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REV. JESSE JACKSON, SR.

GUEST EDITORIAL
"To his wealthy donors,
Trump is their grifter"

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



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BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
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I've heard stories of Brunswick County and how it has grown and the development that made it such a great place, but I don't remember that part that's being told. I remember the fishing boats and fish factory that employed a great number of men who made a living, educated or not, working the Menhaden's Industry. I remember the fertilizer factory that employed lots

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WHAT'S NEXT IN NC NAACP ALLEGATIONS DRAMA?

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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According to those who attended last weekend's 76th Annual NC NAACP Convention in Winston-Salem, it was memorable, but for the most part, for all of the wrong reasons.

What normally and annually is an exercise for attendees in reaffirming the basic principles of the state's oldest and foremost civil rights organization was, instead, according to some who attended last weekend's three-day session, a tense affair, involving factions, accusations, anger and uncertainty.

So much so that Derrick Johnson, the president/CEO of the national NAACP, personally came down from his Baltimore, Md. headquarters to address the North Carolina membership Saturday, reminding all that they were "family," not to speak with the media, and that the enemies of equality and racial justice would like nothing better than to see the NAACP, even in North Carolina, be ripped



PHOTO BY **IVAN CUTLER**
National NAACP President/CEO Derrick Johnson with NC NAACP President/CEO Dr. T. Anthony Spearman at last weekend's NC NAACP convention in Winston-Salem.

apart and rendered ineffective as the crucial 2020 elections approach.

The cause for all of this unbridled angst? Reverberations from troubling allegations of sexual harassment against one of the state NAACP's former top administrators, Rev. Curtis Gatewood.

It was two weeks ago when for-

mer state chapter Youth Director, Jazmyne Childs, surrounded by supporters, including former NC NAACP president, Rev. Dr. William Barber, held a press conference, publicly accusing Rev. Gatewood of sexually harassing her as her

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REV. CURTIS GATEWOOD

EXCLUSIVE Gatewood sent out "Plan of Action" two days after allegations

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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Did Reverend Curtis Gatewood, former NC NAACP official, and now suspended member of the civil rights organization pending appeal, send out a "plan of action" advising his followers how to distract the press from serious allegations of sexual harassment made against him, with counter claims of "...rumored ...theft and/or misappropriation of NC NAACP finances..." by former President Reverend Dr. William Barber?

Sources in the NC NAACP have shared an email, purportedly from Gatewood to his "Alamance Family and Justice Team," dated Friday, Sept. 27, 2019, time coded at 1:19 a.m.

That is the day the Alamance NAACP held an emotional press conference, defending Gatewood.

The subject: "Re: Notice of Article X Against Curtis Gatewood," a reference to Article 10 of the NAACP Bylaws and Constitution, dealing with members who have been accused of wrongdoing.

Gatewood was recently suspended as an NAACP member by the national office, pending his appeal hearing, which, as of press time earlier this week, had not been scheduled.

It was Wednesday, Sept. 25, when Jazmyne Childs, former state NAACP Youth Director, tearfully told the press about how Gatewood, her supervisor in 2017, allegedly sexually harassed her to the point of her quitting her position.

On Thursday, Sept. 26, the national NAACP formally suspended Gatewood from membership, thus denying him his candidacy to run against current NC NAACP president, Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, when the State Convention convened Oct. 3-5 in Winston-Salem.

That evening, on his Facebook page, Gatewood reiterated that "the allegations are totally false." He then went after Rev. Barber personally, accusing him of "unlawfully" sharing an internal personnel report (the investigative report confirming Ms. Childs' allegations) with the media, but not with him, the accused.

Gatewood went on to allege that Barber "...seem[ed] to have long envied the love the people of North Carolina have had for me." Gatewood continued to rant about Rev. Barber, saying, "His actions are those more of Judas than Jesus. He had already committed crucifixion in 2017. Now here he is in 2019 trying to stop God's miraculous resurrection, but what God has for me He has for me."

Rev. Barber was made aware of his former colleague's berating words but refused to comment, saying it would detract from the main issue, the alleged sexual harassment of a former female NC NAACP employee.

Barber did deny, however, any allegation of fiscal mismanagement, saying that systems were put into place during his administration that would prevent that from happening.

The next day, on Friday, Sept 27, a press conference in Burlington was called by the Alamance County NAACP, where members and Gatewood's daughter, Desmera, blasted Rev. Spearman and Rev. Barber, asking why two year old allegations were being re-litigated right before the elections.

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HOMELESS WOMAN ON THE SIDEWALK ONLY BLOCKS FROM THE U. S. CAPITOL IN WASHINGTON, DC.



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THE VISIBILITY OF AMERICA'S HOMELESS PROVES THAT THE CRISIS DESERVES ATTENTION FROM EVERY LEVEL OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

Homelessness is a national crisis, research finds HUD claims affordable housing not the answer

BY **CHARLENE CROWELL**

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - For more than a decade, economists, lawmakers, and others have heralded the nation's economy. Often citing how unemployment

has declined as new jobs have been created, or Wall Street trading and major bank profits rising, some might be led to believe that all is well in America.

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of men, shrimp boats, the
farming industry. These
businesses around them
made money, supplying them
with goods that they needed
to operate. The farmer made
enough to pay his bills and
start another season when
he borrowed from the gener-
al stores. The Menhaden's
boat bought grocery from the
grocery store to keep their
crews in good shape. The fish
factory bought from the gener-
al store, rope, nails, build-
ing materials, and also food
for the factory kitchen.

I remember when people
worked in the rivers and
creeks, harvesting oysters,
digging clams, pulling hall
seams and setting gill nets.
People were able to make a
living. Times have changed
now, but those are the things
I remember that started
progress in Brunswick
County. There were lots of
girls and boys who were able
to attain an education from
this labor force. Our new-
found industry has it pluses,
but the minus is that there is
no room for the person who
has little or no education. We
must tell the story and learn
at the same time to help
those who are down educa-
tionally or otherwise.

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



DRAMA

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supervisor in 2017.

Gatewood emphatically
denied her charges, but, dur-
ing the course of a five month
investigation of Ms. Childs'
complaint, Gatewood re-
signed. The investigation
revealed evidence that Ms.
Childs was telling the truth,
NAACP officials say. How-
ever, despite repeated ur-
gings by Rev. Barber and
the state chapter, the national
NAACP did nothing to revoke
Gatewood's membership.

The group, Elder Women of
the NC NAACP, ultimately
threatened to bring the con-
troversy right to the national
NAACP's doorstep in
Baltimore, forcing Presi-
dent/CEO Johnson to formal-
ly suspend Gatewood's mem-
bership, pending a hearing.

By doing so, Gatewood,
who was originally a candi-
date for state NAACP presi-
dent, opposing current presi-
dent, Rev. Dr. T. Anthony
Spearman, was deemed in-
eligible to run by the national
office, and, as a result, the
scheduled election was post-
poned until further notice.

GATEWOOD

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Per the email from Rev.
Curtis Gatewood earlier that
Friday, he wrote, "Here's a
short term plan of action that
I will attempt. Wherever you
can assist or join me in this
demand, please do."

He then went on to state that
he "...will send an immediate
request for a hearing" before
the Oct. 5 NC NAACP election.
If the matter can't be resolved
before Oct. 5, Gatewood "...will
request a special election
between [him] and Rev. T.
Anthony Spearman upon
being cleared of Article [10]
allegations and membership
restored."

