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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.



SPEC. ANTONIO MOORE

Wilmingtonian killed in rollover accident in Syria

Specialist Antonio Isaac Devante Moore, 22 of Wilmington, died Friday, January 24, 2020 in Deir ez Zor Province, Syria, while conducting route-clearing operations, according to the United States Defense Department. Moore, a 2016 John T. Hoggard High School graduate, was a member of the football team and also served as a Fire Explorer with the Wilmington Fire Department.

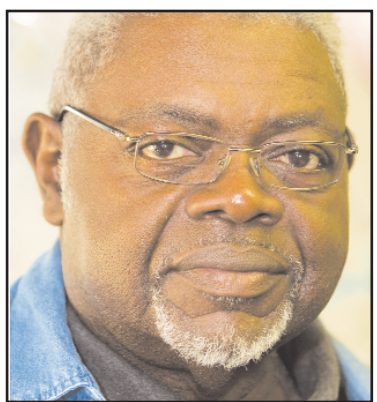
"Our hearts are heavy with the tragic loss of Wilmington native, Spec. Antonio I. Moore. We're honored by his selfless service to this country and are praying for his loved ones and fellow soldiers in the 363rd Engineer Battalion," Governor Roy Cooper tweeted.

His flag draped coffin arrived at Dover Air Force Base on Tuesday.

Spec. Moore is survived by

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BERNEST HEWETT

A ROLE MODEL

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
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She is the daughter of a farmer and a school teacher. Her father was Mr. Irvin Monroe, and her mother was Mrs. Jessie Monroe. She was a great educator here in Brunswick County. She taught school over most of Brunswick County back when most Black schools had a high dropout rate. She had the ability to keep children in school and teach them at the same time. There is a school in Brunswick County named after Mrs. Jessie Marie Monroe. She passed education down to students all over

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NC'S MARCH 3RD PRIMARY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO VOTE

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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It's 2020, a critical election year for statewide and national contests. North Carolina will join the rest of the country in selecting governors, legislators, congress members, and, of course, the President on November 6.

However, first, registered Democrats and Republicans will select their November candidates during the all-important March 3 "Super Tuesday" primaries, where fifteen states and American Samoa

will be involved.

North Carolina will be one of them.

Lawmakers moved North Carolina's primaries to March 3 several years ago so that it could have a greater impact on who the presidential nominee may be.

Primaries, unlike general elections, traditionally are decided by political party purists, who vote in an effort to steer their party's nominee more

towards their vision. Thus, during primaries, Democrats select from several candidates vying to lead them in November, and Republicans likewise.



As a voter, one's job is make sure that his or her registration to cast his or her ballot on March 3 and November 6 is correct and up to date, especially if he or she has moved since

the last election in which he or she voted. This can be done by checking for the correct name, address and

party affiliation at the site Board of Elections website - [https:// www.ncsbe.gov/Voters/Voter-Tools](https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voters/Voter-Tools). You can also request an absentee ballot there at well.

Also a person must make sure he or she knows where his or her proper polling place location is.

Recently, by order of a federal judge, voter photo identification will NOT be required when the ballot is cast in the March 3 primary. Indeed, absentee ballots are already being sent out. No decision has been made about the Nov. 6 general, pending a trial to decide the matter.



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KOBE BRYANT AND DAUGHTER, GIANNA

CONSTRUCTING A SECOND ACT
Basketball legend Kobe Bryant had transcended sports

BY **BARRINGTON M. SALMON**
FOR TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

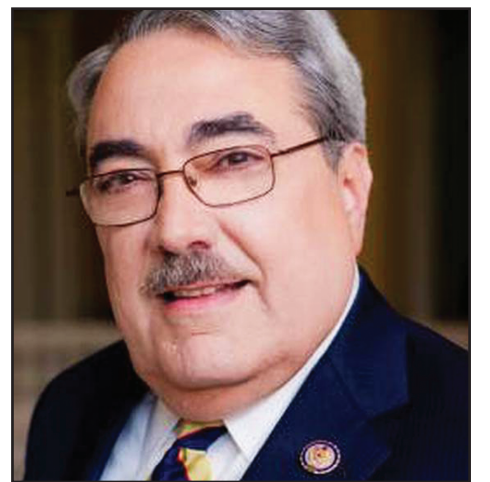
Sports fans in the United States and around the world - plus people who are not necessarily sports-oriented - are mourning the sudden death of NBA legend Kobe Bryant at the age of 41.

Two years removed from retirement after 20 years in the NBA, the five-time NBA champion and Los Angeles Lakers superstar was settling into retire-

ment and immersing himself in sports, entertainment, his family and business ventures when he was killed in a helicopter crash, Sunday, Jan. 26, near Calabasas, Calif.

The crash also killed eight other passengers, including his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, a budding basketball phenom. In addition to millions of adoring fans, he leaves to mourn him Vanessa Laine

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CONGRESSMAN G. K. BUTTERFIELD

Butterfield: "The truth is on trial" during Trump's impeachment case

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A North Carolina congressman, who more than qualifies to serve as a U. S. House manager to present evidence at President Donald Trump's impeachment trial in the Senate, says that, even

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Trump impeachment: Is John Bolton the President's 'worst nightmare?'

BY **DR. BARBARA REYNOLDS**
FOR TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Even if watching Perry Mason or Law and Order have been your only contact with the criminal justice system you would know real trials have witnesses and documents which the fraudulent Republican-controlled impeachment shenanigans are determined not to allow. But now there is a political hand grenade that could blow the lid off the GOP's schemes to block important witnesses to

provide testimony or documents that could shed negative light on the President.

This new bombshell is the release of allegations in former national security adviser John Bolton's book manuscript that President Trump had illegally tied military aid to Ukraine contingent on probes into vice president Joe Biden, Trump's most feared political rival. In Bolton's not yet published book, this account is not hearsay but allegedly first hand conversations that Bolton had with Trump and key advisers,

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House impeachment managers head toward the Trump impeachment trial.

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such as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Bolton's lawyers have said their client is ready to testify in the Senate impeachment trial. And if he does, Bolton, who has a 40 year-career in foreign service, just might be that white knight in shining armor the Democrats are hoping for.

In fact, the GOP Senators' refusal to hear Bolton and other key White House officials will only add more credibility that the trial was a sham to hide a corrupt president and will not fare well with voters, which polls said 70 percent wanted the trial to include witnesses and documents.

The mustachioed Bolton has been described potentially as the president's worst nightmare. Trump has directed all executive-branch officials not to comply with congressional subpoenas. Most senior White House officials have complied with Trump's gag order, but since Bolton has resigned his position, he

could testify, but it is a safe bet the Senate won't allow it.

Here are some of the comments Bolton has already made that could boil up Trump's already hot water; Bolton reportedly told some "all in the loop" Trump aides that he did not want to be part of "whatever drug deal" certain other officials were "cooking up" in Ukraine.

Bolton has also described Rudy Giuliani as Trump's personal bagman who spearheaded what witnesses have described as operating a backdoor channel in Ukraine, as a problem. Bolton was also reportedly opposed to the smear and intimidation campaign Giuliani and Trump carried out against Marie Yovanovitch, the US's ambassador to Ukraine, who was trying to block some of the irregularities.

Former senior administration officials have told news sources that people in Trump's orbit were frightened over what Bolton might divulge, but others feel Bolton might pull back because he has much to lose depending on how he plays his cards. First of all, bil-

lionaires and organized crime elements that reportedly are part of Trump's inner circle have the resources to buy loyalty, handsomely award their friends, and gravely punish their enemies.

Bolton has a Political Action Committee that wealthy donors use to support Republicans who support Bolton's hawkish foreign policy experts, according to the Washington Examiner. If Bolton turns on Trump all that cash will dry up and since Trump is certain not to be convicted by the GOP controlled Senate, why should Bolton damage his future by issuing a potentially damaging blow?

We should have learned by all the hopes that were dashed by Robert Mueller's probe which although important was undercut by Atty. Gen. Barr which Mueller didn't fight. The GOP top echelon are part of the same eco-system, sharing friends, funds and futures. Could Bolton really exist outside the GOP bubble?

Furthermore, if the

Senators refuse to allow Bolton to testify within the trial, Bolton's book will be even more of a money-making best seller. And after the trial Trump will have free

reign to continue his criminal activities to help him remain in office. So the only loser here is truth which in the GOP climate really doesn't matter.

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Brunswick County, who came into contact with her, especially her daughter (Mrs. Meriam Monroe Reid). She graduated high school here in Brunswick County and then attended Livingstone College at Salisbury, North Carolina, where she earned her degree in nursing. After graduation, she returned to Brunswick County and became one of the first Black nurses hired in Southport at Doshier Hospital. She worked there until the need for a better living for her came along. She moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked and lived over forty years or until she retired from Walter Reed Hospital and decided to return home where she grew up. However, she didn't stop there. She worked for the Brunswick County Health Department until a few years ago. She still attends to the sick in the community and attends Zion Hill Church. She started her career when it was almost impossible for Black nurses to get jobs in the South and worked through all the things that were put into her way and made a great success out of it.

During Black History Month, we will be honoring trailblazers of our community. If there are young ladies who don't know what you want to achieve in life, come to Zion Hill Church and talk with this lady. She is there about every Sunday.

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

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REP. ADAMS ENDORSES JOE BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT

[WASH. D.C.] Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12), has now joined her colleagues, Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1) and state Sen. Paul

Lowe (D - Forsyth), chair of the N.C. Legislative Black Caucus, in endorsing former Vice President Joe Biden for president. "He's the best-equipped candidate to work with Congress to pass a progressive agenda that includes historic investments in affordable housing, health-care and higher education," Rep. Adams said in a statement. "I'm encoring Joe not only because he will beat

Donald Trump, but also because he is ready to face the challenges of the presidency at the drop of a hat." North Carolina's primaries are March 3rd.

REP. ADAMS PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE GREENSBORO FOUR

[WASH. D.C.] On Tuesday, Congresswoman Alma Adams delivered remarks in tribute and a resolution hon-

oring the Greensboro Four, four North Carolina A&T University students who walked into the downtown Woolworth store, sat at the segregated lunch counter, and ordered food from the "whites only" section on Feb. 1, 1960, sixty years ago this Saturday. The courageous actions of David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan and Joseph McNeil, helped to relight the 1960s

civil rights movement.

ROLAND GRISE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND TEACHER CHARGED WITH FELONY SEX CRIMES

[WILMINGTON] A school band teacher at Roland Grise Middle School has been charged with six counts of indecent liberties with a child and six counts of indecent liberties with a student by a teacher. The teacher, Peter

Frank, allegedly has been committing the crimes since 2003, with most of the occurrences in 2019, published reports say. Frank turned himself in to the NHC Sheriff's Office Monday. He is being held on \$750,000 bond. Anyone with any further information is urged to call 910-798-4260.

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parents William Bernard and Crystal Eunice Felder

Verreen, brothers Shawn O. Dunbar, Malik N. Moore and Caliel M. Verreen, sister Shaneene E. Angus, paternal grandmother Cathy Rollinson Claude and maternal grand-

parents Brenda and Lionel Felder.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Wilmington Funeral and Cremation. Memories and condolences

may be shared by going to wilmingtoncares.com. The family requests that those who wish to send flowers, yellow ribbons, food or flags direct them to Northside

Bridge Builders Building, 1019 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina starting January 30, 2020 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. For more information please contact

Lashonda Sidberry Teague 910-742-9989. Cards should be mailed to Renee Graham, C/O Specialist Antonio Moore, 309 North Carolina Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28401.

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Bryant, his wife of 19 years, and three other daughters: Natalia Bryant, 17, Bianka Bryant, 3, and Capri Bryant, 7 months.

