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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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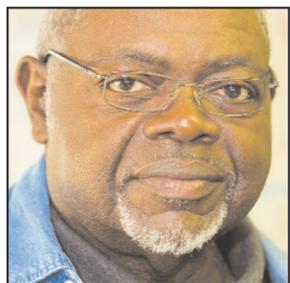
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BERNEST HEWETT

Making an impact

BY BERNEST HEWETT
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The journeys of mothers who touched the lives of many Brunswick, Bladen, and Columbus counties people were not easy, but they made an impact on many people's lives in these counties. They were out in public working to improve the lives of people around them. They were, and are, strong leaders in the communities and worked through their faith. They had their minds made up to stand for that which was right. There are more, but these touched the lives around me, and I know of them.

To Dr. Deliah Blanks, Mrs. Vernice Stanley, Mrs. Marie Genus, Mrs. Deborah Maxwell, Mrs. Adell Bernard, and Mrs. Mary Alice Thatch. we wish a belated Happy Mother's Day.

These women have stepped outside of their own circle and touched the lives of people to impact and improve them. Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, counties. When you see or all of these women, give them a thanks. God gave them to us for a little while. Be thankful! The mark of a good leader is endurance! Their strength is shown through their work.

God bless all of them. They are true mothers to a lot of people. We still have strong mothers who walk and talk with us on a day to day basis. Let us be proud and use them to help train our communities about unity and our youth about the righteousness of living right. *Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.*

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WARSAW POLICE OFFICER FRANK MOSS IS CAUGHT ON VIDEO WITH HIS HAND AROUND ANTHONY WALL'S THROAT.



ATTY. BENJAMIN CRUMP, ANTHONY WALL, AND ATT. ALLEN ROGERS

ATTORNEY CRUMP ADVOCATES FOR WARSAW POLICE VICTIM

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Was the violent videotaped May 4 arrest of 22 year old Anthony Wall, of Fayetteville, by a Warsaw police officer outside of a Warsaw Waffle House and

its aftermath a case of excessive police force?

Attorney Benjamin Crump, well known nationally for his advocacy of alleged police abuse victims, says yes, and appeared with Wall and Fayetteville Attorney Allen Rogers Monday during a press conference in

front of the Cumberland County Courthouse.

Crump says he wants to see police dashcam video, as well as video from inside the Waffle House restaurant, to determine all of what was said and done, leading up to, and including, the now infamous smart phone video that

purportedly shows Warsaw Police Officer Frank Moss with his hand tightly around Wall's throat, slamming the young man against the Waffle House store window outside and then

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North Carolina honors Pender County native

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

History was made when Pender County native, Mattie R. Sharpless, was nominated to be a United States Ambassador in 2001. This nomination, confirmed by the United States Senate as the U.S. Ambassador to the Central African Republic, made her the first female, and the only African American to have been appointed as Ambassador from the Foreign

Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

On May 10, 2018, the State of North Carolina made history in honoring the Pender County native and trailblazer by designating a portion of U.S. Highway 17 in her name for her career in foreign agricultural trade relations, and for having served in a variety of senior level positions in Washington, D.C. and abroad.



PHOTOS COURTESY DEBORAH MAXWELL
 A 5-mile stretch of U.S. 17 in Pender County between Union Bethel Rd. and the Onslow County line is named for Ambassador Sharpless.



AMABASSADOR SHARPLESS WITH HIGHWAY SIGN HONORING HER



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO ROBIN SMITH

Robin Smith awarded the 2018 Hoggard Medal for Achievement

BY MATT STEPHENSON '20M
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While senior Robin Smith '18 may have been a nontraditional student, she still managed to benefit from everything UNCW had to offer. As she prepares to graduate with a bachelor's degree in social work, Smith is grateful for her time on campus.

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Poor People's Campaign kickoff targets poverty

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In 39 state capitals Monday - from Raleigh, NC to Sacramento, California - protestors holding signs saying, "Systematic Racism is Immoral, and "Fight Poverty, Not the Poor," vowed to steer the nation and public policy back towards caring about the least of us.

Organizers called it "the most expansive wave of nonviolent civil disobedience in U.S. history."

Then, to emphasize the point, protestors committed deliberate "direct acts" of civil disobedience, and promised more of the same over the upcoming six-week period, to put the spotlight on issues such



A NATIONAL CALL FOR MORAL REVIVAL VIDEO FRAME COURTESY OF CASH MICHAELS
 Demonstrators linked arms and blocked the flow of traffic on Jones Street in front of the NC Legislative Building Monday in an act of "direct action" civil disobedience, in concert with similar acts in 38 other state capitals as part of the Poor People's Campaign.

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ADAMS MCCRORY

McCrory charged with "racebaiting" in post primary remarks

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A prominent Republican former governor has sent what some are saying is a "racist sounding" "dog whistle" about mounting Black political power in North Carolina, and at least one Democratic member of Congress has called it "appalling."

Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12), who represents the Charlotte-

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Experts say the mentally ill are gun violence victims, not culprits

BY JASMINE HARDY

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Jason Harrison is an example of how the mentally ill are often victims of gun violence, instead of perpetrators. Harrison, 39, was shot and killed after his mother called police to take him to a mental hospital when he was having a psychotic episode. Five seconds after Harrison and mother met police the door of his home, he was shot when he didn't follow commands to put down a screwdriver.