Gatewood says that, in
preparation for his hearing, he
is requesting "...an official and
complete copy of the internal
investigative report which was
shown and exposed in media
reports but never shown to
Gatewood. He also wanted a
"written statement from the
NC NAACP officers and/or
Executive Committee mem-
bers who never received the
internal report being exposed
to media," and lastly, "...a date
of the last audit conducted to
inspect the fiscal responsibil-
ity/accounting of the NC
NAACP finances. This is nec-
essary because it is rumored
that theft and/or misappropri-
ation of NC NAACP finances
over the past 5 years are what
drove the unusually aggres-
sive efforts of the former NC
NAACP president and the cur-
rent treasurer to have
Gatewood removed from mem-
bership of an organization and
denied the privilege to seek
office, despite being
declared "eligible" by both the
state and national NAACP.
Fiscal responsibility and an
audit of finances was a part of
the Gatewood campaign plat-
form."

Rev. Gatewood concluded
with, "If anyone would like to
share this plan at the press
conference tomorrow in my
absence, feel free. Meanwhile,
my heart and thanks go out
[to] such a brilliant team. Your
brother in the spirit of justice,
Rev. Curtis E. Gatewood."

Rev. Gatewood was asked by
email by this reporter to con-
firm that he, indeed, sent this
email but did not respond.

In an October 2 story by the
Associated Press, following
reports of a second female for-
mer NC NAACP'er, this time a
former 17 year old intern from
2014, coming forward to accuse
Rev. Curtis Gatewood of sexu-
al harassment, he issued a
statement saying he was
"deeply sorry" for the way his
actions were perceived.

"While denying any kind of
sexual assault or intentional
sexual harassment,' the AP
story continued, he wrote that
he didn't "deny the feelings of
my accusers."

"While I know I had no sexu-
al intentions toward my accus-
ers, the thought that either
woman even felt slightly un-
comfortable in the work-
place is unfortunate."

The AP reported that the
young girl's mother was told in
2014 that Gatewood allegedly
had been linked to another
complaint even then.

The story has been carried
all over the country, even by
the extreme right-wing web-
site, Breitbart.com, which
once tried to frame a former
NAACP official as a racist,
with an edited videotape sev-
eral years ago.

Reportedly, Rev. Gatewood
has appealed his suspension,
the hearing for which, at
press time, had not been
scheduled (though sources
say a meeting concerning it
has been scheduled for
Saturday, Oct. 19.) Published
reports now also state that a
second female former NC
NAACP member has come
forward to allege that
Gatewood also sexually
harassed her.

It was under this cloud that
the NC NAACP Convention in
Winston-Salem tried to pro-
ceed as normal. However, a
faction of Gatewood support-
ers was determined to be
heard, many there said.

One of the first indications
of a coming rough convention
took place Thursday night,
the first night of the conven-
tion, at Emmanuel Baptist
Church, where, according to
published reports and eyewit-
nesses, Winston-Salem Police
were called after an alleged

"disruption" of a meeting
there. The Reverend John
Mendez, Pastor of Emmanuel
Baptist, called the police and
told a local newspaper that
Gerald Givens, Jr., president
of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP,
was one of several "support-
ers of Gatewood" present
involved.

There were no arrests,
though at least nine police
officers answered the call.

In a phone interview
Monday evening, Givens dis-
puted Rev. Mendez's pub-
lished account but did not
confirm that he was at the church
at that meeting and ultimate-
ly did have a nonviolent con-
frontation with NC NAACP
Pres. Dr. Spearman about
some issues but would go no
further into describing what
exactly they were.

In a statement issued to his
Raleigh NAACP Branch later,
Givens alleged that "within 15
minutes of my arrival, a
member of the security detail
attempted to physically attack
me, while calling me a "boy"
in the process. He made sev-
eral statements indicating that
he was angry about issues
relating to the election proce-
dures committee."

Givens went," Later, the

same member of security
who threatened me earlier
then threatened one of the
delegates on the floor and tur-
moil ensued. Law enforce-
ment officers were called in,
and the delegates who had
objected to conducting busi-
ness without a quorum or
proper bylaws were asked to
leave. All of our convention
delegates witnessed these
events."

He maintains that he was
not there in support of Rev.
Gatewood.

On the call, Givens did
allude to what has been pub-
licly alleged by the Alamance
County NAACP, where Rev.
Gatewood was once president.
Members of that branch
alleged that Dr. Spearman
"...faces allegations of finan-
cial misconduct and that
Gatewood had promised to
audit the state organization if
he were elected," according to
the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

Sources close to Dr.
Spearman, however, dispute
those allegations, saying that
the structure of the NC
NAACP hierarchy and proce-
dures after Rev. Barber took
over in 2005 from the previous
president wouldn't allow for
that to happen without more

than one officer involved.

Then Friday morning,
when the convention moved
to the Marriott Hotel in down-
town Winston-Salem, several
police officers, both uni-
formed and plain clothes,
were seen there to keep the
peace at the convention, and
for good reason.

A group of Gatewood sup-
porters made their presence
known vocally but soon left,
according to published
reports.

An administrator from the
national office has now been
assigned to oversee the NC
NAACP during this turmoil.
All of the conference officers
will remain in place and
carry on as normal.

"I have great confidence in
the national NAACP's ability to
assist the state conference to
correct any deficiencies so that
we can focus on our ongoing
fight for justice," Givens said.

However, until a new elec-
tion is held and the Gatewood
controversy has been settled
once and for all, the internal
conflicts of North Carolina's
oldest civil right organization
may continue to overshadow
the very public social conflicts
the NC NAACP prides itself on
fighting against.

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STATE BRIEFS



FRANCIS, BALDWIN IN A RUNOFF FO RALEIGH MAYOR

[RALEIGH] Two former Raleigh city council people - one of whom is seeking to become the Capital city's second African-American mayor in history -- finished

Tuesday's election in a virtual dead heat with 36 percent of the vote each. Because neither black businessman Charles Francis, or white businesswoman Mary Ann Baldwin garnered at least 50% of the vote, they will runoff in November. Francis, who was once appointed to the council, fell short two years ago when he challenged incumbent Raleigh Mayor Nancy McFarlane, who

announced she wouldn't run this time. Baldwin, who served on the City Council for ten years, says she has the most experience to serve as mayor.

REPUBLICAN LEADER GOT \$500,000 LOAN FROM MAN INDICTED FOR BRIBERY

[RALEIGH] Rep. David Lewis [Harnett] has admitted to borrowing \$500,000 from John Gray, an indicted

figure accused in the alleged plot to bribe to bribe NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey. It is also the same plot when former NC Republican Party Chairman Robin Hayes pled guilty to lying to the FBI. Lewis says he borrowed the money in 2018 to help his farms, putting up \$1.2 million in property in collateral. He says he did not know that Gray was involved in an alleged bribery scheme.

WILL THERE BE NEW LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING MAPS IN TIME FOR THE 2020 PRIMARIES?

[RALEIGH] A three-judge Superior Court panel that recently struck down the NC legislature's 2017 maps as being unconstitutional partisan gerrymanders, is in the process of reviewing new maps it ordered lawmakers to redraw. However, if the judicial panel rejects

them, will it assign a special master to redraw them? The question is key, because candidates for legislative offices are scheduled to file for office Dec. 2-20th, for primaries scheduled for March 3, 2020. If new maps aren't approved by then, North Carolina's primaries may have to be pushed back.

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But as Sportin' Life in the folk opera Porgy and Bess sang, "It ain't necessarily so."

On September 16, California Governor Gavin Newsom joined by state officials representing cities and counties wrote a letter that urged President Donald Trump to recognize homelessness as a "national crisis decades in the making that demands action at every level of government."

