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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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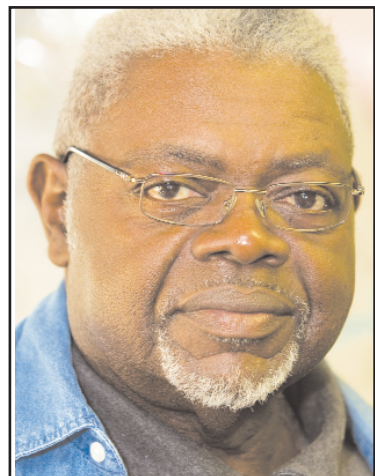
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Senator Peterson files complaint with NC Atty. General's Office over possible hospital sale

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

There is growing community concern about the possible sale of New Hanover Regional Medical Center (NHRMC) to a private company after the NHC County Commissioners Monday approved "an intent to sell" resolution to officially start the process of at least exploring its options.

If such a sale were to occur, critics of the sale say, the quality of care will diminish in favor of maximizing profits, and that would be

disastrous for the seven county region that NHRMC currently serves.

One of the most concerned is State Senator Harper Peterson, and in a Sept. 16, 2019 complaint to the NC Attorney General's Office against the county commission board, Peterson alleges that "...their failure to fully inform and openly engage the citizens of New Hanover County in the decision-making process regarding the potential sale of the publicly owned hospital."

In his complaint, Peterson makes clear that NHRMC is a "charitable

nonprofit corporation that is publicly held by the citizens (taxpayers) of New Hanover."

The county commissioners hold the responsibility of appointing members to NHRMC's Board of Trustees.

In his complaint, despite denials by county officials that they are actively seeking to sell the hospital, approving the resolution to allow the county to issue an RFP, or "Request for Proposal," from private entities interested in purchas-



SENATOR HARPER PETERSON

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DENNIS GADDY (LEFT), EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SUCCESS INITIATIVE, DARYL ATKINSON (RIGHT), CO-DIRECTOR OF FORWARD JUSTICE

LINC, Inc. and Second Chance Alliance launch Alliance's first North Carolina chapter with community celebration

Social justice allies from around the state will celebrate the launch of the first chapter of the North Carolina Second Chance Alliance in partnership with LINC, Inc., a Wilmington non-profit. The new Second Chance Alliance chapter will be based in New Hanover County.

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The Chapter Launch Party for the New Hanover County partnership between the North Carolina Second Chance Alliance and LINC, Inc. will be held on September 21, 2019, from 1-4pm, at DREAMS of Wilmington. The event will celebrate the creation of North Carolina's first Second Chance Alliance chapter with a program featuring Frankie Roberts, Executive Director of LINC, Inc., Dennis Gaddy, Executive Director of Community Success Initiative (Raleigh NC), Daryl Atkinson, Co-Director of Forward Justice (Raleigh NC), and elect-

ed officials.

LINC, Inc. and the NC Second Chance Alliance work to identify and advocate in support of fair chance practices, policies, and laws that ensure people exiting the criminal justice system have an equal opportunity to be prosperous, law-abiding community members. The goal of the organizations is to reduce recidivism by preventing automatic exclusion from opportunities and thereby cycling individuals back into the criminal justice system.

"We feel like individuals who are justice-involved are starting to be normalized, and not stigmatized

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REV. WILLIAM BARBER

Rev. Barber says we can't stay home with new maps

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

During the week when Republican legislative leaders are under court order to turn over newly redrawn nonpartisan voting district maps to a state three-judge panel that had ruled their previous maps were unconstitutional, Rev. Dr. William Barber, former president of the NCNAACP, says, "We've won too many victories for folks to stay home."

Dr. Barber refers to the fact that, at least, four times since 2011, either a state or federal court has struck down a redistricting map produced by North Carolina's Republican legislative majority, either for racial gerry-

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Rep. Adams challenges presidential candidates to support HBCUs

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Any Democratic presidential candidate who pledges solid support for HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities), if he or she wins the White House in 2020, will have the backing of North Carolina Congresswoman Alma Adams.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Democrat, who is co-chair and founder of the Bipartisan Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caucus in Congress, made that clear in a statement from her office Monday.

Months before the first primaries begin, the top four Democratic presidential candidates remain: former Vice President, Joe Biden, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and California Sen. Kamala Harris.

As of last week's Democratic debate, held on the campus of HBCU Texas Southern University, featuring the top ten candidates, only Sen. Harris has prominently promised to support HBCU's with more federal funding, if elected. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa

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United Auto Workers strike General Motors

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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The United Auto Workers Monday morning went on strike at General Motors, the first labor walkout at the Detroit automaker since 2007.

However, both sides said they resumed negotiations Monday afternoon to end the strike. It is not known how much progress has been made.

Some 46,000 hourly workers hit the picket lines at 55 plants nationwide. The workers want better pay, better medical coverage and a larger share of the \$27.5 billion in profits the Detroit-based company has generated over a four-year period

since the last UAW contract in 2015.

"We are standing up for fair wages, we are standing up for affordable, quality health care. We are standing up for our share of the profits. We are standing up for job security for our members, said UAW Vice President Terry Dittes.

In a Facebook post, GM said it is offering the UAW \$7 billion in investments and more than 5,400 jobs. The manufacturer also said it is offering investments in eight facilities in four states. In addition, GM said it offered the UAW the opportunity to become the first union-represented battery plant in the country.

General Motors has the smallest unionized workforce behind Ford and Chrysler.



STRIKERS

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HOSPITAL

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ing the hospital, whose estimated value could go as high as \$1 billion, according to published reports.

County officials admit that a possible sale could pump hundreds of millions of dollars into New Hanover to help improve schools and provide for other needs.

Peterson says that under State statute and per the guidelines outlined, "...a sale could be considered and consummated within 90 days at the absolute and sole discretion of the NHC Commission."

Peterson cites concerns by "hundreds of citizens" that "the process is being rushed." He also notes that certain commissioners "...have publicly expressed a desire to sell..." the hospital, as well as other troubling indicators.

LAUNCH

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as second-class citizens," says Frankie Roberts, LINC, Inc. Executive Director. "As the first official chapter of North Carolina's Second Chance Alliance, we have the opportunity to make a huge contribu-

"These actions lead me to believe that a deal is already in the works and that a prospective buyer(s) could potentially dictate the terms of a sale agreement. This will not be in the best interest of the seven (7) counties that NHRMC serves, nor will it be in the best interest of the over 7,000 employees of the hospital, and certainly not in the best interest of the scores of nonprofit community health service groups that work with, and supplement, the hospital's mission," Sen. Peterson wrote in his complaint.

However, Peterson goes further: He also alleges that "there is NO clear legal record of what entity, NHC or NHRMC, actually owns the multiple properties, buildings, equipment, assets, etc., comprising NHRMC. This determination is of paramount importance, as state law...specifically directs how, and by

whom, proceeds from a potential sale or lease of NHRMC will be handled..."

"NHC has publicly stated that any proceeds from a sale could be used for ANY purpose it feels appropriate, health related or not," he continued. "I interpret the law quite differently, whereby "any distribution of assets shall be to a tax exempt organization whose purposes are consistent with the purposes of the existing corporation."

"This has led me to believe that the NHC Commission has NOT done their due diligence, specifically what properties they own and what properties NHRMC owns, what are the tax and market values of all the NHRMC "campus" properties, what other types of buyers for profit, NFP, operating profiles, terms and conditions that would be desirable, etc., that will be included in an RFP," Sen.

Petersen further alleges. "I also believe that NHC has misinterpreted State statute requirements regarding any and all proceeds from a sale and that this will only complicate this initiative."

Peterson continued, "There is no record of a public discussion or decision by the NHC Commission to consider a matter of such enormous consequence; the potential sale of NHRMC, no record of directing the County Manager to spearhead this initiative, no record of directing the County Manager to so closely partner with NHRMC's CEO to manage and message this initiative and speculation on its far reaching consequences."

"This has led me to believe that there may be malfeasance on the part of an individual(s) within New Hanover County Government. The County Manager serves at the NHC

Commission's pleasure and does NOT act independently. Someone, or somebody, is acting improperly and outside their legal bounds."

Seeing need for an immediate investigation, Sen. Peterson asks North Carolina's Attorney General's Office to do a review of all actions, internal communications, outside contracts and contacts, and clandestine relationships by NHC and NHRMC relevant to this matter. Such a review prior to, and after, July 23 is warranted.

