

MISSING



EBONEE SPEARS

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

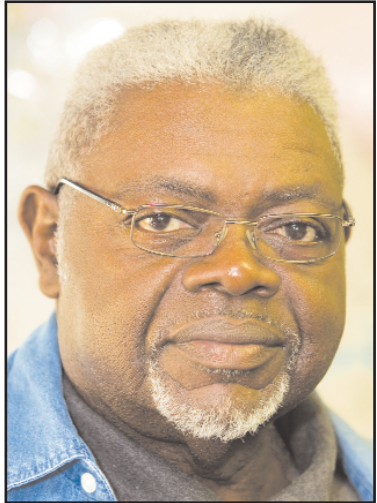
SERVICES IN RAEFORD, NC



GEORGE FLOYD

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BERNEST HEWETT

VOTE, VOTE VOTE

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I find myself very upset and angry today about the murder of a young Black man who was killed by a police officer on public television this past week and the actions that followed this police action. There was marching, looting, burning, protesting and very adverse actions taken in response to this killing of a Black man as though he were a wild animal. This action sparked a chain of its time to actions that have been performed on Blacks by the police and the legal system the last 12 months. Time and time again, Blacks have been shot down in the streets, and the legal system has made all kinds of excuses, and most of the time, your elected officials have turned them out or slapped them on the hand. We had a killing here in Brunswick County wherein a young Black was killed with excessive force, and it has been overlooked and actions not

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(L) Wilmington Police Department Interim Chief Donnie Williams and other law enforcement officers lead protest march Wednesday. JOHN DAVIS PHOTO (R) Protestors line up in rain to hear Black Lives Matter and NH County Chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus speakers at peaceful protest march Saturday. BLM PHOTO. (More photos of each event next week)



OUTRAGE AND PROTEST

Will the black rage over Floyd death return?

Editor's Note: At presstime, prosecutors upgraded Chauvin's charges from third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter to second-degree murder. The other three police officers were charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder and second degree manslaughter.

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

What comes next days after a nationwide rage in the streets over the Memorial Day Minneapolis police killing of George Floyd, 46?

From coast to coast, in all fifty states, including North Carolina, in Raleigh, Greensboro, Fayetteville and Charlotte, diverse groups of angry youth filled the streets after hours of peaceful protests in memory of Floyd, who

was slain when four Minneapolis police officers in Minnesota arrested him for allegedly passing a counterfeit \$20.00 bill at a store, handcuffed him, and then further subdued the Black man by placing him face down in the street, with one officer's knee in Floyd's neck for over eight minutes.

Video of the incident, with the helpless Floyd crying out that he couldn't breathe and asking for his mother, went viral, causing a national chain reaction of street rage with uprisings, first there in Minneapolis, then spreading to other major urban centers like New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, in addition to major cities in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Ironically, Durham, Rocky Mount and Wilmington had peaceful demonstrations in memoriam to George Floyd.

In the aftermath of the devas-

tating uprisings across North Carolina over the weekend, leaders spoke out, urging all angered by the killing of George Floyd to respect his memory and bring an end to police violence against Black people.

"My people," admonished Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President of the NC NAACP, "it is imperative that you see the hand of White supremacy capitalizing on George Floyd's painful death to ignite your anger and lure you into more riotous conduct and loss of life. Turn your pain into gain. Don't get baited and berated!"

Spearman was alluding to reports of many White supremacists' coming in from out of state, in several instances, going with demonstrators, igniting the vio-

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Crimes against humanity: Justice for George Floyd

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BY BEVERLY SMALLS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A virtual town hall meeting organized by the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus and Black Lives Matter drew more

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Community organizations speak out

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Wilmington 10 Foundation Incorporated

Wilmington Ten Foundation, Incorporated Stands in Solidarity for Condemnation of Police Violence

"Injustice Anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Wilmington Ten Foundation, Incorporated was founded on the belief in the dignity and worth of ALL human beings. The foundation supports human rights, self worth, democracy and freedom. The Wilmington Ten Foundation releases the following statement to express their support of collective outrage, due to the dehumanization and recent public murder of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and countless others known, and unknown whose lives have been taken due to police brutality, and racists acts of crime committed by law enforcement in this country. Racial hatred in this country spans over 400 years. We are in a hard and defining time of change. Our voices must be heard not only during protest, but by local, state and federal governing officials and policymakers. Our voices must be heard at the ballot box. We will NO LONGER allow you to steal our vote, and not protect us, represent us, or ignore us.

- WE STAND against government sanctioned terror.
 - WE STAND in solidarity with peaceful protestors all over this nation and world.
 - WE STAND for reform of race based neutral policies that disallow us our "inalienable rights to life and the pursuit of happiness".
 - WE STAND for race forward equitable policies that are inclusive of ALL, regardless of race, creed or color.
 - WE STAND for Police Reform and Accountability.
 - WE STAND for an AGENDA that reflects the most common concerns in the black community.
 - WE STAND against hopelessness and despair.
- While we know that we cannot mitigate and dismantle over 400 years of racial hatred and practice

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New Hanover County NAACP

The New Hanover County NAACP was saddened along with the world by the untimely and unwarranted death of George Floyd. We are angry like the rest of the Nation but we are turning our "Anger into Action." Protesting has its place, but to create a more just and equitable system, there are other things that need to occur. Taking it to the street generally does not change policy but taking it to the ballot box in November will. We are asking for seven items to make sure there is not a similar incident in North Carolina. We will hold those in position of policy accountable and inform the public incrementally about our progress. Then on May 25,2021 we will recognize the day Mr. Floyd left this earth crying for his mother and how we turned his death into action. We will then also give a final review on what we have requested which is listed below.

1. Request a Citizen's Review Board with subpoena power.
 2. Request a review of Law Enforcement Use of Force Policy
 3. Review of North Carolina Open Records Acts to determine if Officer misconduct information and disciplinary histories are shield from the public.
 4. Review of Local Law Enforcement record of disciplining or charging Officers charged with misconduct
 5. Demand with other NC NAACP units for a Statewide review board for Police Officers who use deadly force. This will deter them moving to a new location as their re-certification credentials will be tied to this.
 6. Full funding of Community Based Policing initiatives
 7. Call for the full funding of DOJ Community Relations Service
- Working united with the other branches of the North Carolina NAACP while continuing

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REV. DANTE MURPHY

Rev. Murphy believes race played role in attack on Shepard family

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It has now been over a month since an all-White mob, some with guns, led by a law enforcement officer, allegedly tried to force their way into the home of a Black family in Pender County, looking for a missing biracial teenage sister.

The family of Jordan Kita, the now former deputy for the NHC Sheriff's Dept., maintains that race was not a factor in the assault he allegedly led on the home of Monica Shepard and her 18 year old son, Dameon. And to the allegation that he was erroneously tipped off that a Black male teenager named "Josiah" was with his sis-

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taken. This action of police abuse and power tactics toward Blacks is where Black Lives Matter and the Rainbow Coalition have come to light. They came about to warn people of the actions against people of color.

We are at a time when the membership books of the NAACP and the Black Caucus need to be overrun with members because these organizations have a history of fighting this cause since 1909 and their voices need our elected officials to know that we are together and making plans to make sure that they are supposed to serve the people (not some people) but all the people. We need to be heard, or we will remove them and let the world know how rotten their actions are toward people of color. We must see that they are carrying out the laws of these United States. It's time to stand up or get down.

People of color, stop the burning! Stop the fighting! Stop tearing up your communities! It's time to vote! It's time to again organize! Turn off the Facebook! Turn off the television! Turn on the common sense! Show your children, your fellowman, your church family that it's time to stand on the Word of God and ask for his help! As we organize, GOD WILL MAKE A WAY!

It's time to stand for righteousness. We will overcome but only if we stand together. We fight this devil all the way from the White House to your house! Don't let him stop on your steps by way of your

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than sixty attendees Monday. The Crimes Against Humanity: Justice for George Floyd drew commentary from faith leaders, educators, and others.

It was Devon Scott, community activist and former mayoral candidate who interjected the phrase that national, and now global citizens have chosen as a rallying cry.

"I can't breathe," dying words spoken by George Floyd, murdered May 25 under combined body weights of three Minneapolis Police Officers during an arrest for a nonviolent offense.

Floyd was reportedly accused by a small business owner of purchasing items with a suspected counterfeit twenty dollar bill.

"We must find a way to guard ourselves psychologically, physically, and legally,"

Scott said and referred to existential threats faced by black people.

Sonya Patrick, chairperson of the local North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus, and Black Lives Matter requested, "Words of Empowerment," from Minister Tyrone Muhammed.

He characterized the current mindsets of thousands of protesters and communities that connect institutionalized racism and evil to another black person's death by law enforcement.

"Now America is standing saying, 'Enough is enough,'" Minister Muhammed said.

"Babylon ultimately fell due to evil," he added and stressed the need for unifying efforts.

Native son, Pastor Kojo Nantambu of the Temple of Light and Truth Church, and former chairperson of the Charlotte NAACP echoed sentiments about evil and demonic behavior by powerful lead-

ers and policy makers.

Since the 1600s the power structure has manipulated truth and deemed black people as less than human, Nantambu said.

"Still we rise from the gates of hell and maintain our holiness."

Speaking of geopolitical and environmental effects on a possible, "judgement," by God, Nantambu also described the United States' current president as, "a jackass."

"Recent floods in the US, the COVID19 Pandemic, climate change, and general disrespect of the earth and its people, were referred to as unnatural plagues and disasters."

"We've lost a lot of topsoil due to floods in the midwest," Nantambu said and asserted that families must be prepared for future food shortages and other long term needs.

"We must tell our people our truth, what needs to be done and how it can be done."

George Floyd, Nantambu

said was the straw that broke the camel's back.

The pastor offered warnings about possible groups of anarchists making legitimate protests about Floyd's death problematic.

The destruction of grocery and drug stores in black communities that already had few is especially bad, he said.

