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

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FACE YOUR ACTIONS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we find that our elected officials don't intend to do the right thing! They don't intend to meet with the members of the Black community and promote unity in the county. They need to find out what the problems are that the people whom they are supposed to represent have and what it will take to settle these problems. The sheriff has stood and made plans to face these problems head on. I admire him for that, but the county commissioners, board of education, and county manager have not faced the fact that we have problems. It's

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Wilmington healing after three racist officers fired

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

After a dramatic week when three White veteran Wilmington police officers were unceremoniously fired after it was revealed they were caught on a recording making racist, derogatory, and undeniably threatening remarks regarding African-Americans and what they wanted to do to them, citizens are left wondering, "Are there more?"

"I'm alarmed that these individuals were hired to "protect and serve" the same citizens they spoke about in a threatening and intimidating manner," said Deborah Dicks Maxwell, President, New Hanover County NAACP. "My concern is that these are the three who were caught. How many more lurk behind the blue, not only at WPD, but across this state and nation?"

Wilmington Police Chief Donny Williams,



A police sergeant, doing her job by routinely auditing patrol car video, discovered the June 4 taped conversation.

lauded for taking the bold step of not only terminating the three officers on his first full day as the Port City's permanent police chief (Williams is a 30-year veteran of WPD, and had served four months as interim before being officially named June 24), but also displaying

unusual transparency in revealing virtually every detail about just how vile and hideous the officers' behavior was, says for now, the

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CHIEF DONNY WILLIAMS

Chief Williams stands up for the community and his department

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

When three racist White Wilmington police officers were accidentally recorded last month calling Black citizens, Black police officers, and Black demonstrators n-words, even discussing the possibility of a race war to "slaughter," and, in the words of one officer, "...wipe 'em off the f***ng map," Wilmington Police Chief Donny Williams, an African-American himself, took it personally.

"It was racially offensive to me, the 29-year WPD veteran told The Journal. "I don't know any other way about it, and it was also racially offensive to people who are not Black. It was just outright wrong and disgusting."

Those longtime officers were not only publicly fired, but banished like a bad memory, and Chief Williams made sure of it.

Those racist officers severely tarnished the city, and police department that Donny Williams loves, and, on his very first day as permanent chief, he stood strong in denouncing their actions, and standing up for the values he wants Wilmington and the world to see he cherishes without apology.

"It was just outright wrong, and disgusting," he insisted to The Journal in his very first interview the day after his explosive June 24 press conference.

That reaction, to anyone who knows Williams, should come as no surprise. The veteran officer is Wilmington born and bred. First from Wilmington's public housing (son of a single mother in the Creekside housing Community), and first from the police academy, to now lead the city's main law enforcement agency.

"This is my home," the married father of two says proudly. "I was born here. There are great people in this community."

And it didn't hurt any five months ago when his predecessor, Ralph Evangelous, wholeheartedly endorsed his former assistant chief's taking over as interim.

"For the past year and a half, I've had the pleasure of watching Assistant Chief Williams help to lead the Wilmington Police Department," Evangelous said in an outgoing statement. "His hard work and commitment to community policing continues to be an asset to our agency. I'm confident he will continue to move this agency forward, while focusing on the safety and well being of our citizens."

"Personally I feel honored and essentially humbled that the City Council would trust me with such a large and awesome responsibility, and by the support that the residents of the city have given me," Williams, the first Black

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ACTIVISTS DIANA POWELL AND DENNIS GADDY

Governor signs "Second Chance" Act

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If you have a nonviolent criminal record in North Carolina with misdemeanors and low-level felonies, and you've served your full prison sentence and paid all of your fines, you can now have those bad marks expunged, thanks to the Second Chance Act.

Governor Roy Cooper signed the long awaited bill into law last week, giving many nonviolent offenders who have paid their penance, indeed, a fresh start and second chance at rebuilding their troubled lives.

The new law automatically expunges criminal charges that are dismissed or disposed "not guilty" after Dec 1, 2021 and allows individuals to petition for expungement of all nonviolent misdemeanor convictions after 7 years of good behavior after Dec 1 2020.

Ex-offenders who also committed low-level, nonviolent crimes between the ages of 16 and 18 years of age qualify for expungement.

The "clean slate" measure, Senate Bill 562, was introduced in April 2019 by a bipartisan coalition of state senators headed by former

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time we take a stand and show these people that they don't represent all the people. They got their positions by the votes of the people, both Blacks and Whites. I see people marching. it's time that these elected officials know that there will be the same people voting in this election, and they will be people of color and White people together, and the people will be remembering their actions. It's time to face your actions.

The way it was it will never again be. Racism has been exposed for what it is and the world sees it now. How do you deal with it? Do you hide with all kinds of excuses, or do you begin to talk? *Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County NAACP.*



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inadvertent police recordings only point to the three fired.

"Those are the only ones we could determine and prove," Williams assured.

However, if there are other current members of the Wilmington Police Department who are as disgruntled or racially biased as the three he kicked out the door last week, Chief Williams, an African-American, has a serious message for them.

"I'll be honest. If any officer that's out there has the same views that [those three officers displayed] they need to do me a favor, their sheriff, their patrol commander, whatever agency they work for ...do us all a favor as law enforcement leaders, and leave the profession," Williams said sternly. "We cannot tolerate that. There are no discriminatory biases allowed to

exist in the law enforcement profession. We're dealing with people, and we need to treat people fairly."

"Fairly" is nowhere near how now former veteran officers Kevin Piner, James Gilmore and Jesse Moore, II talked about treating Black people when they were caught on an accidentally activated patrol car video camera earlier this month spewing racial hate during two conversations.

A police sergeant, doing her job by routinely auditing patrol car video, discovered a June 4 taped conversation between Piner and Gilmore, and then Piner and Moore that so alarmed her, she alerted superiors. It wasn't long before that concern made it all the way up to then Interim Chief Williams.

Per transcripts of the offending dialogue, not only was the n-word liberally used referring to Black Lives Matter demonstrators and Black police officers, but talk of a "civil war" between Blacks and Whites coming,

and being "ready" for it.

"We are just gonna go out and start slaughtering them f***** n*****. I can't wait. God I can't wait," Piner told Moore, later adding that he plans to buy an assault rifle, "I'm ready."

Piner strongly advocated for a nationwide civil war to "...wipe 'em off the f***** map. That'll put 'em back about four or five generations."

Moore apparently wasn't at ease with Piner's civil war talk, but a later taped conversation had Moore more energized about a Black female he arrested the day before, someone he freely demeaned as an n-word who needed "...a bullet in her head right then and move on. Let's move the body out of the way and keep going."

Moore also referred to a Black judge as a "f*****g Negro magistrate."

The officers also made negative reference to Chief Williams during their diatribes.

Once it was investigated, the officers were hauled in and forced to admit to what they said, and when the city manager and City Council signed off on his decision, Williams decided he wasn't having any of it.

There were "extensive violations of the department's manual of rules and policies which include the standard of conduct, criticism, and use of inappropriate language," the chief told reporters during a June 24 press conference.

He could have allowed them to just resign in disgrace, but no, Williams wanted the three officers fired, their behaviors fully exposed, their ability to work anywhere in Wilmington law enforcement or city government forever blocked, and past cases they testified in examined for probable racial bias and cleared.

He also notified the N.C. Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission.

"[The conversations] were brutally offensive and deserved immediate attention," Williams said, noting that Mayor Saffo and the City Council concurred with releasing all of the pertinent personnel information to the public. "When I first learned of these conversations, I was shocked, saddened, and disgusted. There is no place for this behavior in our agency or our city and it will not be tolerated."

Police chiefs across the state agreed that Chief Williams did the right thing.

"What I'm most pleased about is how the city of Wilmington and its new police chief responded," Colonel Glenn McNeil Jr., African-American commander of the NC Highway Patrol, told the Raleigh-Apex NAACP during a June 27 Facebook interview.

At press time, whether the actual tapes of the conversations will be released had not yet been decided by a judge.

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police chief in the Port City's modern history, continued. "It's been overwhelming for me and my family."

"I may adopt some of the things the prior chief had established, and he was very big in technology, being on the cutting edge, and [adopting] best practices," Williams continued.

"But I also want to put my own stamp on things, and given what's happening right now [in policing], I want to lead a team that's progressive and do community policing with a different look to it. I want to

accomplish the mission but do it in a way that is very inclusive."

Serving the community of Wilmington; protecting the community of Wilmington. That has been the personal and professional mission of Donny Williams ever since he became a police cadet in 1990, formally graduating to sworn officer in December 1992.

As *The Journal* stated in a Feb. 6, 2020, editorial after Williams began as interim police chief after Ralph Evangelous retired, "...beyond being an officer, a police captain, a deputy chief over Special and Criminal Investigations, and overseeing the department's largest patrol divi-

sion, Chief Williams has always made time for our community's youth, working to expand the Police Activities League (PAL), enrolling over 500 young people per year."

The Journal editorial continued, "Chief Williams meets all of the requirements of experienced and educated leadership, with a BA from Mt. Olive College in Management and Organizational Development. He is also a graduate of the Administrative Officers' Management Program at NC State University, [and] completed the 75th Session of Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute for Police."

"And last, but certainly not least, Chief Williams oversaw the design, development, and completion of the Haynes-Lacewell Police and Fire Training Facility," the editorial concluded.

During the recent demonstrations in the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd, Chief Williams left his office, went to the streets, and joined protestors, publicly agreeing that, even as a lawman, Floyd's tragic and senseless death was intolerable.

Now, in the midst of dramatic social justice and police reform, how does Wilmington Police Chief Donny Williams envision his challenge to balance keeping the community safe, while simultaneously

maintaining a strong bond of trust with young people and the African-American community?

