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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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REV. JESSE JACKSON

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

COMMUNITY TALK NEEDED

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I've read all kinds of letters and opinions written in newspapers or heard on television and Facebook half truths and fake news. Some of this was actually taught in school, but now we fine that it is untrue. It's time for a community talk wherein I respect your opinion and you respect mine. In such a session of talk, we can find ourselves face to face with the true facts. Hate is a bad tool! It works fast and spreads across this land with a vengeance that's like no other, but truth can stop it in its tracks.

We read that there are no racial problems and that, if Black people would stop using race as an excuse, they would have no problems, but why do they keep making laws against people of color? Why do we accept the moral

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D.A. David: Brandon Smith case is closed despite audio

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

New Hanover District Attorney Ben David reiterated this week a decision he made in November 2013. That is that the police shooting death of Brandon Davone Smith is closed.

Despite new public inquiries into Smith's killing, David said in a press release, "This matter is closed and no new evidence has been presented that would cause the State Bureau of Investigation to reopen this investigation."

The family of Brandon Smith has maintained throughout that, despite claims by David and New Hanover County Sheriff Ed McMahan that Smith was respon-

sible for the October 10, 2013 shooting of a NHC Sheriff's detective in Wilmington's Creekwood community, Smith was innocent. The officer was wounded.

According to authorities, Smith, 30 at the time, had a history of violent felonies dating back to the 1990's and refused to turn himself in.

Three days later, NHC deputies cornered Smith after a footchase and fatally shot him when he refused to show them his hands.

No gun nor weapon was found at the scene nor on his person after the shooting.

Weeks later, after D. A. David justified the shooting, Sheriff McMahan defended his deputies, saying, "It's not okay when you are

being apprehended to refuse and act aggressively. That's just not acceptable."

Smith's estranged wife said she didn't believe that he would shoot a law enforcement officer.

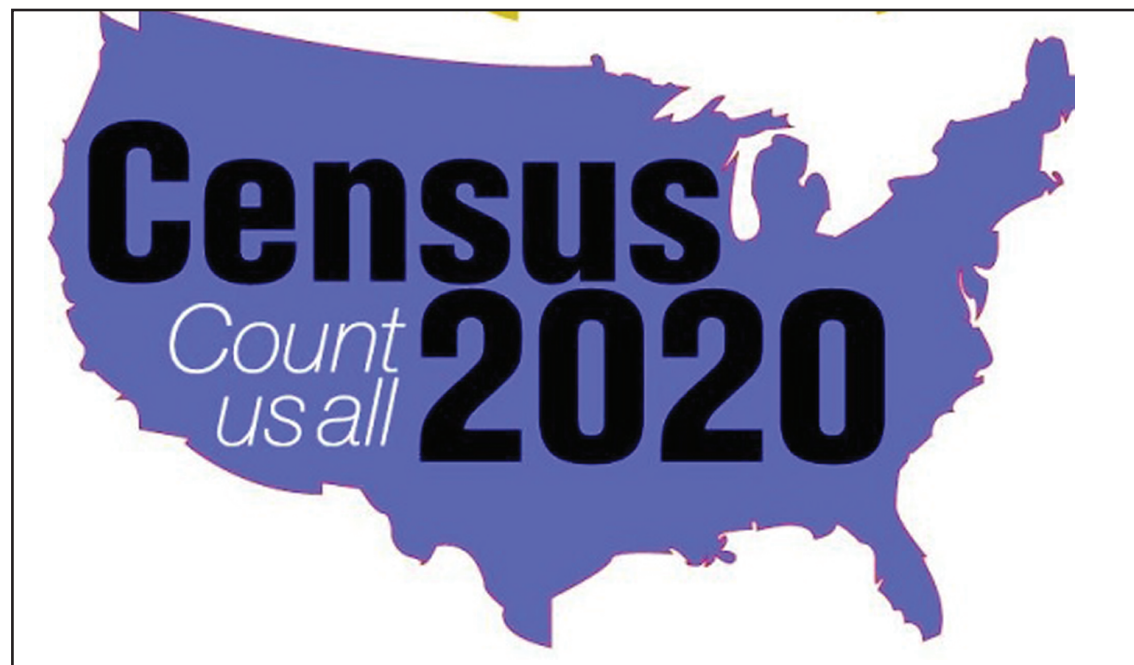
"I don't even think he shot the deputy," Lindsey Smith said. "I think they are just blaming him. They said they were looking for him. So, instead of getting him and taking him into custody they shot him down and murdered him."

The rest of Smith's family also cast doubt on his slaying and the way authorities say it happened. As evidence, they point to an audio recording of the shooting



BRANDON DAVONE SMITH

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NUL: 2010 Census omitted 3.7 Million Blacks - Nearly five times its original 'undercount' claims

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - A special report released by the National Urban League reveals that the U. S. Census Bureau omitted at least 3.7 million African-Americans from its 2010 count, nearly five times the 800,000 "undercount" that the bureau has long reported.

Largely due to the Coronavirus, the sluggish response to the 2020 Census count now underway is on track for the same or even worse results, NUL predicts. The organization says the Black community stands to lose billions of dollars and significant political power if some-

thing is not done quickly to speed up and establish a more accurate count.

"As a gauge, last decade, 9% of Black people in the U.S. (approximately 3.7 million people), were missed in the 2010 Census - an "omission" rate higher than any other racial or ethnic group," says NUL's 12-page "State of the 2020 Census" report released June 17. "Preliminary assessments of 2020 Census household response rates to date, portend the potential loss of bil-

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African-Americans see peril in GOP push to send children to school

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The community which sends its children to North Carolina Public Schools the most is concerned about sending their children now, given the limited plans available to ensure safety from the coronavirus pandemic.

African-American students comprised approximately 25.7% of the NC Public Schools' population for the 2015-16 school year. Assuming that percentage has remained fairly consistent in the years since, that means that Black students routinely make up one fourth of all students attending.

Yet high profile Republicans, from President Donald Trump to NC Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger, are demanding that all students return to school this fall, and do so without regard to catching or transmitting the deadly virus.

In their children being sent to schools where it would be next to impossible to enforce mask wearing, social distancing and the constant washing of hands.

Some were even "We're very much going to put pressure on governors and everybody else to open

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GOP not giving up getting voter ID for November

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Even though two North Carolina courts have ruled that voter photo identification will not be implemented for the upcoming Nov. 3, 2020 elections, North Carolina Republicans simply refuse to take "no" for an answer.

And that's making state Democrats a bit nervous.

Republicans filed a motion in State Superior Court on July 9, noting that the N. C. Court of Appeals, earlier in the year, granted an injunction against voter ID for the November elec-

tions but now should reconsider because the GOP-led legislature passed House Bill 1169 removing one of the issues that triggered the injunction in the first place.

HB 1169, which passed with bipartisan support, primarily deals with election issues pertaining to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

However, among the issues addressed was allowing poll workers to now allow public assistance identification to be used as voter ID. That was not one of the ID's allowed in the 2018 voter ID bill that spurred lawsuits resulting in injunctions, stopping the law's enactment.

But in granting the injunction stopping voter

ID for November, a judge noted the absence of allowing public assistance cards from what was allowed in the 2018 bill.

"With the enactment of HB 1169, the General Assembly has adopted nearly every 'ameliorative' amendment proposed ... and it also has addressed the key shortcoming identified by the Court of Appeals," Speaker Tim Moore, a Republican, boasted in a statement after passage.

If there is a possible saving grace for

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standards for which the Trump Administration stands? The standards set by President Obama were high standard without the public lying on television and in other media. There is a conservation that needs to be had between the White community leaders and people of color. The truth needs to be confronted and dealt with in our communities and then the nation. I hear folks say, "I grew up with Black people and call them my friends." They say they are happy without Black Lives Matter and the confederate monuments and want to know what's the problem with all the other Black people. Maybe you haven't had a talk with them about these problems, or you would rather that they be quiet and you would as soon not know their opinion because it differs from yours. You might find that you hold a racist opinion and don't even know it! It's time to have a talk about the truth.

Bernest Hewett is  
President Emeritus of the  
Brunswick County NAACP.

## SMITH

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from one of the officers on scene.

"So it's like they had it set in their minds what they were gonna do from the beginning," Georgia Davis, Brandon Smith's sister, told a local television station. "And then they did it, and

we wanna know why."

"The audio was captured by an in-car camera from a law enforcement vehicle that was away from the scene of the shooting," said D. A. David in his press release this week. "The technology that captured this audio was not like how many body cameras operate now with the camera and microphone in one unit

on the wearer. The officer wearing the microphone connected to this audio was a WPD K39 officer. He was one of many law enforcement officials from numerous agencies who responded to the scene and was not one of the personnel involved in the shooting."

David continued, "Audio from this incident is now circulating on social media.

This audio is not new evidence. The SBI, the prosecutors who assessed the case, the family of Brandon Smith and their civil attorney had the benefit of reviewing the entire investigative file years ago, including this audio. Members of the SBI and my office met with the Smith family attorney on at least two different occasions to

allow them to review all the evidence (including allowing the attorney to interview the lead case agent from the SBI). The Smith family chose not to file a civil case within the five year statute of limitations. They, and others on their behalf, now seek to litigate this case in the press. That is not the proper venue to arrive at the truth."