The chance of a Marshall Law declaration by the current president, or the use of a military trained to kill, means that protesters and communities need to be more organized and prepared, Nantambu said.

"He (President Trump) might be evil as hell, but he is not stupid."

Educator Sean Palmer participated and indicated that students in fraternal Greek organizations, and area higher education

institutions are likely to organize to have their voices heard in future weeks.

They know about being

treated unfairly or profiled, he said.

"We need to stand with children who want to change a corrupt system, not define children as criminals."

He decried the knowledge that black youths will deal with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Regarding workers, older adults or groups that cannot physically participate in protest marches, other self-help strategies were provided.

"We can create bail funds for students, and determine what lawyers can do this activist work," Palmer said.

A coalition of area citizens has formed to address critical community needs, according to Sonya Patrick.

Plans include requesting the creation of a law enforcement-related citizens' review board with subpoena power, and creating new low tolerance policies designed to limit the possibility of police brutality.

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lence, looting, and fueling racial tension.

After Charlotte and Mecklenburg County were placed under a state of emergency for the second time in four years last weekend, Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) said, ""The reason we are here is because of modern day lynchings, the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, and others and the failure of individuals within police departments across the country to value Black lives."

Congresswoman Adams added, ""In this moment, we must be the spark that ignites justice, but we cannot light a

fire so hot that it consumes us as well."

Attorney Irv Joyner, professor of law at North Carolina Central University in Durham and chairman of the NC NAACP Legal Redress Committee, lamented that another Black life has been taken at the hands of law enforcement.

"George Floyd did not get the benefit of that respect of his humanity," Prof. Joyner said in a statement. "Even if he intentionally attempted to pass counterfeit money, he did not commit an offense worthy of the death penalty.

The law simply does not allow police officers to determine that a person is guilty of a crime and then execute him or her. The law does not give them that authority and

power; when the officers abuse the limited authority which they possess, they should be held accountable. In the past, this accountability has not occurred."

Rev. Dr. William Barber, co-convenor of the Poor People's Campaign, and president of Repairers of the Breach, issued "A Pastoral Letter to the Nation," Sunday, saying in part, "Protesters are right to decry such brutal and inhumane treatment as racism."

"Thank God people are in the streets, refusing to accept what has been seen as normal for far too long," Barber said. "What a shame it would be if this nation could watch a policeman murder another human being, then pose like a hunter with his prey while his colleagues looked on, and

there not be protest, anguish, anger, outrage and moral disruption."

Black police chiefs and sheriffs across North Carolina have condemned the killing of George Floyd, as have many elected officials.

The Minneapolis police officer who allegedly killed George Floyd has been fired, along with three other officers on the scene who stood and did nothing. The officer has been charged with third degree murder and second degree manslaughter. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, a former congressman, has taken over the prosecution.

During a press conference on Sunday, Gov. Roy Cooper said he spoke to the sister of George Floyd, who lives in

Hoke County.

"While I cannot bring her brother back, I can work for justice in his name. I assured her that's what we would do," the governor said Sunday, adding that he would be sending 450 members of the National Guard into Raleigh, Greensboro, Fayetteville and Charlotte to maintain peace, and enforce curfews.

"People are more important than property. ... , Black lives do matter," he said.

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ter, Kita's lawyer and family maintain they didn't even know that Josiah was Black, even though they were looking for him, and went to one of the only two Black homes in the Avendale community.

What also doesn't make sense then, observers say, is that, if they knew nothing about Josiah, then why were at least three guns brandished? Did Kita and his group display weapons every time they knocked a door looking for his sister that night?

Rev. Dante A. Murphy, President of the Pender County NAACP and leader of Southern Coalition for Equal

Protections Under the Law, isn't buying it either.

After reading last week's Wilmington Journal analysis of the facts surrounding the Shepard home attack and The Journal's exclusive interview with the Shepard family attorney, Attorney James Lea, Rev. Murphy weighed in.

"To ask people is it about race will get different answers, depending on all sorts of things," Murphy said in a statement. "But if you are Black and a mob of armed White people are trying to get into your home, then it is about race. All you have to do is look at American history, about what has happened over and over to our Black ancestors and our present brethren.

There is abundant evidence suggesting that a White mob in pursuit of a Black citizen will result in some horrible and traumatic event if not stopped in its tracks."

"But there is also a kind of non-racial perspective to this event that has to do with the arrogance of power," Rev. Murphy continued. "It has been played out across our nation and in our school systems and institutions for hundreds of years. Both Whites and Blacks and other minorities suffer from it. It happens because of "good old boy" networks. It happens because of the "good old boy" system."

"And in this particular Shepard case, with glue apparently holding together an armed mob, a deputy sher-

iff, two sheriff's departments, and a slow moving district attorney, you have the face of an arrogance of power that has, for example, recently shown up with the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. A Mississippi mayor recently quipped about that event, "If you can talk, you can breathe." Do you for one minute believe that this White Mississippi mayor is not part and parcel of a White "good old boy" Mississippi system?"

"What is welcomed is newspapers like The Wilmington Journal speaking out against armed mob behaviors, and all behaviors of white on Black violence," Rev. Murphy continued.

"Violence in our communities can also be silent and

covered up. Witness intimidation, corruption, and coverup in our communities today. What will be welcomed in the hub of Southeastern North Carolina (New Hanover County) is more people, Black and White and brown, speaking publicly, for example, against child sexual abuse and racial discrimination, for example, in our New Hanover County Schools."

"We are still uncovering previously unknown facts about the discriminatory actions involving Spanish Immersion kindergarten enrollment at Forest Hills Elementary School several years back. People protesting loudly will serve justice in these matters of racism and the arrogance of power," Rev. Murphy concluded.

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overnight, we do believe that the time is past due for us to organize and cultivate different, diverse partnerships to address the historic and systemic racism that has for over 400 years been like a nightmare, and an infectious insidious disease targeting blacks and other people of color.

We know that black people are angry, hurt, and tired, but still brilliant and powerful. They have been working tirelessly for years trying to disrupt the cycle of maltreatment, racial hatred and bigotry towards blacks. Now is the time to join together to build a better world. WE SEEK EQUAL JUSTICE. WE SEEK EQUALITY. WE SEEK "inalienable rights to life and the pursuit of happiness. WE SEEK PEACE!

Let us not forget the formidable COVID - 19 while we are crying out for JUSTICE. The coronavirus has been and still is a sad milestone, that is most impactful on the black community, and on people of color. We urge you to continue to wear your mask, wash your hands, wait six (6) feet apart, and social distance. Please Stay Safe, and Stay Healthy.

Yours In The Struggle,
Written on Behalf of "The Wilmington Ten Foundation for Social Justice, Incorporated"

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towards our goals independently, we will work on the above listed items. We are done with dying and we live to ensure that George Floyd did not die in vain. He died for justice, he died for freedom, he died for change in the biased systems that discriminate against people of color. We are angry, but, we are turning our anger into action.

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then the hunters will get all the credit."**

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB



STATE BRIEFS



TRUMP PULLS RNC CONVENTION FROM CHARLOTTE

[CHARLOTTE] After Gov. Roy Cooper made it clear Tuesday that the Republican

National Committee would not be allowed to bring 50,000 attendees to Charlotte for their convention in August because of concerns about COVID-19, Pres. Trump announced later that night that the RNC would be pulling the political gathering from the Queen City. The Republican governors of Florida, Texas and Georgia have all indicated that they

would be ready to host the convention on short notice, despite the danger of coronavirus contamination. Trump wants no face masks, and no social distancing during the event.

NC COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS JUMP TO HIGHEST LEVEL EVER [DURHAM] 716 patients

identified with COVID-19 are listed in hospitals across the state, the highest number of hospitalizations in North Carolina since the pandemic began, reports NCDHHS. There are approximately 30,000 confirmed cases in the state, and approximately 1,000 deaths. Over 450 of those deaths occurred in nursing homes.

POLICE IN FAYETTEVILLE, RALEIGH, KNEEL WITH PROTESTORS FOR PEACE

[RALEIGH] After several days of tear gas, looting and violent clashes, as the week began, police officers in Fayetteville and Raleigh decided to put down their batons, and respond positively when protestors got down

on one knee, and called for officers to "Kneel with us!" The police did, to be immediately met with hugs and handshakes. The scene signaled that in some communities, protestors and police want to work together to bring about change.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Weeks after court ruling Black pastors still abide by COVID-19 restrictions

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As cities across North Carolina were entrenched in turmoil this past Saturday evening in protest of the killing of George Floyd, there was nothing many Black pastors wanted to do more than to preach about it in their respective churches Sunday morning.

As social media starkly revealed, their communities, their congregations, the people to whom they regularly minister, were in pain and needed to

hear the Word.

However, despite the fact that a federal judge's May 16 order now allows North Carolina churches to conduct indoor services unrestricted by Gov. Roy Cooper's COVID-19 mandate limiting gatherings to just ten, something over which several White churches filed suit and Republican leaders supported, many African-American pastors across North Carolina are still abiding by Gov. Cooper's mandate in order to keep their predominantly Black congregations safe from contracting the coronavirus.

"I write this open letter as a religious leader and former law professor, sharing my sincere concern for how the church's longstanding racial and socioeconomic divisions have once again manifest within partisan politics," Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Augustine, National Chaplain, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Senior Pastor, St. Joseph AME Church in Durham.

"These racial and socioeconomic divisions have created false narratives that embolden certain conservative and majority White, evangelical

faith groups to publicly support positions adversely affecting minority communities."

"Accordingly, considering the empirical data revealed during the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the African-American community, I write to (1) debunk the politicization of well reasoned, governmental "shelter in place" orders; and (2) urge members of populations that are disproportionately vulnerable to refrain from mass, in-person gatherings, including worship experiences, at the current time."

The Reverend Augustine is

not alone in his pronouncement. Many faith leaders across the State echo the view.

The Greensboro Faith Leaders Council also offered a statement decrying reopening for in-person worship.

As Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Faith Leaders in Greensboro and Guilford [counties], we are aware of the very real suffering that the COVID-19 virus is causing in our community, our nation, and our world. Based on the central teachings of our faith traditions and the most reliable science, we will wait a while longer to gather face-to-face, and we encourage other faith communities to do so as well."

Rev. Dr. William Barber, national social justice leader, and Pastor, Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, railed when President Trump declared that he wanted the nation's churches open for Memorial Day weekend.

"Trump doesn't get to tell the Church what's essential," Rev. Barber said on Twitter May 22. "Buildings are not more important than people doing the will of the Lord."

There were many Black pastors across the country who disagreed.

According to the website "Church Leaders," "the leadership of the Church of God in Christ, a predominantly African-American denomination, has been hit particularly hard by COVID-19." Reportedly, "... up to 30 leaders in the church, including two out of 12 board members, have passed away from complications from the coronavirus."



REV. DR. JONATHAN C. AUGUSTINE

There are reports across the nation of other churches which defied shelter restrictions, refusing the option of holding outdoor services with congregants in their cars, holding in-person services and spreading the virus mostly to older attendees, several of whom have died.

Many Black pastors have said that's a risk they want to avoid and have instead gone to online social media (Facebook) or telephonic ministry to keep in spiritual contact with their church families.

"The ongoing pandemic has forced us all to adopt "new norms," Rev. Augustine wrote. "Rather than place faithful parishioners in potential danger, I encourage clergy leaders and concerned citizens to use alternative options, including free technological advancements made available to everyone through social media."

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"I Can't Breathe"

This is a special dedication to Mr. George Floyd's family and to every man, because God called us, human beings.

"I Can't Breathe"

By Kayolyn Person

I can't breathe and neither can you,
When the air and circulation is stomped on, too;
Where it's the pressure of an enforced knee or hands
clamped around the very vessel that is the conduit that
lets the heart's function operate;
Oh, being just a human, it's the stage of life where death
comes, there's no escape.

On the mean streets and sidewalks of cement,
This atrocious continuation of disrespect has a hell of a
record that its mark has rent,
Sometimes blood and sometimes not,

All, akin to the hangings known by the nooses and the
last tightening of the, "knot."
Until the nastiness of the insidious heart can be arrested,
We'll continue to live where its all but futile,
All that we have protested,

Until every man knows that arms are no match to protest
the work of God,

History making will remain on, "START!"
No man has been granted permission to ask for his skin's
color and where that places him in a Race,
What Race is there to exist in if he's dismissed by a heart
that won't accept the next man's face?

Oh if we could see, that save for being who we are when
we're born,
We could be the other man and look at him as a thorn.
Until, "W-E," means the word, we,
This festering that lives and thrives from so far back in
the annals of history,

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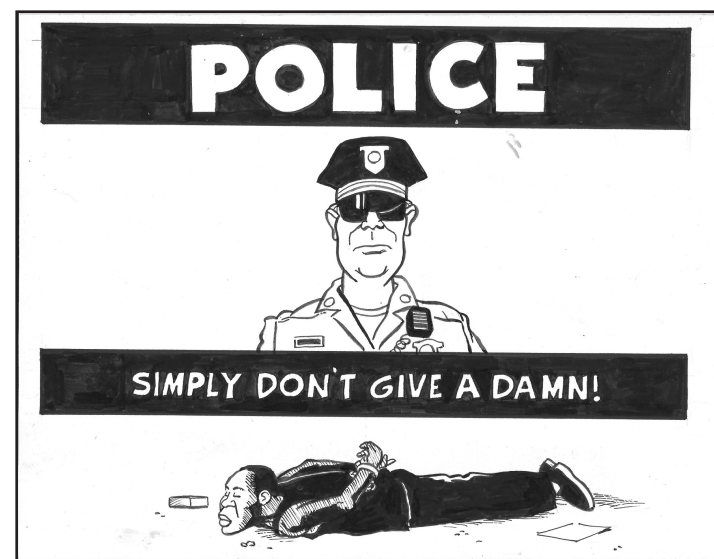
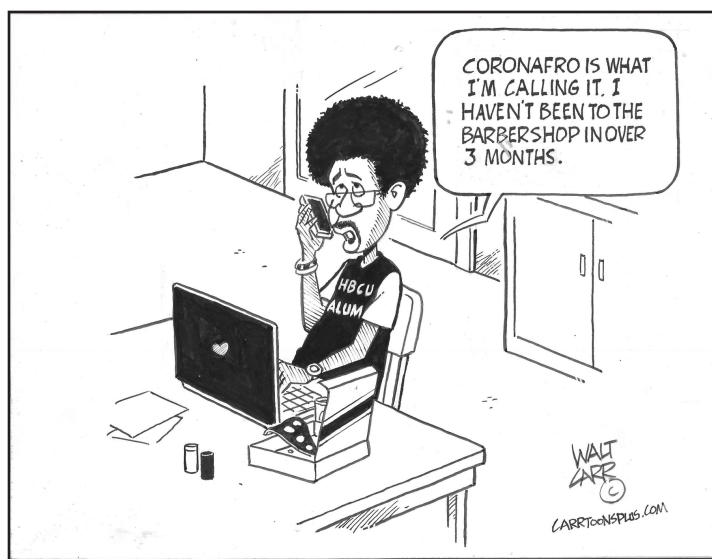
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YOUR VOICE

A THIEF IS A THIEF NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE.

As my wife and I watch the press 24/7 coverage of the legal righteous protests and illegal rioting and looting in cities, we are ashamed of the people smashing windows and stealing items from businesses. We are also ashamed of the large corporations that looted 500 billion dollars of our stimulus tax dollars without having to break any windows and carry a heavy wide screen TV 12 blocks

pass cops, through a crowd back to their apartment. Most of the looters got the \$1,200 each stimulus check which helped them buy food and make back payments on a few bills, but they are still unemployed with little or no health care insurance.

Both groups who steal are wrong and led by TRUMP and his posse who are more famous than Ali Baba and the Forty thieves. If you have not checked your checking account lately you may not remember that it takes one

thousand million to become a billion dollars. That is a long way from the \$1,200 you finally got. We all can stop being TRUMP'S piggy bank if we vote him and his fellow GOP parasites out November 3rd.

Enough is enough but use a non-violent way. Do not riot, shoot or loot, but sue the criminals, embrace education, run for office, become legislators' map out your future, register and VOTE. When Our country faced riots during the admirations of Jimmy Carter, Ronald

Reagan, Bush (1), Bill Clinton, Bush (2), and Barack Obama, each of these brave presidents gave a speech from the Oval office to show us he was in control. Our "macho man" president, TRUMP, is being well guarded in the basement of the White House. 1 Corinthians 6-10 "Nor thieves nor greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of GOD."

James J. Hankins
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MATTERS OF OPINION

Add one more name

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In his poem "No Man is an Island," John Donne wrote, "Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind." I've always been involved in humanitarian issues and the universality of justice. This past week has been exceptionally difficult for me and anyone else with even an iota of human compassion. Two unnecessary Black male murders have monopolized our airwaves, and will be the topic of discussion for the foreseeable future. The current social turmoil pushes me to the limits of my endurance.

Sunday, May 24th, readers of The New York Times were greeted with a front page listing the names of 1,000 COVID-19 victims. Following was the announcement that the US had surpassed the unwelcomed milestone of 100,000 deaths. While shock-

ing and heart-rending numbers, I'm sure others were woefully desensitized to the full scope of loss from COVID-19.

To put these COVID-19 numbers into perspective, a comparison to the Viet Nam War isn't unreasonable. By official measure, the number of American deaths in Viet Nam is 58,220. That number was matched and surpassed in late April for COVID-19 deaths. Reaching the 100,000 milestone signifies a point of nearly doubling the loss of life in Viet Nam. The greater tragedy is that it took US Forces 19 years in Viet Nam to reach 58,000. We've nearly doubled that number in 3 months!!

Arguably, had the Trump administration begun efforts to combat this virus one week earlier, the loss of life could have been reduced by 36,000. Instead, we add those names to the list of those we've lost. Although not lost to COVID-19, one other name MUST recently be added to those we have lost - George Floyd.

By now, most Americans have seen the video of Mr. Floyd being suffocated by a police officer. The officer

applied near-total force of his body to Mr. Floyd's neck for 8 minutes. During that time, Mr. Floyd repeatedly begged for mercy and, probably from past life-lessons, remained respectful to the police. Mr. Floyd even addressed his assailant as "Sir." In an MSNBC interview, Princeton Professor, Eddie Glaude, Jr., described this problem as one of African Americans having to live under the "trauma" of Coronavirus and the "terrorism" of lawless policing.

Those who have lost relatives or friends to the Coronavirus, or even had relatives or friends contract the disease, understand the trauma and uncertainty of living under the threat of the disease. There is genuine trauma in wondering, "Who's next?" or "How can I avoid it?"

If one cannot understand the terrorism that Professor Glaude describes, imagine being apprehended, tried and executed by a rogue police officer. Backing-up from George Floyd on the ground and begging for mercy, we learn of the initial allegation that brought Mr. Floyd and the police in contact. A store

owner called the police with an allegation of passing counterfeit currency. Whether he attempted to pass bogus money or not, there is no charge of counterfeiting that results in execution.

George Floyd joins Eric Garner, choked for selling single cigarettes, Ahmaud Arbery, killed for jogging, Tamir Rice, killed for playing as a 12 year-old child would, Trayvon Martin, killed for walking home wearing a hoodie and eating Skittles, Emmitt Till, killed for allegedly whistling at a white woman, and on and on...

George Floyd endured suffocation AND ridicule to the point of his death. These killings are the result of ideation that denies the humanity of the victims. They cannot be excused because of mental illness. They are deluded expressions of superiority and control over selected victims. This MUST stop!! We need no more names on this list!!

