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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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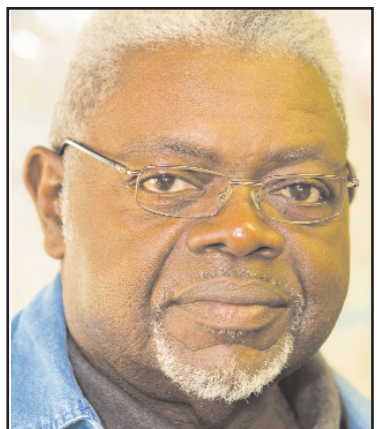
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BERNEST HEWETT

VOTING TIME IS HERE

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we need to take a good look around us as we vote for elected officials. Election proceedings have begun. What do we want, for living condition changes, changes in school, healthcare, and transportation? These are things that affect our lives greatly. We must have a say about these things. I have lived in Brunswick County most of my life, and I am happy with living on the farm without a POA or an HOA to control my living conditions or space. I see houses coming where woods were. I see so-called progress coming without planning of the land or people who lived here before the changes of building and development started to take place. This is now coming to be a serious problem. You can't bring it

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GOP-connected group created fake Erica Smith ads

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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A Republican connected super political action committee (PAC) out of Washington, D.C. called "Faith and Power," is spending over \$1.6 million in television and radio ads running in four North Carolina television markets promoting State Senator Erica Smith's candidacy for the U. S. Senate in the 2020 election.

The goal, many observers are certain, is to promote Smith's cash-strapped campaign to the extent that she beats Democratic senatorial opponent, Cal Cunningham, in the March 3, 2020, Democratic primary, thus pitting the Black female Democrat, seen by Republicans as an easier candidate to beat against first term incumbent, Tillis, in November.

Smith, of State Senate District 3, representing Beaufort, Bertie, Martin, Northampton, Vance and Warren counties and her campaign, naturally "disavows and disassociates" the fake ads, even though they promote her as being a true progressive who supports

Medicare for All and "The Green New Deal."

"We reject the influence of special interest corporate PAC and dark money in politics," Smith said. "I remain unbought, unbossed, and unapologetic in my 17 years of advocating for equity, opportunity, and fairness," Sen. Smith's campaign added.

The North Carolina Democratic Party charged that "Republican 'meddling' in the Democratic primary shows Republicans must be worried about Thom Tillis."

"Faith and Power PAC" is the producer of the 30 second ad, according to published reports. Though the PAC itself was just created several weeks ago, some connected are listed as supporting Republican Carly Fiorina's 2016 presidential bid. The only public name associated with the PAC in North Carolina is that of a Republican named Ezekiel Patterson of Monroe.

Trying to choose Tillis' Democratic November opponent for him is one possibility. Another is to force Cunningham, who reportedly has a deep campaign war chest of \$3.3 mil-



N.C. SENATOR ERICA SMITH



U.S. SENATOR THOM TILLIS

lion on hand, to start spending some of it now to defend whatever lead he believes he has over Smith in the polls. Doing so depletes what he has to spend against Tillis in the fall.

Tillis, who is admittedly a strong supporter of President Trump, is seen as one of the weakest GOP incumbent senators up for re-election in the nation, according to the most recent polls. So the election year ploy is not a

surprising one.

It is illegal for a super PAC to coordinate its activities with a campaign. In small writing at the end of the Faith and Power television ad, it states that it is not authorized by any candidate or political campaign. The TV ads are running up until just before the March 3, 2020 primaries in the Charlotte, Raleigh-Durham and Greensboro markets, as well as online.



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President Donald Trump, post impeachment and before acquittal, delivers his final State of the Union speech before the November election.

Trump courts African Americans in speech while harming African Americans in policies

BY **HAZEL TRICE EDNEY**

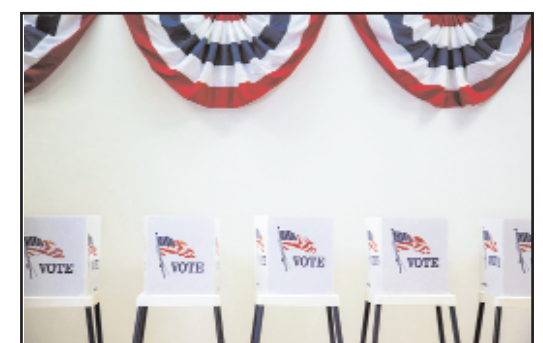
(TriceEdneyWire.com)
 Impeached and now acquitted President Donald Trump has delivered his final State of the Union Address before the next presidential election set for Nov. 3, 2020.

The speech was replete with misleading information with an apparent aim to impress Black voters. In the 78-minute speech delivered before Congress and televised to millions, Feb. 4, Trump referred to Black civil rights leaders by name and

invited African Americans as guests in the audience. But a remarkable number of statements that he made pertaining to African Americans or people of color was contradicted by policies, previous actions or statements by Trump himself.

Among the examples:
 He called Harriet Tubman a hero in the State of the Union address while refusing to allow her picture to be posted on the \$20 bill until after he is no longer president. During the 2016 presidential

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North Carolina has One Stop Early Voting.

Early voting for March 3 primary begins today

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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At long last, One Stop Early Voting in North Carolina for the Super Tuesday March 3, 2020, primary begins today, Feb. 13, 2020. By federal district court order, registered voters in North Carolina are not required to show photo identification at the polls between now and Tuesday, March 3, 2020, Primary Day.

The early voting period in North Carolina will end on Saturday, February 29, with most polls opening Monday through Friday at 8 a.m., with some polls closing at 7:30 p. m. in some counties.

For those counties with Saturday early voting, polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 3 p. m. Counties with Sunday voting may open at 12 noon and close at 6 p. m.

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60 YEARS AGO: Students launched Sit-In Movement

BY **DR. KELTON EDMONDS**
 SPECIAL TO
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February 1, 2020 marks the 60th anniversary of the launch of the historic Sit-in Movement, when four African-American freshmen from North Carolina A&T State College (now University) in Greensboro, NC sparked the non-violent and student-led wave of protests that

ultimately resulted in the desegregation of F.W. Woolworth and other racially discriminatory stores.

The brave freshmen from NCA&T, who would later be adorned with the iconic label of the "Greensboro Four", consisted of David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, and Ezell Blair Jr. (Jibreel Khazan). On February 1, 1960, the Greensboro Four bought items at Woolworth's, then sat at the 'whites-only'

lunch counter and refused to leave until they were served. Although waitresses refused to serve them, in accordance with the store's racist policies, the four would continue their protest and in the following days and weeks would be joined by more students from NCA&T, the nearby all-women's HBCU Bennett College and students from other nearby colleges and high

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The Wilmington Journal is still partially operating from a remote area. Our building has much damage and some of our equipment is still inoperable. Please continue to bear with us as we work to return to normalcy.

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with you the business of
"this is how it was where I
was" and expect people here
to change all of a sudden.
You can't expect to come in
and build by a farm and for
people to move all their ani-
mals and stop the tractors or
the hunting (rabbits, deer,
etc.) because you move
beside where they have lived
all their lives. It takes plan-
ning, understanding, and
working with each other.
Farms are being developed
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to move the people and their
lifestyles off their land.
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habits, stop hunting, and
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from where the newcomers
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It's time to vote and find
out what's on the minds of
the people who want to take
office and run your lives.
Get your people out and find
out the intentions of those
running for office. Their
intentions are not always
made with the good of the
people in mind.

We need to educate and
vote! Vote some more and
again! Know for whom you
are voting!!

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



HARMING

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campaign, he'd suggested her
photo be posted on the dis-
continued \$2 bill instead.

He awarded an "opportunity
scholarship" to African-
America fourth-grader Janiya
Davis to attend the school of
her choice while proposing to
strip funding from public
schools where the educations
of millions of African
Americans are suffering.

He praised the worthy ser-
vice of Cleveland native Charles
McGee as one of the last sur-
viving Tuskegee Airmen dur-
ing the pains of legalized segre-
gation and promoted him to
Brigadier General. Yet, on the
same day that he pinned on
General McGee's stars, he
awarded the Presidential
Medal of Freedom - the highest
civilian honor - to radio talk
show host Rush Limbaugh,
among the greatest purveyors
of racist comments about
Black people of all media per-
sonalities, including champi-
oning the so-called "birther" lie
that President Obama was not
born in the U.S.

Trump invited Joshua
Smith, the brother of a
teenaged cyber-bullying vic-
tim who committed suicide to
sit in the audience at the
SOTU just before going on
one of his usual cyber-bully-
ing tirades against
Republicans and Democrats
who opposed him or simply
told truths during impeach-
ment hearings.

Among the best descrip-
tions of the speech probably
came from Speaker of the
House Nancy Pelosi who
ripped up her copy on live TV
and then called it a "mani-
festo of mistruths" in a CNN
interview.

From funding for HBCUs
to an African-American unem-
ployment rate being the low-
est in history - while fail-
ing to give proper credit to
his predecessor, President
Obama, for that downward
spiral, the 78-minute State
of the Union Address revealed
back to back conflicts from
the impeached president,
who was acquitted by the U.
S. Senate the next day.

But, the Center for
African Progress, in a pre-
SOTU report, had already
documented the harms done
to African Americans by the
Trump Administration.

According to Trump,
"There's a revolution going on
in this country I mean a posi-
tive revolution. So African-
American, Hispanic-Ameri-
can, Asian-American. We
have the best numbers we've
ever had. African-American,
the poverty numbers are now
reverse and they're the best
they've ever had."

But, according to CAP,
"Trump has nothing to brag
about when it comes to his
treatment of people of color.
The Black unemployment
rate remains two times the
rate of White Americans. We
also know that most
Americans cannot afford an
unexpected \$400 expense.

The fact check document
on Trump's record on com-
munities of color was enti-
tled "365 Harms: The Trump
Administration's Record on
People of Color aims to docu-
ment "the numerous ways in
which the Trump Adminis-
tration has been harming
people of color. They are re-
leasing seven instances each
week and will document 365
instances of Trump harming
people of color between Novem-
ber 5, 2019 and November 5,
2020," according to CAP
spokeswoman Julia Cusick.

Among some of the harms
listed by CAP:

•**Immigration** - President
Trump shut down the federal
government for five weeks
from late 2018 through early
2019 in order to secure fund-
ing for a wall along the U.S.-
Mexico border. This action
cost the U.S. economy \$11 bil-
lion and jeopardized the
financial security of more
than 228,000 federal employ-
ees of color.

•**Criminal justice** - Black
teenagers are arrested at
higher rates than white
teenagers. However, the
Trump administration dis-
solved the Office of Juvenile
Justice and Delinquency
Prevention's research arm-
the only federal office that
consistently compiled data
on racial patterns in juvenile
arrests and incarceration.

