Janelle Jones (Alford) of Lawrenceville, GA, Deacon LeRon T. Montgomery of the home, Jessica Evans (fiancé James Warner III) of Hampton, VA and Al'Trey Riley Pugh (fiancée Kyrá Ballard) of the home; great-grandchildren (his pride and joy), Iyhonni, Teremun, Jeramah, Janiyah, Jamren, David, Jessie, June, Olivia, Jahloni, Jahliil, and Kyon; special nephews, Thaddeus Daniels of Jersey City, NJ and Franklin Thomas of Philadelphia, PA; special nieces, Diane Boyd of Philadelphia, PA and Melissa Pugh of Charleston, SC; special cousins, Mary and Freddy McClammy, Doretha Powell, and Nehemiah Holiday; sisters-in-law, Helen Weeks Pugh and Lucy Daniels (Arthur); brothers-in-law, James Bowman and David Simmons (Diane); adopted grandsons, Tyrone Sutton, Jr., Mychal Robinson and Joe Joe Holmes; childhood friend, Louis Brown; special friends, Walter Burns, Anthony Williams and Earl Bridges; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Donnell Bloodworth**

Donnell Bloodworth died August 27, 2019. Memorial services were held on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Donnell Bloodworth, son of the late John Baptist and Alice Lee Bloodworth was born on May 27, 1962. Donnell was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. Following graduation, he gained employment with Harris Teeter as a Bagger; a job he

truly loved. Affectionally nicknamed "Disco", Donnell loved to dance and enjoyed working with Fire Disco. He was a lovable person who will be greatly missed.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his sister, Careta Lawson (Steve); his brother, Donald Lee Bloodworth; one aunt, Janie McClendon; one uncle Dan Bloodworth (Bernadette); two nephews, Michael and Kofi; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Margaret "Pookie" Cuttino Harris**

Margaret "Pookie" Cuttino Harris died August 28, 2019. Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 1, 2019 at Summerville AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Summerville Church Cemetery.

Margaret was born August 20, 1957 to the late Harry and Mildred Cuttino. She was joined in holy matrimony to Joe "Snooty" Harris on October 17, 1985. To this union was the joining of their blended family. Margaret graduated from New Hanover High School in June 1975 and began her career as the first black Executive Secretary for the Vocational Division in 1975 at Cape Fear Community College. She furthered her education by receiving an Associate's Degree in Business from Cape Fear Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Shaw University in 1994 and completed her studies at Webster University in 1998 with a Master's Degree. Margaret served on the African American Heritage Committee from 2012-2017 and was a proud member of the LR Dumas Choir. Upon retirement, she enjoyed playing Bingo, sewing, crochet, shopping for good deals at thrift stores. Spending time with family and friends and loving on her grandchildren. Margaret was a devoted and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all. During the years of battling her illness, she always had a beautiful smile and words of encouragement about the Lord. Margaret loved her

family, but, most importantly, she loved the Lord. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a nephew, Morris Cuttino. Margaret will lovingly be remembered by her husband, Joe "Snooty" Harris; two daughters, Crystal Cuttino (Eric) and Latonia Cuttino (Decorress); grandchildren Charmaine and Christopher Cuttino; siblings, Mildred Cuttino (Harold), Harry Cuttino, Jr; aunts, Ruby Ballard and Hazel Southerland; uncle, John Henry Grady (Maxine); father and mother-in-law, Joe and Alease Harris; sisters-in-law, Cynthia Harris, Rene Harris and Kim Harris; special nieces, Shimone Cuttino, Tyreka Cuttino and Caheae Cuttino; special friends, Joyce Kemp, Cheryl Williams, Sylvia Shepard, Delia Dickey and Deborah Cherry. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Myra McGhee**

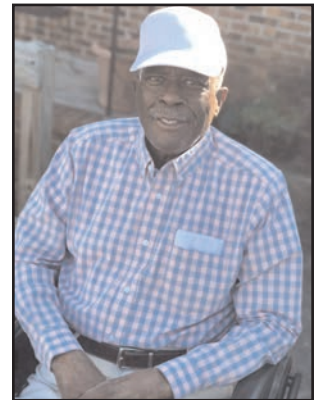
Myra McGhee died August 31, 2019. Funeral services were held on Friday, September 6, 2019 at St. James AME Church. Burial followed in Johns Chapel Cemetery.