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Andrea Harris and the fight for minority business

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Andrea Harris was not well-known, but she should have been. She was the co-founder of the North Carolina Institute of Minority Business Development, an advocate for social and economic justice, a champion for historically Black colleges and universities, and a Bennett Belle (Class of 1970) who passionately loved her college. After a brief illness and a stroke, she made her transition on May 20. The death of the well-connected woman who made it her business to link others together has drawn tributes and accolades from former North Congresswoman Eva Clayton, from other North Carolina legislators, from many of her Delta Sigma Theta sorority sis-

ters, from her alma mater, Bennett College (www.bennett.edu), from the Minority Business Development Agency (<https://www.mbdba.gov/news/news-and-announcements/2020/05/remembrance-legacy-ms-andrea-harris>) and from her beloved Institute. A community organizer before she was a minority business advocate, Harris was a little woman with a big voice that she did not mind using for advocacy. For many years, she convinced the North Carolina legislature to fund the Institute of Minority Business Development. At 5'1", Andrea was a compact hurricane, a force to be reckoned with. And she was a friend.

I was so sorry to hear of transition. We talked at least a couple of times a week when she was a trustee at Bennett College and I was its President. More recently, we might spoke infrequently and no matter how much time passed between our conversations, either of us felt free, at any time, to pick up the phone to chat or ask for a favor. The

news about the ways the coronavirus has affected Black and other minority business would undoubtedly have prompted a conversation with brainstorming, commiseration, advocacy, action possibilities, and possible solutions.

When I read the news that the corona-imposed recession has wiped out more than 40 percent of Black-owned businesses nationally, I thought about Harris and passion she brought to her advocacy. And I thought about the "bailout" has shortchanged minority-owned businesses, many who saw their requests for funding through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) be declined. I imagined that Andrea would have called her friend, former Bennett faculty member and Congresswoman Alma Adams to push for set-asides for minority business. I imagined her calling another mutual friend, Rev. William Barber, to weave the minority business cause into his advocacy for social and economic justice.

Harris would not be sur-

prised, just as I am not, that Black-owned and other minority businesses got the short stick of bailout funds and that such a large number of Black-owned businesses (more than any other racial or ethnic group) are imperiled by the coronavirus recession. The massive hit Black-owned businesses took is partly a function of the industries, including personal services, that minority businesses are concentrated in. It is also a function of the precarious position of minority businesses, many of which are underfunded, with unequal access to capital and market discrimination. People like Andrea Harris fought hard for the right of minority businesses to thrive. And she believed in helping young women, especially her Bennett Belles, to learn about entrepreneurship. She helped us set up a summer entrepreneurship program for high school students, helped establish an entrepreneurship

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minor, and took many fledgling businesses under her wing.

We need more advocates for minority business. Most Black-owned businesses have but one employee. Many are unable to provide essential job benefits —health care, sick leave, and more. More Black-owned businesses need more

access to capital. Coronavirus has heightened our awareness of inequality in employment, income, occupational status (22 percent of nurses' assistants are Black women, and another 22 percent are Latina), health status, housing status, and more. While the Small Business Administration did not initially collect demographic data on who got bailout money, instinctively, we know that Black-owned businesses

were less likely than others to get funding.

Andrea Harris's life work was about promoting Black business. As these businesses are being harder hit than others by the corona recession, many of us know that our feisty friend would roll her sleeves up and dig in to offer advocacy and provide solutions for Black-owned business. Amid a national pandemic, some don't think we should talk

much about race. But if we are all in the same boat, some folks are riding, while others are rowing. Harris would be one of those who would focus on the rowers. In tribute to her, we should all be advocates for Black-owned businesses, and direct some of our dollars their way.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

The year of America's fall

It seems that America's privileged white citizens are running scared.

The people - not just black people - but a huge swath of America's people - are fed up with America's racism, spurred and nurtured by white supremacy which has given white people the false belief that they can do whatever they want forever.

The brutal and cruel murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer ignited a spark of resentment and frustration among black people, but it also opened the eyes of many white people and people of other racial and ethnic groups. The callous

killing of a black man who was begging for his life and telling the police officers that he could not breathe was too much for too many people.

Like a wildfire, the anger and resentment has spread across the country, tainted by violence and looting, but the resolve of those who are protesting has been and continues to be significant. The people are not backing down, risking their lives as we are still in the clutches of the corona virus. The peaceful protests are being crushed by outside forces, reports indicate, but that has not stopped masses of Americans from across this country from coming out and protesting America's descent into anarchy.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

The people in power have never learned, it seems, that unless and until all of us are free and safe, none of us are free and safe. Yes, the government has weapons of mass destruction, and the president, who has done nothing but stoke the embers of racism since he has been in office, believes that "strength" means you get out the big guns and shoot everybody down. (<https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-pushes-governors-to-get-tough-on-violent-protesters-11591026977>)

But the fight that this president is fighting is ultimately not winnable by him, in spite of his access to guns. He cannot kill the entire nation. His country is failing, right in front of his eyes, and he can do nothing to stop it. His leadership has failed. The only thing he has managed to do is cater to a group of people who seem to adhere to racist beliefs. He calls them "very fine people," but these very fine people are not enough in number to save this nation.

His economy has failed. His followers brought guns to state houses as they complained about stay in place orders, but his gun-toting followers cannot shoot hatred and ignorance. If the economy was in danger before, it is in even more danger now, because more businesses have been adversely affected because of being burned down as this nation vents its frustration and anger at the way police have been able to denigrate and disrespect people for literally generations.

America is falling because of this president's racism, his lack of leadership, and his inability to show empathy with the people he is leading or respect for the constitution he swore to uphold and protect. He has pulled away the facades which have attempted to hide America's racist core, and it is now laid out in front of us all, its ugliness pulsating like a glob of poisonous mucous. America's lungs are filled with droplets of hatred which it has never been able to expel. As this president isolates this country more and more, it is being taken away from the relationships with other countries and organizations with which it has had relationships for decades and on which it has depended for help even as it provided help for them. The president and his wealthy white friends are taking the country down, protecting themselves and their interests, even as this nation suffocates from its racist legacy.

George Floyd said he could not breathe and he died. The police killed him. America is has not realized that the pressure of this toxic racism is on its neck, and by the time it does realize it, it will be too late, like it was for Mr. Floyd. America's pulse is weak. It's only a matter of time before she will cry out that she cannot breathe. An empire will have fallen at the hands of a self-serving, weak, narcissistic leader who in the end was no leader at all.

Vladimir Putin once said, observing America, that "empires fall." (<https://abcnews.go.com/International/putin-us-dominance-ending-mistakes-typical-empire/story?id=58611354>) As Mr. Putin basks in the fall of America, those who have helped this nation's demise should shudder as they realize that they brought this country to this place, a place from which it is not going to be able to rebound.

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.

REALITY CHECK

OWN, TV ONE and BET ignore functions of the Black Press

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As a child growing up in Tuskegee, Alabama in the 1950's, my only connections with the national black community was the *Pittsburgh Courier* newspaper and *JET* magazine. I could hardly wait for them to be delivered every week. That's why no one has ever had to convince me of the importance of the Black Press.

When hearing Black pontificators from the broadcast press so cavalierly predict the demise of Black newspapers I get extremely agitated. If they are right, then we, as a people, are in much more trouble than even I thought because of

Black-owned TV One, OWN and Black oriented BET are not up to the job. I came to this conclusion after watching them religiously during the homebound brought on the COVID-19 virus. I enjoy programs such as Living Single, Martin and a couple of Tyler Perry films but they present not one second of news coverage or one second of discussion focusing on issues such as COVID-19 and the lynching of George Floyd. In fact the only



A. Peter Bailey

program on the three that one can say has any cultural relevance is *Unsung* on TV One.

A friend, Dr. Lionel C. Barrow, Jr., who was dean of Howard University's School of Communications, defined the role of the early Black Press in a 1977 handbook that celebrated the sesquicentennial of the Black Press. He stated that it has four major functions: "to perform as a watchdog function for the black community that the white press was either are unable or unwilling to perform, to answer the attacks published in the white press, to present a viewpoint that differed even from that of liberal whites and to be a carrier and pre-

server of black culture." I am not saying that black newspapers are all that they can and should be in carrying out the functions cited by Dr. Barrow but at least many of them make an effort to do so.

TV One, OWN and BET do none of the first three functions and very little of the fourth. That's why we, as a people, are in deep you know what if the predictors of the demise of black newspapers are on target. It's up to us to prove them wrong.

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How Long O Lord, How Long?

The words of King David that appear in Psalm 13 of the Old Testament echo in the hearts of American people of color today:

"How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?"

How long will you hide your face from me?"

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?"

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?"

Despite its self-aggrandizement, America is an ugly, hateful place, filled with pain.

The building blocks of this nation were not freedom and democracy, but genocide, enslavement and race hatred. The historical record is clear:

For more than 400 years since we were dragged here, existence in this country for African Americans has been heart-wrenching.

For more than a century before that, people of the first nations suffered systematic attempts at extermination at the hands of European invaders bent on genocide.

Spanish-speaking people, whose ancestors inhabited this land for many decades before the arrival of English speakers, have been robbed and abused at almost every point of

contact with the oppressive forces of "Manifest Destiny."

Asian immigrants and their descendants, who bent their backs to build this nation's wealth, have at different times been unjuly barred entry into this country, deported for no legitimate reason and interned in concentration camps merely because of their cultural ancestry.

The perverse notion of white supremacy has done all of this. There are those who believe that, because of their "whiteness," they are more deserving of the fruits of the labor of our community garden than are people of color: This evil notion of white supremacy can be tracked through the ages.

There no longer can be any pretext that America is populated with only kind and caring people who abide by the rule of law and respect the sanctity of human life.

We live in a country that placed a pernicious and perverse human being in the highest seat of authority. And in so doing, all the minions of the worst demons of this country were let loose to victimize the most vulnerable segments of our national community.