Going forward, your attention, oversight and corrective action, with regards to this extraordinary decision, which our community is presently considering, is needed NOW!

NHC NAACP president, Deborah Dicks Maxwell tells *The Journal*, "We do not like the sale at all. Not enough transparency [has been] in the process."

tion to that effort in New Hanover County."

The initial meeting of New Hanover County's Second Chance Alliance chapter, spearheaded by LINC, Inc., will be held October 10, 2019, at which time Roberts says the chapter will establish an agenda for participation in the statewide initiatives. Roberts is currently working with social justice advocates to identify leadership for the local chapter.

The NC Second Chance Alliance is a statewide alliance of people who are justice-involved, their fami-

ly members, service providers, congregations, community leaders and concerned citizens that have come together to address the causes of criminal records and the barriers they create to successful reentry.

The Chapter Launch Party will feature a grazing buffet by Chef Keith Rhodes of CATCH, and music by Wilmington DJ Kysheem. The event is free and open to the public. RSVPs can be made on Eventbrite.

Individuals interested in getting involved in the New Hanover County chapter of

Second Chance Alliance can contact organizers at secondchancealliance@lincnc.org.

LINC, Inc. provides transitional living and case management services to meet the immediate needs of men and women returning from prison, assisting them in becoming productive members of the community. LINC, Inc., through its L.I.T.E. Manhood program, also works to educate and motivate youth to make positive life choices with culturally specific youth development services for African American young men ages

16-24. LINC, Inc. operates the Marvin E. Roberts Transitional Living Campus which offers shelter, food, and clothing in a therapeutic environment for up to 25 men and 20 women, 25 and older, who have been recently released from State and/or Federal prisons or local jails. LINC, Inc. founded in June 2000 by Executive Director Frankie Roberts and co-founder Tracey Ray, is a Wilmington, North Carolina 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and a member of the New Hanover County Local Reentry Council.

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STATE BRIEFS



CITY COUNCIL APPROVES NAMING THIRD STREET AFTER JOSEPH MCNEIL

[WILMINGTON] The Wilmington City Council Monday approved the naming of Third Street between Market and Davis streets, after native and civil rights activist Joseph McNeil. McNeill, a Williston Senior High alumnus, is best known as being one of the Greensboro Four - four black

students of North Carolina A&T University who in Feb. 1960, walked into an F. W. Woolworth store in downtown Greensboro, and integrated the lunch count there. The action is credited with helping to spark the '60s civil rights movement. The NC General Assembly still needs to approve the measure

NCNAACP FILES MOTION FOR INJUNCTION TO STOP VOTER ID LAW

[RALEIGH] The State Conference of the NAACP Tuesday evening filed a motion for preliminary injunction with the US District Court for the Middle District "...preventing

[Governor Cooper and the NC legislature] from putting into effect the challenged provisions of Senate Bill 824" which requires that "in-person voters present one of a limited number of forms of qualifying photographic identification," among other new voter ID requirements. The motion cites that Black and Latino voters in the state of North Carolina will be denied their right to vote.

GRANVILLE SHERIFF INDICTED FOR WANTING A FORMER DEPUTY KILLED

[OXFORD] Granville County Sheriff Brindell

Wilkins was indicted Monday on two counts of obstruction of justice for allegedly ordering the murder of a former deputy because that person was going to expose the sheriff's alleged use of racist language. According to the indictment, Sheriff Brindell told the alleged hit man in a recording to "take care of it" and "the only way you gonna stop him is kill him." The alleged target was former Deputy Joshua Freeman, who was fired by Wilkins in August 2014. According to Wake District Attorney Lorrin Freeman, who is prosecuting the five-year-old case, Sheriff Wilkins is

being charged with obstruction, instead of conspiracy to commit murder, because the obstruction case is easier to prove. Both the FBI and SBI have been involved in probing the case. The DA for Granville County handed the case over to Wake County so that he could be a witness at trial.

EXPECT GAS PRICES TO KEEP RISING, SAYS AAA

[GREENSBORO] With Middle East tensions brewing after an alleged Iranian drone attack on two major Saudi Arabian oil refineries, gas prices in the United States, and specifically North Carolina, have

already begun to climb. The attacks have temporarily cut Saudi oil production, from which some American gasoline comes from. AAA of the Carolinas says expect prices at the pump to balloon as much as 25 cents per gallon by the end of the month. The national price for gasoline was already \$2.59 per gallon. In North Carolina, \$2.36. It's already as high as \$2.55 in Wake County, jumping late Monday after news of the drone attacks spread.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

BARBER

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mandering, or just two weeks ago, extreme partisan gerrymandering.

In the last state court ruling, one Republican and two Democratic judges found GOP lawmakers guilty of "...specifically and systematically designing the contours of the election districts for partisan purposes

and a desire to preserve power."

The fact that the federal and state courts have repeatedly found the GOP in violation for attempting to suppress the Black vote, should confirm to the community just how important their vote actually is, and that, per the upcoming 2019 local elections and crucial 2020 state and federal elections, people need to show up to vote in unprecedented num-

bers, now that North Carolina's voting districts should be more fairly drawn.

That three-judge panel is expected to evaluate the newly redrawn maps, ratified by the State House last week, and the State Senate this week, by the Sept. 18th deadline, and, once certified as passing constitutional muster, put in place in time for the 2020 state legislative races.

Dr. Barber says those who have been disenfranchised by previous voter suppression attempts by the GOP, must take advantage of this victory now, hard fought for by the attorneys for Common Cause of NC, Forward Justice, the NCNAACP and others.

"Last time, in 2016, Donald Trump won [North Carolina] by 160,000 votes. 550,000 African Americans who are registered to vote

chose not to go," said Barber.

"We've won too many victories for people to stay home," he continued. "We have proven that [Sen. Thom] Tillis, when he was leading the legislature, engaged in racist voter suppression. We should remember that when we go to the polls."

"When these districts get redrawn, North Carolinians of every creed, race and color, to turn out like never

before," Dr. Barber said.

"If we can get a 70-75% turnout...I'd like a 100%, but give me 70-75%, we can turn this State around and begin to put it in the right direction, so we can get a living wage, healthcare, and more money for public education, and take care of the most vulnerable people in our state."

"We won in the court," Dr. Barber concluded. "Now let's win at the ballot box."

ADAMS

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Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Rep. Adams, an alumna of NC A&T University, who retired from Bennett College, prior to being elected to Congress, lauded the various candidates for their positions on introducing a more comprehensive healthcare plan and promoting more affordable housing,

"Unfortunately, HBCU's and educational equity have been left out of the conversation," Adams opined in a "Dear Colleague" letter to all of the Democratic candidates.

"This is why it is essential that HBCU's be a key part of your platform. The candidate I endorse for President will have a plan that levels the playing field for HBCU's and centers educational equity pre-K through college.

Then Rep. Adams made clear that, despite lots of lip service since he took office, Pres. Donald Trump "...has failed HBCU's and their students.

"[The Trump Admini-

stration's] HBCU Summit turned our schools into a photo op, and their HBCU Initiative has gone nowhere," she wrote. "Our schools are too important for political games. Attacking these schools is not the strike at our values and our traditions."

As in most modern day presidential elections, the Black vote is seen as vital to whatever Democratic presidential candidate hopes to win in November 2020. By the same token, there is evidence that Republicans, in an effort to re-elect Pres. Donald Trump, hope to find ways to limit Black voter turnout for his still undetermined Democratic opponent and, at the same time, improve his popularity among African Americans by touting a better economy for all under his administration.

Trump has cited a lower Black unemployment rate since he came into office. Democrats counter that many of Trump's racially biased policies negate whatever positive gains have been made in the job market.

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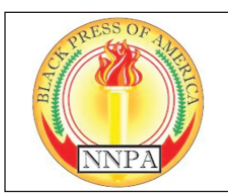
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GUEST EDITORIAL

RAINBOW COALITION

Can America break its gun addiction?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

After mass shootings in Southaven, Mississippi; Dayton, Ohio; and Midland, El Paso and Odessa, Texas, public demand for sensible gun reform once more soared. And once more, Republican politicians, led by President Donald Trump, were intimidated into inaction by the gun lobby, led by the National Rifle Association.