Myra, aka "Nana" was born on April 13, 1965 to the late David and Juliet Miller. She was a loving and caring person who touched the lives of everyone who knew her. Myra was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. In addition to her parents, Ma was preceded in death by two brothers, Harvey "Bo" Miller and Thomas Whitted and her beloved fiancé, Calvin Bellamy. Myra was a graduate of EA Laney High School and attended Cape Fear Community College to complete her training as a CNA. Myra was employed at Cape Fear Group Home in Wilmington, NC as a caregiver. She loved and cared about all her clients and coworkers dearly. "Nana" loved the Lord and was a dedicated member of The Living Bread Church of Grace and Hope. Each Sunday she brought the group home to church with her. Myra is survived by her five children, caddice Fulton, Darryl Campbell, Crystal McGhee, Darryl

McGhee, II and Joshua McGhee; six grandchildren, six grandchildren, Myra Fulton, Necessity Holliday, Legend Holliday, Grace Campbell, Darryl Campbell, Jr and Bryon Fullard, III; brothers and sisters, David Miller (Gwen), Lindsie Whitted (Veronica), Ralph Miller

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**Card Of Thanks**



The family of the late William Riley Pugh extend our heartfelt thanks for all the cards, phone calls, food, visits and all acts of kindness during the passing of beloved father and grandfather. We the Pugh family say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

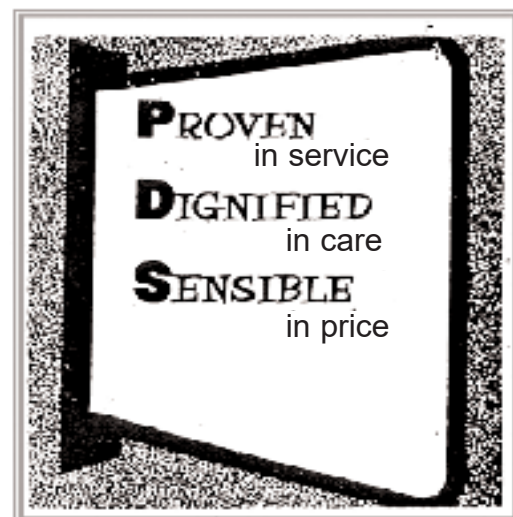
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## New Hanover County

**Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church** in conjunction with the Wilmington Police Department, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and area churches will host its Annual "Beyond the Wall Community Street Festival" on Saturday September 28th at 812 Harnett St. from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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**Mount Olive A.M.E. Church Social Action Auxiliary** will sponsor a musical program on Saturday, September 14th at 3:00 p.m. The program will feature seven musical groups and two liturgical dance groups. For additional information contact George Hill at 910-231-3496 or Rev. Tony Mills at tmills0701@icloud.com.

**Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church**, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their Ushers Anniversary on Sunday, September 22nd at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be Pastor Tommy Carr of The Lord's Church, Wilmington, NC. For more information please call 910-233-7728.

**St. Stephen A.M.E. Church** will hold their Scholarship Banquet on Saturday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Empowerment Center. The guest speaker will be Tony Carter. For more information contact the church at 910-762-9829.

**The GW Billips Club of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church** will celebrate their 68th Anniversary Sunday, September 22nd at 10:45 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Barbara Cooper of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Beaufort, NC.