African Americans are not the only people bearing the brunt of white supremacy; but we see our humanity denied and cry out for justice for:

Ahmaud Arbery, killed while jogging in a Georgia suburb, Atatiana Jefferson, killed in her home in Fort Worth, Texas, Breonna Taylor, killed in her bed in Louisville, George Floyd, killed on a Minneapolis street.

These are just a few of the Black victims murdered in the name of law enforcement in America.

But let us not forget the suffering of other people of color in America.

Let us not forget the daughters and mothers of the first nations, whose murders and disappearances at an alarming rate cause little concern among most Americans and get little attention in the country's media.

Let us not forget the Latinx children locked up in cages like animals because they tried to enter this country in the same manner as count-

less Europeans who came without passports or papers two centuries earlier.

Let us not forget the Asian Americans who are spat on, punched and kicked by bigots who believe Donald Trump when he lies about China bringing COVID-19 to U.S. shores, rekindling old fears and intolerance toward anyone with Asian ancestry.

There must be responses to these injustices. These transgressions must stop. Americans of all stripes must make a legitimate effort to stop them.

King David prayed for a cure to injustice thousands of years ago when he wrote:

"Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed over him,'

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken."

We must open our eyes and not sleep the sleep of death. We must not let the enemies of justice prevail over us. We must march on, 'til Victory is won.

Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.



Oscar H. Blayton

NFL comments on George Floyd and gets roasted on Kaepernick

NFL Quarterback Colin Kaepernick, 32, hasn't played in the NFL since the 2016 season. He was blackballed by the NFL after silently protesting police brutality by silently taking a knee on the sidelines during the national anthem at the start of NFL games.

Kaepernick became a free agent after the 2017 season but was not signed. In November 2017, he filed a grievance against the owners of the NFL and accused them of colluding against him. In Feb. 2019, Kaepernick withdrew the grievance after reaching a confidential settlement.

On the night of May 30, after three nights of protest around the country following the death of George Floyd, 47, recorded on video showing former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin kneeling him in the neck — the NFL released a statement.

"The NFL family is greatly saddened by the tragic events across our country," stated NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

"The protesters' reactions to these incidents reflect the

pain, anger and frustration that so many of us feel. Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Mr. George Floyd and to those who have lost loved ones, including the families of Ms. Breonna Taylor in Louisville, and Mr. Ahmaud Arbery, the cousin of Tracy Walker of the Detroit Lions," the NFL statement continued.



Lauren Burke

"As current events dramatically underscore, there remains much more to do as a country and as a league. These tragedies inform the NFL's commitment and our ongoing efforts. There remains an urgent need for action. We recognize the power of our platform in communities and as part of the fabric of American society," the NFL statement also read.

The reaction that followed, which recognized the deep irony of a league that ostrac-

cized and blackballed a player protesting police brutality and the statement was not lost. Kaepernick often made the point that his protest was focused on police brutality and racism in America. Other players joined Kaepernick in protest during his last year in the league and his momentum was building.

"Wow I can't believe all the NFL owners turned out to be colluding racists and Kaepernick was right the whole time. It's almost as if this is a systemic issue in America," wrote Justin Horwitz on twitter.

"Where were you when Colin Kaepernick was peacefully protesting racial injustice by taking a knee? Oh, that's right your entire league and its racist owners were conspiring against him," wrote Ryan Knight on social media.

"Michael Vick served more time in jail for killing a dog than all the cops combined who have killed the last 493 unarmed black MEN. Let that sink in," wrote Adam Webber on twitter.

On May 28, Kaepernick wrote the following from his

twitter account: "When civility leads to death, revolting is the only logical reaction. The cries for peace will rain down, and when they do, they will land on deaf ears, because your violence has brought this resistance. We have the right to fight back! Rest in Power George Floyd."

"Two knees. One protesting in the grass, one pressing on the back of a man's neck. Choose. You have to choose which knee you will defend. There are no half choices; there is no room for indifference. There is only the knee of protest or the knee on the neck," wrote Sally Jenkins in The Washington Post in a widely read article.

A GoFundMe for Floyd's family reached \$4.4 million as of the night of May, 30 as protests raged across the nation.

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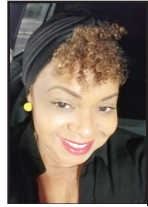
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New Series... Top 5 reasons most can't get a home loan....

Day after day, week after week I run across the same problems' families are having that are keeping them from homeownership. This week I want to inform you of what they are and over the next few weeks, I will unpack each one of them with greater details. The reasons: 1) CREDIT 2) DEBT VS. INCOME/STUDENT LOANS 3) JOB HISTORY/DOCUMENTATION

OF INCOME 4) LACK OF SAVINGS AND ASSETS 5) UNPAID J U D G E - MENTS.



Brenda Dixon

I'm sure it's no surprise that CREDIT is the #1 reason. That ole saying of when we know better, we do better is fitting here. In the past seasons of life, some knew better but unex-

pected life happened, and some knew but just didn't care about the possible future credit carnage. It was just (Singing) "Living just ENOUGH for the City!"..... The Debt vs Income aka Debt/Ratio is analyzed to see if you are robbing Peter to pay Paul. Oh yes, they know how to break it down like a shotgun and they will. Oh my, my, my...those Student Loans! Next to a car payment, student loans will reap havoc on a

debt/ratio calculation.... With the employment, if you have been inconsistent with staying in the same field, or at the same jobs for a good length of time, that will be very problematic.... Earlier up in my life when I didn't know too much at all about financing/future positions, etc., I once heard a family member say, "money just burn through your hands.". Her way of saying I spent every dime I got with no

thoughts of tomorrow. It was Truth and for many of us, we have been conditioned to spend like this. However, when it comes time to purchase a home, new habits must and will be formed, or no home loan will be obtained.... Lastly, if they took you to court, whether you showed up or not and if they won the case against you, it was documented downtown as a JUDGEMENT and it must be dealt with,

regardless if it shows on your credit report or not. We are going to talk about all of this in family, STAY CONNECTED.

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Luther McQuillan

On Sunday, May 24, 2020, Luther Hardis McQuillan went home to be with his Heavenly Father surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 13, 1928, to the late Luther Greer McQuillan and Lula Ann Bozeman McQuillan. Luther was a member and Ordained Deacon of Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church of the Living God, Inc. He gave his life to Christ in 1975 and became an ordained Deacon under Bishop James Stevens in 1996. He was also on the Finance Committee at the church. Deacon McQuillan loved the Lord. He was a quiet man of few words but a strong man in character.

On June 28, 2009, the Star News newspaper did an article on "The Last Fishers" which included Luther and his long-time fishing buddy, Joe Farrow. Luther's father began taking him fishing in the sound and later in the ocean at a tender age of 10. He was still fishing, clamming and oystering at 88 years old. He is well known in the Seabreeze Community and surrounding areas of Wilmington.

Luther was a part of a documentary film, "A Sense of Place" done by Rhonda Bellamy which explored local coastal history from the perspective of black fishermen. The film was shown at the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. He was a veteran who served his country in the United States Army. He retired from UNC-Wilmington.

Luther is survived by his loving wife Doris Lacey McQuillan of 64 years; children: Amanda Stephanie Freeman of Winston-Salem, N. C., Lenora McQuillan of Fayetteville, N. C., Jessica McQuillan of Jacksonville, FL., Jennifer McQuillan Jordon of Fayetteville, N. C., son/grandson Nijel Christopher Richburg (Vanessa); special adopted daughter Elder Vanessa Bozeman. Predeceased by daughter Constance McQuillan Henderson; grandchildren Sonya Phillips (Shane) Tamasha (Tammy) Darden, Nijel Freeman (Ginger), Weston McQuillan (Neena), Kieran McQuillan, Imani Sinkler, Nia Sinkler, Huldaya Sinkler, Jasmine McQuillan Best, Jade Jordan, Aris Coléa Henderson, Immanuel Henderson (Anisha), Jonathan Henderson, Courtney Bunty, Aaron Henderson, predeceased; 14 great grandchildren, one predeceased; 3 great grand-children. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N. C. Condolences may be made at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com

Hannah Louise Spears Wilson

Hannah Louise Spears Wilson died May 23, 2020. Graveside services were held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Hannah was born on August 13, 1920 to the late John Henry Spears and Liza Murphy Spears. She was preceded in death by all her siblings. Hannah was married to the late James Wilson and they were blessed with one daughter, Lillian Wilson and they also reared ten nieces and nephews. God truly blessed Hannah with longevity, living to the age of 99 years.

To cherish her memories, she leaves: one daughter, Lillian Wilson of the city; four grandchildren, Ronetta Davis (Julian), Frances Wilson, Sylvia Wilson and Timothy Wilson (Gwendolyn) of the city; two special nieces, Harriet Spears Rivers (Alphonso) of the City and Beverly Spears Webb (Aaron) of Wilson, NC; two special nephews, Alfonza Spears of Jacksonville, FL and Ronald Spears (Jackie) of Wilson, NC; five great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson, Taylin Nixon; a caring niece, Lillian Burst Gonzales and a host of other relatives and friends. A service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lynn Greene

Lynn Greene died May 24, 2020. Graveside services were held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at the Pollock Cemetery, Scotts Hill Community.

Lynn was born March 23, 1951 in New Hanover County to the late Irene G. Nixon and raised in the Scotts Hill Community. He attended Old Scotts Hill AME Church along with his family. In addition to his mother he was preceded in death by his sister, Celia M. Greene. Lynn was educated in the public schools of New Hanover County. For several years he lived in New York City. Lynn was a servant, holding various jobs

throughout his life helping others in food service and yard maintenance. Although Lynn never married, here were plenty of nieces and nephews to watch and help care for when visiting grandma.

