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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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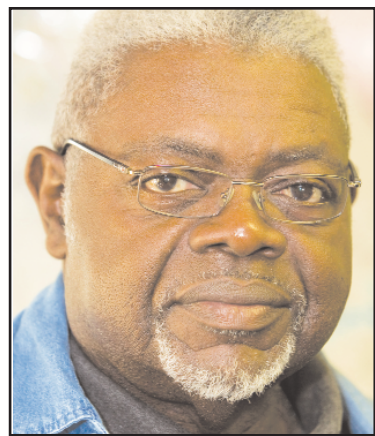


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BERNEST HEWETT

Another one of Brunswick County's Black leaders we should have known

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Deacon John Willie Marlow, Chief, Captain, John Willie, Daddy and Grandpa, as he was affectionately known, was born March 31, 1941, to the late Austin Julius Marlow, Sr. and Mary Pearl Gore Marlow. He departed this life, while at church, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Calabash, NC, on Sunday, February 2, 2020. John accepted Jesus Christ, as his Savior and was ordained as a deacon under the late Rev. Carl Reaves. He served on the finance committee and as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday

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State Court of Appeals dumps voter ID, perhaps for all of 2020

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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What a federal judge stopped short of doing weeks ago, a three-judge panel of the State Court of Appeals may have now done, put the nail in the coffin of voter photo identification for the rest of 2020, and with it, the November 3 general elections.

On Tuesday, in a 45-page ruling, that panel of three Democrat appellate judges unanimously ruled that North Carolina's voter ID law was deliberately discriminatory toward African American voters. Thus, the judicial panel of Toby Hampson, John Arrowood and Allegra Collins issued a

preliminary injunction temporarily shelving the law (Senate Bill 824) until trial.

Most observers agree that a trial in this matter most likely won't be scheduled to commence until after the Nov. 3 general election, meaning that the preliminary injunction will remain in force automatically through then.

It was Dec 31, 2019, when US District Court Judge Loretta Biggs, an Obama appointee, similarly ruled Republican lawmakers in the NC General Assembly had "discriminatory intent" against African Americans when it passed SB 824 a year earlier. She issued a preliminary injunction against the voter ID, making it ineligible to be enacted per the March 3 primaries, for which early voting is currently going on. However, Judge Biggs' injunction was seen as expiring before the November elections.

She also noted that the federal courts had determined the very same discriminatory intent when the GOP-led legislature passed the 2013 voter ID law, which was eventually struck down by a federal court.

GOP lawmakers, after voters ratified a constitutional amendment establishing voter ID in Nov. 2018, then passed the law, saying that the majority of North Carolinians had spoken.

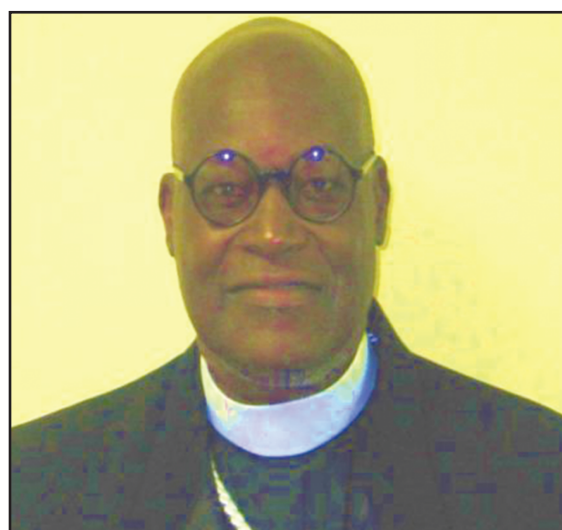
However, voters were only told what the amendment was, never how it established voter ID, and that's where now two courts - one federal and one state- have both grabbed the Republican-led NC General Assembly by the collar and legally chastised it for passing a law that was racially discriminatory.

In Tuesday's unanimous decision, Judge Hampson wrote, "...the evi-

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FACES IN THE NEWS



MINISTER DR. CALVIN E. ROBINSON

Native son writes second book

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Minister Doctor Calvin E. Robinson was born to his late beloved mother Sarah Robinson, and father Willie Robinson in Wilmington, North Carolina, and is the youngest of ten siblings. He graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1966.

After graduation he moved to Raleigh, North Carolina and attended Civella School of Cosmetology. He moved to New York in 1972, and continued to study cosmetology at The Apex School of Beauty Culture, from which he graduated in 1973. In 1974 he attended The Allen School for Physician's Aide in Jamaica, New York to study Medical Laboratory Technology; graduating with an "A" average in 1975. In 1976 he matriculated at New York Institute of Technology to continue his study of Medical Laboratory Technology. He graduated and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1980. He holds licenses in both Cosmetology and Medical Laboratory Technology respectively.

However, his greatest license is in The Gospel

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DR. BERTHA TODD

Dr. Bertha Todd speaks for Mt. Zion during Black History Month

BY **BEVERLY SMALLS**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Citing Ivan Van Sertima's *They Came Before Columbus*, other scholarly works and civil rights notables, Dr. Bertha Todd, local retired educator civil rights icon, inspired the congregation of Mt. Zion AME Sunday.

In recognition of African-American History Month, the 11:00 a.m. worship speaker based her presentation on the needs for celebrations of our Lord, our ancestors, slavery in America, and the overcoming spirit of our ancestors.

"Make a joyful noise," Todd said, "Celebrate in song and work."

Captivated by her quoting of the words to the song, "This Little Light of Mine," Six year old Jayceon Robinson seated in the rear of the church knew the verse and spoke in unison loudly, "I'm 'gonna' let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine. Let it shine."

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No straight-party voting in North Carolina

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

There are only seven states in the nation where one can straight-ticket vote in the November 3, 2020 general election.

North Carolina is not one of them. That has no effect on the One Stop Early Voting/Same Day Registration that started last week, ending on February 29, or voting in the March 3 North Carolina and Super Tuesday 15 state primaries.

However, that doesn't mean there isn't still confusion.

In primary voting, voters are given ballots that list only their registered party's candidates for particular elective offices.

There is no straight-party voting during primaries.

The voter selects from the candidates of their party listed as to who will be the nominee going into the November 3 general election, running against the chosen nominee from the opposing political party or parties.

The general election is the process by which registered voters from both political parties decide which candidate will prevail in ultimately being elected to office. That is when traditionally straight-party voting would normally take place in North Carolina.

That is until 2013, when the Republican-led NC General Assembly passed General Statute 163-165.6, eliminating straight-party voting in North Carolina, reportedly in an effort to make long candidate ballots daunting for Democratic voters. The GOP then also passed the large

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Biden still leads with Black voters in state

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With the March 3, 2020, North Carolina Super Tuesday primaries just around the corner, the presidential campaign of former Vice President Joe Biden, seen as being on the ropes by the national press after his disastrous fourth and fifth place showings in the predominately White Iowa caucuses and New

Hampshire primaries, respectively, is desperately hoping for a triumphant comeback to Democratic presidential campaign dominance with wins in South Carolina, followed immediately by victory here in the Tar Heel state.

In the race for Democratic Party

delegates, Biden, who enjoys significant support from African-American voters, primarily because of his eight years with former Pres. Barack Obama, is losing steam fast, say poll observers.

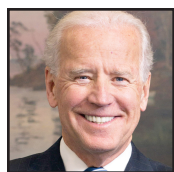
According to the latest Post and Courier-Change Research poll of Feb. 2, Biden's once coming 30 point lead in South Carolina for the Feb. 29 primary, has shrunk to just a five-point lead over Sen. Bernie

Sanders (I-Vt), who is gaining tremendous momentum after strong first and second place finishes in New Hampshire and the Iowa caucuses.

Of particular concern to Biden is how much of the Black vote can he hold on to in South Carolina and North Carolina?

South Carolina is seen as critical

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School, as well as in other roles and assumed other duties over the years. He honorably served as the Men's Union Treasurer for Ocean View Missionary Baptist Association since 1997. He was a graduate of Union High School, Class of

1959 as the Vice-President, Best Dancer, and Best Dressed!

