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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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OUR VOICE



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BERNEST HEWETT

A MODEL CITIZEN

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER



FORMER MAYOR PRO-TEM KATHERINE MOORE

Last week, we lost one of the most respected women that lived and worked in this area. She owned and operated a successful business when women of color were consid-

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Blacks need to pay attention to armed White right-wing groups, says attorney

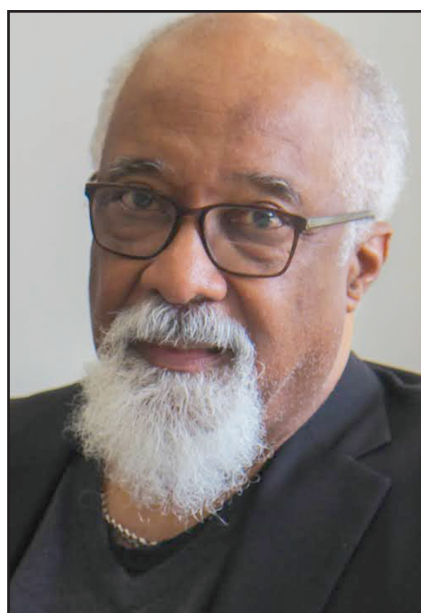
BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A top North Carolina civil rights attorney warns that the recent displays of high-powered weapons by angry Whites during demonstrations, even here in North Carolina, are a harbinger of deadly things to come, and African-Americans should be paying very close attention.

Attorney Irving Joyner, law professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law, and chair of the NC NAACP's Legal Redress Committee, says the signs of White domestic extremists arming themselves amid times of Black advancement "...are very similar to racist activities which preceded the November 1898 Wilmington [race] massacre."

Joyner should know. He was the vice chair of North Carolina's 1898 Wilmington Race Riot Commission twenty years ago, which studied the tragic events when angry White supremacists attacked Black citizens in the Port City, killing many and driving others out of town, all the while violently taking over the city's government.

With a close but informed eye toward history, Professor Joyner says, "Since the election of President Barack Obama, governmental reports show a significant increase in Whites purchasing guns, many of them assault caliber weapons, in this country. Those purchases have increased



CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY IRV JOYNER



OREGON ARMED PROTESTOR

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CLYDE EDGERTON



REV. DANTE MURPHY

Clyde Edgerton and Rev. Murphy review Pender schools' 'n-word' report

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

An independent report by a Raleigh law firm released last week determined that a Pender High School teacher did use the "n-word" twice in front of students and was issued a letter of reprimand.

However, the report also noted that the Pender Public Schools Administration violated its own policy during its investigation into the matter because no one interviewed the complainant.

Local civil rights leader, The Reverend Dante Murphy, and social activist, Clyde Edgerton, reviewed the report and determined that there

were "...disturbing questions regarding transparency, administration oversight, a teacher survey, teacher training, the school board's oversight of the superintendent, and racism at Pender High School."

According to Rev. Murphy and Mr. Edgerton:

1) An incident occurred two years ago (October 2018) when an administrator wrote the n-word on a legal pad. She was quoting students who had used the word in reporting a school fight. The investigation found that she broke no policy. We concur.

2) An incident occurred one year ago (October 2019) in which Karen McGowen used

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BIDEN AND HARRIS

The state of the election: Where's Joe and Kamala?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

On Monday, Ivanka Trump, daughter and special adviser to President Donald Trump, held a so-called campaign "fireside chat" in Wilmington, talking about what she saw as her father's accomplishments during the course of his almost four years in office. It was her second North Carolina event in recent weeks.

This coming Saturday, the President is scheduled to hold a campaign rally in a hangar at Fayetteville Regional Airport. Trump held a rally in Winston-Salem just last week, as well as in Wilmington and Charlotte for part of the Republican National Convention.

Clearly, the Trump campaign is in the hunt for North Carolina's all important 15 electoral

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Black households earned 61 cents for every dollar of White median incomes

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

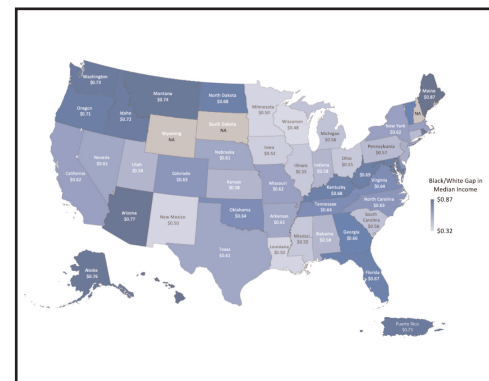
(TriceEdneyWire.com) - The August 23 police shooting of an unarmed Black man in Kenosha, Wisconsin, triggered yet another round of community protests and national news coverage of a Black man. A series of multiple gun-

shots fired by a local police officer, were not fatal for 29-year old Jacob Blake; but may have permanently paralyzed him from the waist down.

Days later on August 28, the National Action Network served as a major organizer for a Commitment March, rededicating

the yet unaddressed dreams of the historic 1963 March on Washington. Assembled again at Washington's Lincoln Memorial, the day's speakers spanned nation-

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BLACK AND WHITE GAP

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STATE BRIEFS



NC HOUSE REPUBLICANS FALSELY ALLEGE HOUSE DEMOCRATS SUPPORT 'DEFUND THE POLICE'

[RALEIGH] NC House Speaker Tim Moore, a Republican, falsely charged Monday that House Democrats - who are poised

to take over the State House if they can in the November 3rd election - have taken more than \$100,000 from a group known as Future Now Fund "in exchange for promising to support legislation that would defund the police." House Democratic Leader Darren Jackson has called the allegation "a lie." Jackson added that Democrats signed a pledge with the group two years ago, long before the slogan came about. He maintains Republicans are trying to distract from their positions on education and healthcare.

NC SENATE REPUBLICANS FALSELY ACCUSE NCAE OF BACKING COP KILLERS

[RALEIGH] NC Senate President pro Tem Phil Berger has accused the North Carolina Association of Educators of supporting cop killers, just because NCAE encouraged teachers statewide to participate in a Black Lives Matter at School program to help uplift Black students. Sen. Berger pointed to a tweet from NCAE Pres. Tamika Walker Kelly supporting the BLM program, charging that NCAE "openly

embraces cop-killing terrorist Assata Shakur. Shakur was convicted in 1973 of killing a N.J. state trooper. Because the BLM program uses a quote from Shakur that says, "it is our duty to fight for our freedom, it is our duty to win," Berger says NCAE supports her. President Kelly forcefully responded Monday on Twitter, saying, "@BLMATSchool is a national coalition organizing for racial justice in education that has nothing to do with the garbage you're spouting," NCAE tweeted. "Get your facts straight, Phil."

NC APPELLATE COURT REVERSES 2019 RULING AND WILL ALLOW VOTER ID

[RALEIGH] By 2-1 ruling Tuesday, the NC Court of Appeals reversed a Wake Superior Court judge's February 2019 ruling that essentially disallowed two constitutional amendments - one of them dealing with voter ID - because the judge found that the Republican-led legislature was unconstitutionally constituted because of racial gerrymandering. But on Tuesday, two state appellate judges said

that judge erred in judgment, and threw out his decision. With the 2020 election already in progress in North Carolina, does this mean that voter ID will be required once early voting begins October 15th? No. Legal observers say this ruling does not affect the upcoming November 3rd election, nor early voting.

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ELECTION

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college votes, which would come in handy in what is seen as what could ultimately be a close presidential election with Democratic challenger, former Vice President Joe Biden.

Thus far, according to RealClearPolitics and other national polls, the race between Trump and Biden in North Carolina is a virtual dead heat at 47.6 for Biden, and 47.3 for Trump once at least seven major polls are averaged.