Remarkably, it was America's largest retailer — Walmart — that exhibited the courage politicians lacked. It was in a Walmart store in El Paso where a gunman armed with an assault-style rifle, roused by the hate-filled rhetoric about a Latino "invasion" of our country, shot 48 people, killing 22. Walmart CEO Doug McMillon, a lifelong hunter, realized that they had to take action to protect workers and customers in their stores. Walmart announced that it would ban open carry of guns in its stores.

In addition, it would discontinue selling handgun ammunition and ammunition that can be used in large-capacity clips on assault-style weapons. This was no small step. The NRA and other gun lobbies immediately called on members to boycott Walmart. Walmart itself projected that it would lose about half of its ammunition sales with this decision and also called on the federal government to act to "strengthen background checks" and to consider "reauthorization of the Assault Weapons ban."

Walmart's action moved other retailers to act, as Kroger, the nation's largest grocery chain, CVS, Walgreens and Wegmans also announced bans on open carry. (Other chains like Target, Starbucks and Chipotle have had policies against open carry for years). The laws on open carry and concealed carry of handguns vary from state to state, but open carry is legal in most states, often without any requirement for a permit. Walmart's example should now lead to a broader nonviolent movement to limit the carrying of guns, even as citizens push for legislative reforms at the state and national level.

In many states, like Texas, open carry is legal in churches. Churches across the country should follow Walmart's lead and post signs banning the carrying of guns — open or concealed — on church property. On university campuses, states' laws vary dramatically, but most allow institutions to limit open or concealed carry. Students across the country should ensure that their university has acted to limit guns to the extent the laws allow. At athletic events, again laws vary. Generally, it is illegal to carry guns into professional athletic events from the NFL to the MLB.

Most states also ban guns from high school or interscholastic sporting events. But as a college level, laws vary. In many states, concealed carry is legal unless the university posts signs banning guns. Surely every campus should act to keep guns out of the stands at athletic events. If more retailers follow Walmart, and if churches and universities and concert halls and movie theaters act to ban weapons from their premises, a movement for common sense gun regulation can continue to build. When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called America the "most violent nation on earth," he was widely condemned, but he was right.

No other nation suffers the level of gun violence that we endure. No other nation fights in as many wars on as many continents as we do. Other nations savaged by civil war or outside invasion may suffer greater casualties in a conflict, but we have made violence — and victims of violence — routine. King argued that we have a choice in the end between nonviolence and nonexistence. The only hope for sensible gun regulation is to challenge the corruption represented by the NRA by nonviolent demonstrations and action, enlisting the overwhelming majority of Americans in a movement for change.

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

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I am introducing to some and presenting to all a new leader running for Wilmington City Council. His name is Kevin Spears. I worked with him at Youth Build and support him 100%. I encourage all to help Kevin win this election by sharing your time, talents and treasures. We need his leadership. Can we count on you???

JAMES J. HANKINS
WILMINGTON, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

How Russia exploits White supremacy in U.S.

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

It is almost amusing to see, hear and read how the U.S. press, politicians and academicians weep and wail, moan and groan and huff and puff about Russia's attempt to take propagandistic advantage of the White supremacy that has been a pivotal force in this country's life for the past 400 years.

What Russia is doing is nothing new. Back in the 1950s and 1960s, American presidents responded to White supremacist attacks on Black people mainly because the Russians were using such attacks as something to be exploited during the so-called Cold War. If there wasn't/isn't white supremacy, the Russians wouldn't have anything to exploit. Civil and human rights changes are not the result of changes in attitude of white supremacists but result from foreign policy needs.

For instance, President

Dwight D. Eisenhower reluctantly nationalized the Arkansas National Guard to protect the Little Rock Nine who were being attacked by White supremacist opponents of the desegregation of Little Rock's Central High School. He reportedly acted only after photos of the attacks were published in a Russian newspaper.

President John F. Kennedy did the same when Black youngsters in Birmingham, Alabama were attacked by White supremacists. Like Eisenhower, he said the federal government had no legal right to intervene. Both eventually and reluctantly took action because of foreign policy propaganda needs.

President Lyndon Johnson also signed the civil rights bills

of 1964 and 1965 because of concerns about Russia using White supremacy attacks as a propaganda weapon against the self-proclaimed "Leader of the Free World."

Black leaders such as Brother Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were well aware of the U.S. government's fear that its opponents would use the race issue against the United States. That's why Brother Malcolm was developing plans to have the U.S. condemned by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights for being "either unable or unwilling to protect the lives and property of Black people." That's also why Dr. King, in his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, spoke of the Civil Rights Movement as being similar to the liberation movements in Africa and Asia.

Even the more conservative NAACP and Urban League leaders were aware, though they would never say so pub-

licly, that U.S. foreign policy propaganda considerations were a plus factor in the battle against overt promoters and defenders of White supremacy. This will be the case as long as the U.S. proclaims itself as a bastion of equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity, while at the same time most Whites still believe that they should be the dominant force in the national and international arenas.

Finally, it must be stated that the Russians are not exploiting America's race issue for moral or humane reasons. They believe just as strongly as their fellow European-descended counter parts in America that Whites are superior to all other people. Their disagreement with the U.S. is basically over which group of Whites should be top dog. A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is *Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher*, can be reached at apeterb@verizon.net.

What does a just America look like?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Sometimes I allow myself to imagine a world with justice for all—not just in words, but by deeds. Before I go around the world with what I would like to see I want the best there is for everybody no matter where they live.

Maybe to some what I wish for seems far-fetched, and is if we're not willing to work for something better for all. Here's what I think a just America would look like.

First, we should always refuse to return hate with hate, but always be concerned about every human being's well-being. In a just America, all of us would have a livable wage. We'd always have a high-quality health plan that prevents illnesses rather than a mediocre and unnecessarily high priced one that only treats us after we're sick when the prices of health care make us even sicker

when we see the bill!

In a just America, all of our children would have access to a high quality and useable education. Everyone would live in a safe and comfortable home they can afford.

We'd be able to vote without wondering if our votes would count without having computer breakdowns as happened when I ran for office or hearing that the Russians were allowed to manipulate our vote. We could register to vote at will having assurance our names wouldn't be wiped off the rolls without just cause to enable someone else to win when we actually received the greatest number of votes. I'm sure Secretary Hillary Clinton would back me up on

that, as would Stacey Abrams and Andrew Gillum. I might even add Beto O'Rourke as another recent example.

In a just America, racism would disappear and would never be rewarded. We'd have a Commission on the Elimination of Racism. Another Commission that actually mandates reparations for Black people and our community would go a long way toward proving America has suddenly become fair and just to all.

There're a few things we'd need to do, too. We'd spend our money only with those who respect us and not those who oppress us. We'd spend most of our money with our own people, and when we own the businesses, we would pay our people fair wages, and charge our people fair prices. In return, we who do business with our own, we'd treat those businesses as our own.

We would never feel the need to use white people as our standard for what we should

be. Once we have prepared ourselves for a job or a business, we would walk out of an interview with confidence we'd have a fair chance at getting the job or if in business, we would walk out of the bank where applied for a loan feeling confident we would get it if we had filled all of the requirements that others are asked to fill.

Once we apply for a school or university admission, we could be confident that we would be admitted on our merits — especially when our merits exceed those of our competitors and not because our parents could afford to buy a slot for admission.

In a just America, non-white children would see themselves in the people on the news with the good they are doing on a regular basis. They would hear

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the stories of people who look like them when they,

too, are accomplishing great things.

As the late Barbara Jordan once said, "What the people want is very simple. They want an America as good as

its promise." Black people are still waiting for America to make real that promise, and when that happens, we'd have a just America.
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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Dear Mr. Biden ...

It is probably safe to say that many to most people do not consider former Vice President Joe Biden to be a racist.

The definition of what is "racist" seems to be fluid in this country. Just last week, Gregory Cheadle, an African American who has supported the president, said that he wouldn't call the president "racist" because racists are violent. He said, though, that he believes that Trump has a "white superiority complex," and he noted that the president's words and policies adversely affect African Americans more severely. (<https://beta.washingtonpost.com/nation/2019/09/13/gregory-cheadle-trump-my-african-american-gop/>)

Die-hard Trump supporters insist he is not racist, either, in spite of his calling out women of color and deciding recently that the United States needed to be careful not to let Bahamians who lost everything in Hurricane Dorian into the

United States because of his belief that they were drug dealers and gang members. (<https://www.newsweek.com/trump-bad-people-gangs-bahamas-entering-1458384>) In my mind, the president's behavior has been more than ample proof that he is a racist.