## CENSUS

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lions of dollars in federal funding allocations, power and political representation for the Black population, if nothing is done to stop this trend."

Using the mapping tool of the City University of New York (CUNY), the NUL reports that "currently, approximately 25% of households residing in predominantly Black areas are in the bottom 20% of response rates (below 50%)," so far.

Among the report's key findings:

- Young Black Children are poised to experience historic undercounts in the 2020 Census...Seven out of 10 black and brown children 0-5 years old were not counted in the 2010 Census.

- Several large cities and jurisdictions with predominate or large Black populations trail their state response rates by 10 or more percentage points (i.e., St. Louis, Mo., Los Angeles, Calif., Miami, Fla., and Detroit, Mich.

- The U.S. Census Bureau's enumeration of persons experiencing homelessness has not occurred.

- The U.S. Census Bureau's difficulty in rescheduling the enumeration of college and university students and conducting outreach targeting these communities with clear and concise guidance, will impact local communities and the black count overall, if not corrected.

- An undercount of the Black population in southern states will impact the overall Black count in America. One U.S. Census Regional Census Center is responsible for enumerating the seven states (Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana),

with significant Black populations in the 2020 Census.

The Census count started April 1. People can respond by phone, mail or online. Through July, August, September, and October, Census workers will escalate their attempts to count college students; plus anyone who has not responded by going to homes until the end of October.

Civil rights organizations have gone into high gear with an educational campaign pushing the importance of an accurate Census count to the Black community and other communities of color. Yet, it appears that the extent of the Census omissions in 2010 is now being widely reported for the first time.

"The U.S. Census Bureau and the current Administration must do all that it can to ensure an accurate count of the Black population by reallocating media resources and outreach to address these circumstances," says NUL President/CEO Marc H. Morial in a release accompanying the report. "Historically, African Americans have been undercounted each decade. Approximately 3.7 million African Americans were entirely uncounted in the 2010 Census. The 2020 Census raises new risks and uncertainties that put an already vulnerable Black count at extreme risk."

The 3.7 million omission appears even more extreme when compared to numbers used by other civil rights groups. A simple Google search turned up a March 2019 "Fact Sheet" led by the Leadership Conference Education Fund (a subsidiary of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights) which was also signed by the Georgetown Law School's Center on Poverty and Inequality and by the Economic Security and

Opportunity Initiative.

The Fact Sheet states, "The 2010 Census undercounted the African-American population by more than 800,000." The "800,000" number is footnoted and attributed to a 2012 U.S. Census Bureau press release announcing estimates of undercounts.

Yet another number has been used by the NAACP for the 2010 Census undercount. Page 7 of a federal lawsuit filed two years ago by the NAACP against the U. S. Census Bureau, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and President Donald Trump states, "The 2010 Census did not account for 1.5 million black and Hispanic residents, which would be enough people to fill two Congressional districts."

NUL's omission number of "3.7 million"; the Leadership Conference's undercount of "more than 800,000" and the NAACP's combined "undercount of 1.5 million Black and Hispanic" residents. This scenario raises the question. Which one is correct?

In response to questions from the Trice Edney News Wire, the Census Bureau and the civil rights organizations sought to explain the conflicting numbers. For the most part, the explanations remain fuzzy at best, opening yet more questions than providing answers. The confusion apparently comes down to the vague difference between the terms "net undercount" and "omissions".

In response to an inquiry from the Trice Edney News Wire, Census consultant, Terri Ann Lowenthal, said she is the source of the NUL's 3.7 million omission number. She emailed a one paged document in which she listed the "net undercount" of Black people as 827,152 (2.06 percent) and "Omissions" as 3,734,229 (9.3 percent).

As for the NAACP's lawsuit, which says the "2010 Census did not account for 1.5 million black and

Hispanic residents", Lowenthal's document appears to dispute that number.

"Many news articles and even some fact sheets have incorrectly cited a figure of '1.5 million minorities missed in the 2010 Census,'" Lowenthal says in a footnote. "From what I can tell, that number is loosely derived from the national net undercount of Blacks (~ 827,000) and Hispanics (of any race) (~764,000) in the 2010 Census."

In another email, Beth Lynk, Census campaign director for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, which reported the "more than 800,000" undercount in its fact sheet, recommended a book, titled "Differential Undercounts in the U. S. Census. Who is Missed?"

Lynk described the book as a "great resource on omissions." But the "Terminology" chapter of that book, by social demographer William P. O'Hare, clearly implies that the Census use of the term "net undercount" to describe people who were not counted is erroneous.

O'Hare's book states, "It is important to recognize that the net undercount does not reflect the number of people missed even though the term undercount is often used to suggest this. As stated earlier, net undercounts reflect a balance of people missed and people counted more than once or otherwise included erroneously," O'Hare writes.

Jeri Green, consultant and senior advisor to the NUL on Census matters, said in an interview that its cited 3.7 million Black "omissions" from the 2010 Census is accurate without question.

Green is a former senior advisor for civic engagement in the office of the Census Bureau director. She is also a specialist on engagement with civil rights organizations and historically undercounted populations as they relate to critical 2020 Census

issues.

"The cold-blooded straight up number of Black people that were missed in the 2010 Census is that number, 3.7 million," Green says. "It's a number that you won't see out there. But I can give you reference after reference of 3.7 million Black people who were missed in the Census - using the Census Bureau's own figures."

Meanwhile, the NUL's State of the 2020 Census" report has sounded an alarm, apparently using the words "undercount" and "omissions" interchangeably.

"A census undercount of any population in the U.S. would have far-reaching implications. For Black populations, the consequences would be devastating, particularly in the aftermath of COVID-19 which has exposed deep systemic and underlying economic, wealth and health disparities within African American communities.

Similarly, as racially-motivated police brutality in the Black community continues with deadly effect, an accurate census count helps ensure fair political representation and federal funding to address these concerns," Morial says in the Executive Summary of the report. "The purpose of this State of the 2020 Census report is to 'sound the alarm' about the current status of the Black census count. Over the past three months of 2020 Census operations (starting last March 12th for most of the United States), the National Urban League has observed low response rates across heavily populated Black localities - both urban and rural. As a contributing factor, COVID-19 has disrupted Census operations off and on, for the entire nation. A full, fair, and accurate 2020 Census count remains imperative as we rebuild our communities in a post COVID-19 environment."



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their own history, then the hunters  
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**STATE BRIEFS**



**ST. AUG U WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT**

[RALEIGH] After a national search, the Board of Trustees at Saint Augustine's University announces the appointment of Dr. Irving Pressley McPhail as the University's 12th President, effective

July 15, 2020. Irving Pressley McPhail is founder and chief strategy officer at the McPhail Group LLC. A senior executive in higher education, urban public-school administration, and the nonprofit sector, Dr. McPhail was previously the sixth president and CEO at the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. (NACME), founding chancellor at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC), president

at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, and president at Lemoyn-Owen College. He also served as university provost at Pace University, vice president and dean of academic affairs at Delaware State University, and chief operating officer at the Baltimore City Public Schools.

**FIRST BLACK WOMAN APPOINTED TO RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL**

[RALEIGH] for the first

time in its history, the Raleigh City Council this week appointed an African-American woman to serve on council. Atty. Stormie Forte will now represent District D on council, a seat vacated by former Councilman Saige Martin, who recently resigned amid allegations of sexual misconduct. Atty. Forte was selected from over fifty qualified candidates. She will serve out Martin's unfinished term, which will end in 2021.

**SEN. TILLIS SAYS VOTERS SHOULD BACK TRUMP BECAUSE LIFE WAS GOOD BEFORE THE PANDEMIC**

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] U.S. Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC) said this week that voters should not judge either President Trump nor the Republican Party on how they've mismanaged the coronavirus pandemic, but on how "good" their lives were before the virus. "...You know why I know we're going to win?" Tillis

rhetorically asked during remarks at last week's NC GOP Convention. "Because people remember how good their lives were back in February." Senator Tillis is in a tough election campaign against Democratic challenger Cal Cunningham.

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**SCHOOL**

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the schools," Trump told a White House roundtable last week, threatening to withhold federal funding from those states that don't.

Given how the COVID-19 pandemic is disproportionately affecting the Black com-

munity, African-Americans on social media aren't interested very suspicious of Trump's and the Republicans' motives for pushing for full school re-opening so strong.

"Hell no," declared a Facebook poster named Karen. "Our Black children will die, and they don't care."

"The rich kids are in private schools or are home

schooled," chimed in another Facebook poster named Veronica. "The kids that will be harmed with unsafe and badly managed re-opening will disproportionately be Black and brown kids."

"School re-opening must be guided by science for the safety of all kids. Local school boards, parents, teachers and staff need to be at the forefront of re-

opening plans, not politicians with their own agendas," Veronica concluded. And even public school teachers are expressing concern about managing their classes without stronger safety assurances.

On Tuesday, Gov. Roy Cooper unveiled three re-opening plans. The first involves minimal social distancing; the second increas-

es social distancing at no more than 50 percent capacity and on school buses at no more than 33 percent capacity; the third would implement remote computers only.

Cooper pushed the second, or Plan B, but also recommended the third, or Plan C or school districts if better suited.

Face masks will be required for all students,

teachers and staff through 12th grade, along with daily symptom screenings.