The group was on their way to Bryant's Mamba Sports Academy in Thousand Oaks, Calif., where Bryant was to coach a game in which Gianna was to play. Federal investigators are trying to determine what specifically caused the crash which occurred in dense fog.

Bryant's death has triggered an outpouring of grief, shock and disbelief among devastated players, fans, celebrities and just those who equated his name with excellence. A common theme offered by tributes is that he had transcended basketball and had become larger than sports.

"Kobe was a legend on the court and just getting started in what would have been just as meaningful a second act," tweeted President Barack Obama. "To lose Gianna is even more heartbreaking to us as parents. Michelle and I send love and prayers to Vanessa and the entire Bryant family on an unthinkable day."

President Trump deflected from his tweeting on impeachment to call the reports on the basketball star "terrible news". He later released a tweet that critics observed was strikingly simi-

lar to President Obama's:

"Kobe Bryant, despite being one of the truly great basketball players of all time, was just getting started in life. He loved his family so much, and had such strong passion for the future. The loss of his beautiful daughter, Gianna, makes this moment even more devastating." Trump tweeted. "Melania and I send our warmest condolences to Vanessa and the wonderful Bryant family. May God be with you all!"

Many struggled to find deeper meaning in the sudden death of a person so beloved who had become a symbol of excellence.

"I didn't know him well. I only met him a couple of times," said former Vice President Biden on the presidential campaign trail in Iowa as reported by the Washington Examiner. "It makes you realize that you gotta make every day count, every single solid day, every single day count."

Jalen Rose, a former college and professional basketball player and sports analyst with ESPN described his friend, Bryant, in terms beyond basketball.

"He is remembered for his dedication to his craft, educated, speaker of multiple languages, father, husband, disciplined hardworking, always gracious and respectful," he said in a tribute. "He was always the hardest working guy in the room, smartest

guy in the room ... he was Industry tastemaker, gave so much to humanity and is gone too soon."

Kobe Bryant was born in Philadelphia, the only boy and youngest of three children of former NBA player Joe Bryant and Pamela Cox Bryant. He was first drafted by the Charlotte Hornets in 1996 straight out of Lower Merion High School.

Through hard work and extraordinary dedication to the game, he was seen as a transcendent player, unquestionably one among the best to ever play the game of basketball. But his success impacted beyond the game. In post-game retirement, he inspired hundreds of thousands of young people to aim high, push past their limits, whether it was on a court, a football pitch or in the creative arts.

Kobe, who won five NBA titles and who was an 18-time All-Star, won an Oscar for Best Animated Short in 2019 for the film "Dear Basketball." The six-minute film is based on a poem Bryant wrote in 2015 announcing his retirement from the NBA. Bryant wrote and narrated the short, in which he shares his love of the sport for basketball.

Bryant considered himself to be a storyteller and had been moving into the film and entertainment industry since his retirement from basketball in 2016. He wrote, produced and presented a

series for ESPN called Detail, in which he explained the intricacies of athletes in their respective sports. His multimedia company, Granity Studios, produced the ESPN+ series Detail and the podcast "The Punies." In addition, he helped create four sports fantasy children's books. According to media reports, the second volume of The Wizenard Series: Season 1, is set to hit bookstores on March 31.

Still it was basketball for which he will always be world renown. Sports lawyer and businessman Michael Huyghue said an icon of the industry has been lost.

"What he stood for is an early example of an athlete transcending his sport," said Huyghue, author, sports agent and president of Michael Huyghue and Associates, LLC. "His work in the community, building a brand, his eclectic nature and speaking several languages are a part of his legacy. "He was a very rare breed. He set the bar at a place where a lot of athletes could aspire to."

Sports Journalist Elton Hayes, Jr. said what sticks out to him is his involvement with children and young people.

"I have been watching all these years. He's a global icon," said Hayes, who writes for CNHI News in State College, Pennsylvania. "What sticks out after retirement is the role he played with kids. He showed us his paternal side and the passion he had

for women's basketball. The WNBA is the sister organization to the NBA but there are discrepancies in salary and viewership. He was an active participant and took several women under his wing. I would consider him an ambassador for Women's basketball...I think a part of his legacy is the impact on a generation of aspiring athletes. With his Mamba Foundation, we will continue to see his legacy grow and will continue to see the impact."

For the past two years, Bryant had focused on coaching Gianna's AAU team.

"Coaching youth sports is so important to take very seriously because you're helping the emotional [development] of young kids," he said in a recent interview. "So it's understanding not to be overcritical and understanding that [there] are going to be mistakes."

And in an interview with People magazine, published online two days before his death, Bryant said he launched Granity Studios "as a way of teaching valuable life lessons to the next generation, with whatever they hope to do. The goal is to encourage children to develop their own inner magic and believe they can achieve the impossible and do so in a fun way."

Bryant added, "Story-telling has always been an interest of mine, so the transition was an exciting one. I'm being challenged in a completely new way and have really loved the

opportunity to exercise my creative muscles."

Nearly everyone killed in the crash shared a love for basketball, reported the Los Angeles Times. They were Bryant and Gianna, "a budding basketball player who was ready to follow in her father's footsteps; baseball coach John Altobelli, his wife Keri and their basketball-playing daughter Alyssa; mother and daughter Sarah and Payton Chester; Mamba Academy basketball coach Christina Mauser and pilot Ara Zobayan," the Times reported.

The beloved Bryant had a reputation as egotistical, a talented super-achiever, driven and difficult. But friends and colleagues spoke of all the good he's done and the impact he had in his 41 years. "Devastation, heartbroken describes how I feel," said ESPN Analyst Stephen A. Smith. "I saw him on New Year's Eve. He was full of life, happier than I've ever seen him. He was loving life in a peaceful place, euphoric of what laid ahead. He was looking forward to and planning on having a life more prosperous and illustrious than what he had accomplished as a basketball player."

Smith concluded with a thought that's been on the minds of millions since Sunday: "Never in our wildest dreams did we ever believe that the brilliant savant, a man at least trilingual, would leave like this ..."

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though it's a foregone conclusion by many that the Republican majority will likely not convict Trump, or remove him from office, what they do decide and how they decide it will have a lasting impact on the nation.

Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1) was more than just a civil rights attorney in his pre-congressional days. He served as a Resident Superior Court judge for over 13 years and was subsequently appointed to the N. C. Supreme Court before deciding to run for Congress in 2004.

"Based on his experience and the House impeachment hearings, which produced two articles of impeachment, there is little question about the evidence against Pres. Trump," Rep. Butterfield says.

"I know what the evidence is; I know it's a very strong case of obstruction of Congress and misconduct in office," he said Saturday in Greenville, just minutes before the President's defense lawyers began their two-hour presentation to the U.S. Senate.

"I was there when the evidence was presented in the House. It's a compelling case that calls for the presentation of witnesses and documents

in the Senate. I would be very disappointed if the American people were not given the benefit of documents and witnesses during this trial."

At press time, lawyers for Pres. Trump were still presenting their defense that the Republican President did nothing wrong when he tried to cajole the Ukrainian President to announce an investigation into former Vice Pres. Joe Biden's son, Hunter, for sitting on a Ukrainian gas company's board, and cut off military aid to the country until he did.

Democratic House managers, led by Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), charged dur-

ing their Senate presentation last week that Trump imperiled national security just to hurt a potential political rival for re-election with false corruption charges.

Democrats in the Senate need at least four Republicans to vote with them for witnesses and documents to be allowed into the trial. Ironically, Trump's defense attorneys have said the House Democrats' case is weak because they don't have certain documents and witnesses, documents and witnesses they can't get unless the Senate is allowed to take a vote.

A passage from former National Security Advisor John Bolton's upcoming book

about his brief term in the Trump White House seems to, according to press reports, confirm that the President tied Ukrainian assistance in investigating the Bidens with release of their military aid.

Democrats are demanding that Bolton be sworn in as a witness.

"President Trump is not on trial right now," Congressman Butterfield said Saturday. "The truth is on trial. The Constitution is on trial. These senators are beginning to appreciate the gravity of the moment."

When asked how can he tell, given reports of senators' ignoring the House managers' presentation, playing with finger toys, reading

books or walking away from their seats, Rep. Butterfield cited something that, thus far, has gone not noted.

"I think there's a critical mass, ten or twelve senators, who haven't, as of yet, made any public pronouncements about their positions, and I believe they will decide this case fairly and, at least, require the production of witnesses and documents."

Of special note to African-Americans, history was made last week when House managers, Rep. Val Demings (D-FL) and Rep. Hakeem Jeffries became the first Black lawmakers ever to prosecute a presidential impeachment case on the floor of the U. S. Senate.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Detractor-in-Chief overstates economic progress

(Via TriceEdneWire.com)

Donald John Trump has been impeached, and to let him tell it, that isn't bothering him, and we'd believe him if he hadn't posted more than tweets in just one day. But his persistent overuse of the word "hoax," both to refer to impeachment and to anything else he doesn't like (see: climate change), proves otherwise.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

45 delivered remarks during a keynote speech at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland but then declined to participate in the scheduled question and answer session afterwards. During his speech, Trump behaved in character, providing his audience with "the big brag." As usual, he had some trouble with the truth, complaining about the economy he inherited.

"America's economy was in a rather dismal state," he said. These comments clearly ignore the work that President Barack Obama did to pull us out of the Great Recession. Of course, to let 45 tell it, President Obama did nothing right. But as the unemployment rate fell during Obama's tenure, 45 dismissed the progress, arguing that the statistics were wrong. Now that the unemployment rate is at a 50-year low, he is happy to quote the Bureau of Labor Statistics same data to tout the improvement he has supposedly made in the economy.

Atypically, 45 seemed to stick to his script during his speech, avoiding the adlibs and ad hominem attacks he often makes headlines for. Since he was booed after his post-speech Q&A at Davos in 2018, I suppose he was not eager to repeat the experience. Still, he was unable to stick to basic facts, exaggerating his successes and minimizing his failures.

Take the growth rate, for example. According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, when President Obama left office in the last quarter of 2016, the US had a growth rate of 3.5 percent. During the third quarter of 2019 (the latest data available), growth was not much higher at 3.8 percent.

Growth rates, however, fluctuate. While during some quarters 45 has presided over an economy growing at nearly six percent, he had also seen growth rates as low as 3.8 percent, and economists project the growth rate is slowing. In contrast, President Obama experienced growth rates, after the great recession ended, ranging from as low as three percent to higher than five percent. He also did so without the stimulus of a tax cut that favored the wealthy. The Trump growth rates

are both a result of ill-advised, deficit-expanding tax cuts, and an inherited record-breaking Obama-era expansion.

45 said he would expand manufacturing jobs. Really? In 2019 fewer than 46,000 manufacturing jobs were created, compared to 264,000 the previous year. The decrease in manufacturing jobs is likely due to his recently imposed tariffs.

So why was 45 boasting in Switzerland? Mostly because his impeachment trial started at the same time as the World Economic Forum. Too bad that strategy didn't work. The news was focused on impeachment, all the time, while the World Economic Forum is getting far less attention. His upbeat and exaggerated claim of economic success was designed to deflect both from impeachment, and from his party's shenanigans.

When 45 talks about the US economy, he never talks about poverty or people at the bottom, largely because he does not much care about them. His administration frequently shows this disdain for the poor by implementing new rules targeting the disadvantaged. Thanks to a policy change on SNAP eligibility, 700,000 people will no longer be able to receive food stamps. Is this a necessary byproduct of economic growth? Further, the Department of Agriculture has taken us all the way to the Reagan days when ketchup was declared a vegetable! Now, many of the changes that First Lady Michelle Obama advocated for have been rolled back under this administration. Schools will be able to cut the amount of fruits and vegetables that students are served, increase allowable sodium content in foods and get away with offering burgers and pizza as full meals. This is a leap backward, especially when you consider that most of the children who consume school lunches are low and moderate income.