Accolades: He was honorably discharged from the United States Army June 30, 1968. He was a graduate of Southeastern Community College, March 19, 1977, and Cape Fear Community College, October 14, 1977. He was the recipient of the Order of The Long Leaf Pine, award-

ed by Governor James Hunt, September 15, 1984. The State of North Carolina Appreciation Award was awarded by Governor James Martin, August 27, 1988. John worked for Rockland County NY Children's Psychiatric Hospital for 10.5 years. John began serving with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office in September 1976. He served in many roles, includ-

ing, a Certified Detention Officer, Captain, and Chief Deputy (Major) for 14 years, under the leadership of Sheriff John Carr Davis. He retired in June of 2000, with nearly 24 years of service to the citizens of Brunswick County. His contributions to the community and to the Sheriff's Office are immense and immeasurable. We are forever grateful to Captain Marlow for all he gave

to Brunswick County. He also was a supervisor for Communities in Schools for Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School and retired again. He was a role model for people of color and worked with honor and dignity to the end.

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

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dence shows the General Assembly specifically left out types of ID's that African Americans disproportionately lack. Such a choice speaks more of an intention to target African American voters rather than a desire to comply with the newly created amendment in a fair and balanced manner. Accordingly, we conclude, on this record, defendants have yet to show SB 824 would have been enacted in its current form irrespective of any alleged underlying discriminatory intent."

In both the federal and state court rulings, the judges indicated that Republican lawmakers were likely to lose their case.

Attorney Irving Joyner, Chair of North Carolina Central University School of Law, applauded the appellate decision in the case, *Holmes v. Moore*.

"The Court of Appeals opinion in *Holmes v. Moore* is just another recognition by a "court of law" that the North Carolina General Assembly acted with continuing racial animus when it enacted the latest Voter ID requirement. The *Holmes* opinion tracked, in large part, the reasoning that Judge Loretta Biggs recently reached

in *NC NAACP v. NC Board of Elections* when she reached the same conclusion in a similar case in federal court."

Attorney Joyner continued, "It was instructive that both of these courts acknowledged that the North Carolina General Assembly had made no efforts to correct, or even address, the racial animus that the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals had concluded in a 2016 opinion (of the 2013 voter ID law), existed and was the foundation for legislators' previous effort in 2013 to enact a photo ID requirement in North Carolina. Every court which has reviewed the constitutionality of the Voter ID scheme in this State have concluded that

its design and intent was to suppress the votes of African Americans and Latinos which violates federal and North Carolina law."

Republicans couldn't disagree more.

"North Carolinians know that General Assembly leaders will continue to fight on their behalf for a common sense voter ID law that they chose to put in our state constitution, and we will not be deterred by judicial attempts to suppress the people's voice in the democratic process," said House Speaker Tim Moore, who is named in the case.

"Activist Democrat judges are undermining the votes of more than 2 million North

Carolinians by throwing out our voter ID law. It's time to restore the rule of law in North Carolina," opined Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, a Republican candidate for governor.

However, Attorney Joyner has a message for disgruntled GOPers.

"It is time for this flagrant exhibition of racial animus by the North Carolina General Assembly to end," he said. "The State should acknowledge its past misconduct and history and immediately cease and desist any further efforts to suppress the vote and political participation by African Americans and Latinos. Shame! Shame! Shame!!

ROBINSON

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Ministry. Minister Doctor Robinson was born again January 26, 1986 and baptized March 9, 1986. He attended Highland Church in Jamaica, New York, where he also did his ministerial training. He ushered, sang in the choir, and was assistant Director of the Choir and Director of the Male Chorus. After ten years he left Highland Church and joined Allen Cathedral. There he was

Conductor of the Mighty Male Chorus for three years. He moved to Brooklyn, New York, and joined Second Evangelical Church. There he also preached and taught The Word of God. In 1996 he was called by Father God Jehovah to preach and teach with God's Spirit and Anointing. He was licensed and ordained May 5, 1996.

He was employed at Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn, New York in the Department of Pathology as a certified Phlebotomist and

Clinical Technologist in Special Hematology Oncology. He retired in 2010, and relocated back to Wilmington, North Carolina. He joined Union Missionary Baptist Church, and became an Associate Minister, where he also preached and taught.

Minister Calvin E. Robinson matriculated at North Carolina College of Theology. He received with honors an Associate, Bachelor and Master of Theology. He received his Doctorate of Theology with

honors from North Carolina Theological Seminary. He also received Certificates of Honor in Soaring High, Academic Excellence, and Perfect Attendance. He maintained an "A" average in every discipline.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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I thank you very much in advance. The blessing of the Lord be upon you. I bless you in the name of the Lord. Psalm 129:8---MINISTER DOCTOR CALVIN E. ROBINSON

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His grandmother, Vernelle Robinson said, "He learned that song in the church." Mt. Zion's youth ushers presided and also listened closely. Their department was also responsible for preparing a special Black History Month meal for attendees, Rev. Jerould Richburg said.

Dr. Bertha Todd's varied roles in local civil rights and community activism are grounded through years of service as a lay person and official in Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church.

"Let us not become like ugliness. Use God's guidance for the glory of God," she said.

Suggesting reflexive thinking as one of the keys in the celebration of Black History, the Christian biblical principles in St. Mark. Chapter 12,

Verses 28 through 32 were presented.

The focus on the love of God, and loving one's neighbor was explained through the need to love one's self.

Preparing for a trip to accompany a Caucasian friend to a recent Women's Suffrage one hundred years celebration, the speaker chose to be prepared to invoke information about Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells and other black women who helped build that movement.

She was pleased that her interjection of the African-American suffrage facts were not necessary. The organization had documented and included those names in their prepared research.

Quoting the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. Todd said, "We 'aint' where we were, we 'aint' where we used to be," as the audience vocally agreed and laughed.

During her professional

service as librarian for Williston Senior High, Dr. Todd was a research mentor for many students including a young Joseph McNeil who became one of four N.C. A&T students to initiate the Greensboro Woolworth Sit-In Movement.

"I was told by Mr. William Lowe, who taught government, that we were being investigated," Dr. Todd said.

Mr. Lowe was described as an exceptional government instructor, and keen in the analysis of the constitution. His students' research papers had not pleased everyone from the central school board.

As she recalled a special visit by six officials from the school system, Dr. Todd persevered, eventually retiring and aiding the local community in research and develop-

ment of the Wilmington's 1898 Memorial.

She stated that thorough research and knowledge of civil rights awarded by the U.S. Constitution likely led McNeil to focus on getting other students to begin the national sit-in movement.

Her presentation ended with a recitation of the Negro National Anthem by poet, James Weldon Johnson.



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BLOOMBERG, SANDERS LEAD IN NEW NC POLL

[RALEIGH] With two weeks to go to the March 3rd Super Tuesday primary, a new WRAL-TV/SurveyUSA

poll shows former NY Mayor Mike Bloomberg and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders in a virtual dead heat at 22 percent in the race for Democratic Party primary voters, followed by former Vice President Joe Biden at 20 percent. Former South Bend, Ind. Mayor Pete Buttigieg was fourth with 11 percent, Senator Elizabeth Warren at 8 percent, and

Senator Amy Klobuchar with 5 percent. Eleven percent of those polled were undecided.

DURHAM PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS RETURN AFTER EVACUATION

[DURHAM] Families of the McDougald Terrace public housing complex began returning to their homes last week, over month after they

were evacuated because of discovered carbon monoxide leaks. But when some got back, many found that their apartments had been broken into, and their possessions stolen. According to published reports, nearly two dozen of the 360 apartments evacuated had been broken into, with windows broken. Residents complained to the Durham City Council that

the security firm hired to safeguard the properties didn't do their job.

REP. LINDA JOHNSON OF CABARRUS DIES OF CANCER

[RALEIGH] Republican House Representative Linda Johnson of Cabarrus County has died after it was discovered two weeks ago that she had tumors in her brain. She was

originally being treated for a stroke when the discovery by doctors was made. Reportedly, Johnson suffered another stroke Sunday while preparing to undergo radiation therapy. Rep. Johnson seven in the state house for 19 years. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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voter omnibus law, which, among other things, mandated photo voter identification be used for in-person voting.

That part of the omnibus law was struck down by the courts, but the prohibition against straight-ticket voting remained.

Now, since 2014, if your party has a large number of candidates listed on a presidential year ballot, you, as a registered voter, are required

to read through and check each candidate you are voting for, even if you only intend to vote for your party's entire slate.