The Trump administration
scrapped Obama-era federal
guidance designed to ensure
that school discipline poli-
cies do not discriminate
against students of color or
students with disabilities, U.
S. Department of Education
data show that Black or
African American, Hispanic
or Latino, and American
Indian or Alaska Native male
students experienced a dis-
proportionate amount of out-
of-school suspensions during
the 2015-2016 school year.

•**K-12 education** - Under the
Trump administration, the
U.S. Office for Civil Rights
upheld fewer than 2 in 10
complaints of racial harass-
ment, compared with a rate
of 31 percent under the
Obama administration.

•**Addiction Crisis** - The
Trump administration
attempted to withhold funds
for combating the opioid cri-
sis from the city of Philadel-
phia due to its sanctu-
ary city policies, which
protect immigrants.

•**Nutrition** - The Trump
administration is reversing
Obama-era rules ensuring
that Title I schools-schools in
which more than 30 percent
of students qualify for the
free and reduced price lunch

program-receive adequate
funding. This will dispropor-
tionately affect students of
color, who were the majority
of students in Title I schools
for the 2016-17 school year.

•**Drug laws** - Drug laws dis-
proportionately affect Black
Americans, who are six times
more likely to be incarcerat-
ed for drug-related offenses
than their white counter-
parts. Despite these clear
racial disparities, the Trump
administration is instructing
federal prosecutors to pursue
the death penalty in both vio-
lent and nonviolent drug
cases.

•**Incarceration** - The Fed-
eral Bureau of Prisons is cut-
ting back on its use of
halfway houses and other
rehabilitative services,
despite evidence of the im-
portance of these services
for successful reentry of the
formerly incarcerated. Black
Americans make up 40 per-
cent of the incarcerated U.S.
population, while Hispanics
make up 19 percent of the
U.S. incarcerated population.

•**Economic Opportunity** -
The Trump administration
wants to eliminate the U.S.
Department of Commerce's
Minority Business
Agency

(MBDA), which provides
business consulting services
to people of color who wish
to start or expand their own
businesses. The MBDA is the
only federal agency focused
on the development and
growth of minority-owned
businesses.

•**Shootings of unarmed
Black men** - The growing
media coverage of shootings
of unarmed Black men since
2012 has brought attention to
the importance of data col-
lection in officer-involved
shootings. Yet the Trump
administration has delayed
implementation of a law
mandating data collection
on arrest-related deaths
until 2020.

•**Juvenile Justice** - Despite
disproportionately high ar-
rest rates of Black teenagers
in the United States, the
Trump administration re-
moved training manuals for
local juvenile justice offi-
cials aimed at eliminat-
ing racial disparities.

•**White supremacy** - In
response to White nation-
alists rampaging through
Charlottesville, Virginia,
and ultimately murdering one
counter-protester, President
Trump responded by defend-
ing the white nationalists
and blamed "both sides" for
the violence.

•**Trump administration
rhetoric** - President Trump
attacked African American
professional athletes for
protesting systemic racism
and bringing attention to
police brutality, [calling them
SOBs] and calling on team
owners to fire them. He fur-
ther inflamed emotions when
he joked that police officers
should rough up suspects
upon arrest.

•**Affirmative Action** - The
Trump administration
rescinded an Obama-era poli-
cy that encouraged universi-
ties to consider race in uni-
versity admissions to pro-
mote diversity. Instead, the
U.S. Department of
Education is advocating for
race-neutral methods.

•**Higher education** - While
boasting about increasing
funding to HBCUs, The
Trump administration tried
to cut funding for the Fed-
eral Work-Study program and
the Pell Grant program. This
funding is essential for stu-
dents of color: In 2015, 55.7
percent of Hispanic students,
54.1 percent of Black stu-
dents, 48.2 percent of Native
American students, and 25
percent of Asian students
received Pell Grants.

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HK ON J DRAWS 30,000, ORGANIZERS SAY

[RALEIGH] For the 14th year, demonstrators from across North Carolina came to Raleigh to march and rally during the Historic Thousands

on Jones Street moral March and People's Assembly in front of the State Capitol. Led by NC NAACP President Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, and featuring special remarks by former NC NAACP Pres. Rev. Dr. William Barber, the focus of last Saturday's event was encouraging people to cast their ballots during One Stop-Early Voting beginning today, Feb. 13th. The theme of the march/rally, "When We Vote,

We Win!"

NHC SCHOOLS SUPT. MARKLEY RESIGNS

[WILMINGTON] After ten years, Dr. Tim Markley, superintendent of New Hanover County Public School System has resigned. Markley, who was hired in 2010, submitted his resignation on February 7th. After a five hour session behind closed doors, the NHC School Board agreed to pay Dr.

Markley \$195,000 in severance pay, and \$32,966.66 in benefits. Markley's resignation comes amid a growing scandal in the system where teachers have been charged with sexually abusing students over the years.

COMMUNITY HELPS APEX MAN ONCE HUNG FROM TREE BY SHERIFF DEPUTIES

[APEX] It was 1952, and a

Black man named Lynn Council was falsely accused of stealing. Wake County sheriff's deputies took Council and hung him from a tree to die. Except that Council lived. Today, he is 87 years old. In the past few months once his story was told, both the police chief of Apex and the Black sheriff of Wake have apologized to him. And when word hit that Mr. Council would have to move out of his home because

the state is putting a highway through his property, the community started a GoFundMe campaign to help raise the needed funds to move to another house with his daughter. "Everything y'all did, I appreciate it from my heart," a grateful Mr. Council says, as he looks forward to spending his last years in peace.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

VOTING

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All early voting ends on Saturday, February 29. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 3 p. m.

Check with your local county Board of Elections to

confirm voting dates and times between now and Saturday, February 29.

Local candidates for office have already begun campaigning with mailers, campaign commercials, and campaign events. Major candidates for President have also begun coming to North

Carolina to campaign.

On the Republican side, President Donald Trump came to Charlotte last week, and though it was not officially deemed a re-election campaign stop, it is known that North Carolina is an important state in Trump's re-election effort, especially

with the 2020 Republican National Convention scheduled for August.

Billionaire and former New York mayor, Mike Bloomberg, is bringing his campaign for President back to North Carolina today, visiting Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Raleigh

today.

Sen. Bernie Sanders is scheduled to be in Durham and Charlotte on Friday.

Sanders, who is currently leading in the national polls after the disastrous Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primaries, is, like Bloomberg, trying to up

his profile in North Carolina and at least 14 other states that are part of the March 3 Super Tuesday primaries.

Bloomberg has focused his candidacy on winning the lion's share of those contests in his quest for the Democratic nomination.

60 YEARS

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schools.

In a 2003 interview, Khazan (formerly Blair, Jr.) reflected on the daily threats of violence and verbal assaults from white antagonists, as one caller reached him on the dorm hall phone and bellowed, "...executioners are going to kill you niggers if you come back down here tomorrow, you and your crazy friends."

White student allies who protested alongside black students were not immune from death threats either, as Khazan recalled a white student protester explaining that their college president was threatened by an anonymous caller saying, "...if those nigger loving bitches come downtown again and sit with those niggers, we going to kill them and burn your school down."

The Greensboro students persisted nevertheless, and soon, the protests that flooded the lunch counters of the segregated store would spread to other cities throughout the South beginning in North Carolina cities such as Elizabeth City, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, in addition to cities in Virginia.

In Virginia

Virginia played a primary role in the Sit-in Movement, as Hampton, Virginia became the first community outside of North Carolina to experience sit-ins on February 10th.

Initially, three students from Hampton Institute sat-in at the downtown Woolworth's lunch counter in Hampton and were refused service. As a testament to the veracity of the movement, within two weeks, over 600 students in Hampton were sitting-in.

On February 12th, sit-in protests spread to Norfolk, as 38 black protesters staged a sit-in at the Woolworth lunch counters on Granby and Freemason streets.

Similar demonstrations were held in Portsmouth, in the mid-city shopping center at lunch counters in Rose's Department store on February 12th and at Bradshaw-Diehl department store later that week.

Led by students from I.C. Norcom High school, the Portsmouth sit-ins would be one of the few cities that experienced violence, albeit initiated by white anti-protesters armed with chains, hammers, and pipes and resulting in retaliation from the black students after being attacked.

Violent episodes were the exceptions and not the rule of the massively spreading Sit-in Movement. In nearly all sit-in cities, black protesters made immeasurable efforts to avoid violence at all cost since the movement and training centered on non-violent demonstrations in confronting inequality.

Edward Rodman, high school activist in Portsmouth, admitted they were initially unorganized and untrained in passive resistance, which played a role in their reactions to the violent anti-protesters. The Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) connected with the Portsmouth student protesters and over the next few

days conducted intense and successful non-violent workshops with the young people. Soon after, the Portsmouth students reignited their movement without incidents of retaliation toward violent antagonists.

North of Hampton Roads, Richmond, Virginia experienced sit-ins as well as Baltimore, MD, and dozens of other cities by the end of February. By mid-April, sit-in protests reached all southern states involving thousands of black student activists and sympathizers.

The coordinated demonstrations of thousands of black student protesters and sympathizers put insurmountable pressure on Woolworth's, as it became nearly impossible for regular customers to purchase items, eat at the lunch counters and even enter the store in many instances.

On May 25th, the sit-in movement received a major victory as lunch counters at Woolworth's in Winston Salem, NC desegregated. Soon after, Woolworth's in Nashville, TN and San Antonio, TX also integrated. Finally, on July 25, ground zero, Woolworth's in Greensboro integrated its lunch counter. With the possibility of facing bankruptcy, F.W. Woolworth totally acquiesced and desegregated all of its lunch counters throughout the nation by the end of the summer of 1960.