Some large school districts, like Guilford, Wake and Durham, have already approved Plan B. Charlotte-Mecklenburg will vote on a choice. New Hanover is scheduled to release the results of a parent survey this week.

**VOTER ID**

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Democrats, it's this. Public

assistance cards don't normally have photographs on them.

It will be up to a state judge whether HB 1169 satis-

fies that voter ID should be allowed in time for the Nov. 3 elections.

It was earlier this year when a three-judge state

appellate panel ruled that the 2018 voter ID law was designed with "discriminatory intent," as alleged in lawsuits by six Wake

County defendants and issued injunctions staying the law until trial.

Last December, a federal judge issued a temporary

injunction against the 2018 voter ID law, saying that she saw evidence of racial discrimination in the way the law came about.

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### RAINBOW COALITION

#### A new generation of protest holds great promise for America

On April 3, 1968, the day before the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the civil rights leader stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, with Hosea Williams and Jesse Jackson on his right and Ralph Abernathy on his left. AP Photos

The inspiring rise of a new generation protesting against racial injustice is driving a new era of change in America, like the generation that emerged 60 years ago to build the civil rights movement of that time.

July 16, 1960 is marked in my memory: that is the day I joined seven other friends to walk into the whites-only Greenville Library, and to be arrested for violating the segregation laws.

That was more than five years after the 1954 Brown v. Board Supreme Court decision that declared "separate but equal" — the lie that justified segregation — a violation of the U.S. Constitution. Yet in Greenville, South Carolina, where I grew up, nothing had changed.

We still lived in a segregated bubble. The public library, the buses, the schools, the pool — all were still segregated. There were no Black police officers, or firemen, no Black elected officials. Even the graveyard was segregated. Our options were limited. For example, graduating from high school, I could not even apply to Furman or to Clemson or to the University of South Carolina. I went to the University of Illinois on a football scholarship.

When I returned from Christmas vacation in 1959, I could not use the public library to do my assignments. The Blacks-only library did not have the book I needed; the white library did, but I could not walk in the door. I vowed that I would not accept that when I came home in the summer.

Protests were beginning to spread, as a young generation decided to burst the bubble of segregation and claim their rights under the Constitution. Students in Nashville and Greensboro and elsewhere were beginning the sit-ins. The July demonstration at the library was a turning point in my life, as demonstrations were for many across the South.

We met with fierce resistance. We were denounced as outside agitators, tarred as socialists or communists, and suffered from violent opposition from private vigilantes and uniformed police officers.

But the movement kept building and would not go back. In 1964, we won the Public Accommodations Act, that declared an end to segregated public facilities. In 1965, we won the Voting Rights Act, propelled in part by the horrible spectacle of the police riot on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. Personally, I started working with Dr. King in 1965.

The barriers that we struck down opened the way for a new South. Industries and modern companies like CNN would come to the South. As universities desegregated, so did athletic fields. Professional teams like the Atlanta Braves could be built. African Americans began to win elections at the state, local and national level.

We broke the chains of legal apartheid in the United States and transformed the country. Yet, as we have witnessed time and again, we did not end racism in this country. We did not succeed in breaking the biased institutional structures that still enforce racial injustice — from red-lined neighborhoods to savagely unequal schools to wage and hiring discrimination to a dangerously discriminatory criminal justice system. Dr. King's drive for economic equality as the next stage of the civil rights movement was cut short by his assassination.

Now a new generation is emerging to challenge these injustices. The demonstrations in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder have been the largest in our history.

On opinion surveys, a stunning 15 million to 26 million Americans report that they have participated in demonstrations for Black lives in 2,500 places from small towns to big cities. Forty percent of the counties in the country have witnessed protests. White participation has far exceeded that in the first civil rights movement.

And already politicians have begun to respond — reforming police practices, banning choke holds. Mississippi legislators voted to retire the state flag with its Confederate battle emblem.

This new generation of protest holds great promise for America. Despite its breadth and depth, it will face great resistance — and not simply from a Donald Trump desperate to discredit it for his political purposes. Entrenched interests will resist change. The movement is focused on reforming areas — criminal injustice, economic inequalities, basic economic and political rights — that threaten the privileged and the powerful.

Yet what we learned 60 years ago is that when people move, change is possible. Then the powerful forces of segregation that seemed overwhelming could not withstand the moral force of a generation not willing to put up with glaring injustice silently. Now this generation has an opportunity to make America better, and the lives and options of millions are at stake in their struggle. This is a time for anyone with a conscience and a pulse to join this extraordinary movement.

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



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

## VISUAL VOICE



## YOUR VOICE

### HATRED WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

A person's legacy is of paramount importance. It is the accomplishments of someone's life against which all is measured. Institutions change, and with that change can come a shift in culture and behavior contrary to the achievements of a predecessor. This is the dilemma in which I find myself. As the Police Chief of the Wilmington Police Dept from 1997 to 2003, I find the department vastly different from the one I left.

Several years after the 1998 Wilmington commemoration of a historical event of great injustice, The Wilmington Black Muslim Community

awarded its prestigious "Dove Peace Award" to the Wilmington Police Department, approved at the highest level of their national organization.

During my tenure, I took great pride in the Wilmington Police Department team in their effective community outreach, especially to minority communities in the city. While not perfect, our department had the respect from those whose voices were sometimes repressed. Such outreach took continual effort, often met with suspicion until we reached a level of trust. The next major effort was to retain that trust once gained. When there were setbacks, we acknowledged them, corrected

them, apologized sincerely to those who were adversely impacted and tried to design a system which avoided repeating such setbacks. Sadly, today the department has damaged that community trust.

Those who have calling to serve the public in law enforcement must have compassion and commitment to treat all fairly with whom they come in contact. Falling into the trap of stereotyping people based on race is too easy. Leadership must constantly remind those who uphold the law that they too are held to higher standards.

What we have learned about the officers who were fired is that they were per-

mitted to let their hatred fester unabated. Keeping the pulse of department personnel is not only good management, it results in a better force for the community overall. Chief Donny Williams deserves community respect for his corrective action in firing all three officers caught demonstrating hateful feelings.

Let us hope this will allow not only for healing to take place, but will serve as notice to all who serve that hatred will not be tolerated in the Wilmington Police Dept.

**John H. Cease**  
Former Wilmington  
Police Chief  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Black women and children's lives matter

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

While in the midst of proclaiming Black Lives Matter, (and I agree) I want to make it clear that all Black Lives Matter, including Black women and children. It shouldn't be necessary to say that, but it is. To MATTER is to have VALUE! There's little doubt that Black Lives Matter. Thousands have demonstrated their support of that belief in streets across the nation and, for unnumbered reasons, many more support that belief in the privacy of their consciences.

The real challenge for those of us dedicated to broadening the understanding of Black Lives Matter is

changing the concept of BLM from a slogan to a way of life. In so doing, we develop the ethic of embracing actions

and ideas that encourage and stimulate positive growth in our communities. It means rejecting those actions and ideas which produce no tangible positive outcomes in the lives of Black people — especially Black women and children.

It could be said that in the '60's, The Black Panther Party was a precursor of BLM. Their Ten Point

Program parallels the safety and physical concerns for the Black community of today's BLM Movement.

In the early 1990's, Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, Founder of the National Congress of Black Women, broadened those concerns with a campaign against "gangsta rap" — a campaign that addressed the psychological destruction of our youth and persons unduly influenced by the media. Dr. Tucker understood that the information we feed our minds is intrinsically linked to how our reality is shaped and the conduct we can be expected to exhibit in our daily lives. If Black Lives are to really Matter, we must re-examine how we think of each other and how we treat

each other. If Black Lives are to really Matter and we are to rise above the common discord we see in the daily intrigues of our nation, we MUST recalibrate how we value each other and regard each other with the respect we demand for ourselves.

It's time for Black women to bring back our complaint about being constantly bombarded with unspeakable terms in what some call music. Gangsta rap, when it comes from Black men or Black women, has no regard for Black women or children. No other women have to endure being bombarded and brutalized with such filthy

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## The enemy within

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

At least six Black children were killed during the Fourth of You Lie weekend. They weren't doing anything wrong, just attending a community picnic, or going to visit a grandmother, or riding in a car with her mom. One of the children, Secoria Turner, 8, was an Atlantan, and the day after the killing, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, emotionally addressed the killers, "You shot and killed a baby," she said.

"This random wild, wild West, shoot 'em up because you can, it has got to stop. It has to stop." She went on to say, "Enough is enough. You can't blame this on a police officer. You can't say this is about criminal justice reform. This is about some people carrying weapons who shot up a car with an 8-year-old baby in the car. For what?"

In Washington, D.C., 11-year-old Devon McNeal, ironically attending an antiracism cook-out organized by his mother, was shot in the head by a bullet. An 18-year-old has been arrested, and there are to other suspects. In Atlanta, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco and New York, our children are being murdered. We can get thousands to the streets for a Black Lives Matter protest. How many can we get out for

violence. But she could not protect her baby boy since all the antiracism talk in the world can't protect a child from a fool who is determined to use their weapon to rob, kill, or intimidate.

How do we dismantle the gun culture that dominates so many of our inner cities? Will it take new laws? Harsher penalties for illegal gun use? As Mayor Bottoms said, this is not about the police.