One of the reasons this is of key interest during this presidential election is that, until 2013, straight-party voting in North Carolina meant voting for the President and Vice President of the United States as a team separately from all of the other down ballot races, then the rest as one straight ticket. So voters intending to vote for the President/Vice President and all of the other candidates of one party had to

mark two boxes, not one.

This led to a lot of confusion at the polls. However, many who voted straight-ticket neglected to vote for President/Vice President at all, causing 'undervotes', or incomplete ballots.

Reportedly in the 2000 presidential elections, 3.15 percent of North Carolina ballots submitted did not have votes for President/Vice President, or approximately 92,000 ballots.

Thanks to the 2013 voter omnibus law, that problem will no longer exist.

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because at least 50 percent of Democratic Party registration in the Palmetto State is African American.

According to recent polls, 30 percent of African-American Democrats in South Carolina favor Biden; nineteen percent support Sen. Sanders, and surprisingly, another 17 percent support billionaire businessman, Tom Steyer, who, thus far, has not garnered any notable support elsewhere.

The South Carolina focus for Biden is critical because of the immediate March 3 North Carolina primary followup, and how the Black vote is seen for him here.

According to PPP (Public Policy Polling), as of Feb. 6, Joe Biden was leading the Democratic Party priority field with 25 percent, fol-

lowed closely by Sen. Bernie Sanders with 16 percent, and former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg with 14 percent.

Another poll from the same PPP period, the High Point University (HPU) poll, shows Biden's lead in North Carolina vanishing, with Sen. Sanders leading him 25percent to 19 percent.

The HPU poll was done before the New Hampshire primary.

Bloomberg is making his first primary entry on March 3, with all 15 Super Tuesday primaries, including the North Carolina primary. He is also the only Democratic candidate to show forward movement in the PPP poll, from 8 percent to 14 percent. Biden, on the other hand, has dropped six points, while Sanders has dropped two.

PPP reports that, with African American NC vot-

ers, Biden is at 39%, followed by Bloomberg at 12%, and Sanders at 10%.

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Kerner Report set standard for what a serious presidential candidate should champion

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As the Democratic presidential primaries move onto Nevada, South Carolina and the many Super Tuesday states, candidates turn their attention to people of color, and particularly African Americans.

Many candidates find their rhetoric contradicted by their record; their promises conflicting with their performances.

Donald Trump now seeks to woo black voters by taking credit for the economy, by touting the first steps in reducing mass incarceration, and by hyping so-called "opportunity zones."

His history — rising to prominence with the vile racist campaign about whether Barack Obama is American, embracing the Nazis at Charlottesville, dedicating his administration to erasing all things Obama, framing his political appeal on race bait politics — gives lie to his histrionics.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The same occurs on the Democratic side. Pete Buttigieg always sounds good, but African American leaders in his town excoriate his record as mayor on race and policing. Amy Klobuchar runs as a moderate, but her brutal record as a prosecutor limits her appeal. Mike Bloomberg has the resources to flood the zone, but he too struggles to explain his harsh, racially biased stop-and-frisk policies as mayor of New York or his laughable embrace of right-wing nutcase theories that somehow anti-redlining policies triggered the financial crisis.

Bloomberg is joined by Joe Biden on what seems like an endless apology tour.

African American voters are not easily fooled. They have a clear agenda. They suffer structural inequality — more unemployment than whites, lower wages, worse jobs, worse schools, inadequate health care, unaffordable housing, unsafe neighborhoods befouled by pollution and poisons, inadequate childcare, lack of recreational facilities, and the outrages of a criminal justice system that is structurally biased against them. They want what most Americans want, and they have a trained eye about politicians.

Notably absent from the debate is a leader prepared to be as bold and as serious about the challenges facing African Americans as the Kerner Commission was 22 years ago. The commission, chaired by Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner, was created by President Lyndon Johnson in the wake of the devastating urban riots of the late '60s. It included leaders from both major parties, as well as representatives of labor, the police, business and civil rights groups.

It became famous for its stark warning: "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

Dr. Martin Luther King pronounced the report a "physician's warning of approaching death, with a prescription for life." In many ways, it was the last attempt to address honestly and seriously the structural inequalities that plague African Americans.

It told harsh truths: "What white Americans have never fully understood but what the Negro can never forget — is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto. White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it, and white society condones it." It concluded that one main cause of the urban violence was white racism that left too many young African Americans without hope.

It offered not nostrums and pabulum but a serious agenda to redress the maladies: new jobs, new housing, an end to de facto segregation, integration of schools, day care for children, higher wages or income supplementation, greater services, and more diverse and sensitive police forces. It did not blink at the billions that this would cost, suggesting that the cost of not acting would be far greater.

The Kerner Report — and Johnson's War on Poverty — was lost in the jungles of Vietnam.

The costs of that misbegotten war — in money, in lives and agony, and in political upheaval — torpedoed any serious effort to address our problems at home.

What the Kerner Report did leave was a marker: a measure of what it means to be serious in addressing the problems of our society.

Much has changed over the last half century, yet too much is the same. Affirmative action has opened closed doors for some people of color. America is more diverse, yet still deeply divided. De facto residential segregation has been largely sustained. Inequality has grown more extreme. Schools are even more divided by class and race. Affordable housing is even less available.

Structural racism still stains our criminal justice system. So, as the politicians come campaigning for African American votes, they will get a hearing.

We appreciate the attention and the gestures. But the Kerner Report set the standard for what a serious leader would champion.

We'll see who comes close — if anyone does — to accepting that challenge.

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

Visual Voice



MATTERS OF OPINION

Fear paralyzes

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

With all the fear-mongering, the unjust firings, transfers, the name-calling, the profanity laced rantings, the lying, the mean spirited actions, the early negative predictions about the Democratic Party and its candidates—one could just give up and ask, "What's the use of trying to make a difference about anything?"

Well, I'm not on that list of the fearful, nor are many of my friends and associates. All is not lost because Joe Biden may not be the Democratic nominee for President. All Black people aren't suddenly jumping over Joe to get to Michael Bloomberg. Those of us who've seen Black people rise to the occasion at the voting booth so many times haven't conceded the November 2020 election to Donald Trump.

We continue to hear on the news how important the Black vote is. If that's the case, it's up to us whether we choose to be the victors for winning

where we have such power or whether we choose to be blamed when candidates not in our best interest win.

If we choose to win, why should we be fearful? Those of us who believe what we've been taught that "God has not given us a spirit of fear." 2nd

Timothy tells us that what the Apostle Paul was saying to his young friend is that his fear was standing in his way of success. All of us have struggles but we shouldn't

allow them to control us to the point that we lose faith in our ability to succeed. My friend, Dick Gregory, always said that fear and God do not occupy the same space, and we should not allow fear to block our good. If we put it out there, we're sabotaging what we claim to want.

Let's not become paralyzed and do nothing because some-

body thinks we're going to stay home or we don't believe we can help to get a new occupant in the White House. Let's go forward courageously doing all the things we can to win an election that brings about justice.

God is faithful. Let's look at the full promise that says, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Instead of fearing the worst, let's be like the Apostle Paul by mentoring the doubters and the fearful. Instead of criticizing them, let's help them believe we have the power to make a difference in the coming election. Never allow our friends or families to concede the election to those who mean us no good.

Even if we're not in need of a hand up, think about children at the border who've been kept in cages, children who don't have nutritious meals, those who don't have access to a safe home or a useable education. Think about the damage already done to a system some of our ancestors died to make better. Think of

the embarrassment about our so-called leaders we face as we travel around the world. Think about the threats faced by Americans who put their jobs and their lives on the line to testify before the House Impeachment Committee. Think about those who were too afraid to testify or to vote against what is evil and un-American.

So many of those who remained silent and try to make us believe they're pro-Constitution are really traitors because they resisted every effort to be guided by the Constitution in making their decisions about impeachment and conviction of the scoundrel in the White House.

As was said in the movie "Black Panther" we have a duty to protect those we love, so let us never fear being courageous no matter what the consequences are.

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



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Trump's 2021 budget reflects his values

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

If you tell me how you spend your money, I can tell you what your values are. You say you are a Christian but neither tithe nor have a church home. You say support civil rights but have no connection to a civil rights organization. You love your alma mater never contribute to the place.