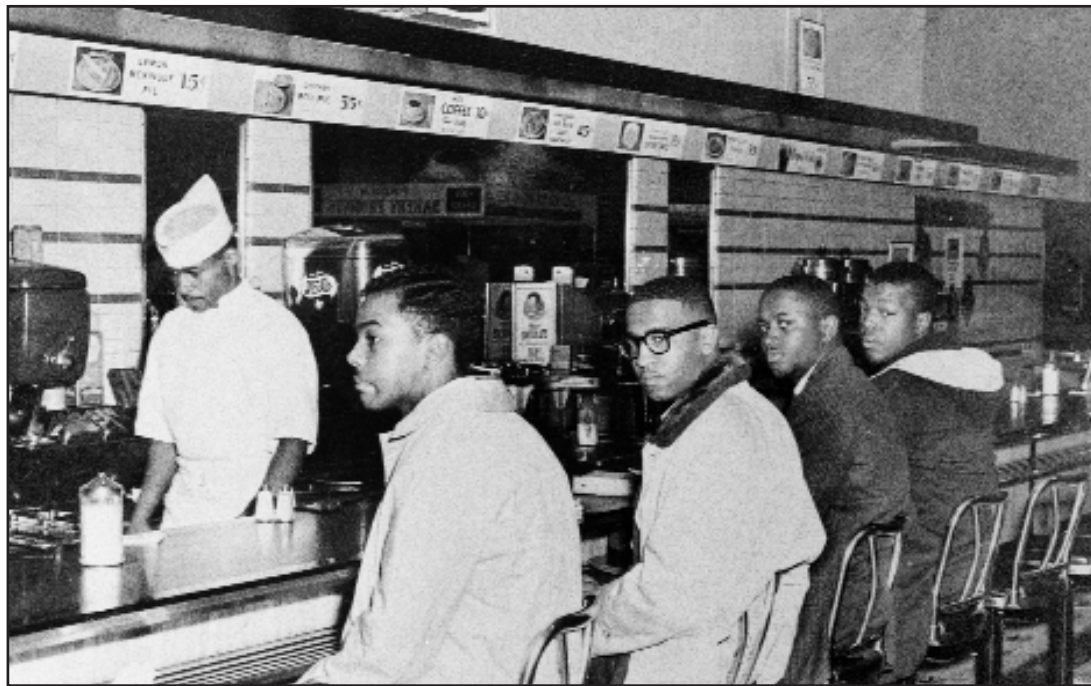
The Legacies And Larger Significance Of The 1960 Sit-in Movement, Sparked In Greensboro

Similar to the successful 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott, the students' triumphant coordinated protests in 1960 further demonstrated how mass economic boycotts could lead to desegregationist social victories, particularly when targeting businesses that relied heavily on black patronage. The Greensboro Four only set out to challenge and change the discriminatory practices of the local Woolworth's, yet their movement expanded exponentially to ultimately bring about the desegregation of all Woolworth's lunch counters in the country.

The students of the Civil Rights era suddenly possessed a new weapon, the mass sit-in, which would continue to be used in Greensboro and around the country in various forms. The sit-ins combined with the freedom rides led to black students establishing their unique value and niche to the larger Civil Rights Movement. Black students understood their unique, collective power and desired to harness their efforts under a national apparatus. Consequently, another major legacy of the student movement that emerged in Greensboro was it also directly led to the birth of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in April of 1960 in nearby Raleigh, NC on the campus of Shaw University.

SNCC would soon emerge as one of the most formidable organizations of the decade, elevating students to the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement.

After marveling at the magnitude and effectiveness of the student protesters during the sit-ins, major



GREENSBORO FOUR

Civil Rights organizations such as the NAACP, SCLC and CORE pressured the students to collapse their meteoric movement into the youth wing of one of their institutions under their supervision.

The students however, decided to remain autonomous and formulate their own student-led organization, while still adhering to non-violent principles. The students' decision to remain student-led received noteworthy support from several key adult Civil Rights leaders in Greensboro in addition to Ella Baker from SCLC.

SNCC would prove to be an indispensable organization that not only championed directly confronting Jim Crow racism on numerous levels through organized protests and massive voter registration drives, but SNCC also further popularized the concept of participatory democracy and was the first major Civil Rights organization to evolve toward seriously embracing principles of black power ideology under Stokely Carmichael's (Kwame Ture) leadership in 1966.

Another legacy of the 1960 sit-in movement was that it offered the inspiration and blueprint for the second and more colossal wave of mass student protest in Greensboro in 1963. The 1963 student demonstrations in Greensboro would be even more locally successful than their predecessor as they desegregated all remaining businesses in downtown Greensboro and the student leader of the second wave of sit-ins, Jesse Jackson, would parlay his leadership in the student protests onto the national Civil Rights stage throughout the 20th century. Similar to Greensboro, other cities throughout the South would experience a second and even third wave of similar protests to successfully desegregate other remaining businesses throughout the decade.

Ultimately, all mass student protests of the 1960s and thereafter owe their viability to the student-led Greensboro protests of 1960, including student black power activists and anti-war activists of the late 60s and 70s. Although its origins predate 1960, even one of the largest and most noteworthy national student organizations, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), owe its resurgence and major elements of its effectiveness to the spark ignited

by the Greensboro Four on February 1, 1960.

Even recent episodes of student activism exhibited in the Ferguson, Missouri protests of 2014-15, as well as the student protests led by black students at the University of Missouri in 2015, which ultimately led to the resignation of the chancellor, have attributes that correlate to the 1960 student movement. The student movement of 1960, ignited by the Greensboro Four, provided a blueprint for future students to build upon, perfect, and utilize in a variety of ways for a plethora of circumstances.

Most importantly, what happened in 1960 showed young people the power they possessed to address their grievances and ultimately bring about change on both local and national levels if they organized themselves and remained committed.

Unique Weapons for Non-violent Students

In addition to the typical traits that come along with youthfulness such as idealism and impatience, student success during the 1960 sit-ins and thereafter was directly affixed to two distinct assets possessed by students juxtaposed to their older adult activist counterparts. The first asset is condensed demographics, as student-body populations were primarily located on campuses and/or nearby the colleges.

The fact that hundreds to thousands of students in a college town lived within a square mile of each other led to the expeditious mobilization of large numbers of people and efficient dissemination of information and strategy.

Although black churches proved to be invaluable throughout the Black Freedom Struggle from Reconstruction to the Civil Rights Movement, there was still no equivalent amongst the older black generation to the college campus' effectiveness as both a meeting place and as a domicile for housing and dispersing the shock troops of the movement.

The second major asset specific to students would be the relation between arrest and reprisal. At some of their demonstrations prior to 1960, older black activists strategically triggered their arrests for charges such as trespassing or loitering as a way to dramatize unjust treatment via media coverage and to pressure white officials to change discriminatory laws.

Once mobilized per the sit-ins however, student activists were able to invite and withstand incarceration for far longer periods of time and in extremely larger numbers. Students vastly elevated this critical strategy of the overall movement. During 1960 and beyond, the enormous numbers unleashed by black student activists put unyielding pressure on local law enforcement, political officials and jail facilities. In many cities like Greensboro, there were not enough jail cells for all of the students arrested, particularly since the students refused bail and chose to remain incarcerated.

This action severely drained local municipalities of money and resources, forcing local governmental, business and law officials to dramatically adjust policies and sometimes change discriminatory laws. Student activists were able to perfect this strategy because they could endure prolonged imprisonment without fear of major job or housing reprisal.

Comparably, many older activists, whose families depended on their incomes, could not sacrifice prolonged periods of incarceration, as it would threaten their livelihood. Furthermore, angry employers or landlords, who disapproved of their protest activities, could threaten to fire them or abruptly remove them from property they were renting.

Students were not confronted with the same ramifications of these economic, employment and housing reprisals, as the majority of them lived on campuses and perhaps had part-time, albeit replaceable, minimum wage jobs, often with no dependents.

Drawing the contrast between student activists versus the older activists is not synonymous with drawing divisions, as the older activists understood the assets that students solely possessed to further the movement along. In fact, many of the older activists encouraged the younger activists and actively supported them in numerous ways.

For example, when Bennett College students, who were the heroines on the 1963 Greensboro protests, were arrested and refused bail during the 1963 sit-ins in Greensboro, their professors came to the jail facilities and gave them their classroom and homework assignments every

week. This scenario personifies the symbiotic relationship between both generations in the fight against racism, as the professors showed their appreciation for the young people's unique and valiant position for the benefit of the entire race and future generations, yet not removing the students from their responsibilities and academic requirements.

Altogether, students endured countless hardships that included incarceration, verbal assaults and physical violence. Sometimes, attacks from white antagonists were compounded by disproportionate responses from law enforcement, as Portsmouth activist, Edward Rodman explained, "...the fire department, all of the police force and police dogs were mobilized. The police turned the dogs loose on the Negroes-but not all the whites."

Students also understood that they could pay the ultimate price for protesting against the status quo of racial inequality, as numerous activists were murdered throughout the Civil Rights era. Nevertheless, over 50,000 black students and sympathizers participated in the sit-ins of 1960. As historian Clayborne Carson highlighted, "Nonviolent tactics, particularly when accompanied by rationale based on Christian principles, offered black students...a sense of moral superiority, an emotional release through militancy, and a possibility of achieving desegregation."

A movement within a movement was born on February 1, 1960 and that movement evolved into its own distinct force by the middle of the decade. Soon after the sit-ins began, students realized their collective prowess, as student activism consistently helped define the decade of the 60s in forcing monumental political, legal and social changes throughout the nation.

Finally, the black student activists of the 1960 sit-ins did three important things, albeit unintentional: they helped lay the foundation for all collective student activism in the 60s and beyond, they played a legendary role in the larger African-American Freedom Movement that began as early as Africans' arrival to colonial America, and they cemented a valuable place in one of America's most significant traditions, the protest tradition, which has continuously defined and propelled our country since its inception.

Our society, and all post-1960 social movements, have undeniably benefited from the audacity of those four brave freshmen and their actions on February 1, 1960.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Writing our own history

Noted Nigerian author Chinua Achebe once said, "Until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter."

History, like law and race, is a human construct. It has no physical existence, yet it is still a very real phenomenon. When we study history, we study the recordings and explanations of past events in narrative form as they have been told.



Oscar H. Blayton

But it is not enough to study the narratives of past events. If we are not to be victimized by history, we must know who created these narra-

tives and why. We must know the truth of the telling. And to know this truth, we must study historiography.

History is only the study of the past as told to us. The study of the telling is historiography. It is the study of what came out of the minds of the individuals who created these narratives.

It is important to understand that histories are not always factual. Narratives known to consist of falsehoods often are accepted as myths, while those built upon undiscovered falsehoods are generally deemed to be truths.

Like any other social construct, history can be used for good or evil. Slavery and the murderous laws of Germany's Third Reich are two examples of this. Also, histories constantly are written in ways that create advantages for one group of people while causing suffering for another.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has worked vigorously with historians for more than the last 150 years to create myths about the South's Lost Cause that they knew were underpinned with falsehoods. Then they peddled those myths as truths to maintain white supremacy and promote the Ku Klux Klan. They saturated Southern towns and counties with statues honoring Confederate dead to perpetuate those myths. They also controlled what myths would be included in textbooks used by to public school children. Their campaign of lies and miseducation was intended to maintain a social order guaranteeing the dominance of the white race by venerating vicious slaveholders and denigrating the enslaved and their descendants.