Conservatives are right to say we may lose fewer Black lives to police violence to street gun violence. It doesn't matter, because of every George Floyd, Tamir Rice, and Briana Taylor matters. To lose lives because of police indifference, racism, and evil must be resisted, and the Black Lives Matter Movement does that effectively. Black Lives Matter street signs in Washington, D.C., and New York speak to that.

Even as we resist police brutality, structural racism, and other inequities, we must fight the enemy within, the callous young men who engage in gunplay on public streets when anybody could be walking by. How to get through to them?

Cornel West once described these young men as nihilistic, believing that life has no intrinsic value, simply not caring about social norms and moral values. Anyone who would shoot a deadly weapon into a crowd has no regard for human

life. And perhaps one could argue that these young men do not value human life because human life has not valued them. But I'm sick of making excuses for sociopaths, even as I understand the forces that created them. These shootings have to stop!

I love looking at Black children, looking at their small, partly unformed faces, and wonder what kind of adult they will evolve into. Too many gun-toting criminals ensure that some of our children won't have the opportunity to grow up. Class differences among African Americans mean that some fall asleep to the sounds of gunfire, while others know shooting from television. When we say it takes a village to raise a child, what happens to the villagers that would rob a child of life?

We need to call these villains out. We need to ask their associates to call them out. Enough is enough. When you say Black Lives Matter, when you march and chant, think of 11-year Devon McNeal, 6-year Jace Young, eight-year Old Secoria Turner, or seven-year-old Natalia Wallace. Their Black lives matter, too. What must we do to protect our children?

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Dr. E. Faye Williams



Dr. Julianne Malveaux



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language in their music. It's long past the time to change that.

Bob Law, esteemed radio personality and leader of the National Black Leadership Alliance, Kwabena Rasuli of Clear the Airwaves and I have made every appeal possible to radio stations that play the offending music, to

corporate thugs that finance radio stations playing the pornographic language that glorifies drugs, violent behavior, rape, murder, that disrespects Black women and have no regard for children. This garbage is pumped into the minds of Black youth throughout the day. Many who pay to keep the filth on the radio in Black neighborhoods are in the fast food industry that helps to damage the psyche of our youth,

as well as damage their health. We've concluded that it's time to stop talking about it and move to the next step. We must move to action that takes the profit out of those who pay to make that kind of music possible.

If you're a parent, you must listen to the words used in what your children are hearing. Identify the companies advertising on the stations playing the offensive music and stop doing busi-

ness with them. Money speaks louder than words.

We're in a period where we're working hard to Rescue Our Children and Heal the Wounds of Circumstance. All of us have a duty to cleanse and clear our airwaves.

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**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**

**The insult of Amazon**

By now we have all seen and heard the reports that Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, is the wealthiest person in the world. A recent story pegged his worth at \$188 billion; he earned \$5.6 billion the day after a report on his wealth was published by Forbes Magazine. (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/angelalayeung/2020/07/08/jef-f-bezos-net-worth-hits-all-time-high-of-more-than-180-billion/#4316910124ff>)



Rev. Susan K. Smith

Nobody is obligated to assist people in need; it is a personal choice. I long ago learned that the more money one makes, the less he or she is, for example, likely to tithe ten percent to his or her church. "A person who makes \$100, or \$1000 will tithe," the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright Jr. told me as a student, "but when a person makes \$100,000 or more, he's a lot less likely to tithe."

In other words, the more wealth one has the more insecure - and selfish, maybe? - he or she is. Of course, some wealthy people end up losing their fortunes. A report said that 90 percent of family fortunes disappear within three generations for a number of reasons (<https://www.kineticconsulting.com/2019/05/why-wealthy-families-lose-their-fortunes/>), and it's not difficult to spend money just because you have it. I am convinced that many of us, no matter our wealth level, do not know how to make our money work for us.

But it is troubling that there has been no public announcement of Amazon - a company that all of us use - going out of its way to contribute some necessary assistance businesses or hospitals or someplace to help alleviate some of the suffering that is running rampant through this country.

Amazon's lack of involvement in giving financial assistance when so much assistance is needed is offensive. I would reckon that many of the over 130,000 people who died were Amazon customers. "We the people" have made Bezos the richest man in the world by our addiction to what his company offers, but "we the people" are now suffering, physically and economically. I have found myself wondering why some major corporations have not stepped forward and purchased ventilators, masks, protective gear, disinfectant, and gloves for health care workers. We have the money - this country has the money - to do what it wants, apparently, including doing all it can to save politically correct churches and denominations and major corporations with money that was supposed to help small businesses survive. (<https://www.newsweek.com/religious-organizations-receive-73-billion-ppp-loans-megachurches-amass-millions-1515963>) (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/eriksherman/2020/04/24/public-companies-ppp-loans-money/#7516e7e440d2>)

I take offense with all of the megachurches and corporations that received large loans, but I personally take the most offense with Amazon - which did not, apparently, receive a PPP loan, but which has enough money to have helped alleviate the pain and suffering in this country.

I was appalled when in April a report said that Amazon told its workers that a sick leave law doesn't cover warehouses, causing people to risk their health while holding out their jobs. (<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2020/may/07/amazon-warehouse-workers-coronavirus-time-off-california>) Workers who spoke up about how Amazon was treating its employees lost their jobs (<https://www.cnet.com/news/fired-amazon-worker-says-termination-was-retaliation-for-speaking-out/>) (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2020/04/13/amazon-workers-fired/>) (<https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/30/tech/amazon-worker-fired-staten-island-warehouse/index.html>)

Amazon denies much of what all the fired employees have accused it of, but the fact remains that the company has been missing in action in terms of being a presence and a help during this time of such great suffering.

It seems that many of the wealthy do not know or have never known that it is in giving that we receive. The more anyone gives to another human being, the more is returned to the giver. It is predictable to watch people hoard their money, and become more and more reluctant to share it, or use it for a greater good than themselves, but it is troubling.

The unemployment rate is off the charts. Relief funds to help them will soon run out. People will be evicted. Families, including children, will be hungry. As the coronavirus continues to invade the bodies of people in this country, hospital workers will need equipment - from masks and gloves and gowns that they don't have to reuse to ventilators and more.

If Amazon was inclined to help financially in this maelstrom of suffering, it would already have done so. The headline would not have been only that Bezos is worth \$188 billion, but also that he had been generous in helping alleviate the suffering that so many of his customers are enduring.

I love Amazon. I have been a customer. But I don't think I want to keep on helping this man and his company get more and more wealthy, while ignoring the people who got him there.

It's slavery by another name, to borrow the title of Douglas Blackmon's book about the Convict Leasing System.

And I don't want to support the plantation owner. Not any more.

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**REALITY CHECK**

**Emmett Till, George Floyd generational wake-up calls**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

For many black teenagers in my generation, the JET magazine photo of 14-year old Emmett Till's brutalized body after he was lynched by white supremacists was a wake-up call about the true nature of race in the United States. The August 1955 horrific photo gave us a searing memory that still lingers in our souls. Unfortunately, that memory did not lead us to create a strong black national unity organization designed to promote and protect our human rights in this country.

Hopefully, the white supremacist cold-blooded lynching of George Floyd will encourage the current generation to do what we failed to accomplish. To create the much-needed black national

unity organization, they should study and learn from the following guidelines from committed, visionary warriors, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Brother Malcolm X.



A. Peter Bailey

In his book, *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community*, Dr. King noted: "A second important step that the Negro must take is to work passionately for group identity. This does not mean group isolation or group exclusivity. It means the kind of group consciousness that Negroes need in order to participate more meaningfully at all levels of life in this country. Group

unity necessarily involves group trust and reconciliation....This form of group unity can do infinitely more to liberate the Negro than any action of individuals. We have been oppressed as a group and we must overcome that oppression as a group." [Italics his].

In a 1963 letter to 8 civil rights leaders, Brother Malcolm stated: "If capitalistic Kennedy and communistic Khrushchev can find something in common on which to form a united front despite their tremendous differences, it is a disgrace for Negro leaders not to be able to submerge our 'minor' differences in order to seek a common solution to common problems posed by a common enemy."

At such a meeting, he continued, "There will be no debating, arguing, criticizing

or condemning. I will moderate the meeting and guarantee order and courtesy for all speakers....It will give you a chance to present your views to the largest and explosive element in metropolitan New York."

It's critically important that current and future generations of black folks do a much better job of creating the kind of black national unity advocated by Dr. King and Brother Malcolm. It is the most effective way to honor the memories of Emmett Till, George Floyd, Dr. King, Brother Malcolm and other warriors whose lives were taken in the war against white supremacy/racism.

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**TO BE EQUAL**

**Sports have the potential to help unite us; racial slurs that divide us must go**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Racism runs rampant in towns and cities neighboring large Indigenous populations. I've been told to 'go back to the reservation' and asked by white people to search for their stolen items on the reservation. The drunk Indian trope permeates majority-white towns and cities where Natives live in poverty. Plains Indians have also faced slurs such as 'prairie n-words' and our women referred to using the derogatory term 'squaw.' Resistance literally runs through our veins. Our schools feature mascots such as Braves, Warriors, and Indians. Absent are the caricatures of mainstream Washington Redskin fandom. We don't partake in the 'tomahawk chop' or reduce heritage to stereotypical chants. Our events usually involve our cultural singing and traditions. We don't act a fool in head-dresses—those are sacred symbols with meaning. - Northern Cheyenne writer Angelina Newsom

ing of racism in a generation, symbols of white supremacy still loom large. From Confederate monuments to harmful stereotypes in advertising to the names of professional sports teams, American culture is steeped in it.