Put your money where your mouth is. Budgets are reflections of values. Thus, I was unsurprised with the budget our forty-fifth President (also known as "Forty-five") proposed to Congress on February 10. His budget - cuts domestic programs, maintains defense spending and targets poor people. It cuts education, housing, and environmental protection. It would eliminate our art and cultural agencies, including the National Institute for the Arts, the National Institutes for Humanities, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Forty-five's hostility to poor people is reflected in reductions in Medicaid, food stamps, and the CHIP program, which provides health care for poor children. And while he is starving poor people, he insists on preserving the 2017 tax cuts that mostly benefitted the wealthy. I'm not surprised that "forty-five" maintains his hostility to the poor. We've seen this in the previous budgets that he's presented to Congress. He favors cuts in domestic spending, increases in military spending, a wall (which he has directed the Pentagon to fund), and indifference to the

environment.

The budget shows contempt for the planet and its survival. 45 would cut the Environmental Protection Agency's budget by more than a quarter, through the EPA budget, and even more with environmental initiatives that are embedded in other budgets. For example, with our crumbling infrastructure, the 45 budget cuts the Transportation Department by 13 percent, cutting highway infrastructure programs and transit grants. The Department of Interior is proposed to shoulder a 13 percent cut, reducing land acquisition, conservation, and assistance for Native American tribes.

This administration's hostility toward environmental protection is evidenced by the fact that Mandy Gunasekara, who spearheaded the rollback on President Obama's Clean Power Plan, is returning to the EPA as chief of staff this spring. She has advocated scaling back rules on greenhouse emissions and is credited with urging the President to leave the Paris accord.

Until 2017, the world has looked toward the United States for global leadership, but this most recent budget would reduce our involvement in world affairs. The State Department and USAID would be cut by \$12 billion, more than a fifth less than last year. Virtually everything in the USAID and State budgets

is reduced, including humanitarian aid, contributions to international organizations, and cultural exchanges; only Ivanka Trump's Women's Global Development fund seems to have been protected, with its allocation doubling!

The Department of Veteran's Affairs is the only Cabinet agency that will experience a double-digit budget increase of 12 percent. After a series of scandals involving the delivery of health service to the nation's veterans, few would dispute the need for a stronger agency. But wonders if the \$12 billion increase in this agency's budget will improve efficiency, or if it is merely pandering to veterans, a core part of the President's base.

NASA is another agency that gets a double-digit budget increase, partly to fund space exploration. The Defense Department budget remains relatively flat, with an increase at just one-tenth of one percent. The budget is generous enough, however, to purchase new nuclear warheads and new missiles. It also will fund an arms race with China and Russia. What if just a tenth of the "defense" (I consider it an offense) budget were devoted to human needs? That would be \$70 billion to, perhaps, restore the \$9.5 billion Health and Human Services cut, restore the \$5.6 billion Department of Education cuts, to restore the \$1.3 billion cut to the Labor Department ("savings" will be realized by cutting unemployment insurance, and payment to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, among other programs/

That \$70 billion could also restore the \$1.9 billion cut from the Agriculture Department.

I'm fantasizing, of course. Few in our warmongering nation would have the nerve to cut the defense budget. Predatory capitalism and the war-industrial complex will keep our "defense" department in business, with companies that manufacture nuclear warheads, missiles, and more, raking in record profits.

This budget illustrates what this administration is all about. It is hostile to poor folks, to culture, to education, and to farmers. It is unwilling to spend money on international relations. It is willing to continue to reward the wealthy for just being wealthy. It reflects forty-five's values.

But there's good news. Congress has failed to pass forty-five's budget in the past, and they probably won't pass it this time either. With a Democratic majority in the House, human needs will likely have a higher priority. It won't cut State and USAID budgets. It's a good thing Congress has more of a conscience than the President does. But this budget is a wake-up call for those who want health care and also a second Trump term. The two are incompatible.

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From the desk of
MIKE BLOOMBERG

Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to learn about The Greenwood Initiative.

As someone who has been very lucky in life, I often say my story would only have been possible in America – and that’s true. But I also know that because of the artificial barriers of discrimination, my story likely would have turned out very differently if I had been Black, and that more Black Americans of my generation would have ended up with far more wealth, had they been white.

Building Generational Wealth for Black Families is Critical. That’s why I launched The Greenwood Initiative in Tulsa last month. I visited the site of the Black Wall Street Massacre, where a white mob decimated the prosperous community of Greenwood. It is to the memory of the lost lives and promise of Greenwood that we’ve dedicated The Greenwood Initiative: a plan to address the systematic bias that has kept Black Americans from building wealth.

THE GREENWOOD PLAN WILL:

- Create 1 million new Black homeowners
- Double the number of new Black-owned businesses
- Invest \$70 billion in the country’s 100 most disadvantaged neighborhoods

Fixing the System for Black Families. When I was mayor of New York, I was proud to take on the systematic inequality that held back too many New Yorkers. We increased education funding, built 650 new schools and raised Black graduation rates to record highs. We led an ambitious effort to reduce poverty and managed the largest amount of affordable housing in the nation. And as President, I will work even more aggressively to combat inequality nationwide.

I understand that undoing generations of systematic discrimination won’t happen overnight, but we can make progress with a clear vision and a comprehensive plan. I’ve included a pamphlet along with this letter that lays out my plan. When I’m President, implementing The Greenwood Initiative: will be a top priority.

Join me in ending the systemic inequality that has held Black Americans back for too long!

Sincerely,

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New Hanover County

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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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

Community Briefs

To the Community

I would like to thank you all for your service, donations and prayers given to Thirteenth Street House for Women, Inc. over the last ten years.

Seasons come and seasons end.

This season is ending for Thirteenth Street House For Women, Inc., but the service that was and is provided continues. May God forever bless and keep you all.

Again, thank you for your prayers service.

You are appreciated!



Reverend Barbara Evans
The volunteers and staff

Abraham H. Galloway (1837-1870)

A fiery young slave rebel, radical abolitionist, and union spy who rose out of bondage to become one of the most significant and stirring black leaders in the United States during the American Civil War. A freedom fighter in what the New Orleans Tribune, the first African American newspaper published below the Mason-Dixon Line called a Second American Revolution. Galloway burned with an incandescent passion against tyranny and injustice. In 1868

Galloway became a state senator representing New Hanover and Brunswick counties. Galloway died unexpectedly on September 1, 1870 at his mother's home in Wilmington. He had just been reelected to the state senate, still held together a fragile biracial coalition the

local Republican Party, and had recently survived another assassination attempt. Given the hostile political climate and the repeated threats on his life, many of his supporters must have suspected foul play, but no historical evidence can confirm such suspicions. Though Galloway died a pauper, an estimated 6,000 mourners gathered at his funeral. Legions of ex-slaves from miles around walked into town to stand at his coffin. They came from every Wilmington neighborhood as

well. The funeral procession stretched half a mile through a downtown Wilmington draped with American flags at half mast. Above all on that late summer day in 1870, those who gathered to mourn Abraham Galloway cherished him for the unquenchable fire of freedom that burned so brightly within him.

David Dowdy is former Vice President of the New Hanover County NAACP and a New Hanover County Soil and Water District Supervisor.

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Mama and Daddy, they worked hard for that...

Heir Property: When they left us and left behind the fruits of their labor; they did it out of love and wanted us to have something tangible to show how much they cared. Sadly, so many families lose sight of this and so this week I want to share with you some of the different ways owning heir property can be a blessing and yes, sometimes on the other hand, not so much.

I'm going to give you four real-life scenarios I have dealt with over the last few months. ONE) Starting with my own, I own a family home with my eldest brother and younger sister. I'm in the middle and was Executrix of both my parent's estate. When my last parent died he had in his will that the family home was not to be sold to satisfy any of his debt. That was good even though it had a mortgage on it, the 3 of us split that cost monthly and has vowed to keep it in the family.