But myth creation positioning Black and white folk in history is nothing new. Centuries ago, Western historians erased Black emperors and Black popes from the stories of the Roman Empire and the Roman Catholic Church. Emperors like Septimius Severus and Macrinus were not erased from history, but their African ancestry was rarely, if ever, mentioned in histories. Popes Victor I, Miltiades and Gelasius I all were acknowledged by contemporary writers as having been

born in Africa, but this fact often has been omitted from later histories.

Even though Black folk have fought for America in every war since the nation's beginning, there was very little awareness of the significance of African Americans in U.S. military until movies like "Glory" and "Red Tails" arrived on the big screen. The histories of America's battles have been written time and time again, and with each rewrite, Black warriors were written out of the narrative.

According to a report by 1st Lt. (later General) John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, Black soldiers of the 10th Cavalry led the attack on San Juan Hill in Cuba during the Spanish-American War. Theodore Roosevelt and his Rough Riders did not get to the top of that hill until the fighting was over. A few years later, however, Roosevelt was campaigning to become vice president of the United States, and hoping to secure Southern votes, he denied the heroism of the Black troops that he had witnessed and claimed they had performed poorly during the fighting. Casting himself as the hero of the battle, Roosevelt claimed that he and his 500 Rough Riders defeated 10,000 Spaniards defending San Juan Hill.

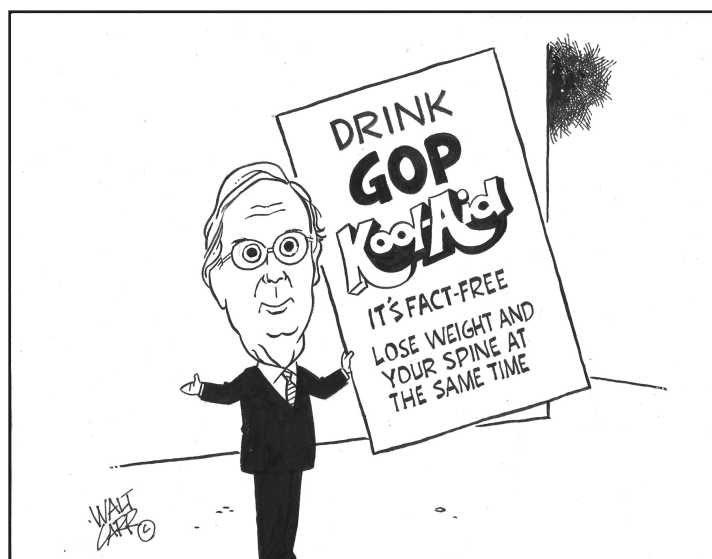
Continuing this trend of warping history, Black environmental activists most recently have been written out of the narrative of the struggle over climate change. This omission was highlighted when a young Nigerian woman who was part of a delegation of five activists was cropped out of their group photo by the Associated Press. Journalism is the first draft of history, and this news photo showed four smiling young European activists with no hint that an African was involved. When people of color are written out of the first drafts of history, it is no surprise that we are written out of later versions.

Each February in the United States, Black history is grudgingly celebrated as a gift to undeserving people of color and treated as separate and apart from American history. This is a continuation of people of color being written out of history. Celebrating Black History Month as separate from other histories segregates it as a category of ethnohistory, rather than as an integral thread not only of American history but world history. World history and American history must be taught in ways that include the various histories of Black people. The Black popes must be acknowledged in the histories of the popes, the Black Roman emperors must be visible in the histories of the Roman Empire.

Black folk need to create our own true narratives so that it is understood that our history is woven throughout the fabric of world history, and not a loose thread, clinging sadly at its edge.

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YOUR VOICE

Common Sense Resolutions

It was my assumption that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners was reluctant in making resolutions. However, my opinion changed at a recent meeting because several resolutions were either adopted or proposed. Therefore, it was suggested that resolutions on the following three issues be considered: 1) Shared cost for the reverse osmosis system for water purification by Brunswick

County and Chemours; 2) Immediate re-activation of the NCDOT plan to build a fourth bridge across the Cape Fear River and 3) Prohibition of seismic testing and offshore drilling along the NC coast.

Now, let us briefly consider the reasoning for these resolutions. **Resolution 1** is related to the pollution of the Cape Fear River; our source of drinking water, with dangerous chemicals by an irresponsible company (Chemours). Why should taxpayers of Brunswick

County have to pay ~ \$100 million for a water purification system and the polluter doesn't have to pay a single penny?

Resolution 2 - If you want to promote county-wide economic development in the housing and manufacturing sectors as well as tourism, it is imperative that infrastructure be upgraded, including the building of the Cape Fear Crossing Bridge. **Resolution 3** - My parents, farmers in Northeastern NC, shared a wise saying with me at an early age: "What's good for

the goose is good for the gander". Since Florida politicians successfully petitioned the federal government to exempt their coast from offshore drilling, why can't the NC congressional delegation do the same to protect our tourist industry from potential pollution? The citizens of Brunswick County will be watching and waiting for the Board's response.

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MATTERS OF OPINION

More than "A Vote"

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I can't really say what motivated me to view the movie "SELMA" again, but I found it to be inspirational as well as illuminating, especially as it explored the importance of voting. I've come to believe those of us who are more chronically advanced, politically oriented or who, out of a sense of obligation to our predecessors, routinely vote with the regularity of "Old Faithful," sometimes fail to understand that others haven't learned or been taught the significance of The Vote. I don't condemn those who have a less than complete understanding of voting - I question those of us who have forgotten to teach.

I have always believed that something others want to deny you or in which they want to prevent you from participation IS IMPORTANT, especially to them. We can see this played out historically in education, jobs AND voting. To understand the real importance of voting, we must quickly review the voting process before 1965.

Rated in 1870, the Fifteenth Amendment to the

Constitution prohibited states from denying a male citizen the right to vote based on "race, color or previous condition of servitude." Many will also forget that women had to wait until 1920 to receive the right to vote. This amendment could change the law, but it could not change the hearts and minds of those who were entrenched in the belief in racial superiority.

Those who so believed and administered the voting process in

states and localities established extra-legal methods to prevent African-Americans from voting. Most notable of these methods were literacy tests which required unreasonable factual knowledge such as reciting the Constitution or reciting with perfect accuracy specific facts about state laws. Some "tests" were as ridiculous as stating the number of beans in a large jar or the number of bubbles that could be

created by a bar of soap. These tests were used to disqualify African-American voters, but these same "tests" were not administered to whites. In the aftermath of the brutal, bloody events on the Edmund Pettus Bridge and other violent deaths in the struggle to gain the unencumbered voting rights, in March of 1965, the 1965 Voting Rights Act was signed into law.

Fast forward to today. Just what do we give up without the unencumbered right to vote. Of course, we give up the right to select a candidate of our choice. That loss is something that most will immediately recognize, but what peripheral losses will we experience?

Statistically, Progressive voters outnumber Conservative voters by a wide margin. By needing to overcome voter apathy inspired by a "lack of excitement" or the failure of candidates to pass a 100% litmus tests of political purity, we have surrendered our polling place power: Our acceptance of the belief that "our votes don't count" surrenders our lives to those who have no concerns about our or our children's future.

Probably our most significant loss is in the judicial arena. For as long as I can remember, the Civil Rights community has depended upon the reasoned judgment of a judiciary with a dedication to upholding the law for all citizens instead of one committed to conservative partisan interests.

Court decisions limiting the rights of the masses exemplified by Citizens United, upholding Republican Party Gerrymandering, and loosening the enforcement guidelines of the Voting Rights Act all stand in stark contrast to the expansion of rights engendered by the Brown v. Board decision.

Failing to vote or allowing petty considerations to prevent us from voting with others who share our short- and long-term interests, we choose to live life by default - accepting only what others offer us. Our offering to our children is the same.

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Hair discrimination is alive and well

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Andrew Johnson, a high school wrestler, was forced to submit to the humiliating act of having his dreadlocks shorn or have his New Jersey team forfeit their match to the opposing team. A gleeful white woman seemed too pleased to invade the young man's person, and his team won, but at what price? When this happened in December of 2018, there was a national outcry, and the referee was suspended.

A year later, DeAndre Arnold, a senior at Barbers Hill High School in Mont Belvieu, Texas, was told that he would not be able to graduate unless he cut his hair. He's been growing his dreads for more than five years, often wearing them in a bun so that they did not violate the school rule that hair could not touch the collar. This is part of a pattern of policing Black hair in our nation's high schools and workplaces. And these dress codes are an attack on Black people, designed by white people and for white people. Hostility toward natural hair, locs and twists is really unvarnished hostility toward Blackness and its manifestation. It is an insistence that

Black people conform to Eurocentric norms.

Andrew Johnson and DeAndre Arnold made headlines, but many cases do not. Often, the "code" is subtle, and the backlash painful and undeniable, but never spoken. So many women are told that their hair is "too wild" or "ungroomed", as if bone straight hair is the only way to wear it. And perhaps it is not said so much as hinted. And Black women (and men) have the choice of playing the game or stalling their careers. This doesn't happen so much on the coasts, in California, New York and the District of Columbia. But it happens enough that activists have worked to outlaw hair discrimination.

On July 3, 2019, California became the first in the nation to outlaw discriminating against natural hair. The CROWN Act, or Create a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural Hair was signed into law by

Governor Gavin Newsom. A few days later, New York State passed a similar law, as did New Jersey. A few cities and counties, like Cincinnati, OH and Montgomery County, Maryland, have also followed suit. A dozen or so other states and municipalities have explored, and even introduced legislation that prohibits discrimination against those who wear natural hair, braids, locs, or twists. Despite legislation, hair discrimination is alive and well.

The text of the California legislation explores the history of hair discrimination. It reads in part, "The history of our nation is riddled with laws and societal norms that equated 'blackness,' and the associated physical traits, for example, dark skin, kinky and curly hair to a badge of inferiority, sometimes subject to separate and unequal treatment." The bill goes on to say, "Professionalism was, and still is, closely linked to European features and mannerisms, which entails that those who do not naturally fall into Eurocentric norms must alter their appearances, sometimes drastically and permanently, in order to be deemed professional."

The fact that a diversity of hairstyles needs to be addressed through legislation speaks to the intransigence of white supremacy, the need white supremacists have to require Black people to conform to their standards. Even as the population of people of color grows in our nation, white supremacists are holding on, strong, to their racist norms. Some of them don't even think they are racists. They are, indeed, "nice" people. They speak of neatness, wildness and their own discomfort with "different" hair. They think that folks should go through having their hair fried to make other people comfortable.

I really don't care how people wear their hair. It, truly, is a matter of choice. And hair does not have to be political. But hair choices must be respected and discrimination against natural hair; braids, twists, and locs cannot be tolerated. Intolerance about natural hair is an intolerance against Black people. It is, at best, unacceptable.