"Mr. President - shelter solves sleep," wrote the California officials, "but only housing solves homelessness."

Governor Newsom and company were absolutely correct. State and local officials across the country also reckon with limited resources to house the nation's half million homeless and its accompanying persistent poverty. Whether

eastward from Washington, DC to Baltimore, New York, and Boston, or westward from Los Angeles, to San Francisco, and Seattle, or even other locales - America's homeless are a visible presence that not everyone has been a part of an economic recovery.

In 2018, 67 percent of America's homeless people were individuals. The remaining 33 percent were families with dependent children, according to a report by the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Further, according to a new 2019 report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, "Our nation is currently in the midst of a long period of economic expansion. Yet stagnant wages, rising housing costs and inaccessible job opportunities keep many children and families trapped in impoverished communities. And despite economic growth, we have not seen significant reduc-

tion in poverty."

The Casey Foundation report also found that between 2013-2017, Black and Native American children were the most likely to live in concentrated poverty. For example, half of Michigan's Black children live in high poverty. Other states where child poverty runs the risk of homelessness are Mississippi (43%), Ohio, (43%), Pennsylvania (42%) and Wisconsin (44%).

Yet despite the availability of homeless and poverty research, HUD Secretary Ben Carson sent Governor Newsom a stark rejection of California's appeal for federal financial assistance to alleviate California's homeless.

Secretary Carson's September 18 reply said in part, "California cannot spend its way out of this problem using Federal funds...More vouchers are clearly not the solution the State needs. To address this crisis, California must

reduce its regulatory burdens on housing."

Advocates for homeless and low-income people strongly disagreed with Secretary Carson's assessment.

"We know that the number one cause of homelessness is the lack of affordable housing," said Megan Hustings, managing director of the National Coalition for the Homeless.

"Consumers are already struggling with crushing debt from student loans and medical expenses, or facing triple-digit interest rates when they attempt to access small dollar loans," noted Marisabel Torres, Director of California Policy with the Center for Responsible Lending, "When they also have to pay some of the highest housing costs in the nation, it is unfortunately unsurprising that there are such large numbers of homeless people in many of California's large cities."

"California's homeless may be the largest by state," continued Torres, "but the problem is a national one that deserves to be recognized and acted upon."

In 1987 there was an expression of national will to respond to America's homelessness through enactment of the McKinney Homeless Act. That statute created the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness dedicating the ongoing support of 19 federal agencies to prevent and end homelessness. HUD is one of the participating agencies. The Council on Homelessness even has a written plan, Home, Together, that lays out federal remedies over the fiscal years of 2018-2022.

According to the 2018 report by the Council on Homelessness, "Crisis services are the critical front line of communities' responses to homelessness, helping people meet basic survival needs while also helping them swiftly secure permanent

housing opportunities."

Someone should give Secretary Carson a copy. And if that takes a while, here's what Congresswoman Maxine Waters advised the leadership of the House Appropriations Committee this past June:

"In the richest country in the world, it is simply unconscionable that this many of our neighbors across the country are living without a place to call home," said Waters. "Several communities have experienced severe increases in their homeless populations, further illuminating that homelessness is a crisis. The federal government must recognize the national crisis at hand and support communities and local service providers who are on the streets helping."

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Carroll starred as nurse Julia Baker in "Julia," the hit NBC show that aired from 1968 to 1971.

IN MEMORIAM

Groundbreaking Actress Diahann Carroll dies at 84

BY STACY M. BROWN, NNPA NEWSWIRE CORRESPONDENT @StacyBrownMedia

Diahann Carroll, the trailblazing actress and first Black woman to star in a non-servant role in a television series has died.

She was 84. Carroll starred as nurse Julia Baker in "Julia," the hit NBC show that aired from 1968 to 1971.

The show represented the first time a Black person - man or woman - was cast as in the title role of a show, portraying a character that wasn't a maid or other type of domestic worker.

"For a hundred years we have been prevented from seeing accurate images of ourselves and we're all overconcerned and overreacting," Carroll said in a 1968

interview with TV Guide.

"The needs of the White writer go to the superhuman being. At the moment, we are presenting the White Negro. And he has very little Negro-ness," Carroll stated.

Prior to "Julia," Carroll starred in the Broadway musical, "No Strings," for which she earned a Tony Award for best actress in 1962.

In perhaps her most memorable role, Carroll earned an Oscar nomination for best actress in the James Earl Jones-led motion picture, "Claudine."

She later starred in the hit nighttime soap opera, "Dynasty," and made recurring appearances on "Grey's Anatomy," and "A Different World."

In 2011, Carroll was inducted into the Television Academy Hall of Fame.

"The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) salutes the living legacy of Diahann Carroll, may she rest in peace," said NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

The NNPA is a trade association representing the broad expanse of African American-owned newspapers and media companies that make up the Black Press of America.

"Diahann Carroll was a courageous trailblazer, freedom-fighting sister leader in film, on stage, the TV screen, and in the African American community," Chavis stated.

"God bless and long live the irrepressible spirit of Diahann Carroll."

Several prominent celebrities also saluted Carroll on social media.

"Diahann Carroll you

taught us so much," tweeted actress, dancer and director Debbie Allen. "We are stronger, more beautiful and risk takers because of you. We will forever sing your praises and speak your name," Allen wrote.

Famed film director Ava DuVernay wrote that Carroll "walked this earth for 84 years and broke ground with every footstep."

DuVernay noted that Carroll was an icon. "One of the all-time greats. She blazed trails through dense forests and elegantly left diamonds along the path for the rest of us to follow. Extraordinary life. Thank you, Ms. Carroll," DuVernay wrote.

According to NBC News, Carroll is survived by her daughter, Kay, and grandchildren, August and Sydney.

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To his wealthy donors, Trump is their grifter

To decipher President Donald Trump's presidency, apply the basic rule of politics: Follow the money. Last month, for example, Trump performed at rallies in North Carolina and in New Mexico. He entertained adoring crowds, clad in Trump's MAGA caps and T-shirts.

The rallies got featured on Fox and other news stations. Then Trump flew to California and went to a series of big-dollar fundraisers that were closed to the public, pocketing what his campaign boasted as more than \$15 million in campaign funding, largely from anonymous wealthy donors. This is only a small part of the record campaign war chest that the wealthy are building for Trump's re-election campaign.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The press treats the overwhelmingly White, working class audiences at Trump's rallies as his "base." But they are more his marks than his base. The anonymous wealthy donors in California have a far better claim to be the base that he serves. The donors got the tax cuts; the working people at his rallies got health care cuts. The CEOs got the roll-back of clean water and clean air regulations; his rally audiences got the fouled water and more kids with emphysema. Big oil and coal executives got lavish public subsidies; teachers and parents got cuts in school funding. Big Agra got billions in payoffs to make up for Trump's trade war; family farmers were casualties, many bankrupted by the loss of markets, with Wisconsin's small farmers suffering the worst. Auto executives enjoyed record profits; auto workers suffered more layoffs and plant closings. The rich saw their wealth soar; working people faced rising prices in housing, health care, college, cars — with incomes that didn't keep up. Trump brags on the record-low unemployment numbers, but the jobs too often don't pay a living wage and Trump and Republicans won't even allow a vote on raising the minimum wage.

Not surprisingly, workers are beginning to protest. GM autoworkers are involved in the largest strike in years. Teachers in red states across the country have gone on strike to demand greater investment in schools. Nurses are on strike for decent wages and better staffing of hospitals and clinics. Fast food and restaurant workers have led marches for a \$15 minimum wage and a union. Young people are marching to protest Trump's refusal to address the clear and present threat posed by catastrophic climate change.