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(Edith), Sherwood Miller, Sr.(Barbara), Vivian Lewis, Marilyn Ellerby (Don), Julia McKenzie (Ronald) and Doris Nelson: god children, Oliver "DJ" Ellerby and Cherone "Gal" Miller; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including her best friend, Tracy Moore. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Davida Yvette Ellerby Nixon

Davida Yvette Ellerby Nixon died August 31, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 7, 25019 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Davida was born on December 4, 1958 to the late David Lee Ellerby and Doris Sampson Ellerby. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard in the Class of 1977. She retired from New Hanover County Schools after many years of service. Davida, was united in holy matrimony to Julius A. Nixon. She was a people person. She loved her family and friends. Even during her illness, she continued to find time to do for others, especially cooking her wonderful dinners. Davida, a joy to many will be greatly missed. In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her brother, Darrell Ellerby.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: her husband, Julius A. Nixon of the home; one sister, Diera Ellerby Fletcher (Dorrell); three brothers-in law, Ralph Nixon, Charlie Nixon and Donald Nixon; one sister-in-law, Belinda Burney (Larry); seven nieces; five nephews; several god children; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Sonya Yvonna Yarrell

Sonya Yvonna Yarrell died August 29, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at Old Scotts Hill A.M.E. Church. Burial followed in Pollock Cemetery.

Sonya was born on April 6, 1976 in Greenville, North Carolina. She graduated from New Hanover High School in 1994. Sonya received her Associate Degree from Pitt Community College in Greenville, NC.

Those left to cherish her beautiful memories are: her devoted husband, Mr. Alexander Yarrell of Greenville, NC; her mother, Mrs. Peggy Lockett (Tony); his father, Mr. Carl P. Hansley; her brother, Mr. Kevin J. McIntyre of Greenville, NC; grandmother, Mrs. Edith Shepard of Wilmington, NC; aunts, Ms. Cynthia McIntyre, Ms. Andrea Hansley, Ms. Glenda Hansley, Ms. Myra Hansley all of Wilmington, NC; uncles, Mr. Don Nixon (Diane), Mr. Victor Nixon, Mr. Oliver Hansley (Linda), Mr. James "Dee"

Hansley, Jr.(Dolores) and Mr. Curtis Samuel Green all of Wilmington, NC; a hos of cousins, close family, friends and other special friends whom she loved dearly. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Charles Garnett Clifton, Jr.

Charles Garnett Clifton, Jr., died Sunday, August 25, 2019, in Yonkers, New York. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church.

Charles, son of Frances Anderson and the late Charles Clifton, Sr. was born on March 9, 1969. Charles was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. He met a lot of friends in his life time. Charles worked for Johnson Control in Florida. In addition to his father, Charles was preceded in death by his step-father, Derrick Anderson; sister, Maria Clifton Rowe; niece, Christina Clifton and uncle, William Bernard Lee.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his son, Tyree Clifton (Simmone); grandchildren, Tyree "Juju" Clifton, Jr. and Khloe Clifton; his mother, Frances Anderson; step-mother, Mary Clifton; sister, Ericka Clifton; nieces, Khadijah Clifton, A'Jah Thomas and Na'Ena Rowe; nephews, Darron Zanders, Jr., Devante Rowe and Avian Brewington; aunts, Betty Newsome, Doris (Kenny) Beacham, Rev. Yvonne, all of Williamsville, NY, Natalie of St. Petersburg, FL, Ellen of Buffalo, NY, Louise (Allen) of Buffalo, NY; uncles, David Lee (Linda), Rev. Raymond (Rev. Dr. Ernestine) of Buffalo, NY and Rev. Dr. Louis (Rev. Bettye) of Atlanta, GA; a host of cousins and friends, including his long-time friend and partner, Carmen and family; and his friends of Turnkey. "TKC" for life, as he would always say. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Willie Gattison

Willie Gattison died August 24, 2019. Memorial services will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Mr. Paul L. Roland, Jr.

Mr. Paul L. Roland, Jr., died September 2, 2019. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the I.L.A. Hall. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Felicia Lynette Forte

Felicia Lynette Forte died September 4, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church., 2019. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Welcome back!

