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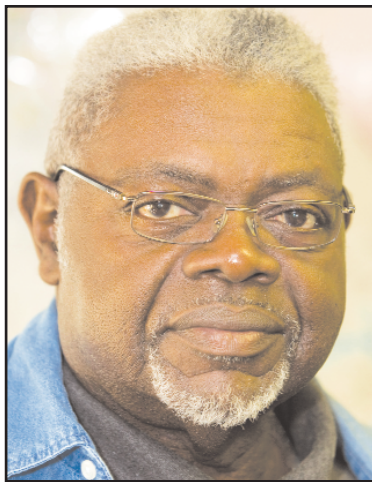
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DR. E. FAYE WILLIAMS

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

DON'T WASTE OUR VOTE

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We are going through the primaries now, and I've found out that some of these candidates don't have my interest in mind. They are hoping that I voted my Democratic ticket and they have become candidates for the fall elections. However, I tell all people of color to let these people know that in the fall you can vote a split ticket. If you find a candidate with the interest of our people at heart, you don't have to vote a straight party ticket. We catch hell every election from candidates who take us

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Black vote powers Biden primary win

In the Democratic race for lieutenant governor, Rep. Yvonne Lewis-Holley may be headed for a run-off against State Sen. Terry Van Duyn.

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

At press time, with 96% of voting precincts counted, former Vice President Joe Biden was unofficially projected the winner of the North Carolina Presidential Primary with 19 delegates and 43% of the vote, edging out rivals Sen. Bernie Sanders with 6 delegates and 24%, and billionaire former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg with no delegates won and only 13%, in what was a crucial Super Tuesday contest.

The last polling had Biden, Sanders and Bloomberg in a virtual three-way tie here percentage-wise.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRICEEDNEYNEWSWIRE.COM JOE BIDEN GIVES VICTORY SPEECH IN SOUTH CAROLINA. U.S. REP. JIM CLYBURN STANDS NEARBY. BIDEN GOES ON TO WIN BIG IN NORTH CAROLINA AND OTHER STATES ON SUPER TUESDAY.



REP. YVONNE LEWIS-HOLLEY

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H. R. 35 WILL MAKE LYNCHING A CRIME UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

Congress passes historic anti-lynching legislation

BY STACY M. BROWN, NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR CORRESPONDENT @StacyBrownMedia

Sixty-five years after the horrific lynching of teenager Emmett Till, the U.S. House of Representatives have finally passed H.R. 35, the Emmett Till Antilynching Act.

The legislation would make lynching a crime under federal law.

"Today, under the leadership of Representative Bobby Rush (IL-01), and three other Members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), the House of Representatives finally passed legislation to address the heinous act of lynching by making it a federal crime.

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Coronavirus: Can Blacks protect themselves?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Traditionally, medical experts say, poor communities of color have to cope with the disproportionate impact of communicable diseases like STD's, AIDS and influenza.

However, with the global onslaught of the coronavirus (COVID-19), and, at press time, at least 11 reported deaths across the country, African-Americans, among others, now have to cope with a new health challenge, one that, according to North Carolina officials, has now appeared in North Carolina as of Tuesday.

The NC Dept. of Instruction has advised all schools across the state to have the same policies and procedures for COVID-19 that they normally use to protect against communicable diseases in students.

Precautions were even issued by the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to minimize transmission at polling places during Tuesday Primary

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DOCUMENTING HISTORY:

Rep. John Lewis Leads 55th Anniversary Selma March

BY STACY M. BROWN, NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR CORRESPONDENT @StacyBrownMedia

Legendary Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) made an inspiring return to the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, on March 1 to help commemorate the 55th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."

"Fifty-five years ago, a few of our children attempted to march across this bridge. We were beaten, we were tear gassed. I thought I was going to die on this bridge, but somehow and somehow, God almighty helped me here," Lewis

offered while several people held the 80-year-old icon up to make sure the large crowd in attendance could see him and hear his encouraging words.

During the original march in 1965, Lewis suffered a broken skull after white police officers attacked him and others in an attempt to stop the civil rights activists.

Diagnosed late last year with stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Lewis implored everyone to cast their vote in the 2020 election.

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REP. JOHN LEWIS (D-GA)

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for granted. We must educate ourselves on each candidate and then find what it is he/she expects of him or her. There is no more "ticket riding" and then nothing being done for my people after elections, Democrats, Republicans or Independents. If your candidate is not good for all people, he or she makes your party look bad, and I want my people to watch and pray because another time is coming, and with the division of the three major parties, the Black vote has become a most important factor. Therefore, we must use it wisely. We must educate our people on candidates. This goes for all three parties! We must let the candidates of these parties know what we want and what we are doing to get where we want to go.

My vote counts! Your vote counts! Our vote counts! Don't waste our vote!

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

BLACK VOTE

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The win was seen as further confirmation of Black Democratic voter support for Biden after his dramatic win during the South Carolina Primary three days earlier, where African-American voters powered Pres. Obama's former vice president virtually 2 to 1 over Sanders, with 48 to 25% of the primary vote there. North Carolina was the

second southeastern state where Biden tallied a win on primary evening, Virginia being the first. Biden also won in Alabama and Tennessee.

In statewide contests, in the NC Democratic primary for the U. S. Senate, former State Senator, Cal Cunningham, outlasted his chief challenger, State Sen. Erica Smith, to face incumbent first-term Republican U. S. Senator Thom Tillis, who also won his party's primary.

Incumbent Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper trounced his primary challenger to win and expects to face Republican primary winner, Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, in November.

In the Democratic race for lieutenant governor, Rep. Yvonne Lewis-Holley, of Raleigh, may be headed for a run-off against State Sen. Terry Van Duyn, the top two vote getters out of a six candidate field. Holley was the only Black female in the Democratic field. The

winner will face Republican, Mark Robinson, on Nov. 3, in the general election.

Incumbent Democrat N. C. Attorney General Josh Stein was not on the primary ballot, but he will be challenged in the fall by Republican primary winner, Jim O'Neill.

Beth Wood had little problem trouncing a challenger to her State auditor's office in her Democratic primary. She will most likely face Republican, Tony

Street, in the fall.

Former Obama Administration economic adviser, Ronnie Chatterji, was triumphant in the Democratic primary for State Treasurer to challenge the Republican incumbent, Dale Folwell. Jen Mangrum was victorious out of a five candidate field in the Democratic primary race for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

All primary night results are unofficial until certified by the N. C. Board of Elections.

LYNCHING

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The first bill to outlaw lynching was introduced in 1900," members of the Congressional Black Caucus wrote in a statement.

"Lynching was a brutal, violent, and often savage public spectacle. They were advertised in newspapers, memorialized in postcards, and souvenirs were made from the victims' remains," the CBC, which is chaired by Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif), added.

A 1930 editorial in Raleigh News and Observer noted the delight of the audience witnessing a lynching as "Men joked loudly at the sight of the bleeding body; girls giggled as the flies fed on the blood that dripped from the Negro's nose."

"Make no mistake: lynching is domestic terrorism. It is a tool that was used during the 256 years of slavery to terrorize enslaved African Americans and dis-

courage them from rebelling," Bass said.

"It was used for almost 100 years after the end of slavery to terrorize free African Americans and discourage them from exercising their rights as citizens. Even today, we hear reports of nooses being left on college campuses and workplaces to threaten and harass Black people," she stated.

Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ), Kamala Harris (D-CA), and Tim Scott (R-SC) applauded the passage of the bill, which is identical to anti-lynching legislation the three introduced in the Senate last year.

That legislation unanimously passed the Senate.

"Today brings us one step closer to finally reconciling a dark chapter in our nation's history," Booker stated in a release. "Lynchings were used to terrorize, marginalize, and oppress black communities - to kill human beings to sow fear and keep black communities in a perpetual state of racial subjugation."

Institute counts as the cornerstone of the contemporary struggle for voting rights and human dignity.

"The Black Press of America, represented by NNPA, retook steps along with thousands of people, to walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate Bloody Sunday in 1965 in Selma, Alabama, in our long struggle for voting rights in

He continued:

"If we do not reckon with this dark past, we cannot move forward. But today we are moving forward. Thanks to the leadership of Rep. Rush, the House has sent a clear, indisputable message that lynching will not be tolerated. It has brought us closer to reckoning with our nation's history of racialized violence. Now the Senate must again pass this bill to ensure that it finally becomes law."

Harris called lynchings racially-motivated acts of violence and terror that represent a dark and despicable chapter of our nation's history.

"They were acts against people who should have received justice but did not. With this bill, we can change that by explicitly criminalizing lynching under federal law," noted Harris, who suspended her presidential campaign late last year.

"I applaud Congressman Rush and the House of Representatives for speaking the truth about our past

and making it clear that these acts must never happen again without serious and swift consequence and accountability. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to support this bill's passage," she said.

Scott added that it's essential to show that hate will not win while Rush compared lynching to the French use of the guillotine, the Roman Empire's use of crucifixion, and the British use of drawing and quartering as a tool of terrorism.

"And, for too long now, a federal law against lynching has remained conspicuously silent," Rush noted. "Today, we will send a strong message that violence - and race-based violence, in particular - has no place in American society. I am immensely grateful to Senators Harris, Booker, and Scott for working with my office on this landmark piece of legislation, and I look forward to it being quickly passed in the Senate and immediately sent to the President to be signed into law."

Bass said the last known lynching was as recent as 25 years ago and only then, for the first time in the nation's history, was the perpetrator convicted and executed. "This is an awful part of our history, but it is our history - our American history - and it is important for us to all know and remember it, especially now that we are facing a resurgence of hate crimes in America under the presidency of Donald J. Trump," Bass stated.

"Now there is the National Memorial for Peace and Justice to document the known history of lynching and the many reasons why Black people were lynched, such as for making eye contact with a white person, not moving to the other side of the street, or spitting in public," she said.