Trump regales the crowds at his rallies with scurrilous attacks on his opponents, lies and tales about his accomplishments, and boasts about the economy. He panders to their fears, fanning racial division, railing against immigrants and Muslims and the homeless. He's pugnacious, funny and outrageous. They know he's a bad guy, but they think he's their bad guy. And that is the con. The anonymous donors who are contributing record amounts to Trump's campaign don't wear MAGA hats. They don't go to public rallies. They roll their eyes at Trump's rambling rants and racial taunts. They aren't on strike or in the streets. They are getting a great return on their investment and are happy to ante up again.

The Trump economy doesn't work for most Americans, but it works for them. Trump keeps his promises — and his pay-offs — to them. They know Trump is a grifter, but he's their grifter. They are all in on the con.

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

MATTERS OF OPINION

Environmental justice advocates say climate change isn't a 'White Thing'

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The climate crisis is real.

From the devastating of extreme weather events made worse by climate change to the public health implications of increased pollution like heightened asthma attacks, communities are feeling the impacts of this crisis first and worst.

Stacy M. Brown

Experts said real solutions to the climate crisis is needed now to protect the long-term well-being of communities, and for future generations.

"With the Trump administration rolling back environmental and public health safeguards, I am deeply concerned that we are running out of time to do something about this crisis," said Dana Swinney, a New York-based public relations expert who works with several green organizations across the country.

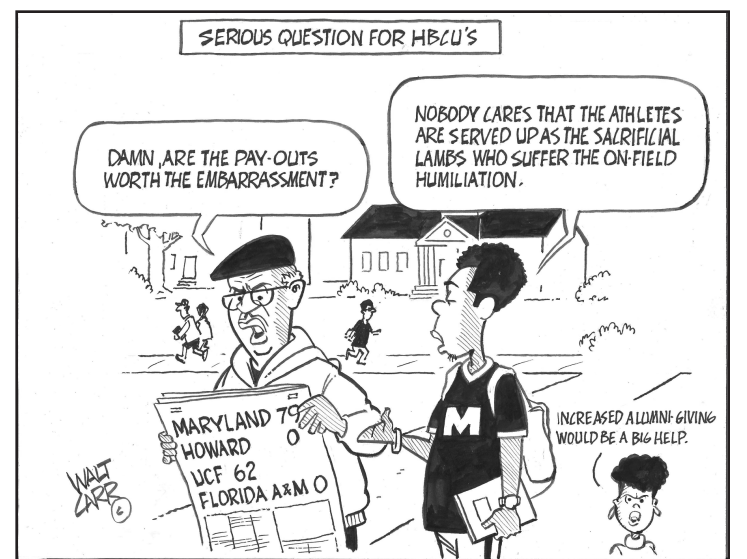
Information provided by Swinney's firm noted additional climate crisis health impacts on African Americans, including:

- Number of African Americans that report having asthma: 2.6 million
- Black children are 4.5 times more likely to be hospi-

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MATTERS OF OPINION

No end to corruption

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Each day I get up I'm thinking things with our government can't get any worse. Despite my hope for a better day, things do get worse. All too often a n o t h e r Trump official seems to be coming under fire for some bad act such as allegations of peddling influence, ignoring the bad acts of members of the President's staff and/or associates, some new allegation about President Trump or his family and on and on!

Dr. E. Faye Williams

How could one man have so much smoke around him without there being fire somewhere? One has to wonder what dirt Donald Trump has on some of these people that allows them to either seal their lips or outright defend his apparent corrupt

behavior. In nearly three years of his selection, and I say selection because no rational person could believe a majority of the American people would elect someone so unqualified to follow in the footsteps of President Barack Obama who had the right credentials, right temperament, right family, right values to be President.

The tragedy of what's happening with our government is that Donald Trump seems convinced that he's the smartest man in the world. He believes he's doing a great job. No matter how many crooked things he does, he believes everybody else is the crook! The other day I heard someone say, "When you work for a crook (and stay) you, too, become a crook."

At one time Rachel Maddow on MSNBC was keeping a board that listed all who exited the Trump Administration either by being asked to leave or volunteering to leave after getting a taste of what was going on around the White House and various government agencies. The list has gotten so

long that Rachel can't seem to find space to place anymore names on the board.

A few months ago, those who judge truth from lies indicated that Trump had told over 10,000 serious lies. They've been coming so fast lately that no new numbers are being given! Many of us try to teach young people right from wrong, teach them to be truthful and teach them to be respectful. What can we tell them that makes sense about how this President gets away with so many violations of decency, of our Constitution, of diplomacy and of just plain old common sense?

We deserve to have leaders who play by the rules, and we've always been taught that ignorance of the law is no excuse for wrongdoing. When I look at the behavior of certain Members of Congress, I wonder how they sleep at night and what their own children think of them when they see their parents defending this President or remaining silent in the face of gross behavior. Some of them give such silly argu-

ments and defenses in support of this man that it's mind boggling. This man is bringing this country so far down that we may not be able to emerge from the sorry depths to which he has taken us in our lifetime.

Normally, someone rises up to say, we shall not continue to allow this foolishness but where is that person who has the power to do so now? We deserve better than what we have running our government. The 2020 election seems so far away to wait for a resolution. Impeachment alone is not good enough if Republicans in the Senate are not willing to show some courage to get our country back on the right track. Let us pray that all is not lost and that Republicans will have an awakening before too long. In the meantime, let us not sit still and wait. Let's do something that makes a difference.

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

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talized for asthma than white children

Black children are ten times more likely to die from asthma than white children.

The increased health burden of particulate air pollution on African Americans compared to the American population overall: 54 percent

Sixty-eight percent of African Americans live within 30 miles of a coal-fired power plant.

7 million African Americans live within a county that is home to a refinery.

"There is a familiar phrase that goes something like this: if you're not at the table then you're on the menu," said Michelle Mabson, a staff scientist for the Healthy Communities Program at Earthjustice.

Mabson is also a volunteer chief advocacy officer for Black Millennials for Flint.

"Far too often it is our communities — Black and Brown communities — that are not prepared enough, resilient enough, or adaptive enough when climate disasters hit," Mabson said.

"We look at the devastating impacts from Hurricane Katrina, and more recently Hurricane's Maria, Harvey, and Dorian, and we see communities that look like ours, nearly destroyed," she said.

"It is imperative for us to be at the table when decisions, like rebuilding and increasing adaptive community capacity, are discussed so we can get the resources we need to be prepared for the impacts from the next storm. Make no mistake, the next one is on its way, and we can no longer afford to react once it's here — we've got to be prepared," Mabson said.

African Americans must

heavily engage in climate justice and environmental conversation taking place globally, said Heather McTeer Toney, the national field director at Mom Clean Airforce.

More than half of the African American population live in the south, where they're four times more likely to be hit with catastrophic flood, hurricane or other extreme weather-related event, Toney said.

"As the impacts of climate change increase, more and more of our communities are devastated. Moreover, An NAACP study found that African American communities are subjected to air that is 40 percent more polluted than other communities," Toney said.

"When combined with the health impacts such as asthma, cancer, and heart disease; addressing the climate crisis is vital to our continued existence and protection of our children's future," she said.

Toney added that it's not too late to act.

"Climate action is the social justice movement of our time. African Americans should demand action from state, local and federal leaders on climate action now," Toney said.

"We must support 100 percent clean energy and require equity in policy that promotes a clean energy economy. We prepare for extreme weather emergencies by working with our churches and community organization to develop action plans for severe weather events," she said.