Assuming that the Biden campaign sees the same polls that the Trump campaign is obviously using to determine this key battleground state as essential enough to repeatedly send the Republican incumbent to. Observers are asking the question, "Why hasn't former Vice-President Joe Biden or Senator Kamala Harris, his vice presidential partner, been to North Carolina yet, and what is keeping them?"

True, Democrats in what is considered by many to be a "purple" swing state are seen as having the momentum to keep the governor's office and possibly take back the N. C. General Assembly, but, as proven just four years ago in 2016, when Democrats won

the governor's seat but still came up short regaining the legislature or helping to elect Hillary Clinton, North Carolina voters can be fickle, especially with less than 50 days to go to the November 3 Election Day.

However, there are several factors now in 2020 that may give Democrats hope, even as Republicans pull out all stops to kill their momentum.

North Carolina, thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, was the first state in the nation to begin absentee balloting by mail on September 4, meaning that North Carolinians were the first in the nation to begin voting, even weeks before the official "One Stop Early Voting" period of Oct. 15 to Oct. 31.

As of last week, more than 10 percent of North Carolina's 7,119,097 registered voters, or 758,057, have requested absentee ballots for the Nov. 3 elections. That is up 1,400 percent from 2016, when only 50,425 were requested.

As of September 12, 23,443 absentee ballots have been returned, and of that number, 22,709 have been accepted. 458 were designated "witness information. A few others were also not counted for a variety of other reasons.

All of note, as of September 12, 388,711 absentee ballots were requested by

Democrats, 239,325 by unaffiliated, and 127,226 by Republicans.

The final day allowed to request an absentee ballot is

Oct. 27, and voters are reminded to ignore President Trump's recent direction to vote once by mail and once in person. That is illegal.

If you want to check to see if your completed ballot was received by the State Board of Elections, go to <https://northcarolina.ballot-trax.net/voter/> and follow the instructions to track your ballot online to ensure that it has been received and counted.

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## OUR VOICE

### The key to motivating young voters? Young candidates

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

One of the most exciting parts of this year's Democratic National Convention for me was the keynote speech delivered collectively by a group of young progressive elected officials, many of them Black. They showed us the potential for a promising future once we have gotten past the presidency of Donald Trump.

They also showed us how to get there. One way to make sure we remove Donald Trump from the White House and his enablers from Congress is to support exciting candidates at all levels who can energize Democratic voters—especially progressive young people—to vote.

The mass mobilization we have seen in the Black Lives Matter protests is an essential tool for turning energy into political will and bringing pressure on public officials. Ultimately, though, voting is the only tool we have for putting people who are committed to making the changes our country urgently needs into positions of power.

Many of the problems that have been with us for far longer than the current administration—including systemic inequity in health care, education, housing, and policing—can and must be addressed at local and state levels.

That's why transformational local candidates are a key to building progressive power and making progressive change. And getting elected and serving successfully in local office is often the first step to higher office.

Look at Virginia, where intense organizing over the past few election cycles turned the former capital of the Confederacy blue. Candidates from underrepresented communities—young people, people of color, women, immigrants, LGBTQ candidates—helped Democrats take control of both chambers of the state's General Assembly. And that has meant the power to make huge changes for the people of Virginia—expanding access to health care, addressing gun violence, and more.

Opposition to President Trump helped drive change in Virginia and will motivate many people to get to the polls in November. But energy doesn't come just from the top of the ticket. It runs both ways. In fact, exciting local candidates can generate enthusiasm among people who might see national politics and candidates as far removed from their lives and concerns.

People For the American Way's Next Up! project supports young candidates running at the state and local level, many of them from communities that have long been denied their fair share of political power. The enthusiasm for their candidacies can boost progressive prospects up and down the ballot.

There's Arizona, for example, where Democrats have an excellent chance of picking up the U.S. Senate seat now held by the appointed Republican senator Martha McSally. We're excited about supporting two local candidates Whitney Walker and Jevin Hodge, both young Black people who are engaging their communities by challenging Republican incumbents on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

How about Michigan, a battleground state that helped put Trump in the White House? Chokwe Pitchford is generating excitement as a 21-year old Black man running to flip a seat in the state house.

Young voters have been going to the polls in higher numbers in recent elections. We must do everything in our power to keep that trend rising. If you know a young community-oriented person who ought to run for public office in the future, encourage them. We need their voices and energy to keep turning citizens and activists into voters.

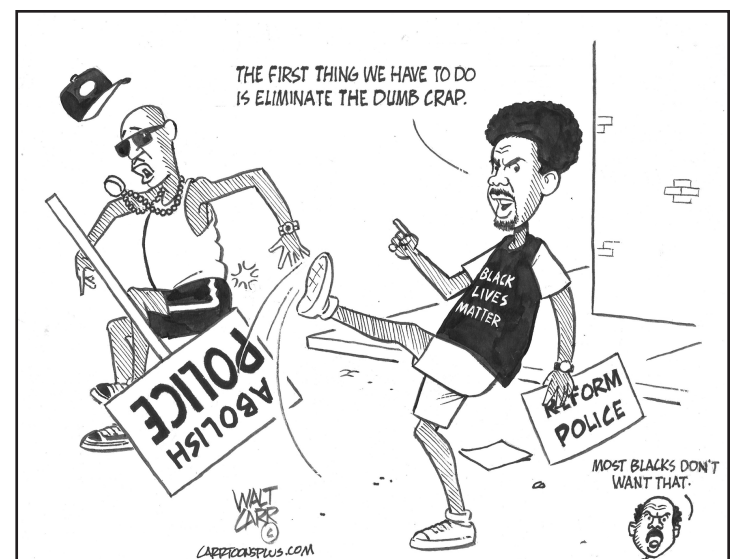
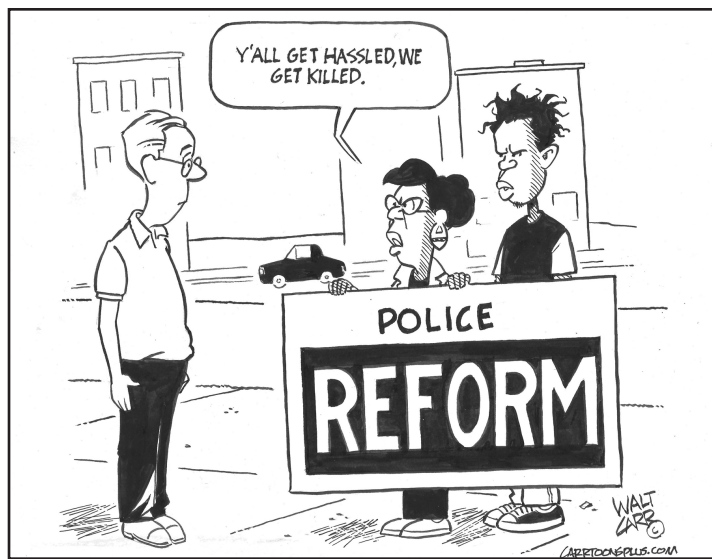
And between now and November, do what you can to support young candidates who have stepped up. They are running in a year when public health restrictions make traditional campaigning harder and when disinformation and voter suppression campaigns are trying to keep Black people from voting. We can and will move this country toward a more just future—and we can't let anyone convince us to take our eyes off that prize.