Further, Bass added that the bill makes "a long-overdue change to our laws by finally addressing the issue of lynching for the thousands of African Americans who suffered this heinous fate and the countless more we'll never know."

55 YEARS

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"We must go out and vote like we never, ever voted before. I'm not going to give up. I'm not going to give in. We're going to continue to fight," he said.

"We need your prayers now more than ever before. We must use the vote as a nonviolent instrument or tool to redeem the soul of America."

With the Revs. William Barber, Jesse Jackson, and Al Sharpton, and former Georgia Rep. Stacey Abrams among the many participating, the commemorative march paid tribute to civil rights protests that pushed for voting rights.

In the 1965 march, Lewis, who was part of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Rev. Hosea Williams of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), led participants in an attempt to walk from Selma to Montgomery.

Alabama state police and other authorities intervened, violently beating Lewis, Williams, and other protestors, which led to dozens of injuries.

The anniversary also paid tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., traveled to Selma where King attempted another march but, to the dismay of some demonstrators, turned back when troopers again blocked the highway at the Pettus Bridge.

After a federal court order permitted the protest, the voting rights marchers left Selma on March 21, under the protection of federalized National Guard troops.

Four days later, they reached Montgomery with the crowd growing to 25,000 by the time they reached the capitol steps, according to the History Channel.

To document the 55th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," newspaper personnel from the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), includ-

ing reporters and photographers from the Birmingham Times, Green County Democrat, and NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

While in Selma, Chavis earned induction into the Voting Rights Museum Hall of Fame for Ministers.

Located at the foot of the Pettus Bridge, the National Voting Rights Museum &

America," Chavis stated.

"On the eve of the 2020 Super Tuesday primary elections in 12 states across the nation, our commemorative march this year in Selma had critical relevance to our demand for full restoration of the 1965 Voting Rights Act that has been diluted," he noted.

Chavis continued:
"The Black vote is 2020

will determine the next President of the United States and the makeup of the U. S. Congress. We cannot afford to allow anyone or anything to keep us from voting. The Black Press has always been on the frontlines of the Civil Rights Movement and we remain there today. Black Votes Matter, and the Black Press Matters."

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STATE BRIEFS



COHEN, HORTON AND BARFIELD WIN NHC COMMISSION RACE
[WILMINGTON] In the

Democrat race for New Hanover Commissioners, Leslie Cohen with 25%; Kyle Horton with 25%; and Jonathan Barfield with 24% advance out of a field of six to three Republican challengers in the general election - Skip Watkins (18%; Bill Rivenbark (15%) and Deb Hays (14%).

FORMER ROLAND-GRISE BAND TEACHER INDICTED FOR 17 SEX OFFENSES

[WILMINGTON] Peter Michael Frank, the former band director for Roland-Grise Middle School, was indicted Tuesday for an additional 17 sexual abuse charges involving students.

The indictments were delivered by a New Hanover County grand jury. Frank allegedly committed a wide range of offenses, from first-degree sexual offense to indecent liberties with a minor, between September 1998 and August 2000. He is currently in custody for a sepa-

rate sex case involving a child.

STRONG EARLY VOTING NUMBERS FOR 2020 PRIMARY

[RALEIGH] The 2020 early voting in North Carolina started slow, but by the Feb. 29th deadline prior to March 3rd Primary Day,

almost 800,000 North Carolina voters went to the early polls, and cast their ballots. State officials say 11.2 percent of North Carolina's total registered voters cast early ballots, up from the 2016 primaries.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

COVID-19

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Day voting by having poll workers regularly wipe and disinfect electronic voting machines and computers with which the public came into contact.

There are preventative measures available from local health departments and online for work, home, childcare facilities, colleges, healthcare facilities, and for first responders, at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>.

Despite the Trump Administration's controversial efforts to address the coronavirus in the United States, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) was preparing, as of Monday, for Pres. Donald Trump to make an "infectious disease emergency declaration" that would allow disaster relief funding to state and local governments in the event of a coronavirus outbreak in their area.

According to published reports, at least 60 countries, including its place of origin, China, are reporting the spread of COVID-19. Back in

the U. S. New York state has reported its first 2 cases, as well as New Hampshire its first case, and Tuesday, North Carolina, where a Wake County man, back from visiting Washington state, was diagnosed with it.

He is reportedly doing well.

The medical community urges both calm and caution! Religiously wash your hands with soap. Wipe down common areas you touch in public places with portable

sanitizer. Try not to shake hands with individuals, and try not to touch your face after being in a public place.

As with other opportunistic infections, the elderly and those who have compromised immune systems are most

vulnerable to the coronavirus. Symptoms include persistent cough, shortness of breath, chills and high fever. There is no known vaccine for treatment yet. If you are sick, stay home from school or work to prevent a spread.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Lynching

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I don't think anyone would argue that America has a tragic history of lynching, and as much as some would like to think, that part of America's history is not so long ago. As a matter of fact, some of us would argue that the potential for lynching is still with us.

In 2005 Dick Gregory, Mark Planning, Janet Langhart-Cohen and I began a project to change the names of despicable racists on buildings who had the stain of lynching on their hands and their calendars. We began with U.S. Senate Buildings. To be exact, we chose the Russell Building named for Senator Richard Russell of Georgia. Senator Russell was a founder and leader of the conservative caucus. He served in the U.S. Senate for almost 40 years. He led Southern opposition to the Civil Rights Movement.

We thought that our country had become more enlightened and once learning who Russell actually was, removing his name would be a breeze. Well, it wasn't. Some of our most beloved Senators thought it would be a bad idea with the most often cited reason that if we removed Russell's name, what would stop the removal of names of people we supported from other buildings.

Convinced that we were not even going to get more enlightened Senators to support the removal, Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu and Virginia Senator George Allen offered an option that would seek to have the U.S. Senate finally apologize for lynching. We agreed to support that effort. For a long time, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Planning, Ms. Langhart-Cohen and I walked from office to office encouraging Senators to vote for what finally became S.Res.39 apologizing for Senate inaction that could have saved countless lives. It wasn't easy because several Senators opposed the Resolution.

Among those who supported the Resolution by agreeing to be Sponsors were Senators Joe Biden, George Allen, Mary Landrieu, Chuck Hagel, John McCain, Diane Feinstein, Patrick Leahy, Barack Obama, Ted Kennedy and others. Lynching was listed in the Resolution as "the ultimate expression of racism in the United States following Reconstruction." It apologizes to the victims of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation-nothing more; yet, there were Senators who voted against the Resolution. We weren't even asking to make lynching a crime at that time!

Well, a few days ago, Congressman Bobby Rush (IL) did take the next step and got that bill through the House 15 years later to make lynching a crime! It's shocking that it took so long to do that, but even more shocking is the fact that Congressmen Louie Gohmert (TX), Thomas Massie (KY), Ted Yoho (FL) and Justin Amash (MI) voted against the bill! The presidency of Donald Trump is charged with carrying out laws Congress decides and the men I have just named are responsible for making the laws! I have to wonder if their constituents will in good conscience send them back to Washington or will they vote "NO" on them?

For over 150 years an anti-lynching bill failed in the Senate even though the House and several Presidents had supported anti-lynching measures. Does this sound like the current Senate that refused to convict Donald Trump even though the House had proven without a doubt that Trump was guilty of the charges against him? Congressman Rush decided the time had come to make lynching a crime so he introduced HB 35-named for Emmett Till.

If Trump's behavior and lynching human beings are not crimes, we are a shameless nation and have no right to tell another nation what decency is. Now, let's see what the current Senate will do about lynching.

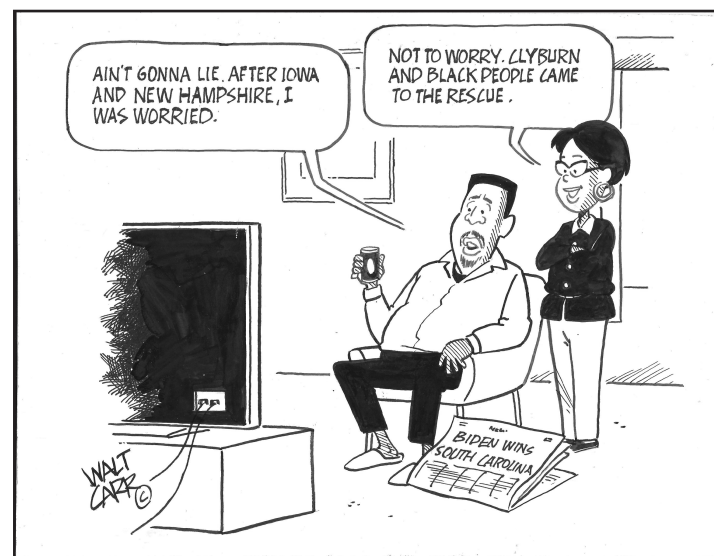
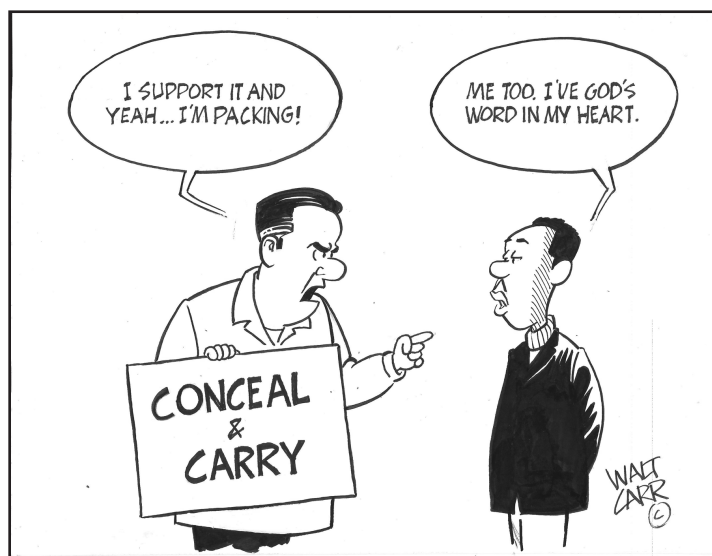
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AN OPEN LETTER TO MIKE BLOOMBERG