Kudos to California State Senator Holly Mitchell for

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starting the ball rolling. Congratulations to those who worked with her to pass this important legislation. And

shout out to the others who have embraced her legislation by introducing it in other states. Hair discrimination is not the most egregious injustice that Black people experience, but it is an injustice nonetheless. Just ask DeAndre

Arnold, who won't be able to march with his peer graduates because he wears dreads, or the wrestler, Andrew Johnson, whose locs were shorn because a racist referee had neither intelligence nor tolerance.

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REALITY CHECK

Witnessing two history-makers in action

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month 2020, it is necessary to pay tribute to two history-makers who are still with us, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., who is a renown historian of religion and Charles Fuller, one of the premier playwrights of our time. During the past month I've had the spiritually enhancing, knowledge-expanding experience of witnessing two brilliant, serious, though-provoking Brothers in action.

distracted by current events in this nation. He cited historical and Biblical references to show that this is nothing new, that our ancestors with determination, faith and skills had made it through similar or even worse circumstances. He made a special appeal to the significant number of young people among the congregants.



A. Peter Bailey

"Stay woke! Stay conscious! Hold on to your hope," he urged them to enthusiastic amens and applause. When attending Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker's church in Harlem, he would sometimes say "I'm not just a Baptist. I'm a Black Baptist." Dr. Wright is not just a Christian; he's a Black Christian.

The second history-maker, Charlie Fuller, though not physically present when I saw his unforgettable play, A Soldier's Play, on Broadway, was definitely there spiritually. I first saw his compelling, provocative creation in the 1970s when it was presented by the Negro Ensemble Company. It is one of my favorite plays. Charlie, with supreme talent, and intelligence make audiences aware of the lacerating psychological damage this basically white supremacist society inflicts on way too many black men. The lead character, played by David Alan Grier, is a demonic, self-hating black sergeant who is basically a black white supremacist. With scorn and disgust, he physically and emotionally brutalizes the mostly rural young black soldiers under his command. "It's people like you," he continuously snarls at them,

"who justify the attitude of white folks about us." Eventually he is mysteriously killed.

The second leading character is a black army captain, played by Blair Underwood, whose job is to find out who killed the despicable sergeant. Throughout the play, which takes place during World War II, Charlie includes conversations from white officers about confronting the Nazis. What they didn't talk about was the brutality and terrorism being inflicted on black folks by white supremacists in the United States.

A wise person will take advantage of any opportunity to see the two great history-makers in action.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
On Pseudo-Christianity

I have long said that if a person cannot, will not, or does not follow the words of Jesus, then that person cannot call oneself a Christian. As Christians, we are called to imitate the way Jesus lived and to follow his words. Short of doing that, a "religious" person who attends a Christian church cannot claim to be a Christian. At best, he or she is a church-goer.

The president this week "disagreed" with Jesus' lesson to us to "love our enemies," and he doubted the faith of those who say they pray for their enemies. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/trumps-politicization-of-the-national-prayer-breakfast-is-unholy-and-immoral/2020/02/06/529518e4-4931-11ea-bdbf-1dfb23249293_story.html) Jesus said for us to do that, most starkly in the Sermon on the Mount.

It has been interesting to listen to people marvel at African Americans voice forgiveness for the persons who have killed their loved ones. The most recent example of a black person forgiving someone was Brandt Jean, who publicly forgave the white police officer who shot and killed his brother as he sat in his own apartment. (https://www.npr.org/2019/10/03/766866875/brandt-jeans-act-of-grace-toward-his-brother-s-killer-sparks-a-debate-over-forgi) His act did not endear him to many; in fact, many Christians - black especially but others as well - have scoffed at Jesus' directives to forgive, to "turn the other cheek," and to treat enemies with respect.

But if the truth be told, had not the words of Jesus been pounded into the psyches of black people, we as a people would have been long gone. We did not have any support for our lives and our rights - not from white people, not from the system, including Congress and the US Supreme Court, and we did not have the same access to weapons as did white people. Nonviolence saved protesters on the street; struggling to "do" the words of Jesus saved the souls and spirits of protesters as they continued to fight their enemies on a daily basis.

In a book I wrote some years ago, *Forgive WHO? The Struggle to Obey God's Awful Command*, I examined this directive given to us by Jesus. It is as distasteful as it is difficult. It makes one feel weak because the natural human inclination is to fight stones with stones, and yet, when the playing field is so uneven, it is a given that the powerful have more stones they can access, and therefore to wipe out their opposition.

The power of Jesus' words is their ability empower and strengthen people, who show a weird love - the love of God - and stand in front of their oppressors in spite of their pain and anger. It is doubtful that anyone "forgives" his or her enemies right away; that seems humanly impossible, but the words of Jesus become seeds in bruised souls, and begin to sprout even as the victim of evil works to breathe through their pain. The act of forgiving first helps the one who has suffered an attack or affront from any number of sources. It is the highest, most supreme show of strength one can exhibit.

Those who do not, cannot, or will not forgive display what hatred and anger and resentment does to one's spirit. The president is an example. He only wants revenge; the desire is eating at him, so intense that even in a "prayer breakfast," where supposedly devout Christians have gathered to honor God, he cannot hold his pain within him, and he openly disavowed the words of Jesus the Christ.

And the Christians-in-name-only applauded him and laughed, which says at least to me that something is awry in their souls as well.

There is much confusion about forgiveness. Forgiving doesn't mean you become best friends with the one who hurt you (no need to set up a time for "tea and crumpets"), but it does mean that you lose the visceral reaction you experience when you even think of what the person has done to you. It frees you even as your abuser drowns in bitterness and anger.

What we have seen this week in this president and in the religious nationalists is a love of power, not of Jesus. We have heard - and will continue to hear and see - his words of anger and contempt for those who he deems as being his enemies, and he will spew his venom all over this country and everything he touches.

He and others might claim to be "Christian," but they cannot be. They adhere to something that can only be called "pseudo Christianity," something which has no foundation and teaches nothing about how to be one's best self in the face of abject evil and attacks.

Those who fight with fists claim that they are strong. Dictators, who cannot stand to be criticized or challenged, and who kill and/or destroy anyone who does either; also claim to be strong. But their quest for absolute power, and their willingness to put God and the instructions for life given by Jesus the Christ on the periphery of their lives, makes them the weakest people of all.

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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arteries often cause high blood pressure in older age, medication is often necessary. It is not uncommon to need more than one medication to control your blood pressure.

The risk for high blood pressure and increased blood vessel stiffness, which both increase the risk of heart disease, may be reduced with a

healthy lifestyle.

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

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TOO BE EQUAL

National gun violence survivors week highlights those whose lives have been changed forever

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

On January 8, 2011, I was performing my favorite duty as a Congresswoman—meeting with my constituents—when it happened. In a matter of seconds, a gunman shot and killed six people, injured 12 others, and shot me in the head outside a Safeway in Tucson, Arizona. I keep the memories of those we lost that day—nine-year-old Christina-Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard, Gabe Zimmerman, and Judge John Roll—close to my heart. And I will be forever bonded to my fellow survivors who will spend the rest of their lives dealing with injuries and trauma. — **Former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords**

Hadiya was shot and killed seven years ago, while standing in a Chicago park with friends after taking her final exams. Just a week earlier, she had marched with pride in



Marc Morial

President Obama's inauguration ceremony. Thirteen-year-old Malachi Hemp-hill accidentally shot himself while playing with a gun his friend stole from a neighbor. The owner, who'd kept it in a console in his unlicensed car, didn't report it stolen and didn't even notice it was missing.

"When his heart stopped, so did ours," his mother, Shaniqua Stephens, says.

Jerri Mauldin Green has been affected by gun violence three times. She grew up hearing the tragic story of her grandparents' murder-suicide when her mother was only 6 years old. Her childhood best friend was murdered by the father of her children when the boys were only 2 years old and 4 years old. And just this year, a new friend she'd met at a leader-

ship course was shot and killed in his home.

In honor of National Gun Violence Survivors week, Everytown For Gun Safety is sharing the stories of those whose lives have been forever changed by gun violence National Urban League is proud to be a partner of Everytown, a coalition that includes parents, students, responsible gun owners, teachers, police officers, elected officials and social justice organizations, working together to end gun violence and build safer communities.

National Gun Violence Survivors Week which began last year, is focused on sharing and amplifying the stories of gun violence survivors who live with the impact of gun violence every day of the year. The week is observed in early February because this marks the approximate time that gun deaths in the United States surpass the number of gun deaths experienced by our peer countries in an entire calendar year.

Hundreds of survivors like Cleopatra, Shaniqua and Jerri, who have lost loved ones, along with those who have witnessed an act of gun violence, or been threatened or wounded with a gun, are

sharing their stories on the Moments that Survive story wall. Survivors and allies are amplifying their voices on social media using the hashtag #MomentsthatSurvive, to represent the moments and memories that endure for survivors after experiencing gun violence.

There are more survivors than we might imagine. A shocking 58 percent of American adults have experienced gun violence or are close to someone who has.

They are mothers like Tonjula Mason-Shelby, who felt that her reason for living was taken from her when her only child, Kimondra Mason, was gunned down. They are women who found the courage to leave their abusers, like Laura Morris who bears the scar of a gunshot wound on her shoulder. They are daughters like Khary Penebaker, whose mother Joyce took her own life with a gun when Khary was a child.

Their lives have been changed lives forever. Sharing their stories highlights the devastating human consequences of gun violence in America.

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Changes in the heart and blood vessels as we age

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Age plays a significant role in vein health. Aging can cause changes in the heart and blood vessels.

As people age, the heart tends to enlarge slightly, developing thicker walls and slightly larger chambers. The increase in size is mainly due to an increase in the size of individual heart muscle cells. ... Together, these changes make the vessels stiffer and less resilient.

The heart has two sides. The right-side pumps blood to the lungs to receive oxygen and get rid of carbon dioxide. The left side pumps oxygen-rich blood to the body.

Blood flows out of the heart through arteries, which branch out and get smaller and smaller as they go into the tissues. In the tissues, they become tiny capillaries.

Capillaries are where the blood gives up oxygen and nutrients to the tissues, and receives carbon dioxide and wastes back from the tissues. Then, the vessels begin to collect together into larger and larger veins, which return blood to the heart.

The heart has a pacing system that controls the heart-beat and regulates the electrical signals that stimulate the heart's pumping action. Over time, this natural pacemaker

loses some of its cells, and some of its electrical pathways may get damaged. These changes can result in a slightly slower heart rate at rest and a greater susceptibility to abnormal rhythms (the most common of which is known as "atrial fibrillation").