For reliable information on voting, visit <https://www.vote411.org/> (League of Women Voters) or <https://866ourvote.org/state/> (Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law)

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

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David Rozier; fullback, Mike Pompeo; Halfback, Cory Gardner; middle linebacker, William Barr; defensive end, Steve Mnuchin; cornerback, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy; free safety, Rudy Giuliani; cheerleaders: Susan Collins, Joni Ernst, Martha McSally, Betsy DeVos and Nikki Haley; punter CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield; field goal kicker FDA Director, Dr. Stephen Hahn; mascot, Tyrannosaurus Rex; lonesome ends: Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Tucker Carson;

Team Fight song, Dixie; Team memorabilia: mega hats, confederate flags and Nazi symbols; Meals before each game include: salad with Russian dressing, onion garlic soup, medium-rare red meat, white potatoes, cauliflowers, white bread and angel food cake. Team Evangelist Jerry Falwell, Jr. says an uplifting prayer and they all repeat part of the 51st Psalm "wash me and make me whiter than snow." There are two long sentences in The Declaration of Independence (paraphrased)

that TRUMP and most of his GOP posse including legislative and judicial branches chose to ignore. "We hold these truths to be self-evidence that all men are created equal". That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of those ends, it is the right/duty of the people to alter or abolish it by VOTING". Election day is November 3rd. Are you registered???

James J. Hankins  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Blame anybody

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

It's so easy to blame somebody else. Donald Trump blames everything on somebody else while he takes responsibility for nothing. Everything has to satisfy his ego or in his mind, it's fake news. So, he lies to keep the American people from panicking! He fails at that because no matter what he comes up with every day causes many American people to panic. He thinks it was Bob Woodward's responsibility to tell the truth to the American people. So, what is his idea of presidential responsibilities?

With Trump, there's something new every day, but it all works the same way. He's like those kids who say the "darndest things." The only difference in him and those kids is they're not President! He's a very chronologically advanced man who says dangerous things that make no sense while he thinks he's really smart!

He has no sense of decency. The thing he does best is distort the truth to the point that no one believes anything he

says. Those who follow him religiously can't possibly be doing so because they believe he's telling the truth or telling them anything that is going to help them. The people who follow him are either not paying attention to what he says or they never listen to real news.

I think he gets up every morning and figures out what lie he can tell that sounds more preposterous than the many he told the day before. Real reporters listen to him and can hardly wait to translate what they just heard. More often than not they're pointing out his lies. He doesn't even know how to keep his lies straight. He'll give one answer today, and answer the exact opposite the next day.

He's almost at the end of his painful four-year term, and he hasn't yet realized he was President of the United States!



Dr. E. Faye Williams

He still doesn't realize it's the responsibility of the President who's currently in the White House to fix whatever he thinks is broken.

He undermined everything scientists were telling him, and kept the truth about what was really going on. He knew how dangerous the pandemic was and still is. He obviously thinks that somebody else is charged with leading the country. Apparently, he was shocked to find out there was something he couldn't control when he was told exactly what this "China Virus" as he calls it was likely to do. He spoke with Woodward in those 18 calls seemingly jubilant about how dangerous the virus was. He seemed to relish discovering something that was airborne and dangerous. It was like he had this big secret and was only going to tell Bob about it. He was gleeful to go out and tell the American people he had everything under control while knowing he was lying.

What kind of person plays games with a deadly disease that he knows is deadly; yet,

gleefully tells the people he's responsible for protecting that they shouldn't do the very thing that might protect them? What kind of person would say such horrible things about military leaders who're also responsible for protecting the American people at his command? Who believes those little Black kids sitting behind him as he speaks even know who he is?

When it comes to truthfulness, Joe Biden runs circles around Donald. It's obvious Trump doesn't even understand the concept of truth. What I don't understand is why people who seem to have a bit of sense follow him religiously.

The way he told Woodward "You drank the Kool-Aid," he doesn't need to tell me again that he in no way can relate to the pain and suffering his white privilege still causes others.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women. She hosts "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFV-FM-89.3 FM.)

## TO BE EQUAL

### Keep politics out of the coronavirus vaccine approval process

Maintaining the American public's trust in the FDA is vital. If the agency's credibility is lost because of real or perceived interference, people will not rely on the agency's safety warnings. Erosion of public trust will leave consumers and patients doubting our recommendations, less likely to enroll in clinical studies or to use FDA-regulated products when they should to maintain or improve their health. This is problematic under normal circumstances but especially if we are to ultimately overcome COVID-19. Protecting the FDA's independence is essential if we are to do the best possible job of protecting public health and saving lives. -- Senior FDA executives Patrizia Cavazzoni, Peter Marks, Susan Mayne, Judy McMeekin, Jeff Shuren, Steven Solomon, Janet Woodcock and Mitch Zeller

From the moment the novel coronavirus first reached America's shores in January, he has regarded it first and foremost as a political inconvenience.

Without evidence, has portrayed anything that delays that "magic bullet" he believes will end the pandemic—or at least appear to end it—as the result of a conspiracy to damage his candidacy. This includes the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approvals process.

If we have any hope of developing a safe, effective vaccine that brings the virus under control, it depends entirely on the FDA's resolve to resist this shameful political pressure.

In an encouraging move, eight top FDA officials and doctors this week published an op-ed in USA Today pledging that all "decisions will

continue to be guided by the best science" and maintain independence from political pressure.

Their statement came a day after executives representing nine companies working on coronavirus vaccines pledged to submit the vaccines for FDA approval only after they're shown to be safe and effective in large clinical studies.

"We believe this pledge will help ensure public confidence in the rigorous scientific and regulatory process by which COVID-19 vaccines are evaluated and may ultimately be approved." The pledge was signed by the CEOs of AstraZeneca, BioNTech, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Merck, Moderna, Inc., Novavax, Inc., Pfizer Inc., and Sanofi.

It's worth noting that many of the regulations that still govern the FDA's drug testing process were developed in the wake of the thalidomide scandal of the early 1960s. The drug, taken by pregnant women, killed thousands of babies in the womb and caused at least

10,000 others in 46 countries to be born with severe deformities. The U.S. escaped this tragedy largely due to the determination of FDA medical officer Frances Oldham Kelsey. "For a critical 19-month period, she fastidiously blocked its approval while drug company officials maligned her as a bureaucratic nitpicker," the New York Times wrote in a 2015 obituary.

Widespread vaccine use helped eliminate deadly and disabling diseases in the U.S. The last natural outbreak of smallpox—which killed three of every 10 people who contracted it—was in 1949, and the disease was declared eliminated in 1952. Measles was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000, although outbreaks among the unvaccinated are triggered by infected travelers bringing the virus from other countries. Rubella, a typically mild illness that can cause serious complications for pregnant women and their babies, was

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declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2004. Prior to 1955, polio permanently paralyzed thousands of children every year. No cases of polio have originated in the U.S. since 1979.

I have faith that one day, coronavirus can be added to this list. But only if we can maintain faith in our public health institutions. A poll from the Kaiser Family Foundation released this week found that 62 percent of Americans are concerned that a COVID-19 vaccine will be rushed to the mar-

ket before it's ready because of political pressure from the Trump administration.

A smaller majority, 54 percent, said they wouldn't take a vaccine that is approved before Election Day.

It's hard to estimate how much damage the Trump administration has done by

allowing politics to override responsible public health policy. The FDA and the pharmaceutical companies must invoke the spirit of Frances Oldham Kelsey and stand as a firewall against his interference.

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

"Losers"???!!!

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

Anyone who has followed the career of Donald Trump can only be but so surprised by the allegations that he has demeaned military veterans and fallen fighting men and women. The allegations, which included the identification of fallen soldiers as losers and suckers, follows a pattern of disrespect for those who have made personal sacrifices. In fact, it corresponds to the entire transactional nature of Trump's relationship with nearly everyone.

When I first heard the story, on the Rachel Maddow Show (MSNBC), my mouth dropped. I could not believe that Trump had actually gotten caught making such derogatory references. Trump, who likes to pride himself on his alleged support for the military caught demeaning the military! His responses, including his adamant denial, was



Bill Fletcher

accompanied by his assertion of his alleged support for the military through an increased military budget. What Trump does not seem to appreciate is that his disrespect for service men and women is not inconsistent with increasing the military budget. Increasing the size of the US military says nothing about how one views the service men and women.