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELIA H. ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good Morning, yes we're back! To God be the glory it is so good to see your smiling faces Senior Citizens Fellowship members. Our first meeting was opened by our president, Gladys Taylor. Devotions were conducted by Margie Robinson with the

song-No Not One! We repeated The Lord's Prayer and our next song was I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me.

Expressions were given by our members! We sang and testified of the wonders and blessings of the summer while the fellowship was on break. Yes, God is real! Minutes of the executive board meeting were read by Mary Greene. Dues have

increased to \$40.00 per year. This is a change from the previous \$36.00 per year asking. Please take note of this change. The sick and shut-in report was given. Let's continue to pray for and visit our members. Don't forget to send cards also. Thank you! Smiles were offered by Mary Martin; thanks for the laughter. Refreshments were distributed. Many thanks

Cherry Pearson, Mary Greene, and Mildred Ellerby, Gladys Taylor and George Hill tied for most members in attendance. We thank our callers and members. Announcements were given; please govern yourselves accordingly. Bind Us Together was sung and prayer was lead by Minister Doris McQuillan. There were 35 persons present.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Crises of faith, a need for peace"

"And they awake him, and say unto him, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful how is it that ye have no faith?" Mark 4:38b-40.

CRISES - A time of great danger; A time of Decision. A turning point for better or worse  
Faith - Substance of things hoped for: Evidence not seen

charge of. He knew the strength of his disciples, and he knew their weaknesses.

He allowed the storm to arise, and witness two very important spiritual virtues they were lacking. When they said unto Jesus, "carest thou not that we perish", it revealed a spirit of fear



Sylvia Hooper

When Jesus invited his disciples to leave the multitude on land, and accompany him in a ship to the other side of the sea, he had a reason and a purpose for doing so. Sometimes, the Lord allows a storm or natural crises to arise in our lives as a test to show us a spiritual state of being, not yet obvious to us. He already knows how frail we are. In many cases, we do not. It is during storms and trials, that we find out how strong we are, or how weak we have become.

Why was this test even necessary? Jesus was preparing his disciples for the many trials and tests that were coming their way after he left them. (I go to prepare a place for you. John 14:2b) He knew they needed faith and peace, if they were going to be effective as leaders of the church, that Jesus was leaving them in

that was lurking in their hearts and minds, even while Jesus was onboard the ship with them! What in the world would they would have said or done, if Jesus was not present with them? I dare to say, it would not have been a pretty sight to see or sound to hear! Why do so many people claim to be kept by Jesus, but charge him foolishly when he allows storms to arise in their lives? Maybe they forget that the sun rises on both the good and the evil, and that rain falls on the just and the unjust. Maybe they forget that he cares. I Peter 5:7

Sometimes we are like petulant children, who receive consistent and sacrificial parental support. Then, when parents see a need to develop maturity, they don't rush in and take over; but stand back and watch to see if years of training and counseling has paid off, or has it fallen on deaf ears. One of the first things to come out of the mouth of a spoiled child is,

"You don't love me. Or You don't care about me." It can be heart-breaking. In some cases, we want to help, but realize it is time for them to grow up and face life making decisions and choices that they will be forced to make when we are dead and gone. So, we sit back, watch and pray and hope for the best. They think they are ready. They think they are grown. It is our job as parents sometimes, to show them, You are not ready yet. You are not prepared for crises. You are fearful and you have no faith!

This is what Jesus told his disciples in the form of two important questions. After showing them what to do and how to handle a storm he asked them 1. Why are ye so fearful? How is it you have no faith?

After living with me and watching me, you should be full of faith, instead you are full of fear. After walking, watching, and talking and listening to my words, how is it you have no faith in me? How is that even possible. ? The storm has allowed you to see a greater crises than the natural storm you were in. You cannot survive spiritually without faith in God and in The Name of Jesus.