Glenn Ellis

With increasing age, all the structures of the heart also become more rigid. The muscles of the left ventricle get thicker, the heart may increase slightly in size, and the volume of the left ventricle may decline. As a result, the heart may both fill and empty more slowly, thus putting less blood into circulation. The increase in one's heart rate and cardiac output in response to physical activity is also diminished, and one's maximum heart rate declines. The drop in maximum heart rate appears to be greater than average in sedentary individuals and in those with overt cardiovascular disease.

There is no major changes to blood with age, but there is a reduction of red bone marrow. This means that there is a diminished capacity for blood cell formation in the

elderly. In the absence of heart disease, the heart remains essentially the same size, or diminishes slightly in size. The is a reduction in the number and size of cardiac muscle cells with aging and an increase in fibrous tissue. Blood vessels reduce in elasticity with age. This is due to a reduced elastic fiber content in the wall of the arteries.

One of the conditions that is prominent in the aging of the circulatory system is Chronic venous insufficiency (CVI). An estimated 40 percent of people in the United States have CVI. Chronic venous insufficiency occurs when these valves become damaged, allowing the blood to leak backward. Valve damage may occur, not only as the result of aging, but also as a result of extended sitting or standing or a combination of aging and reduced mobility. When the veins and valves are weakened to the point where it is difficult for the blood to flow up to the heart, blood pressure in the veins stays elevated for long periods of time, leading to CVI. It occurs more frequently in people over age 50, and more often in women than in men.

Vein damage is cumulative - the longer we live, the more challenges our veins have endured. By the time we reach an advanced age, our legs have undergone many

years of stress. Age, sedentary lifestyle, and obesity are the main risk factors for the development of chronic venous insufficiency in the elderly. Patients present with complaints such as pain, edema, burning, bloating, weight sensation, restless leg syndrome, night cramps, varicosities, color change and open wound in the legs.

According to WebMD, "your age isn't the only thing that can affect your arteries. Lifestyle matters, too. Extra weight, smoking, lack of exercise, and eating a lot of foods high in trans-fat can all take a toll. Potentially dangerous artery problems considered common as people age may actually be avoided or delayed well into the senior years".

As you get older, it's important for you to have your blood pressure checked regularly, even if you are healthy. This is because aging changes in your arteries can lead to hypertension. You may feel fine but, if not treated, high blood pressure could lead to stroke and problems with your heart, eyes, brain, and kidneys. To manage high blood pressure, exercise, dietary changes, and reducing your salt intake can help, but as aging changes in the

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New Hanover County

New Hanover County Precinct W25 Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, February 15th from 10:30 - 12:30 p.m. at the Hannah Block Bldg., 120 S. 2nd St.

The **New Hanover NAACP** monthly meeting is Thursday, February 27th, 7:00 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. The meeting will include information on the Mind, Body & Soul Health Fair April 25 at the MLK Center on Eighth Street in Wilmington. Other important state and community issues will be on the agenda as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch activities and events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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Wilmingtonian Ball comes home



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Class of 1970 Planning Committee, left to right-Raymond Davis, Benjamin Chadwick, Kojo Nantambu, Eleanor Waddell, Cynthia Coke, Marie Beatty, Lizzie Johnson, Cynthia Johnson. Ernestine Bowman, Grady Riley, Jerry Nash, Jackie Mack, Shirly Jones, Marilyn Ellerby, Luzetta Bradley, Geraldine Pollock

BY GERALDINE POLLOCK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Leading up to their 50th Reunion, the Class of 1970 held the first Wilmingtonian Ball in Wilmington, N.C. on December 21, 2019. Numerous guests attended the dance from different states such as New York, Washington, D.C. Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The Wilmingtonian Ball began in New York in 1961. The Gyrators, a local group from Wilmington, North Carolina,

consisting of Dan Pringle, Greer Saunders, James Brown, Johnny Jacobs, Clarence Pringle, Peter Pringle, Richard Pringle, Ernest Randall, Daniel Roberts, Robert Saunders, Henry Simon, Ulysses Shaw, and Zandy Staten spearheaded the special event in New York for Wilmington natives. The first Wilmingtonian Ball was held in the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem, New York. Additional balls followed at the Roachdale Community Center in Queens, New York and the Concord Ballroom in

Brooklyn, New York. The late Mr. Sam Mack "Red Mack" organized and sponsored the chartered bus trips from Wilmington, N.C. to New York each year. Buses were also chartered from Philadelphia, Pa. and Washington, D.C.

The last Wilmingtonian Ball was held in 2005. However, after years of reminiscing about this historical occasion, the class of 1970, decided to revive the Wilmingtonian Ball in Wilmington, North Carolina. Of the thirteen original Gyrator members, only two are

still living. Mr. Dan Pringle and Mr. Greer Saunders. The class communicated with Mr. Pringle and Mr. Saunders and they were very helpful in assisting in starting an annual Wilmingtonian Ball in Wilmington. The Class of 1970, thanks everyone for making its first Wilmingtonian Ball a success. It was truly a reminder of the ball held in New York and an enjoyable event. The Class looks forward to seeing everyone December 26, 2020 for its 2nd Annual Wilmingtonian Ball.

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The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold two public meetings regarding the proposed improvements to approximately 13 miles of the CSX Railroad SE Line (the "Beltline") including tie and rail rehabilitation, curve realignments, and upgraded switch operations. Improvements to existing highway grade crossings also include selected closures, signal upgrades, and crossing surface improvements from CSX Davis Yard in Navassa to South Second Street in Wilmington, Brunswick and New Hanover counties.

Two public meetings will be held to present the same information:

Monday, February 24
5-7 p.m.

St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church
1416 Market Street, Wilmington

Tuesday, February 25
5-7 p.m.

Rachel Freeman School of Engineering
2601 Princess Place Drive, Wilmington

NCDOT and SCDOT project team members and representatives of the NV5 Consultant Team will be available to provide information and answer questions regarding the project. The opportunity to submit written comments and questions will be provided at the meeting or before January 10, 2020. Please note that no formal presentation will be made at these meetings.

At the meetings there will be maps of the proposed plans as well as project team members who will be available to answer questions and receive feedback. The public may attend at any time during the meeting hours. Please note there will be no formal presentation. All comments will be taken into consideration as the project develops. The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided at the meetings or may be done via phone, email, or mail by **March 10**.

As information becomes available, it may be viewed at the project webpage:
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For additional information, please contact Andrea Major, Rail Project Manager at (919) 707-4726 or 1553 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1553 or Consultant Project Manager Marc Hamel at (919) 781-4626 or project email address at Wilmington-Beltline@publicinput.com.

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Mike Bloomberg makes history with the Black Press of America

BY STACY M. BROWN
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Recognizing the importance of the Black vote and the reach of the Black Press of America, Democratic Presidential Candidate Mike Bloomberg has just delivered the largest single advertising buy to the Black Press in the 80-year history of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

The NNPA is the national trade association that represents 230 black-owned newspapers and media companies throughout the nation.

The \$3.5 million ad buy became official on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, during Black History Month. It enables Bloomberg to continue his aggressive campaign for president with ads appearing in Black Press of America publications throughout the upcoming Super Tuesday states, as well as other key states where the Black vote will be the determinative factor in the Democratic Party primaries.

Columbia, South Carolina Mayor Steve Benjamin, who co-chairs Bloomberg's campaign, said the deal is reflective of the former New York City mayor's commitment toward building an inclusive economy.

"The Bloomberg campaign's initiative is groundbreaking, and it goes to significantly increasing the economic health of African Americans by tripling their net worth," said Mayor Benjamin. "The Bloomberg model is intentionally focused on creating a million new African American homeowners, 100,000 new African American-owned businesses, and \$70 billion in federal capital to go in the 100 most challenged neighborhoods across the country."

Benjamin added that the ad agreement counts as a recognition that, while some people only talk about accomplishing important initiatives, Bloomberg follows through. "Mike has a history and a record as mayor, CEO, and philanthropist, of getting things done," Benjamin stated.

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Steven N. Larkin, NNPA National Advertising Consultant and Director of Corporate Partnerships who led in negotiations with Bloomberg's campaign, called the ad buy a "Historic partnership between Mike Bloomberg and the Black Press."

Reaching Black America in 2020 is critical for all presidential candidates, according to the Brookings Institute, a non-profit public policy organization in Washington, D.C.

In a recent study, researchers at Brookings noted that candidates increase their chances of winning the presidency by "taking the long-range approach of energizing Black voters. Both parties should not discount the powerful recent election results in which Black votes determined the outcome."

A new Quinnipiac poll revealed that Bloomberg is steadily gaining traction among Black voters. The survey showed that Bloomberg rose 7 points overall, just two points behind former Vice President Joe Biden, who dropped 7 points.

Bloomberg now polls second among Black voters with 22 percent to Biden's 27 percent. The former New York City mayor recently unveiled his Greenwood Initiative, which is designed to ignite economic justice for African Americans.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA, emphasized, "It is appropriate and politically providential that candidates



Mike Bloomberg visits the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church in Alabama. Originally founded in the holding pen of a slave trader, the church was eventually led by one of our greatest Americans, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Pictured left to right: Rev. Cromwell Handy, Mike Bloomberg, ASU President Quinton Ross and Bloomberg Campaign co-chair, Bobby Singleton.

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Mike Bloomberg meets with Moms Demand Action volunteers in New Hampshire.

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for the highest office in the nation recognize and sustain the significance of reaching

African American voters through the Black Press of America via the NNPA. Mike

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Plantation politics in minority broadcasting

BY PLURIA MARSHALL JR.,
PRESIDENT / CEO
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When I tell you that you can count the number of African American commercial TV station owners in the U.S. on one hand, I mean it literally. There are only five – and I'm one of them.

Less than 1% of the nation's 1,400-plus commercial television stations are owned by African Americans – a shocking and shameful reality in a nation that purports to be the world's example of a free and diverse press. Minority media ownership is a fundamental part of our commitment to create and support an educated and well-informed society because it allows news and information to be presented by different (and often ignored) perspectives.

Earlier this month in Congress, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Communications and Technology will hold a hearing, "Lifting Voices: Legislation to Promote Media Marketplace Diversity," to shed light on the challenges uniquely faced by minority broadcasters and close the loopholes that allow huge corporations to put these minority voices down. This hearing couldn't come at a more urgent moment as the 2020

election cycle is well underway, giving broadcasters and station owners enormous influence over the content and information that voters receive.

My own experience as an African American media broadcast owner is a case study in how our system is not supposed to work. I am president and CEO of Marshall Broadcasting Group (MBG), a television broadcasting company that owns three full power television stations in the United States. In 2014, I was contacted by former FCC Chairman Dick Wiley about a potential opportunity to partner with Nexstar Media Group to acquire one or more TV stations.