You and three former presidential candidates (Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar and Beto O'Rourke) have now endorsed and pledged to work with and for Joe Biden to save our country. Thank you for your many ads exposing TRUMP for being the ignorant, skirt-chasing, bigot, lying, cheating and 3/5 of a man he is. GOD has forgiven you for your past sins and so have I. We all fall short, but he still gives us a chance to help middle-class and poor people before we die. Please share some of your treasures helping us keep the U.S. House and flip the U.S. Republican Senate. I would like to see the following Senators: Mitch McConnell, Lindsey Graham, Susan Collins and Thom Tillis retired. There are five more Senators you can add to the list. Given the world class investigative reporters you can afford to hire, they would

have no problem finding the top 12 problems those water carriers for TRUMP have created and lied about. Run these ads in their home state several times every two weeks using a different problem as you go from problem one to twelve. These will not be the "quickie" 30 seconds sound bites/tease but real information. It will be "Must SEE" TV as the taxpayers see how their "honest" leaders represent or misrepresent them. They will have two weeks to investigate each allegation and discuss it with their neighbors. Question their Senators just like you would question their future daughter or son-in-law. They will also see if the people they are paying over \$250,000 a year (quarter million dollars) with benefits earn that money. You are a legend in N. Y. but not outside. History will record and the people from all 50 states will see you, the legend, in your greatest equal right movement. Thank you, Mike. If you want to take time and

learn more about Black people, read my book "What We Blacks Need To Do" by James J. Hankins.

**James Hankins
Wilmington, NC**

James J. Hankins is a military veteran, N.C. A&T State University alumni retired vocational education teacher, past president of the New Hanover County NAACP, entrepreneur and author of the book "What We Blacks Need To Do".

I HAVE THIS LITTLE PIMPLE ON MY FACE AND I'M ANGRY!

My dermatologist told me it's probably from a hair follicle that got trapped when I shaved. She prescribed an antibiotic cream to treat it. Sounds simple enough, but when I went to pick up the small tube of cream at the pharmacy, I was hit with a charge of \$75 - and that's

AFTER insurance. I complained to the pharmacist who replied that the same product would probably cost around \$19 in Canada.

You ask; why am I angry? I am sick and tired of being screwed by our medical system. And I'm outraged that politicians like Senators Burr and Tillis have done absolutely nothing about it. Ever wonder why? I checked online and found that Senator Tillis has so far received \$238,873 from pharmaceutical companies for his 2020 reelection campaign, only to be outdone by Senator Burr, who received a whopping \$453,581 in 2016.

We have a choice. We can keep getting screwed or we can vote these corrupt politicians out of office. I've made my choice and, incidentally, I chose to pass on the overpriced cream and will use Neosporin instead.

**Jeffrey Zalles
Southport, NC**

MATTERS OF OPINION

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.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

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 every-

thing 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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"When a school child remains unchallenged, he or she will shut down and lose interest in learning altogether".--BESSIE HOGAN

TO BE EQUAL

Russia is back: Congress must defy Trump and stop foreign election tampering

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Since at least 2014, known and unknown individuals, operating as part of a broader Russian effort known as 'Project Lakhta,' have engaged in political and electoral interference operations targeting populations within the Russian Federation and in various other countries, including, but not limited to, the United States, members of the European Union, and Ukraine. Since at least May 2014, Project Lakhta's stated goal in the United States was to spread distrust towards candidates for political office and the political system in general." - U.S. Criminal Complaint against Elena Alekseevna Khusyaynova, accused chief accountant of "Project Lakhta," a Russian effort targeting foreign audiences in the United States, members of the European Union, and Ukraine, among others.

such as the European Union and NATO. Federal prosecutors have charged 13 Russian individuals and three Russian business entities with Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, and other crimes.

Last week, intelligence officials briefed Congress that the interference continues, and has expanded to include the Democratic presidential primary.



Marc Morial

It is difficult to say which is more harmful to the nation: the ongoing Russian cyber warfare, or President Trump's appalling response.

Terrified that Russia's efforts on his behalf delegitimizes his election - and may do so again - President Trump and his allies in Congress not only refuse to take action to secure our elections, but have denigrated the findings of the intelligence community as a hoax.

President Trump has gone so far as to remove the acting Director of National Intelligence whose staff provided the briefing, following a chilling pattern of retribution against government employ-

ees for carrying out their duties.

One of the ways, but certainly not the sole way, corrupt Russians believed they could advance their agenda was to promote the election of Donald Trump. Whether by design or by coincidence, Trump has served Russia's interests in a number of ways: Days after inauguration, his administration began working to lift sanctions against Russia, and explored withdrawing military forces from Eastern Europe. He's refused to condemn Russia's annexation of Crimea. He's pushed to re-admit Russia to the G-7. He's continually attacked NATO, threatening to pull out of the treaty, and berated the leaders of NATO ally nations.

All of this has weakened other nations' trust in the United States, and our ability to conduct responsible foreign policy.

Is difficult as it is to believe, we are at a point in history where the President's bruised ego has taken precedence over our national security. And instead of fulfilling its constitutional duty to exercise oversight of the President, Congress is enabling his dangerous behaviors.

Earlier this month, the Senate blocked three election-security bills, including one that would require cam-

paigns to report offers of foreign election assistance to the FBI, and another that would require campaigns to report such offers to the Federal Election Commission. The Senate also has blocked the Securing America's Federal Elections Act (SAFE Act), which would provide additional funding to the Election Assistance Commission and would ban voting machines from being connected to the internet as well as machines that were manufactured in foreign countries. Also rejected have been the Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy (SHIELD) Act, which requires offers of foreign assistance to be reported to the FBI, and the Defending Elections from Threats by Establishing Redlines (DETER Act), imposing sanctions on Russia if U.S. intelligence agencies determined that Russia interfered in a federal election.

Congress can no longer afford to continue compromising the national security of the United States simply to demonstrate partisan loyalty. The Senate must act at once to protect democracy and stand up against foreign tampering in our elections.

"Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

On buying elections

Because so many people want someone - anyone to defeat Donald Trump in the 2020 general elections, there hasn't been much of a stir as we have watched former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg burst on the scene, spending literally billions of his own money to produce ads with the message that he can beat the president in November.

His words, his confidence, and his ads feel like water on a parched soul. He is being effective in giving Americans who are both fed up and afraid of what more years of a Trump presidency will do to life as we have known it in America. His message is that he will "get it done," and he is believable.

He is doing for a "base" what Donald Trump did for his "base." Bloomberg's base seems to be a group of people who at least profess to be moderate Democrats. He is speaking to people who at least say they want "liberty and justice for all." And he is speaking to a group of people who are offended by the way the current president is disrespecting decency, civility, honesty, and honor, causing the presidency to descend into a monarchy; he is speaking to people who are tired of his lying, tired of his disrespect and disregard for both the Constitution and the "rule of law." Bloomberg is talking to a group of people who believe America's "greatness" is rooted in this country's democratic form of government, which has been, up until now, admired and emulated by countries around the world.

But something is troubling. Mike Bloomberg has not been a friend for and to black people. If stories about him are correct, he has been as power-hungry as is Trump; he reportedly spent \$100 million to win a third term as mayor of New York. (https://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/01/opinion/01fri1.html) He was an avid supporter of New York's "stop and frisk" policy (https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/17/us/politics/michael-bloomberg-speech.html) and he once blamed redlining for the country's financial collapse. (https://apnews.com/8cbb1fabbb4af01e8d9571363979501) and there are some questions about his take on the impact of lead-tainted water on poor communities. (https://www.motherjones.com/environment/2019/12/michael-bloomberg-has-a-toxic-legacy-on-lead/)

Americans who have been watching the Trump presidency are both weary and wary - weary because of the constant assault on what has always been held as acceptable behavior for a president, and wary that this president can be stopped. Americans are seeing the three branches of government, and the justice department, being formed into a blob where the separation of powers is being destroyed. There are no guardrails up to keep the progression of the dismantling of the government from from moving forward.

But is Bloomberg any better? And because of the precedents being set by this president of giving the executive branch of government almost total power; will Bloomberg, should he get the nomination and then win the presidency, be controlled enough to avoid the path made for presidential leadership by this administration, a path which leads the executive branch of government toward totalitarianism?

We have to stop and think and regroup. This presidency has rattled all that we have ever known. All we want is for someone to beat the president - but is that what we really want? Are we in a place that is so new and dangerous that the descent into totalitarianism will only get more intense over time? Bloomberg's money might be able to buy his presidency but will his money lead him to hire and put around him people who believe in America as a democracy with three levels of equal power? Can Bloomberg's money stop what Trumpism has put into motion?

There isn't anyone in the highest echelons of our government who are worthy of being trusted by the masses. The president's cabinet is pitifully empty, seemingly by choice (https://www.axios.com/trump-cabinet-vacancies-65a66f00-a140-4b49-887f-3c1bcf6469a7.html). He has weaponized the presidency by punishing and working to destroy anyone who challenges or criticizes him (https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/worried-trump-might-weaponize-the-presidency-he-already-has-many-times/2020/02/06/f91f1d6-4925-11ea-bdbf-1dfb23249293_story.html). He doesn't care about the "legacy of the Founding Fathers." He doesn't even care about doing what Jesus commands us to do, although he said in the 2016 campaign that the Bible was one of his favorite books, (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/politics/wp/2017/03/17/trump-doesnt-have-time-to-read-but-if-you-do-heres-what-he-recommends/) (https://www.huffpost.com/entry/trump-prayer-breakfast-love-your-enemies_n_5e3c2d3bc5b6b70686fb8954)

Trump used his money and apparently the help of foreign governments - which happened to be enemies of this country - in order to win.