That is working well thus far and as long as the mortgage company continues letting us keep our parent's old loan,



Brenda Dixon

I know a sibling that is the executrix of a parent's estate and she inherited/owns a home with a sibling. That sibling is out in the world consumed with drug addiction and seldom contacts the sibling handling the Estate affairs. The Executrix is ready to sell the property and after several attempts to find the sibling in the streets, they are exercising

their rights to sell. As executrix, they have that right and once the sale is complete they will leave the portion due to the missing sibling with the Clerk of Court to be claimed whenever they are ready. THREE) There is a sister that owns 10+ acres with Nine other heirs. Three of the original 9 have since died and now their portion of the acreage past to their legal heirs. How many more heirs was gained when those 3 died? That is still being determined. That is the most troubling thing about having so many heirs owning a property. When one dies, they multiply and also the liabilities. Did you know that when someone inherits a property and if they have ANY KIND of judgments filed downtown it attaches to the entire heir property? That is judgments like IRS or State income tax liens, bad debt personal loans, furniture debt, whatever. If it is filed downtown as a judgment, it attaches to the real estate and the Estate must deal with the satisfaction of that debt.

Lastly, there are 4 siblings and 1 of the siblings has extensive medical needs and can't get Medicaid due to having ownership in this heir property. The other siblings agreed to sell it to help the one but were discovered it had 2 mortgages and the market will not support selling it for enough to clear both notes. The only option, let the 1st mortgage

holder foreclose on the property and that will get it off all 4 Heirs hands so the 1 can get the help they need. (Little FYI: The 1st company foreclosing will automatically knock out the 2nd mortgage holder. We will talk about that more at another time.) So as you can see there are many different ways owning Heir properties can bless and on the other hand, TEST. At the end of the day, I'm always going to be an advocate for owning real estate to leave as an inheritance to your loved ones. The smart thing to do is to truly evaluate your loved ones' personal situations and choose how best to leave the property behind that will benefit them the most. If you currently have heir property and need some guidance on your options, consult any real estate attorney and let them guide you.

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Hooper receives "Order of Longleaf Pine"

Roy Cooper, the Governor of North Carolina proclaimed February 13, 2020 "N.C. African American Veterans Lineage Day" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.

Mr. Larry Hall, Secretary of N.C. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, made the presentations of the "Order of the Long Leaf Pines Society" and the State of N.C. Medallion to GySgt F.M. Hooper Jr. USMC- Retired an "Original Montford Point Marine." The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is among the most prestigious awards presented by the Governor of N.C. This award is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the State, contributions in their communities, extra effort in their careers and many years of service to their organizations are some of the guidelines by which recipients are



GySgt F.M. Hooper, Jr.

selected.

Mr. Hooper makes his home in Wilmington, North Carolina. He is married to Julia B. Kendall Hooper and they have one son, Rev. Calvin M. Hooper Sr., five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE PROPOSED WILMINGTON "BELTLINE" IMPROVEMENTS IN BRUNSWICK AND NEW HANOVER COUNTIES

STIP PROJECT NO. P-5740

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:
<https://publicinput.com/Wilmington-Beltline>.

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.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Lauren Putnam at Inputnam1@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6072 as early as possible, so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

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John K. Briggs, Sr.

John K. Briggs, Sr., age 64, of Cayce, SC, passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2020. A celebration of John's life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 1705 Southport Supply Rd. SE, Bolivia, NC 28422. 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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When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me.
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little but not too long and not with head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared.
Miss me but let me go.
For this journey that we all must take and each must go alone; it's all a part of the Master's plan,
a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
go to the friends we know.
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds
miss me but let me go.

Love
Tanya D. Mason and
Torrence L. Dixon

White House budget proposal cuts \$8.6 Billion from HUD

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Once again, the White House Budget Proposal slashes funding and programs that many low-and-moderate income consumers rely upon.

From higher education to a repeated attack to deny the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau its full funding and financial independence from the annual congressional appropriations process, efforts to increase support to businesses continue while retreats from programs that citizens have come to rely upon is the crux of the proposal's fiscal priorities.

And among federal agencies, one of the most severe budget cuts would occur at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A proposed 15% reduction from current funding levels will mean \$8.6 billion would either eliminate or severely cut programs serving many of the nation's most vulnerable citizens and communities.

"This Budget advances our key priorities, including empowering HUD-assisted families to achieve self-sufficiency," HUD Secretary Ben Carson said. "For generations, the idea of the federal government providing housing assistance meant only one thing—helping to pay the rent so families can have a roof over their heads."

Housing experts have a different perspective.

"With this proposal, President Trump and Secretary Carson make clear their willingness to increase evictions and homelessness—through rent hikes for some of the lowest income people in subsidized housing, and slashing or eliminating funding for programs that keep the poorest people in our country affordably and safely housed," said Diane Yentel, President and CEO of the National Low

Income Housing Coalition.

For example, Public Housing's Capital Improvement Fund that provides revenues for major repairs, would end, while the Public Housing Operating Fund would be slashed 21%. Together, these two cuts would worsen housing conditions for the estimated 1.2 million households living in public housing units, managed by some 3,300 local Housing Authorities across the country.

The biggest portion of the HUD cuts would end the \$3.3 billion Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program that uses a formula to support over 1,200 metropolitan city, county and state governments. An additional 214 counties receive direct CDBG grants.

Begun in 1974, CDBG has earned longstanding bipartisan praise for its ability to lure much-needed private investment. According to the National Association of Counties, every CDBG dollar leverages \$4.09 in non-CDBG revenues. Further, it is one of the few federal programs that enable local communities to design community development services that respond to local priorities and needs.

Other HUD programs proposed to end include: Choice Neighborhoods Initiatives, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers, Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

Although HUD would not shutter its Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity efforts, its capacity to pursue equal housing would be cut 7% in FY2020. Tenant-based Rental Assistance would also have 21% fewer renewed contracts.

Even before the February 10 budget proposal's release, Lisa Rice, President and CEO of the National Fair Housing

What is Affordable Housing?

According to the government, housing must be no more than 30% of a family's income to qualify as "affordable."



Alliance sounded an alarm on the heels of HUD's announcement to abandon its rule promulgated during the Obama Administration, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH).

"Access to fair housing determines where we live, which in turn determines the quality of education and health services our children have access to, among other resources. That's why HUD's proposed AFFH rule is so troubling," said Rice. "By seeking to dismantle the 2015 requirements put in place specifically to address discrimination and segregation, HUD's plan could negatively impact the lives of millions of children."

Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible

Lending also spoke out about HUD's troubling actions against fair housing.

"The 2015 AFFH rule was designed to address the impact of residential segregation and the harmful inequities that result from the discrimination behind it. Discrimination in housing is not a thing of the past, it is ongoing and real," noted Bailey. "[L]ow-income communities and communities of color now more than ever need the government to provide them with critical tools to combat discrimination in housing and the insidious harms that result. Instead we've seen HUD, under the current Administration, do the opposite."

Hannah Matthews, Deputy Executive Director for Policy

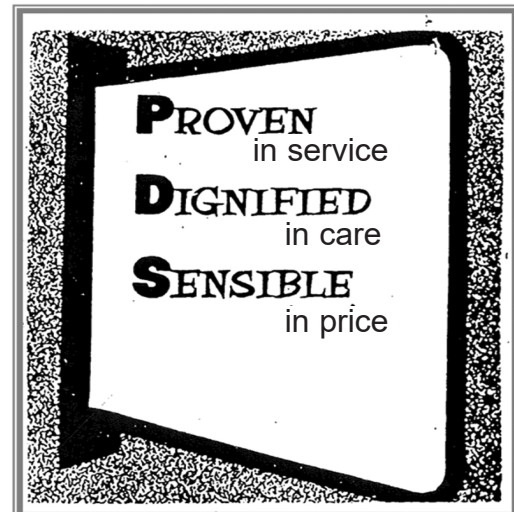
with the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a national, nonpartisan, non-profit organization advancing policy solutions for low-income people pointedly summarized the budget proposal.

"The roadmap laid out in the administration's budget proposal is not a viable path forward," said Matthews. "Instead, we need a federal budget that invests in America's future. We need investments that reduce poverty, promote economic opportunity, and reduce racial and ethnic disparities."

Charlene Crowell is the deputy communications director with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

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Bowens Chapel AME Zion Church, 5826 Carolina Beach Road will hold their Black History Month Program at 3 PM Sunday, February 23, 2020 at Bowens Chapel AME Zion Church, 5826 Carolina Beach Road on the hill across from the zoo with the big dinosaur face; Speaker Rev. Anthony Butler; Comedy Sunshine Gun; Praise Dance Shay London. More information contact Rev. Sandra Carter at 910-793-6414.