Hebrews 11:6 says "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Yes, we need faith, but we also need peace! The devil is constantly coming after the

peace of God's people so they cannot effectively serve God or worship Him. If you are caught in a storm, don't allow it to be a permanent setback. At most, let it be a temporary delay. Storms they come to past, but faith in God and the peace of God has come to last!

John 14:27 says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." If you are in a crises of Faith, pray and ask the Lord for his Peace. (Phillipians 4:6-7) One way or the other; you will survive your storm. Tell Somebody!

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

## A WORD FROM THE LORD

## God is calling us back to Himself, Part 2!

The call is not just for black America but for all of America who say they are the people of God. Yes, God always speaks to us first through His Word, through individuals, the church, and the community that makes up this great nation. Last week in this article, I said we must see ourselves through the lens of the Bible and hear the voice of God speaking to us through the pages of the Word of God. Which means we must have spiritual ears to hear God speaking to us. Sadly to say, however, most people use their political ears to determine what they believe and what they will accept, even though it may be totally contrary to the Word of God. God uses the nation of Israel, who were slaves in Egypt for 430 years, in establishing his Kingdom. God chose them for a special purpose and delivered them from bondage: from one of the most powerful nations that existed at that time. Isaiah 42:5-8,(KJV)5 "Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:6 I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.8 I am the

Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another; neither my praise to graven images".

This brings us to the second part of the prophetic Word for African American Christians by Lanny Swaim:



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

"1Corin.10:11, KJV Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and are written for our admonition." Now, I want to speak prophetically about another group of people. There is a definite parallel between the Israelites and African Americans that were brought to America as slaves.

Like Joseph and his descendant (the children Israel), African Americans were brought to America against their will and forced into slavery, traveling for many years under the cruelty of oppression by white slave owners. But like the Israelites, their traveling was not in vain.

When President Lincoln freed the slaves and the Union won the Civil war; it appeared their traveling gave birth to freedom for (the black) race in America. But the truth is, that freedom was very limited, especially in the South, where they faced racial injustice and inequality for many more years; until God raised up a generation led by Martin

Luther King Jr. and others, willing to defy so called white supremacy by taking a peaceful stand against intimidating violence. Eventually laws were changed and greater strides taken to ensure the equality and opportunity that Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr. were such visionaries for. Still, the battle wasn't over. The Federal Government that had done away with slavery and passed laws to ensure equal opportunity in an integrated society, once again enslaved many in poverty with their seemingly compassionate welfare and government assistance programs. But that perhaps is not the worst enemy African Americans have in modern day America.

Genocide has taken place in the United States under the disguise of a woman's right to choice. While abortion effects all races in America, it has targeted the African American community and as a result, Millions of unborn have been denied the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that the United States Declaration of Independence speaks of. Is it any wonder that some African Americans seem to have given up hope of ever being truly free? Recently I heard the Lord say, "Just as I positioned Israel in Egypt, I have positioned Africans in the United States".

The white man saw slavery as a means to prosper. Africans saw slavery as an injustice. But God saw it as positioning a people for greatness. Psalm 71:21, "Thou shalt

increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side".

I believe the Christian, African American community in the United States is going to be at the forefront of the next great spiritual awakening in United States. And it won't be the first time African Americans have been at the forefront of a great revival movement in this country. Thanks to Lanny Swaim for sharing this with us.

Jer. 29:11-14a (KJV)11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.14 And I will be found of you, saith the Lord." Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness we dare not trust the sweet framed, but wholly lean on Jesus Name: On Christ the solid rock we stand, all other group is sinking sand.

Our Father in heaven, we thank you for providing a vaccine for the ills of our world through the blood of Jesus Christ and we asked and receive your forgiveness and healing to all our flesh. Amen.

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

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Kenneth Albert James**, 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 **22nd day of November, 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 22nd day of August, 2019

Rema Wynette James,  
Administratrix  
4250 Wilshire Blvd Apt 204  
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2019

**NOTICE  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Ruth Keeno Relos**, 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 **2nd day of December, 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 29th day of August, 2019.