How much money will Bloomberg spend to ultimately win presidency, and if he does win, what will his presidency mean for the masses of Americans who are being ignored by Trump?

The Bible says we cannot serve mammon and God; one or the other will beat the other and too often, the love of money beats the love of God and the decency God requires.

Is there room for Michael Bloomberg to love God more than money and power?

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

RAINBOW COALITION

No, President Trump, the never-ending war in Afghanistan is not ending

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Don't fall for the hype. That is the one lesson that we all should have learned about President Donald Trump. He's a salesman, not a statesman. He offers up fantasies, not facts. The most recent agreement with the Taliban in Afghanistan is a clear example of this. In the 2016 campaign,

Trump had the good sense to promise to end America's forever wars and bring the troops home. Afghanistan, our longest war now in its 19th year, is a classic example. We invaded Afghanistan to get Osama bin Laden and punish his forces for their attack on America on 9/11. We threw the Taliban out of power. Under Obama's watch, bin Laden was found and killed. Yet we didn't get out. We have squandered trillions of dollars and lost thousands of American lives in an unending war in an impoverished nation on the other side of the world.

We don't care enough to send the troops and invest the trillions needed to occupy the country. Yet no president has had the courage to get the

troops out and end the folly. Trump promised that he would do it. Now, he's cut a deal with the Taliban that he will use to claim that he's fulfilled his promise.

Don't fall for the hype. The deal Trump made with the Taliban will bring U.S. forces down - but only to the approximate level that existed at the end of the Obama administration. He's essentially agreed only

to reverse the buildup that he had ordered over the last three years. Further reductions are said to be dependent on the Taliban making a deal with the existing government. But the Afghan government already objects to the agreement that Trump made. It doesn't want to face the Taliban without U.S. soldiers. After nearly two decades, it has been unable to create a legitimate government and a coherent military that can consolidate its position. If we wait for the Afghan government to agree for U.S. soldiers

to leave, the forever war will continue, well, forever.

Trump wants credit for ending the war - and fulfilling his campaign promise - without ending it. He wants to get out, but he doesn't want to be blamed for losing. What's needed is a clear commitment to get out - not dependent on what the Afghan government or the Taliban do. Trump has failed to produce that, violating the campaign pledge he made to the American people. The sad reality is that we have no reason to be in Afghanistan. The country is impoverished, not strategic. The Taliban are oppressive and violent.

The Afghanis should be uniting to defeat the Taliban and keep them from coming to power. But this is the responsibility of the Afghanis, not of the United States. The architects of the forever war warn that we will lose credibility if we get out and the government collapses. But what could be a greater loss of credibility than fighting futilely for nearly two decades without victory and without end? They warn that without U.S. forces, Afghanistan could become a launching ground

for terrorists. But, as we've seen, terrorists have many places to train in failed states - including those we've helped create like Libya.

We would be far better off - and far more secure from terrorists - if we stopped destabilizing the Middle East, ended the forever wars, stopped sponsoring regime changes, and addressed the threat of terrorism as a matter for intelligence, international cooperation, and aggressive policing. At the very least, we should stop wasting trillions of dollars and thousands of American lives on wars that we have no plan or commitment to win. Trump was right in 2016: Great powers do not fight endless wars. He is wrong to pretend that he's bringing the troops home from Afghanistan when all he's agreed to is to bring them back down to the level they were at when he took office. Americans are right to want an end to the endless wars. We need a president who has the courage and common sense to end them. Trump has proven once more that he is not that president.

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



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Building a powerful Black media based on human rights

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

It is now 2020, and Black-owned media in America is struggling to stay alive, and many in mainstream media believe Black media is not necessary. "Black ownership is dying," said Armstrong Williams, whose Howard Stirk Holdings owns seven of the Black-owned commercial television stations. "Newspaper ownership, radio ownership - but it's probably hit TV the hardest."

In order to invest in the mainstream media business and be successful, it is almost necessary to be a billionaire in the giant cable business. African Americans don't come into the media business with a fortune, and many of the longtime media moguls have consolidated their companies. This means that billionaires decide who will be hired, and 88% of them are white males.

In the news business there are 15 billionaires like Rupert Murdoch, Michael Bloomberg, Jeff Bezos and others, who control several of America's influential national newspapers, magazines, local papers and online publications. It is obvious that there is a coordinated system in the

American media, and the big boys decide who they will allow to play.

There is a lack of diversity in American media, and only 6% are minority. Some experts say there are no television stations owned by Blacks in America, and others say there are 10, but the numbers are terrible. Many

Black-owned media companies actually only own a small percentage of their television stations, and very few Blacks own their own shows.

Hispanics operate major networks, such as Telemundo and Latin Business Today, and they find themselves in a better financial situation than Blacks. While Telemundo is owned by a major mainstream media company, its managers have more control.

Where is the Black-owned media, and how will there be more diversity in mainstream media and television?

In 2020, Blacks must build coalitions and force the billionaires' media companies to hire more Blacks in deci-

sion making positions. Black media companies must hold mainstream media companies accountable for their terrible numbers and demand everyday more positive Black stories. Blacks must also be at the table when public companies make decisions about local television stations.

Black organizations across the country must unite from coast to coast and demand more diversity across ethnic lines. In Africa there are billionaires, who can invest in projects, causes, and television shows, because they are sitting on fortunes. Everyday Blacks must shop-Black, and the community must think Black.

Entertainment Studios Network owned by a Black man, Byron Allen, a comedian, television host, and entrepreneur has sued telecommunications giants Comcast Corp, and Charter Communications. They have refused to distribute his shows on their stations, while launching scores of mostly white-owned shows on their networks. Byron Allen says his stations and shows are 100% African American owned Media Company operating seven television channels.

Allen issued a statement,

"This case is not about African American-themed programming but is about African American ownership of networks. Unfortunately, the networks Comcast refers to as African American-owned are not wholly owned by African Americans and did not get any carriage until I stood up and spoke out about this discrimination and economic exclusion."

It is no accident that there is only a hand full of Black TV stations, and very few Black owned Media companies, and that is because of racism and discrimination. There are very few Black TV networks, because the billionaires decide who is allowed to work.

On every level there is a need for more Black-owned media companies, more hosts, reporters, and more Blacks in decision making positions. Blacks must organize, sue mainstream media in your city, county and state, and demand more Black stories and images. In 2020, Blacks are building powerful media companies, but we must continue to fight. We must organize, unify, build coalitions and work with African billionaires.

Roger Caldwell is a NNPA News Correspondent.



Roger Caldwell

THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!

New Hanover County

Spring 2020 Programs at Wrightsville Beach Parks & Recreation:

TENNIS LESSONS Mondays & Wednesdays March 9 - 25, 2020.
Youth Lessons: Ages 6-8 meet from 3:30 - 4:30 pm Ages 9-12 meet from 4:30 - 5:30 pm Adult Lessons: Adults meet from 6:00 - 7:00 pm



Community Briefs

BASKETBALL FOR YOUTH

The Youth League's Basketball program is designed for kids to learn the game of basketball through strong fundamentals drills, game experience, and work ethic while having a tremendous amount of fun. Thursdays, April 2—May 21, 2020. Ages 6—9: 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Ages 10—13: 5:45 p.m.—7:15 p.m.

FLAG FOOTBALL FOR YOUTH

The Youth League's Flag Football program was developed to help kids learn basic and advanced concepts of football while gaining game experience. The Wrightsville Beach Flag Football league emphasizes the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship. Wednesdays, April 1—May 20, 2020. Ages 6—9: 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Ages 10—13: 5:45 p.m.—7:15 p.m.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Make a decision or you may regret it!

INDECISIONS in real estate transactions could cause sleepless nights and cost you thousands. This is not what I've been told, but have seen time after time again over my career. All of the regrets, then I should of, could of, why the heck didn't I of you can imagine.

This week I want to share with you how important it is to make some important decisions sooner vs. later. In real estate, there will always be only one home, one building on that lot in that city at any given time. No two properties are alike even if they are identical in appearance from the external. There is something, some characteristics that will always make it different. Not to men-

tion that even in the same condo/townhome development, it's not in the same space/place. The sun won't shine in the windows the same. The parking spots won't be in the same location, nothing will be the same. Countless regrets have come from my clients over the years for not making a deci-



Brenda Dixon

sion sooner and that cost them a property they really loved. There have been times when the very first property viewed was the perfect one but they just wanted to see what else

was out there. Trust me I know how huge of purchase this is and everyone should be at peace with their decisions. In today's market when the affordability is so lacking and the choices of areas are even more scarce, you must be prepared to make a decision as quickly as possible. Especially if you're in the \$200,000 and under market. That is the price point for many 1st-timers buyers in our area and the pickings are beyond slim. So when you're blessed to get a pre-approval to start searching for your 1st home, I encourage you to RUN not walk. I encourage you to view it, and if you love it, go immediately to your secret closet, pray to your Higher Power and ask for PEACE,

GUIDANCE and a DECISION. I promise you, in real estate, more is lost in Indecision vs. Making the wrong one, truly it is.

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

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UNCW Ph.D. student Peyton Thomas races toward dream of being Olympic runner

Wilmington, N.C. -- Peyton Thomas juggles multiple roles - Ph.D. student, teaching assistant, research assistant and marathon runner.

The former Baylor University track and cross-country runner participated in her first marathon in the December 2019 California International Marathon. Her time of 2:42:57 qualified Thomas for the Olympic trials in Atlanta on Feb. 29. More than 700 runners competed for six spots on the U.S. team for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. Thomas finished in 78th place out of 390 women and 245th place out of 565 runners overall.