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., The Lucille Johnson Women's Missionary Society will sponsor "Hats & Hymn Sing" on Saturday, February 29th at 3:00 p.m. Door prizes will be given away. For further information call the church at 910-763-2660.

St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St, will hold the following events during March.

- 1. Free & Accepting Masons of NC and the Eastern Stars as their guests in worship; Sunday March 1st at 10:00 am. For more information please contact St. Stephen at 910 762-9829.
2. Rev. Sean Palmer, Pastor of Chestnut St. Presbyterian Church, Wilmington will be the Guest Preacher at St. Stephen AME Church's Ecumenical Worship Service; Tuesday March 3rd, 7:00 pm. For more information contact St. Stephen at 910 762-9829.
3. First Responders Appreciation Day; Sunday March 15th, 10:00 am. For more information contact the Church at 910 762-9829.
4. Rev. Dan Lewis, Pastor, 1st Presbyterian Church, Wilmington will be Guest Preacher at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St, Wilmington, Tuesday, March 17th, 7:00 pm. For more information call St. Stephen at 910 762-9829.

Brunswick County

The NC Disability Rights Disaster Recovery Project is coming to Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. This event is to inform the communities on subjects such as hurricane preparedness, hurricane recovery, overview of the storm after the storm, disaster response activities, scams and exploitation alerts, FEMA forms review and a summary of available local, state and federal resources. Lunch is provided. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or special dietary needs to attend the event should call Iris Green at (919) 856-2195, extension 229 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. These requirements should be requested by Thursday, March 5, 2020. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Rooted In The Past ,Growing toward the Future

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

We can see the Power of God everywhere we look. God is Great and Greatly to be Praised. It wasn't a clear day visibly but the Son shines always. We the Senior Citizen Fellowship met at the MLK Center at our usual time.

Mrs. Margie Robinson , our devotional leader greeted us today. We opened by singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Prayer was offered by Minister Sharon Pollock. Thank You God for hearing and answering prayers. Mrs. Gladys Taylor thanked everyone for being here today. Mrs.

Mildred Ellerby read our minutes. There were no visitors for today. Roll call, caller winner was Mrs. Doris Almoctar with 10. Mrs. Janice Gordon was in an accident but was not injured. Minister Doris Mcquillan asked for prayers. Also pray for all our sick and shut in; visit if you are able. We were reminded to vote. Mrs. Mary Martin made us laugh with her smiles; thanks Mrs. Martin. Minister Sharon Pollock gave us information on Black History and reasons to celebrate Black History. Mrs. Doris Almoctar read on Let's Hear It for the ladies: Maria Stewart, Maggie Lena Walker, and Mrs. Ida B. Ross. They were great contributors

to our history. Ms. Denise Hines Zaami read a fable she wrote. What a beautiful fable, thank you so much! Educate your own. Kay H. Smith gave us information about Community Hospital. Thanks for such valuable information. It was a lot we knew, but so much more that we were unaware of.

Our next speaker was Walter Hinds. He spoke on John Evans: Born A Slave. He was born August 15, 1859. He was literate because of the efforts of his former owner. The complete slave narrative biographical file is maintained by the U.S. Library of Congress. Song: Do Lord Remember Me. The next

speaker was Mrs. Islah Speller. She attended Cape Fear Community College where she furthered her education in the medical field. She is a National Certified Health Unit Coordinator, Medical/Clinical Assistant and a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathology. Once again valuable insight of this our Black History Month. We truly would like to thank our Black History Month Coordinator Sharon Pollock for her time and energy given for the great work she has put in our Black History Month activities. Thanks to all the participants for this week. We love you all; meeting was adjourned.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Love is the greatest"

"Now abideth faith, hope, charity; these three, but the greatest of these is I charity." I Corinthians 13:13

Faith - Confident belief in the truth, value or trustworthiness of a person

Idea, or thing Hope - To wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment

Charity - An intense affection for another person based on personal or familial ties. Charity is also seen as something to help the needy

FAITH

Every man has been given by God a measure of faith. What we do with our faith is important, but it is also a matter of choice. If we want to realize the promises of God in our lives, then we must exercise our faith in him and his word. Mark 11:2 says, "Have faith in God." In Luke 17:5, the Apostles said unto the Lord, "Increase our faith." In Acts 15:9, we read that, Faith purifies our hearts. Hebrews 11:1 reads, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for: the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:6 further

states, "Without faith, it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Faith is a wonderful virtue to have, but we must remember that, LOVE is the Greatest!

HOPE

We all need hope, especially during critical times and crises situations. Psalm 146:5 says, "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God." When we need help, we must remember that we serve the God of HOPE and the God of HELP! Romans 8:24 says, "For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Because we are expecting something from the Lord, we are willing to wait upon the

Lord and be encouraged. HOPE wont let us give up! Collosians 1:27 says, "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." HOPE is wonderful, but LOVE is the Greatest!

LOVE

LOVE in itself, is a powerful word ! It compels one to action or activity. It is more of what you do, than what you say. Love is the distinguishing mark of being a disciple of Christ. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? I John 4:20.

I John 4:7-9 states, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only

begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 confirms to us that LOVE is the Greatest!!!

Dear Lord, Give me the gift of your love that I may share this love with others , and teach me how to love you more. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Tell Somebody!!!

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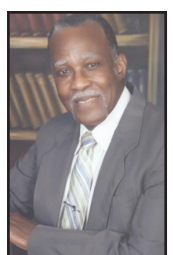
A WORD FROM THE LORD

Physical healing is provided through the redemptive work of Christ

All scriptures are from the KJV unless otherwise posted

God's word always produces faith in the heart of those that receives it, not understand it. God does not ask us to understand it but to believe it. God's word doesn't make sense but faith! Faith is a Spiritual sense that we receive when we were born again into the family of God, so we can interact with the spirit realm (God) and it supersedes our five senses. Unbelief is also a law base on our five senses, it's contrary to the law of faith like darkness is to light, hate to love, unbelief says unless I can see it, taste it, feel it, smell it or hear it, then it doesn't exist. Faith is spirit which means it is superior to all natural laws and it is the source of all natural laws. Hebrews 11:3, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." "God has dealt to every man (who is born again) the measure of faith. "We having the same spirit of faith as it is written I believed and therefore have I spoken; we also believe and therefore speak" Rom. 12:3b; 2Corn. 4:13. The question should be asked why people are not experiencing the supernatural power of God in the church today, such as healing sickness and diseases. This is clearly taught, authorizes and practice in the New Testament church. In Mark gospel Jesus said, 1 "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they

shall speak with new tongues;18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover". In Matthew 10:1, "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Vs. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give" (Notice He gave them power).



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

In James 5: 14 "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Notice again, we are authorizes to pray for the sick and the prayer faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up). Faith must be the missing ingredient, for without faith it is impossible to please God.

In James 1:6-7, "describe the

failure of prayer: 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord". In James 2:17,(KJV) 17 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone". (ERV)1 "It is the same with faith. If it is just faith and nothing more-if it doesn't do anything-it is dead. (AMPC)17 So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead) I was in a worship service years ago, I thought we were having a great time, and said to myself the Lord is in this Place, we had the music, the singing, the dancing and when we finally ended that part of the service the minister said, noise is not a substitute for the power of God. I was upset for days, when thought came, to me and said what's wrong you must be guilty. I don't want you to miss understand me in what I will say next, so let me say this first, I believe in making a joyful noise unto the Lord, serving Him in gladness, worshipping in spirit and in truth. I believe the most what is taking place in the church is entertainment, it sounds good and make you feel good but it has no power in it to deliver you or heal you. The church need to return to her roots, when is the last time you seen someone healed in the church, I'm not talking about a headache, the lame walking, the blind seeing, cancer healed and demons cast out. This is the assignment, the mission of the

church. The problem of failure is not on God's in of the line but on our end, it's a faith failure according to Hebrews 11:6, (KJV)"6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Rom. 10:17,"so then faith cometh by hearing and by hearing the word of God. Faith does not come, pray and asking for it, it only comes by hearing and by hearing the word of God". Present tense. Notice what Jesus said in John 14:13-14, 13 "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do It". 15:7, 7 "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you". 16:24, 24 "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full". You got to get these next two verses: 1John 5:14-15, 14 "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him". Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Go head call Him now, He will answer you!