Eliminating these symbols won't eradicate racism. But we can't eradicate racism unless we eliminate them. The Washington, D.C. NFL team is a prime example.

The United States government has authorized 1,500 wars, attacks and raids on the indigenous people of the land it occupies. An estimated five million to 15 million indigenous people lived in North America in the 15th century. By the late 19th century, fewer than a quarter-million remained.

The motive behind the systematic slaughter and removal of Native Americans was land.

Europeans who were barred from owning land in their homeland flocked to the New World to claim their homesteads. To justify the violence, Native Americans were portrayed as savages, less human than their "civilized" European counterparts. Their customs, their language and the color of their skin set them apart, and referring to them with a slur based on skin color served to reinforce the stereotype.

Slurs based on skin color and other physical differences are intended to debase and divide. And right now, more than ever, we need the power of sports to unite us.

Athletes have played a unique role in the nation's rocky and uneven effort to overcome white supremacy. The activism displayed by Colin Kaepernick and Eric Reid, Anquan Bolden and Malcom Jenkins and their Players Coalition, is part of a long legacy that includes Althea Gibson, Muhammad Ali, Tommie Smith and John Carlos.

The NFL has made strides in recent years, establishing a Social Justice Initiative to

work with the Players Coalition, and - just last month - changing its stance on player protests like Kaepernick's. Insisting upon a name change for the Washington team is the logical next step in the League's journey.

Dan Snyder, the team's owner, announced last week that the organization is conducting a "thorough review" of the name. The time for review is over. Native American individuals and organizations have objected to the name from the beginning. Organized efforts to change the name have been going on for more than 50 years. As National Congress of American Indians president Fawn Sharp said, "This moment has been 87 years in the making, and we have reached this moment thanks to decades of tireless efforts by tribal leaders, advocates, citizens, and partners to educate America about the origins and meaning of the R-word."

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

**Wells Fargo commitment could potentially result in billions for small**

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

In April, Wells Fargo announced it would donate gross proceeds from the Paycheck Protection Plan to nonprofits working with small businesses.

This month, the bank has ramped up its efforts by unveiling the details of an approximately \$400 million initiative to help small businesses impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The goal is to help keep the doors of small businesses open, retain employees, and rebuild.

Through Wells Fargo's new Open for Business Fund, the company will engage nonprofit organizations to provide capital, technical support, and long-term resiliency programs to small businesses, emphasizing those that are minority-owned businesses.

"We realized early on that small businesses were taking the brunt of what was happening with COVID-19 and the economic slowdown that occurred," said Jenny Flores, Wells Fargo's head of small business growth philanthropy.

"We also noticed that diverse individuals were having a very negative impact, and with the data, it was coming to 41 percent or 450,000 Black-owned busi-

nesses closed when COVID hit. That is a disproportionate impact not only to the entrepreneurs but also to the employees they have and the pocketbook," Flores stated.

Through June 30, Wells Fargo funded loans under the PPP for more than 179,000 customers, with an average loan amount of \$56,000, totaling \$10.1 billion.

Of the loans made, 84 percent of those are for companies with less than ten employees; 60 percent were for amounts of \$25,000 or less; and, 90 percent of these applicants had \$2 million or less in annual revenue.

Given the federal government's extension of the PPP, Wells Fargo will reopen its PPP loan application process to eligible customers as soon as possible through a link in Business Online Banking, the bank noted in a news release.

Additionally, the Wells Fargo Open for Business Fund's initial grants will allocate \$28 million to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), also known as non-

profit community lenders.

The grants are aimed at empowering Black and African American-owned small businesses, which the National Bureau of Economic Research said are closing at nearly twice the rate of the industry.

Among the first grantees are Expanding Black Business Credit Initiative (EBBC), which will support the launch of a Black Vision Fund to increase the flow of capital to Black-focused CDFIs for transformational work to close the racial wealth gap in African American communities.

The CDFIs will also receive capital for urgent deployment to impacted businesses in the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, and Midwest.

Further, a Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) will provide grants and low-cost capital to more than 2,800 entrepreneurs, focusing on preventing loss in revenue, sustaining employment, and averting vacancies among vulnerable small business owners in urban and rural markets nationwide.

"This is an extension of the commitment we had to diverse businesses," Flores noted.

"Small businesses need cash to open again, and we are putting \$260 million for

community development financial pocket lenders that have a track record of reaching diverse communities. We want them to be able to do new loans and to have grant money."

Wells Fargo counts as one of the top PPP lenders in the country and has spent a lot of time understanding various strategies to assist small businesses, Flores declared.

"We have key members across the country, and I talk to entrepreneurs directly," she said.

"This reflects a very thoughtful approach, one that is based on really putting the customer right at the center, listening to what they need. This has potentially \$1 billion of impact in a three-year period," Flores added.

"When they get the loans and recycle that and then for every million CDFI loans out to small businesses, they can support 18 businesses and create 31 jobs.

"Hence, if you take the \$250 million and work through it, it's thousands of businesses we're impacting in such a positive way. We're really proud of the opportunity we have to collaborate with CDFIs and particularly those who are led by diverse entrepreneurs."

*By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent.*

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## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

## It's getting HOTT out here!

Let me tell you that with all of the calamity, all of the uncertainty, and ever-changing day after day, there is one thing that has not been effective: REAL ESTATE, residential real estate to be exact.

Let me go even a little deeper, homes under the price point of \$200,000 that are move-in ready are flying off the market. The average days on market at this price point is less than 7 days and most of the sellers will receive multiple offers. As a Realtor, I prepare my clients' that this has become more of the expected vs. not. In addi-

tion, I tell them that if they decide to go after a home with other offers on the table, then we are going to go in to win it! I tell them to make an offer that they will sleep at night if they get it or can sleep at night if they don't get it because they know they gave it all they had. After years of F/T Realty services, I have seen all kinds of negotiations and some of them would have sur-



**Brenda Dixon**

prised you. Did you know that there are times that the seller does not always take the highest dollar contract? It's true, I'm a witness and it just happened to 1 of my clients very recently. I have learned that at times it's what's not said, or what is said that will give you the upper hand. There are quite a few things you can do to help your offer stand out. The personal touch: Tell the seller a little about you and why you love their home. Tell them what it will mean to you to get this home and how you plan to care for it as they did. Throw in a nice family picture with your

dog or cat if you know the sellers are animal lovers. If you saw pictures on the wall or plaques/awards of things the seller's family is involved in and if you have those same interests and experiences, include that on the letter as well. All of this can work for your good when trying to get an upper hand on the other offers on the table. Sweeten the terms: Not the price but other line items in the contract that may be looked upon favorably by the seller. Proof of Funds: Provide documentation that proves you have the means to pay whatever the amount is you're bidding

at. These are just a few things you can do and yes there are several more, but you know I can't drop all of the secret sauce publicly, lol. Just remember that you are bidding in the blind, its like bidding against yourself because you have no clue what the other offers are. Therefore, you must convince yourself that you are making your highest and best offer and putting all of your chips on the table. Yet, stay open to restructuring your offer if you are blessed enough to get a counteroffer. A counteroffer

means you made the 1st cut and your cream rose to the top so be willing to make the deal work if this home is perfect for your family. At the end of the day fully evaluate 3 things: Motivation, Time, The Reward. If its the one you want, go for it. Until next time please share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to reach out to receive a Free game plan to become a homeowner in the next 18 months or less.

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## Kiwanis Club of Wilmington continues CFCC student scholarship support

This year marks the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington's 100th year anniversary. To highlight their commitment to Cape Fear Community College students they donated a record \$4,000 – more than any previous year – to support student scholarships, via Zoom call. The Kiwanis Club of Wilmington has supported the Cape Fear Community College Foundation since 1997 and has invested \$1,328,693 in institutions throughout the community since its inception.

"For the past one hundred years, the Kiwanis have con-

tinually worked to make the Cape Fear Region a better place," said CFCC's Vice President for Advancement and the Arts, Shane Fernando. "I would like to thank them for the continuation of their great tradition of supporting our community through their investment in students at CFCC."

The Kiwanis Club of Wilmington Scholarship is available to CFCC students in any program of study, so long as they have a 2.0 GPA and are willing to attend a Kiwanis Club function. Recipients

receive \$1,000 toward their education and training at CFCC. Students benefitting from the generosity of the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington's generosity last year are Morgan Piper, Cora Maynard, and Christina Whaley.

The additional support is especially needed this year, with so many in our community taking a hard hit from the coronavirus pandemic. Although many CFCC students received emergency financial assistance from the CARES Act, newly enrolled students in the fall will not be

eligible for the CARES Act Funding. Scholarships at CFCC are now more important than ever.

Randy Peebles, Kiwanis Club Scholarships Committee Chair, was the Kiwanis Club President in 1997, when Kiwanis decided to begin giving to the CFCC Foundation. "Since 1997, our Club has contributed an annual amount to the CFCC Foundation to provide financial support to a worthy incoming freshman and a second-year student," Peebles said. "Over the past 23 years,

our Club has contributed \$43,467 to the Foundation and provided support to 40 students."