"The opportunity to run at the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials is the biggest moment of my running career so far. I see it as a chance to prove to myself that I can do something big," Thomas said.

To prepare, Thomas trained with UNCW alumna Erin Hogston '02, who also qualified for the Olympic trials. Both women are members of the Without Limits running team in Wilmington. The Seahawks had to meet the two hour and forty-five minutes speed qualifi-

cation to compete.

"I decided to go for the opportunity because, every day, I am surrounded by people pursuing and achieving great things, and I thought to myself, 'Well, why not me?'"

Thomas is used to tackling challenges head-on. She was more than a year into her master's program when her research project was destroyed during Hurricane Florence in 2018. With the help of her advisors and colleagues, Thomas was able to piece together a new project.

"Truly the only way I could have overcome anything was because of the people around me and looking forward to the future," she said. Thomas is studying muscle development under elevated ocean temperature scenarios in species such as juvenile elasmobranchs, which includes sharks, skates and rays.

"My lab uses particular animals as models to understand complex physiological processes and maybe provide insight into our own human physiology," she added.

Thomas has always been interested in aquatic systems and fascinated by the natural

world. "I am a fervent supporter of anything for the conservation of the environment and honestly, couldn't imagine myself working in anything other than a biology-related field," she said.

Thomas, a native of Roswell, GA, is considering the education field with a focus on community-level outreach after earning her Ph.D.

"I am interested in staying in the research world and working with multiple environmental organizations," said Thomas, a recipient of the Owen Graham Kenan Fellowship Endowment in the Biology and Marine Biology Department. The scholarship was created by Mrs. Owen G. Kenan and her children in memory of her husband and their father, and is used to assist graduate students in the marine biology program.

"My dream job would be to be a professional runner and scientist - a traveling scientist of sorts," she said. "It would be great to have a profession where I encourage other people to run and feel those same connections with the environment, providing self-discovery and reasoning to reduce our impact."



PEYTON THOMAS

Sonja Griffin Evans, multifaceted painter, riveting storyteller and talented songstress



De First Decoration Day by Sonja Griffin Evans

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At the reception for artist Sonja Griffin Evans on February 28, 2020 at the Aces Art Gallery, the artist mesmerized the audience with stories about the subjects of her art, alternately telling stories of her talks with them, and singing songs that she heard them sing. Evans was in town for the opening of "American Gullah", an art exhibit sponsored by the Wilmington Chapter of the Links, Incorporated. "American Gullah" depicts the unsung pioneers of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. At the reception, Evans brought the story of the Gullah Geechee to life through the paintings in "American Gullah", her storytelling, and song.

While discussing De Gullah Dream Catcher, Evans said that after she finished painting the subject, the subject began speaking to her, told her that she was born with a veil over her eyes and that she is a seer. Persons born with a veil or piece of the birth membrane over their eyes are often considered extremely lucky.

Many like the subject of De Gullah Dream Catcher can foretell the future and are considered hands on healers. Evans described the subject of De Gullah Dream Catcher as half Native American and half Gullah Geechee. In the painting, the subject wears a dream catcher.

Evans noted that De First Decoration Day reflects a little known fact that Memorial Day, or de first decoration day began as a day of gratitude when recently enslaved Africans thanked deceased union soldiers for their freedom. Dead union soldiers had been thrown in a mass grave. The formerly enslaved Africans dug up their bodies from the mass grave and gave each a proper burial. De First Decoration Day shows children marching in a parade of celebration. Some historical accounts indicate that there were over 10,000 children in the parade.

De First Decoration Day depicts the water of the South Carolina Coast morphing into an American flag. This background reflects the formerly enslaved Africans taking a step toward full citizenship. Evans heard the voices of her ancestors

singing "My Country Tis of Thee" as she was painting. Evans then began to sing "My Country Tis Of Thee" in a beautiful soprano voice. The audience was enthralled.

The evening culminated in the unveiling of Peanut and Blueberries, a work that Evans created for the opening of the exhibit in Wilmington. The painting prominently features blueberries, a staple of this area. The striking Peanut is dressed in a burgundy dress and carries a bag marked "Goobers", the word for "peanut" in many African languages. Peanut appears to have been out picking blueberries and carries a basket of blueberries on her head.

The Links, Incorporated is an organization of over 16,000 women of color. "American Gullah" was sponsored by the Wilmington Chapter of the Links, Incorporated in gratitude for the almost 70 years of support that it has received from the Wilmington community, and in support of its mission to promote the art in which Black Americans and art in which Black Americans are subjects. The exhibit is open through March 20, 2020.

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As someone who has been very lucky in life, I often say my story would have only been possible in America - and that's true. But I also know that because of the 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. That's why as President, I'm committed to act to build generational wealth for Black Families.

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CDC removes data on number of people tested for Coronavirus from website as infection numbers spike

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On March 2, the Center of Disease Control abruptly postponed a press briefing on COVID-19, also known as coronavirus. Later in the day it was discovered that the CDC removed the number of people being tested from a page on their website with other coronavirus information.

CDC spokesperson Ben Haynes informed reporters that the briefing had been pushed back but did not provide an explanation as to why.

Confusion surrounding the Trump Administration's handling of what could become a major pandemic in the U.S. has many medical experts concerned. Currently the Administration is treating coronavirus as a political question rather than a medical public policy challenge.

There have been more than 89,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 around the world and over 3,000 deaths. The vast majority of cases have been in China where over 45,000 have been diagnosed. The illness is typically mild, featuring a cough, fever, and shortness of breath. Similar to the flu, people with underlying conditions and those who are elderly are at greatest risk.

A number of states in the U.S. are reporting new cases. On March 3rd, the government ramped up testing in Washington State after the death of six people. There are now more than 100 confirmed cases in 15 states in the U.S.

The first confirmed case of the coronavirus in New York City was announced by Governor Andrew Cuomo on March 2nd. The case was a 39-year-old health care worker with mild respiratory symptoms who had recently returned from Iran. In February, eight people from

New York City were declared free of the virus after being tested by the Centers for Disease Control.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said the city had over 1,000 hospital beds available for coronavirus patients. He also announced plans and actions people could take if they suspected they were infected.

On February 25th, the National Institutes of Health announced the first clinical trials for a coronavirus cure. "This is the first clinical trial in the United States to evaluate an experimental treatment for COVID-19, the respiratory disease first detected in December 2019 in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China," the NIH website states.

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A number of states in the U.S. are reporting new cases. On March 3rd, the government ramped up testing in Washington State after the death of six people. There are now more than 100 confirmed cases in 15 states in the U.S.

Day after Black Lives Matter activists shut down rally, Sen Amy Klobuchar drops out of 2020 race

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Two candidates running for The White House who notoriously had issues disproportionately impacting African Americans have dropped out of the 2020 presidential race over the last few days.

Black Lives Matter activists shut down a rally on March 1 in Minnesota for then Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) over her prosecution of a black man they believe was wrongly convicted for murder.

The Black Lives Matter protesters took the stage in protest and would not leave, and the Klobuchar campaign cancelled the rally. The next day on March 2, Sen. Klobuchar dropped out of the presidential race and put her support behind former Vice President Joe Biden.

The BLM activists at Klobuchar's rally were referring to the case of Myron Burrell. Burrell was convicted of murder as a teenager as Ms. Klobuchar served as Hennepin County attorney in Minnesota. Minnesota is a Super Tuesday state.

A recent analysis by the Associated Press reviewed the

case of Myron Burrell, who is serving life in prison for the murder of an 11-year old. The news organization, "reviewed more than a thousand pages of police records, court transcripts and interrogation tapes, and interviewed dozens of inmates, witnesses, family members, former gang leaders, lawyers and criminal justice experts."

Klobuchar has avoided media interviews with black news organizations throughout her campaign. Journalist Roland Martin created a "Where's Amy?" graphic after she refused to be interviewed on Roland Martin Unfiltered even as he spoke with all of the other Democrats in the field.

Klobuchar was the lead prosecutor in the Burrell case and, according to AP's analysis the prosecution, "relied heavily on a teen rival of Burrell's who gave conflicting accounts when identifying the shooter, who was largely obscured behind a wall 120 feet away. With no other eyewitnesses, police turned to multiple jailhouse snitches. Some have since recanted, saying they were coached or coerced. Others were given reduced time, raising questions about their credibility. And the lead homicide detective offered "major dollars" for names, even if it was

hearsay."

Klobuchar joined former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg in dropping out and endorsing former Vice President Biden. Buttigieg's campaign was also plagued with questions around how he handled justice reform issues in the Black community in South Bend. Lack of support from Black voters has been a defining issue in the 2020 campaign.

A third 2020 presidential candidate who has been criticized for his treatment of African Americans regarding racial profiling policies such as stop-and-frisk is former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has also announced that his campaign has ended. Bloomberg joined Klobuchar and Buttigieg in endorsing Biden. However, as an author of the 1994 Clinton Crime Bill, Biden has also been questioned on justice reform issues.

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Photo: Senator Amy Klobuchar talks with supporters at Shift Cyclery and Coffee Bar in Eau Claire, Wisconsin / Lorie Shaul / Wikimedia Commons
Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) has avoided media interviews with black news organizations throughout her campaign.



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Sacajawea B. Smallwood

Sacajawea Bernadette Francis Smallwood, affectionately known as "Scottie" (or Aunt Scottie) was born on April 12, 1949, in Manhattan, N.Y. to Joseph Bernard Shorter and Irene Harriet Shorter. On February 9, 2020, Sacajawea attained her wings, and went to the Lord, surrounded by her loved ones.