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Trump Administration cuts food stamps for at least 700,000 Americans

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The Trump Administration has finalized implementation of new work requirement rules that would cut food stamp benefits for 700,000 Americans. The average food stamp payout is \$36 per month. Though the Trump Administration estimates that under 700,000 people will be impacted by their policy changes, the Urban Institute estimates that the new Trump Administration rule changes will cause 3.7 million poor people to lose food stamps.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Brandon Lipps, the deputy undersecretary for the USDA's Food Nutrition and Consumer Services, spoke with reporters for under 20 minutes regarding the changes. The rule changes will take effect on April 1, 2020.

change will cause hundreds of thousands of people to lose access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP.

There are over 40 million people in the U.S. living in poverty — 1 of every 7 Americans and 12 percent of the total population. In the U.S., 27 percent of African Americans live in poverty and 46 percent of African American children (under age 6) live in poverty, compared to 14.5 percent of white children.

"We're taking action to reform our SNAP program in order to restore the dignity of work to a sizable segment of our population and be respectful of the taxpayers who fund the program. Americans are generous people who believe it is their responsibility to help their fellow citizens when they encounter a difficult stretch. That's the commitment behind SNAP, but, like other welfare programs, it was never intended to be a way of

life," Secretary Perdue told reporters.

"Trump has called people liars and maniacs, caged children, and cut food stamps, and tried to take away health insurance and let people die. But Republicans are outraged that a law professor used his son's name in an analogy?," wrote Rev. Dr. William Barber referring to an exchange at a Dec. 4th impeachment hearing and food stamp cuts. Barber has been focused on a new age "poor people's campaign" mirrored on the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 1960s.

"This is cruel and disgraceful. Donald Trump will happily give millions of dollars in tax breaks to his billionaire buddies—but he's making it harder for struggling families to be able to eat. I'll reverse this shameful policy," wrote 2020 presidential candidate and U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).

The rule change would



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limit states and force them to restrict food stamp use to areas that have a 6 percent unemployment rate or higher. The national unemployment rate in October was 3.6 percent.

Income inequality and cuts to poverty programs are likely to be an issue in the 2020 campaign.

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The early history of Blacks and medicine in the U.S.

From the time that Africans were enslaved on the west coast of Africa and packed onto ships for the horrific voyage across the Middle Passage, we have been intrinsically tied to the growth and development of the field of medicine in America.

This troubled history began with the substandard medical attention provided on the ships by doctors, who's charge was to keep as many enslaved beings alive as possible, in order to ensure the traders would make as much from the auctions that awaited them.

These doctors embraced their role, seeing it as an opportunity to enhance their reputations, as well as to improve their experience and practice dealing with a myriad of health issues within a captive patient base.

Once sold, and finding homes on plantations in this strange land, the inferior medical care continued. After all, there was an unlimited supply of human cargo headed, continuously, to America's shores.

On the plantations in the South, doctors were few and far between, and their range of care was dependent upon their individual, professional

training. Due to the shortage of doctors, the enslaved Africans were often left on their own to treat illnesses, handle medical emergencies, and to bring new life into this world. Many of these Africans continued to use traditional homemade remedies, folk beliefs, conjuring, and superstition to help meet their medical needs.

The shortage of doctors during this time was made worse by the fact that the Old South had only five medical colleges before 1845, and medical students spent only one to two years working with a preceptor and attended only a few lecture courses to complete their medical training.

In fact, due to the large numbers of enslaved Africans across the South, plantations provided a "training ground" for medical schools, students, and doctors. Many learned human anatomy through some of the most inhuman means, since people of African descent were thought by whites to be different in the physiology and medical needs. There was also an opportunity to conduct medical research, and to develop, and perfect, many medical procedures; some of which are still in common use

in medicine today.

Professor Ran Hogarth calls this "Medicalizing Blackness" from her book of the same name). A few of the most notorious examples of this are:

Southern physician Dr. Samuel Cartwright, who believed that the size of black people's brains was "a ninth or tenth less than in other races of men," while black people's hearing, sight, and sense of smell were better. This "medicalization of blackness" wasn't removed from the medical manual for Psychiatric diagnosis until the 1970's.

Dr. Cartwright also is responsible for another instance of "Medicalizing Blackness". He coined the term "Drapetomania" (with Greek roots roughly translating to "runaway slave" and "crazy") as a "disease that causes slaves to run away". Dr. Cartwright outlined a treatment for this "disease"; he reassured slaveowners

that it was entirely curable by "whipping the devil" out of the slaves who suffered from it!

From these we know that Dr. Cartwright was among the first respected doctors throughout the country who saw being black and enslaved, and wanting to be free, was a psychological disorder.

Just as heinous as Dr. Cartwright's assertion was the "work" of Dr. J. Marion Sims, who is considered the "Father of Gynecology". Vesico-vaginal fistula (VVF) results in a tear from the bladder to the vagina, in pregnant women during a difficult labor. Dr. Sims is credited for perfecting the procedure to successfully treat VVF, to the relief and benefit of millions of (mostly white) women all over the world. Prior to Sims' "contribution" to the field of Gynecology, women in Europe and the United States who suffered with VVF became social outcasts rejected from society. Great advancement for medicine, right?

The problem is...Dr. Sims conducted the development and testing of this revolutionary procedure on enslaved African women. In

order to conduct research, Sims also needed to learn and understand as much as possible about the little-known anatomy of a woman's reproductive system. He also needed to carry out countless attempts to perfect the procedures and develop the right instruments. He did this all successfully, with one exception: Dr. Sims did these extensively invasive, surgical procedures, often with any anesthesia!

Probably, the brightest ray of hope began to shine for enslaved Africans, as it related to medical care, came around, and after, emancipation. This represented the period of the rise of black hospitals and medical schools, beginning with Freedman's Hospital in 1862 in Washington, DC.

However, this was not to signal a permanent change for the better for Black health in the United States.

By 1920, there were over 200 Black hospitals, staffed by Black doctors and staff.

By some counts, this number reached almost 500 across the nation! But, between 1961 and 1988, 50 closed, and another couple of dozen merged. Today, there is only one Black hospital...Howard

University Hospital; and it is being managed by a Hedge Fund with a horrible record for running hospitals. One of their flagship hospitals, Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia closed last year as a result of poor management.

African Americans remain the least healthy ethnic group in the USA, a somber legacy of years of racial and social injustice. As we continue to celebrate our history and our heritage, let's be mindful of the history of institutional racism in medicine.

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

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. It is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice.

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Create your business and financial plans

Write up your plans for a targeted, profitable business

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Starting a business can be exciting, but that excitement may be overshadowed by anxiety if you start this new adventure without detailed research and plans to guide you along the way. In addition to guidance, a business and financial plan can help to attract investors and open up more options for funding your idea.

After you've determined that you have a viable business idea and your market research has given you enough insights, it's important to apply this information to your business planning — especially as it relates to money.

Create your business and marketing plan

Using the results of your market research, you can outline:

Details for your service or product: This means a description of what it is and what the market is for it.

Branding: This is the personality and messaging behind your business. Maybe you want the public to see your business as innovative and cutting-edge or maybe your business is more about establishing a trusting relationship with customers.

Market trends: These are the challenges facing your potential industry, what's most popular with your competition, and how you plan to address those factors.

Objectives: What is your top priority in each aspect of your business, including, funding, marketing, and day-to-day operations?

Strategies: How do you plan to accomplish every-

thing? Remember to be very detailed.

By incorporating the results of your market research into the overall vision of your business, you can better align your marketing efforts to drive sales and give yourself a competitive edge.

For instance, if your target market is everyday families with toddlers, you'll have to create a marketing plan to reach them in places they'll be. This could mean physically locating to where they are, like down the street from a school or park, or paying for ads on websites they use most.

Another example could be dealing with your competition. If you plan to compete based on price, you'll need to see how price cuts might impact your income. There's no use making sales while losing money, since your business likely won't be able to survive it.

Your business plan may also be useful when you reach the stage of hiring staff. You will want to hire people that fit the personality of your business and whose values align with it. Referring to your plan can help guide you in that process.