"We have to connect police officers with the people, and once you make those connections, our officers and the people they serve are going to have to sit down and have honest conversations," Williams told *The Journal*. "Officers that are assigned neighborhoods that are primarily African-American are going to have to get both groups together. Also [this is true for] groups that are Hispanic, White, or [in] combined neighborhoods."

"It's all about people communicating with people," Chief Williams said.

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Sen. Floyd McKissick (D-Durham). It passed the Senate unanimously, went over to the House where it stalled until last month when that body also passed it unan-

imously, then back over to the Senate where it was passed again on June 16th, and signed by the governor on June 25th.

"We can give people who make amends for past mistakes the opportunity to clear their records. This bill offers that opportunity and

a path to good jobs and a brighter future," said Gov. Cooper.

The bill was supported by both the NC NAACP and conservative groups like Americans for Prosperity.

One of the law's strongest proponents was Dennis Gaddy, executive director of

Community Success Initiative (CSI), a nonprofit re-entry program for ex-offenders who have served their time, and are looking to start their lives over again crime-free and more productively.

Gaddy, once a successful businessman who made

some bad choices years ago, and served time in prison, has led CSI for 15 years, and has helped hundreds of former offenders find stable work.

He says the Second Chance Act now makes it easier for exoffenders to build productive lives.



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will get all the credit."
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STATE BRIEFS



CONTROVERSIAL UNC-W PROFESSOR TO RETIRE AUG. 1
[WILMINGTON] Mike Adams, the controversial UNC-W professor accused of making inflammatory

sexist and racist comments on his social media, has agreed to retire from the university as of August 1st, the school announced this week. It was a May 29th Twitter post where Adams used slave imagery to chide Gov. Cooper for his COVID-19 restrictions that North Carolina "a slave state." Adams then followed with "Massa Cooper, let my peo-

ple go." The call for Adams to be dismissed got national attention.

LEGISLATURE APPROVES \$1.5 MILLION N.C. FREEDOM PARK
[RALEIGH] In a 1 a.m. vote last Friday morning before adjourning, the NC General Assembly approved \$1.5 million for the proposed NC

Freedom Park. The bill has since been sent to Gov. Cooper for his signature. The park honoring Black North Carolinians and how they contributed to the history of this state will be constructed on Lane Street at Wilmington Street in downtown Raleigh between the Executive Mansion and the Legislative Building. The park was designed by

the late architect Phillip Freelon.

TWO WILMINGTON CONFEDERATE STATUES REMOVED
[WILMINGTON] Demonstrators have gotten their wish. City government removed two confederate monuments from the downtown area in the early morning hours of June

25th. One was a statue honoring George Davis. Another was a memorial to Confederate soldiers killed during the Civil War. The city had earlier put curfews around the monuments to protect them from vandalism.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Health officials announce two more deaths from COVID-19 in New Hanover County

Public Health officials were notified Wednesday of two additional deaths from COVID-19 in New Hanover County, bringing the total number of deaths of New Hanover County residents to seven.

Both individuals were hospitalized; one person was in their 60's and the other in their 80's. Both were considered at high risk of severe illness because they had underlying medical conditions. To protect the privacy of these individuals and their families, no other information will be shared.

"I am so saddened to hear of the loss of two more of our residents, and I extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of these residents," said Board of Commissioners Chair Julia Olson-Boseman. "The virus didn't only affect these individuals, but their family, friends, neighbors and community, who never expected this tragic outcome. COVID-19 is spreading in our community, and it takes each of us individually to protect those around us. I urge our residents to follow the three W's - wear a face covering, wait six feet from others and wash your hands frequently

and protect others in the community. Learn more about contact tracing and Answering the Call at NCDHHS.gov.

It's simple, but it will save lives." The cumulative number of lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 surpassed 1,000 Tuesday, and Wednesday is at 1,068. Cases among people under the age of 49 are increasing, as well as cases in the LatinX community. Additionally, hospitalizations are rising, with 33 people hospitalized at New Hanover Regional Medical Center Wednesday. (Data reported from NHRMC is for a seven county region, and not specific to New Hanover County residents). Health officials continue to conduct contact tracing to contain the spread of the virus.

"It is heartbreaking to receive notification of two more New Hanover County residents passing away from COVID-19, especially knowing that simple actions, if taken by everyone, can prevent the spread of the virus and protect those at risk of severe illness, and my sincere sympathy goes to the friends and family of these individuals," said Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Lisa Brown. "COVID-19 cases in the area continue to rise with increased activity and lack of

adherence to social distancing and face covering measures. Following the three W's are vital to maintaining activity and slowing the spread. Another way individuals can help is to answer the call and participate in contact tracing if you hear from our public health team. This helps us identify a source of exposure and have individuals take action to get tested, isolate, and keep the virus from affecting the next person. If we all work together in these ways, we can continue reopening and activity in the safest way possible."

Answer the Call
Everyone can be part of

the solution of slowing the spread and containing COVID-19 by answering the call if/when a COVID-19 Community Team member reaches out for contact tracing. Contact tracing is the public health practice of identifying people who may have come into contact with someone infected with a communicable disease like measles, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted illnesses and COVID-19. Contact tracers reach out to individuals confirmed to have COVID-19 and help them recall everywhere they have been and with whom they came into contact from 48 hours before symp-

tom onset to the time they got their test results. Then, they call those identified as close contacts - those who had been within six feet for 10 or more minutes. Without sharing identifiable information about the person who has COVID-19, close contacts are informed they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and to monitor for symptoms and self-quarantine for 14 days. Close contacts are also eligible for diagnostic testing if they choose.

It's important to work with those conducting contact tracing to slow and contain the spread of COVID-19, connect those eligible to testing,

and protect others in the community. Learn more about contact tracing and Answering the Call at NCDHHS.gov.

As of 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, there have been 1,068 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Hanover County. For updates and resources related to the COVID-19 virus in New Hanover County, visit Health.NHCgov.com, call our Public Health Coronavirus Call Center at 910-798-6800, and follow the county's trusted social media pages: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor.

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D.C. Statehood is a racial justice issue for the entire nation

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The District of Columbia is the one spot where there is no government for the people, of the people and by the people," the great abolitionist and D.C. resident Frederick Douglass once wrote. More than a century later, the 705,000 residents of Washington, D.C.—nearly half of them Black—are still denied the full citizenship that every American deserves. They have no vote in a Congress that can override decisions by voters and elected officials about local priorities and tax dollars. Rectifying this injustice should be a top priority for every American who is committed to advancing racial justice and voting rights.



Ben Jealous

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said—wrongly and ridiculously—that righting this wrong would be “full-bore socialism.” On Friday, the House of Representatives rebuked McConnell’s farcical reasoning by voting to make the District of Columbia the 51st state.

The House vote was a historic step toward resolving this glaring injustice. Achieving the final result will require removing McConnell and President Donald Trump from their current posts. The need to do so could not be more urgent.

Denying D.C. statehood has devastating real-world consequences. The coronavirus pandemic is having an especially deadly impact on Black and Latino people in D.C. and elsewhere. Yet Senate Republicans refused to treat D.C. the same way it treated the states in relief legislation. That cost District residents \$750 million in relief funds, even though D.C.’s caseload was higher than 19 states’.

This denial of COVID-19 relief funds is just the latest harm imposed on D.C. by members of Congress who have been happy to treat D.C. as their fiefdom, from interfering with public health officials’ response to the AIDS crisis to blocking implementation of a voter-approved referendum to legalize the use of marijuana.

There is no doubt that both historically and today, opposition to extending democracy to our nation’s capital has been grounded in racism and the desire to maintain racist structures of power.

And there is no doubt that denying citizens of the nation’s capital representation in the national legislature—something no other free country does—undermines our self-image as leaders of the free world and our credibility as a beacon of democracy on the international stage.

Civil rights leaders and other advocates for statehood, including Jesse Jackson and Julian Bond, D.C.’s nonvoting delegate to Congress Eleanor Holmes Norton, and the activists at DC Vote, have been making the case for statehood for decades.

The case is clear. D.C. has more residents than either Wyoming or Vermont, and nearly as many as Alaska. D.C. residents contribute more federal taxes than those of 22 states, and more per capita than any state. There is no principled justification for continuing to treat the people of Washington, D.C. as second-class citizens.

Many of the systemic problems Americans are grappling with do not have simple solutions. But this one does. All it will take is for the Senate to pass and the president to sign the legislation that just passed in Congress.

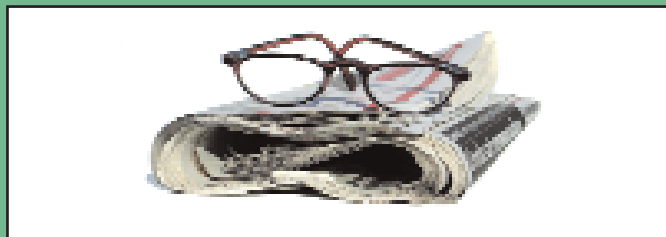
What is standing in the way is the same ruthless Republican desire to maintain power that brings us racial and political gerrymandering and voter suppression. The illegitimate entrenchment of power in the hands of right-wing politicians undermines democracy. It harms Americans everywhere, not just in D.C., by making it harder to adopt policies that protect American lives and communities. That is why D.C. statehood must be part of the agenda of the broader movement to advance racial equity and a healthy democracy.

For now, D.C. statehood legislation is sure to join the growing pile of common-good measures passed by the House that die in Mitch McConnell’s graveyard. That should intensify our resolve to mobilize voters and overcome every undemocratic tactic Republicans will deploy to suppress the vote between now and November.

Ben Jealous is president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation; former president of the NAACP.