Lynn leaves to cherish his memory: his siblings, Johnnie Greene (Rosa) of Lawrence, PA, Lewis Chester Greene (Mary), Roxanna Nixon, Glenn Nixon (Rosemary), and Edwin Nixon, all of Wilmington, NC, Ronnie Nixon (Clareths) of Hammond, LA, Michelle Nixon-Corbett (Myles) of Baltimore, MD and Lisa Nixon Joles (Baron) of Fredericksburg, VA; sister-in-law, Lori Ann Nixon of Burgaw, NC; a special nephew, Barry (Vanessa); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friend Leo Wilder. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Derrick Terrell "Heavy D" Ballard

Derrick Terrell "Heavy D" Ballard died May 24, 2020. Graveside services were held 12:00 Noon on Friday, May 29, 2020 at Johnson Chapel Church Cemetery, Leland, NC. Derrick, son of Eliza Jacklyn Ballard and the late Walter Dixie Ballard was born January 27, 1971. Derrick was a student of the Brunswick County School System, North Brunswick High School, a band member and bus driver, graduating as a member of the "Class of 1989". From there he went on to attend truck driving school and became an over-the road driver. After a few years of trucking, he decided to return home and was employed with the International Longshoremen's Association of Wilmington where he worked for 24 years until his health filed. Growing up as a young lad in Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church Derrick received salvation at an early age. A member until his demise, Derrick had been a participant of the Young Adult Choir and Usher Board. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge Crystal Spring #793. Derrick was a gentle giant who extended himself to anyone he could help. That commitment would manifest itself in his devotion to his family, church and community. During his father's illness he made certain that he was never too far away when not working that he couldn't get right there by his mother's side. When called upon to fry chicken for one of Johnson Chapel's many events, he could be found outside with a few of the fellows sampling the chicken to make sure it was frying up right. He played a role of "Second Chief" at the Navassa Fire Department up until last year, having been a member since high school. When calls would come in to feed and fundraise for families in need or sorrow, he could be spotted pulling his cooker behind his truck. "Heavy D" had a big heart. He was preceded in death by his wife, Deirdra McMillan Ballard. Derrick leaves to cherish his memories: a son, Sgt. Isaiah Malik Brown (Claire) stationed in Poland; two daughters, Tamjara McMillan Green (Reginald) of Winnabow, NC and Jada McMillan of Wilmington, NC; 10 grandchildren; goddaughter, Cashe Cuttino; mother, Eliza Jacklyn Ballard of Leland, NC; brother, Michael Hill (Robin) of Northwest, NC; adopted brother, Phillip Dixon of Leland, NC; sisters, Delorise Sanders of North west, NC and LaTonya Doughty (Thomas) of Glen Burnie, MD; adopted sister, Sandra Randolph (Ricky) of Wilmington, NC; aunts, Geneva Ballard, Gladys Mapson and Helen Mapson all of Leland, NC; godmother, Lottie Beatty of Leland, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives too many to mention and many firends and special friends one of which Sonja Stevenson Johnson was one. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lashayne "Shane" Hill

Lashayne "Shane" Hill died May 21, 2020. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Lashayne was born on October 31, 1981 in Southport, NC to Carla Bellamy and Melton Moss. She graduated from new Hanover High School and worked at Pizza Hut on 17th Street. While doing dialysis, she completed her medical billing and coding certification online. She was preceded in death by her brother, Milton Williams.

Shae leaves to cherish her memories: a daughter, T'Quira; mother, Carla (Mark) Bellamy; father, Melton Moss; sisters, Ashley Ingram, Jalisa Williams,

Sherika Williams, Kheishei Gibson and Quasha; brother, Deontray Williams and a very dear friend, Russell Boddie. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mary Graham

Mary Graham died May 25, 2020. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Freeman Cemetery, Bolton, NC.

Mary Elizabeth Pickett Graham (most affectionately known as "Liz"), daughter of the late Savoid Pickett and Mary Bowens Pickett was born in Delco, NC on October 20, 1964. On the morning of May 25, 2020, she quietly entered into eternal rest at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center in Wilmington, NC. She was preceded in death by her father, mother, and brother James Bowens. She was educated in the Columbus County Public Schools where she graduated from Acme-Delco High School in 1973. She confessed Christ at an early age and joined Evergreen AME Zion Church in Delco, NC. After joining, Liz served as Chairman of the Trustee Board, Church Treasurer, and an Ordained Deaconess. She was also a member of the Steward Board, Choir, Usher Board, and Pastor's Aid Board. Liz married Eugene Graham shortly after graduating. This union was blessed with two loving daughters, Theresa and Angela. She was a dedicated wife and stay at home mom for many years. Once she entered the workforce, her unwavering dedication was still seen in her various employers including Corbett's, Skinner & Daniels Bar-B-Q, and Blocks in Wilmington, NC. She ventured into a banking career at BB&T and then on to Riegelwood Federal Credit Union (RFCU), both in Riegelwood, NC. Liz remained a faithful employee of RFCU until her retirement after many years of service in October 2019. Though some of the kids felt that Liz was "the mean lady", she had that firm, no nonsense demeanor, that let the kids and the adults know that she meant business. Liz was tough on the outside, but oh so soft and loving on the inside. She extended her hand to anyone that reached out to her without needing praise or accolades displaying her helpful spirit. Her facial expression might make you want to run the opposite way, but it was immediately clear of her kind and welcoming spirit if you took the time to get to know her. One thing that we can all agree on is that Liz was not a complainer. She continually pushed through even when she was sick. If you asked her how she was doing, she would always say she was doing ok, even when we knew better. While Liz will be greatly missed, she has positively and lovingly left a profound impact on her family, friends, church, and community in so many undocumented capacities. She lives on in the hearts of those who were granted the privilege of just meeting her.

Liz leaves to carry her cherished memories: a devoted husband of 46 years, Eugene Graham of Riegelwood, NC; two daughters: Theresa Graham (Andre) and Angela Graham (Erick) both of Garner, NC; two grandsons: Aiden Graham and Justin Smith both of Garner, NC; two sisters: Belinda A. Pickett of Delco, NC and Lucy Wilkins of Wilmington, NC; one sister-in-law: Darlene Bowens; special cousins: Marie "Tut" Boykin of Wilmington, NC and Joseph Graham (Cynthia) of Tinton Falls, NJ; six aunts: Katie Ruth Brown of Riegelwood, NC, Elma Louise Wells of Delco, NC, Shirley Bowens of Delco, NC, Ammie Scott of Wilmington, NC, Carrie Murphy (Archie) of Delco, NC, and Alice Noel of Wilmington, NC; four uncles: Raymond Bowens of Delco, NC, Benjamin Bowens of Delco, NC, Otto Bowens (Barbara) of Plainfield, NJ, and Hersal Pickett of Ocala, FL; special friends: Rhonda Dubar, Sam "Bill" Laceywell, Denise Peavy, Linda Goff, Debbie Bracey, Diane and Rodney Freeman; and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, classmates, co-workers and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Willie Edward Singletary

Willie Edward Singletary died May 26, 2020. Graveside services were held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at Dark Branch Cemetery, Winnabow, NC.

Willie, son of the late Willie Dewitt and Naomi Johnson was born on March 1, 1951 in Wilmington, NC. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System. Willie resided in the

Dark Branch Community of Winnabow, North Carolina. He was employed with Southern Rewind Specialist for 30 years. Willie enjoyed fishing and working on cars.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: wife, Carolyn Singletary of the home; children: Trina Winston (Eddie) and Rufus Singletary all of Wilmington, NC, Latasha Green (Brian) of Mooresville, NC, Andre Hill of Wilmington, NC, Demetria Newkirk and James Newkirk of Winnabow, NC and Haikem Singletary of Wilmington, NC; grand-children, Machel Singletary and Tashina Moses (of Wilmington, NC, Tayron Gidrey of Leland, NC, Darian Singletary and Rufus Singletary of Wilmington, NC, Adrian Green of Mooresville, NC, Engrid Winston and Jamius Newkirk of Wilmington, NC, Jace Green of Mooresville, NC, Kenji Winston and Andre Hill, II of Wilmington, NC and Tatianna Ballard of Rocky Mount, NC; great-grandchildren, Ahmir Tindall, Zuri Tindall, Damarion Smith, Iyani Dixon and Emanuel Dixon all of Wilmington, NC; siblings, Rustie Briggs of Wilmington, NC, James E. Johnson (Eden) of Aberdeen, MD, Robert Lee Johnson (Leslia) of Ridgely,

In Loving Memory Of



Martha Ruth Taylor Dixon
My Grandmother
Sunrise: September 28, 1919
Sunset: May 31, 2017

In my Rose Garden of memories I see you standing there. An angel in disguise, who taught me how to care. I long to hear your voice for real not in my dreams. I am missing you so much these days. How empty my world seems without you. People say time heals all wounds and that someday the pain will subside. But grandma I can tell you I think they must have lied. The emptiness I am feeling now is strong and I am weak. These days go by without you so dreary and so bleak. In my Rose Garden of memories I know you'll always be; for though you're gone from this mortal world in my heart you'll always be.

Love,
Tanya M. Dixon and
Torrence Dixon

In Loving Memory Of



Jonathan Q. Allen
Sunrise: June 25, 1989
Sunset: June 2, 2014

Thinking of you today, tomorrow and everyday. With sadness in our hearts. For a very special someone. From whom we had to part. We miss you Jonathan and will always love our prince.

Love,
Your family

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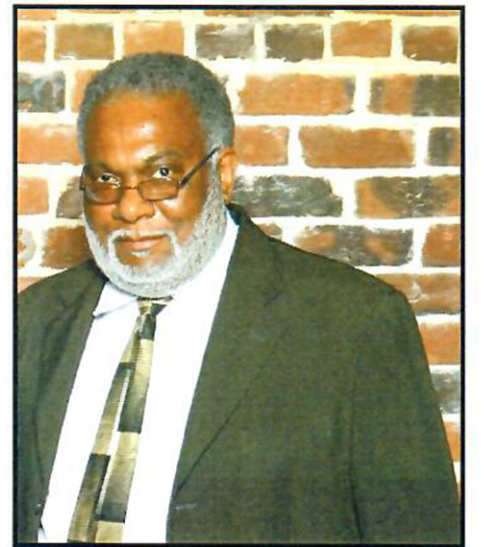


Dolly E. Holmes
Sunrise: August 24, 1956
Sunset: June 3, 2009

On The Anniversary of The Day You Went Away

Today's the anniversary of the day that we lost you, And for a time it felt as though our lives had ended too. But loss has taught us many things and now we face each day, with hope and happy memories to help us on our way. And though we are full of sadness that you're no longer here, your influence still guides us and we still feel you near. What we shared will never die it lives within our hearts, bringing strength and comfort while we are apart.