But Mr. Biden is different. The vice-president, it seems, is a product of his upbringing, as are we all. His latest statements about how black children could be better educated were appalling. *New York Times* columnist Charles Blow suggested that Mr. Biden's words last week revealed his belief that black parents do not know the correct way to raise their children, and that's why they are not "good" parents. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/15/opinion/joe-biden.html>) He said, "We bring social workers into homes and parents to help them deal with how to raise their children. It's not that they don't want to help. They don't - they don't know quite what to do. Play the radio, make sure the television - excuse me, make sure you have the record player on at night, the - make sure that kids hear words. A kid coming from a very poor school - a very poor background will hear four million words fewer spoken by the time they get there." He was sincere. He was not spouting hatred and denigration. He was the spouting American cultural belief system, which is racist.

Mr. Biden gets defensive when people remind him of his past statements and stances as concerns race. Sen. Kamala Harris seemingly infuriated him during the first Democratic debate when she reminded him of his position on busing some years ago. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/31/us/politics/kamala-harris-biden-busing.html>) He was offended and said he had stood for the rights of black people his whole life.

The thing is, Mr. Biden is an American who has been taught, as have all of us, no matter our race, color, or ethnicity, that "white is right," and that anything white is better. He has internalized the "fake news" that black people are inherently inferior. The beliefs he grew up with are a part of his psyche. They are a part of the psyches of all of us. The oppressors have taught the history and the perspective of history they want us to believe.

I keep thinking that Mr. Biden should exhale and get rid of his desire to defend himself when it comes to race. I keep thinking that he needs to exhale and just admit that he has evolved. I think everyone who listens to him can hear and feel that he has good intentions; there is none of the spirit of denigration that we hear from the current president. Mr. Biden has compassion for all people and he wants to do right by all people. Part of "doing right," however, has to be that he drops the defensiveness. He needs to own his implicit bias, his prejudices, and the actions he took in perpetuating racist policies in the past.

White supremacist thinking is a moral and spiritual illness. It compromises the ability of people to see anything but their own belief in white superiority. Just because one does not use the "n" word or participate in KKK rallies does not mean one has not contracted the illness of the soul called white supremacy.

Many people would feel better if Mr. Biden would just say, "I've changed. The positions I took in the past were the positions I took in the past. I cannot change them. But I have evolved and am still evolving on the issue of race, and I ask your patience."

I would bet many people who are cringing at his statements on race would breathe a sigh of relief. None of us heal until we own that we have something to heal from. And many of us have a need to be healed from the spiritual damage done to us by this yoke called white supremacy.

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

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THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



We must not normalize poverty and inequity

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

When the income and poverty data were released on September 10, the commentary touted the progress that the data reflected. The poverty rate dropped by half a percentage point, down to 11.8 percent. For the first time, the poverty rate is lower than it was in 2007, before the beginning of the Great Recession. But wages only rose significantly among Asian Americans, and the poverty rates, by demographics, were 8.1 percent for whites, 20.8 percent for African Americans, 17.6 percent for Hispanics, and 10.1 percent for Asian Americans. When we celebrate the drop in the poverty rate, we normalize the fact that African Americans have a much higher poverty rate than whites do. In simply acknowledging the poverty rate drop, without focusing on the much higher poverty rate of African Americans, we imply that high African American poverty rates are acceptable. They are not. There should be no discussion of poverty rates without an acknowledgment



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

that economic recovery has been extremely uneven, and the distribution of poverty is uneven as well.

It is important to note that if we bemoan high poverty rates, we must acknowledge the progress that comes with lower ones. Things are indeed "better" at the microeconomic level, and better in the aggregate. "Better" for who, we might ask. When we talk about poverty prevention, it is essential to acknowledge that some communities need more help than others do, which is why we should consider targeted programs. Unfortunately, too many assert that we can't have "Black" programs in a multi-cultural society. But if Black people experience more poverty, they need more help.

While the poverty rate dropped the proportion of people without health insurance or access to health care rose. In 2017, 7.9 percent of all people had no health insurance. By 2018, in just one year, the number jumped to 8.5 percent. At least 27.5 million Americans have no health insurance. That number is deceptive because many who have health insurance cannot afford their copayments and so only visit medical professionals when their situation is dire. While the health data must be nuanced to reveal that the situation is worse than the numbers suggest, the simple increase in the number of

folks without health insurance is alarming. If some legislators have their way, even more people will lack access to health insurance, and with the stagnant incomes revealed from the income and poverty data, increasing numbers will be unable to manage their copayments.

Similarly, celebrations about the historic low in the Black unemployment rate tend to normalize the fact that Black people experience proportionately more unemployment than others. When the unemployment rate numbers were released on the first Friday of September, the overall rate was 3.7 percent; while the overall rate for Black folks was 5.5 percent, and 4.4 percent for Black women. While acknowledging this historic low, it is essential to note that the overall Black rate remains twice as high as the white rate. Bragging about the lower rate without acknowledging the unemployment rate gap suggests that Black folks are supposed to have higher unemployment rates than others.

There are lots of problems with the unemployment rate, especially around participate rates that suggest that some are dropping out of the labor force. The unemployment rate data, just like the income and poverty data, also show stagnant wages. Too many are working, but not making a living wage, as the poverty data

suggest. The minimum wage has not increased in a decade, and while many cities and states have higher minimum wages, the majority do not. The South, particularly, has been resistant to increasing wages. The South is also the region of the country with the highest poverty rate.

Our nation's policy conversation too often normalizes African American economic disadvantage. When an 11.8 percent poverty rate is reported, and the Black unemployment rate is not, it implies that the 20.8 percent rate (one in five Black people) is not a matter of concern. When a 5.5 percent "historic low" unemployment rate is reported, but the unemployment rate gap is not, it implies that there is supposed to be an unemployment rate gap and Black people are supposed to have higher unemployment rates than whites.

We cannot normalize inequality by only partly reporting on reality. Even as we report on economic progress, we must also report on the uneven ways growth affects Black communities.

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In one section of Queens, gun violence has left activists with plenty of work to do

Erica Ford, Tamika Mallory and Russell Simmons offer comfort to families

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The latest shooting spree in the New York City borough of Queens has rocked the foundation of the community - the parents and grandparents of both the victims and the perpetrators.

It has also nearly broken a dedicated and longtime activist, who said her organization desperately needs help.

"I'm hurting," said Erica Ford, the founder and CEO of Life Camp, Inc., a mobile trauma unit that brings trauma recovery services to African American communities.

As of September 4, the Jamaica, Queens neighborhood where Ford grew up and now serves, has seen 12 people shot and nine of them killed over a 13-day period.

On September 4, Ford, hip-hop and business mogul Russell Simmons, civil rights activist and Women's March on Washington Co-Chair Tamika Mallory, and others attended a wake for a 22-year-old victim.

Mourners packed a local church as at least a dozen New York City Police officers stood outside. Ford, Simmons, and Mallory offered some of the victim's family members and friends, comfort.

"We've had nine deaths in Southeast Queens," said Ford, who was selected in 2012 to join a gun-violence task force established by then-President Barack Obama.

"Among the victims are a 13-year-old and all of these deaths were preventable," said Ford, whose work has led to global recognition with features by Oprah Winfrey and Essence Magazine among others.

The level of violence in Queens is shocking and previously unseen since Ford founded Life Camp nearly 20 years ago.

The gun violence occurred as Ford continued her cry for help.



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While the city provided funding for the mobile trauma units, Ford hasn't gained enough help with other needs.

"We need to expand. We can't do it alone, and nobody is reaching out," Ford said. It isn't as if Ford's organization hasn't been successful in combating violence.

Over the last three years, the crisis management system that was co-created by Life Camp has contributed to a 15 percent decline in shootings in the 17 precincts with the most violence.

With the motto, "making peace a lifestyle," Life Camp provides youth and families impacted by violence, the valuable tools needed to stay in school and out of the criminal justice system.

The organization provides programs and other holistic approaches to reinforce self-esteem and respect for life among young ones. Life Camp also connects and mobilize youth to prevent and heal from violence in New York's most underserved communities.