For Trump it is probably more a reflection of his Napoleonic self-image and wishing to be associated with the trappings of power. All of this should be contrasted with the support—or lack

thereof—offered to those who have served, whether they lived or perished.

My fury with Trump over his approach towards service men and women is not rooted in jingoism. Anyone having read any of my columns is aware of my consistent critiques of US foreign policy generally, and US military adventurism in particular. But, like many of you, I have had friends and relatives (including my father) serve in the military.

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One huge lie crystallized

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

You may have decided not to look at the recent Republican National Convention on television, and many Americans think President Trump broke the law by abusing the Hatch Act. But our president is smiling, because he got away with it.

The president needed a convention bounce and, according to polls, White voters have increased their support of his policies. By comparison, following the Democratic National Convention, held a week earlier, nothing changed statically in terms of support.

A recent Morning Consult poll that asked 4,035 likely voters which candidate they would pick, found Biden leading Trump by 6 percentage points, 50 percent to 44 percent. It marked a 4-point improvement for Trump from his standing going into the convention on August 23, when Biden led 52 percent to 42 percent. "The poll had a 2-point margin of error," according to Morning Consult's by Eli Yokley.

After the Republican Convention, President Trump has cut into Biden's lead, and it appears that our president is a man of character. Trump

supporters made it appear that he was working for all Americans and that there are thousands of Black men who believe he is the best candidate for our community. The president made it appear that he was working for the soul of America, and he was a huge supporter of voting.

Even though there are 198 judges appointed by the president to the different courts in 3 1/2 years, not one has been Black.

This has solidified conservative thinking and created and supported racism. These appointments are not about the next 4

years, but this will impact the positions and decisions that the judges will make for the next 40 years. The Democrats have cast the President as a failed leader, but Trump's supporters painted him as a success and the last line of defense against radical socialism.

Black Lives Matter is trying to de-fund the police Departments and when you need a policeman, there will be a busy signal. Many of the

mayors in many cities are finding out that Trump administration is paying people to create violence during peaceful protests.

Even though the Republican Convention was one huge lie, many of Biden's supporters are having second thoughts about supporting the Democrats. As the race gets closer, all of the Republicans will be lying, and it is very hard to know what a lie is and where the truth starts.

On the last night of the convention Giuliani said, progressive Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York is the reason crime has elevated in the city. But when Giuliani was mayor in 2000 the yearly murder rate was 673, compared to 318 in 2019.

It is so easy to lie and give half of the story or picture. During the last night, a supporter kept telling the country that the president created the strongest economy in American history and strengthened Medicare and Social Security. However, Obama's last three years were stronger than Trump's first three years, and the present economy is close to a depression. Ending payroll taxes would deplete the Social Security fund in two years.



Roger Caldwell

RAINBOW COALITION

Trump leads by division, while Biden leads by multiplication

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As the presidential campaigns heat up, Americans are provided with a stark choice of leaders. The visits to Kenosha of Donald Trump and Joe Biden provide clear contrasts for all to see. Kenosha erupted after a white policeman shot an unarmed Black man, Jacob Blake, seven times in the back, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. Demonstrators have marched night after night demanding justice.

The protests were marred by vandalism, with some stores looted and burned. Informally organized, armed, right-wing militia groups came in looking for a fight. President Trump came to Kenosha despite the objections of local officials that his presence would be provocative. That didn't deter him because he came to provoke. He met with local police, toured some of the businesses that were burned down, and condemned the demonstrators. He refused to meet with the mother of Jacob Blake or to talk with Blake himself. Asked about the scourge of racism in our criminal justice system that has sparked unprecedented demonstrations across the country, he dismissed that as "the opposite subject."

That wasn't his message. He wanted to focus on "the kind of violence we've seen in Portland and here and other places. The fact is that we've seen tremendous violence and we will put it out very, very quickly if given

the chance."

He attributed the repeated police killings to the notion that the police "choke" under pressure, like a golfer choking and missing a short putt. For George Floyd or Eric Garner, the only choking came from the choke holds police used to take their lives. Trump bizarrely points to the chaos engulfing the country on his watch and warns that this is what will happen if his opponent is elected. While scolding the governor and local officials as weak,

Trump took credit for ordering in the National Guard, though he had nothing to do with it. They were ordered in by the governor at the request of local officials. Trump offers no hope for reform. He acts only to fan fears and division in the hope it will help him in the election. Joe Biden came to Kenosha two days later. He met in a church with representatives of the community, with firefighters and with local officials.

He heard the pain of those living with fears of police violence in the Black community, and expressed his concern at the systemic racism in our criminal justice system. He spent an hour with Blake's family and talked with Jacob Blake on the phone. He promised that he would work to bring reform, to address the scourge of

racism that still scars our nation. He has condemned the violence, the vandals and the vigilantes, even as he praised those peacefully demonstrating for justice. He called for reform of the police, even as he distinguished the large number of dedicated police from the lawless few who should be held accountable. He quoted Jacob Blake's mother who told him: "I'm praying for Jacob, but I'm praying for the policemen as well. I'm praying that things change."

The contrast was clear. Trump leads by subtraction and division; Biden by addition and multiplication. One fans polarization, the other seeks reconciliation. One peddles fears; the other offers hope. Trump refuses to condemn the right-wing vigilantes, even offering a defense of the 17-year-old Trump supporter who traveled to Kenosha with an assault weapon, and shot and killed two people, wounding another.

Trump refuses to acknowledge the provocations that lead unprecedented numbers of people to protest peacefully for justice, dismissing them as "anarchists." Campaigning in 2016, he encouraged police to mistreat suspects, suggesting a little brutality would be a good thing. In the face of demonstrations marred by violence and vandalism, Biden chose not to abandon those demanding justice.

He condemned lawless actions on both right and left and called on Trump to do the same. At the same time, he reached out to the victim, and acknowledged the provo-

cations that lead citizens to march for justice. Trump sees the demonstrations as a political opportunity that he can use to scare those in the suburbs, to stand as the law-and-order candidate. He pretends that if re-elected he can bring order, ignoring that fact that he is president as the disorder spreads. Biden, in contrast, has felt the pain of losing a child. He hears the agony of African Americans who want safe neighborhoods and at the same time, live with real fears for the safety of their sons or daughters from the very forces tasked with protecting them.

In 1960 in the midst of a presidential campaign, Martin Luther King was arrested in Birmingham for leading peaceful protests for equal rights. He was denounced as an outside agitator, a radical, a communist. John F. Kennedy made a dramatic call to King in his jail cell, making it clear that he understood the justice of his cause. That call had a dramatic effect on his razor-thin margin over Richard Nixon.

It also set the stage for the civil rights reforms that came after Kennedy's assassination. Biden's trip to Kenosha — at a time when Trump is desperately peddling fear and division to bolster his election changes — reminds me of Kennedy's courage. Americans must choose whether they want a leader who promises only to drive us apart or one who offers the possibility of bringing us together.

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

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Wrong is wrong

Has America ever been "exceptional?"

There are reporters who are bemoaning the "loss" of America as they have known it, and the questioning of "American exceptionalism." But when it comes to the bare facts of how this country has treated many people that descriptive phrase seems misplaced.

The core of America is white supremacy, the belief that white people are superior to all others - but not just any white person. This country's eugenics movement made it clear that the scientists of the day believed that the truly superior human white person was he or she who had Nordic features.

In the quest to create a master race in this country, women of all races were sterilized against their will, people were subjected to classification as "moron" or "feeble-minded," or "imbecile" and more, and those so labeled were considered to be unqualified to be parents, and were isolated from the rest of society and many were sterilized.