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"For the love of money is the root of all evil : which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." I Timothy 6:10

The love of money is the root of all evil. Money in itself is NOT evil. For the child of God, money is only a resource, because we understand that God is our Source. When one begins to covet money, no matter how much they have; it is never enough! When money becomes the object of our affection, it becomes a strong desire without due regard for the rights of others. The insatiable desire for money beyond what we can spend or even use, indi-

cates we have erred from the faith.

The bible tells us not to love money, in Luke 6:13. "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (riches; material wealth).

The bible tells us to love God in Deuteronomy 6:5. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

The bible tells us not to depend or rely on money, in Psalm 62:10B. "If riches increase, set not your heart upon them." The bible tells us to trust in the Lord in Proverbs 3:5,6. "Trust in the Lord with

all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."



Sylvia Hooper

We must not yield to the temptation of falling in love with money because of the things that money can buy. Things and stuff are nice to have, but cannot define ethics or integrity. Do not allow your possessions to possess you. Jesus taught in the parable of the rich, young, fool in Luke 12:15. "And he said unto them, Take heed, and

beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

Mark 8:36, 37 asks two important questions for those who embrace the love of money. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Here are ten reasons not to love money...

1. Money can buy a piece of bread, but cannot give you peace of mind.

2. Money can buy a comfortable bed, but cannot buy a good night's sleep.

3. Money can help heal the hurts of the past, but money cannot guarantee you will not be hurt in the future.

4. Money can buy companionship, but money cannot buy true friendship.

5. Money can buy a plate of food; but money cannot give you the appetite to taste and enjoy what is on your plate.

6. Money can pay for sex, but money cannot buy love.

7. Money can purchase a nice watch; but money cannot buy time.

8. Money can buy a hospital bed, but not health and strength.

9. Money can pay for insurance, but not ensure your healing.

10. Money can purchase a comfortable chair; but cannot buy you a seat in the kingdom of God in Christ Jesus.

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, mar-

ried 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!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

God is the head of the church and we are his body and members that make up the church

Who is He? In the beginning there was God and he created all things: the world and all that is in it. John 1:1 He is its wisdom: the who, what, where, how and when of wisdom. God is the I AM: all of the above. Why did God create the world and then give dominion to man, who is also created? God wanted a replica or image of himself. Psalms 8:4-6 "What is man, that thou art mindful of him and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hath made him a little lower than the angels, and has crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou has put all things under his feet:" Selah (think on this.)

When thinking about the awesomeness of our God, and also thinking about man who begins as a child and eventually grows to maturity as a full grown man (of a few days and full of trouble) God's word alone is the whole truth about Himself and how he chooses to relate himself to man. In Exodus 3:6, when speaking to Moses, "He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Further, He is the I AM as concluded in Exodus 3:14, " God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

Moses questioned the believability of this statement. God answered, "This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered in every generation. You are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you." He IS: He is the wisdom of the who, what, where, how and when. In a similar identity, he is the I AM or the answer for every question.

God's word is sufficient; it is perfect without any need of additions. His word is simple enough that even a child can understand it, but so complex that one can spend a lifetime discovering its awesomeness and still not understand all the complexity of a Savior who is truly omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent: everywhere at once, knowing all things and all powerful. When one thinks about Him, how can one not want to know him. Intimacy should be a preferred acquaintance. I can personally know the God who created me and who wants me to personally know Him.

I want to begin by just looking at man who has been fashioned with all of these qualities in a small encasement. So much potential entrusted in him. He begins as a microscopic seed implanted in a body created and designed just for that particular purpose. Born to replicate, to multiply creation.

With that potential, he is equipped to do exploits at the command of obedience to a loving God. I repeat the question, Who is man that thou art mindful of him?

We look at the human body which is so complex and once functioned so perfectly as God so designed. We now see a fallen man who in disobedience opened a floodgate of sickness. This floodgate confused the entire mechanical structure of man in thousands of ways both physical, mental and spiritual decline. Its ultimate goal was to separate the spiritual relationship between God and man.

God already had a plan. We can readily see why God could use the human body in contrast to the body of Christ which is the church. The church, too, has been perfectly designed to be in tune with God and his purposes for man but yet, we find ourselves still in battle with the an evil force intended still to confused us in identifying who we are in Christ as new spiritual creatures of His.

The human body has many parts: All the systems are by name the skeletal, the digestive system, the circulatory system, nervous, respiratory system and muscular. Even though each has a specific role to play they are all connected to cooperate together in order that the entire body functions perfectly

If either part is unable to function in its proper position and at its proper time, the entire body is affected no matter how small its part because all of the parts are essential to each other in its ability to do its job or function. If the current isn't paid lights don't burn. If food isn't eaten there is nothing to digest and it doesn't replenish the body. Things don't work in and of themselves. Parts help to regulate a useful system; even a knife has a handle with the blade: a handle used to hold the blade. They work together as a very simple tool. But together they are more functional. We have to look at things of the church in the same way and even more so.

We are the church and the body of the Christ. We function as a body of believers who are placed in position of authority through Christ. We are made to be joint heirs with Christ. Ephesians 2:10, "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." What an awesome body of believers we are called to be, chosen by God to take care of his people whom we are a part. We are fellow Christians of his body. We, too, accomplish our purpose best when realize it's together we stand to accomplish and divided we fall.

There is purpose on the inside of us. It can't be found unless we commit ourselves to seek his word, locate and fulfill our mission or our destiny given by Christ for you and I. We have a contribution, to offer our service, yes ourselves along with other body of believers.

Will I ever know my purpose in the body of Christ. Let's look in real life. There is father and mother and many of their roles are very fixed. They have children and their main focus or purpose is to rear them in the fear and love of God. But there is also another responsibility of every believer and that is to seek and save the lost. There is work in all areas of seeking an saving the lost. Your children as mentioned should be our first responsibility. There is preparation on all levels to bring the house of God to full maturity in every aspect that will address the spiritual, physical and mental needs of those who are lost and those who need our guidance. As we are no longer needed in one area, find someone else or something that you are suited to or desire to do in the house of God.

Do you know the joy of winning a soul to Christ? Try it and the joy of being responsible for encouraging someone else to accomplish something

wonderful, try it or the joy of causing a dream to be realized because of your commitment to ones success, try it. It feels good and the truth of it is the word says, "it is more blessed to give than receive"; it is then that the joy is truly realized. We are made to receive and give because love is made to give away. As you give of yourself through the power that is invested in you, the joy that accompanies is so rewarding that you will have a desire to flow in that vain continuously. God rewards your faithfulness. You are becoming a true disciples who goes out and compels others to come. In your space and place you are adding to His kingdom.

It is about us and the hands of God as a team, to go and do what we are purposed to do. Why? Psalms 139:14 says, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." When we began to embrace who God says I am and my place and purpose in Him, I will also begin to walk and talk like my father. Let this be a call to you to give your life to Christ by saying yes to him and asking him to save YOU and he will.

This week's article is written by Thelma Fullwood.

OBITUARIES

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Brian Keith
"Beannie Boy" Glaspie

Brian Keith "Beannie Boy" Glaspie died May 25, 2020. Graveside services were held on Sunday, May 31, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Brian was born February 13, 1965 to Percy and Sarah Glaspie. He was preceded in death by his son, Lamar "Poops" Glaspie, his brother, Stephen Glaspie and his brother-in-law, Joseph Bradley. Brian was a member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. In 1983, Brian graduated from EA Laney High School. He did electrical work for many companies in the area. Beannie Boy was always hustling...fixing things, selling wings and whatever anybody needed him to do. He was always willing to help someone in need. Beannie Boy was a talker, just like his mama, always telling jokes and making people laugh. Beans, as he was also called, was a dancing machine. At family events he would always break out and do the Percy Shuffle, a dance his daddy always did. Beans was the life of every party he attended. He was a great cook; his wings and crabs were the best. Brian married Victoria "Vicky" Gaymon in 2005. He was a family man and loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren dearly. He was born and raised in the East Wilmington Community in which he was well-known and loved by many. He never met a stranger and as a result he had many, many, friends. He will be missed and forever be in our hearts and minds.

He is survived by: his wife, Victoria Gaymon Glaspie; children, Benjamin Dixon, Brian Sidberry, Jeffrey Scott, Alishia Poole (BJ), Travis Glaspie, Nyiesha Jones, Josheph Glaspie, Miracle Glaspie and LaMariya Glaspie; grandchildren, Bria

Sidberry, Alexis Scott, Channel Waters, Tianna Scott, DJ Poole, Jamerquan David, Malachi Glaspie, Jayla Glaspie and Zyimir Glaspie; great-grandchild, Canaan Clemmons; parents, Percy and Sarah Glaspie; siblings, Rosalyn Wallace (Gilbert), Luzzetta Bradley, Regina Glaspie (Anthony Waddell) and Percy Glaspie, III (Judy Parker); mother-in-law, Ruby Gaymon; in-laws, Paulette Gaymon, Kenny Gaymon, Martin Gaymon (Gary), Jerry Gaymon, Monique Gaymon, Kenyatta Gaymon, Karin Gaymon and Hykeem Gaymon; other children, Darryl Freeman, Kiara Bloodworth, Zana Pearsall, Daqua Franks, Drama Hemmingway and Raven Waters; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, ad special friends, too numerous to name. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Toma Tarrant

Toma Tarrant died May 29, 2020. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jacqueline Bellamy

Jacqueline Bellamy died May 31, 2020. Graveside services will be held 12:00 Noon Friday, June 5, 2020 at Marsh Branch Cemetery of Winnabow, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Nelson Webb, Jr.