The Cape Fear Community College Foundation is honored and humbled to receive this donation from Kiwanis Club of Wilmington. "The Kiwanis Club is a faithful supporter of student scholarships," says Lauren Janney, CFCC Foundation Relations and Scholarships Coordinator. "Their scholarship fund truly makes a difference in the lives of our students; sometimes the differ-

ence between staying in school or dropping out. We are so grateful for their continued support. Their gift allows us to assist more students in an unprecedented time of need."

The Cape Fear Community College Foundation exists to support the mission of the College and its students, faculty, staff, programs, scholarships, and specific capital projects. If you are interested in learning more or helping provide student support, please visit [cfcc.edu/foundation](http://cfcc.edu/foundation).

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**Mamie Polk**

Mamie Polk died July 1, 2020. Graveside services were held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mamie, affectionately known as "MiMi Ruth", "Ma" and "Nana" was born May 27, 1942 to the late Reverend Haywood Sellars and Carrie D. Sellars. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sonya D. Polk; 3 granddaughters, Danielle Polk, Tracy McAllister and infant Baby Girl Polk; grandson, Hisan Polk. Mamie was a member of first Baptist Missionary Church on 5th Avenue, Wilmington, NC. She graduated from Williston Senior High School. To know her was to love her. She always tried to help if she could. Mamie worked earlier in life as a private housekeeper and dietary worker. Later she retired to a life of grandmother hood in which she loved this title and carried it well.

Mamie leaves to cherish her memories: her children, James Lennard Polk, Clifford Waddell, Dainya and Alison "Nikki" Polk; grandchildren, Jazzman Graham, Lennard Marquis Polk-Chavious, Shaniqua Polk, Tivell Powell, DaQuan Polk, Shanae Waddell, Clifford Waddell, III, Ny'Asia Waddell and Divinity (Diva) Martins; 8 great-grandchildren; sisters, Janie Bell Maynor, Lillian Lewis, Carolyn Sellars and VeAnn Sellars; brother, Thomas Jackson; a special friend of twenty plus years, Elgin Jackson; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*

**Willie Taylor**

Willie Taylor died July 1, 2020. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at the Masonboro Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*

**Marie Barmore McMillian Burton**

Marie Barmore McMillian Burton, died July 5, 2020. Funeral service was held on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Marie, affectionately known as "Ma" was born October 18, 1936 to the late George Mercer and Leonia Barmore. At the age of ten, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and joined Saint Rest Holiness Church, later known as Holy Trinity United Holiness Church Inc. She later joined Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church where she served over 20 years. She is a current member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist where she served on the missionary circle and the choir until her health failed. She graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1956, and later continued her education at Cape Fear Community

College. Marie was employed over 15 years with New Hanover County Agriculture Extension Agency. She later became an Insurance Agent for Shenandoah Insurance Company. She was also the founder and owner of Marie's Day Care Center for numerous years. Marie was joined in holy matrimony to David McMillian Sr. and to this union seven children were born. One of Marie's greatest joys in life other than her children was learning how to play the piano. She often told her children how she was inspired to play at the age of 5 years old. After listening to her first cousins play, she never doubted for a moment that if they could do it, so could she. She would layout the notes that stimulated a piano. She taught herself the fingering position for playing chords, scales, and notes. Years later, her father brought her first piano. For many years she played for numerous churches in the community. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by eight siblings and her grandson, Tori Simmons.

"Ma" leaves to cherish her memories: eight children: David McMillian, Jr. (Equilla) of Wilmington, NC, Dale McMillian King of Fayetteville, NC, Gwendolyn McMillian Batts (Fred) of Wilmington, NC, Leonia McMillian Jones (Terry) of Delco, NC, Reginald McMillian (Donna), Dawne McMillian Simmons, Danette McMillian Henry and Arthur Williams, Jr (Felicia) of Wilmington, NC; 43 grandchildren; 114 great-grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 20 special nephews, Earnest Hall (Charlene) of Tampa, FL and Ronald Logan (Brenda) of Kingsland, GA; three special nieces, Harriet Davis of Stone Mountain, GA, Mildred Ray of Winston-Salem, NC and Daisy Delaney (Henry) of Wilmington, NC; three sisters-in-law, Rev. Joanne Hollis and Doris McMillian of Brooklyn, NY and Rose Coston of Wilmington, NC; one brother-in-law, Willie Coston (Odessa) of Palmdale, CA; other relatives and friends, including special friends, Roy and Clara Brown of Myrtle Beach, SC, Magnolia McClean, Mary Alice Davis, Maggie Marzette and Louise Horton, all of Wilmington, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*

**Tamela Malloy**

Tamela Malloy died July 4, 2020. Memorial services will be held at a later date. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home*

**Leroy "Roy" Everett**

Leroy "Roy" Everett died July 4, 2020. Graveside service were held on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at the Salem Cemetery, Delco, NC.

Roy was born on April 14, 1937, the ninth child born to the late John Wesley Everett

and Maggie Freeman Everett. Roy gained his education through the Columbus County School System. He was a man of many hobbies including gardening and fishing. Roy was very passionate about being around family and had a great love of music. Roy would always have his radio with him in the garden and when he was sitting on the porch in the evenings. Roy was definitely a people person. He loved talking to people when he was in the community and throughout his day in the nursing facility. In addition to his parents, Roy was preceded in death by one son, Arthur Webb; two sisters, Stella Mae Everett and Juanita Everett Graham and four brothers, Thomas Freeman, James Everett, Ernest Everett, and Irving Palmore Everett.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two sisters, Bernice Sutton of Riegelwood, NC and Willie Deloris Patrick of Delco, NC; one brother, Roscoe Everett (his ace phone buddy) of Delco, NC; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Everett of Greenville, NC; a special nephew, Jerome Hooper who was always willing to help any way he could; his nieces, Phyllis Everett who was always willing to bring him his goodies and essential items to the nursing facility and Helene Patrick who he depended on to attend his doctor visits and to handle any issues at the nursing facility; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including his best buddy, Cleveland Webb. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Sylvia Renee Wilson**

Sylvia Renee Wilson funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Gerald Murray**

Gerald Murray died July 12, 2020. Funeral services will be 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Yolanda Denise Denham**

Yolanda Denise Denham was born on December 19, 1976, to Leroy and Eunice Simmons. Yolanda was the first born out of four siblings; Erica, Lisa, Joyce and Andre. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Lillian Gram and daughter Ariona Smith. A funeral service was held Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service.

Yolanda was born and raised in the city of Philadelphia, PA and received her education in the Philadelphia School system. She graduated from Martin Luther King High School and received her High School

Diploma. She obtained her Associate Degree from Fortis College in Wilmington, N. C.

Yolanda was known by many as Yoyo. She loved her job and worked for United Health Care Life Insurance Company. She picked up more job opportunities in Urban Illinois, where she once resided. Yolanda moved to Wilmington and began working at Walgreen and continued to work until her passing.

Yolanda received Christ at an early age. She was a Christian and was baptized at Evangelistic Greensboro Church in Greensboro, NC under the leadership of Pastor Lockette.

Yolanda loved arts and crafts and caring for her garden. Her favorite team was the Eagles and the 76'ers. She loved her Afro Centric. Yolanda was a very pleasant and loving person, she had a sweet personality with a bright smile. She opened her doors to anyone who was in need. She loved her children and her cat of whom she adored very much. She was loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Yolanda leaves to mourn her passing, her son Mark Smith, and daughter Anora Denham, father Leroy Simmons, mother Eunice Simmons, siblings, Erica, Lisa, Joyce and Andre, granddaughter Haleigh, her grandmother Viola Mines, Godparents Darren and Theresa Sanders, her husband Ralph J. Denham, uncles; Ira R., Charles, Larry, Fee-Fee, Walter, Drake, Davis, Ira D., Marty and Field, aunts; Delores, Theresa, Shiela, Kim, Marie and Sharia, nieces; Chalique and Jaquilla, nephews; Jamaine, Enphanie and Christian and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-*

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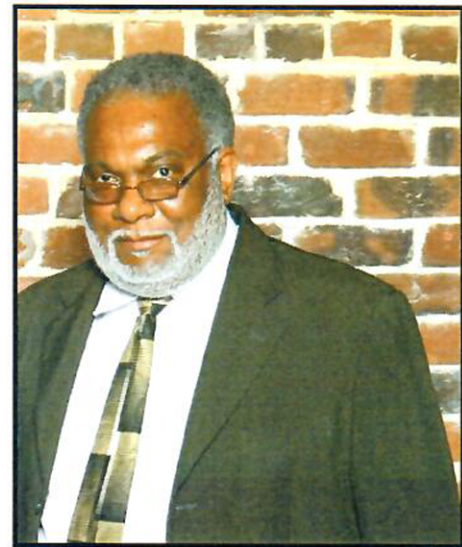
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The tongue is a small but powerful member of the body. It can be used to edify (build up), or to terrify. Once a word is spoken, it cannot be recovered. There are times when a damage resulting from an ill spoken word can be corrected or a statement can be retracted. On the other hand, there are times when spoken words can cause irreparable damage. In spite of all effort to apologize, sometimes it is too little and too late for the situation.