As a longtime media executive, I naturally expressed my interest. After several meetings with Nexstar executives, Nexstar agreed to an FCC-imposed mandate to guarantee a \$60 million bank loan so I could acquire three TV stations in Texas, Louisiana and Iowa.

Why did Nexstar agree to guarantee the loan? Because they had a \$500 million acquisition on the table that was going to be rejected unless they helped a minority business owner get into the TV business (simultaneously helping the FCC honor its diversity mandate).

And that's not just me talking – that's exactly what then-

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler told Nexstar: Help a black man get into TV broadcasting – by providing the loan guaranty and other assistance – or the FCC will not approve your transaction. Without MBG's help, then, Nexstar's \$500 million acquisition would have never been approved. What's more, Nexstar would have forfeited millions of dollars in fees and deposits.

In theory, Nexstar's long-term commitment was to help MBG get a secure footing in broadcasting, acquire more TV stations and, ultimately, become a thriving minority broadcaster in its own right. In reality, it was something else. Before the ink on the agreement was dry, Nexstar reneged on most of its obligations under the FCC agreement. Notwithstanding that, Nexstar did call in its marker for FCC approval of a larger, unrelated transaction. Once Nexstar's larger deal was approved, it took active measures to sabotage MBG and run us out of business. They overcharged us for stations, interfered with our operations, imposed oppressive fees for shared services, withheld working capital, and eventually caused us to default on our credit facility.

This is not how companies that claim to be committed to media diversity should treat their minority broadcast partners. In my opinion, it represents the calculated



PLURIA MARSHALL JR., PRESIDENT/CEO MARSHALL BROADCASTING GROUP

scheme of a predator who exploits and manipulates the system to subsidize its own interests and ventures – all with U.S. tax dollars and blessing.

The biggest failure was our system – set up by Congress and run by the FCC – that lacks the accountability, follow-up and protections to not only encourage minority broadcasters, but to support us as we grow and thrive. In fact, even when these abuses were brought to the FCC's

attention in the form of a complaint, the FCC ignored them and rewarded Nexstar with approval of an even larger merger, allowing them to purchase Tribune; a company previously denied to Sinclair for similar abuses.

The only thing worse than our government turning a blind eye to minority broadcasters is when government officials actually do something to assist media diversity, only to have those efforts thwarted by the disingenuous

actions of corporations like Nexstar.

Starting with the recent hearing – but not ending until we've leveled the playing field – let's demand that Congress take the necessary steps to support minority broadcasters who want to grow and enrich our media landscape, unshackled to bad actors like Nexstar: I'm proud to be a pioneering African American broadcast owner, but our country would be much better off if I was one of many.

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Snoop Dogg v. Gayle King and Ambassador Susan Rice

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Last week, just days after the tragic death of basketball superstar and entrepreneur Kobe Bryant, CBS This Morning co-host, and Friend of Oprah Winfrey, Gayle King sparked a controversy following her interview with former WNBA star and longtime friend of Bryant, Lisa Leslie.

During an interview that covered a wide range of subjects, King was persistent and insistent as she pressed Leslie to respond to the resurfacing of 17-year-old rape allegations against Bryant. Bryant was not convicted of any wrongdoing in the matter. Prosecutors dismissed all charges against him after the alleged victim failed to appear in court. A civil suit brought by Bryant's accuser was later settled for an undisclosed amount of money.

Many viewers felt that the questioning was insensitive and displayed a lack of simple human decency, given that Bryant's family, along with the families of the other victims lost in the tragic accident, were still grieving.

"It's been said that his (Bryant's) legacy is complicated because of a sexual assault charge that was dismissed in 2003 / 2004," said King to Leslie during the interview. "Is it complicated for you as a woman, as a WNBA player?"

"It's not complicated for me at all," Leslie told King. "I just never see - have ever seen him being the kind of person that would be - do something to violate a woman or be aggressive in that way. That's just not the person that I know."

King continued pressing, telling Leslie, "Lisa, you wouldn't see it, though. As his friend, you wouldn't see it."

Leslie stood firm. "I just don't believe that," she told King, adding that the media should be more respectful at this time.

While both King and CBS assert that it was a wide-ranging interview that covered many topics, she was persistent about the subject of sexual assault in general and its impact on Bryant's legacy, specifically.

After the interview, rapper and actor Snoop Dogg, whose real name is Calvin Cordozar Broadus Jr., took to social media, posting what quickly escalated to an expletive-filled response to King. Some, including King, perceived Snoop's post as a threat.

Snoop, who was a close friend of Bryant, referred to King as a "Funky Dog Head B***h" and told King to pipe down "before we come get you."

On Friday the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, entered into the melee with a warning directed specifically at Snoop, "This is despicable. Gayle King is one of the most principled, fair and tough journalists alive. Snoop, back the **** off. You come for @GayleKing, you come against an army. You will lose, and it won't be pretty."

For his part, Snoop maintains that it's far too early for the media to press the issue of those allegations against Bryant. He argues that the Bryant family and the other families who lost loved ones in the crash are still in the early stages of mourning.

And he is not alone.

Snoop later said that he wasn't threatening King. "When I said what I said, I spoke for the people who felt like Gayle was very disrespectful towards Kobe Bryant and his family."

"Now with that being said, what do I look like, wanting some harm to come to a 70-year-old woman? I was raised way better than that," said Snoop, who is 48-years-old about King, who is 65. "I don't want no harm to come to her, and I didn't threaten her. All I did was say, 'Check it out. You out of pocket for what you doing and we watching you. Have a little bit more respect for Vanessa, her babies and Kobe Bryant's legacy.'"

The debate over the appropriateness of Snoop's take-down of Gayle King as well as Rice's response, continues to dominate Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, with several noted celebrities and social media influencers joining in.

For her part, Rice has received support from several prominent African Americans, like Senator Corey Booker (D-N.J.), Michael Eric Dyson, and Marc Lamont Hill.

Oprah Winfrey went on the Today Show to complain that King hadn't slept in two days. Others started the hashtag, "#IStandWithGayle."

Those who supported Snoop countered with the hashtags, "#ImwithSnoop" and "#IStandWithSnoop."

"White liberals created the hashtag '#IStandWithGayle' to try and save their puppet Gayle King, but trying to create a false Black man vs. Black woman narrative," activist and film producer



PHOTO: SCREEN CAPTURE FROM VIDEO OF INTERVIEW./CBSNEWS.COM

Gayle King interviews former WNBA star Lisa Leslie for CBS This Morning.

Tariq Nasheed wrote on Twitter. "But it was a Black woman (Lisa Leslie) and other Black women who led the charge against Gayle's disrespect of Kobe."

Eddie S. Glaude Jr., the chair of the Department of African American Studies and the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University, said he thought about the King interview and Snoop Dogg's response.

"Misogyny is evil. Period," Glaude stated. "Sometimes, when people grieve, when they are in pain, they hurt others. They cause pain," he said.

Many blasted King and Winfrey, who have both received criticism for going after Black men implicated in sexual assault while standing up for White men who have

been accused of the same or similar crimes.

Photos of King and Winfrey posing with Harvey Weinstein, Charlie Rose, Bill Clinton, and other White men who've been accused of being sexual predators littered the Internet.

"Kobe had one accuser, and he was acquitted," Isaac Hayes III wrote on Twitter. His message was accompanied by a video of King supporting Rose. In the video, King appears to lash out at those attacking Rose. "I don't know what more we can do to Charlie Rose except a public flogging. He's gone, he's not coming back to CBS News," King says in the video.

Hayes responded: "Charlie Rose had 27 accusers, and Gayle King stood by him. Kobe is gone and not coming back."

Hip-hop star and tv producer 50 Cent also mentioned his

displeasure with King.

"Gayle King, why would you do that to your people? You know what people are going through right now," said 50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson III. "I didn't understand what the goal is at that point. She knows what Kobe means to the actual culture at the same time. Like they knew what Michael Jackson meant. I just don't know what you're trying to do when the men are dead."

"The legal system couldn't deal with it," he added. "What are you supposed to do, publicly convict him? Is that the idea? Now is it justice or is it revenge? ... It's all public opinion now."

"Why would you ask a question like that, trying to tarnish somebody's image? You do that to your own Black people. You sad. Black people need to stop trying to hurt Black people for success."

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Jason Seth Stokes died February 4, 2020. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Rodney Paige

Rodney Paige died February 6, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia. Funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m., Friday, February 14, 2020 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lofton Irving

Lofton Irving died February 9, 2020. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Masonboro Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mack Lee

Mack Lee, age 90, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, January 27, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Lee's life was held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Doris Lee of the home; daughters, Kim Robinson of Henrico, VA, Demetra Crittendon (Jerry) and LaVelda Jaudon of Chesterfield, VA, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

George Pressley

George Theotis Pressley, age 42, of Charlotte (formerly of Wilmington), passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

A memorial service and celebration of Mr. Pressley's life was held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of the home, Shon Phillips; son, Amaziah Flaverney of Wilmington; bonus daughters, Asia Phillips, Jasmine Jackson, Jada Jackson all of Charlotte; father, George Foster Pellom; sisters, Amada Brown of Bradenton, FL, Tameka Bunting (Timothy) of Wilmington, Missy Pellom of Wilmington

and a host of other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Davis L. Brown

David Leroy Brown, 72, born February 15, 1947, died Saturday, February 1, 2020 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. Funeral services were held on Saturday February 8, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home.

Mr. Brown was the son of the late Estelle Brown McLean and Archie Young In his early years, Mr. Brown attended Williston High School. He was married to Cora Brown. Mr. Brown grew up attending Mt. Zion AME and Price Cathedral AME Churches. Mr. Brown had a passion for Western movies. He could be found watching them back to back on a Saturday for hours. His primary vocation for most of his life was using his hands as a gifted mechanic. He held his own in the kitchen as a wonderful cook. Watching football, especially the Carolina Panthers, was a fond past time.

He leaves his children David Johnson, Timothy Johnson, Satanta Taylor, Lenora Dailey and Corea Williams, 16 grandchildren and many close friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Milziner "Mary" Walker

Milziner "Mary" Ruffin Walker, daughter of the late Bennie and Suzie Ruffin was born on August 10, 1936. She departed this earthly life on February 3, 2020. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Mary was a faithful member of New Covenant Holiness Church. She was in attendance as long as her health permitted. She sang with the adult choir. Mary served as a domestic engineer (housekeeper) for many years for the families of Mrs. Trayham and Mrs. Cunningham until her retirement. Mary formed an outstanding relationship with both families. She was married to Alfonzo Walker, Sr who preceded her death.

Mary was also preceded in death by her siblings, Jeff Carr, Willie Ricks, Author

Ruffin, Tina Eley, Louise Stringfield, Gracie King and Marion Gardner.