Nelson Webb, Jr. died June 1, 2020. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Hunt M. Jones

Hunt McCoy Jones (Mack) departed his life at New Hanover Regional Medical Center on Friday, May 15, 2020. Graveside

services were held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

He was born July 22, 1949 to Delores and James Jones in Norfolk, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mary D. Scales. He was a well-known track athlete during his high school years. He graduated in 1968 from New London High School in New London, Connecticut. Upon graduating from high school, he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1969 and served honorably for two years. Hunt later gained employment at Occidental Chemical Corporation (Diamond Shamrock) in Castle Hayne as a chemical operator for 38 years and retired.

From an early age, religion played a vital part of his life. He found his church home at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, where he served proudly for many years on the deacon board, men's choir and became an elder. He also held many additional titles within the church and offered support and a helping hand where needed.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Linda J. Jones of the home; children, Staci Jones Hill (Leonard) of Woodbridge, VA, Gladelia Jones and Kiona Johnson both of Leland; father, Ernest Walker of Wilmington; sister, Barbara King of Wilmington; grandchildren, Ayanna Hill, Amir Hill and Serenity Martinez and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy DeShields

Dorothy Mae Sheridan DeShields was born on November 11, 1943 in Wilmington, NC. She was the daughter of the late Theodosia and Robert Sheridan, Sr. She departed this life on May

20, 2020. Graveside services were held on Friday, May 29, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

In 1965 she married Harold L. DeShields and from this union they were blessed with one son, Brian.

Dorothy was a proud graduate of the Williston Senior High School class of 1961. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from

Saint Augustine's College and a Masters of Education from the University of NC at Wilmington. She began her teaching career in Washington, DC before returning home to live. Her first professional experiences in North Carolina were as a teacher and Elementary School Principal in Pender County in 1986, she accepted the principalship at Gregory School in New Hanover County and during her twelve-year tenure there (1986-1998) was instrumental in leading her staff to develop and successfully implement New Hanover County's first Magnet School: Gregory School of Science, Mathematics, and Technology.

Dorothy was also the Executive Director of Quality Development in New Hanover County before her retirement. After retiring, she served from 2004-2012 on the New Hanover County Board of Education.

Dorothy joined Mount Olive AME Church at a young age participating as a student in Sunday School; as a member of the Junior Choir and making the famous Easter Speeches! Her return to Wilmington after leaving Washington, DC soon meant her return to her church and church family. Through the years she has served in many capacities at her church, including: Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Member of the Women's Missionary Society, member of the Steward Board, Director of the After School Tutoring Program and Women's Day Chairperson.

Dorothy served her community as an Elected Official and as a par-

ticipating member of several Boards and committees. She was a member of the Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; the Wilmington, NC Chapter of the Links, Inc. (Alumna Member); the Retired Teachers of the Cape Fear Area; the Williston Class of 1961; the Coastal Carolina Chapter of St. Augustine's University; and is a life member of the NAACP.

"Dot" as she was affectionately called always found time to read books! She especially enjoyed reading historical fiction and (auto)biographies! She also delighted in her travels with her classmate Barbara Rogers. Their trips included Germany; Stockholm, Sweden; Rome & Florence, Italy!

Dorothy leaves to celebrate her life one loving and devoted son Brian of Charlotte, NC; two cherished granddaughters, Kai and Brianna; three brothers, William Streets of Wilmington, Robert Sheridan, Jr. (Linda) of San Angelo, TX and Michael Sheridan of Greenville, NC; two adopted brothers (cousins), Earl Sheridan (Sandra) and James Calvin DeShields (Francine) both of Wilmington; four nieces, Theodosia Billie Streets of Hackensack, NJ, Cynthia Hardy (Rodney) of Frederick, MD, Priscilla Roberson (Billy) San Antonio, TX and Tanya Jordan (Vernon) of Wilmington; five nephews, Robert Sheridan, III (Sabrina) of San Antonio, TX, Anthony Sheridan of Austin, TX, William Earl Sheridan (Rebecca) of Austin, TX, Samuel Sheridan of Austin, TX and The Honorable Michael Sheridan, Jr. (Kim) of Atlanta, GA; several adopted daughters, many dear and special cousins and friends, including childhood friend and "Unofficial Caregiver" Linda Pearce Thomas of Wilmington, NC, also, dear friends in the Williston Class of 1961! Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

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James L. McClammy

James L. McClammy, age 78, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, May 25, 2020. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Gloria McClammy of the home; children, Cynthia Everett (Tommy) of Wilmington, Angela Pollard (Mark) of Brooklyn, NY, Michael McClammy (Renee) of Wilmington, NC, Cheryl Walls (Julius) of Yonkers, NY, Rose McClammy of Concord and Alonza Hansley (Kim) of Wilmington; step-children, Warren D. Evans (Treba) of Decatur, GA and Bridget Webb (Daniel) of Wilmington, 17 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Evangelist Sherlie A. Mitchell

Evangelist Sherlie A. Mitchell, age 74, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2020.

A memorial service is to be conducted at 1:00 pm, Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her children, Antoinette R. Hillary (Tony) of Duluth, GA and Daryl A. Newkirk (Sandra) of Elizabethtown; brothers, Leroy Mitchell and Jerome Mitchell both of Wilmington, 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Kenneth R. Snead, Sr. (19-E-144)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **August 14, 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 11th day of May, 2020.
Charlotte Noel Fox
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2020

Notice to Creditors

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Rose M. House, (20-E-212)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **August 14, 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 11th day of May, 2020.
Charlotte Noel Fox
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NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Charles Ramsaur Youngblood**, 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 **28th day of August, 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 28th day of May, 2020.

Bruce A. Chappell, Jr., Executor of the Estate of **Charles Ramsaur Youngblood** 6401 Quail Run Road
Wilmington, NC 28409
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 2020

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Anna W. Newbold**, 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 **28th day of August, 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 28th day of May, 2020.

Commercial Bank & Trust of PA, Executor of the Estate of **Anna W. Newbold**
19 North Main Street
Greensburg, PA 15601
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Cheryl L. Rodzik**, late of Wilmington, 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 in care of the Undersigned at 2005 Scrimshaw Place, Wilmington, NC 28405, on or before **14th day of August, 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 14th day of May, 2020.

Jerry A. Mannen, Jr., Attorney
YOW, FOX & MANNEN, LLP
102 N. 5TH Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28401
Todd A. Rodzik, Executor of the Estate of **Cheryl L. Rodzik**

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JA 78

IN THE MATTER OF: E.B.G. (dob: 02 June 2004)
TO: RESPONDENT - FATHER, JOSE BONILLA GAMEZ

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:

Adjudication of Juvenile Petition filed on April 16, 2020 alleging that E.B.G. is a dependent juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, May 28, 2020, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Attorney Jennifer Harjo has been assigned to represent you. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 343-5400, 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING TO ADJUDICATE THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 28th day of May, 2020.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3612
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May 28, June 4, 11, 2020

WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY PREPARES TO OPEN THE Public Housing Waitlist for Hillcrest, Hillcrest Annex, Creekwood, New Brooklyn, Eastbrook and Woodbridge Communities

The Wilmington Housing Authority has announced it will be accepting applications for its Hillcrest, Hillcrest Annex, Creekwood, New Brooklyn, Eastbrook and Woodbridge Communities for TWO days, beginning Monday June 8th through Tuesday June 9th 2020. Applications will be available to those interested in applying to be placed on the waiting list for the Hillcrest, Hillcrest Annex, Creekwood, New Brooklyn, Eastbrook and Woodbridge Communities. Each community has its own waiting list, therefore, to be considered for all properties, 6 applications must be submitted.

The waiting list will open each day beginning 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Applications are available at WHA's main office located at 1524 S. 16th Street and on the website at www.wha.net.

Applicants are reminded that no applications will be accepted at any Wilmington Housing Authority office.

All applications must be mailed via United States Postal Service and postmarked no later than Friday, June 12, 2020. Only the 2020 Pre-Application forms will be accepted.

•These communities have bedroom sizes ranging from 1,2, 3, 4 and 5-bedroom units.

Applicants should not contact WHA offices to inquire about placement on the waiting list. Applicants will be notified in writing if they have been placed on the waiting list once their application is processed.

June 4, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER FILE NO. 19 E 1560

Deana Leigh Prestwood, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Shirley Nadean Burns**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 5725 Oleander Drive, Suite C-3, Wilmington, NC 28403 on or before the **21st day of August, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to the said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of May, 2020.

Deana Leigh Prestwood,
Administratrix
c/o D. Robert Williams, Jr., Esq.
Price & Williams, P.A.
Attorneys at Law
5725 Oleander Drive, Suite C-3
Wilmington, NC 28403
(910) 791-9422 phone
(910) 791-0432 fax

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Martha LeAnne Jeffords (20-E-459)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **August 21, 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 19th day of May, 2020.

Kevin Scott Groves
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
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May 21, 28, June 4, 7, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Teresa Mawson (20-E-479)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **August 28, 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 22nd day of May, 2020.

Beverly Cochran
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Fannie Mimms Stewart**, late of Wilmington, 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 in care of the Undersigned at 102 N. Fifth Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **14th day of August, 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 14th day of May, 2020.

YOW, FOX & MANNEN, LLP
102 N. 5TH Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28401
Jerry A. Mannen, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of **Fannie Mimms Stewart**

May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY GLENN HIERONYMUS, Deceased.

The undersigned, having heretofore qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Larry Glenn Hieronymus**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **August 14, 2020**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of May, 2020.

Tande Dembinski (fka Tande A. Hieronymus)
3851 Eaglestone Court
High Point, NC 27265
Tuggle Duggins, P.A.
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