There are times when the very words that come from

out mouths cause us the greatest misery. Proverbs 6:2 says, "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth." With this in mind, we sometimes pray like the psalmist in Psalm 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Ecclesiastes 5:2 states, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."

Don't Open Your Mouth .....

1. When you are angry Proverbs 14:17

"He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly; a man of

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2. When you don't have all the facts Proverbs 18:13

3. When your words will offend a weaker brother. I Cor. 8:12

4. When you are tempted to joke about sin. Proverbs 14:9

5. When the matter is none of your business. I Peter 4:15

"But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters."

6. When you are tempted to tell a lie. Psalm 101:7

"He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight."

7. When your words will destroy a friendship. Proverbs 16:28

"A forward (stubborn, contrary, and disobedient) man soweth strife: and a whisper-

er separateth chief friends."

Another reason to know when to keep your mouth shut is because, "He that

keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction." Another reason to keep our mouth shut is because, it may cause us to go into bondage." Proverbs 6:2 states, Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth."

As we approach Independence Day, remember beloved, that if God has set you free, why should you be bound? Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Tell Somebody!!!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a

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



Sylvia Hooper

Corona virus opens a pandora's box of scams

BY KHALIL ABDULLAH SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM ETHNIC MEDIA SERVICES

(Indianapolis, Ind.) (TriceEdneyWire.com) - If Willie Sutton were alive, he wouldn't be robbing banks, more likely he'd be a scam artist, siphoning off a portion of the almost \$70 million that Indiana consumers alone have reportedly lost to fraud even before the COVID-19 pandemic opened up a pandora's box of new scam opportunities.

"At the Federal Trade Commission, we always say the fraudsters follow the headlines," explained Todd Kossow, Director of the Midwest Region of the FTC. "They take advantage of the major news stories of the day and find new ways to access consumer's personal financial information. The corona virus pandemic has been no exception to that."

Kossow's remarks were delivered at an on-line convening for ethnic media primarily covering Indianapolis and nearby regions. In addition to FTC staff, presenters included representatives

from state and local agencies responsible for consumer protection, as well as from non-profits like the AARP, the Better Business Bureau, and others on the frontlines of battling scams and deceptive marketing practices.

"Scammers are like vampires who bleed their victims not just of money but of hope and self-respect," said conference moderator Sandy Close, director of Ethnic Media Services. Close urged media participants "to shine a light on these activities through your media coverage and your community service."

Susan Bolin, from the Better Business Bureau, concurred with the need for increased media coverage and involvement. While acknowledging active media participation in Fort Wayne and Evansville, "we still need more help. Just imagine the impact that we can have if every media outlet partnered with us." Ultimately, Bolin said she wants to make Indianapolis a scam-free zone.

The goal is a daunting one. Scams that have proliferated since the pandemic include large up-front money

payments to companies claiming they can assist homeowners to renegotiate mortgage payments they missed because of COVID linked job layoffs; or scams that promise small business- an inside track to securing federal paycheck protection funds to retain employees.

"So what are the main types of COVID-19 related scams that we're seeing?" Kossow asked. "Scammers who are pitching so-called treatments and cures for COVID-19 without any proof that they work... The FTC has sent warning letters to nearly 250 companies making such claims."

Presenters cited several "red flags" typically associated with scams: run out and buy a gift card to make a payment; a money wire transfer is required; an upfront payment is necessary before a prize can be claimed; authentication of your bank account number or verification of your Social Security number as mandatory in order to speed or complete the application or funding process.

Several speakers said that humiliation over being

scammed often discourages victims from reporting what happened. There's also a sense that trying to recover the money is a hopeless task. This is particularly true with gift card transactions. At least with payments made on credit cards, victims have a bank record to point to in filing a fraud claim. Moreover, victims have a self-interest in reporting scams, Andrew Johnson, Chief of Staff of the FTC's Division of Consumer Affairs, emphasized

"Since July, 2018, in just a two-year period, the FTC mailed \$23.6 million to almost 140,000 people in the state of Indiana, which is pretty remarkable," Johnson said. "Generally, when the FTC settles or wins a case, and we get money that we can return back to consumers, one of the main ways we determine who to send money to, is we look back at our database of who reported to us."

One net result of the pandemic's advent is a decrease in face-to-face counseling that would encourage reporting to the FTC.

Cheryl Koch-Martinez, who works at Indiana Legal

Services, said her organization assists low-income residents in understanding their financial options and advising them on consumer fraud cases. Given the imperative for social-distancing, "face-to-face communication is just not there," she said. Telephone and e-mail are inefficient substitutes for the sensitive conversations that need to occur.

Reverend David Green, Senior Pastor, Purpose of Life Ministry, shared the experience of a maintenance engineer at his church. Originally from El Salvador,

he immigrated to the United States 20 years ago and obtained citizenship. He sent \$1,000 to purchase a trailer in Kentucky and then sought to make arrangements with the sellers to personally pick it up. "They said, 'no,'" Green reported. "They said they needed to deliver it and that if he would go to PayPal and send \$600 for the insurance on the delivery of the trailer, that when the trailer got delivered, he would get the \$600 back."

In this case, Reverend Green encouraged his church's employee to file a

report with the FTC and the Better Business Bureau after the seller would answer phone calls but promptly hang up.

Several speakers highlighted the debilitating effects of scams that prey on people's loneliness. While romance scams come readily to mind, scammers also have used a victim to become unwitting money mules, someone who moves money to a third-party. The use of third parties makes the origin and movement of financial transactions more difficult for authorities to trace.

Such was the case Assistant U.S. Attorney MaryAnn Mindrum described of an elderly woman who was told she'd won the lottery and had to pay fees before she could secure her winnings. She did not win the lottery, lost a substantial amount in so-called fees, "but," Mindrum explained, "she talked to the scammer for two years!" Mindrum said her office stepped in to end the relationship, extradited the scammer to the U.S. and successfully prosecuted him. The woman was not charged.

John Lewis: Civil Rights lion gets into good trouble in Dawn Porter Documentary

BY NSENGA K. BURTON NNPA NEWSWIRE CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Congressman John Lewis is known and revered worldwide for his social justice activism as a young man during the modern Civil Rights movement which sparked large scale civic and social change in America. Many have seen the horrible 1965 footage and photos of Lewis being clubbed in the head while attempting to march from Selma, AL to Montgomery, AL arriving at the Edmund Pettus Bridge to 150 police officers waiting to deliver violence and intimidation to the protesters marching for voting rights for Black Americans.

Then Alabama Governor George Wallace had outlawed protests and marchers, who were raising awareness about the plight of Black Americans, who had been made to pay poll taxes, take literacy tests or flatly denied their right to vote by intimidation and the threat of violence at the ballot box. At that particular time, Black Americans made up 57 percent of the population of Dallas County, which is where Selma is located, yet and still only 2 percent of Black Americans were registered to vote.

On what would be called Bloody Sunday, Lewis, who at the time was Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) along with other civil rights lions like Reverend Hosea Williams (SCLC) continued on their march despite then Governor Wallace's threats and were attacked by the police, sending 58 people to the hospital.

Lewis, who suffered a skull fracture during the attack, left the hospital the following

week to testify before Congress about what had happened to the protesters, resulting in the passage of the Voting Rights Act by Congress which was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, giving Black Americans the right to vote and offering protections (National Guard) to marchers in pursuit of justice at the ballot box.

In Good Trouble, award-winning documentary filmmaker Dawn Porter (Gideon's Army, Trapped, Spies of Mississippi) captures the many sides of John Lewis which are all connected to his quest for freedom. Porter shows his early desire to become a preacher eventually leading to a career in social justice and politics.

In the documentary, we see a young John Lewis from Troy, AL who aspires to be a preacher to such an extent, he preaches to chickens. His desires shift when at 15-years-old, the actions of Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King change his path, leading the civil rights lion to "Good trouble; necessary trouble to save our country, to save our democracy," he says.

Lewis, who has been arrested 40 times, five of those times since being a member of Congress, allows viewers into the world beyond politics. Viewers learn how he met and fell in love with his wife, Lillian Miles Lewis, who died in 2012 and that he is still as heartbroken over the loss today as he was the day she passed.

Viewers see the fun side of Lewis, who loves to dance and crack jokes with his mentees and staff. John Lewis lights up any room he enters. Lewis is a man revered for his commitment to Civil Rights and viewers learn that all aspects of his

life are tied to that pursuit. Lewis' values as a human being are always at the forefront of every decision he makes in his personal and professional life.

Lewis' major value is freedom. "When you lose all sense of fear, you're free," offers the activist who literally continues to traverse the country in pursuit of justice. Lewis, 80, who is battling pancreatic cancer stomps for Beto O'Rourke and Stacey Abrams during their high-profile bids for political change.

Colleagues and friends like Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Congressman Jim Clyburn, civil rights icon Diane Nash and the late Congressman Elijah Cummings discuss Lewis' legacy and impact today.

Described repeatedly as courageous, Lewis' energy now is not very different from the energy on full display in the footage of the marches and Freedom Rides. Lewis lives and breathes the pursuit of freedom and all around him know it. To be in his orbit, one must hold that value if you are to be a part of his universe.