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who claim to be patriotic got a large pepperoni pizza. We poor and middle class essential under minimum wage workers/ sacrificial lambs got one ridiculously small slice with three razor-thin pepperonis on it. Despite the record number of workers at meat plants such as Tyson, Smithfield and others testing positive for COVID-19, TRUMP issued an executive order that indemnified/exempted them from lawsuits. What protection did TRUMP order for the workers? As a retired vocational education (shop) teacher, I ask "where is OSHA"? My niece a nurse practitioner, on the front line, asks where is the CDC? Our government collects

enough of our tax dollars every April 15th to pay for anything our leaders want to spend it on like wars and tax cuts for the rich. We should press our elected officers to give each adult \$2,000 a month until three months after we have a vaccine that will slow or cure COVID-19. The rich will invest their \$2,000 in stocks while the prices are incredibly low. We poor and middle class will pay on some of our bills and buy food. We will spend about 97% of our \$2,000, it will be taxed about ten times, then back in our US Treasury in 7 to 10 days. My family and I are going to contact our two U.S. Senators and one U.S. Representative and demand the government give

us back our fair share of our rainy-day savings during this pandemic. I remember something I learned in my 10th grade government class that always made me feel independent. "Whenever any form of government became destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and institute a new government". If our 116th congress vote NO on a fair and balanced stimulus bill to save us from bankruptcy, we will exercise our rights and vote NO on their election or reelection on November 3rd. Will you and your family join my family???

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

TOO BE EQUAL

“Plan A: Don't go in a crowd. Plan B: If you do, make sure you wear a mask”

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

“Look at the guidelines. The leaders, the governors, the mayors, the local leaders at the county level - look at the guidelines. Many of the governors and the mayors are doing well, but it's the people that are out there that are not listening because, as you said, they're pent up. Please restrain that. If you follow the guidelines and do it slowly and discreetly and do it very carefully, we'll get through this.” - Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of infectious diseases at the National Institutes of Health

Weeks ago, as some governors began to lift stay-at-home orders against federal guidelines, the National Urban League urged people to stay home. In a joint statement with other civil rights

organizations, we said the governors’ actions showed “reckless disregard for the health and life of Black residents.”



Marc Morial

Now, sadly, a surge in coronavirus infections has confirmed our worst fears. The United States set a record this week for the most infections confirmed in one day: 36,880. That brings the number of confirmed infections to more than 2.4 million. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that only about one in every 10 COVID-19 cases in the U.S. has been identified. That means more than 20 million people in the U.S. may have been infected. Officially, more than 122,400

Americans have died from COVID-19 in just over four months. That is more Americans than died in all of World War I, or the Vietnam and Korean wars combined. It's more Americans than died in the first wave of the deadly flu of 1918. And most experts agree the true death toll is much higher than the official count.

Contrary to the claims of the Trump administration, increased testing does not explain the surge in reported infections. The number of people testing positive is rising much faster than the number of people being tested. 20 states currently have a positivity rate above 5%. The World Health Organization recommends rates of positivity should remain below 5% for 14 days before states consider reopening. Arizona reported that

21.15% of tests are coming back positive. Florida's positivity rate is 12.22%.

There's little question that the surge is related to the rush to reopen the nation's economy without proper safety measures in place. Earlier outbreaks were linked to nursing homes, prisons, and meat packing plants – places where people had little choice but to be present. The current surge is linked to crowded bars, casinos, and churches – where there is little need for anyone to be present.

It has always been a dangerous fiction that our choice is between saving the economy or saving lives. The stock market tumbled in response to the surge in infections, and states are being forced to

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What have we become?

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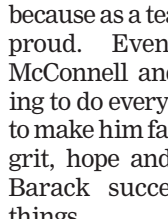
Were we ever better? There was a time when many Black people had hope and had reason to believe America had made progress on civil and human rights. I remember Dick Gregory frequently saying to me, “Don't you know when a man like Donald Trump and his people put on MAGA hats and talk about making America great again, they're acting like America once was great.” I look around me and see a few Black and Brown people that have been treated fairly and have become successful; but for every one of them, there're many others who no matter how hard they work, there's no justice. That's why there's no peace now.

After seeing the countless number of murders from the time Black people were enslaved, through Jim Crow, the Civil Rights Movement and beyond, we've seen racism directed toward Black, Brown and Native people. We've seen hatred from the highest level of those who are charged with promoting success, justice,

peace for the least of God's children. The promise of America never trickles down to so many of us.

When Barack Obama was elected, hope was in the air and many of us began to believe America was changing. We thought change had finally come to America. The word hope became the word of the day. Barack served 8 flawless years. People all over the world loved him; many even loved Michelle more and that was okay because as a team they made us proud. Even with Mitch McConnell and his crew vowing to do everything they could to make him fail, through sheer grit, hope and determination, Barack succeeded in many things.

Dr. E. Faye Williams



Then came the election of 2016. The Republican Party tried to disassemble everything Barack had done. They prom-

ised to dismantle “ObamaCare” —the health plan so many Americans have testified to it as their saving grace. They promised to bring to us a better plan. Now, in nearly four years, we've seen no plan to replace the Affordable Health Care plan. They've tried hard to dismantle DACA. The police have killed more Black people than criminals have in the past few years. Yet, Trump and his MAGA people have done more damage to America's image than any known president before him.

His ego is so delicate that as he tries to wipe away everything President Obama did for the people. He's wrecking all the progress we thought we had made. To add insult to injury, he is doing all he can do to erase any successes, any opportunities Black, Brown and Native people had begun to enjoy.

Just four months ago, we saw the brutal murder of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia. Two months ago, it was Breonna Taylor in Kentucky killed in a no-knock raid that turned out to be a mistake. George Floyd died from a knee

on his neck for nearly 9 minutes. Rayshard Brooks died in Atlanta from a shot in the back for having a bit too much to drink that had put him to sleep in his own car. There's Carlos Ingram Lopez in Tucson who died after telling the police he could not breathe while they were holding him down. 18-year-old student, Andres Guardo, was killed by a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy while in custody. There've been murders of Native Americans. As a matter of fact, longtime police brutality in their community drove many Native Americans to join those protesting the murders of George Floyd and others.

What have we become in this country when life means nothing to those charged with guarding and protecting us from the so-called criminal element? All of us must stand up for police reform NOW!

Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women and Host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM 89.3 Radio in Washington, DC.

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shut down businesses again. Our choice is between rebuilding the economy safely or risking thousands of

lives and throwing the country into an even worse economic crisis.

Interestingly, at the same time infections are rising due to voluntary large gatherings, a study concluded that the demonstrations against

police brutality did not lead to a spike in infections as many had feared. That is partly because a significant percentage of the demonstrators have worn masks.

As the nation's leading infectious disease expert Dr.

Anthony Fauci told Congress this week: "Plan A: Don't go in a crowd. Plan B: If you do, make sure you wear a mask."

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

REALITY CHECK

Having political power without economic power is impossible

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

We Black folks need to understand that political power is impossible without economic power. We may have some degree of political influence, but never power without securing economic power. No one understood this better than Professor James Clingman. The following excerpt from his must-read book will explain my position Black Dollars: How to Teach Your Dollars How to Make More Sense: "Herein is my strongest effort yet to elucidate the nuances and the

obvious connections between politics and economics. Moreover, as others before me have done, my task is to do everything I can to convince Black folks in particular that our interests must be returned to economics over politics as it was when we owned economic enclaves across this nation. I know that's hard for some of us,



A. Peter Bailey

because we have been seeking political power since 1965. Irrespective of our feelings about our favorite politicians, the status quo will remain the same until we demonstrate our willingness to use our dollars to effect public policy. Everything else is rhetoric."

Furthermore he continued "I am not advocating an 'either or' scenario between the two disciplines; certainly our actions in response to them must be 'both and.' We must understand the priority however; which one comes first, which one depends on the other, and which of the

two can achieve real power faster. We have struggled with politics for 50 years now, since we abandoned our economic base of business ownership and mutual support. Five decades should be enough to convince us that if and until we have a strong economic base, a position of struggle from which to negotiate our grievances with politicians, we will never have real political power. I hope this book convinces you of that hard cold fact and will leave you to work on obtain-

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Symbols, statues, and substance

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Socially isolated and alone in my home, I lifted my fist into the air when I learned that the Mississippi legislature voted to remove the Confederate stars and bars from their flag. As NACCP President Derrick Jackson said, "it's been a long time coming." A long time since the songstress Nina Simone put it out there with Mississippi G—damn. A long time since Emmitt Till was massacred for "reckless eyeballing." A long time since James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner were murdered. It's been a long time coming, but has Mississippi changed?

I'm an economist, so I have to go with the data. Mississippi is the most impoverished state in our nation. It also has the highest percentage of African Americans — 37 percent. Still, the state voted in a racist white woman — Cindy Hyde-Smith, who joked about lynching in the days leading up to her election. Mississippians found such jokes acceptable since they rejected Mike Espy's candidacy for the Mississippi Senate seat that Hyde-Smith now occupies. He garnered 46 percent of the vote in what was described as the closest Senate election in Mississippi since 1988, still, his defeat speaks to the

intransigence of racism in his state. Perhaps his 2020 candidacy will yield different results. From my perspective, though, it's not the symbolic flag, but also the substantive racial inequality in Mississippi.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

So while I also cheered that the Princeton University Board of trustees finally agreed to remove the nation's racist 28th President's name from its public policy school, I wonder if anything else has changed at Princeton. Students have demanded a more diversified faculty and curriculum and funding for research on reparation. The name change is the first step. What is the next step?

In Virginia, Governor Ralph Northam (D) said he would remove the statue of Jefferson Davis, the traitorous President of the Confederacy from Richmond's Monument Avenue. As soon as he announced it, there was a lawsuit challenging his decision, and the matter is headed for court. Rita Davis, the Black woman who is Northam's legal advisor, said the statue was designed to minimize "a devastating evil." If you walk down Monument Avenue, evil

abounds. Taking the statue down is a first step for the blackface-wearing governor, but again what's next?