Life Camp supplies job training and resume development for community members. Organization members travel to crime scenes and hospitals to try and avert retaliation after a shooting has occurred.

"If young people who have experienced gun violence receive wraparound supports to empower them to fulfill their basic needs and sustain mental, physical, and economic health and wellness, they will lead

healthier lives," Ford said.

"They will also be less likely to resolve conflicts with violence," she said.

Ford said her team is always busy.

Life Camp is comprised mostly of working mothers who have lost their children. They offer therapeutic and healing services and funeral and security preparation.

The Life Camp team canvasses affected neighborhoods to help de-escalate tensions and to provide intervention and mediation to help stop the violence.

Ford said the organization needs the support to hire credible community messengers and for its neighborhood communication campaign.

They'd also like to purchase uniforms and supplies for team members and extend the hours of its mobile crisis unit.

"We want to create safe corridors for our kids and for our staff to get to and from school and work safely," Ford said.

The program "is a shining example of how much better and effective local interventions are than the police who, in many cases are disconnected, not trusted, brutal and too often fatal," said Simmons, who has sponsored an annual dinner for the parents of gun violence victims in Queens.

"Violence cannot be contained. It has to be prevented by trusted and effective community-based pro-

grams," Simmons said.

Simmons hosted the September 4 dinner at "The Door" restaurant in Queens where dozens of mourners and Life Camp staff members gathered after the wake.

"Unfortunately, we had this planned [before] we had 12 people shot in queens in last two weeks," Ford said.

"It's usually just for the mothers, but my staff is here. I see my staff every day. But, as a shell. I don't see people inside of them because they are broken, they're in pain because when you lose nine people in one community in two weeks ... this ain't right," she said.

"We want to bring us together because we've got work to do. We're glad Russell snatched up Tamika and Hasaun [Simmons' aide] and brought them here because we've got work to do. This is our community, and when they talk about gun violence in New York City, they're talking about us."

"We want to break bread, and we want to smile and relieve some of that pain that's heavy on our hearts. We have a funeral tomorrow, and we have another funeral next week. We still have work to do to make sure nobody else gets killed," Ford said.

To donate to Life Camp, visit <https://7days7shootings.funraise.org>.

Stacy M. Brown is a NNPA Newswire Correspondent.

New Hanover County

On-Time Ministries, Inc., will hold East Wilmington Community Day (Weekend event to unify the community) on October 12th at 12:00 p.m. and October 13th at 3:00 p.m. on the corner of 30th and Princess Place Sts. Entertainment, food, fun, fellowship and more. Weekend event to unify the community.

Community Briefs

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, September 26, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on municipal elections in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties November 5, 2019 and other important state and community issues will be on the agenda as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch activities and events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

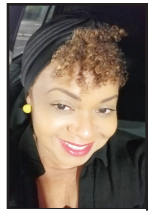
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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

50 families now own!!!!

Journal family, I am so excited and super proud to report that this week Project Get That DEED crossed over into a Milestone of helping our 50th FAMILY to become 1st-time homeowners!



Brenda Dixon

This is so special on so many levels. This husband and wife that was our 50th purchased the home they currently had been renting for the last 9 years. They contacted me and said, "Brenda we do not want to leave, we want to purchase this home." Now within 60 days they OWN IT, and get this, "they did 100% financing, and the mortgage is

LESS than what they paid in rent! The wife also happens to had been the event planner (Elegant Touch Creative Events) for the past 5 years for our end of the year celebration for our new homeowners. This year she will still decorate but her very own family will be sitting at one of the head tables to celebrate receiving their deed and those keys in 2019! We have had all kind of family's during this 50th family journey. We've had a married couple in their 20's; Ex-Felon single father of 4 boys that was determined to raise his sons out of the inner city; Single mom of 3; Single female, no kids; Single male, no kids; Married couple that rented over 30 years and purchased home they were renting; Single female with only \$1000 monthly disability that rent-

ed over 35 years and Mr. White, a disabled veteran that had rented for 50 years, Yes I said 50 YEARS! We've had so many different types of families that pushed past their hesitations and fears and went forward to Get That DEED... 'D'- They DECIDED they were sick and tired of throwing away \$thousands month after month, year after year... 'E'- They EVALUATED their current finances and got their Free personalized game plan on what had to change to reach their goals... 'E'- They EDUCATED themselves on the home buying process from A to Z ... Lastly, 'D'- THEY ALL DID IT! Just DO IT... All of these families fought for this and as Founder of Project Get That Deed, I am truly honored to have been along for the ride... This week I want to end the

way I have ended previous weeks but this time with a little extra "UMMPH" on the " Until next time, if you liked this article, don't be selfish, please share with at least 3 people." The Truth is, "Friends and Family don't let loved ones rent until they die." There is a WAY OUT of signing those leases for EVERYONE. Please reach out for your Free personalized game plan to purchase your 1st home in the next 18 months or less no matter your current finances OR connect yourself with a lender and a Realtor of your choice that has a heart of service and go get what's yours... You all are so very worth it. Brenda Dixon, Dixon Realty Since 1991, 27 yrs. F/T expertize. Brenda@getthat-deed.com.

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Toni Morrison's works inspire UNCW Professor Maia Butler to teach

WILMINGTON (September 17, 2019) – Maia Butler loves those moments in the classroom that take her and her students by surprise. That's when new discoveries and connections are made, and where interesting intellectual exchanges happen.

"I love teaching literature because it opens up new worlds to students. It's amazing to see the connections they make to popular culture and the history they already know and the creative approaches they take to broadening their contexts for reading," said Butler, an assistant professor of African American literature in the Department of English.

Those special moments almost didn't happen. Butler had planned to apply to law school after completing her undergraduate degree at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Instead, a course on the novels of Toni Morrison put her on a different path.

"I wanted to be in the classroom discussing Morrison's work for the rest of my life,"

she said.

Before joining UNCW in 2017, Butler taught at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for six years while completing her master's degree and doctorate. She studied African American and diasporic literature because of its rich body of work. Co-founder of The Edwidge Danticat Society, she is currently editing a collection of essays about the Haitian-American writer's work.

"I focus on black women writers because their work represents so many facets of life that are missing from history with a capital 'H,' from popular culture and from so many syllabi," Butler said. "The work I do with my students allows us to fill in these gaps."

Butler noted that through her interactions with students she has learned the importance of grace and flexibility.

"Students show me that when they are given the room to find their own ways, learn about their own working processes and explore new



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ways of collaboration, their contributions to the classroom discussions and course work

are so rich," she said. "I'm absolutely lucky to be doing something that I love deeply!"

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EOG results 2018-2019: Douglass Academy top ranked in Downtown Wilmington



DOUGLASS ACADEMY PHOTO DOUGLASS ACADEMY STUDENTS TAKING 2018-2019 END OF GRADE TESTS

Wilmington -Douglass Academy students ranked as top performers among neighboring public schools according to the End-of-Grade testing results for the 2018-2019 school year. The test results were recently released by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and measure achievement on the state's Common Core curriculum which is mandated for all state-run schools.

Douglass Academy in Wilmington is one of a family of tuition-free charter schools managed by The Roger Bacon Academy. As charter schools, they are permitted to teach their own classical curriculum with topics such as grammar, spelling, cursive, literature, history, traditional math, Latin, and other fundamental topics that have been largely abandoned in Common Core schools. However, the schools are required to administer the state's Common Core tests to all their students.

"The fact that our students score highly on Common Core tests in spite of not being taught Common Core speaks

volumes for the versatility and the timeless value of classical subjects," explains Douglass Headmaster Nikki Chaney. "Coupling the classical curriculum with our caring classroom atmosphere makes a winning combination that effectively benefits every student," Chaney added.

"Our responsibility is to teach your Kindergarten child to read before Easter. Being able to read in Kindergarten does wonders for your child's self-confidence and eagerness to learn," said Teaching Coach Amanda Kelly. "With that foundation skill, your child can then be guided progressively to build skill upon skill to become a life-time independent learner," she said.

Douglass Academy's achievement score of tests passed, including a large number of transfer students, is 48.6% on the Common Core End-Of-Grade tests. For comparison, the four neighboring elementary schools-Rachel Freeman, Snipes Academy, Gregory, and D.C. Virgo-reveal that 25.8%, 34.1%, 52.5%, and 30.9% of tests were passed,

respectively. Douglass Academy also met its growth expectation in both reading and math as well as among all subgroups of students.