Scottie graduated from Clara Barton High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1967, earning her LPN, and embarking on a long and gratifying in healthcare. She worked at the Manhattan VA Medical Center as a surgical technician and OR/ER nurse for several years. When she left New York to move down south, she continued to work in the medical field as a private hospice care attendant. Her genuine love for people was her hallmark and all those placed in her care were the beneficiaries.

In many ways Scottie never met a stranger. Lived experience showed her that family is where you are loved and accepted; a valuable lesson learned from her own blended family. Scottie was a free spirit who loved listening to music while cooking or cleaning. She loved meeting new people, parties, concerts, movies and shows. She knew 101 ways to "hide the body" and watched every forensic show possible to keep her cache of knowledge current. Scottie especially loved sunlight, fresh air, naturalism and any kind of adventure, up to and including glamping. She was a member of Praise and Deliverance and a volunteer for Wilmington Hammerhead Youth Soccer FC.

Sacajawea was loved by many, and will be greatly missed. Preceding her in death were her Mother Irene and Father(s) Joseph, and William "Willie" Clark, her brother Joseph Standish, and sister Inez H. Moscatiello. She is survived by her sisters, Annette Johnson and LaDana Clark. To carry on her legacy, she leaves her children: Sabrenia Smallwood Moore (Lawrence "Bruce"), Douglas Smallwood, Cheri Smallwood, Javette Smallwood, and Sharon Wynn; her grandchildren: Shantel Teeka-Singh, Shaunna Rawl (Timothy), George Dawson (Kashira), Quayson Wynn, Oriyon Wynn and Solara; and great-grandchildren: Londyn Rawl, Kenzie Lee, Gianni Dawson and Jakobi Dawson. Nieces: Crystal Standish, Shelly Standish-Parkin, Angela "Sally" Standish, Yvette Hamilton (deceased), Alicea Terry and Monique Johnson; Nephews: George Hill (deceased) and Spencer Hamilton (deceased), Robert (Ovetta) Moscatiello, Salvatore (Jacqueline) Moscatiello, Marcus Johnson, Andre (Cynthia) Johnson, Bryant (Shalay) Johnson and Cory (Petal) Johnson. In addition, she also left behind as host of grand and great nieces and nephews and those who became her extended family - her sister wife & road husband, their children/ grandchildren, her besties and all of those she loved and claimed. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N. C. 28401. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Jimmy Ray Steward

Jimmy Ray Steward age 67, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, February 24, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Steward's life will be conducted at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Bettye Hooper

Bettye Hooper, age 72, of Leland, passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2020. A celebration of Mrs. Hooper's life was held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed at Hoopers Cemetery.

Bettye Ann "Shorty" Montgomery Hooper was born in Florence, South Carolina October 23, 1947 to the late Leon and Maggie Montgomery. Bettye had four siblings Isaac, Leon, Alonzo, and Patsy Montgomery who all preceded her in death. Bettye attended New Hanover County Schools and would later also attend classes at ECU and UNCW. In October 1968, Bettye would meet the love of her life, Worth David Hooper, Jr. Six months later, on April 5, 1969, David and Bettye married and she would spend the next 51 years of her life with him. The following year Bettye became a mother having her first child, a daughter, then the year after she had her second child and only son. Bettye along with David raised their two children with the best of morals and to always do right by themselves and others. Bettye was a faithful member of Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. She served until her health began to fail. After being a mother for a number of years, Bettye received the exciting news that she would be a grandmother. What she didn't know is that she was really becoming a mother for the third time. Bettye and David spoiled and raised their youngest daughter, only granddaughter, with the same lessons as their older children.

She leaves behind, her husband, Worth David Hooper, Jr. of the home; daughter, Andrea Hooper Barnett (Joe); son, Kevin Hooper and daughter/granddaughter, Kristian Hooper; best friend, Sherry Davis and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Debbie Meares

Debbie Meares, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, February 29, 2020. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A celebration of Mrs. Meares life will be conducted at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Beverly Noble

Beverly Noble died February 20, 2020. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 27, 2020 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial follow in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Beverly was born December 30, 1943 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late James Herbert and Theola Benbow Noble. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System and attended Williston Senior High School. Shortly after high school, she successfully completed the Certified Nursing Program. She was employed at Bowdens Nursing Home at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, which became Brithaven Nursing Home of Wrightsville Beach. Beverly was affectionately adored and loved by her patients as well as fellow coworkers. She received numerous prestigious awards,

including, The Exceptional Health Care Award presented by the Congress of the United States House of representatives in Washington, DC and The State of North Carolina Governor's Award of Recognition for her dedication in providing caring and supportive quality of life possible for Senior North Carolinians. Beverly worked at Brithaven Nursing Home of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina for thirty plus years, until her retirement. As a child, Beverly attended Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. As a young woman, she became a devoted member of Anderson Tabernacle Fire Baptized Holiness Church, Inc. Later in life, she returned to Mt. Calvary where she spent much of her time ministering to the community through her gift of song as a member of The Noble Sisters. In addition to her parents, Beverly was preceded in death by her brothers, James Noble, Jr., and Kenneth Ronald Noble and her sister, Evelyn Noble Nixon.

Beverly is survived by: her two children, daughter, Dionne Michelle Noble and son, Terry Lamont Noble (Tiffany); five grandchildren, Takiya Sheree Noble, Naterra Charise Noble, Te'rra Maria Noble (Alissa), Terrianna Nichole Noble and Ny'Asia Takima Wallace; five great-grandchildren, Aaiden Johan Bracey, Serenity Joye Symone Bracey, Kyndal McKenzie Bracey, Kamille A'mari Wallace and Kingston Lamont Fuller; three sisters, Virginia Samuel, Marcia McNeil (Lynn) and Janet Noble, all of Wilmington, NC; four nephews, Tommy Samuel (Stephanie), Tyrone Noble (Carrie), Micha Noble and Dwayne Nixon (Melinda); two nieces, Cordillia Samuel and Naamah Noble; a host of other relatives and friends, including special loved ones and friends, Sam Morgan (Chic), Joey Bracey, Margaret Johnson and Jamika Hasty. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Andre' Jamal Johnson

Andre' Jamal Johnson died February 22, 2020. Memorial services were held Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Temple of Praise Christian Church.

Andre' son of Shirley M. Peterson and James Aaron, Sr. was born on September 15, 1976 in East Germantown, PA. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from EA Laney High School in 1995. He was a beloved member of the EA Laney wrestling team with Alan Seawell as his coach. Andre' was a coach for Pop Warner Football Cowboys. He loved his children and spending time with his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one son, Andre' "A.J." Johnson; three daughters, Hannah Johnson, Katherine Johnson and Jalissa Tate; mother, Shirley J. Peterson; father, James Aaron, Sr.; brothers, Marvin L. Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Jason Aaron, and James Aaron, Jr.; sisters, Aretha D. Johnson, Vivian Johnson and Zet Aaron; aunts, Anita P. Jones (Dexter), Dianne Bryant, Shanta Wilson (Edward), Acquanetta McNeil, Lanesha Peterson and Natasha Whitely; uncles, Dayton Peterson and Malik Peterson; special nieces, Dekiya "Dee Dee" Johnson and Tierra Johnson; finance Bernadette Andrews; special friends, William Vereen, Kenisha Jones, Dave Murrell, Nate, T.J, Chris Slade and Willie Mae Vaught; special canine companion, "Mega Jnes" and a host of other relative and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Evelyn McKoy Ballard

Evelyn Mckoy Ballard died February 22, 2020. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 29,

2020 at Crystal Springs Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Skipper Hill Cemetery.

Evelyn was born December 3, 1930, the sixth child to the late Deacon and Deaconess Lonnie and Emily Chavis McKoy. During her very youthful years she became a member of Crystal Springs Missionary Baptist Church under the spiritual guidance of the late Rev. A.H. Murphy. She remained dedicated to her Christian endeavors until the end of her earthly life. Evelyn attended the public schools of Brunswick, New Hanover and Columbus Counties. She received her GED Certification from Southeastern College, Whiteville, North Carolina, where she continued her education to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. She married the love of her life, the late Deacon Joseph James Ballard. They were the wonderful parents of four children. Due to her love and concern for humanity, she was employed by Sencland Community Organization, Inc. as a community worker. Several young adults received Job Corp training due to her guidance. Her employer extended to Babcox & Wilcox, Detox Rehabilitation Center and New Hanover Medical Center, until her retirement. Evelyn had a great love of hats, jewelry and plants. Her life was always illuminated with spiritual care and love. Her devotion to her church was above and beyond. From the beginning until the end she served her church as a choir member singing her favorite songs, "I Got Jesus and That's Enough", and "You Can't Hurry God" from the dept of her soul. As a Church Mother and Deaconess, she was considered as one of the pillars of Crystal Spring. Preceding her into eternal life were: her son, Rev. Dr. Joseph James Ballard, Jr.; granddaughter; Ranada Knox and grandson, Lamont Ballard;

Left to cherish her memories: daughter, Gwendolyn Ballard (Dolores); sons, Marin Ballard (Dolores) and Hubert Ballard (Arnetta) all of Northwest, NC; six granddaughters; six grandsons; twenty great-grandchildren; three sisters, Emily Waddell, Viola Jacobs and Lonnie Adams of Northwest, NC; two brothers, Lonnie McKoy, Jr.

of Atlanta, GA and Foster McKoy (Geraldine) of Northwest, NC; daughter-in-law, Dianne Ballard; Five sisters-in-law, Bertha McKoy, Shirley Bryant (Robert), Christine Vernon, Adell Ballard of Northwest, NC and Charlotte Ballard of Bronx, NY; brother-in-law Sylvester Ballard (Fossie) of Northwest, N; special friends, Aundria Leemore, Anna Ballard of Wilmington, NC and Inez Ford of Washington DC; many, many nieces, nephews and unnamed loved ones. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Sharon Elaine Simpson

Sharon Elaine Simpson died February 23, 2020. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 29, 2020 in Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Sharon was born on March 17, 1953 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Lula Mae Shorter and the late Sylvester Shorter. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Sandra Ann Shorter. Sharon moved to Lakewood, New Jersey where she lived for a number of years before returning back to Wilmington, North Carolina. Sharon was a loving and kind person who greeted everyone with her infectiousness smile and caring heart. She was a giver; always giving whatever, she could to help family and friends, even offering her home if they needed somewhere to live.