One of the most famous cases was that of Carrie Buck, who filed a lawsuit to fight a court order that she be sterilized. Her case went all the way to the US Supreme Court, which upheld the right of the state of Virginia to sterilize her. US Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "Three generations of imbeciles are enough," in writing for the decision. (http://stories.americanexperience.org/finding-carrie-buck).

When one reads about how Native Americans were forced to walk from Georgia to Oklahoma, along what is now known as the Trail of Tears under the direction of President Andrew Jackson, there is some exceptionalism being displayed, but it is not admirable. It shows a nation whose leadership and citizens were willing to subject human beings to abject cruelty.

In this voting season, we are reminded that white people have historically used violence and racist suppression tactics to keep black people from the polls. The account of how black people in Wilmington, North Carolina were attacked and killed following the publishing of a newspaper article in 1898 about white women were willing participants in sexual relations with black men was the spark that lit a fire of fury amongst whites who had long resented black people gaining power and status as they used their right to vote. The violence they used against black. When the debacle was over, many blacks had been killed, their homes destroyed, and were forced to leave the city. The building where the article had been published was burned to the ground. (https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/08/wilmington-massacre/536457/)

When the Eastland, a cargo boat onto which hundreds of Chicago immigrants walked to get to an island for a holiday picnic sank, resulting in the deaths of over 700 people, city and state officials were silent. (https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/eastland-disaster-killed-more-passengers-titanic-and-lusitania-why-has-it-been-forgotten-180953146/). The story of that ship was never a part of Chicago history, including the reports that the businessmen who had engineered the trip and ignored certain warning signs which should have kept them from putting so many people on that ship were never prosecuted for their negligence.

No country, no government is perfect, but this country's dishonesty about what we have been about and how we have treated people makes people hold onto the myth of American exceptionalism as a moral reality when in actuality, the "exceptionalism" has been more tied to the fact that people could come here and make money. It is America's capitalism which has been exceptional, giving people from around the world an awe of this country and inspiring them to come here to make a new life.

That is exceptional. But none of America's capitalist opportunities precluded or prevented America's work of making of laws and policies that adversely so many Americans was not worthy of claiming to be more moral than any other nation. Throughout our history, our moral decay has pushed through. And it is now completely above ground, with 40 percent of Americans proudly standing in favor of leadership which is scooping America's decay and serving it without abandon.

That is not exceptionalism which is admirable. It is the mythical exceptionalism that stands in stark contrast to the lofty claim of America that she is and always has been "better" than other countries which treat their people poorly.

Perhaps the phrase we have used for so long should be discussed and dissected a little more. We cannot change our history, but we can do the hard work of making this country truly exceptional by being able to admit its flaws and weaknesses and do the work of making a truly exceptional and unique nation.

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

FLETCHER

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And Trump would describe them as "losers"?

I am hoping that millions of us will teach Trump what it means to be a loser on November 3rd.

Bill Fletcher, Jr. is the executive editor of global-africanworker.com and a former president of TransAfrica Forum.

I lost a childhood friend to the Vietnam War. One of my best friends in life returned from Vietnam with post-traumatic stress disorder and, quite possibly, Agent Orange poisoning.

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having a home, you need credit. Credit is a contractual agreement in which the borrower agrees to pay for something of value at a future date with interest. There are two types of credit, secured debt, and unsecured debt. Secured debt means the item being purchased (example: a home) is used as collateral against the amount borrowed. Unsecured debt (example: medical debt or



**Brenda Dixon**

credit cards), involves no collateral. One of the side effects or side benefit of becoming and living debt-free is that you eventually have a credit score of zero. If that's you, you're un-scorable, and because you're invisible to credit bureaus, you will face a unique challenge: How can you prove to a mortgage lender you're a reliable borrower without a credit score. The good news is that yes, you can get a mortgage without a credit score. It is more difficult, but it's possible. You just need a lender who does manual underwriting. Manual underwriting is a hands-on

investigation into your ability to repay debt. You're about to take on a mortgage, and they want to know you can handle it. As you're going through the underwriting process, you'll have to submit lots of documents-like proof of income and a history of rental payments-that prove you're financially responsible. Manual underwriting is a hands-on investigation into your ability to repay debt. You're about to take on a mortgage, and they want to know you can handle it. As you're going through the underwriting process, you'll have to submit lots of documents-like proof of income and a history of rental payments-that prove you're financially responsible. The first hoop will be documentation-lots and lots of documentation. The more evidence you can provide of your on-time payment history, the higher your chances of qualifying for your mortgage. You'll need to show verification of your income for the last 12-24 months, as well as a steady payment history for at least four regular monthly expenses. These expenses may

include: Rent, Utility bills, Cell phone bill, Insurance premiums, childcare, buy here/pay here accounts, etc. As you can see, all is not lost if you are starting at credit score ground zero and must build yourself up. If you want it bad enough, and trust me, it is more than worth it, then let the building begin.

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The scores and rankings for each school were determined based on a historical analysis of National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN)

exam pass rates and test scores.

"We are proud to be recognized by PracticalNursing.org for the accomplishments of our practical nursing program. CFCC has outstanding nursing faculty whose focus is on quality education and student success," said CFCC Dean of Health Sciences Dr. Mary Ellen Naylor. "The honor of being recognized as the #1 practical

nursing program in North Carolina and the continued success of our students exemplifies CFCC's commitment to preparing graduates to meet the health care needs of our community."

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meaningful, rewarding work in our area," said Dr. Naylor. "These professions are always in demand."

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**PRESS ROOM:**

**Wells Fargo gives \$1 million in scholarships to bridge financial gaps faced by students amidst COVID-19**

SAN FRANCISCO – Students dedicated to making a positive difference in the world offer the greatest hope for the future, but for many their plans are threatened due to the unexpected financial gap posed by COVID-19 – sometimes prohibiting them from continuing and completing college. Wells Fargo wants to help close that gap by launching the Wells Fargo Student Impact Scholarship. This new initiative will provide 200 students with \$5,000 each – funds that could help them cover various costs for their instruction and potentially make the difference in being able to continue their education. Wells Fargo’s commitment will go beyond financial assistance to include an optional mentorship opportunity to provide ongoing guidance for these students.

The program, which began accepting applications on Sept. 14, will be administered with long-standing partner APIA Scholars to students entering college and current college undergraduates for the Spring 2021 semester. The financial aid will be able to help cover costs of education like books, computers, materials to support distance learning, tuition, and housing.

A survey recent survey of leaders at various colleges and universities in July

showed that 85 percent of colleges intended to maintain their tuition levels, with another twelve percent saying they would increase them, while another recent study showed that more than half (56%) of college students say they can no longer afford their tuition costs. These factors combined with the impacts of the pandemic to jobs overall creates a significant and unexpected financial gap for some students in continuing their educational journey.

“Despite the incredible disruptions the COVID-19 pandemic has created in their personal and academic lives, students remain some of the key drivers of change. Many are rising to the challenges we are all facing today, and they are working hard to make a difference in their communities,” said John Rasmussen, leader of the Student Lending at Wells Fargo. “These students are making a positive impact, but are faced with a negative impact from COVID that could limit their options. We want to help them remain on their academic paths and continue cultivating their potential to benefit those around them.”