While world poverty is a challenge, 45 is hardly likely to even mention our domestic poverty to an audience full of world leaders. Thus, he was complimented for his "optimism" which is a far off idea and outright joke to many Americans who are hurting under this administration. Deflection, deflection, deflection. 45 may have run away from impeachment in Davos, but he can't hide from it. And while the Senate is likely to acquit 45 on the charges against him, the majority of the House of Representatives voted for impeachment. It is part of his legacy.

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Visual Voice



MATTERS OF OPINION

A call to action

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is universally recognized as having been remarkably inspirational. The world recognizes that the beacon of his life expands beyond geographic boundaries. Our community has come to honor the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday as a day to celebrate his message of peace and human dignity — an immortal message that is proving itself to be trans-generational. In that spirit, this year, as in years past, many of us found a variety of activities designed to honor and commemorate his life and works.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

This MLK Birthday, I celebrated with hundreds of others. We reveled in song and a sincere spirit of unity. We listened to eloquent speakers who spoke to the virtues and accomplishments of Dr. King.

The joy and enthusiasm of the assemblage was clearly apparent, but I felt something was missing.

We had clearly celebrated Dr. King as a "Drum Major for Justice," but we had failed to elevate him to the position he most often occupied, leading the Vanguard against the evils of racism, discrimination and exploitation. While I know that this was not the case in all observances, one instance of this omission is one too many. I find no fault in the feel-good spirit of our observances, but we must never forget or omit the fact that, although peaceful, Dr. King was a relentless warrior against injustice.

In our current national emergency of corruption and divisiveness, I can only believe that Dr. King would be in the forefront of sounding the alarm for action. I believe that he would be proactive in the fight against the current occupant of The White House and his Wild-West Administration. Even in his most generous disposition, I cannot see Dr. King tolerating the volume of lies that impact negatively on the lives of millions of Americans. Chief

among them is 45's ego-based opposition to everything Obama, especially the ACA (Obamacare) which, most notably, provides health insurance for millions and protects insurance eligibility for pre-existing medical conditions.

Many of us forget or ignore that before his assassination in Memphis, Dr. King was in the midst of an economic campaign for fair wages for city garbage collectors. I cannot be convinced that today he would not be leading a campaign against income inequity and for a living-wage for minimum wage workers. He understood that the consequences of low wages and poverty led to self-perpetuating social disparities.

I am sure that Dr. King would place great emphasis on issues of voting rights. He, like most who pay attention, would know that the current trend of voter suppression is the only option for a political party that cannot achieve policy objectives by allowing free, fair and open elections. He would be vigorous in his vocal protest of gerrymandering, closing polling places, purging voter lists and other

pernicious methods of suppression.

I can see him benignly unforgiving of those who would relinquish their right to vote with the excuse, "My vote won't count anyway."

To the satisfaction of a majority of Americans, I can see Dr. King promoting a thorough and complete impeachment trial of 45. He would recognize the threat of the current administration to our Constitutional way-of-life and guarantees. He would perceive the run-amok, "do the bidding of Trump" Republican Senate led by "Moscow Mitch McConnell" as a clear and present danger to our democracy.

If he could speak to us from his rest, I believe Dr. King would admonish us as he did in life. "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetuate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."

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RAINBOW COALITION

Let's not censor Dr. King's life even as we glorify him

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As another year passes with celebrations marking the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, I worry about the dangers of neutering Dr. King's life, turning him into a "dreamer" who became a martyr. We shouldn't forget that Dr. King was a leader, a man of conscience and of action.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

He sought to transform America and that forced him to be a disrupter — and to bear the wounds of being unpopular in a just cause. With segregation the law of the land and voting rights suppressed, Dr. King understood the only way change would come would be by disrupting an unjust system. He believed in nonviolence, but not in passivity. One of my favorite quotes of Dr. King was when he was asked what his favorite demonstration was.

"This week's," he responded, even as he planned for the

next week's demonstrations. Dr. King opposed those who equated quiet with peace. We were told to be quiet at the back of the bus, quiet in the face of oppression. He understood that true peace came only with justice, and justice could not be achieved without disruption. He was not an idle dreamer; he was clear about wanting to amass power. He emphasized the drive for the Voting Rights Act, to protect the power of the vote, because that would give African Americans the power to change their conditions.

Consider the 2016 election, where Donald Trump lost the popular vote nationally, but won the electoral college by the margin of less than 80,000 votes in three key states — Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. In Michigan; 46,765 in Wisconsin; 22,177 in Pennsylvania. In each state, eligible African American voters could have changed the election if they had turned out to vote. In 2020, Dr. King would be leading efforts to register new voters in numbers larger than those margins as a measure of their power.

There are more 18-year-old voters than 81-year-old voters.

If they register and vote, they can change the course of history. Dr. King was fearless in the cause of justice. He realized early that the war in Vietnam was an unjust folly that would not be won. The cost of that war was draining the funds from the war on poverty at home. He came out publicly against the war in a dramatic speech at Riverside Church, publicly criticizing the Democratic president, Lyndon Johnson, with whom he had worked to achieve the end of segregation and the Voting Rights Bill.

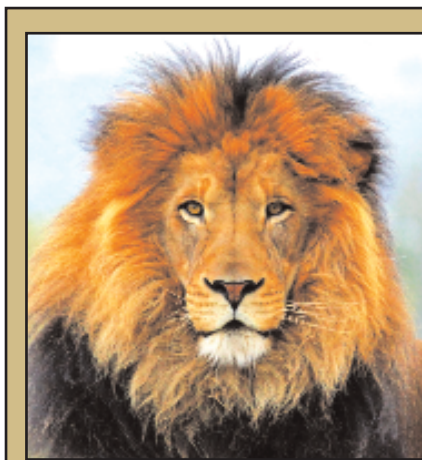
He was savaged by the establishment media, criticized by leading liberals. Black leaders spoke out against him. At the height of the controversy, he was seen unfavorably by three-fourths of whites, and as "irrelevant" by a majority of blacks. The FBI intensified its covert operations against him, deeming him a national security threat. He was deluged with threats of assassination. He knew he would spark a fierce reaction but realized that he had no choice but to speak. The Vietnam debacle would divide the country and eliminate any hope of rebuilding at home. Dr. King,

of course, was proved right. He was right about the injustice of segregation and of efforts to suppress voting rights.

He was right about the need for economic justice in the United States, for basic economic rights that would extend to people of all races. He was right about the need for a war on poverty rather than war abroad. And he was right that the Vietnam War was a costly, unjust debacle that could never be won. Many more knew that he was right, but too few had the courage of their convictions, the courage to speak out, the commitment to action to make things better.

Let us not censor Dr. King's life even as we glorify him. What made him remarkable wasn't his dream, but his willingness to sacrifice, to act, to work to make that dream real. Those who would seek to emulate Dr. King would be well advised to launch voter registration and get out the vote drives. Use the power that he helped provide to build even more power, and more justice.

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



"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB

TOO BE EQUAL

New Jersey does the right thing for diverse communities

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

“When districts with prisons receive enhanced representation, every other district in the state without a prison sees its votes diluted. And this vote dilution is even larger in the districts with the highest incarceration rates. Thus, the communities that bear the most direct costs of crime are therefore the communities that are the biggest victims of prison-based gerrymandering. The Census Bureau’s decision to count incarcerated people in the wrong place interferes with equal representation in virtually every state.” – **Prison Policy Initiative, The Prison Gerrymandering Project**



Marc Morial

incarceration crisis has thrust 2.3 million Americans into correctional facilities – nearly one in 100. Black people are incarcerated at five times the rate of whites, so more than half of the incarcerated are Black, most from urban communities. Most of these prisons are located in overwhelmingly white, rural communities. And when it comes to the Census, Black, urban Americans who are incarcerated – and who can’t vote – are counted as residents of those white rural communities rather than the diverse urban communities where they live.

Hundreds of prison communities around the country counties have a 10-to-1 ratio of racial over-representation – in other words, the portion of the prison that is Black – and can’t vote – is at least 10 times larger than the Black portion of the surrounding county.

This siphoning of Black urban political power into white, rural communities is the modern-day version of the Three-Fifths Compromise, and violates the principle of One Person, One Vote.

Some states are rejecting this relic of the racist past, and I’m pleased to congratulate New Jersey for becoming the latest to reject prison gerrymandering. Governor Phil Murphy this week signed a bill requiring incarcerated persons to be counted in their home districts when legislative boundaries are redrawn. Congratulations also to the bill’s co-sponsors, Senators Sandra Cunningham and Nilsa Cruz-Perez and Assembly members Shavonda Sumter, Raj Mukherji, and Annette Quijano.

According to the Newark *Star-Ledger*, more New Jersey inmates come from Essex than any other county, but most of the state’s correctional facilities are located in counties to the south. That meant more than 1,600 Camden residents were counted as residents of other counties.

The problem is even worse in other states. According to

the Prison Gerrymandering Project, 60 percent of Illinois prisoners are from Cook County (Chicago), yet 99 percent of them are counted outside the county. In Texas, one rural district’s population is almost 12 percent prisoners. Eighty-eight residents from that district, then, are represented in the State House as if they were 100 residents from urban Houston or Dallas.

New Jersey is the 7th state to end prison gerrymandering – the other states are New York, California, Maryland, Delaware, Nevada, and Washington. More than one in four Americans now live in a jurisdiction that has ended prison gerrymandering.

State action, while vitally important, won’t solve the problem at the federal level, or affect the unfair allocation of federal resources that results from unfair Census practices, but it is a step closer to the ideal of One Person, One Vote.

Every state should follow the New Jersey’s lead and end prison gerrymandering to ensure equal representation for every American.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

This land is our land

The powers that have worked hard to keep alive the myth of American exceptionalism. That idea set the United States on a moral plane that was envied by democracies all over the world. Which is fine ...except that this country has never really been a democracy.

Historian Eric Foner wrote in *The Second Founding* that democracy in this country did not begin until after the Civil War. Before that time, the country was unashamed in its dedication to the perpetuation of white supremacy. The words of the Declaration of Independence notwithstanding, the white men who wrote the Declaration and the Constitution were clear: they were making a country for white men, preferably wealthy, white, and Protestant.

Africans, Native Americans, women, and later, Hispanics and other ethnicities, were not a part of the dream of America, what it was and what it was to be. The white people who traveled from England to America across the Atlantic Ocean would later declare that they were new Israelites, for whom the Atlantic Ocean had been their wilderness. They claimed that God was on their side, sanctioning their intentional extermination of the Native Americans whose land this was before they ever landed.

We had a government, but it was not a democracy, which dictates that there is one person, one vote. Even as we invaded other countries, forcing democracy on them, we were not there. Thomas Jefferson knew it, and so did many of the founders and their progeny. We enslaved whomever we could, beginning with Africans, but not limited to them. We were a capitalistic country, using people

whom the powers that be considered to be "less than" to make our country an economic behemoth.

Black people were, as W.E.B. DuBois said, a problem, but only after black people began to demand their rights as human beings, and a major right for which we fought was the right to vote. We were being used to enrich our oppressors, and denied the right to use the only tool we had to perhaps disengage and weaken their power by being denied the right to vote. James Baldwin wrote in *"We Can Change the Country,"* If we care about this country - and not only in the area of civil rights - it is time to serve notice on our representatives that they are under the obligation to represent us and that they cannot be said to represent us if they continually betray twenty million citizens. It is time to let the government know that we will no longer accept this peculiar, pathetic excuse, "We have no right to act."