Dechandra Berry, a Douglass Academy parent, commented, "I wouldn't choose a different school at all. The structure and the Classical Curriculum are great, and the teachers are so attentive. If I message my daughter's teacher, I typically have a response within the hour."

Douglass Academy is one of four charter schools managed by The Roger Bacon Academy, Inc. founded in 1999 by education pioneer Baker Mitchell. The other schools include Charter Day School in Leland, Columbus Charter School in Whiteville, and South Brunswick Charter School in Southport with a combined enrollment of over 2,200 students in K-8. All four are tuition-free, charter schools that welcome all students, regardless of income, ability, or address. To learn more or enroll online, please visit EnrollRBA.com.



Bertha Lee Brown

Bertha Lee Brown, 79, daughter of the late Lucian James and Lucy Jane Herring was born January 4, 1940 in Willard, NC. She passed away on August 6, 2019 at home surrounded by her family.

She joined Greater Church of God By Faith in August of 1978, where she served as an usher and on the Hospitality Committee. She was educated in New Hanover County Schools in Wilmington, NC and retired from the Duval County School Board in 1998. She loved spending time with her family, having the grandchildren together to play the piano, bowling and preparing family dinners. She loved crocheting and doing arts and crafts, making picture frames with pop-cicle sticks.

She leaves to cherish fond memories her loving husband of 59 years, Robert Lee Brown, Sr.; sister, Marguerite Burnett, Wilmington, NC; sisters-in-law, Inge Mains, Anniston, AL, and Dorothy Digsby, Charlotte, NC. Children - Elton (Deborah) Brown; Phyllis Parrish; Carlos (Wynnee) Brown; Garron (Zinnie) Brown; Nichelle (Joseph) Boone, all from Jacksonville; Robert (Soreatta) Brown, Jr., Fruitland Park, FL; step-daughter - Mavor Deavors, Wilmington, NC. Grandchildren - Daryl (Heather) Blackmon, Stacie (Stephen) Washington, Katrina Hagger, Melonie (Adolphus) Pinder, Christopher (Belinda) Hagger, Grace Brown, Sherard Brown, Sr., Latasha Brown, Gerald Sampson, Jr., Alexis Brown, Christian (Joy) Brown, Nyesha Williams, Jacoby and Genesis Boone, Chaz, Destiny and Robert Brown III, Demetria Johnson, Lanetta Jenkins. Great-Grandchildren - Tiffany Blackmon, Laila and Jase Washington, Charity and Charlton Irvine, Jonah Hagger, Sherard Jr., Ashley, Rayshard, Cameron and Alona Brown, Christian, Jr. and Jonathan Brown. Corey Johnson, Monique and Mahogany Smith. Great-grandchild - Bryce Johnson. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and countless other relatives, God-daughter, Dale Burnett, Wilmington, NC.; God-son, Eric Roberts, Sr.; devoted friend and confidant of more than 40 years, Willie Roberts, adopted daughter, Sandra Milton all of Jacksonville, FL. She will be dearly missed by all of us, but she is in God's hands. *Professional Services Entrusted to Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home.*

Mary Frances Bell Adams

Mary Frances Bell Adams

departed life, on Sunday, July 28, 2019, at her home in Jacksonville, NC, after an extended illness. Memorial Services were held at Jones Funeral Home in Jacksonville NC on Sunday, August 4, 2019.

Formerly of Wilmington, NC, where Frances was born and reared. She attended the schools of New Hanover County, (Williston High School). After her marriage to Sgt. Richard Adams (US Marine Corp, now retired), she moved to Jacksonville, NC.

Cherishing her memory are: Richard Adams (husband) of the home; Children: Three sons: Antwan (of the home), Tony Bell (Wilmington, NC), Robert (Yholima) of Burlington, NC; Two daughters: Rhonda Washington (Jacksonville, NC) and Pamela Diaz (Wilmington, NC). Seven grandchildren: Brittany (Dornell) of Jacksonville, NC; Shaqula of Wilmington, NC; Julian and Sebastian of Burlington, NC; Monique (TJ) of Clarksville, TN; Montez of Charlotte, NC and Giovanni of Wilmington, NC. Five great-grandchildren: Jalyn, Soriya, Aziya, Kaiden and Carson. One uncle: Charles Moore of Wilmington, NC, many cousins; A dear and faithful friend: Beverly (Abdul) Shareef of Wilmington, NC.

Mr. Paul L. Roland, Jr.

Mr. Paul L. Roland, Jr., died September 2, 2019. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the ILA Hall. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Paul was born December 18, 1976, in Wilmington, North Carolina to Priscilla Moore and the late Paul Roland. Most often referred to as "Jr.", "Jelly" or "Jellybean", Paul received his education through the New Hanover County Public School System and was a graduate of Lakeside High School. Rowing up, Paul was always the life of the party and there was always a guarantee he could make you laugh or smile. His character was unmatched. He was very active in sports; playing basketball and football. However, he grew a different kind of love for football and was a die-hard Panthers fan. Throughout the years, Paul received many trophies and acknowledgements through his love of sports. Paul was dedicated to his family and wanted to do all he could to demonstrate that. During his adolescence he met Laquanda "Nush" Nelson and from this his first son, Bashir Roland was born. Years later he formed an everlasting relationship with Dorethea "Butta" McKoy and from this union created Paul Roland, III and Destiny McKoy. In addition to his father, Paul was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather and grandmother, Lindburgh and Rosa Lee Roland and his uncle, Larry Hill.

Left to cherish his unforgettable memories are: his devoted mother, Priscilla Moore; three children, Bashir (Brianna) Roland of Fayetteville, NC, Paul Roland, III and Destiny McKoy; granddaughter, Amaya Roland; sister, Stephanie Roland and brother, Andrew Moore; maternal grandparents, Rena (Russia) Foster and Robert Jones of Atlanta, GA; maternal aunts, Deborah Jones Nightingale of Atlanta, GA and Evette Flowers

of Bronx, NY; paternal aunts, Patricia (Andrew) Redd, Gloria Holmes, Theresa Brown, Sylvia (Derrick) Pierce, Lorri Roland, Vanessa Roland, Annette Roland, Lillian Roland; maternal uncles, Fletcher (Evette) Johnson of Detroit, MI and Robert Jones of Atlanta, GA; paternal uncle, Lenwood (Sandra) Roland; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many other aunts and uncles; a special nephew, Jamell Roland; cousins who were like brothers, Eric Roland, Derald Boney, Jr., Edmund Roland, Antwan Roland and Terrence Roland and his partner of 20+ years, Dorethea McKoy and a close friend Lamb. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Felicia Lynette Forte

Felicia Lynette Forte died September 4, 2019. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 2019.

Felicia was born on January 8, 1964 to the late Joe J. and Dorothy Mae Hall. She was a loving and caring mother, sister, wife, aunt and friend. Felicia loved everybody that she came in contact with. She was a very humble woman who loved the Lord. She gave her life to the Lord and became a member of Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church at a very young age. No matter how sick or weak she was, Felicia would still manage to make it to church. She remained a faithful member until her health declined. In 1982, Felicia graduated from Orange High School in Orange, New Jersey. She loved to work, play BINGO and most importantly, worship the Lord. For many years, Felicia worked for Textilease Corporation; The Hilton for five years and lastly, Castle Creek Memory Care in Castle Hayne, North Carolina. On November 17, 2001, Felicia was joined in holy matrimony to Elliott Forte, Jr. They were married for 17 years until her heavenly departure.