Even as the winds of change are swirling, there are dinosaurs who cling tenaciously to our nation's racist past. I do not understand why Confederate loyalists seem to have forgotten that THE CONFEDERACY LOST THE CIVIL WAR. Except to stir up his racist base, I don't understand why a man who was born and raised in New York has such loyalty to the Confederacy.

On June 26, the 45th President issued an executive order "protecting monuments, memorials, and statues and combatting recent criminal violence." The executive order is replete with combative and incendiary language, describing protesters as "rioters, arsonists, and left-wing extremists." It uses terms like "Marxism" and "agitator" to describe those who oppose historic racism as "ignorant of history." Because of this "ignorance" (look in the mirror, Mr. President), the executive order says the Feds will prosecute people who "destroys, damages or desecrates a monument on federal or state property," and their "accomplices" and imposes criminal penalties of up to 10 years in jail. Really? If our nation's founders had been held to the same specious standards, there would be no United States of America.

The folks who are clinging to statues are clinging to a way of life where Black people are supposed to bow and scrape and accept any kind of treatment from "powerful" white people. In adhering to the Confederacy and folks like Woodrow Wilson and Andrew Jackson, they are clinging to Presidents who were oppressive segregationists. Wilson's legacy is especially egregious as he deliberately attempted to reverse Black progress by resegregating the civil service. Now, we have a President who would do it all again by embracing racism, retweeting a "white power" video, demonizing protesters, and using language designed to divide.

Some of the symbols of racism are being erased, albeit slowly, but little has changed about the substance of racial inequality. People should not be celebrating symbolic victories unless they are prepared to challenge structural inequality. I cringe when I walk in downtown DC, looking at signs that proclaim "Black Lives Matter," knowing that many of these stores have exhibited racist behavior toward Black neighbors. Don't eradicate the symbol, Mississippi, Princeton, commercial establishments, if you aren't also willing to eliminate the substance of racial inequality.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
By the Rivers of Babylon

I wasn't looking for the story about Elijah McClain. I was looking for something else and I happened upon the video which showed the sequence of events which resulted after someone called the police on him because he was wearing a mask.

It was a year ago. I watched it but I wasn't prepared. The image of life slowly oozing out of the body of George Floyd is still way too stark.

I was prepared to see police wielding brutal force on a black body, because that scenario is unfortunately the norm in this country, but I was not prepared to see not only the brutality but to hear the cries for mercy and life from young Elijah.

They stopped him, they said, because he "looked suspicious." That's what they always say. It gives them license to stop people and to harass them and then arrest them for "resisting arrest."

Elijah kept asking, "what did I do?" And the officers just kept saying, "stop resisting."

I read where a lawmaker said that the "Black Lives Matter" movement is a terrorist organization. We are called terrorists because we dare say to law enforcement that we are tired. We are called terrorists because we plead for our lives and for the lives of each other. We are expected to be oppressed, repressed, suppressed, and be quiet about it.

Black people have been exiles in a strange land called America. We were brought here to help make this country wealthy, and then became the bane of those who believe in the rightness of being white. We, like African Americans who play sports, were used during the 19th century to "make America great;" we were essential workers, yet expendable.

It's not only law enforcement which is working to keep us from breathing. It is this president and his administration. For some reasons, Christian Nationalist Republicans do not like or approve of public education; they want to eliminate it. They do not believe that Brown v Board of Education was a correct decision by the United States Supreme Court, even now. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has vowed to take money designated to help test people from COVID 19 and put it into funding for private schools.

The children of black, brown, and poor whites will suffer even more as money is deflected from education.

he president's administration has filed a lawsuit to again try to gut the Affordable Care Act. If the US Supreme Court agrees to do it, millions of people will lose their health care. This, in the time of pandemic ...

In spite of the pandemic, the president is already setting the stage to call the general election "rigged," and he is doing all that he can to make sure people cannot vote by mail. He wants to win...

Now we hear that this president has been silent in spite of learning that the Russians were paying people to kill American soldiers in Afghanistan. We do not know what Vladimir Putin has on the president, but it must be serious, because Trump lets Putin do whatever he wants, at the expense of his own intelligence team's reports.

We, like George Floyd and Elijah McClain and Eric Garner and who knows how many more are saying, "I can't breathe." They don't want us to.

We are sitting by the River of Babylon, but we are also walking and protesting, and we will continue. We will not be quiet or still. We need to be allowed to breathe.

Today.

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

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ing real economic power collectively and individually as quickly as you can....Our aggregate annual income of \$1.2 trillion dollars is mainly used to create wealth for everyone for Black people, because we spend the vast majority of it at their businesses. Politics has not and will not solve these issues. We must solve them ourselves, by 'the work of our own hands,' as Martin Delany told us." For those who don't know, Martin Delany was an Afro-centric contemporary of Frederick Douglass. We as a people must insist that our leadership on any level display their knowledge of Professor Clingman's views on economic power. Finally he noted the term,

"Black dollars matter! is in response to our efforts to tell the world that 'black lives matter!' To most, that's a very obvious reality and there should be no need to impress that reality on any human being, except of course on those who would take Black lives unjustifiably. Thus, our protests against police killing Black men continue. In order to implement a Black dollars strategy in response to the killings, we must understand the relationship between public policy development and economic empowerment. Once we get a handle on that, I contend we will be well on our way to winning this battle."

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RAINBOW COALITION

Mandatory college football practices at time of pandemic are nuts

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The NCAA has just ruled that mandatory football practices can begin in July, anticipating a full season of college football.

This is nuts. The pandemic isn't going away; it's surging in more than 29 states, with seven reporting new records for cases in a day. States that opened early without adequate safeguards — Texas, Florida, Arizona — now face a spread of the pandemic that may soon exhaust the supply of hospital beds. Deaths are now over 125,000. Increasing numbers of young people are contracting the disease, presumably because of the lack of social distancing, the scorn for masks that has accompanied the reopening in many states — and, of course, in the White House itself.

The experience of Texas and Florida and Arizona in reopening suggests that it may not even be safe to reopen college campuses with thousands of students gathering together in dorms, classes, parties and bars, much less begin practices on a football field. In the so-called "voluntary workouts" that some schools began in June, dozens of players have already tested positive. UNLV suspending on-campus workouts when four athletes tested positive for the virus.

Texas Tech reports 23 players have tested positive; Clemson reports 37 football players and 47 cases in all among athletes. And now the NCAA says it's time to open mandatory workouts. Football is a physical contact sport. The coronavirus is transmittable through respiratory droplets. If an infected athlete wipes his nose or mouth between plays, or takes out his mouth guard, he has the virus on his hands that will be in repeated contact with other players.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Does anyone doubt that the virus will spread like wildfire once mandatory camps and contact drills begin? To discount this reality, we hear a lot of gibberish. The athletes will be tested regularly, we're told, and isolated, traced and quarantined if they have the disease. How regularly? Well, daily would be optimal — that is what wealthy professional teams are talking about doing — but few if any universities can afford that.

So some will test weekly; some only if an athlete exhibits symptoms, even though young people are

often asymptomatic. No wonder Ohio State University is forcing players and their parents to sign an "acknowledgment of risk waiver."

The university is prepared to risk the lives of the players, but not open itself up to liability. Don't worry, we're told, "college athletes in general are a young, healthy population in relation to the general public. They are usually well-equipped to fight off the infection physically unscathed." Usually. But we're learning that even those who survive the virus are often scarred with weak lungs, or bad hearts.

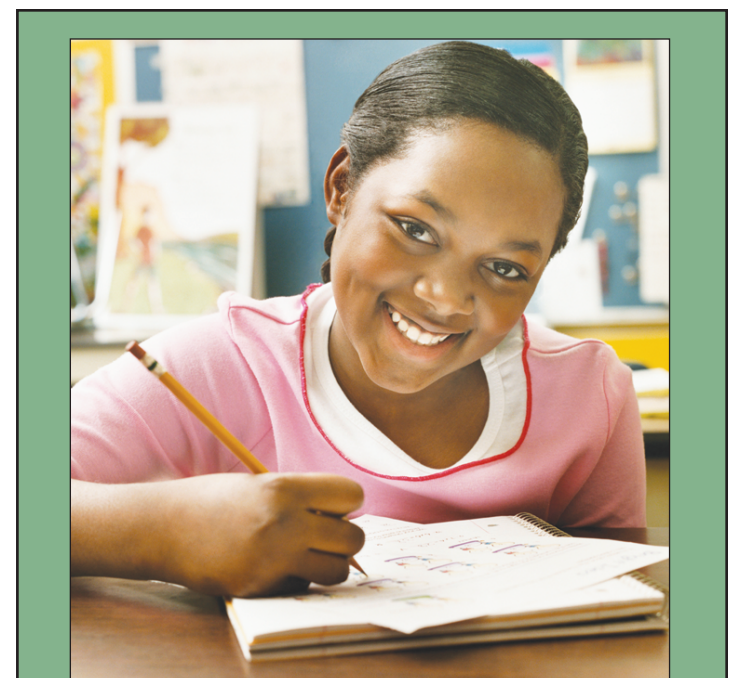
The watchword, we're told, is "flexibility." Second- and third-string players have to be ready to step in at any time. "This scenario," one doctor wrote, would be analogous to spraining an ankle or pulling a hamstring during warmups and suddenly needing to sit out the next one to three games." No, a sprained ankle does not put a life at risk. A pulled hamstring is painful, but not as lasting as a damaged lung or weakened heart. Sprained ankles and pulled hamstrings aren't contagious. We're not talking about "flexibility," we're talking about irresponsibility.

Many of the football players in Division One schools come from low-income families. Many depend on their scholarship to pay for their schooling. Now they are

asked to risk their lives for their sport. I believe that this college football season should be postponed. It can't be played in a "bubble," as Dr. Anthony Fauci suggests. And we've already got vivid proof of how vulnerable the players are to the virus. But if the NCAA and the universities are intent on playing despite the risk — driven no doubt by the billions of dollars at risk if the season is called off — they should at the very minimum give the players and their parents a real choice. Every player should be given the choice of whether to play or not, with their scholarship sustained no matter what decision they make.