It was our land. It is still our land. We built it; American wealth was built on the backs of black people, with black hands. We are still building it, working in minimum wage jobs, making barely enough to live while the owners of the corporations that hire us continue to realize record profits. The plantations still exist and we are still enslaved.

This land, though, is our land. We are the employers of the legislators who ignore us and pass laws and policies against us. The powers that be are trying desperately to keep America white. The report that says America will no longer be majority white by 2044 has those same powers worried, and intent on doing everything they can to maintain white America. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/22/us/white-americans-minority-population.html>) They are working as hard as they can to snatch from people of color; poor people, elderly people, college students, Muslims and immigrants from brown and black countries from realizing their power - which comes primarily through the vote. (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/supreme-court-greenlights-trumps-public-charge-rule-to-restrict-legal-immigration/>)

But the powers that be do not realize, or will not accept the fact - that this country is headed away from its whiteness. This land is not just their land, as they claim. It is our land, the land of and for many. It is unclear as to what this president and his policies will mean for America in the short run, but in the long run, the truth will bear out; the land belongs to all of us, especially those of us who built it.

It can be disheartening to listen to and watch what is going on, but truth trumps evil every time. It might take a while, but truth, "forever on the scaffold," will win out. It will win out because this land ...is our land.

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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believe in a bold model of human services founded on compassion and honesty.

These are some of the challenges that we don’t hear about enough on the debate stage or on the campaign trail. And they are the challenges that too often get short shrift by Congress and state lawmakers – because they don’t lend themselves to easy solutions. They require diffi-

cult conversations, showing up, and staying the course.

At the dawn of this decade, we need lawmakers to devote more attention to solving problems like rising rates of homelessness and persistent high rates of recidivism. At CORE, we are committed to playing our part. We need more courageous partners in government.

Jack Brown is the chairman and chief executive of CORE DC, as well as the founder and chief executive of CORE Services Group.

THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



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Hidden tax increases on airline tickets won't fly

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

Why is it that poor people are always asked to pay more in America? Last year, I warned about the possibility that Congress might try to impose a new tax on air travelers. Well, it’s 2020 — and here we go again.

Even in the midst of a historic impeachment trial and potential military conflict abroad, lawmakers on Capitol Hill have managed to find time to dust off their plan to soak air travelers, including working people who struggle everyday just to make ends meet.

Make no mistake about it: this is a tax hike, even though backers of this plan won’t call it a tax hike, for obvious reasons. And it’s one that hits relatively low-wage workers harder than it hits those who make a lot more money. And it hits those who routinely fly for business especially hard too.

This week, Democratic leaders are expected to unveil their broad infrastructure agenda for the coming year – a plan that is sorely needed given our aging highways, railways and other transportation needs.

But here is what is galling: sources tell me that buried in the broad array of transportation initiatives is a proposal to raise the so-called Passenger Facility Charge (PFC), a hidden fee on airline travelers that Congress enacted long ago to help pay for renovation projects at air-

ports around the country.

Most Americans have probably never heard of the PFC, now capped at about \$4.50 per person for each leg of a flight. But working families across the country, including our readers, may soon feel the impact if some members of Congress have their way.

Here is how the fee works. Passengers are charged the fee at the ticket counter; allowing the airport that collects it to keep it for local repairs and renovations. Current proposals in Congress include one to nearly double the fee to

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\$8.50 per person for each leg of a flight. Another possibility is eliminating the cap entirely, thereby allowing airports to charge whatever they like.

If the fee is raised to \$8.50, a family of four on a trip with a connecting flight would pay nearly \$150 in this tax alone – a tax that is layered on top of the price of the ticket itself, a major reason people don’t notice it. Such a substantial increase could be the deciding factor between that family taking a much-deserved vacation or staying home.

While most people agree that it is in the public’s best interest to have safe and efficient airports that can accommodate increased passenger

travel, proponents of increasing the passenger fee have been a little misleading about the condition of the nation’s airports.

In reality, airports are undergoing something of a revitalization, particularly when compared to rail or highway travel. Passengers are traveling at record rates, airport revenues are at all-time highs, and infrastructure upgrades are booming across the nation.

Just take a look at the balance sheets of our nation’s airports. U. S. airports have over \$16 billion of unrestricted cash and investments on hand, with \$7 billion sitting in the aviation trust fund. And, in the last decade, more than \$165 billion in federal aid has been directed to airports for improvement projects at America’s largest 30 airports alone.

Some of these projects have been completed. Others are currently underway. And some have received approval to move forward in the coming months. For example, Los Angeles International Airport and New York’s John F. Kennedy Airport are both undergoing multi-billion-dollar upgrades. Smaller facilities like the Long Island MacArthur Airport and the Shawnee Regional Airport are also upgrading their terminals and runways.

The bottom line, then, is that there is no substantive basis for a fee hike. And it makes even less sense politically.

With Election Day just

months away, most lawmakers will likely make the safe calculation and reject any proposed hike presented on the floor for a vote, lest they stir a voter backlash. Yet it should be worrisome that House Democratic leaders appear willing to put a fee hike on the table for consideration.

It could be nothing more than a trial balloon released in an attempt to test whether rank-and-file lawmakers have the stomach for taking up such a measure in an election year. But even if it is just that, there’s still reason for concern, given that even unpopular ideas have a way of gaining sudden momentum in the topsy-turvy politics of Congress.

Air travel remains one of the most popular and necessary forms of transportation because it is relatively safe and convenient. But it should not become more expensive because a hidden tax that few people expected is added.

Congress should not put air travel out of the reach of American families who are still trying to get out of poverty. Thus, increasing taxes on airline tickets won’t fly for Black Americans and won’t fly for all others who believe in economic fairness and equality of opportunity.

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We need political courage on homelessness and recidivism

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

With the Democratic primary kicking into gear and the general election right around the corner, the stage is set for an impassioned battle of ideas and policy initiatives that could shape our country for the next decade.

Fortunately, sitting lawmakers and candidates from both sides of the aisle have shown a willingness to take on some of the greatest challenges of our time – from health care and the economy to education and foreign policy.

But too often missing from this of menu of priorities have been the issues at the margins that make for uncomfortable conversations, such as rising rates of adult and youth homelessness and the persistent obstacles faced by individuals transitioning back into society after periods of incarceration. It goes without saying that these problems intersect with those that receive the most attention, but a failure

to address them head on is a deficit of courage that we can ill afford.

Now, more than ever, we need our political leaders to be unafraid in naming these challenges, bold in forging solutions, and committed to making lasting progress. And every one of us has a moral responsibility to do our part.

As the CEO of CORE Services, a nonprofit human services and community development organization operating programs in New York and Washington DC, I know firsthand that extending unconditional compassion and providing support for those who need it can transform lives.

Every day, at emergency housing shelters we operate in both cities, people with nowhere else to turn show up at our doors: it’s the single

mother who has fled an abusive situation with her young daughter; the young man struggling with the onset of a disorienting and destabilizing mental health condition; the LGBTQ teenager who was tormented with relentless bullying and threats of violence.

These are some of the most courageous and resilient people you’ll ever meet. And when they are given the gift of a safe and stable support system – a hand to help them get back on their feet – they can become thriving members of the local workforce and community. The financial investment in helping someone find the right path, compared to the costs of other public-private programs, is minimal: with support of government agencies, we provide these individuals a comfortable bed to sleep in, nutritional meals to eat, access to health services, and a pathway to employment. The benefits are enormous.

Both New York City and Washington DC have taken significant steps to curb rates of homelessness. Other cities



Jack Brown

New Hanover County

Forever In Our Hearts Banquet for Clara "NaNa" Everett will be held on Saturday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m., 130 N. Front St., Wilmington, NC. The event is a red, black and gold semi-formal affair. Please contact Twalla Clemmons at 910-617-1299 for tickets.

Community Briefs

Chapter 885 wants to announce the counseling services provided at the Chapter office by the Jacksonville Vet Center have been moved to Leland effective immediately. The new location is the Leland Community Building at 1490 Village Road NE. Call 910-577-1100 for details and ask for Joel. All veterans and/or their families are eligible for these services free of charge.

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UNCW Upperman Center presents Susan Taylor



SUSAN TAYLOR SPEAKING AT THE UNCW UPPERMAN CENTER CELEBRATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Wednesday, January 22, 2020, Susan Taylor, the renowned editor emeritus of Essence Magazine wowed an audience of several hundred during the UNCW Upperman Center celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Her presentation, "Our Sunday's Best: A Creative Protest Remembered," focused on the deliberate "church clothing" that civil rights demonstrators wore to create new images of Negroes who were often stereotyped and photographed as being common laborers and maids.

Presenting a dignified presence during 1960s civil rights protests was important to Dr. King, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and other organizers.

Sean Palmer, Director of the Upperman African American Cultural Center, welcomed the presence of Taylor and a diverse audience with a thematic approach, "What it means to be movement makers."

Alex Payton, President of the UNCW Black Student Union emphasized that concept while introducing Taylor as a fourth generation entrepreneur, cosmetics company founder, editor, best-selling author, and non-profit foundation developer of the CARES Mentoring Movement.

"In The Spirit," the title for internationally known Essence Magazine editorials written by Taylor for decades, was used by Upperman Center Program Coordinator, Manuel Lloyd in a video presentation to highlight and introduce Taylor's current passion.

Her CARES Mentoring Movement has recruited, trained, and sent an estimated one hundred fifty thousand mentors to youth-relat-

ed educational and social institutions and organizations.

Lloyd's video presentation focused on troubling statistics. One third of black children live in poverty. The leading cause of death for young black males is homicide.

Taylor, an honorary member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, spent much of her presentation adding motivational talking points that moved beyond 1960s civil rights era needs.

"We Have to know who we are," Taylor said. "We have to know ourselves."

Acknowledging the current political and social concerns that worry many, the speaker said it does not upset her because, "we move in ways we've needed to move in a very long time."

She spoke of the, "Rebuilding The Village," an initiative that she worked on with U.S. Representative Barbara Lee, and other concerned leaders.

Parenting and mentoring needs to address youth problems, including heightened suicide rates, were some of their expressed concerns.

"This is not the rough side of the mountain," Taylor said to the applause and expressed agreement of audience members.

A former Union Theological Seminary student, Taylor also emphasized the need to remember who you are, "human and divine."

The public program included closing remarks and thanks from Hollis Briggs, director of MLK Jr. Celebration of Southeastern NC, and Dr. Kent Guion, the UNCW Chief Diversity Officer.

A large group of regional Delta Sigma Theta Sorority members presented parting gifts to Taylor as they gathered with her on the Kenan Auditorium stage.

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

2020 goals, becoming a homeowner?

TRUTHS: So many leases are fastly coming up for renewal and it's no better time to seriously ask yourself, "Do I really want to keep doing this." If the answer is NO, just like anything else, you must plan your way out of that rental rat race.

I challenge you to fight for this. I encourage you that no matter your current financial situation, homeownership is possible. I plead of you not to let the disappointments of yesteryears tell you it's not obtainable for YOUR family. I know you want it for them, you work hard and you all definitely deserve it. Make it a priority to reach out to a realtor in your area that has a track record of helping 1st-

time buyers. You can search by Google, ask your friends, co-worker and family that has purchased if they have a referral. Finding a Realtor with a heart of service to help guide you from the beginning is so key. This is the biggest investment of your life to date, and you need sound guidance. No matter how you find the Realtor, interview them. Yes, that's right. You want to make sure they have the knowledge and skills to help you. **IMPORTANT:** Please keep in mind not to share any of your per-



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sonal information with Realtors while doing the initial interviews. You only want to share your personal financial info with the Realtor you decide to hire as your Buyer's Agent. Only that Realtor will be mandated to keep your info confidential. In the coming weeks, I will continue to share info that will help you with this Blessed major milestone.