Felicia leaves to cherish her precious memories: her husband, Elliott Forte, Jr. of Leland, NC; daughter, Aallyah Watkins of Burgaw, NC; son, Donte Forte of Burgaw, NC; grandson, Tyreek Moore; granddaughters, Nia Forte and Zariah Carpenter; sisters, Debora Gray (Robert), Angela Foy (Freddrick) all of Leland, NC; brothers, Gregory Hall and Samuel Hall both of Wilmington, NC; aunts, Edna Gallmon and Lossie Bryant both of Wilmington, NC, Hattie Mosley of Leland, NC, Irene Everette (Robert) of Navassa, NC, Maxine Grady (John) of Leland, NC; brothers, Gregory Hall and Samuel Hall both of Charlotte, NC; uncles, Leon Singleton of Mount Olive, NC; brothers-in-law, Keith Fore and Mike Forte; sisters-in-law, Annette Forte, Val Forte, Joyce Forte and Erdeana Hall; step-daughter, Belone Forte; mother-in-law, Inez forte; god sons, Ja'Quan Beatty and Sharrod Battle; god-daughter, Latoya Davis (who she referred to as "big and beautiful"); nieces and nephews, Melina Hall, Jahsim Hall, Ursula Gray, Kavina Hall, Samatha Hall, Darika Bell, Dominique Gray, Briona Hall; special friends, Karen Brown, Shelia Foy Gause, Yvonne Diggs; special cousins, (like brothers and sisters), Karen Bellamy, Gail

Mosley, Jerry Hall; adopted sister, Carolyn Goodman and her son Larry Bannerman. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Russia Foster

Russia Foster died September 7, 2019. Visitation was held Sunday, September 15, 2019 and direct burial was held Monday, September 16, 2019 at Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ida Mae Josey

Ida Mae Josey died September 11, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at Elah Baptist Church, Leland, NC. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Maggie Carlos

Maggie Carlos died Monday, September 16, 2019. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Jonita L. Davis

Jonita L. Davis, age 43, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, September 6, 2019. A celebration of Jonita's life was held on Friday, September 13, 2019 Mt Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Robert V. Davis of the home; children, Robert V. Davis Jr., Caleah Davis and Joquin Dingle; mother, Gladystine Dingle of High Point; father, Charles W. Dingle of Tarboro; sister, Dovenia V. Dingle of Leland and Charles A. Dingle (Tamara) of High Point, a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, in-laws, other relatives and friends.

Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Leola O. Williams

Leola O. Williams, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, September 14, 2019. A celebration of Mrs. Williams' life will be conducted at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Rev. Dr. Roscoe Johnson

Rev. Dr. Roscoe Anthony Johnson, age 48, of Houston, TX (formerly of Leland), passed away Saturday, September 14, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 21, 2019 at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, 88 Snowfield Rd., Leland, NC 28451. Interment will follow in Christian Hope Christian Church Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Rev. Dr. Dorothy Gibbs

Rev. Dr. Dorothy M. Gibbs (Founding Pastor of Speaks Temple AME Zion Church), age 83, of Wilmington, passed away

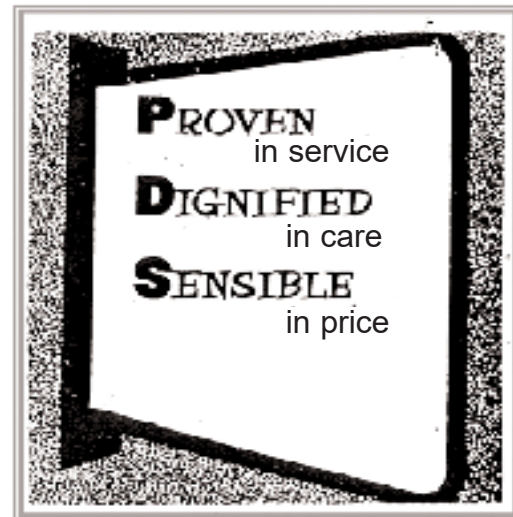
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Chords Across America Gosepel Ministries, 1020 Rankin St., will hold evening services hosted by The Price Cathedral Church of Wilmington on Sunday, September 22nd at 4:00 p.m. The theme for the service will be "The Suffering Church." For additional information contact Pastor Ronetta W. Davis at 910-264-7028.



Religious Briefs

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in conjunction with the Wilmington Police Department, Sherriff's Department, Fire Department and area churches will host its Annual "Beyond the Wall Community Street Festival" on Saturday October 12th at 812 Harnett St. from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Sherry McZeek at 910-231-2243 or Deacon David Brown at 910-200-1955 for further information.

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.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., Leland, NC, will celebrate their Annual Homecoming Program on Sunday, September 29th at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Rev. Jeremy Buie of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Riegelwood, NC will be the special guest to render service. Dinner will be served immediately following the service.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

God is our refuge

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND
SHELIA H. ROSS
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Good morning! Let us praise God on this great and wonderful day. For God is truly good. The devotional part of our meeting was opened with Margie Robinson directing. Blessed Assurance was the first song. Prayer was lead by Julia Bibbs. Thank you for such an uplifting prayer. We then sang Hold to God's Unchanging Hand. Thanks for a wonderful devo-

tional period this morning!

Our speaker for the day is Minister Doris McQuillan. Her topic, Psalm 91-God is our refuge. God loves us all. God is our protector; our all and all! Just call on God for He answers prayer. He's our healer. Just trust and believe Him. He works everything out for us; whatever we may need or ask in His name. One of the functions of angels is to watch over us. Thank God for His angels. Yes, God is real. Let us continue to praise and uplift His Holy

Name. Thank you so much Minister McQuillan for this morning's meditation. We will use it accordingly. Remarks were given for such an outstanding message.

We had one visitor today, Mrs. Sonja Green. She was welcomed by Cherry Pearson and the members. Minutes were read by our secretary, Mildred Ellerby. Thank you for all you do. Gladys Taylor had the most members present on today. Thanks to all our callers and members. The sick report was given by

ours truly, Anna Haskins. To God be the glory for her. She does an excellent job. She never grumbles or complains. Thanks for all you do; we love you. Announcements and remarks were made. Smiles were given by Mary Martin. Thanks for the laughter; for it is truly good for the soul. Our circle was formed; Bind Us Together was sung. Prayer was offered by Minister Doris McQuillan and our meeting adjourned. There were 50 members present. Have a blessed week.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Who stole my peace?"

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phillipians 4:6-7

If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you..." spoke Rudyard Kipling in his poem entitled, "If".

Life happens to us all! Many things that happen are pleasant and pleasurable. We like to take credit for these things. But when bad things happen, somehow it is so much easier to blame others, than accept the blame ourselves, or at least the part we played in allowing it to happen. The Blame Game begins when we take the easy way out, and blame others for our own personal failures, faults, and calamities.

Truthfully, There are a lot of things that happen to us, that are beyond our control. Just like good things can happen to bad people. Bad things can happen to good people. God reigns on the just and the unjust. God also gives us the victory through the choices we make in response to the things that happen to

us. We can become bitter, or we can become better. We can become weaker, or we can become stronger and wiser through the things we experience and the responses we give. If we would dare to accentuate the positives in our lives, the negatives would gradually be eliminated or diminished. Then, we

won't have to ask the question, "Who stole my peace?"

One of the most frustrating things to happen when someone blames you

for their spiritual loss. If someone steals your money, automobile, personal items, yes there is someone else to blame. But who is to blame when we lose the joy of the Lord, the love of God, or the peace of God? "Who stole my peace?"

If you do not have inner peace, who actually is to blame? Jesus said in John 16:33, that in this world we will have tribulation, but in him we will have peace. There are a lot of disturbing things that can happen, but through it all, Jesus is able to keep us in perfect peace, if our mind is stayed on him.

(Isaiah 26:3)

When we go to God in prayer and make our requests known to him, faithful obedience will bring about the blessing of inner peace. God empowers his people by instructing us to worry about nothing, while praying about everything! This kingdom principle will work if we practice this method in everything. It is not the will of God that we ever lose our peace to anyone or anything. It is not always easy, but it is always worth it, and in the end, if we obey, there will be peace.

The Peace of God, is one of the promises of God to Believers in Christ Jesus. But our part in the peace process is to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and minds fulfilling the will of God in us and for us. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Coll 3:15

"Who stole my Peace?" "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

If for some reason, you have lost your peace, the good news is, you can get it

back! If the Lord is indeed your shepherd, he can and he will restore your soul. Peace is a part of the package of spiritual restoration. It is yours to have, to hold, to retain and to maintain. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" Matthew 7:7

Prayer: Father we pray in the Name of Jesus that you will restore peace to all who ask for it, for your glory. Amen "

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

Has America forsaken the God of the Bible?