Sharon leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Sheron Shorter and Stacey Simpson both of Wilmington, NC; son, Jerry Simpson of Wilmington, NC; grandchild, Na'sira Howard of Wilmington, NC; her mother, Lula Mae Shorter of Lakewood, NJ; sister, Dorothy Shorter of Lakewood, NJ; brothers, Sherman Shorter and James Shorter of Lakewood, NJ and Robert Shorter of Wilmington, NC; favorite niece, Sherri Shorter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Johnny Tindall

Johnny Tindall died February 24, 2020. Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Shoulders

Branch Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Shoulders Branch Cemetery.

Johnny was born on August 28, 1945 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was the youngest son born to the late Benjamin and Nora Tindall. Johnny accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at an early age and was baptized as a member of Mt. Roney Missionary Baptist Church. Later in life he attended Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church. He was employed with the Board of Education, at Annie Sipes and also, he worked at New Hanover Regional Medical Center until his health no longer allowed him to work. Johnny was a devoted husband, father, grandfather; brother and uncle. He loved to work on fixing almost anything and would do anything he could to help anyone. He had an infectiousness smile. His memory will never fade from the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Johnny had several siblings to precede him in death: Bobby McFarland, Sidney Tindall, Ben Tindall, Charles "Pop" Tindall, Geraldine Swint, Susie Boone and Katie Tindall Ransome.

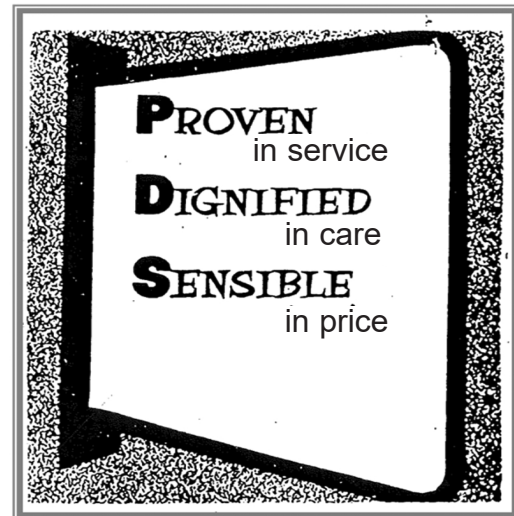
He leaves his precious memories to: his loving wife, Peggy Tindall; sons, Terry Tindall (Michelle) of Augusta, GA, Johnny Tindall, Jr. (Deborah) of Wake Forest, NC, Rodney Tindall of the city, Anthony Wilder (Wacie) and Connie Wilder all of Charlotte, NC; step-daughters, Angelina Grady and LaShele Crawford (Duane) all of the city; grandsons, whom he practically raised, James Moore and LaCorey Grady; sister, Lydia Taylor of Pennsylvania; a host of loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

David "Dick" McMillian

David "Dick" McMillian died March 2, 2020. Funeral services will be held 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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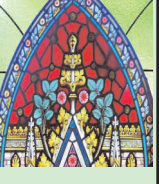


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St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St, will hold the following events during March.

1. First Responders Appreciation Day; Sunday March 15th, 10:00 am. For more information contact the Church at 910 762-9829.
2. 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.
3. St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St., Wilmington presents Sing for Peace! Interfaith Gospel Workshop. Friday, March 20th from 6 - 8 pm and Saturday, March 21st from 10 am - 4 pm. Gospel Concert on Saturday, March 22nd at 3 pm. For more info call St. Stephen at 910 762-9829.
4. Rev. Dr. Florence S. Brown, Presiding Elder of "Lumberton District". Annual Conference, AME Zion Church will be the Guest Preacher at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St., Wilmington; Sunday, March 29th at 10:00 am. For more info call St. Stephen at 910 762-9829.



Religious Briefs

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Brunswick County

Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church will hold their Usher Board anniversary on Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 p.m. The special guest will be the Rev. Vanness Middleton and the Saint James Church Family of Southport.

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.

Columbus County

Lee's Chapel AME Zion Church, 42 Blacksmith Rd., Bolton, NC, will hold revival on March 4th-March 6th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The speaker will be Elder Lester Jacobs, presiding elder in the North Carolina District.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Be not deceived

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

O' what a beautiful morning, O what a beautiful day. God loves us enough to allow us to see another Senior Citizen Fellowship meeting. There was a lot of excitement in the building today. Our president Mrs. Gladys Taylor opened our meeting and asked us to sing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Mrs. Marie Stitt led us in prayer today. Thank you God for hearing and answering our prayer. Chant "Hear Our Prayer" was done. Mrs. Hilda Jacobs introduced our medita-

tional speaker today, Elder Arthur Hicks. He opened with prayer. The disciples asked Jesus what are the signs of the world's end. God said pay attention; signs of deception, intentional deception, and self deception. Matthew 24: 4-5, 11, 24, Jesus said do not be deceived. This was said several times. Matthew 6:7, do not be deceived about the truth. Satan knows how to come to us. Satan can perform miracles. Satan is real and tried to tempt Jesus. False doctrine, we have lowered the principles of God's Word. We need to follow God's words. Do not com-

pare ourselves with others ; compare ourselves to God. Study the Word of God. His words are truth. Deception does not wear a cap that says deception or pass out business cards saying deception. Jesus went to a car lot and saw a lot of lemons that was us. God knows if we are lemons. Jesus paid it all. We should not remain lemons. Ask God to create in us a clean heart. Do what God says James 1:22. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Elder Hicks was thanked for a great message. Minutes of last meeting was read by Mrs. Mildred

Ellerby. A poem was read by Mrs. Julia Bibbs titled "From Jesus with Love." Birthday cards were given to those with birthdays in January, February and March. Callers were given a hand of appreciation. Sick report was given. Continue to pray for them our list is getting longer. Thanks Mrs. Mary Martin for making us laugh. Our meeting was adjourned by singing "Bind Us Together." Mrs. Shirley Drye prayed. There were 40 in attendance. Some of us stayed and played bingo. We had a wonderful meeting day, to God be the glory!

TELL SOMEBODY

"Deception Part II, Sign of His Coming"

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

Deception: The act of misleading and causing one to believe an untruth

One of the signs of the Lord in these last days is the increase in volume of deception. There are people even now, who come in the name of Jesus for the purpose of premeditated deception. The target may be a novice, new convert, or may be one of the very elect of God. That is why we must all pray and study to show ourselves approved unto God. Deception can be avoided, if one has knowledge and understanding of the Word of God and is able to spiritually discern truth from untruth. Matthew 4:4 says, "But he answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

God has set in the church the fivefold ministry of the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers for the perfecting of

the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The Word of God is quick, sharp, and more powerful than a two edged sword! When you hear it, your



Sylvia Hooper

faith will be edified, uplifted, illuminated, and encouraged. At other times, the Word of God will be used to instruct, correct, and reprove the people of God.

The Word of God should not be used to beat people down, but instead to build up the people. Its message is sent to convict, not to condemn. It should always reflect the grace, the mercy, and the love of God, which passeth all understanding.

Matthew 7:15 says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." We cannot assume without knowing the life of a person that everyone wearing a cross and a clerical collar is a righteous man or woman of

God. If someone approaches you in the name of the Lord, but their conduct and character are contrary to the teachings of Christ, consider them to be modern day deceivers.

Matthew 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." If someone preaches or teaches against the Word of God, eliminate his or her influence in your life. If this relationship compromises your walk with God or weakens your faith in Jesus Christ, take heed that you be not deceived.

Matthew 7:20-22, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Deception, Signs of His coming, II Timothy 4:2-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the

truth, and shall be turned to fables."

Prayer:
Father, in Jesus name, please deliver me from the spirit of deception. Give me the strength and the courage to resist any effort to twist the scriptures or misinterpret the Word of God. Keep me with a sound mind.....able to discern Truth from untruth. Amen. Tell Somebody!!!

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

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

"Daddy do I have to?"

There is a question I've been mulling over and, if you don't mind, I would like your input. Does one follow the Word of God because you know you should or, because you have to?

I mean is the faith walk a walk of need or one of sincere desire?



James Washington

You see, scripture is full of rules. The rules of the Old Testament and the laws of Moses give way to the parables of Jesus and the new covenant of the New Testament.

The question is, do we attempt to abide by the precepts of the New Testament out of fear of punishment or loss of reward, or do we follow a path of righteousness (rules) because we genuinely love the Lord so much, we just want to please Him?

If you think about it, our spiritual freedom has been blood bought and arguably remains the most significant event in documented history. In the grand scheme of things, the Word became flesh in order for us to reclaim eternal life, that life Adam rejected with but one bite of one piece of forbidden fruit. Jesus' sacrifice, by design, was an act of love so great that humankind will forever be the beneficiary.

So, in order to claim freedom, a simple act of belief is required; a simple act of faith that demonstrates you understand this really was a sacrifice made by the Son of God.

From there, do we follow the teachings of Christ Jesus begrudgingly, because if we don't, we'll burn in hell or, do we rejoice in the knowledge that someone loved us so deeply that living according to His guiding principle becomes a real desire to please? This sort of behavior is easily understood not to be a purposeless "have to," but rather a sincere "want to."

The Christian experience should not be confused with a view of a lifestyle restricted by arbitrary rules requiring one to deny life's pleasures. Rather, the Christian experience should be viewed as a lifestyle filled with all that life has to offer and then some.