It's time to GET THAT D.E.E.D. D... Decide. MAKE A DECISION that you're finally sick and tired of your family not having your own. E... Evaluate.. See where you are and get that game plan to get you where you need to be. E... Educate.. Learn the steps A to Z with guidance at a comfortable pace. No anxiety,

stressing, nor pressing. D... DO IT!. Just DO IT! How many years it's already been throwing away \$\$\$ Thousands?... Yes, it's time to JUST DO IT!

Until next time, share this article with at least 3 people and with Realtors you know that loves helping people. For anyone that desires homeownership, reach out for your Free personalized game plan to purchase 1st-home in the next 18 months or less no matter the current finances. For any Realtor that wants to know more about how to lock arms and let's bless the masses, just reach out.

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Willie & Sherby Eaddy's 60th Wedding Anniversary Vow Renewal Ceremony

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Celebrating their 60th Diamond Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Willie and Sherby Eaddy rededicated themselves to one another in a sacred vow renewal ceremony on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Held at Warner Temple AME Zion Church, in Wilmington, NC, this day was a reflection of who they've grown to be as a couple, and a celebration of a 60-year journey of love that is uniquely their own.

Having met at a social gathering in Wilmington, NC during the Spring of 1959, Willie was taken by her beauty and smarts, "she lit up my life". Sherby, impressed by his kindness, genuine smile, and strong work ethic knew, "this prince will make all my dreams come true." As their relationship blossomed, they fell in love and married at the justice of the peace in Conway, SC on January 26, 1960. Soon after Willie was called into the US Army and deployed for two years. Their journey continued with the addition of three beautiful daughters. Willie (known as "the short man at the service station on the corner") fulfilled her dreams as an auto mechanic; as Sherby nurtured their girls, while working as a teacher's assistant and homemaker. Through the years their family continued to grow with the addition of a wonderful son-in-law and three handsome grandsons.

The bride was escorted to her lifelong prince by their two eldest grandsons Zachary and Malik Busch. She wore an elegant ivory sequin and pearl mermaid gown adorned with white gold and pearl accessories, complimented by a brooch bouquet. The two matrons of honor dressed in silver lace and silk gowns was her friend of 60-years Emma Palmer and their eldest daughter Dr. Margaret A. Eaddy-Busch. Her bridesmaids wearing royal blue lace organza gowns were her daughters Sherby D. Eaddy and Janet Eaddy; and her grandnieces Juanita Burst and Aalayah Horton. The junior bride was great-grandniece Violet Burst, who was escorted by her brother Cameron Burst, Jr. The ring bearer was their adorable young grandson, William Eaddy. Grandnieces Trinity and Jynnesis Cannon were flower girls.

Her handsome prince was dapper in his white tuxedo complimented by white accessories. Sporting Calvin Klein black tuxedos, the best men included his friend of 60 years, Maxie Palmer, and their son-in-law, Michael Busch. Terry Palmer, godson Jeffrey Bell, nephews James W. Horton, and James R. Horton were groomsmen. Nephew Robert Burwick and godson Elvis Hull served as ushers.

Witnessed by a host of family and friends, Reverend Lorinzer Johnson of Evans Chapel AME Zion Church,



MR. AND MRS. WILLIE EADDY

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MR. AND MRS. EADDY ARRIVING AT RECEPTION

Silver City, NC officiated the renewal of nuptials and offered blessings for the couple. Holy communion followed, and was conducted by Reverend Dorian Daniels, St. Andrew AME Zion Church, Wilmington, NC. He completed the ceremony by singing "The Lord's Prayer".

At the conclusion of the vow renewal ceremony, the couple was driven to the reception in a black 1931 Ford Model A Fordor Town Sedan to enjoy a 'Winter Wonderland' reception in the fellowship hall at Union Missionary Baptist Church in

Wilmington, NC followed, where the bride wore an ice blue chiffon and lace off the shoulder gown, complimented with silver jewelry. The groom chose ice blue accessories to set off his white tuxedo and to compliment his lovely bride. Along with the wedding party, more than 200 guests enjoyed a buffet meal and wedding cake. Toasts to the bride and groom were given by Terry Palmer and Margaret Eaddy-Busch. Mr. and Mrs. Eaddy ended their celebration by extending their appreciation to their guests.

Mr. Eaddy offers these words of wisdom to other couples: "If you want to reach 60+ years of marriage; marry the person you are physically, mentally and emotionally attracted to. Fall in love and stay in love, even if you don't always like all the choices of the other. Trust, protect and respect your spouse, and your marriage. And finally, give one another both personal and emotional space. Remembering these tips, you too will be on course for a 60+ year journey where you're more in love than when you first began."



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EXCLUSIVE:

40 years of Cathy Hughes' leadership at Urban One

Fulfilling Dr. King's dream

BY KEITH L. ALEXANDER
FOR NNPA

Inside the illuminated MGM National Harbor towering over the Potomac River, the 3,000-seat theater slowly fills with African Americans donned in tuxedos and gowns as Hollywood's and New York's top entertainers mix with some of Washington, D.C.'s bourgeoisie including politicians and business leaders. All have gathered to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Urban One Inc., the nation's largest distributor of news and entertainment aimed solely at black consumers, which also includes the largest African American owned TV network.

The media company that for decades was known as Radio One Inc. for its stable of radio stations across the country, changed its name in 2017 to Urban One, a new name that reflects, its owners believed, its channeled mission of providing media content to urban audiences via all forms of media through its divisions including radio, television programming with its TV One cable network and now the Internet.

Still at the helm of Urban One is the legendary woman with the mic, camera and now computer keyboard is the company's founder and chairwoman, Cathy Hughes. On this recent night, the 72-year-old energetic and spirited Hughes is also serving as co-host for the 40th anniversary Urban One Honors awards show with comedian Chris Tucker, which aired on Hughes's TV One network Jan. 20.

The show, however, is already running late before it even began. Taping was supposed to begin 20 minutes or so ago. But people are still slowly filling their seats. Then, to a round of staccato applause and without an introduction, Hughes, with

her broad smile, walked onto the stage. She apologized for the late start. The staffing at the entrances of the MGM, she said, have been slow in allowing audience members through the doors. "But I'll take care of this," she said while putting a finger in the air.

Hughes disappears backstage. And within 10 minutes, as if a dam burst, audience members began rushing into the theater to their seats. Minutes later, the orchestra begins playing and Hughes and Tucker walk on stage arm in arm to begin the two-hour show.

No one messes with Cathy Hughes, especially when she is their boss. That's right, in addition to the various entertainment companies, Urban One also owns nearly 7 percent of the \$1.4 billion, MGM casino, hotel and resort, a purchase the company made when the resort opened three years ago.

As the nation celebrated the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this month, those who knew King well, say Hughes and Urban One are the epitome of King's dream. Dr. Benjamin Chavis, who worked as a youth leader for King in the 1960's, said Hughes was able to break through the historically, white male controlled world of media ownership and create her own media company that she uses to not only to reach millions of people around the world to ensure that the voices of African Americans continue to be shared and visible.

"Urban One continues to fulfill Dr. King's dream," Chavis said. "The best way to celebrate black history is to make more history. Cathy Hughes continues to make black history." Chavis is now head of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, made up of more than 200 black-owned newspapers across the country.

The Hughes media story is well known. She began her career in 1969 at an AM radio station in her native Omaha, but left for Washington, D.C. when she was offered a job as a lecturer at Howard University. In 1973, Hughes was named general sales manager of WHUR, Howard's FM radio station. Two years later, Hughes was promoted to general manager. There she created the late night, slow-jam formatted staple called "The Quiet Storm" a signature sound that expanded to radio stations around the country. In that short time, Hughes had taken annual revenues at the station from \$250,000 to more than \$3.5 million.

In 1979, Hughes and then-husband Dewey Hughes sought financing to purchase their own radio station and were rejected by 32 banks until 1980 when they secured lending to buy WOL-AM, a tiny Washington, D.C. station located in Northeast Washington. That first station led to the acquisitions of dozens of radio stations around the country. Then in 2004, with her son Alfred C. Liggins III, a Wharton School of Business MBA graduate as chief executive officer his mother's company, Radio One branched into television by creating TV One, a cable network reaching more than 40 million African American TV households.

In 2017, TV One changed its name to Urban One after it acquired a collection of Internet media websites, now known as iOne Digital, that focus on news, sports and entertainment stories about and for black audiences.

Today, Urban One is worth, according to Wall Street estimates based on stock price of about \$98 million. The company boasts of reaching 59 million households, 22 million listeners, 40 million video streams, 20 million unique Web visitors. It owns 57 broad-

cast stations in 15 urban markets, two cable networks and some 80 websites. Hughes works closely with her son who she credits with diversifying Urban One beyond radio and TV.

"This company has a commitment to serving our audience that is evidenced beyond just the mission of making money. It is to build an organization that represents the needs and interests of a community that for the majority of this country's history, hasn't had a voice to fight for it," Liggins, 54, said recently.

Throughout the night at the star-studded awards at the MGM, the influence that Hughes has garnered over the four decades was repeatedly echoed by those who took the stage.

Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott surrounded on stage by other rap legends Lil Kim and Da Brat, became emotional during her acceptance speech. She described Hughes as "bold, fierce, strong, innovative (and) a visionary." Elliott said a "big" part of her success was due to Urban One. "We are all chosen, but there are certain people chosen to be a vessel," Elliott said of Hughes.

During his acceptance speech, actor and singer Jamie Foxx spoke of when he and director and writer Quentin Tarantino were making the 2012 "Django Unchained," they were concerned about the use of the N-word in the film and how audiences would receive the racist word. Foxx told the audience that he told Tarantino "the only person who could help them" ensure audiences would not be put off by the repeated use of the racist word would be Hughes. So, the two asked Hughes to come to the movie set so she could see the filming and hear the vision behind it. Foxx said they needed Hughes's "blessing" knowing that her influ-



CATHY HUGHES

ence with audiences could ultimately make or break the film.

When he took the stage, Broadway, film and TV performer Billy Porter described how being celebrated by a black media company in front of a predominately black audience, was unusual for out, gay black entertainers. "As a black, queer man in the world, this is such a special day for me. I never felt welcomed. Today in this space, for the first time in my life, I feel like I am a part of this community," Porter said grabbing Hughes's hand as she joined him on stage.

During his acceptance speech, Chance the Rapper described Hughes - or Miss H. as he calls her - as a "trail-blazer" and a "maverick" who, he said, "built an entire industry, for us."

Hughes says she plans to continue to build and rebuild the media industry as the technology changes how black households receive

their information and entertainment.

"Today, we reach 92 percent of black households," Hughes added. "We plan to get to 100 percent."

"If the black audience that we serve decides that they want to receive our messages via carrier pigeon, then I'm getting ready to go into the bird business. I don't know what it will take in the future in order to reach that goal. That will depend on what advances occur in technology."

Urban One's plan, Hughes says, is to ensure the company will be at the center, the premiere go-to media outlet for black households.

"It's important for us to have black owned and controlled, particularly in the media, business ventures, nobody is going to tell our stories from our perspective, except us," she said. "Nobody is going to do that for us. Why should they or would they? It's our responsibility to do that."