Further, "we must talk about ways to become more resilient and sustainable in our home, churches, and schools. We must vote often and always for candidates that talk about climate action now. Our voices are necessary for this move-

ment, and together we can ensure climate safety for generations to come," Toney said.

Kim Noble, the director of operations for Green The Church, said environmental justice touches on many issues, including climate, the economy, health, social, and racial injustices.

African Americans learned about racism and injustices at an early age, and some know what being marginalized feels like, Noble said.

"We have folks in environmental justice communities that feel that way every day," she said.

"When we're having conversations about the environment, climate change, pollution, and climate policy, we have to include the people who are most impacted — our black and brown families," Noble said.

"For far too long, our communities have been on the receiving end of the devastating impacts of climate change and pollution. For example, our communities tend to live near power plants and other types of polluting plants which emit toxic air into the environment. These are making our families sick," she said.

Noble continued: "It's not that our communities are looking for homes located near power plants, but rather it's a regular practice to place dirty emitters into communities of color and often in neighborhoods where low-income families live.

"That's not fair. As a nation, we can do better. We know those clean energy solutions work. We need climate policy that supports 100 percent clean energy and cleans up the air so we can breathe. We also need policy that leads to good green jobs in our communities."

The current election cycle

is crucial for several reasons, said Kerene N. Tayloe, an environmental justice and clean energy solutions advocate for WE ACT.

The election presents a great chance to mobilize votes for candidates who are not climate deniers and understand the need to address environmental justice, she said.

"We must become active at the local level where so many decisions about land development and water infrastructure, for instance, are decided," Tayloe said.

"We should also be keenly aware of how the demand for energy efficiency, renewable and clean energy can create jobs right in our communities. We must lead in the creation of solutions to ensure that the benefits flow creating opportunities for economic development."

Tayloe said caring about the climate is not a "white thing."

It is critical that African American, if they aren't already, become aware of all of the ways climate change shows up in their lives, she said.

"Those record hurricanes, storms, flooding, extreme heat, and bitterly cold days that we are experiencing are because of climate change. In addition to climate change, for far too long black and brown communities have been the sacrifice zones for wealthier and frankly whiter communities," Tayloe said.

"It is not a coincidence that our communities are disproportionately the location of dangerous toxic facilities and are adjacent to the busiest highways. All of these systemic problems impact our health, our property value, and the ability to gain economic independence," she said.

Stacy M. Brown is a NNPA News Wire Correspondent.

New Hanover County

Cape Fear Community College will hold an enrollment event from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 12th to assist prospective students in the enrollment process. Attendees may apply for admission, schedule testing, speak to an academic advisor, get assistance with the residency application, register for classes for the Winter Session, pay for classes, learn about financial aid, apply for scholarships, and obtain a parking pass and student I.D. The event will be held in the Union Station building. Parking available in the Nutt Street Parking Deck. For more information, visit cfcc.edu/onestop.

Community Briefs

community.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Featured speaker will be Steven D. Kelly, P.E., and Board Vice-Chairman of the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (Wave Transit). Information on the "Souls to the Polls" voter drive Sunday, October 27th from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Board of Elections, 230 Government Drive, Wilmington and other important state and community issues will also 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 nhnaacp@gmail.com.

The Willis Richardson Players will hold auditions for children ages 18 and under for "A Showcase of Youthful Talent" hosted by Jacqueline Brown on Monday, October 14th from 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Hannah Block Historic USO Community Arts Center located at 120 South 2nd St. Participants who pass the audition will need to be available for the performance on Saturday, November 9th from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information call 910-763-1889 or email willisrichardsonplayers@gmail.com.

Brunswick County

Brunswick County Democratic Party monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be announced on the Party Website - www.brunswickdem.org - prior to the meeting. The Brunswick County Democratic Women's meeting will be held at 5:00. The Brunswick County Democratic Party meetings are held at the Democratic Party Headquarters, 1420 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia, NC. For more information, see www.brunswickdem.org.

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Delta Foundation of the Cape Fear presents check to Community Boys & Girls Club of Wilmington



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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, JARETT GATTISON (UNIT DIRECTOR), SYLVIA ANDERSON, ELIZABETH BRYANT, MARVA ROBINSON, DERAL PITTS (CEO), WANDA SLOAN, HAZEL WRISBON, SANDRA M. ROBINSON

On Friday, October 4, 2019, ladies from the Delta Foundation of the Cape Fear presented a \$1400 check to the Community Boys & Girls Club of Wilmington as a form of sponsorship for the nonprofit's 2019 Champions

for Children Gala fundraiser. Members of the Delta Foundation will join 200-plus guests at the Gala this Friday, October 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Daniels Hall in the CFCC Union Station. The program will celebrate

the legacy of the late Windell Daniels as the honoree of the 2019 Daniel D. Cameron Champion for Children Legacy Award and highlight Club youth members whose lives have been impacted by the organiza-

tion's work. Proceeds from the event will benefit the children of the Community Boys & Girls Club of Wilmington, NC. Tickets are available at www.2019champions4children.eventbrite.com.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS! 401(k) and buying a home

This week I want to highlight the benefits of participating in an employer's saving program aka 401(k). What is a 401(k) plan?

The textbook definition of it is: A 401(k) plan is a tax-advantaged, defined-contribution retirement account offered by many employers to their employees. It is named after a section of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Workers can make contributions to their 401(k) accounts through automatic payroll withholding and their employers can match some or all of those contributions. The investment earnings in a traditional 401(k) plan are not taxed until the employee withdraws



Brenda Dixon

that money, typically after retirement. In a Roth 401(k) plan, withdrawals can be tax-free.

Let's unpack this a little more so you can see the benefits more clearly. Buying a home can be a big step towards securing your financial future, but saving for the down payment can be very time-consuming. However, if you already have money in your retirement accounts, you might be able to use it to speed up the process. There's no specific penalty exemption for home purchases when you pull money out of a 401k so any money you take out will be classified as a "hardship exemption." I've been told by some that they would be assessed a penalty of 10% on the amount withdrawn and you'll have to pay income tax on it as well. I've also heard some were advised by their tax professional, if possi-

ble, roll over the amount you want to withdraw to an IRA, so you can avoid paying the penalty. However, if you can't roll over a 401k that's with an employer for whom you are still working. If you have an old 401k from a former employer, roll that. Since a rollover can take time to process, fill out the necessary paperwork as soon as possible.

Another option with a 401k is to take out a loan. Your loan can be up to a certain fix amount or half the value of the account, whichever is less. As long as you can handle the payments (yes, you have to pay back this loan), this is usually a less expensive option than a straight withdrawal. Though you may pay interest, you won't pay taxes or penalties on the loan amount. Just like anything else, what applies to your 401k account, may not be someone else's. It is wise to check

with your tax advisor and plan the smart way to tap that '401K well' for your family. Either way, having a 401k affords you options many do not have. I would definitely encourage you to check into it and go GET THAT DEED.

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." 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...

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Prince Hall Day Celebration

BY GERALDINE ARMSTRONG
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The annual Prince Hall Day Celebration was held on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at

5:00 p.m. This very enlightening event was held at Temple of Truth Church located at 2166 Kent Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, Reverend Kojo Tambunta, Pastor:

Host Lodge for this occasion was Giblem Lodge #2 of New Hanover County. Master of Ceremony was Brother J.H. Lightfoot, District Deputy Grand Master of District 19. Musican: Brother Mychal Robinson (Crystal Springs Lodge #793). Processional (We've Come This Far By Faith) of the Masonic brethren and the Order of the Eastern Stars, Prince Hall Affiliated of the Jurisdiction of North Carolina; Scripture: Bro, Alphonso Robinson (Psalm 133-OT; Matt. 4: 1-11-NT) Crystal Springs Lodge 793; Prayer: Bro. Cleveland Bragg, East Gate Lodge #143; Welcome: Bro. Raymond Mott, WM of Giblem Lodge #2; Response: Linda Moore, Worthy Matron of Jephthah Chapter #4; Sister Daphyne McKOY and congregation sang, "Come By Here Oh Lord." History was given by Brother Raymond Mott, Worshipful Master of Giblem

Lodge #2.