That's right, more not less. I believe it all starts with knowing. The kind of knowing that sees right from wrong and gives you insight into choosing right over wrong.

This brings me back to the question at hand: Are you behaving in a manner dictated by a set of predetermined rules, or are you living a life based in principle, purpose, conviction and yes, love? One is hard. One is relatively easy. I live the way I live because if I don't, I'll be punished vs. I live the way that I live because I believe it's right and I want to. The former is like going to a job you hate but you have to because you need the money. Where is the joy in that?

I'm sure there are those of you who are much more mature in the faith than I am and can explain this better. But I am starting to see a path that looks pretty good to me. The more I try to understand the teachings of Christ, His life and His sacrifice, the more I understand just how much He and His Daddy think of me. That's a heaven of a thought and one that should be embraced.

The point is life should be a labor of love and not a labor of necessity. The more you understand the Word of God, the more you understand it to be worthy, not demanding, of your praise.

I guess what I'm asking you is at what point does the Light get on and the questions get answered? At what point do you live free of all the rules?

May God bless and keep you always.

James A. Washington is a father, husband, Christian, writer, entrepreneur and the owner/publisher of the Dallas Weekly.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Preparation to receive blessings (saved, healed, and deliverance) from the Lord!

Preparation is defined as the act or process of preparing. Preliminary measures that serves to make ready for something. Preparation comes from the root word prepare, which means to make ready beforehand for a specific purpose, event, or occasion; dispose, which means to place or set in a particular order. To put God affairs into correct, definitive or conclusive form: Matt. 6:33, (AMPC) "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides. Correct is define as to remove the errors, or mistakes from": Matt.22:29, (KJV) "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err; not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God".

For clarity let's examine some synonyms of correct, rectify, remedy, redress, reform, revise, amend. These verbs mean to make right or to improve. Correct can apply broadly to any such acts but usually refers to eliminating error or defect: 2Tim. 2:19-22 (KJV) "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour,

and some to dishonour:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart".

Rectify stresses the idea of bringing something into conformity with a standard of what is right (the Word of God) Job 22:21-23, (AMPC) "Acquaint now yourself with Him [agree with God and show yourself to be conformed to His will] and be at peace; by that [you shall prosper and great] good shall come to you.22 Receive, I pray you, the law and instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart.23 If you return to the Almighty [and submit and humble yourself before Him], you will be built up; if you put away unrighteousness far from your tents", Mark 11:25-26, (AMPC)"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

drop.26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your failings and shortcomings (these verses are addressing the main fail of the church an unforgiving spirit)". Notice what is being said, that your prayers will not be answer if you don't forgive! Can this be one of the reasons why our prayers are not being answer in the church or in our personal lives. Remedy involves repairing or removing something considerate a cause of harm or damage; sin. The Blood of Jesus is the only remedy for our sins. Matt.26:28 (KJV) "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins". (AMPC) "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which [ratifies the agreement and] is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins". Eph. 1:7 (AMPC) "In Him we have redemption (deliverance, and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor".

God has redeemed us from the curse of law, He redeems us because of the riches of His grace. He has redeemed man by the blood of His Son Jesus Christ. God Himself has paid the ransom for our release-the ransom of a life for a life. God gave His own Son so that (we)man might be set free from sin. We are

redeemed through the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 2:4-6 (KJV)"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time".

It is God's will that all men (every human being) be saved, that He paid the highest price that could be paid, was the life of His only begotten Son. 2Peter 3:9,(KJV) "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (KJV) 2Corin. 5:21,(KJV) "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. Romans 5:8, (KJV)"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Father, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, I pray for every person who read this article, will be convicted of their sin through the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit that was demonstrated in raising Jesus Christ from dead. Amen.

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

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Having qualified on the 24th day of February, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **ROBERT R. HINCH-CLIFFE**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit them to the Executor, Kerry W. Key, at 7301 Forest Haven Estates, St. Louis, MO 62123, on or before the **3rd day of June, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 26th day of February, 2020.

KERRY W. KEY, EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Virginia Bauerle McCormack, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of June, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2020

Cary D. McCormack, Executor
1800 Elease Lane
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Dorothy McGowan Paul**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **5th day of June, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2020

Lucretia P. Newkirk, Executrix
234 Oak Crest Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020

BID REQUEST

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT Certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract C204344-Woodville Rd. Grading, Drainage, Paving & Culverts in Perquimans Co. bidding on 3/17/20. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 3/9/20 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT'S Project Letting website at <http://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Central.aspx>. For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

March 5, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Karen Jean Auger**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of May, 2020, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of February, 2020

Richard Auger III, Executor
435 Moxley Rd.
Hays, NC 28635

February 13, 20, 27, March 5, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Howard Allen Penton, Jr.**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **13th day of May, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 13th day of February, 2020.

Roi Malott Penton, Executrix of the Estate of Howard Allen Penton, Jr.
1517 Country Club Rd
Wilmington, NC 28403

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1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 13, 20, 27, March 5, 2020

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Peter A. Manley, having qualified on the 20th day of February, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **Carolyn C. Manley (2020-E-179)**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **25th day of May, 2020**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 27th day of February 2020.

Peter A. Manley
Executor
ESTATE OF CAROLYN C. MANLEY
David Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

February 27, March 5, 12, March 19, 2020

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Rose M. House (20-E-212)**, late of San Diego County, Oceanside, California the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **May 27, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of February, 2020

Jamie R. Richter
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
In the General Court of
Justice Superior Court
Division
New Hanover County,
20 CVS 155**

**JEFFREY C. FOWLER,
PLAINTIFF
v.
TABITHA RAE BACHERT,
DEFENDANT**

To Tabitha Rae Bacht:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: damages arising from motor vehicular negligence. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from the first running of this notice, exclusive of such date, which was March 5, 2020 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 5th day of March, 2020.

DAVID AND ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.
DAVID F. TURLINGTON
Attorney for the Plaintiff
1516 Dawson Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Telephone: 910/251-8088
Facsimile: 910/251-8430
North Carolina Bar Number: 20165
Email: dturlington@davidand-dassociates.com

This 14th day of February, 2020.

CONNIE LYNN BENNETT, EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
In the General Court of
Justice Superior Court
Division
New Hanover County
20 CVS 155**

**JEFFREY C. FOWLER,
PLAINTIFF
v.
CHESTER LYNN BACHERT,
DEFENDANT**

To Chester Lynn Bacht:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: damages arising from motor vehicular negligence. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from the first running of this notice, exclusive of such date, which was March 5, 2020 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 5th day of March, 2020.

DAVID AND ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.
DAVID F. TURLINGTON
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This the 25th day of February, 2020

Kimberly Christine Bell,
Administrator
1026 South 12th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Antionette Pridgen Campbell**, late of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 7 Northwood Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28405 on or before **May 14, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of February, 2020

Ronald Earl Campbell,
Administrator
Of the Estate of Antionette Pridgen Campbell
Douglas A. Fox, Attorney
YOW, FOX & MANNEN, LLP
102 N. 5TH Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 13, 20, 27, March 5, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 13th day of February, 2020, as Executor of the Estate of **DALLIE E. BENNETT**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit them to the Executor, Connie Lynn Bennett, at 4300 Tillson Road, Wilmington, NC 28412, on or before the **20th day of May, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 14th day of February, 2020.

CONNIE LYNN BENNETT, EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
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Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2020

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Kenneth R. Snead, Sr. (19-E-144)**, late of San Diego County, Oceanside, California the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **May 27, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of February, 2020

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

February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Dorothy Mae Gibbs**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th day of May, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of February, 2020

Kimberly Christine Bell,
Administrator
1026 South 12th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Charles Caspian Cribb**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of May, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of February, 2020

Diane Cribb, Adminstratrix
6123 Myrtle Grove Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409

February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Johnnie Mae Fields**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th day of May, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of February, 2020

Tamika Jenkins, Administrator
PO Box 1554
Leland, NC 28451

February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Lynette Helen Roller**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th day of May, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 27th day of February, 2020.

Jane Lynn Palmer Hexter, Co-Executor of the Estate of Lynette Helen Roller
7101 Saybrook Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
Dale George Palmer, Co-Executor of the Estate of Lynette Helen Roller
14688 81st Ave N.
Maple Grove, MN 55311
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Charles O. Metzger**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th day of May, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 27th day of February, 2020.

Paul L. Metzger, Executor of the Estate of Charles O. Metzger
1929 Parkside Drive
Denton, TX 76205
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2020

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

The undersigned, having qualified on the 11th day of February, 2020 as Executor of the Estate of **Alice Boykin Tobias Miller, AKA Alice T. Miller (2020-E-166)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 1672, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402 on or before the **20th day of May, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of February 2020.

Robert Boykin, Executor of the Estate of Alice Boykin Tobias Miller, AKA Alice T. Miller
c/o Gwendolyn Burrell, Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 1672
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2020

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Delores M. Bunch**, (20-E-0126), late of New Hanover County, Castle Hayne, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **May 20, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 17th day of February, 2020

Talmadge A. Bunch
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 20 JT 25**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
J.E.R (DOB: 11-17-2019)**

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following **February 20, 2020** which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MARCH 30, 2020**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in courtroom 100 of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 20th day February, 2020.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel. #: (910) 795-0230
Fax #: (910) 401-1485

February 20, 27, March 5, 2020

EMPLOYMENT

JOB OPENING

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington is seeking to fill the position of Recertification Specialist. A copy of the full job description can be accessed from the website at www.wha.net. The Housing Authority provides a generous benefit package. Salary will be commensurate with experience and education. Submit a cover letter, resume, Wilmington Housing Authority Employment Application and three professional references to: Recertification Specialist Job Search, Attention: Human Resources Department, PO Box 899, Wilmington, NC 28402 or email to jobs@wha.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Housing Authority City of Wilmington is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.

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EMPLOYMENT

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