Every player and their families should be guaranteed free health care if they contract the virus. No player should be extorted to put his or her life at risk in order to get the education that they have earned. In this time of Black Lives Matter protests, the lives of these young athletes — black, white, brown and yellow, male and female, must matter. If the NCAA isn't responsible enough to suspend the season, it should at the very least require that every athlete be given a choice on whether to take the risk, without losing the scholarship that has been promised to them.

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



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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

The Top 5 reasons most can't get a home loan #4 Lack of savings and assets

This week let me tell you that in my 29-year career, I have run across a lot of scenarios when it comes to "sourcing funds." That is the terminology lenders use for "tracking where the money came from".

These sourcing rules came about from days of gone when money-laundering was at an all-time high. Folks bringing bags of money putting in the bank days before closing and no explanation where it came from. Those days are gone, and you do have to prove where every dime that hits your account came from when doing a mortgage. So, if you need to wait for 60 days to make sure

that all new monies that hit can be tracked, then just wait. Any monies in there prior to 60 days before a loan will not be questioned. So, let me break this down a bit so you can get yourself prepared. When purchasing a home there are 4 pots of monies you will need, and the bank wants to know if you have

Brenda Dixon

enough money to complete the purchase. These monies can be either from your bank account, 401k account, or any other

sources that can be proven that it belongs to you and where it came from. 1) Down payment 2) Upfront/Prepays 3) Closing cost 4) Reserves. Depending on the loan program you are applying for, you may or may not have a down payment. There are several 100% financing options out here so definitely see if you can qualify for one of them. Otherwise, the next most popular for 1st-time buyers is an FHA loan with 3.5% of the purchase price as a down payment. The prepaid is a collection of fees like Earnest deposit, Due diligence fees, home/pest inspections, and appraisal. These fees totaling can range between \$1800-2500.

The closing cost will be paid at the end of the transaction at the closing table. These fees are lender fees, Attorney fees, 1-yr insurance paid upfront, the start of the tax/insurance escrow account, etc. The closing cost varies depending on the loan, price of the house, etc but typically they can range between \$4500-7000. The good news is that a good Realtor can usually negotiate for the seller of the home to pay all or at least some of the closing costs on your behalf. So, it's important that you make sure the Realtor you hire has mad negotiation skills. Lastly, Reserves are funds that will be left in your account after the down pay-

ment, prepaids and closing cost are out of it. The bank wants to know that you have at least 2-3 months of the new mortgage amount left in there in case you can't work for some reason because hey, they just want to know they can get paid, LOL. Now I know this is a lot of funds to come up with but here is where pre-planning and budgeting will come in. As stated, if you have a 401K or other assets that could be sold to get funds you need to purchase, all these things will help you. Your other option is gift funds. Lenders will allow for immediate family members to give you funds for any of these pots of money but those rela-

tives must be willing to prove that they had the money in their bank accounts for at least 60 days prior to giving you the funds. Relatives must also sign a statement saying the funds are indeed a gift and you are not expected to pay them back. Sit down, strategize, and get your monies up and then go ahead and Get That Deed.

Until next week, please share this info with at least 3 people and let them know to reach out if you want a free 1 on 1 to get a game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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New Hanover County Schools resumes limited athletic activities on July 6

NHCS will resume limited athletic activity for high school student athletes on July 6. Coaches and athletic trainers will follow the guidance provided by the NCHSAA Reopening Sports/Activities: Summer Guidance document when

conducting workouts. Workouts will focus on fitness and conditioning as allowed by the NCHSAA guidance. All sessions are optional for student athletes. Health care precautions include but are not limited to:

- Student athlete education

session

- Daily temperature checks
- Daily wellness checks
- Social distancing beyond the regular requirements
- Required use of face coverings by coaches
- Required use of face coverings by athletes when not

engaged in activity

- Increased hand hygiene
- Specific entrance and exiting processes of fields and gymnasiums

Additional precautions can be found in the NCHSAA Summer Guidance document. Families should con-

tact their school athletic director or visit their school's website next week for information on sports that are planning workout sessions for the week of July 6. For more information, contact NHCS high school athletic directors at the following

emails:

- AshleyAD Kelly.Lewis@nhcs.net
- HoggardAD Brad.Lewis@nhcs.net
- LaneyAD Fredrick.Lynch@nhcs.net
- NHHS AD Keith.Moore@nhcs.net

Brunswick County reports sixth death of county resident related to COVID-19

BOLIVIA, N.C. – Brunswick County Health Services is reporting the death of another county resident associated to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The individual was a resident at the Universal Health Care of Brunswick congregate living facility who received a positive test result for COVID-19. The patient was considered a person at high risk for severe illness as they were over the age of 65 and had underlying medical conditions. To protect the family's privacy, no further information about this patient will be released.

This individual is the sixth Brunswick County resident and second resident at this congregate care facility to pass away with a death related to the virus. Health Services reported on the passing of the first facility resident this past Saturday, June 27.

"It is with a heavy heart that we received this news today, and this individual's family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers," Chairman Frank Williams said.

As of Tuesday, June 30, there are now 22 residents and 14 employees at Universal Health Care of Brunswick who have received positive test results for COVID-19. These totals reflect the previously reported cases from June 13, June 17 and June 23* including the two deaths.

"We were saddened to hear that another positive resident at the facility had passed away so suddenly, and we extend our sympathies to those affected by this loss," Health Services Director Cris Harrelson said. "We urge all our residents to continue to take this virus seriously, as our cases continue to grow among individuals of all ages or health backgrounds.

We appreciate the efforts so many have taken to protect the most vulnerable in our communities and support our health care workers, but our work is far from done yet and we need everyone to take the initiative to help slow the spread."

Health Services conducts daily check-ins and regular conference calls with the Universal Health Care team to assess the situation and the actions taken to help the patients. Since June 23, Universal Health Care identified two more residents and three more employees through a third round of testing.

The facility is continuing to proactively test residents and staff that have tested negative in previous rounds to contain further spread as well as possible. Health Services and NCDHHS are also supporting Universal with any staffing

needs.

Positive facility residents are isolating in rooms in a dedicated section of the building and have staff members who only serve these individuals. Per NCDHHS guidance, all employees are wearing proper personal protective equipment (PPE) including face coverings while at work and all residents are wearing face coverings when leaving their rooms.

No further information concerning the facility's employees or residents will be shared. Health Services will provide another update should it identify additional positive cases at the facility in the future.

People can take simple actions each day to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, particularly through asymptomatic spread. Everyone is urged to follow the three Ws when visiting any public area to best protect one another:

These efforts work best when they are all practiced together by as many people as possible:

Wear a cloth face covering when in public (Make sure both your nose and mouth are fully covered and you are able to breathe normally while wearing it.)

Wait six feet apart to avoid close contact and maintain appropriate social distancing between yourself and others

Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer while also following other best hygiene practices

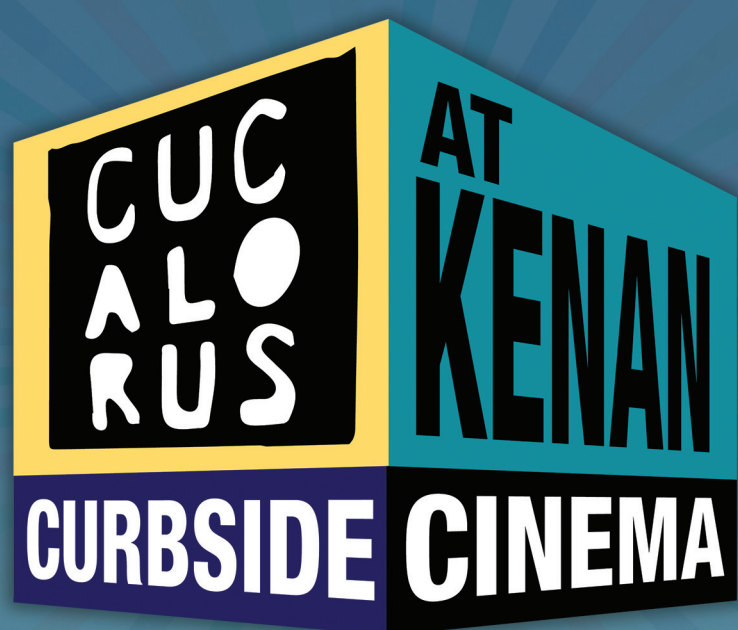
The Governor's Executive Order No. 147 has also extended Safer at Home Phase 2 to Friday, July 17 and now requires individuals to wear face coverings in certain public places—both indoor and outdoor—where staying six feet apart from others not in your household is impossible.

In the past six days, Health

Services has identified nearly 130 more residents who received positive COVID-19 test results, surpassing the 500 case count mark by the end of June. More positive cases are expected to be identified in the coming weeks due to the observed increase in activity at public places and lax behavior to social distance during get-togethers with family and friends from other households, in addition to the expected travel and activity that occurs during the Independence Day weekend.

As of Wednesday, July 1, six county residents have had deaths related to the virus. Health Services reported the first resident to pass away April 3, the second resident April 15, the third resident June 1, the fourth resident June 27, and the fifth resident June 29.

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PROTEST SIGNS

PROJECTED VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Anger and grief have gripped our city, our state, and our country. Voices have risen, our community has protested, and demonstrators have created passionate, poignant messages that are projected through their signs. Handmade, printed, painted, drawn with a marker, or put on a board - these signs tell a powerful story.

The Department of Art and Art History CAB Gallery and UNCW's Office of the Arts are collaborating on a virtual exhibition of these signs to run July 16 through August 30. The exhibition will be juried and include an opening day virtual gallery talk by Dr. Travis Williams.