Recognition of representatives of the various Masonic Houses was given by Brother Lightfoot. Holy Royal Arch Masonry, Earl Armstrong; Knights Templar, LeRon Montgomery; Shriners (Habib Temple #159) Noble James Parker; and Heroines of Jericho, Dorene Crumpler, Most Ancient Matron.

After which, Roll Call of lodges of District 19 was given by Brother F. M. Hooper, District Secretary and Honorary Past Grand Master, Brother Hooper is also, a member of the legendary Montford Point Marines of which he is very proud and want you to know.

Following the Introduction of the Speaker (Rev. Kojo Nambunta), a solo (I Can Tell The World About This) was rendered by Sister Daphyne McKoy accompanied by Bro. Mychal Robinson.

If ever there was a lack of information concerning Prince Hall, we really were educated! Reverend Nambunta expounded all the way back to the pyramids and their builders. The roots of masonry, John the Baptist

and the origin of The Knights Templar. His topic: "Knowing Who you Are" (and whence you came) Matt.6:22; John 1. "The Light: the lamp of the body is the eye and the eye is the light!" What a truly rewarding and informative Annual PRINCE HALL DAY CELEBRATION!

Brother Lightfoot introduced Sister Brenda Williams, Past Matron of Rose Fidelity # and the newly appointed District Deputy Grand Matron of District 19. After Sister Williams's remarks and introduction of the chapters of District 19, Brother Lightfoot really surprised and delighted District Deputy Williams with a large bouquet of beautiful pink roses (her favorite color). Benediction was given and a wonderful fellowship was enjoyed over a delicious repast.

Thank you JEPHTHAH IV MEMBERS: Sisters: Linda Moore, Geraldine Armstrong, Johnnie Mae Pridgen, Avigon Graham, Dorene Crumpler; Brothers: James Lightfoot and Alphonso Robinson.

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This Black pilot is flying with a mission of diversity

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Walking onto an airplane and seeing a black pilot is as rare as a blood moon sighting.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that of the approximately 690,000 active certificated pilots in the U.S., less than 3 percent are African American.

While a blood moon occurs about every two years, Jerome Stanislaus often takes the pilot's seat in the cockpit of a private aircraft.

He pilots friends, family members, and others from New York to Philadelphia.

Sometimes, he flies further south to Virginia.

And, there are occasions where he traverses the skies above the Big Apple on a traffic-beating short flight to Long Island.

"Right now, I'm in San Antonio going through Flight Engineer School in the Airforce for the C5 Galaxy," Stanislaus said.

The C5 Galaxy is a large military transport aircraft.

"It's a huge cargo plane, and I would like to continue training to make it [as a commercial airline pilot] when I am done with this school," Stanislaus said.

Despite the limited amount of African Americans in the cockpit, Stanislaus said now is the time for people of color to join the pilot ranks.

"There is about to be a mass exodus of commercial pilots,

and their spots will need to be filled," he said.

"African Americans should know that this is possible for them," Stanislaus said.

The Brooklyn-born father of two said although he dreamed of becoming a pilot, he never believed he would. And, that belief stemmed from a blunt observation: "I had never seen a black pilot," he said.

Earlier this year, Stanislaus began donating his free time to a nonprofit that helps racially diverse children and young adults explore their interest in flying.

"My family has always been extremely supportive of my flying. I have two daughters, and they have their dreams and flying isn't one of them," Stanislaus said. "As far as they are concerned they don't need to be pilots if I can just fly them where they want to go," he said.

After graduating high school, Stanislaus trained to become an aircraft mechanic in the Marine Corps.

Later, he earned a degree in airport management and then went to work as a school teacher.

Flying, however, remained his foremost passion.

He signed up for flight lessons and, in 2015, Stanislaus took his first solo flight on a Piper Warrior II single-engine plane.

While he doesn't own a plane yet, Stanislaus said that is a dream that will one day become a reality.

It also makes sense because



Jerome Stanislaus, a Brooklyn-born father of two, said although he dreamed of becoming a pilot, he never believed he would. And, that belief stemmed from a blunt observation: "I had never seen a black pilot," he said.

of the number of free flights he's doled out to family and friends. He said he's focused on saving money and he's started a Go Fund Me to help expedite the process.

"The demand for what I offer is growing and renting no longer makes the most sense. In the long run, buying a plane is the most cost-effective course of action, so that is where I am focusing my money," he said.

Stanislaus hopes to raise \$50,000, and officials at

GoFundMe have reached into their pockets, too.

"As part of our Gives Back program, we're grateful for the chance to donate to campaigns that have touched us," GoFundMe officials wrote on Stanislaus' page. They donated \$750 toward his goal.

Flying isn't the only sky-high activity Stanislaus enjoys.

He's also a licensed skydiver.

"In April 2014, I went on my first skydive for my [ex]

girlfriend's birthday," Stanislaus said. "I was really calm and excited until I got into the plane and it started to leave the ground. During the climb, I had this internal fear that intensified tremendously, but I was calm externally," he said.

When the door opened, Stanislaus said he could no longer "keep it together."

"I began to freak out. All of my dignity, pride, and masculinity went out the door," Stanislaus said.

"It was hands down, the scariest moment of my life."

He later found the courage to complete the jump and then began searching drop zones to other jumps.

"I saw myself living myself to the fullest and inspiring others to do the same. Most importantly, I saw myself finding the courage to face the biggest fear in my life and enjoying the fuck out of it," he said.

"My ultimate goal in life is to inspire others."



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Eric Garner's mother gives emotional testimony at Judiciary Committee hearing

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Gwen Carr provided an emotional opening statement during the House Judiciary Committee's oversight hearing on policing practices.

Carr, the mother of Eric Garner who died in New York from a police chokehold in 2014, recounted how police officers had approached her son outside of a grocery store on Staten Island.

Inexplicably, Officer Daniel Pantaleo wrestled Garner to the ground and used an illegal chokehold that eventually led to Garner's death.

"Five years ago, my beloved son Eric was murdered by people who were supposed to serve and protect," Carr told the bipartisan group of lawmakers.

"Eric cried out 11 times, 'I can't breathe.' But those officers on the scene that day didn't seem to care," she said. "How come no one was held accountable?"

Carr said Garner's death had devastated her family.

It also led to the fatal heart attack suffered by Garner's sister, Erica, who died of a heart attack in 2017, Carr said.

"She died of a broken heart," Carr said.

House Judiciary Committee Chair Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), told Carr that the criminal justice system failed her and her family.

"Shockingly, the officer responsible for placing Mr. Garner in a departmentally-banned chokehold remained on the force for five years before finally being fired this past August," Nadler said.

The chairman also asked that his colleagues in Congress look for measures that would prevent police officers from escaping punishment.

"There needs to be better information on the use of force and better proposals to end racial profiling and to restore trust between law enforcement and the community," Nadler said.

The hearing focused on the role of the federal government in addressing concerns about illegal practices, enhancing accountability, and in developing 21st-century policing practices.

During the session, the Rev. Al Sharpton joined Carr and others to call on Congress to pass legislation to set a federal standard for excessive use of force.