Mary was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother; sister, aunt and friend to many and will be greatly missed. She leaves to cherish fond memories: her children, Alfonzo Walker, Jr. (Denise) of Greenville, TN, Ivory Lee Walker (Faye), William Henry Walker and Lynita Walker all of Wilmington, NC, ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, 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.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Margaret Vaught

Margaret Vaught, age 62, died unexpectedly February 3, 2020 at home, with family by her side. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

She was born April 24, 1957 to Margaret Melvin and the late Alvin Hankins. "Bunky", as she was affectionately called, was a loving mother and friend to many. She was a very generous person and her infectious smile would light up any room. Being a good-hearted person, she rarely met a stranger. Her love for music was evident as she would dance to the latest tunes. "Bunky" was known for her outgoing personality and spent her last days reaching out to everyone she knew.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her step-father, Rudolph "Rudy" Melvin, and sister Rosemary "Rose" Faison.

She is survived by her children: Walter Hankins of Wilmington, NC, Latiek Hankins of Greensboro, NC, and Tangela Vaught of Wilmington, NC; six grandchildren, Kiana, Ike, Kayla (Bobby), Latiek Jr., Amaya, and Neveah; 4 great-grandchildren; her mother, Margaret Melvin of Wilmington, NC; three sisters, Christine Nixon (Thomas), Geraldine Williams (David), and Rachel Hankins all of Wilmington, NC; six brothers, Randolph Melvin of Providence, RI, James Beatty of Pittsburg, PA, Clarence Melvin (Waundolyn) of Boston, MA, Dale Harris (Petra) of Collier, TN, Albert Hankins and Germaine Hankins (Patricia) all of Wilmington, NC, an uncle and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Services

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

Irene Stewart

Irene Stewart, age 98, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2020. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Ms. Stewart's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Geenlawn Memorial Park. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

Elder Tanya Millhouse

Elder Tanya Millhouse, age 61, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2020. A celebration of Elder Millhouse's life will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, February 16, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.

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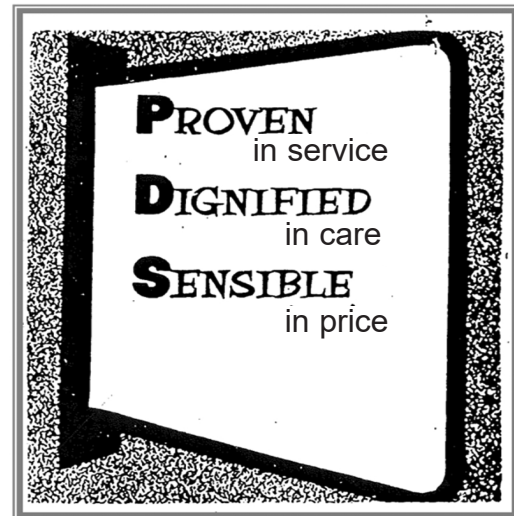
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Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their District Womens Conference on Thursday, February 20th and Friday, February 21st at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Elder Sharon White of New Covenant Holiness Church. For more information please call 910-200-4648.



Religious Briefs

Mt. Zion AME Church, 1111 N. 5th Ave., Lay Organization will host Mrs. Bertha Todd as their 2020 Black History Month speaker on Sunday, February 16th at 11:00 a.m. Also the 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

Mt. Olive AME to hold Black History Month Celebration

On the fourth Sunday (February 23rd), Mt. Olive will have its Black History Month celebration service. The theme will be "Educating African-American Youth in Our Community: THEN AND NOW" and in the Future?

The service will showcase our Young Peoples Division (YPD) in music, praise dance and inspirational readings. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Sabrina Black-Hill, principal of Virgo Academy and Preparatory School, operated by UNCW. In addition, there will be a presentation by "Tre" Bennett, a fifth grader at Freeman Elementary School that was invited to give an inspirational "youth perspective" regarding Dr. Martin Luther King and community relations. This is the presentation he gave at the Army Corps of Engineers

annual Martin Luther King Annual Lunch, for which he received a standing ovation.

In addition, there will be a Mt. Olive "Photo Gallery" showing photos of the schools and school life in the schools we attended during the Jim Crow Years. Mounted photos of local heroes who went to NHC schools will be included. Examples might include Joseph McNeil, Thomas Jervay, Althea Gibson, etc.

Of course, a SOUL FOOD DINNER WILL BE SERVED! Please invite your family, friends and neighbors.

Mt. Olive, fourth Sundays are "dress down" Sundays. So, if you have a school tee shirt, do wear it to the service. For additional information, contact Russell Hewett at (910) 399-5321 or Email rhewett2@ec.rr.com.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Rooted in the past growing toward the future

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

This is the day that The Lord has made. Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have need thy hands hath provided great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me. We the Senior Citizens Fellowship met at our usual time at the MLK Center. We were just excited today as always to see each other and to find out what took place since the last time and thanking God we made it.

Our meeting was called to order by Mrs. Margie

Robinson who is our devotional leader. We opened by singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Mrs. Ethel Lawson was our prayer warrior for today. Thank you God for hearing and answering our prayer. Next we sang "Kum Ba Ya." Minutes Sharon Pollock came to remind us of Black History. She gave us information on MLK's Dream as he brought healing to all. Hilda Jacobs read a poem "Negro Mother" by Langston Hughes. Mrs. Janice Gordon read about Marva Collins, an educator from Chicago. She made great strides toward educating and

motivating children regardless of who they were or wherever she was. She was a blessing to our history. Teachers and assistants in our fellowship were recognized today. Mrs. Kay Smith read a poem on "Why God created Teachers." Teachers have been and will always be important in our lives. Teachers were thanked for the job they have done and will continue to do. Minister Pollock thanked everyone for their participation in our Black History Program today. She then turned the meeting over to our president Mrs. Gladys Taylor.

Some of the teachers told of their experiences. We were also reminded that February is National Heart Month by Ms. Mary Lockhart. Everyone was thanked for a great meeting today. To God be the glory. We were favored with a great lunch. Thanks to the committee, Mrs. Mildred Ellerby, Ms. Cherry Pearson and Mrs. Mary Green. We the Senior Citizens Fellowship have so much to be thankful for. We enjoyed our lunch, sang "Bind us Together" and prayer was offered by Minister Sharon Pollock. There were 44 in attendance.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Love Thy Neighbor"

"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Galatians 5:14

Love - Unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another
Neighbor - Fellowman; One living or located near another

Valentines Day promotes the season of showing love. Since God is Love, this season should never end for the true Child of God!

"Beloved if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." I John 4:11 "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" I John 3:17

There was a lawyer in Luke 10th. chapter that asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbor?" And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

And by chance there came down a certain priest that

way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.



Sylvia Hooper

And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence and gave them to the host and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinketh thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?

And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." St. Luke 10:29-37

Love is an action word that

is exemplified when one is moved with compassion, and shows mercy, like Jesus did in Mark 1:41 It takes mercy to show love to a neighbor or a brother or sister in need. Mercy is compassionate treatment of those in distress. If we would just remember how much mercy the Lord showed toward us when our soul and life was in distress. We wouldn't have such a problem showing mercy to others. Matthew 5:7 says, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." Luke 6:36 says, "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." Lamentations 3:22-23 says "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."

True religion demands love in action. Therefore, if we see a need, we should try to meet it. Many of those around us have fell among thieves, and have been stripped and wounded. They have been left to die, and will die if someone does not come to where they are, see them in distress, and be moved with compassion to do something about it! We cannot afford to become cold and indifferent to the needs of those around us who are suf-

fering for whatever the reason. Love is not an option. Love is a mandate to the Church of the Living God. Yes, we should love the Lord with all our hearts, but also love our neighbor as ourselves. For all the law is fulfilled in one word...LOVE~! There are only four letters in l-o-v-e, but it is a great and mighty word. And yes, We serve a great and mighty God! Tell Somebody!!!!

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

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THE NEWS

Grand Officers of District 19 attends Grand Installation

BY GERALDINE ARMSTRONG
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Saturday, January 25, 2020, Joint Public Installation was held for the grand elected and appointed officers of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc. and Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Rite of Adoption for the State of North Carolina, An Affiliate of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina Jurisdiction, Inc..

This grand event was held at Popular Springs Christian Church, 6115 Old Stage Road, Raleigh, NC 27603. What a wonderful spiritual event.

Master of Ceremony was Brother Lamont Noel, Special Deputy Grand Master; Mistress of Ceremony was Sister Vanessa R. Powell, Special Deputy Grand Matron, both of the Piedmont Region.

Procession of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter officers was followed by Invocation-Reverend James Harris, Grand Lodge Chaplain. Afterwards, a selection ("This Little Light of Mine) by the Martin Luther King Children's Choir. Welcome-Sister Jacqueline Sykes, District Deputy Grand Matron of District No. 22; Occasion/Purpose-Brother Ervin Gibbs, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 22; following, another selection (Give Him Some Praise)from the Martin Luther King Children's Choir.

The 24th Most Worshipful Grand Master (Brother Daniel L. "DT" Thompson) was installed by Brother Marvin D.Chambers, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge Elected Officers, Special Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Masters were installed by Brother Daniel Thompson, MWGM. Order of the Eastern Star

Grand Chapter Elected Officers were as follows: Installation of Sister Mary R. McGhee, Grand Worthy Matron and Brother Reginald W. McClenton, Grand Worthy Patron was also, by Brother Daniel Thompson, MWGM. Brother James C. Russell, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master installed the Grand Lodge appointed floor officers and committees.

Grand Chapter Elected and Appointed Officers, Special Deputy Grand Matrons, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Lecturers and Committees were installed by Brother Reginald W. McClenton, Grand Worthy Patron.

Grand Officers for District 19 are: Sister Brenda L. Williams, District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Holmes, Grand District Lecturer; Sister Geraldine Armstrong (Grand Sick and Distress, chair); Brother James Lightfoot, District Deputy Grand Master and Brother James Parker (Grand

Lodge Committees). Sister Johnnie Mae Pridgen (Jephthah Chapter IV) and Maurice White were visiting for the installation service; special thanks to them.

Sister Mary McGhee, Grand Worthy Matron, installed the Directress of the Youth Department and the State Gleaner Matron and Brother Daniel Thompson, MWGM installed the Director of Knights of Pythagoras and the State Master Knight.

Prayer of solidarity and unity was given by Reverend Charles W. Brooks, Senior Pastor of Popular Springs Christian Church.

Following remarks from: Brother McClenton (Grand Worthy Patron), Sister McGhee (Grand Worthy Matron), Brother Chambers (Past Most Worshipful Grand Master) and Brother Thompson, a very spiritual and heart-rendering prayer was given by Reverend Jessie Blakeney, Grand Chaplain of the Order of the Eastern Star.

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