Understand the financials

Next, analyze what it'll take to start, grow, and manage your company. A great source for business finance insights is the Hands on Banking® website. Fundamentally, you should know:

Startup costs: How much you'll need to pay to get your idea going. Free resources like the S. Small Business



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Administration (SBA) can help you calculate these costs. You should also consider speaking with current professionals in your industry, such as vendors, suppliers, and industry groups.

Break-even point: When your business brings in just enough money to cover expenses. If you need help figuring that out, The Balance offers a good rundown. Setting up a consultation with an accountant to help you estimate costs could also be helpful in the long run.

Projections for profitability: Predictions about future income. It's important to be realistic with these: Forbes gives a helpful guide on how to best forecast the revenue

your business will likely bring in. This is also where the market research you've done can play a big role by helping you determine market size and the demand for your business.

Once you have these estimates, it will be much easier to pin down whether this is a worthy business opportunity.

Evaluate your financing options

There are many ways to fund your business, but you have to choose the one that works for you. "You can put in sweat equity, use credit, raise venture capital, or even solicit funds with crowdfunding," says Dr. Dennis Kimbro, a business professor and best-selling author. "But which

way is best for your business?"

The SBA suggests considering both your personal and business resources to help you arrive at the right financing strategy.

For instance, do you have: Savings that you can draw from to get started?

Depending on your situation, you may think about investing your own savings. Although this may not pay for everything, doing so shows lenders how much you believe in your own idea.

Collateral to secure a business loan request?

If yes, you could be ready for a loan or line of credit from a financial institution. For this option, you'll want to

have a good relationship with your banker so they can assist you in setting it up.

When starting out, all of these questions may not apply to your business just yet. However, if you approach a bank or investors, these are the questions they'll likely ask. They're also factors to keep in mind should your business outgrow your initial plan.

As you get closer to launching, your financial and business plans may change, and that's OK. Regardless of how they evolve, having a plan in place to guide you on this venture could make all the difference for your success.

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Aircraft carrier named after Doris Miller

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The U.S. Navy is set to name a new aircraft carrier after World War II hero Doris Miller. Miller was a Mess Attendant 2nd Class from Waco, Texas. The aircraft carrier naming would be the first to be named after an African American.

In June of 2016, the USNS John Lewis (T-AO-205), a U.S. Navy replenishment oiler was named after civil rights legend and Congressman John Lewis. But the USNS John Lewis is not a warship.

On January 19, the Navy announced that CVN-81 would be named after Miller. The CVN-81 is a Gerald R.

Ford-class aircraft carrier scheduled to be built in 2023 and launched in 2028.

Miller fought during the attack on Pearl Harbor after the Japanese surprise attack on the islands on December 7, 1941. Miller was the first African American to receive the Navy Cross for valor, the third highest honor in the Navy. Miller shot an anti-aircraft gun during the attack on Pearl Harbor though he had no training on the gun. He also took care of wounded members of the ship he was on, the U.S.S. West Virginia.

The U.S.S. West Virginia He served breakfast that morning and was collecting laundry when his ship was hit by the first of seven tor-

pedoes plus two bombs.

"The sacrifice and patriotism of heroes like Doris Miller inspired me to pursue public service," said Rep. Bernice Johnson (D-TX). "Though he is deserving of even higher official recognition, including the Medal of Honor, the announcement of the naming of this vessel on Martin Luther King Day could not be more fitting," she added.

Until Franklin Roosevelt's administration, African Americans could not serve in the military at all but attendant, steward and cook positions were open to Blacks. Miller enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1939 at 19.

Two years after Pearl Harbor, Miller was killed in

action when his ship Liscome Bay was attacked by a Japanese submarine during the Battle of Makin. Miller was presumed dead and was declared "missing in action" on December 7, 1943, two years after his heroic actions at Pearl Harbor.

Miller's heroic actions were publicized numerous times in the black press and he became an icon of African Americans.

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Howard University has received the largest donation in the university's history. Howard has received a \$10 million gift from the Karsh Family Foundation. The donation will be used for Howard's Karsh STEM Scholars Program. The program will provide for scholarships that will pay for the tuition and fees for 30 students at Howard University each year.

Howard President Wayne Frederick told NBC News that, "We were able to attract highly qualified students who can actually get into any major university in the country ... but thought the idea of pursuing a degree in STEM with compatriots who look like them and had similar lived experiences would be attractive."

Howard is the top producer of African American undergraduates who earn a Ph.D. in science or engineering according to a 2013 study.

The number of Historically

Black Colleges and University (HBCU) students increased 47 percent, from 223,000 to 327,000 students, between 1976 and 2010 and then decreased 9 percent, to 298,000 students, between 2010 and 2017 according to a recent report by the National Center for Educational Statistics.

HBCUs represent less than 3% of colleges and universities in the United States but enroll 12% of all African American students attending college. HBCUs produce 23% of all African American college graduates.

Howard University also recently announced that it will transform roughly 32,000 square feet of land into a 230,000 square foot hub of mixed-use activity near campus.

"I am proud of Howard's continued efforts to drive economic development in the District. Adding critical residential and retail amenities transforms vacant and underperforming assets into thriving communities that both improve the fabric of the neighborhood and add vitality to Howard's mission," said Howard President Wayne



HOWARD UNIVERSITY ALSO RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL TRANSFORM ROUGHLY 32,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND INTO A 230,000 SQUARE FOOT HUB OF MIXED-USE ACTIVITY NEAR CAMPUS.

Frederick. "I am also particularly happy that we were able to include Gideon, which is headed up by a strong Howard

University Alumni with a history of giving back."

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Rihanna and Congressman John Lewis to be honored at NAACP Image Awards



Global music and fashion icon, business entrepreneur, and philanthropist, Rihanna, will receive the prestigious President's Award and U.S. Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis (D-GA), will receive the prestigious NAACP Chairman's Award during the 51st NAACP Image Awards.

BY AUSTYN ROSS, NAACP

Earlier this month, the NAACP announced that global music and fashion icon, business entrepreneur, and philanthropist, Rihanna, will receive the prestigious President's Award during the 51st NAACP Image Awards. The President's Award is presented in recognition of special achievement and distinguished public service, with previous recipients including last year's recipient Shawn "JAY-Z" Carter, Jesse Jackson, Lauryn Hill, Soledad O'Brien, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, and Muhammad Ali among others. NAACP President Derrick Johnson will present the award to Rihanna on BET on Saturday, February 22, 2020, from Pasadena, California. Five-Time Image Award Recipient Anthony Anderson will return as the host for the Live TV Special.

"Rihanna has not only enjoyed a groundbreaking career as an artist and musician but has also distinguished herself as a stellar public servant," said Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP. "From her business achievements through Fenty to her tremendous record as an

activist and philanthropist, Rihanna epitomizes the type of character, grace, and devotion to justice that we seek to highlight in our President's Award."

The NAACP also announced that U.S. Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis (D-GA), will receive the prestigious NAACP Chairman's Award during the 51st NAACP Image Awards. The Chairman's Award is bestowed in recognition of individuals who demonstrate exemplary public service and use their distinct platforms to create agents of change. Past honorees of the Chairman's Award include Tyler Perry, then-Senator Barack Obama, Former Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, Ruby Dee, The Neville Brothers, Bono, Danny Glover, and last year's recipient Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

The nominees for the 51st NAACP Image Awards were announced last month at a joint press conference with Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO of the NAACP and Connie Orlando, BET Executive Vice-President, Specials, Music Programming & Music Strategy.

Netflix leads the television

category nominations with 30, with an additional 12 nominations in the motion picture categories for a total of 42. RCA Records leads in the music recording categories with 14, followed by Columbia Records and BMG respectively with 7. Universal Pictures leads the motion picture categories with 15 nominations, and Penguin Random House has 8 nominations followed by HarperCollins with 4 in the literary categories.

"Representation across entertainment and the arts has profound meaning and unparalleled power to shape perceptions, influence culture, and galvanize communities," said NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson. "This year's nominees have conveyed a wide range of authentic stories and experiences that have resonated with many, and we're proud to continue celebrating their outstanding achievements and performances."

For all information and the latest news, please visit the official NAACP Image Awards website at <https://www.naacpiimageawards.net/> or on Facebook at [naacpiimageawards](https://www.facebook.com/naacpiimageawards) and Twitter [#NAACPIImageAward](https://twitter.com/naacpiimageaward).

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