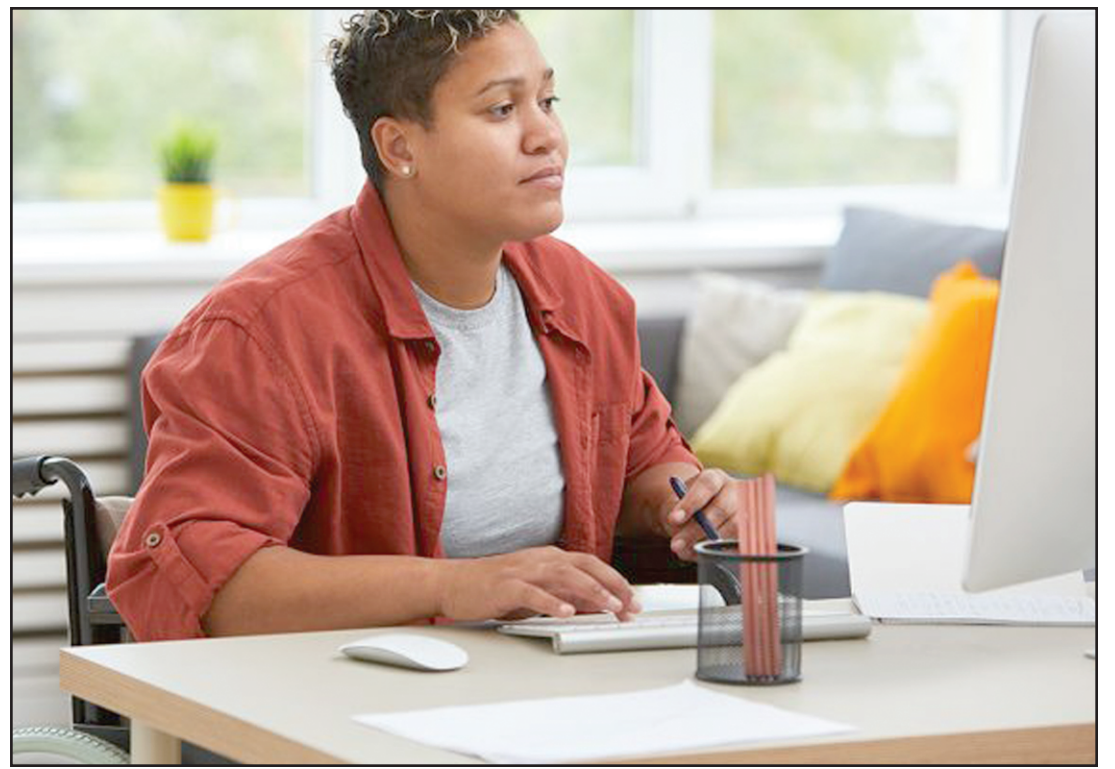
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also have the opportunity to be matched with mentors from Wells Fargo that will offer practical expertise and guidance as they navigate academic life and their post-graduation journey. These mentors will provide guidance to better position these students for their futures and continue the positive impact they make in their communities and beyond.

“It has been our long-held belief that a post-secondary education can be a valuable tool in building long-term financial health, not just for individuals, but for their communities,” said Mike Weinbach, head of Consumer Lending at Wells Fargo. “The value of this program stems not just from the funds being allocated, but from pairing students with Wells Fargo team members and information that will help them long after they have utilized the direct financial support.”

Scholarship applications will be accepted from Sept. 14 to Oct. 2. Those interested in learning more about eligibility can visit [wellsfargo.com/impactscholarship](https://wellsfargo.com/impactscholarship). Learn more about how Wells Fargo is responding to COVID-19.

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**Gwendolyn I. Buckhanan**

Gwendolyn was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on October 14, 1942. Gwendolyn transitioned home on August 25, 2020, while living with her daughter in California. Graveside services were held on Saturday, September 5, 2020, at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Entombment followed.

As a child, Gwendolyn was inquisitive, focused and academically astute. Her younger days were spent grooming her to become a young lady in dress, mannerism, and speech. As a student attending Williston High School, Gwendolyn came into her own. Her yearbook listed her activities as: Glee Club, Thespians, Social Debs and Echo Staff. She graduated with the Class of 1959 and continued her educational pursuits at Fayetteville State University.

During her collegiate years, she chose to pursue a degree in Education, specifically Elementary Studies. Her extracurricular activities included being a part of Fayetteville State University's Cheerleading Squad. It was this activity that had her to cross the path of Thomas Rawley, football player with the university. The two dated and later married. After graduating from Fayetteville State, the Rawleys relocated to Spartanburg, South Carolina. The marriage produced three children, Thomas, Kimberly and Sabrina. As a housewife, Gwendolyn had her hands full with her children.

Unfortunately, the marriage did not withstand the struggles of life. Gwendolyn and her children returned to Wilmington, N.C. where she started her career in Education. Her first classroom would be with East Arcadia Elementary School (Bladen County), followed by Pine Valley Elementary, and finally Wrightsboro Elementary School located in Castle Hayne, NC. Fulfilling her life were her small network of friends. Delores Sweat, Lawrence Williams (Buttercup), and Gwendolyn were quite the trio. They were engaged with their alma mater, Williston High School: supporting all events and meetings, ending every evening with laughter. The times these three spent together often created the best memories.

Among the highlights of Gwendolyn's life was the opportunity to return to school and carpool to class with her son. Gwendolyn and Thomas both pursued their Graduate Degrees at Webster University, at the satellite site in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Both successfully achieved their degrees, Thomas in

Sociology and Gwendolyn in Human Resource Management.

Gwendolyn later crossed paths with Roy Buckhanan, an active duty Marine stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC. The relationship finally received the "ok" from grandma and the two were married in a quaint ceremony at grandma's house. They built a home in Castle Hayne, NC, and began their chapter as a blended family; Roy had four children from a previous marriage. The home was filled with frequent cookouts, high school teenagers coming by after the games and the Port City Wheelers and families stopping by for conversation. Life being what it is, Gwendolyn experienced another valley in her life with the loss of her mother, Wilhelmina and serious illness of her son Thomas. This chapter was followed by times for which she considered a blessing: marriages of children, successful careers established by her children, and the births of her grandchildren.

Following the tragic loss of her son Thomas and years later her husband Roy, Gwendolyn relocated to California and resided with her daughter, Kimberly.

There she enjoyed rides to the beach, admiring the mountaintops in the Valley, trips to Wine Country, The Aquariums and pottery classes.

She is survived by her remaining children: Kimberly Bush (Harry) and Sabrina Rawley; grandchildren: Gerard Smith, DeMarques Coleman, Myranda Rawley, Nathaniel Smith, Shannon Rawley, Bre'Anna Bush and Imani Robinson; great grandchild: Ramere Thomas Rawley; sisters: Sandra Robinson, Janie Jenkins, Gloria Pitts; brothers: Waymond Robinson (Angela), Samuel Robinson III, Jerald Robinson, James Robinson (Carolyn) and Nathaniel Quick (Peggy), Uncle: Dr. J. Waymond Robinson (Carol). Also included are a host of friends that were considered extended family members. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).*

**Willie Green Jr.**

Willie Green Jr., son of the late Willie and Lottie Green was born March 28, 1928 in Moncks Corner, South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth "Baby Ruth" Green of 62 years and his brother David.

He was educated in the public schools of Berkeley County, South Carolina and later joined the U. S. Army on

December 12, 1951. After being discharged from the service, he came to Wilmington, NC where he worked for the Railroad and Wilmington Iron Works where he retired after 30 years.

Willie joined Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church in 1968 under the leadership of Rev. T. Dumas. He served faithfully as the oldest Trustee, Louis Frost Usher Board and Men's Choir. He did not mind doing whatever he could for his church and others.