Underscored by a soulful and haunting soundtrack, the documentary also shows the difficult times and sacrifices that sometimes have to be made while in pursuit of justice for all, like Lewis' damaged friendship with the late civil rights icon and politician Julian Bond. Their 1986 battle over a Congressional seat led to Lewis' harsh words about one of his closest friends - painful words that Lewis could not take back.

Lewis won the seat and is now in his 17th term as a Congressperson but at what cost? Many of the people in



Described repeatedly as courageous, Lewis' energy now is not very different from the energy on full display in the footage of the marches and Freedom Rides. Lewis lives and breathes the pursuit of freedom and all around him know it. To be in his orbit, one must hold that value if you are to be a part of his universe. (Photo: Still from film, John Lewis: Good Trouble)

the civil rights movement are passing on and Porter's documentary begs the question of who will replace these pillars of democracy who are willing to sacrifice so much of themselves for a far greater cause?

Lewis lights up the room wherever he goes. Like Moses, seas of people part to make a clear path for Lewis, who strides to the podium with personal stories and political messages that people need to hear. Lewis clearly understands there are more years behind him than in front of him. He is pained by the strategic and dubious attempts by Congress and the Supreme Court to undo the work of he and his ilk in a supposedly post-racial society.

Lewis knows the stakes

are high as he has "lived it" and is now witnessing the dismantling of the protections for no reason other than plain old racism. Like many Black Americans in the United States, suffering from seeing such hard-fought freedoms rolled back, Lewis is broken hearted but not bowed. The 2013 Supreme Court decision dismantling the Voting Rights Act of 1965, allowing nine states, to change their election laws without federal approval, was another symbolic blow to Lewis and his generation of change agents but they remain unbowed.

Lewis is obviously troubled by what is happening in society. "One of my greatest fears, is one day we wake up and our democracy is gone." Chilling words coming from

a man who has dedicated his entire life to protecting the rights of all Americans in an attempt to bring to fruition the ideals of democracy upon which America was founded. These are also profound words from a giant of change who even at this precarious time in his life, knows that the fight for justice is never over.

"As long as I have breath in my body, I will do what I can," says the Presidential Medal of Freedom winner, reminding viewers our freedoms hang in the balance and there is more good trouble ahead.

Watch the trailer for the documentary here.

Good Trouble debuted Friday, July 3, 2020 OnDemand on multiple digital platforms.



## HeroZona Foundation establishes Nation's largest COVID-19 testing site

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR  
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Like most of Arizona, Phoenix has suffered a tremendous spike in COVID-19 cases, and coronavirus testing has been limited.

In response to the rapidly expanding numbers of the virus in Arizona and the need for additional testing, Alan "A.P." Powell, the HeroZona Foundation has partnered with the American Legion's Travis L. Williams Post 65. HeroZona and the American Legion are hosting free drive-through COVID-19 screening in the parking lot of South Mountain Community College.

Florida-based genetics testing laboratory, Lab 24, has agreed to perform the testing at what's now considered the largest testing site in the country.

According to reports, Arizona now has the highest per capita new case rate in the nation. HeroZona and the American Legion specifically selected the South Mountain Community College site to ensure that African Americans and other minorities could have access to quality testing. They hope to mitigate the virus's impact in a state with more than 120,000 cases and over 2,100 deaths.

Hospitals throughout the

state are reporting overflows in their intensive care units, creating a shortage in available hospital beds.

HeroZona is a non-profit organization that empowers heroes in the community through entrepreneurship, employment, and education. HeroZona works with veterans, first responders and those that bring social good to or future generations and under-served communities.

A.P. Powell, the founder and CEO of HeroZona, calls the recently established free drive-thru testing site "COVID City." Funding for the site came via the CARES Act established earlier this year. "We saw high demand, so we acted," said Powell. "While the [South Mountain] site was established because of the increase in local cases, others from outside the area are also welcome."

According to Powell, 1,700 people are being tested each day. COVID City is open Tuesday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. "We are testing everyone in the car," Powell declared, referring to a policy which ensures testing for every passenger in arriving vehicles. "You just need a valid I.D. and we'll get you tested. We want to make sure that if you have to go out and work, you can get tested first."

"We had a lady who wanted

to see her daughter. She didn't have health insurance and couldn't see her doctor, but we gave her the test, and without it, she wouldn't have been able to see her daughter," Powell stated.

"We wanted to do something for this community to ensure that they have the same resources that every community in the state has. We wanted to give them something they can feel good about it, and keep their families safe," Powell added.

Once tests are administered, Powell said it would take seven to 10 days before results come back. "If the test is positive, you will get a call from a doctor," said Powell, who recovered from COVID-19 earlier this year but has recently lost five friends.

"If it's negative, you will get an email. We're trying to make it more efficient, but the demand is high. However, we know it's at least good to know you can get something back and that there's some solution."

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., President and the CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) emphasized, "The (NNPA) salutes the leadership of AP Powell and the HeroZona Foundation for effectively responding with a much-needed testing solution



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for Arizona's COVID-19 crisis. HeroZona's successful model for COVID-19 testing in Phoenix, should be urgently replicated across the nation."

John Leon, a barber in the Phoenix area, recently got in line at 4:30 for a test after experiencing an itchy throat and other symptoms.

He told a local television station that he followed precautions during the pandemic. "I keep [the barbershop]

sprayed down. I wipe everything down. I wear a mask and make everybody else wear a mask who comes into the shop," Leon said.

Despite waiting more than two hours, Leon appreciated the organizers' efforts. "I like the way they have this setup," he said. "They set it up real nice so that they can take a lot of people."

Powell again emphasized the importance of bringing

testing to the South Phoenix community, which includes ZIP codes with some of the highest numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Arizona.

"We wanted to make sure we do our part to keep veterans and citizens of this community safe and make sure that they feel like they're going to get the same resources anybody else can get," Powell said.

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the Superior Court Before the Clerk New Hanover County File Number: 20-SP-226**

**CHARLOTTE NOEL FOX, Administrator CTA for the Estate of REBECCA McMILLAN, Petitioner, vs. WILLIAM McMILLAN, JR., RHONDA McMILLAN ALLEN, LEROY LAWRENCE, HILDA SINGLETON, CHARLES DONTÉ MELBERT, KELLIE MELBERT, KATRENA BOYKIN, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF REBECCA McMILLAN, Respondents.**

To Leroy Lawrence, Hilda Singleton, Charles Donte Melbert, Kellie Melbert, Unknown Heirs of Rebecca McMillan, and Unknown Heirs of Charles Melbert, Jr.:

TAKE NOTICE that a special proceeding seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

A Petition for Possession, Custody and Control of Real Property and Sale of Real Property by Private Sale to Pay Debts of Rebecca McMillan. The real property sought to be sold is described as follows:

**"All of Lot 46 in Section 1 of Walnut Hills Subdivision as the same is shown on map of Section 1 of said subdivision recorded in Map Book 12 at Page 18 in the office of the Register of Deed of New Hanover County"**

Also being identified as Tax Parcel ID # R02420-004-004-000

Address: 7 Diamond Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28429.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 28-A-13-3, Petitioner seeks to take possession, custody and control of said real property and sell the real property at a private sale in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 29A of the North Carolina General Statutes and to apply the proceeds of the sale of the real property; first, to the satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and the costs of administration; and after satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and costs of administration, distribute to the heirs.

You are required to file a written response by Wednesday, August 19, 2020, and upon your failure to do so any order entered by the Court shall be binding as if you were personally before the Court and any payment or distribution made by the Administrator CTA under orders of the Court shall have the effect of fully discharging such personal representative and any sureties on the personal representative's official bond to the full extent of such payment or distribution as ordered.

This, the 9th day of July, 2020.

CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC  
Charlotte Noel Fox  
N.C. State Bar No. 32678  
Administrator CTA of the Estate of Rebecca McMillan  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401  
Telephone: (910) 815-0085  
Facsimile: (910) 815-1095

July 9, 16, 23, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified on the 27th day of May, 2020, as Executor 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 Executor, 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, EXECUTOR  
Attorney for the Estate:  
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA  
Carolina Legal Counsel  
P.O. Box 12028  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified on the 1st day of June, 2020, as Executor 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 Executor, 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, EXECUTOR  
Attorney for the Estate:  
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**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 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Lofton Merritt Irving, 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 **16th 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 16th day of July, 2020

Tiffany Irving, Administrator  
Po Box 10161  
Wilmington, NC 28404

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2020

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

Having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of **Robert D. Moore III** (New Hanover County File No. 20 E 613) late of 1107 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 201 N. Front Street Suite 408, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **16th day of October, 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 July, 2020.

CASON CRUMMIE LAW FIRM, PLLC  
Attorney for Monita M. Ozment  
20 I N. Front Street Suite 408  
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 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 TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Louise Price Formisano (20-E-418)**, 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 9, 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 July, 2020.

Lori G. Formisano  
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July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carol Lucy Cohen (20-E-681)**, 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 9, 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 July, 2020.

Ronald Cohen  
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
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July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**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

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the General Court of Justice - Superior Court Division 20 CVS949**

**ELANDA J. GORE, Plaintiff, v. ROBERT W. GRAY, JR., Defendant.**

**To Robert W. Gray, Jr.: Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action.**

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: damages arising from motor vehicular negligence. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from the first running of this notice, exclusive of such date, which was Thursday, July 9, 2020, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 9th day of July, 2020

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