Deadline for submission: **July 6 at midnight**
Up to three images per artist, No entry fee

Please send a hi-res image of your sign, your name and email address to: cabartgallery@uncw.edu. Your information will allow us to contact you if your image is selected and invite you to the virtual opening to be held on **July 16**. Gallery space is limited, but we plan to include all the work we can.



Accommodations for disabilities may be requested by calling 910.962.3500 at least three days prior to the event. UNCW is an EEO/AA institution.

Bobby Lee Batts

Bobby Lee Batts of Hampstead, North Carolina was born on March 8, 1954, to the late James Batts and Martha M. Batts. Bobby was also preceded in death by his brother, James W. Batts. On June 12, 2020, God saw his pain and sent an angel of mercy to escort him from earth to his eternal home. Graveside services were held on Friday, June 26, 2020, in St. John A.M.E. Church Cemetery, Hampstead, North Carolina.

Bobby attended Annandale Elementary and Topsail High School in Pender County. He furthered his education in New York. Later on he returned to his home in Hampstead, North Carolina. He joined St. John A.M.E. Church at an early age and remained a member.

He leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Vanessa Batts of Brooklyn, NY; close companion, Karen Marshall of the home, children, Nicholas Marshall of the home, Shinica Batts, Rhonda Batts, Bobby Lee Batts, Jr., Demond Batts, Nathaniel Batts, Bernard Batts and Jerome Collins all of New York; brothers, Freddie Batts of Hampstead, NC; Elijah Batts (Darlene) of Hampstead, NC; sister-in-law, JoAnn Batts of Hampstead, NC; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Services entrusted to *Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Nathaniel Lee Boynton

Nathaniel Lee Boynton died on June 17, 2020. Graveside services were held on Friday, June 26, 2020 at Calvary Cemetery.

Nathaniel, son of the late Benjamin and Gertie Boynton was born on January 3, 1952 in Wilmington, North Carolina. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three sisters, Dorothy Lee Boynton, Ella Mae Boynton and Ethel B. King. Nathaniel received his education in the New Hanover County Public School System, attending DC Virgo and Williston Senior High School. An avid Baseball player, Nae as he was affectionately known was an active member of a local baseball league called the "Red Tops", where he played the position of catcher. He loved baseball and would often tell stories of how he dominated the game. Nathaniel was employed with the City of Wilmington from which he retired after 30+ years. A gentle giant, Nathaniel, before his health began to decline could often be found sitting on the porch talking and sharing with family and friends. Even at the end of his earthly journey he never complained but would always state, "I'm Fine."

He leaves to cherish his memory: his children, Gwendolyn Johnson, Rev. Nathaniel (Detra) Johnson and Sherard (Lisa) Johnson; grandchildren, Tanika Edge, Jamaal Johnson, Beyonce Johnson and Ida Johnson; great-grandchildren, Jamari Brooks, Ja'Niya Brooks and Mason Robertson; sisters, Vermell Boynton, Juanita Boynton and Alease Boynton; brothers, Jimmy (Brenda) Boynton and Willie (Francis Boynton); special nieces, Angela (Melvin) Shae and Angel Ginwright; devoted friends, Randolph Pridgen and James I. Lewis, Jr. Nathaniel also leaves a

host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Loretta Goodman McMillan

Loretta Goodman McMillan on June 18, 2020. Graveside services were held Friday, June 26, 2020 at St. James AMEZ Church Cemetery, Snowfield.

Loretta was born in Brunswick County on October 25, 1964 to William and Clara Goodman. She was known to every youth and young person at heart as Aunt Loretta. She loved playing softball and eventually grew a love for bowling. Loretta was a walking logo for what family stood for; she wanted all the family members to know who their "kinfolks" were and would do anything for family, no matter the relation. In Loretta's mind and hear, her nieces and nephews held a special place. Their presence in her life kept her running along with her sidekick, "Uncle Whimp". Loretta was a favorite sister and best friend to all her brothers and sisters. The awesomeness about her love is that it did not stop with family. It poured over into the community from being a softball mentor; to making sure every child was singing in the choir to giving her home to people so they could revamp for better opportunities in life. Loretta was truly our guardian angel on earth. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sisters, Mary Catherine Hobbs and Patricia Burton; her brothers, Alfonza Goodman and Kenny Simpson; and her aunt, Shirley Hobbs Dailey.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Eugene mcmillan; stepson, Marcus mcmillan; sisters, Shirley Magnum (Anthony), Geraldine Galloway (Ernest), Christine Hobbs, Sabrina Goodman; brothers, Harvey Lee Hobbs (Linda), William Goodman, Jr., James Goodman, Andre Goodman (Erica), Danny Goodman (Erica), Timothy Hobbs (Gwen), Charles Goodman (Tracey); adopted brother, Keith Miller; uncle, Elijah Hobbs; aunts, Laura Mae Young (Richard) and Barra Ann Jones; mother in love, Martha Brown; sister in love, Niecy Brown; godson, Maliek Mapson; a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mamie Hollins

Mamie Hollins died on June 19, 2020. Funeral service were held Thursday, June 25, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Mamie Loyce (Johnson) Hollins, age 75, was born on August 7, 1944 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Georgianna and Shepard Johnson. Mother Hollins grew up in Winnabow, North Carolina. She attended Chapel Road Elementary School and graduated from Lincoln High School, Leland, North Carolina in 1962. She was joined in holy matrimony to Alfonzo Hollins. With the exception of being employed at Singers in Wilmington, North Carolina, she spent most of her adult life as a stay at home mom. Mother Hollins accepted Christ at an early age and joined St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Winnabow, North Carolina and was a faithful member for over 60 years until a deterioration of her health limited her ability to attend on a regular basis. During her many years of affiliation, she served as an usher; a choir member; a missionary, a musician,

and most recently as a church mother. Mother Hollins also served as a substitute pianist for other church choirs in the community for many years. She had passion for singing, playing the piano, and listening to gospel music. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Alfonzo Hollins; her oldest child, Stephanie Denise Johnson; 4 siblings: Johnnie Mae Spicer; Rebecca White, James Edward Bellamy; and Lubertha Jenkins; four nephews and a niece.

Mother Hollins leaves to cherish her precious memories: six children, Terry Hollins and Carolyn Hollins of Wilmington, North Carolina, Timothy (Fonda) Hollins of Castle Hayne, North Carolina, Michael (Betty) Hollins of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina and twin daughters, Retha (Landis) Hill and Letha Hollins of the homestead; 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; two siblings, her twin sister, Evelyn J. Johnson of Hamden, Connecticut and Esther (Alto) of Bloomfield, Connecticut; 4 special godchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends, including a best friend, friend, Quilla Mae Holden. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Willie Palmer

Willie Palmer died on June 17, 2020. Funeral service was held Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Willie Lee Palmer, 65, of Wilmington, North Carolina, was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on December 18, 2020. He was the second child of eight children born to the late John Richard Palmer and Catherine Walker Palmer. Willie worked for King Furniture Company for over 20 years and Fred Hardy's Carpet and Laceywell Carpet service for a number of years. Willie is survived by: his twin brothers, Ronald Ray Palmer of Sanford, NC and Donald Gene Palmer of Rocky Point, NC and Robert Palmer (Sabrina) of Wilmington, NC; his aunt, Essie Mae Haynes (Osbert) of Greensboro, NC; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*

Robert Kenneth Johnson

Robert Kenneth Johnson died on June 17, 2020. Graveside service was held Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Robert, affectionately known as "Rob", was born on December 15, 1962 in Wilmington, NC to the late Leroy "Pop" Johnson and Carolyn Green. He was educated in the New Haven School District in New Haven, Connecticut. He was a loving soft spoken and kind-hearted man who loved his family, friends and his late Husky, "Sadie".

He leaves to cherish precious memories: his mother Carolyn Green and foster father, Willie Thames of Wilmington, NC; his wife, Teri Johnson of Clermont, FL; two daughters, Lateesha Cooper of Meriden, CT and Atairea Cooper of Columbus, GA; son, Joshua P. Of Connecticut; a stepdaughter, Sandy B. Marques (Walter) of Canton, GA; five brothers, Eddie Jacobs (Gwen) of Wilmington, NC, Anthony Johnson of Bristol, CT, Stanley Johnson, Charles Green and Cereon Green all of Wilmington, NC; four sisters, Amanda Bryant (Steven), Carrie Johnson-White (Jamar) and Danielle Johnson all of Wilmington, NC and Charlene

Green of NJ; aunt, Johnnie Mae Pridgen (Randolph) of Wilmington, NC; uncles (Robert Keaton (Joyce) of Wilmington, NC and William Keaton (Debra) of Killeen, TX; great-aunt, Bettie Jenkins of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Harold A. Butcher, Sr.

Harold A. Butcher, Sr., 81, of Castle Hayne, North Carolina passed away on June 13, 2020 at his home. He was born in Dowingtown, Pennsylvania to the late Horace Sr. And Elizabeth Butcher on June 18, 1938. Harold married Clara Mitchell Butcher (deceased) on July 26, 1959 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He later married Maria Teresa Padilla Butcher on February 11, 2015 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He joined the United States Marine Corps. Harold was a veteran of the Vietnam War and retired after serving his country for 30 years as a Master Gunnery Sergeant in the Marine Corps. Harold Butcher, Sr., lived a long happy life and will be greatly missed. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Horace Butcher, Jr., Ronald Butcher, Sr., Robert Flowers, Thomas Flowers, Lois Flowers, Elizabeth Flowers, Lewis Ray Flowers and Inez Butcher.