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Thank You, Kobe': Howard University student tells how Kobe Bryant impacted him, Los Angeles, and the World

BY ARTHUR CRIBBS
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) When I heard of the passing of Kobe Bryant and his daughter, Gianna, along with seven others in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California, I had an initial feeling of shock, disbelief and numbness. And in the hours since hearing the news, that feeling has not gone away. For a lot of us in this world, this feeling isn't going away anytime soon. It truly felt like losing someone close.

In this time of mourning, I just want to say thank you, Kobe.

Growing up in Los Angeles, you were everything for me. You introduced me to winning at an extremely young age. When I was born in 1999, you were a three-year veteran in the NBA and in my first three years of life, you helped the Lakers win three straight league finals. Although I was too young to remember those championship years, I do remember you leading the Lakers to two more NBA finals in 2009 and 2010.

Your ability to be a winner inspired my interest in sports and competition, and it has been a passion of mine ever since. And while winning is great, it was the way you won that stuck with me.

Your "Mamba Mentality" of being your best self and making sure nobody worked hard-

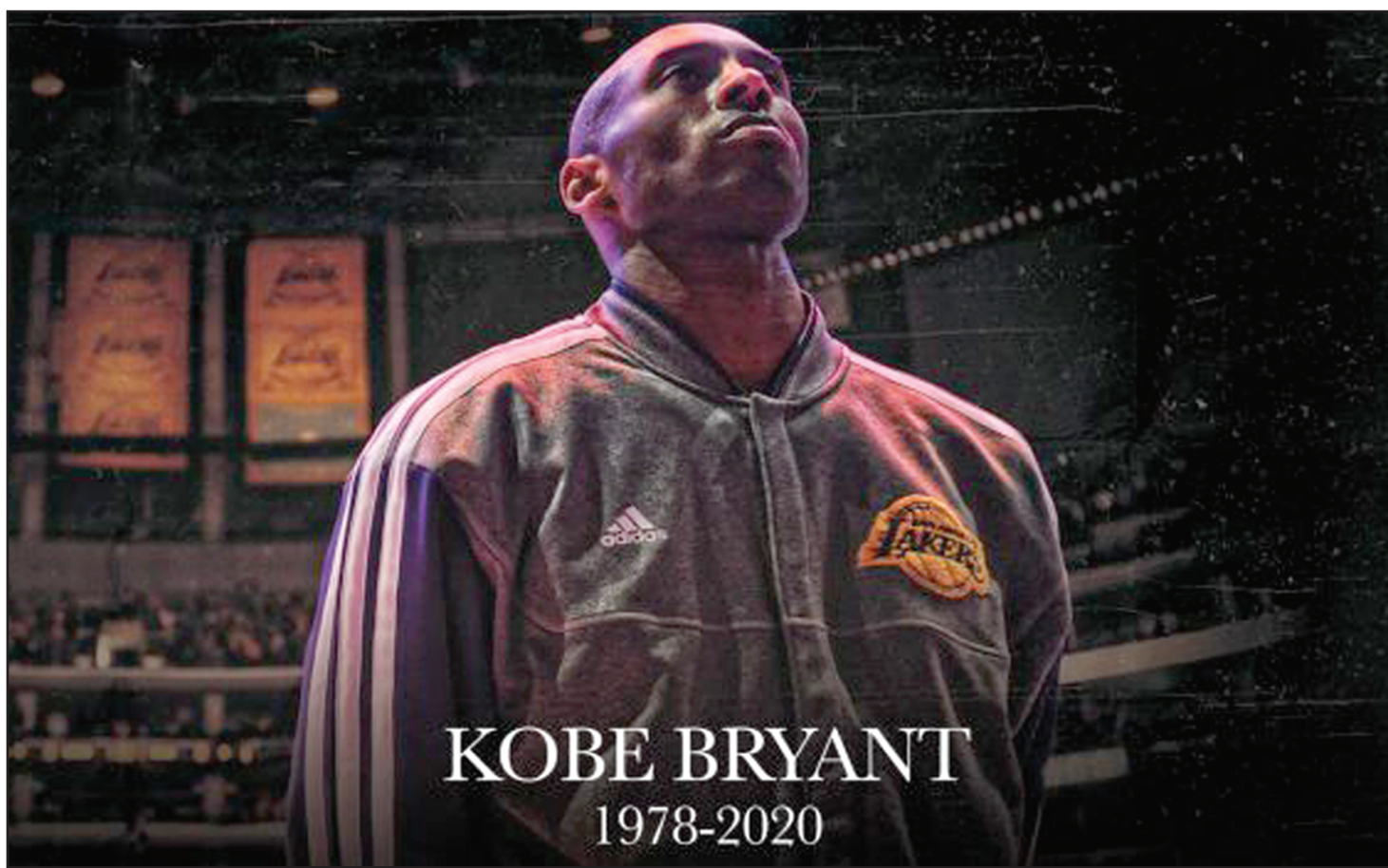
er than you is a work ethic you consistently lived by, and I have been aiming to emulate you in that regard.

You also had infectious confidence in your game that gave viewers confidence in themselves. I remember when you played your final game on April 13, 2016. Everyone remembers the 60-point performance, but people may forget that you struggled early on in that game, going just 7-20 from the field in the first half. Several players would have just stopped shooting at that point, but you remained confident in your training and took 30 more shot attempts.

Your confidence influenced a generation of kids who watched you play. When I started playing organized basketball, you were in the midst of your MVP season and all I could hear at practice was "Kobe!" every time someone attempted a shot. When it came to shooting a fadeaway jumper or having a pre-free throw ritual, every kid tried to emulate your style.

You also were a symbol that brought unity in the city of Los Angeles. When the Lakers won their championships, you brought the city together at the championship parades. I personally remember waiting for several hours just to see a glimpse of you.

When you played your final game, the country was heading into a heated presidential election. Watching you play though, people were



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able to detach from the stress of the real world and enjoy your play. Whether it was your first game or your last, you always put on a show and you gave your fans everything you could offer.

As someone who uses sports to connect with people, you helped me find the confidence to have conversations. With you being such a global figure, it didn't matter how much the other person was

invested in sports. We could always have a conversation about Kobe. With deeply rooted sports fans, I have formed so many close relationships that started by debating where Kobe stands as the greatest of all time (GOAT).

Beyond my life though, you meant so much more to the world. You helped globalize the game of basketball, making the NBA popular in China. At a time when

WNBA players struggle to receive support, you served as an advocate for the league. As a family man, you showed what it means to be a father, taking interest in your daughters' passions and putting them in positions to succeed. When Gianna's favorite player was Atlanta Hawks guard Trae Young, you took her to Hawks games to watch Young firsthand.

Thank you, Kobe, for all

the memories. You, Gianna and the seven others were taken way too soon, and this world will never be the same.

Arthur Cribbs is a junior journalism major from Los Angeles. He is a Rhoden Fellow at ESPN for TheUndeclared.com. He also works with the Department of Athletics at Howard University and was a production manager for WHUT's Spotlight Network.

Pfizer, AmeriHealth Caritas officials talk health at NNPA Conference

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Health – particularly that of African Americans – was a significant topic during the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) annual Midwinter Training Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

In separate sessions on Friday, January 24, 2020, officials from Pfizer Rare

Disease and AmeriHealth Caritas spoke of the importance of being vigilant about health.

"I want to shift gears and talk about transthyretin cardiomyopathy," stated Dr. Kevin Williams, the chief medical officer for Pfizer Rare Disease.

Dr. Williams addressed the conference during a Pfizer-hosted breakfast presentation titled, "African Americans and Heart

Disease – New Research Breakthrough: Announcing 2020 Partnership between Pfizer and NNPA."

"Transthyretin cardiomyopathy is a disease characterized by the buildup of abnormal deposits of a protein called amyloid in the body's organs and tissues," Dr. Williams stated. "Most people are unfamiliar with the disease itself, which often impacts the peripheral nervous system and organs such

as the heart, kidney, GI tract, and eyes."

Dr. Williams stated that the disease primarily affects the heart and is defined by restrictive cardiomyopathy and progressive heart failure. The prevalence of transthyretin cardiomyopathy is presently unknown, with many patients being misdiagnosed with other forms of heart failure, Dr. Williams noted.

An estimated 1 percent of those with transthyretin cardiomyopathy is diagnosed, and there are no approved treatment options, Dr. Williams stated.

"Education is vital to increase awareness and understanding of transthyretin cardiomyopathy, which may potentially help to identify people with the disease earlier, thereby shortening their diagnostic journey," Dr. Williams stated.

It's critical that we do more as a community to elevate the understanding of this disease and progress forward in improving the diagnosis and care of those affected. Part of how we can do this is by digging deeper and asking the right questions," he stated.

Dr. Williams noted that Pfizer Rare Disease is working closely with health care professionals and advocacy organizations to help make a difference in the lives of people living with rare diseases, such as transthyretin cardiomyopathy.

Dr. Williams said Pfizer's partnership with the NNPA in 2020 will focus on this illness.

"We want to really raise awareness for this particular form of heart failure," Dr. Williams stated.

At a later session titled "Future of Medicaid and Medicare: Healthy You, Healthy Us – What is Managed Care and How Does It Advance Health Equity," AmeriHealth Caritas officials said it was important to gain a greater understanding of the different ways managed care organizations address key social disparities.



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They said many of those disparities disproportionately affect African Americans and other people of color.

"So many things affect our health, including violence and environmental racism," stated Jawanza Keita, the national director of corporate communications and media relations for AmeriHealth Caritas.

Keita gave the example of the city of Chester, Pennsylvania, which is predominantly African American and is situated near the Delaware River, where pollution is rampant.

"We look at the environmental issues and how that impacts our well-being," Keita stated. "So much of your health is not tied to clinical care, and we have to be cognizant of what we ingest."

Health literacy, food insecurity, and transportation to medical facilities, for example, are markedly more prevalent among the same

high-risk member population than all others, stated Keith Maccannon, the director of marketing and outreach for AmeriHealth Caritas in D.C.

When compared to all other members, 34 percent of high-risk members reported a lack of health literacy; 23 percent experienced food insecurity; and 23 percent lacked transportation to medical facilities, Maccannon noted.

He noted the presentation had five key takeaways, including the need to screen for social determinants of health, creating a broad array of support and services to address the social determinants while decreasing barriers to access, leveraging strategic partnerships, and the need to continuously improve and innovate.

"AmeriHealth Caritas' values are rooted in the community," Maccannon stated. "Healthy communities are key."

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Robert Henry Murphy

Robert Henry Murphy passed away Friday, January 24, 2020. Funeral services were held on Wednesday January 29, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Robert Henry Murphy was born in Wilmington, NC on November 23, 1946. He transitioned from this life to life eternal January 24, 2020. He graduated Williston Senior High in 1966. He served in the Army as a drill sergeant at Fort Ord, California from 1967 to 1969.

His zest for life sent him to live in several locations around the country. He came back to Wilmington in 1981. In 1982, he married Gwendolyn Fox Murphy. To this union was born Alecia Michelle Murphy.

All who knew Robert will remember him as a very caring person.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory his wife Gwendolyn Fox Murphy, daughter Alecia Michelle Murphy, brothers William Howard (Arlene), Kenneth Howard, and James Howard, sisters Cynthia Middleton (Frank) and Wanda Howard. He is also survived by a cherished uncle, Robert Lee Murphy, as well as a host of beloved 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.*

Lillie Mae Ray

Lillie Mae Ray, age 39, of Winnabow, passed away Monday, January 20, 2020. A celebration of Lillie's life was held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia. Interment followed in Northwood Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her daughter, Sydney Camille Ray of the home; mother, Sandra Ingram of Winnabow; siblings, Samantha Ingram of Southport and Alex Ray of Ash and a host of aunts, uncles, 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.*

Mack Lee

Mack Lee, age 90, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, January 27, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC*

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George Pressley

George Theotis Pressley, age 42, of Charlotte (formerly of Wilmington), passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com. 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.