Allison Relos Rankin, Executrix of the Estate of Ruth Keeno Relos  
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This 29th day of August, 2019.  
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August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Catherine Lowe**, 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 **29th day of November, 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 22nd day of August, 2019

Harvey M. Lowe, Jr., Administrator  
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Wilmington, NC 28412

August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2019

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Let Notice be hereby given to Amber Spivey and Nicolas B Reyes last known of New Hanover County, NC

of a hearing on the issue of Permanent Custody to be held November 4, 2019 at 9:30am, New Hanover District Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington NC 28401, courtroom 300 before the Honorable Jeffrey E Noecker.

August 29, September 5, 12, 2019

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THE UNDERSIGNED, Krista F. West Boone, having qualified on the 12th day of June, 2019, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Michael Glenn West (16-E-1147)**, 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 **25th day of November, 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 22nd day of August, 2019.

Krista F. West Boone  
Personal Representative  
ESTATE OF Michael Glenn West  
David E. Anderson  
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9111 Market St, Ste A  
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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Virginia Agnes Boutwell (19-E-924)**, 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 **November 22, 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 20th day of August, 2019

Dawn Ruth Biondi, Administrator of the Estate of Virginia Agnes Boutwell  
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August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Genevieve S. Smith**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of December, 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 5th day of September, 2019

Charlie Olen Smith, Jr., Executor  
4288 Penderlea Hwy  
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September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
JONES COUNTY  
THE GENERAL COURT  
OF JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
19 CVD 787**

**JENNIFER ST.HILAIRE,  
PLAINTIFF  
v.  
TRAVIS CRAWFORD, DEFEN-  
DANT**

**TO: TRAVIS CRAWFORD**

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 August 29, 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 29th day of August, 2019

Jennifer St. Hilarie  
1586 Murray Circle  
Kinston, NC 28501

August 29, September 5, 12, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Josephine Grant**, 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 **12th day of December, 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 12th day of September, 2019

Donna Wright, Executor  
649 Ashbury Dr.  
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September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 19 JT 205**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
C. D. E. (DOB: 06-25-2019)**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN  
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THE ABOVE CAPTIONED  
MALE, CHILD BORN IN  
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR October 21st, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in courtroom 100 of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of September, 2019.

LeeAnne Quattrucci  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J  
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September 5, 12, 19, 2019

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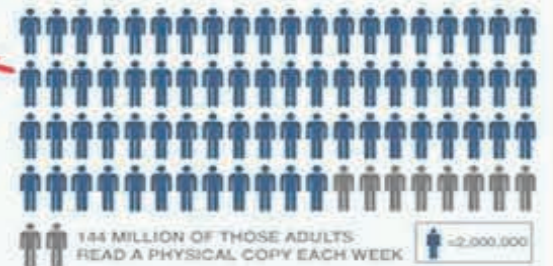
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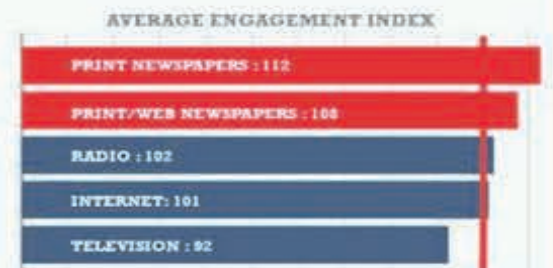
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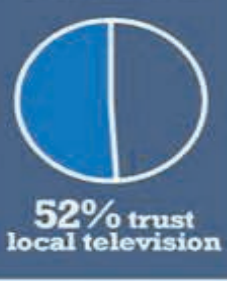
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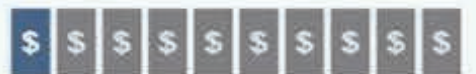


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