He is survived by: his wife, Maria Butcher; children, Harold Butcher, Jr. Of Wilmington, NC, Yolanda Butcher Graham of Memphis, TN and Dennis Butcher (Wendy) of Spring Lake, NC; grandchildren: Kristine Graham of Seattle, WA, Monica Williams of Memphis, TN, Jade Butcher and Martin Butcher of Spring Lake, NC and Ricky Williams of North Carolina; sister, Eleanor Butcher of Coatesville, PA; and brother, Tommy Parker of Dowingtown, PA. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dwight Bullock

Dwight Bullock died on June 14, 2020. Memorial service was held Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son*

Funeral Home.

Charles Allen, Jr.

Charles Allen, Jr. died on June 25, 2020. Funeral service will be held 5:00 p.m. Saturday, July 4th at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Dorothy E. Johnson

Dorothy E. Johnson died on June 28, 2020. Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation is 12:00 p.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service on Monday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Agnes Wiggins Spicer

Agnes Wiggins Spicer died on June 28, 2020. Funeral service will be 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020 at the Wilmington Convention Center. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Monday at the Convention Center. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Michael J. Brown

Michael J. Brown died June 29, 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.*

Lillie Mae Vann

Lillie Mae Vann, 88 years old of Wilmington, North Carolina was born on March 22, 1932, and she went to be with the Lord one early morning on June 20, 2020. A celebration of Ms. Vann's life was held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home.

Lillie Mae was the daughter of the late Catherine and Dock Gaynos, of Wilmington, North Carolina. Lillie Mae was preceded in death by her siblings, Elizabeth (William) Nelson, Charles Gaynos, William Gaynos, and Catherine Jackson all natives of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Lillie Mae Vann was a faithful

wife to her husbands until death did them part, Edward Lee, Sr. of Wilmington, NC and Eugene Vann of Wilmington, NC.

Lillie Mae Vann was blessed with nine children and the following three preceded her in death: Marie Caldwell (baby), Daniel Caldwell and Edward Lee, Jr.

Lillie Mae leaves to celebrate her life her six children, Barbara Ford of Wilmington, NC, Robert Lee of Charlotte, NC, Pearlie Lee (Paulette) of Charlotte, NC, Andra J. Lee, Sr (Louise) Maple Hill, NC, Michelle D. Lee of Scotts Hill, NC, Octavia Ceasar Lee (Lena), Jacksonville, NC; a very special granddaughter, Latashiana Lee of Wilmington, NC, 20 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family would like to acknowledge a few incredibly special friends of Lillie Mae who were dear to her heart; Mr. Michael and Mrs. Bonnie Brown of Wilmington, NC who were dear friends to her for over 40 years and Mr. Alton Vann of Wilmington, NC, who was a true friend to her to the end.

Lillie Mae was an amazing woman of God who joined Prayer and Bible Church of God for all People on October 2, 1988, now known as God's Royal Family Church of God under the Shepherdship of Bishop Edward William. While at this church, she was a member of the choir in which she sang her songs with faith and conviction. Her faithfulness earned her the title of Mother in the church. We will forever remember her beautiful smile and outgoing personality. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Allice Gore

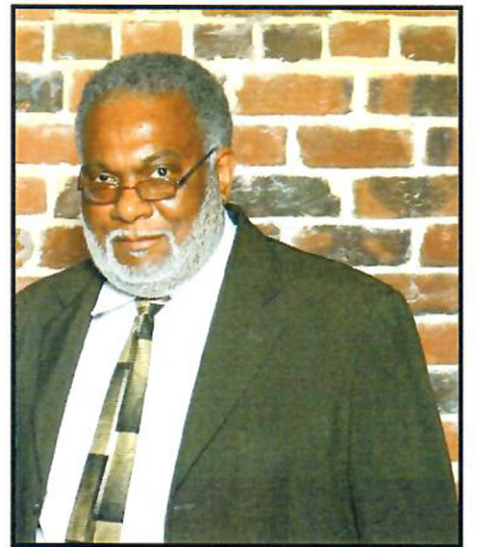
Allice Lucille Miller Gore was born January 16, 1925 in Northwest Township, NC. She was the oldest of six children born to the late

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TELL SOMEBODY

John 8:32 , "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Verse 36 "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Independence Day is celebrated every year on the Fourth of July to commemorate the day the United States gained their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States of America.



Sylvia Hooper

Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1941, but July 4th. has stood as the birth of American independence. July 4th. marks a pivotal moment in the American Revolution. Our nation annually celebrates the signing of the Declaration of

Independence in 1776. The pivotal day for Christians, of vital and critical importance to each of us, is the day we "got saved". Many of us can remember the day and remember the hour; that the Lord "saved" us with his holy power. Many of us can recall exactly where we were sitting, standing, or kneeling at the moment that we received Jesus Christ and embraced him as Savior and Lord. Spiritual freedom for many if not most of all Christians began when we were , "born again". Some may wonder, what does that mean exactly? The exact question was asked and answered by Jesus Christ from a Pharisee , named Nicodemus, who was a ruler of the Jews.

John 3:2-7, "The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, (indeed, in truth) I say

unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, (surely) I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter in the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh (natural birth); and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel Wonder) not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

Spiritual freedom began for many Christian converts, the moment they believed by faith that Jesus Christ is exactly who he says he is. Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Spiritual freedom began for some when they said the "sinner's prayer", and began to

(pray) call on the name of the Lord. Romans 10:13 says, For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Spiritual freedom began the moment they made the choice/decision to privately and openly confess that Jesus is their Lord and Savior , and believed in their heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Romans 10:10 says, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Spiritual freedom and independence arrived for Jesus ' disciples when they were "sealed" with the Promise of the Father, which is the Holy Ghost. Jesus stated in Acts 1:5 " For John truly baptised with water; but ye shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.(from this time)" Acts 1:8 goes further to say, "But ye shall receive power; after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,

and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

That promise for spiritual freedom was fulfilled in Acts 2nd. chapter, and is still being fulfilled in Christian believers today. Acts 2:1-4 states, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

II Corinthians 3:17 states, "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (freedom). May God bless each of you as you celebrate Independence Day on July 4th. and your personal spiritual Independence day, cele-

brating the day that the Lord set your soul free to serve, praise, worship, love and obey Him!!!! Tell Somebody, I'm Free, Praise the Lord , Hallelujah I'm Free!!!!

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

When do Black lives matter?

When do Blacks lives matter? (it's ok for blacks to kill blacks, that the message be sent to the world)

Black Lives must Matter first with the Black Church, the Family, and the Community! The child must matter first in the womb, if the child's life has no value in the womb, whom God says, "before I form thee in the belly I knew thee". There is a moral law that God says we reap what we sow.

Something is wrong with Black leadership that complains about the inhumane killing of chickens and never mention the inhumane killing of black babies. I believe this is an abomination in the sight

of God. I want to look at only one major city in the U. S. How many Blacks killed in Chicago for weekend June 28, 2020, 2 days ago - Four children were among the weekend's victims, including a 1-year-old ... By Sun-Times Wire Updated Jun 29, 2020, 8:33 am CDT ... Police said the shots may have come from a group of males who began firing ... when someone in a black vehicle shot him in the head, back and shoulder; authorities said.

Chicago Violence: At Least 16 Killed, 50 Wounded in ... www.nbchicago.com > news > local > Chicago-shooting...

2 days ago - Published June 28, 2020, o Updated on June 29, 2020, at 10:22 am ... The alleged gunman got into a black SUV and fled westbound on Lunt towards Clark Street. ... Violent Weekend Continues as Another Child Is Shot, Killed ... but was unable to relay any information about the shoot-

ing to authorities. He is ...

Chicago Weekend Shootings: 2 Dead, at Least 34 Wounded ... www.nbchicago.com > news > local > Chicago-weekend...

Jun 14, 2020 - Chicago police say that two people have been killed and at least 34 others have ... Published June 14, 2020, o Updated on June 15, 2020, at 12:12 pm ... The victim was walking across the street when an unknown black vehicle ...

20-month-old boy, 10-year-old girl among 14 people fatally ... abcnews.go.com > story

1. A total of 52 people were shot over the weekend in Chicago, authorities said. ... June 28, 2020, 4:50 PM ... children were killed in shootings across Chicago over the weekend. ... On May 31, the police investigated 18 homicides, most the city ... Police work at the scene where a person was fatally shot, June 21, 2020, in ...

Missing: Blacks ?! Must include: Blacks

(AP) - Police are searching for a suspect in the fatal shooting of a woman on ... Images of brutality against Black people spur racial trauma ... the police of any wrongdoing in the fatal shooting of an armed, suicidal 18-year-old man in ... June 28, 2020 ... as weekend shootings across Chicago left three children dead, including a ...

Last 72 Hours | Gun Violence Archive www.gunviolencearchive.org > last-72-hours

1. ... Date sort ascending · State · City Or County · Address · # Killed · # Injured, Operations ... June 28, 2020, Illinois, Chicago, 6800 blocks of S Sangamon St, 0,

Tracking Chicago homicide victims - Chicago Tribune www.chicagotribune.com > news > breaking > ct-chica...

1. Chicago homicides victims: Charts, maps tracking shooting victims. ... June

10. 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 J F M A M J J A S O N D ... Homicides tend to peak in the summer months, on the weekend and during later ... The majority of the victims of homicide in Chicago are young, black men. ... 3:15 PM, May 28.

3 youngsters shot and killed in the second deadly weekend in a ...

www.chicagotribune.com > news > breaking > ct-chica...

1. 1 day ago - "Too many times children are killed," Chicago police Chief Fred Waller told ... A bullet hole is seen June 28, 2020, in the second-floor window of a ... The gunman ran to a black SUV that traveled west on Lunt toward Clark ...

Jun 6, 2020 - Overall crime in Chicago fell by 20% in May 2020 compared to the same period last ... Kids March For Black Lives Matter ... Murders were also up by about 60%, with 85 reported in May 2020 compared to 53

last year. ... Police said 1,258 people were arrested in Chicago that weekend, with 699 of those ...