It included testimony from former professional tennis player James Blake; former federal law enforcement official Ron Davis; National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Chief Vera Bumpers; and Dr. Phillip Atiba of the Center for Policing Equity.

"I should say from the onset that (the National Action Network - or NAN) has never been anti-police. We are, how-

ever, anti-police brutality," Sharpton said.

"We know that most police officers are hardworking and law-abiding citizens who take the oath to serve and protect quite seriously. They put their lives on the line every day to keep us all safe, and we are grateful for their enormous service and sacrifice," he said.

However, over the past two decades, there has been a growing, and disturbing trend of mostly unarmed black and brown young men who have been the victims of discriminatory police practices and these encounters with law enforcement have led to their untimely deaths, Sharpton told the committee.

These statistics should cause all great alarm, he said.

"There are too many victims to name. But we all know their stories. We've read about them in the newspaper and have seen them on the nightly news: Eric Garner, Michael Brown, LaQuan McDonald, Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, Stephon Clark, and countless others," Sharpton said.

"I've spent days and nights with grieving parents and family members who wanted nothing more but justice for their loved one who was senselessly shot or choked to death by an officer. I've preached the funerals. You can feel the pain and heartache. And even in the despair, I made a promise to the victims' families that I would



Photo: PBS News Hour / YouTube

The mother of Eric Garner, the man who was killed after being put in a chokehold by police in 2014 in New York City, testified before the House Judiciary Committee on Sep. 19, 2019. "Violent police have no place in this society," said Gwen Carr, Garner's mother, who urged lawmakers to pass a bill that would prevent police from using chokeholds. The Rev. Al Sharpton and other civil rights and community advocates appeared before the committee.

push Congress to enact federal legislation to address fatal misconduct," he said.

Sharpton added that the time to address the issue is now.

He said there's a deep-seated mistrust of the police in many communities of color and solutions must be identified to find ways to rebuild trust.

"Quite simply, there is a need for greater oversight on the patterns and practices of law enforcement across the country," Sharpton said.

"Without these checks and balances, we will continue to experience discrimination and egregious injustices at every stage of the criminal justice system, beginning with an individual's first

encounter with law enforcement officials, as we witnessed first-hand in New York with the death of Eric Garner five years ago," he said.

"There is a need for police officers to undergo racial profiling and micro-aggression training so that they are better equipped to police in an increasingly diverse America."

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

What Matters 2020 – Issues that impact minority communities

BY JEFFREY L. BONEY
NNPA NEWSWIRE
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Every vote counts and Elections have consequences!

The 2020 presidential elections will definitely have consequences and it will be important that every vote is counted and accounted for.

Everyone and everything in this country is impacted by someone in a position of political leadership who shapes pub-

lic policy and who makes decisions regarding the very legislation that we must all adhere to, in one way or another. This includes city councilmembers, mayors, governors, judges, county, state and federal representatives, and even our President.

Knowing how important it is to vote is one thing but getting engaged in the process is an entirely different thing altogether. One group that has made a major impact in this

country and that has done a great job of engaging and energizing people of color relative to getting involved in social issues and politics has been the Black Lives Matter (BLM) Global Network.

Founded in 2013 by Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza and Opal Tometi in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer,

George Zimmerman, what started as a hashtag, has now grown into a global chapter-based, member-

led organization in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada. The organization's mission has been to mobilize determined activists who are committed to fighting anti-Black racism and discriminatory reforms worldwide.

In an exclusive interview, Cullors tells the NNPA Newswire that BLM was invited to attend the third installment of the Democratic Presidential Debate, which was hosted in Houston, Texas, at Texas Southern University (TSU), which is an HBCU located in the heart of Houston's historic Third Ward – a place known for its rich Black history and culture. The debate marked the first presidential campaign debate at an HBCU since 2007.

While in Houston for the debate, Cullors announced that BLM was rolling out a new nationwide initiative to help increase voter registration and turnout. Cullors, along with co-founder of the Los Angeles chapter of BLM Melina Abdullah and Managing Director Kailele Scales, introduced the new nationwide initiative entitled – 'What Matters 2020 – Issues That Impact Minority Communities', with a dedicated focus on getting the vote out for the 2020 presidential election.

Cullors states that BLM's goal is to hit all major cities where Black folks live and engage Generation Z to increase voter registration, turnout and overall engagement.

"Black voters have traditionally been the Democratic Party's most loyal constituency and younger voters represent the future of the party," said Cullors. "We thought it was important that we use this platform to ensure that our constituency has the resources to be informed when tuned into the debate and that the candidates know just how impactful our vote will be to this election."

Working in conjunction with a cross-section of partners from all sectors, BLM leaders are seeking to directly impact the 2020 election cycle by ensuring candidates are held accountable for the issues that systematically and disproportionately impact minority communities across the nation.

"What Matters 2020 – Issues That Impact Minority Communities' will increase voter registration and turnout by deploying technology applications, establishing candidate accountability and employing grassroots strategies to access, inform and empower minority communities during the 2020 election cycle," Cullors tells the NNPA Newswire.

Issues this initiative will mobilize around include:



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BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors (standing) announcing new 'What Matters 2020' initiative while in Houston for the Democratic Party debate.

Racial Injustice
Police Brutality
Criminal Justice Reform
Black Immigration
Environmental Conditions
Voting Rights & Suppression
Economic Injustice
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LGBTQAI
Human Rights

In addition to introducing this initiative, BLM plans to directly interact with candidates and students, and will be launching technology applications aimed at increasing voter registration and turnout in 2020.

"We will engage and empower all Black folks, our allies, and under-served communities to use their collective voices and votes to achieve the outcomes we want, need and deserve in 2020," Cullors tells the NNPA Newswire. "We will educate BLM constituents about candidates and the issues that impact Black voters most, and promote voter registration and voter turnout among the Black community, our allies, and Generation Z. This initiative will inspire and motivate people to ask themselves and their candidates are you really addressing 'What Matters in 2020?'"

In measuring the success of the initiative, Cullors states that they will be monitoring the results based off of the outcomes that come prior to the 2020 election.

"We will know that we are successful when each candidate has an acceptable and tangible comprehensive plan that specifically addresses racial

injustice, criminal justice reform, police brutality and reparations, among other issues that impact the Black community," Cullors states.

Since the organization's inception in 2013, BLM has been on the frontline of many issues impacting minority communities including police brutality, criminal justice reform, education, Black immigration, public policy and more.

For these efforts, they have been widely recognized, received and in many instances, criticized. They continue with the work, however, and hope this effort will galvanize marginalized and minority communities all across this country. Perhaps more importantly, BLM has reminded the Black community of its own power and collective strength.

To find out more about this effort and initiative, people can visit blacklivesmatter.com/what-matters-2020, to learn about key issues and candidates, register to vote, pledge to vote and join the ongoing conversation by engaging them on social media platforms using #WhatMatters2020.

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Mary Beatrice Rogers

Mary Beatrice Rogers died September 25, 2019. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Macedonia Fire Baptist Holiness Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Mary was born on July 24, 1933 to the late Isaac and Jessie Webb of Wilmington, North Carolina. She was the last of five siblings. Mary was preceded in death by her son Frankie. Mary was a kind and sweet woman of God. She didn't meet any strangers. She lived a long and prosperous life, enjoying spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grands. Mary was a resident of Britthaven Nursing Home for quite a while. She was so loving that everyone called her "Mama" or "Grandma Mamie. Britthaven was a loving home for Mary and she was devoted to everyone who came within her presence. Mary will be truly missed.