Gwendolyn Rogers Hall

Gwendolyn Rogers Hall died January 16, 2020. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 25, 2020 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Gwendolyn Rogers Hall "Gwen" was born on December 17, 1933 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Josie Willis Rogers and Edward Rogers, Sr. Gwen graduated from Williston High School in Wilmington and attended Bennett College in Greensboro, before transferring to New York University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry. She earned a Masters degree in Mathematics Education from the City University of New York and a Masters degree in Education Administration from Queens College of New York. Gwen worked for several years in scientific research before working as a mathematics teacher. Upon obtaining a principal's license, Gwen directed the Corrective Mathematics Program for the New York Department of Education for many years. After leaving the Department of Education she became an adjunct professor at the College of New Rochelle, Hunter College of New York, and the College of Old Westbury in Long Island, New York. Gwen developed a Saturday finishing school for the National Council of Negro Women and served as the director for twenty-six years. For many years she served as the director of the Homework Assistance Program (HAP) at Langston Hughes Library noted for its historic collections of African American History. Gwen was also president of the Association of Black Educators of New York (ABENY). In her spare time, she enjoyed interior decorating, crossword puzzles, traveling, shopping, knitting, and playing scrabble. She was an educator to the heart and enjoyed working with kids.

Gwen was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Wilmington, North Carolina and was known for her phrase "Peace be with you" when she said goodbye to you. She surely will be missed. Gwen's philosophy in life was modeled after Langston Hughes famous quote, "Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird, that cannot fly."

She is survived by her husband, Hugh; daughter, Pamela; grandson, Khalil Hall-Hooper; two sisters, Helen Lofton (James) and Sandra Walker (Jimmy) all of Wilmington, NC; a loving aunt, Barbara Hayes of Baltimore, MD; three sisters-in-law, Marie Shaw of Wilmington, NC, Portia Hall of Barbados and Nell Wycherly of England; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dorothy Lowey Brown

Dorothy Lowey Brown died January 20, 2020. Funeral services were held Saturday January 25, 2022 at Bethel AME Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Dorothy was born to the late Larry Ellis "Chewraw" and Leah Lowery and was the third of seven children. Dorothy was reared in the Northwest community and was educated at Armour High School in Riegelwood, NC. She earned two Associate Degrees; one in Surgical Nursing and the other in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor Degree in Psychology from Coppin State University, Maryland. She was employed at the University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA as a Surgical Nurse for over ten Years and moved back to Baltimore, MD. She worked with special needs clients for approximately ten years, was the operator and owner of Precious Tots Daycare and foster parent. Dorothy loved children, especially boys who tugged at her heart. During the early years of her life, Dorothy attended Bethel AME Church in Northwest. She was always close to God, and while living in Maryland, she joined Bethel AME in Baltimore, MD. In 2005, Dorothy married her life-long sweetheart, James H. Brown. In 2006, James and Dorothy relocated to North Carolina and reunited with Bethel AME in Northwest. She was a prayer warrior and a true servant at Bethel AME. She served as Missionary President and Project Manager, Dorcas Queens, and was always willing to help her family, friends and church members in any way possible. She was a faithful member for the last fifteen years,

and attended church regularly until her health failed. Dorothy was preceded in death by her brothers, Matthew, Ellis Jr., Clarence and Floyd Lowery, and sisters, Eva Lowery Munn and Glennie Brown.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memories: Her husband, James Brown of the home; daughter, Toi Sewell (Oloye) of Baltimore, MD; stepson, James Brown, Jr. of Baltimore, MD; stepdaughter, Phyllis Greene of Tampa, FL; grandsons, Amar Turner and Joshua Sewell both of Baltimore, MD; granddaughters, Garrison, Dionne, Monica, Jimique, Gracie, Opher all of Baltimore, MD; special nieces, Dr. Ophelia Munn-Goins (Donell), NC and Dr. Brown Patrice Richards, M.D. of Tennessee; special nephew, Horace Munn of Riegelwood, NC; special friends, Ruth Troy, Moses Porter, James Troy, Shirley Freeman and many, many others too numerous to name; 12 nieces; 4 nephews; 34 grandnieces and grand-nephews; 12 great-grand-nephews. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Letha Mae Brock

Letha Mae Brock, daughter of Julia Faye Brock and the late Lonnie Brock, Sr. was born April 9, 1960. Letha accepted Christ at an early age. She was a graduate of New Hanover High School and Cape Fear Community College. Letha was a homemaker, a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was known as "Ma" to her family and friends. In addition to her

father, Letha was preceded in death by her grandson, Jeffery Henry; sister, Virginia Pompey and her brother, Lonnie Brock, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Julia Faye Brock; one son, Thomas Brock of Butler, NC; three daughters, Maggie Harris (DJ), Erica Harris and Velma Harris all of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Shawntell, Shawnte, Maziah, Odyssey, Odyont, Daziah, Giovanni, Destiny and Gianna, all of Wilmington, NC; the father of her children, James Harris; two sisters, Julia Austin (Alonzo) and Pearlie Nelson of Wilmington, NC; two brothers, Charlie Brock and Alexander Brock (Doris); two aunts, Roseta Gore of Wilmington, NC and Rebecca Teachery of Fayetteville, NC; special nephew, Timothy Gore and special niece, Elizabeth Brock both of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including, special friends, Nathan Scott, Wanda Thomas and Ann Bradley all of Wilmington, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

LaStarr Swepson

LaStarr Swepson died January 22, 2020. Funeral service were held Thursday, January 30, 2020 at Ekklesia UH Church (24 S 17th St.) Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Tameeka Washington

Tameeka Washington died

January 22, 2020. Memorial service will be held 10:00 AM Saturday, February 1, 2020 at The Sanctuary of Wilmington, 6687 Carolina Beach Rd. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ashley Newsome

Ashley Newsome died January 24, 2020. Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Mt. Nebo MB Church. Visitation is at 4:15 PM on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Sylvester McClean

Sylvester McClean died January 26, 2020. Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the ILA Hall. Visitation is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

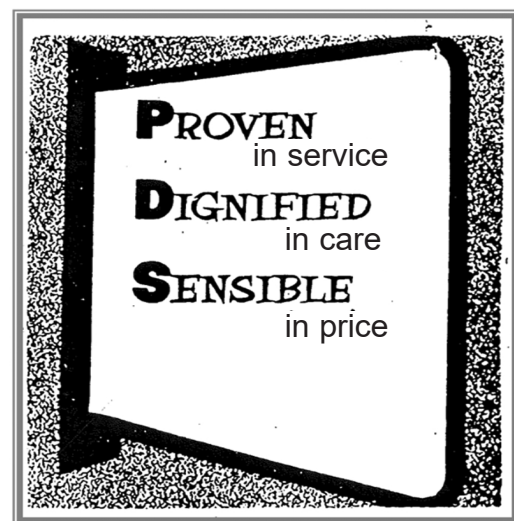
Don White

Don White died January 26, 2020. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2020 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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Central Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will sponsor an Extravaganza Musical Program on February 9th at 3:00 p.m. choirs and different types entertainment from in and around the city will appear on the program. Gifts will givento chosen individuals.



Religious Briefs

Mt. Zion AME Church, 1111 N. 5th Ave., Lucille Johnson Women's Missionary Society will sponsor "Hats & Hymn Sing" on Sunday, February 29th at 3:00 p.m. Door prizes will be given away. For further information call the church at 910-763-2660.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

Graham Chapel AMEZ announces 18th Annual One Hundred in Red Program

The Graham Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church of the East Arcadia Community in Riegelwood is pleased to announce its 18th Annual "One Hundred in Red" Program, to be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Special guest speakers who will speak on the subject, "Working and Witnessing in a Life of Love." include Reverend Carl Moore, pastor

of the Lake's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Atkinson; Evangelist Tara Armour and Leland; Ms. Tammy Dixon, member of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Sandyfield, and a teacher in Fayetteville; and the Reverend Jimmy Faison, a retired pastor of the A. M. E. Church who has served churches in Pender and Brunswick counties.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP
"Helping Hands"

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

This is the day that the Lord has made we should rejoice and be glad in it. It was a bright but cool morning but God allowed us to see it and be a part of it. We The Senior Citizens met at our usual at the MLK Center.

The chatter was there as usual always something to share; the good, bad and ugly. Our meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Mrs. Mary Green welcomed everyone

and asked Mrs. Margie Robinson to come with our devotion. We opened with "I'm So Glad". Mrs. Julia Bibbs was our prayer warrior today. Thank you God for hearing and answering our prayers. Next we sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Mrs. Robinson was thanked for our devotion. Mrs. Isabella Grantham served as our motivational speaker. The speech was about a 12 year old little girl who sat on the side of her bed with pills in her hand. She thought the pills would end the pain. An unseen force kept her from

taking the pills. She fell asleep. When she awoke she saw something descending from the ceiling with outstretched hands. It was unlike anything I'd ever seen. Her arm reached upward. Her mom thought it was a dream. It wasn't a dream it was God. God also rescued her from other things. He will rescue you as well. Keep trusting God. Mrs. Grantham was thanked for a great message.

We then had uplifting encouragements through expressions. No visitors. Prayers for the family of Mr. Antonio Moore who was

killed in Syria. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Roll Call! Everyone was given a hand. Mrs. Haskins could not be here today but sent her sick report. It said everyone is doing pretty good. Continue to pray and visit them. We were favored with smiles from Mrs. Julia Bibbs. Again we played BINGO and again we enjoyed it. We are trying to find numbers that are were not on the cards. We had a lot of laughs. We stood and sang "Bind Us Together". Prayer led by Mrs. Robinson. There were 38 in attendance.

TELL SOMEBODY

"A chance to change"

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Change - An opportunity
Change - To make different
Mercy - Kind and compassionate treatment
Grace - Favor; Divine love and protection



Sylvia Hooper

The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah from the Lord saying stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say hear the Word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, Amend (change) your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place." Sin will always separate us from God, and it will also separate us from our brothers and sisters. Where we have the opportunity, we need to be reconciled with our sisters and brothers. If it be possible, we must follow peace with all men and remember that holiness without which, no man shall see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14) Yes, living holy is not just fellowshiping with God, but also with our fellow man through the power of His Son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ.. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1) We say

we love God, that we have never seen, and yet will not love those we see every day. It is time for a change!

God sent this word to his people who dwell in the House of the Lord. (church). He told the prophet to proclaim the Word there, and he told the people to hear the Word of the Lord. We know that faith come by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. (Romans 10:17) The word of warning came to God's people, because they needed to make some much needed changes, and God's love and mercy was giving them another chance to change!

I Peter 4:17 says, "For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" God sends his word to his people, who stand in the house of the Lord, and who worship in the house of the Lord. He sends his word through his servants and his prophets. Some of us would like to think this word is to those standing on the corners and hanging in the streets all night long, but God specifically speaks to those who go to worship in the house of the Lord. If we would honestly and earnestly search our hearts, and

seek the face of the Lord, he will show us our transgressions. He will show us where we need to change, and he will give us a chance to change. The way we treat one another does matter to the Lord. Some of us need to get rid of pride, hatred, anger, bitterness, and unforgiveness. The truth of the matter is, "If it had not been for the Lord on our side, none of us would even be alive today! So much for arrogance and self righteousness!"

When we get a chance to see a new year, that is a new opportunity to change and get in the will of God. Every new day that we live to see, brings a new mercy from God. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Sometimes, the people of God can get at ease in Zion. When that happens, one forgets the grace and mercy he has received and cries out for judgement for others they feel have made personal or public failures. Everybody needs another chance at some point in his or her life. If God would mark us for our iniquities, who would be able to stand? God is so good, that he gives mercy to those who deserve judgement, and he give grace to those who have not earned it.