Shootings Across Chicago Kill 3 Kids; Cops Ask Public's Help ... news.wttw.com > 2020/06/28 > shootings-across-chicago...

1. Associated Press | June 28, 2020, 6:01 pm ... state and federal support Sunday as weekend shootings across Chicago left three children dead, ... The Saturday night death was among at least 10 shooting fatalities since Friday evening, which ... Police: Total Crime Down in May, but Homicides, Shootings on the Rise in 2020. The hope of the Black community is only in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

OBITUARIES

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William Lewis and Thressia Radford Miller. As a child she came to know God and became a member of the Bethel AME Church in Northwest Leland, NC.

On September 13, 1945 she joined in a lifetime partnership with Edgar Lee Gore of Southport in Brunswick County. They lovingly walked together in wedlock for more than 34 years. To see them together was to witness a degree of happiness experienced by many couples, for theirs was indeed a marriage founded and based on mutual love of God and each other.

She was a graduate of Williston High School of Wilmington, NC. After marrying Edgar Gore, they resided in Southport. Alice was a member of Mt. Carmel AME church in Southport, NC for over 70 years. She was a dedicated church member who enjoyed flowers, cooking, gardening and spending time with her grand and great-grandchildren. Through her life, Alice was lovingly known by many names, and she answered to them all.

In addition to her parents and husband, Alice's daughter, Jennifer Lorraine Gore Stewart, and siblings Sidney Louis Miller, Ernest Edward Miller, George Eugene Miller, William Haywood Miller and Mabel Vivian Miller

Grainger all preceded her in death.

On June 20, 2020 Alice departed this life for her home in glory. Graveside services were held on Friday, June 26, 2020 at John N. Smith Cemetery in Southport.

She left behind 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many others who will remember the happiness she shared with them. Survivors include: Mrs. Janice Gore Barlow of Southport, NC, Mr. Edgar Lee Gore Jr. (Wanda) of Leland, NC, Mrs. Alexis Gore Graves (Clayton) of Southport, NC, as well as grandchildren: Ms. Kimberly Ruffin of Wilmington, NC, Mrs. Toy Gore Marrow (Ronald) of Fuquay-Varina, NC, Mrs. Heather Suttler-Blanche (Nate) of Richmond, VA, Mrs. Ashley Suttler-Martin (Felton) of Charlotte, NC, and Mr. Edgar Lee Gore III (Denise) of Leland, NC. Also surviving are great-grandchildren: DeMarcus Stewart, Jamarion Marrow, Gabriel Blanche, Isaac Blanche, Eve Blanche, Hannah Blanche, Genevieve Martin, Fiona Martin, Jordan Gore and Niyema Gore. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

William Smith

William Corneilus Smith, son

of the late James Daniel Smith and Lillian Love Randolph Smith was born May 27, 1947.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ called Neil home Sunday, June 21, 2020. Graveside services were held on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Piney Grove Community Cemetery.

Neil, as he was affectionately called was introduced to our Lord and Savior at an early age. It I then our choice-choose you this day whom ye will serve.

Neil attended the Brunswick County Schools. He worked in many jobs, mainly he was a Woodman, who loved the outdoors. Family gatherings will never be the same now, he always brought excitement and lots of energy to every event.

His given name William Corneilus Smith was given to him by our late Aunt Smiley, she said it was a rich man name. He was married to Carrie May Hewett.

He was preceded in death by his Parents: James Daniel Smith and Lillian Love Randolph Smith; brothers, Levi Smith, James Smith, Jr., Alonza Smith, Dartidge Smith, Jessie Lee Smith, John Henry Smith and Walter Lee Smith; Sisters, Mary Alice Smith Carr, Gertrude Sidberry and Ruby Louise Smith.

Neil leaves precious memories behind that will always live in our hearts, minds and thoughts. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please

share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Malik M. Bryant

Malik M. Bryant, age 24, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, June 21, 2020.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Malik attended New Hanover High School and his favorite activities were playing basketball and rapping. Although he was only with us a short time, he was loved by many.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his father, Rico Bryant of the home; mother, Jamara McDuffie of Wilmington; sisters, Shakara McDuffie of Wilmington and Dyshika "Bria" Bryant of Raleigh, 3 nieces and a host of other family and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Fred D. Galloway

Fred "Mills" D. Galloway, Sr., age 86, of Hampton, VA (formerly of Supply), passed away Monday, June 22, 2020. Public viewing will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 1705 Southport Supply Rd SE, Bolivia, NC 28422.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Galloway Cemetery in Supply. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Floyd E. Fennell

On the early morning of June 22, 2020, God called and Floyd answered. Floyd E. Fennell was born on December 2, 1937 in Rocky Point, NC, to the late Troy McClain Fennell and Cora Miller Fennell. He is preceded in death by his older sister Maggie Daniels of Cleveland, OH. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System, where he attended Williston Sr. High School and excelled in his tailoring classes. Floyd was quiet and never asked for much. He was never a man full of words or plentiful emotion, but all of his children knew they were loved. He was a provider and made sure his family was well taken care of. In his earlier years, he enjoyed fishing, being among friends and was a very good mechanic, taught by his father. After high school, he was employed as a crew leader in the maintenance department with Piedmont Airlines, which later became USAirways. He was later promoted to the Linemen Crew where he guided the planes on and off the runways. He spent

33 successful years with USAirways before retiring in 2002.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his dedicated wife of many years, Evelyn Fennell, two sons Ernest Fennell and Anthony Fennell (Regina), four daughters Sharon Fennell, Yvette Fennell of Charlotte, NC, Deidre Fennell, and LaToya Dixon (Roland), six grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. A brother Kenneth Fennell (Winnie) of Newport News, VA, and Mamie Martin (Earnest) of Baton Rouge, LA; brother-in-law Russell Jackson (Emma) and sister-in-law Kay Frances Jackson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Helen E. Mapson

Helen E. Mapson, age 91, of Leland, passed away Saturday, June 27, 2020.

Graveside services will be held at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery in Leland. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

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NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Lucile B. Whedbee**, 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 **11th day of September, 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 11th day of June, 2020.

Carole W. Ellis, Executrix of the Estate of Lucile B. Whedbee
3817 Sweetbriar Rd
Wilmington, NC 28403
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified on the 4th day of June, 2020 as Executrix of the Estate of **Edward Lee Crumdy (2020-E-539)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 1672, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402 on or before the **9th day of September, 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 5th day of June 2020.

Thomas Crumdy
Executrix
of the Estate of Edward Lee Crumdy
c/o Gwendolyn Burrell, Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 1672
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Jeffrey Christopher Rowe**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of September, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of June, 2020

Edna Faye Rowe, Administrator
1013 Grathwol Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Laura Lee Billings (20-E-490)**, 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 **September 11, 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 9th day of June, 2020.

Charlotte Noel Fox
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co- Administrators of the estate of **Julia Ann Simpson Smith**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of September, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of June, 2020

Jeffrey R. Smith, Co-Administrator
215 S. 14th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Stephanie V. Simpson,
Co-Administrator
4902 Apt. D Spring Lake Drive
Charlotte, NC 28212

June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2020

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 27th day of May, 2020, as Executrix of the Estate of **JAMES W. CHAPMAN a/k/a JIM CHAPMAN**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executrix, Ann H. Chapman, at 8816 Sawmill Creek Lane - Wilmington, NC 28411, on or before the **30th day of September, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 26th day of June, 2020.

ANN H. CHAPMAN, EXECUTRIX
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

July 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 1st day of June, 2020, as Executrix of the Estate of **PAUL DEMURO**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executrix, Anne Z. DeMuro, at 1201 Futch Creek Road, Wilmington, NC 28411, on or before the **30th day of September, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 26th day of June, 2020.

ANNE Z. DEMURO, EXECUTRIX
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
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July 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 19 JT 213

IN THE MATTER OF: C.R.M (DOB: 08/25/2019)

TO: RESPONDENT: CRYSTAL VANCELEAVE, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **June 25, 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 and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Lyana Hunter was previously appointed to represent Crystal Vanceleave, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **AUGUST 10, 2020**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 19th day of June, 2020.

Karen F. Richards, Attorney
New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
PO Box 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 798-3526 (phone)
(910) 798-7833 (fax)

June 25, July 2, 9, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **John Charles Hodell**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of September 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 11th day of June, 2020.

Judith Ann Hodell, Executrix of the Estate of John Charles Hodell
1480 Avenida Rincon 102
Santa Fe, NM 87506
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2020

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **French Lewis**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of September 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 11th day of June, 2020.

Gregory Neal Lewis, Executrix of the Estate of French Lewis
2103 Mederia Court
Wilmington, NC 28405
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1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jimmy Lee Bailey**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **25th day of September, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of June, 2020

Sandra B. Curtiss, Executrix
7855 Trap Way
Wilmington, NC 28412

June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Casey T. Monaghan, having qualified on the 17th day of June, 2020, as Administrator C.T.A. of the Estate of **David C. Monaghan, (2020-E-609)**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **28th day of September, 2020**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 25th day of June 2020.

Casey T. Monaghan
Administrator C.T.A.
ESTATE OF David C. Monaghan
David Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of **Perlie Henry Davis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of July, 2020

Russell Davis, Jr., Administrator
CTA
3202 Graylyn Terrace
Wilmington, NC 28411
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Linda Louise Kuharcik (20-E-625)**, 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 **October 2, 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 2nd day of July, 2020.

Katherine K. Russell
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 20 JT 99

IN THE MATTER OF: J.J.S (DOB: 05-01-2020)

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following **JUNE 18, 2020** which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **JULY 20, 2020**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in courtroom 100 of the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 18th day June, 2020.

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

June 18, 25, July 2, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GO ENERGIES COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, L.L.C.

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Po Box 4087
Wilmington, NC 28406
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July 2, 2020

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