Mary leaves behind to cherish her love: Her children, Rosaland, Melvin, Jr., Juanita, Michael, Patricia (Eddie), Rudy, Fietta and Anthony; sisters-in-law, Sarah Webb and Irene Webb; like a son, Andre Rogers; special friend, Harriett Thompson; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews, many other loving family members and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Annie Flowers

Annie Flowers died September 23, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

"Big Annie as she was affectionately known was born May 15, 1927 to the late Reverend William Johnson and the late Mrs. Bertha Green Johnson of Florence, South Carolina. Big Annie and John Flowers married in Jamaica, New York. The family lived in New York and attended the Blanche Memorial Missionary Baptist Church where Big Annie was a dedicated and active member of the usher board, missionary board, hospitality board, and Ladies of Leisure. Upon relocating to Wilmington, NC, "Big John" and Big Annie joined Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Big Annie was preceded in death by her husband, John "The Gospel Man" Flowers; sisters, Mary Brand and Bertha Thomas; brothers, Sammie L. Johnson, Henry Johnson, Johnny Johnson, Robert Johnson, Wilbur Johnson, and Thaddeus Johnson; other loved ones, William "Buster" Johnson, Ivyana Williams, Renee Cooper, Pearl Williams, Robert "Peter Rabbit" Johnson, Annie Mae Johnson, Paul L. Roland, Russia Foster, and Stanley "Bobo" Johnson.

She leaves to cherish to cherish her memory are: her children, Sharon Flowers of the home, Dorothy Stafford of Florence, South Carolina, Evette Saunders (Ricci) of Bronx, New York, Ira Flowers of Queens, New York, and Irving Flowers of Queens, New York; grandchildren, Adrienne, Sudan, Shamel, True, Romel, Tawanna, Shaquanna, Chivonne, Tiesha, Corey, Darien, Ramel, and Ervona (Anthony); great-grandchildren, Justice, Shamyah,

Ramel, Anthony, Amari, Shaheem, Shaesha, Shamire, Tommy "TJ", Shamel, Nevaeh, Leann, Royal, and Richard; sisters, Viola Hawkins of Florence, South Carolina, and Rena Foster of Wilmington, North Carolina; loving goddaughters, LaDonya Pitts (Michael), Rev. Dr. Judi Ware, and Baroness Travis; fur babies, Nico and Bella; special friends, Joseph McCoy, Janie James, and Ms. Bertt; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Alean Wilson Taylor

Aleane Wilson Taylor died Monday, September 30, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Alean, from Longs, SC, daughter of the late John W. and Glennie Wilson was born on December 24, 1922. Alean was a member of St. John's A.M.E Church in Longs, SC. Most recently, she worshipped at Mt. Roney Baptist Church (Wilmington, NC) where her late husband, Reverend Joseph Taylor was the minister prior to his illness/retirement.

Alean enjoyed her close relationship with her family, as well as cooking, quilting, visiting the sick, shut in, and the elderly. Friends who lovingly adored her, referred to her as "Miss Alean," "Alean," "Mama," or "Grandma." She was also very passionate about children and would sometimes babysit. She babysat Curtis Bellamy, over 50 years ago and even to this day, Curtis and his family have always shown their appreciation. That is the kind of impact that Alean had. She was unforgettable and very much appreciated. Alean was the widow of the late Reverend Joseph Taylor from Colesville, SC and also leaves behind two sisters from a family of fourteen siblings: Mary Ellen Wilson and Lorraine Wilson, both whom are from Longs, SC. She was the mother of: Isaiah Wilson (Longs, SC), Annie Taylor Cooper (Brooklyn, NY), and Joseph Lovern Taylor (Wilmington, NC) whom all preceded her in death.

To cherish her memory, she leaves behind: her daughter Mary Madgaline Taylor (Wilmington, NC), granddaughter, whom she raised, Cynthia Taylor (Glen Allen, VA), grandson Terry Moore (Winston-Salem, NC), and granddaughters: Yvette Renee Johnson (Anthony Johnson-Pasadena, MD), Demetrice Garey (Albany, GA), and Shinita Taylor (Wilmington, NC). Additionally, there are great grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whom will share Alean's loving memories. Alean spread love, a ray of sunshine, laughter, and the art of giving to all with whom she came in contact. She will always be remembered not only for how much we loved and adored her, but for how much we loved her cooking. She was the best cook. Family and friends especially enjoyed visiting during the holidays. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Everlena Mitchell

Everlena Mitchell died October 4, 2019. Funeral services were held on Thursday, October

10, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Theodore Pierce

Theodore Pierce died October 6, 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.



Jessie Leigh Davis Boney

Jessie Leigh Davis Boney died peacefully Monday, October 7, 2019, at home in Wilmington, NC. She was born on February 27, 1926 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Price Davis in Winston-Salem, NC. She was a graduate of Salem Academy and the College of Practical Arts and Letters at Boston University.

From 1978 to 1992, Jessie Leigh served as Chairman of the Board of Davis, Inc., a company founded by her father in Winston-Salem. With her sister Betty Davis Britt, she oversaw the operation of her family's department stores. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, Magna Carta Dames, and Daughters of the American Colonists.

Jessie Leigh was predeceased by her husband William Joseph Boney, Sr., her brother Bruce Davis, and her sister Betty Davis Britt. She is survived by her sons William Joseph Boney, Jr. and wife Marty; Paul Davis Boney and Virginia Pierce; and John Price Boney and wife Karen; and her grandchildren Kristen Boney and husband Doug McBride; Andrew Boney and Matt Garber; Alexandra Boney; Jessica Boney; John Boney, Jr., wife Jennifer, and daughter Margaret Leigh; and Franklin Boney and wife Lauren. Her sister-in-law Betty Boney, nephew James Britt and wife Brenda as well as numerous Boney nieces and nephews provided much love and comfort to Jessie Leigh, especially in her later years.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Leo Warshauer, the loving caregivers with Comfort Keepers of Wilmington, the Commons at Brightmore, and Lower Cape Fear Hospice.

Graveside services will be conducted by Andrews Mortuary at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 11, 2019, at Oakdale Cemetery.

Contributions in memory of Jessie Leigh may be made to the William J. Boney Scholarship Endowment, U.N.C.W., University Advancement, 601 South College Rd., Wilmington, NC 28403; the William J. Boney Memorial Endowed Scholarship, 411 N. Front St., Wilmington, NC

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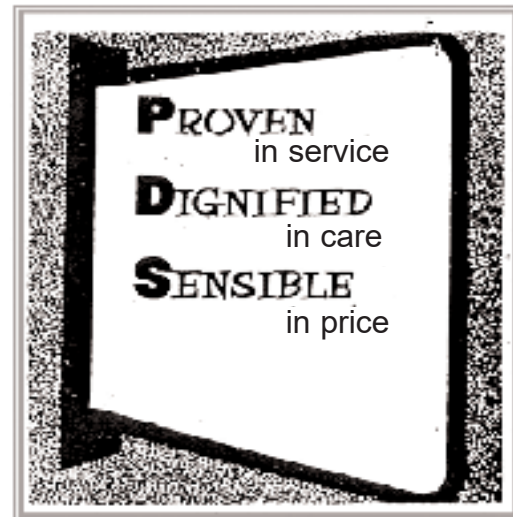
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This the 10th day of October, 2019

Shelia M. Terzi, Administratrix 13034 NC Highway 210 Benson, NC 27504

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

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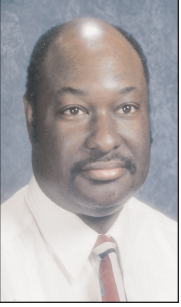
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