He leaves to cherish his memory daughters Evangelist Shirley Pridgen (Garry), Ivanhoe, NC, Linda Gale Green and Kimberly Green of the home, Connie Morris, Raleigh, NC; sons Frederick Green, Wilmington, NC, Ricardo Green, Georgia; grandchildren Dejuan Green (Courtney) and Andrew Green, Raleigh, NC, Kendrick Green and Joshua Green of the home, Charisma Moore, Georgia; great grands Amari, Taylor and Chosen Green; sisters Earline Richmond (Albert), Cordesville, SC, Mary Green and Ernestine Taylor, Moncks Corner, SC.; brother-in-law Minister Wayne Lewis, Raleigh, NC; adopted spiritual daughters Melissa Shaw and Sabrina Palmer (Robert) Wilmington, NC, Yvette Miller (Lee) Raleigh, NC; special families The Wootens, Joseys, Kings and Monroes; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, N C 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).*

**Brenda Lee Leonard**

Brenda Lee Leonard died September 7, 2020. Graveside service was held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Brenda was born on November 14, 1957 in Wilmington, NC to the late Mrs. Gladys Keels Leonard and the late Mr. Roosevelt Johnson. She received her education in the New Hanover County School System. Shortly after graduating she moved to New York where she was employed as a salesperson. Brenda relocated back to Wilmington, NC where she worked various fast-food restaurants until her health declined. She enjoyed spending time loving and caring for her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kristen and her sister, Yvonne Clairborne.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Shante Leonard and Gladys Leonard both of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Quristen,

Malik, Isis, Jasiris, Davon and Taraji, all of Wilmington, NC; sister, Evelyn (Reginald) McKoy; brothers, Daniel (Betty) Leonard of Wilmington, NC and Roosevelt Leonard of Jamaica, NY; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including a special friend, Curtis Greene. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Leroy "Boo" Mays**

Leroy "Boo" Mays died September 9, 2020. Graveside service was held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 a Bethel Cemetery, Wilmington, NC.

Affectionately known as "Boo", Leroy was the son of the late James Mas, Sr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lee Simpson. He was born on May 30, 1934 in Wilmington, NC. "Boo" was a devoted son, brother and uncle. He had a very giving spirit and would help anyone he could. He never fretted regarding any situation or circumstance. His demeanor exemplified the peace of God. In Leroy's later years he enjoyed watching and listening to Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart and gospel music. Leroy worked mostly for the pulpwood industry. He served his country in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged.

He leaves to cherish his memory: sisters, Lillie Pearl Harris of Salisbury, MD, Ethel M. McClammy and Seanetta Dixon (Joe); brothers, Joe A. Mays (Linda) and Larry D. Mays (Clara) all of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear and special friends including, William "Bill" Brown, Carlton and Queenie Smith,

Mary Taylor, Celestine Jones and Elvira Slappy. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Carleen Reaves**

Carleen Reaves died September 11, 2020. Graveside service was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the Northwest Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*



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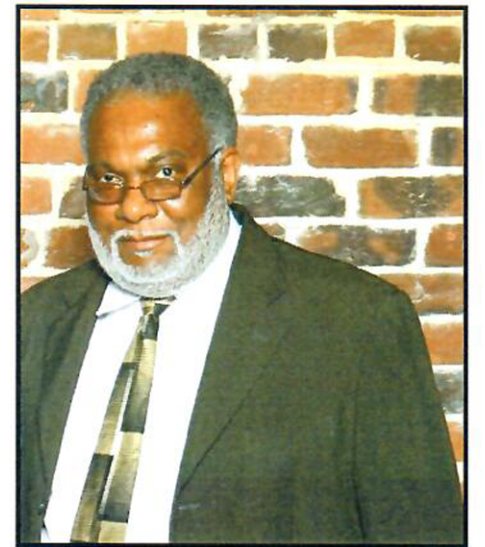
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## Montford Point Marines Day

BY F.M. HOOPER, JR.  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At the beginning of WWII the military was completely segregated. The United States Marine Corps was the only branch that excluded Blacks from serving. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 8802 which enabled

African Americans to enlist in the USMC. On August 26, 1942 African Americans began training at Montford Point Camp, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Approximately 20,000 Marines were trained by 1949.

In 1950 President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9961 desegregating the military. All Marines began

to receive boot camp training in San Diego, C.A. or Parris Island, S.C.

In 2010 Congress passed a resolution designating August 26 as Montford Point Marines Day establishing an annual celebration. In June 2012 all of the Original Montford Point Marines were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. In March 2013,

the US Navy Ship the USNS Montford Point was christened at San Diego, C.A. In July 2018, The Montford Point Marine Memorial was dedicated at the Lejeune Memorial Gardens, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In 2007, a DVD video documentary "The Marines of Montford Point Fighting for Freedom" was released. A

book written by Dr. Melton A. McLaurin, "The Marines of Montford Point America's first Black Marines" was published.

The National Montford Point Marines Association, Wilmington, N.C. Chapter #25 has cancelled all meetings at the Pine Valley Library due to the coronavirus Covid-19. The organi-

zation is still open for membership. Telcon meetings are being held. At present we do have three(3) Original Montford Marines: Sgt Major Robert L. Burns, Sr. USMC/US Army Retired of Fayetteville, N.C.; GySgt F.M. Hooper, Jr. USMC-Retired of Wilmington, N.C.; SSGT James B. Wilson USMC-Retired of Wilmington, N.C.

### TELL SOMEBODY

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

There is a divine call being made to all mankind to make a decision of eternal weight, which will determine eternal deliverance or eternal destruction. Back in the days of Noah, prior to the great flood, mankind was apathetic and unrepentant to the preaching of the Word of God. They ignored and even scorned the warnings of the preacher and rejected God's

divine plan of deliverance from impending destruction. The bible record how the masses perished in their sinful state because they failed to make up their minds to serve the Lord.

Death and destruction have no respect of age, gender, or socio economic status. Too many souls are going into judgment who have not answered the call of God and have not made a decision to serve the Lord. Almost persuaded and undecided is no place to be in, when the Lord calls your name! It is even



Sylvia Hooper

## "Time to make up your mind"

more tragic, when one has made a decision and yet procrastinate (put it off until later), only to find it's too late! In these last and evil days, multitudes are abiding in the valley of indecision, .....but it is time to make up your mind!

Joshua stated, "As for me and my house... because his mind was made up and his heart was fixed, to hear and obey the divine call of God. He and his houses was saved, because he made a conscious decision, based on a made up mind and a definite determination. He knew it was time to make up his mind for the Lord and did not care who did not. He was not swayed by public opinion, because he knew the God he served was able to keep him and his family, and he had a relationship

with God that settled any doubts he might have had as to the worthiness of serving God Almighty.

Each of us have an opportunity to make up our own minds to serve the Lord. God loves each of us and is calling us out of darkness into his marvelous light. It is a matter of choice and no one can force you to decide, but think about it for a moment.... If your phone began to ring, if you did not answer, in due time, it will stop ringing. You may have missed an important call simply because you refused to pick up the phone. When Jesus calls us, you have no idea of the missed opportunity because you do not wish to answer. I Kings 18:21 says, "How long halt ye between two opinions, if the Lord be God follow him."

Proverbs 1:24 states, "Because I have called, and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded. (verse 28 & 29) Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer: they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me. For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord."

If God is calling you to serve him through receiving his Son Jesus Christ as Savior, please do not try to put God on hold. (John 3:16) It is time to make up your mind. If you say YES to the Lord, you will receive eternal life and blessings untold in this present world! If you have already answered the call, continue to be a witness and don't forget to Tell Somebody!!!