Jeremiah 35:18 "I've sent all my servants and my prophets rising up early and sending them saying return

ye now every man from his evil way." he that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the church."

Prayer: Father we thank you for giving us another chance to change for the better and to make right the wrongs we committed in 2014. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

As we ring in the new year, we must remember the word of God to the people of God in Jeremiah's day. God has not changed. What he said unto them, he is saying the same to us. I am giving you another chance to change. When you realize that, you need to Take it! Tell Somebody, Happy New Year!!!

"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!"

EXCLUSIVE

Rev. Dr. William Barber addresses systemic racism & voting rights during call with the Black Press

BY STACY M. BROWN
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR
CORRESPONDENT

Rev. Dr. William Barber II believes that everyone has a right to live.

Through his Poor People's Campaign, Dr. Barber is continuing to build a movement to overcome systemic racism, systemic poverty, ecological devastation, militarism of the budget and the false moral narrative of white religious nationalism.

In an exclusive telephone conference with the Black Press of America, Dr. Barber and his Poor People's Campaign Co-Chair, Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharris, said America has a moral crisis.

"Democrats run from poverty and Republicans racialize poverty," Dr. Barber stated during the more than one-hour discussion.

"We have invited both sides of the political fence. We've invited the White House to come and talk with us. They've refused," stated Dr. Barber, the founder of Repairers of the Breach, a national leadership development organization, which expands upon his Moral Monday movement.

"This administration has been virtually silent on the issue of poverty. The president talked about unemployment being down, but underemployment is up. The number of people that have dropped out of the workforce is up," said Dr. Barber, who, along with Dr. Theoharris, and others launched the Poor People's Campaign, spearheaded initially by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Campaign conducted

what it said was a 50-year audit of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, and the war economy in the U.S.

They said the findings have already helped to inform and build state and local, nonpartisan fusion movements that are committed to challenging laws and policies that are antithetical to the broad tenets of social justice.

Dr. Barbara and Theoharris, who is a pastor from New York, told the Black Press that the ranks of the Poor People's Campaign would increase as they broaden their efforts.

They noted figures that show 140 million poor and low-wealth people live in the United States - from every race, creed, sexuality, and place.

"We aim to make sure these individuals are no longer ignored, dismissed, or pushed to the margins of our political and social agenda," Dr. Theoharris stated.

With 2020 counting as a pivotal election year, Dr. Barber pointed out that voter suppression laws in many states have only contributed to poverty.

The Poor People's Campaign has noted that, since 2010, 23 states have passed racist voter suppression laws, including racist gerrymandering and redistricting statutes that make it harder to register.

Because of this, early voting days and hours have reduced, officials have purged voter rolls, and there have been more restrictive voter ID laws.

Following the Shelby County v. Holder Supreme Court case, which gutted key

provisions of the Voting Rights Act, 14 states had new voting restrictions in place before the 2016 Presidential election, and there were 868 fewer polling places across the country, according to the Campaign.

While these laws have disproportionately targeted Black people, at least 17 states saw voter suppression cases targeting American Indian and Alaskan Native voters in 2016, Dr. Barber stated.

"Thirteen states that passed voter suppression laws also opted not to accept expanded Medicaid benefits offered under the Affordable Care Act," he added.

"These attacks follow a broader pattern of restricting and curtailing democratic processes by drawing on legacies of racism to undermine local efforts to organize for better conditions," Dr. Barber stated.

As of July 2017, 25 states have passed laws that preempt cities from adopting their own local minimum wage laws. Most of these are in response to city councils passing or wanting to pass minimum wage increases.

"We found that people can work a minimum wage job and can't afford a two-bedroom apartment," Dr. Barber said. "We found out that there are 2 million people who work every day for less than the living wage. Some of them live in their cars, and they go to work every day."

Dr. Theoharris spoke of Maria, a woman they met in El Paso, Texas, separated from her family because of immigration issues.

"We waded into the Rio Grande River - the river that

separates the U.S. from Mexico - with an action called "Hugs, not Walls." Maria got to see her son for the first time in 16 years. And for those couple of minutes that Maria had with her husband and her son were the first and only two minutes that she got to see her family members because of unjust immigration policy," Dr. Theoharris stated.

The Poor People's Campaign is organizing the Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington, June 20th, during which Dr. Barber said they would rise as "a powerful moral fusion movement to demand the implementation of our moral agenda."

"The fact that there are 140 million poor and low-wealth people in a country this rich is morally indefensible, constitutionally inconsistent and economically insane," Dr. Barber added.

During the march, Dr. Barber said some of those living in poverty would attend and speak for themselves. He stated that it was essential to know that poverty comes in "all colors" and that it's more than just African Americans who are struggling.

He noted that the City of Flint was under emergency management when it decided to switch its water source from the Detroit Water System to the Flint River.

That move poisoned a community of almost 99,000, with a 42 percent poverty rate and in which 56 percent of residents are Black, and 37 percent are White.

Also, Dr. Barber noted that 6.1 million people had been disenfranchised because of



REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER

felony convictions, including one in 13 Black adults.

During the call, Dr. Barber continued to lash out at the current administration's controversial immigration policies. The Poor People's Campaign has found that undocumented immigrants contributed \$5 trillion to the U.S. economy over the last ten years.

They paid \$13 billion in Social Security in 2010, but only received \$1 billion in benefits.

They also pay eight percent of their income in state and local taxes, while the wealthiest one percent pay just 5.4 percent. Yet undocumented immigrants and most lawfully residing immigrants are barred from receiving

assistance under the major public welfare programs, causing hardship for many poor immigrant families.

In fact, among the 43.7 million immigrants in the U.S., there are 19.7 million - undocumented and lawfully residing - who cannot vote, Dr. Barber noted.

"So, we have to understand the history of systemic racism. And we have to see how systemic racism is impacting not just people of color, but also white people today," Dr. Barber stated. "When Reverend Barber says that repressed voter suppression can create and further poverty amongst White people, amongst Black people, amongst Latinos, amongst young people and old people."

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Elizabeth L. Hales**, 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 **9th day of April, 2020**, 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 9th day of January, 2020

Sherrie Lee Benton Taydus, Executrix
267 Sap Rd. #1429
Hampstead, NC 28443

January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Harold Ivan Horne**, 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 **9th day of April, 2020**, 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 9th day of January, 2020

David Horne, Executor
514 Brighton Rd.
Rocky Point, NC 28457

January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joseph V. Preciose**, 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 **9th day of April, 2020**, 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 9th day of January, 2020

Jeneen M. Preciose, Executor
7901 Strawberry Meadows St.
Raleigh, NC 27613

January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Edward Middleton Jeffrey**, 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 **9th day of April, 2020**, 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 9th day of January, 2020

Lauris Jeffrey Rackley, Executrix
4829 Sandy Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28412

January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Herbert M. Fearington, Jr., having qualified on the 8th day of January, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **Betty B. Chinnis (2020-E-27)**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **14th day of April, 2020**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 9th day of January 2020.
Herbert M. Fearington, Jr.
Executrix
ESTATE OF Betty B. Chinnis
David Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

January 9,16, 23, 30, 2020

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Linnea B. Carlson, (19-E-1581)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 16, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of January, 2020

Keith J. Carlson, Executor
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Gloria Kay Chadwick**, 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 **16th day of April, 2020**, 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 16th day of January, 2020

Sheila Justice, Administratrix
534 Jeb Stuart Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT
DIVISION
File Number: 19 JT 85**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
S.G.M., juvenile**

**TO: Sean Michael Murphy,
father of S.G.M.**

TAKE NOTICE that a petition has been filed for termination of your parental rights to S.G.M., who was born on March 8, 2017 in New Hanover County, NC.

You are hereby summoned and notified to answer the petition. You must prepare and file with the Clerk of Superior Court of Brunswick County, 310 Government Center Drive, Bolivia, N.C. 28422 a written response and make defense to this proceeding within 40 days after the first date of publication. You must also serve a copy of your response upon the Petitioner's Attorney, listed below. If you fail to file a response, your parental rights may be terminated. Your failure to respond will result in the Petitioner applying to the Court for the relief sought. You are entitled to attend a hearing affecting your rights.

Parents are entitled to have counsel appointed to them if they cannot afford same. A provisional attorney has been appointed to represent you, same being Elizabeth Simmons, whose phone number is (910) 754-7557.

This the 30th day of January, 2020.

Napoleon Barefoot, Jr.
Wright, Worley, Pope, Ekster & Moss, PLLC
Attorneys for Petitioner
52 Physicians Drive
Supply, NC 28462
(910) 754-2816

January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
19 CVD 3707
In the District Court**

**ALLAN BRANDON TISE,
Plaintiff
v.
STEPHEN B. LEE, Defendant
COMPLAINT FOR BREACH
OF CONTRACT**

TO: STEPHEN B. LEE

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 Breach Of Contract and Attorney Fees.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days from the first date of publication which is January 16, 2020 and, upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This law firm is a debt collector within the meaning of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

This the 9th day of January, 2020.

Allan Brandon Tise
P.O. Box 1022
Wilmington, NC 28402-1022
(910) 251-9614
Bar #: 13737

January 16, 23, 30, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 18 JT 242**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.B.**

**TO: ANY UNKNOWN
FATHER OF FEMALE JUVENILE
BORN ON OR ABOUT
AUGUST 24, 2012 IN NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, WILMINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA
TO NICOLE WILSON**

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 A.B.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, January 9, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 7th day of January, 2020.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co.
Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3612
(910) 798-3772 * fax

January 9, 16, 23, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Alejandro Santiago Lopez, (20-E-16)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 16, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of January, 2020

Charlotte Noel Fox
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

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

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **William R. Chesser, (19-E-1213)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 16, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of January, 2020

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Christina E. Baj, (20-E-01)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 16, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of January, 2020

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Craig & Fox, PLLC
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Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Charlotte J. Fetterman**, 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 **30th day of April, 2020**, 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 30th day of January, 2020

Charlotte J. Fetterman aka Cheryl Fetterman, Executrix
1214 Sidney Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Douglas A. Wentworth**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of April 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 16th day of January, 2020.

Michael D. Wentworth,
Administrator CTA of
the Estate of Douglas A. Wentworth
2912 Harvard Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Claire E. Trimpey**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of April, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 16th day of January, 2020.

Kelly Licina, Co-Executor of
the Estate of Claire E. Trimpey
18233 Shelburne Road
Shaker Heights, OH 44118
Taralyn Trimpey, Co-Executor
of the Estate of Claire E. Trimpey
101 Club Creek Ct
St. Albans, MO 63073
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Brittany Nicole Holyfield** of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 16, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of January, 2020

Gary Holyfield, Administrator
309 Central Blvd.
Wilmington, NC 28401
The Boseman Law Group
520 Market St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Carol Wickham Midgett**, 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 **23rd day of April, 2020**, 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 23rd day of January, 2020

John Dameron Midgett,
Administrator
318 Lord Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2020

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 18 JT 125-126**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.B. (DOB: 10/11/2005)
B.B. (DOB: 03/28/2004)**

**TO: RESPONDENT: STEPHEN
BUCK, LEGAL FATHER OF
THE ABOVE CAPTIONED
FEMALE AND MALE CHILDREN
BORN IN WILMINGTON,
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA TO
SHELBY DEESE.**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following January 30, 2019 which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Margaret Jennings was previously appointed to represent Stephen Buck and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 762-0850.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MARCH 30, 2020**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 24th day of January, 2020.

Karen F. Richards
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