What has happened in this country in the last fifty years? Where are the principles that those early settlers had in coming to a land so they could have the freedom to worship the God of the Bible? Who appears on the pages of history in Genesis chapter one! John Phillips describes it: "The first chapter of Genesis is one of the most God-centered chapters in the bible. God is mentioned by name thirty-two times in thirty one verses. Add to that the use of personal pronouns, and He is mentioned no less than forty-three times. Thus, on the very first page of Scripture the Holy Spirit brings us into the presence of God and keeps us there. No wonder Satan hates that chapter! No wonder he has brought up his heavy artillery to discredit it in the minds of men. Abandon Genesis 1-as factual and unreliable, as mere mythology, as a doctored-up copy of the Babylonia creation epic, as totally unacceptable to modern science and Satan has won. If the Holy Spirit cannot be trusted when He tells of creation, how can He be trusted when He tells of salvation? If what He says about earth in Genesis 1 can be questioned, then what He says about heaven in Revelation 22 can be questioned. If the Holy Spirit cannot be trusted in Genesis 1, how can He be trusted in John 3:16?"

Slavery of Blacks in America was of the devil, just like he entered into the garden and deceived the woman, not the man, who willing ate of his own volition. Both, however, were

driven out of the garden Eden. The Bible says that, "the devil comes to steal, kill and destroy". Satan failed in his attempt to destroy this nation, because God has a plan for this nation, just as He has had a plan for the nation of Israel. We have seen and witness Bible prophecy being fulfilled before our eyes concerning the nation of Israel.

The devil has attacked this country again, still in an unsuspecting way, when we allowed prayer and Bible reading to be removed from the classroom. Ignorantly and without watchful eyes of the

church, it stood by and said little or nothing the importance of it remaining among us as one of the essentials of education of growing children's training. Now, we have a school system that is in a chaotic condition. No moral values, school shootings, in the last ten years 356 victims shot. What's happening in America that it's no longer safe for our children to go to school? Their everyday fear appears in so many forms that it leads children to harming others of their age and to the ultimate destruction of finding life so stressful that they take their own lives. School has become much like a prison for many children that they must return to everyday without much positive change.

The devil has now invaded

our political system with people who are anti-God both: Democrats, Republicans Supreme court Justices and others who have no fear of God, who is going about to destroy the moral fabric of the country. They have legalized genocide with false claims of justice without righteousness. That takes place every day in this country disguised as women's rights, killing of the unborn as normal and healthy for the Nation. We, as a nation, have become more barbaric and blinded, when we as supposedly more educated than ever in history. The predicts us to the letter: Paraphrased, man will become more wicked and wiser, in the last days. It is hypocrisy, it's demonic, inhumane and an abomination in the sight of God.

Adolf Hitler the leader of Nazi Party was responsible for world WWII; it estimated that 73,000,000 people were killed in that war. In this country since 1973 we've had over 60,000,000, abortions reported cases. And we call the mass killing of 6 million Jews a holocaust because someone hated them. What do we call killing of over 60,000,000, helpless babies in the womb of its mother, which should be the most safe haven for the unborn child (should it be call a hate crime). In both cases, somebody didn't want them around any longer and they took what they could not give, life.

What has happened to the voice of the church, who should be the conscience of the community. Many voices from every segment of our population are in agreement with this diabolical practice

of the killing of the unborn child. (Do you know who is next on the agenda, I would think, old people, since the criteria can be masked as the same?)

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

Notice the progression that has taken place in this Country when you forgot God:

Romans 1:21-25, (KJV) 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. Ever since the world begun there were two classes of being, God made them male and female. When women had a child they always knew the gender by the tools of the born child and now we have given ourselves to a lying spirit to think that there is a third gender. The third gender come from devil because he has no power to create so he has to corrupt or alter whatever God has created. Father, in the name of Jesus forgive us of our sins, against you and the rejection of your word amen.

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

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This 29th day of August, 2019.

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This the 22nd day of August, 2019

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August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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
Watha, NC 28478

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

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.
Bolivia, NC 28422

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the Superior Court Before the Clerk New Hanover County File Number: 19-SP-441

CHARLOTTE NOEL FOX, Administrator CTA for the Estate of ABBIE B. FOGLE, Petitioner, vs. LANCE FOGLE, FELICIA M. FOGLE, ERIC A. FOGLE, SAUNDRA SCOTT, MELINDA WALKER, IVAN WALKER, BYRON WALKER AND MYRON WALKER, Respondents.

To Felicia M. Fogle:

TAKE NOTICE that a special proceeding seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

A Petition for Possession, Custody and Control of Real Property and Sale of Real Property by Private Sale to Pay Debts of Abbie B. Fogle. The real property sought to be sold is described as follows:

"BEGINNING at a point in the Eastern line of Fourteenth Street 220 feet Southwardly from the intersection of the Eastern line of Fourteenth Street with the Southern line of Castle Street; runs thence Eastwardly and parallel with Castle Street 155 feet to the Western line of a 20 foot Alley; thence Southwardly and along the West line of said 20 foot Alley and parallel with Fourteenth Street 33 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with Castle Street 155 feet to the Eastern line of Fourteenth Street; thence Northwardly along the Eastern line of Fourteenth Street 33 feet to the point of Beginning. Same being a part of Lot #4 in Block 511 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N.C."

Also being identified as Tax Parcel ID # R05410-010-004-000

Address: 611 South 14th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S § 28-A-13-3, Petitioner seeks to take possession, custody and control of said real property and sell the real property at a private sale in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 29A of the North Carolina General Statutes and to apply the proceeds of the sale of the real property; first, to the satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and the costs of administration; and after satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and costs of administration, distribute to the heirs.

You are required to file a written response by Wednesday, October 30, 2019, and upon your failure to do so any order entered by the Court shall be binding as if you were personally before the Court and any payment or distribution made by the Administrator CTA under orders of the Court shall have the effect of fully discharging such personal representative and any sureties on the personal representative's official bond to the full extent of such payment or distribution as ordered.

This, the 13th day of September, 2019.

CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC
Charlotte Noel Fox
N.C. State Bar No. 32678
Administrator CTA of the Estate of Abbie B. Fogle
701 Market Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Telephone: (910) 815-0085
Facsimile: (910) 815-1095

September 19, 26, October 3, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Eva Shaw Mitchell**, 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 **19th 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 19th day of September, 2019

Rona Denise Barnes, Administrator
1111 Dock Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Henry J. Green**, 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 **19th 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 19th day of September, 2019

Stephanie E. Green, Administrator
223 South 11th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Wayne C. Hickox**, 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 **19th 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 19th day of September, 2019

Donald W. Hickox, Executor
826 Timberview Dr. Unit D
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2019

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

The Board is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The Board sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Tracy Manning at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

September 19, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **David Scott Morrow**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the estate to present same duly proven to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of December, 2019**; otherwise, this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to the estate will please make prompt settlement with the Executor.

This 17th of September, 2019.

Estate of David Scott Morrow
Cary Jay Morrow, Administrator
5516 Merle Drive
Trinity, NC 27370
Brinkley Walser Stoner, PLLC
P. O. Box 1657
Lexington, NC 27293-1657

September 19, 26, October 3 and 10, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

By approval of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, the Brunswick County Public Housing Agency will re-open the Section 8 waiting list effective October 2, 2019 to the first 250 applicants. Families who apply must meet income eligibility requirements. A preliminary application must be completed at the Brunswick County Public Housing Office located in building B of the Brunswick County Government Complex, or you can request that an application be mailed to you by contacting the agency by telephone at 910-253-2222. Applications will be accepted Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm or until all slots are full.

Andrea White
Clerk to the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

September 19, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 19 JT 205

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

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following September 5th, 2019 which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR 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.

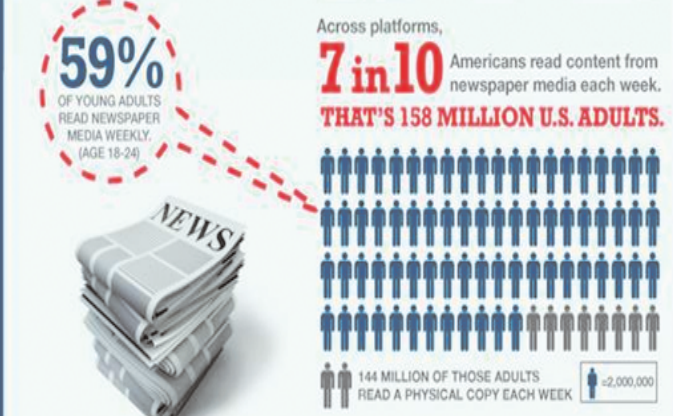
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