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

### A WORD FROM THE LORD

## The invisible war, the church under seize is called spiritual warfare -Part 2

Romans 1:18-32 (KJV) 18For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. 20For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things. 24Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their

women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, 32Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

that do them. This text is given to us the church through the Holy Spirit the present-day condition, written over 2000 years ago and the church is ignorant of what is taking place in this country under the guise of black lives matter. The concept is true, but behind it, is a diabolical scheme of the spirit of the antichrist. Col. 2:6-8, As ye have therefore receive Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Jessie Penn-Lewis in her book war on the saints says the truth of every kind makes free, while lies bind up in bonds. Man's ignorance is a primary and essential condition for deception by evil spirits. The ignorance of the people of God concerning the powers of the darkness, has made it easy for the devil to carry out his work as a deceiver. The devil's great purpose, and for which he fights, is to keep the world in ignorance of himself, his ways, and his colleagues, and

the church is taking sides with him when siding with ignorance about him. Every man should keep an attitude of openness to all truth, and shun the false knowledge which has slain its tens of thousands and kept the nations in the deception of the devil.

Today there is a special onslaught of deceiving spirits upon the Church of Christ, the fulfillment of the prophecy which the Holy Spirit expressly made known to the Church through the Apostle Paul, that a great deceptive onslaught would take place in the "latter times." Since 2000 years have passed by, but the special manifestation of evil spirits in the deception of believers to-day points unmistakably to the fact that we are at the close of the age.

The peril of the church at the close of this dispensation is foreshown to be especially from the supernatural realm, whence Satan would send forth an army of teaching spirits, to deceive all who would be open to teachings by spiritual revelation, and thus draw them away unwittingly from full allegiance to God. Yet in face of this plain forecast of the peril in later times, we find the church in almost entire ignorance of

the workings of this army of evil spirits. The majority of believers too readily accept everything "supernatural" as of God, and supernatural experiences are indiscriminately accepted because all such experiences are thought to be of God.

Through lack of the knowledge of God, the majority of even the most spiritual people, do not carry out a full and perpetual war upon this army of wicked spirits; and many are shrinking from the subject, and the call to war against them, saying that if Christ is preached it is not necessary to give prominence to the existence of the devil, nor to enter into direct conflict with him, and his hosts. Yet large numbers of the children of God are becoming a prey to the enemy for lack of

this very knowledge, and through the silence of teaching on this vital truth, the church of Christ is passing on into the peril of the closing days of the age, unprepared to meet the onslaught of the devil. Apart from the knowledge of God's word, when thinking we are fighting for the truth, it is possible for us as a believer to fight for, defend, and protect evil spirits and their works; for if we believe we are "defending" God, and

His works; It is possible for a person through ignorance to stand against God and to attack the truth of God, and also defend the devil, and oppose God, unless he knows.

The Bible throws much light upon the Satanic powers, which cannot fail to be discerned by all who search the scriptures with open minds: 2 Corin.11:13-15, For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. Father, in the Name of Jesus I pray to help us as the children of God to walk in the light of thy word and that we measure everything by what Your Word says: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple

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

## Biden Campaign & DNC announce new vote-by-mail features on IWillVote.com

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT

On Monday, Sept. 14, the Joe Biden for President campaign and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) have announced new features on IWillVote.com – the DNC's voter participation website – that will help voters easily request and return their ballot by mail.

According to the campaign, the site will also help visitors learn important information about the voting process in their state as they make their plan to vote.

Previously, an individual could use the site to check or update their registration and find voting locations. The new user experience will also guide

a voter through their best voting-by-mail option based on their state and county regulations, including:

Requesting a ballot online. A voter will be directed to their state's online vote-by-mail request form.

Requesting a ballot by email. A voter completes a vote-by-mail request form, including uploading a picture of their signature (where required), on com. The form is automatically emailed to the state.

Printing and mailing their request. A voter completes a vote-by-mail request form on com. The voter then prints, signs, and mails the request form to the state.

Requesting a prepaid return envelope: A voter completes a vote-by-mail request form on com and requests a prepaid

return envelope. The voter will then receive their completed request form via mail to sign and return in a prepaid return envelope.

Additionally, IWillVote.com has been updated with new state-specific voter education pages and resources – to help voters easily find their states' deadlines to vote by mail, early or in person, as well as other important information about their states' voting process.

How ever voters choose to cast their ballots, these updates to the IWillVote.com site provide the tools necessary to exercise their right to participate in our democracy and ensure our community's voice is heard in this critical election," said DNC National Press Secretary Brandon Gassaway.

"Our lives and our liveli-



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hoods are at stake this November, and we're doing everything in our power to

ensure every voter has all the information they need to make a plan to vote and send Joe

Biden and Kamala Harris to the White House," Gassaway declared.



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LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY  
File No. 19 SP 15  
New Hanover County, North Carolina**

Under and by virtue of the DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR INLET WATCH YACHT CLUB, INC., recorded at Book 1296, Page 970 as amended by the following amendments recorded at Book 1479, Page 1624 (the "First Amendment"); Book 4638, Pages 917-921 (the "Second Amendment"); and Book 5485, Page 783 (the "Third Amendment") of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds (altogether the "Declaration") and the provisions of Chapter 47F of the North Carolina General Statutes and because of Respondent's failure to pay assessments duly assessed by Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc. ("Inlet Watch") as shown by the Claim of Lien for Assessments filed on 1 June 2018, under File No. 18 M 577, in the Office of the New Hanover County Clerk of Superior Court, and pursuant to an Order Allowing Foreclosure of Claim of Lien for Assessments entered by the New Hanover County Clerk of Court on July 1, 2020, the undersigned Trustee will expose for public sale at auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at 11:00 AM on the 1st day of October, 2020, at the Courthouse door, New Hanover County Judicial Building, 316 Princess St., Wilmington, NC, the following property (including any improvements thereon) located in New Hanover County NC:

Boat Slip #A-20

BEING a .1237% undivided interest in fee simple in that real property known and designated as the common areas and facilities of Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc. as shown on a plat entitled "Survey of Property and Facilities at Inlet Watch Yacht Club" recorded in Map Book 25 at Page 72 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

TOGETHER with all rights and easements appurtenant to said undivided interest as specifically enumerated in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc., issued by Byco, Inc., and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina, in Book 1296, Page 970.

TOGETHER with non-exclusive easements in common with others for ingress and egress over, across and through those two tracts of real property adjacent to the common areas of and facilities of Inlet Watch Yacht Club denominated "60 foot access easement" and "20 foot bulkhead access and easement" on the above described tract, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.

SUBJECT to the terms and conditions contained in that certain Lease Agreement, dated July 19, 1985, recorded on July 23, 1985, in Book 1295, Page 1653 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina, and any amendments thereto.

SUBJECT to the said Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc., and any amendments thereto and the By-Laws annexed thereto which with all attachments thereto are incorporated herein as if set forth in their entirety

SUBJECT to a possible diminution of Grantee's .1237% undivided fee simple interest by the annexation of additional land for use as part of Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc., as is stated more specifically in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc.

SUBJECT to the rights of the public and the State of North Carolina, if any, to (1) lands lying below the high water mark; (2) lands that have been created by artificial means; or (3) riparian rights; and subject also to the rights of the federal government's control over navigable waters, and public rights of access to any navigable waters.

The record owner of the above described real property as reflected by the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds ten (10) days prior to the posting of the Notice is John W. Sweeney (married).

The above described property is being sold "AS IS WHERE IS," and is subject any and all superior mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, judgments, unpaid taxes, easements, conditions, restrictions, and other matters of record.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit with the Trustee immediately upon the conclusion of the sale a cash deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), which is greater. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Trustee tenders a deed for the property. If for any reason the Trustee does not tender a deed for the property, the successful bidder's sole remedy shall be a return of the deposit.

To the extent the sale involves residential property with less than fifteen (15) units you are hereby notified of the following:

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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. THE UNDERSIGNED IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Betty G. Fields**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **17th day of December, 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 17th day of September, 2020

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September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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File No: 20 E 1098**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Ernestine Richardson Lewis**, deceased, late of Beaufort County, South Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned Administratrix at 1904 Township Circle, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 on or before the **19th day of December, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This 16th day of September, 2020.

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