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - When the mother of a mentally ill man called 911 for help from her home in Dallas a few years ago, she did not expect him to be shot to death by police right in front of her.

When she called in, she specifically requested officers with mental health training and told them her son, Jason Harrison, 39, was suffering from bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. He needed to go to the hospital, she said. Her son's erratic behavior was nothing new. She had called for help before. So, when she opened her door, she casually informed them of her son's current state.

"He's just off the chain," she told the officers as her son ambled out the door just behind her. "Incoherent, talking about chopping up people."

Harrison seemed calm. He was twiddling with a screwdriver. Immediately, the officers began shouting at Harrison to drop the screwdriver. He didn't. Five seconds later, he was dead after being shot five times. He lay dying in the driveway of the well-kept, middle-class home as officers continued to yell at him to drop the screw driver.

What happened to Harrison in 2014, even according to police, happens far too often when the mentally ill encounter police. Additionally, it is a startling example of the relationship of mentally ill when it comes to guns and shooting. Despite statements by President Donald Trump and others regarding mentally ill Americans and guns, they are most likely the victims instead of the shooters, statistics show.

According to a study by the Treatment Advocacy Center, for example, at least half of the people shot and killed by police

each year have mental health problems. Research suggests that the rhetoric around mass shootings can support an invalid stereotype that people with mental illness are responsible.

The mass shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., where 17 people were murdered, is an example. While students and others focused on gun reform, President Trump's initial reactions to the shooting were a commentary on the shooter's mental health and the failure of school officials, friends, family and others who knew him to report him.

In a tweet sent out the day after the shooting, Trump said, "So many signs that the Florida shooter was mentally disturbed, even expelled from school for bad and erratic behavior. Neighbors and classmates knew he was a big problem. Must always report such instances to authorities, again and again!"

Ironically, while Trump has recommended an improved mental healthcare system as a solution to this nation's gun problem, he signed a bill last year that makes it easier for mentally ill people to purchase guns. Additionally, his latest budget proposal would cut public funds for mental health treatment as well as cut funds for an educational department program that is supposed to support safer schools.

The constant focus on a shooter's mental stability in mass shooting creates a false image of mentally ill people, experts say. According to the American Mental Health Counselor's Association, less than 5 percent of all violence in America is attributable to the mentally ill.

Instead, mentally ill people are more likely to be victims of violence than to commit violence, researchers found. A study in 2014 by researchers at North Carolina State University, RTI International, the University of California, Davis, Simon Fraser

University and Duke University found through their study group of mentally ill individuals, only 2.6 percent of the violent acts they committed were in school or workplace settings.

Instead, the researchers reported, 31 percent of the mentally ill individuals had been victims of violence in the same time period. Dr. Tanya Alim, a psychiatrist at Howard University Hospital and associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, said while some point to the mentally ill regarding gun violence, the nation is not providing the care the mentally ill need.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, more than half of adults with mental illness in the U.S. do not receive mental healthcare treatment. "We need better access to care,"

Alim said. "We need to decrease the stigmatization related to mental health treatment, and we need prevention, meaning helping children at an early age and identifying illnesses early on before things get out of hand."

Dr. Harold Koplwicz, the founding president of the Child Mind Institute and one of the nation's leading child and adolescent psychiatrists, said early care may have an impact on gun violence. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, 75 percent of all psychiatric illness occurs before the age of 24 and 50 percent before the age of 14.

"If we change the system so that people are better able to recognize it, you can treat something a lot more effectively if it's only a year old or two years old, than someone who gets psychiatric illness after 25 or 30 years like any of us," Koplwicz told CBS News. Jeffrey Swanson, a professor of psychiatry at Duke University has done extensive research on guns and mental illness and argues the two subjects should be separate parts of the public debate. He was the lead author in a study that says Americans with severe anger issues are more likely to be the cause of shootings, not mentally ill people.

"Gun violence and serious mental illness are two very important, but distinct public health issues that intersect only at their edges," he said in a discussion of his study. Brian Hepburn, program director at the National Association of State Mental Health, agrees and says better mental health care is desperately needed, but it would have little effect on gun violence. "Gun violence statistics in general would not be impacted, because in general, there is not a relationship between gun violence and mental illness," Hepburn said.

Still, there is a link between mental illness and crime, if only because when the mentally ill do not proper treatment and medication, they commit

acts that are deemed criminal and they are arrested and locked away. The National Alliance on Mental Health estimates that between 25 percent and 40 percent of mentally ill Americans will be jailed or incarcerated at some point in their lives.

The most glaring example is Cook County Jail in Chicago. Cook County is the largest single jail in the U.S, housing about 6,500 prisoners. According to the National Alliance on Mental Health, an estimated one in three of its inmates has a form of mental illness. Consequently, every morning, correctional officers hand out thousands of doses of anti-depressants, anti-anxiety medication and other anti-psychotics.

Those who have untreated mental illness and are not incarcerated run the risk of being shot and killed during any interaction with police. According to the Treatment Advocacy Center, people with untreated mental illness are 16 times more likely to be shot by police than other civilians. By comparison, African Americans are three times more likely to be shot by police. Family members of these victims call for better training of police officers to de-escalate potentially violent situations with mentally ill people.

In addition, experts say the traditional tactics officers use in these situations are the opposite of what they should be doing. For example, instead of yelling and encroaching on a mentally ill person's space, they should speak calmly and give them space. One of the keys, law enforcement officials say, is Crisis Intervention Training, which trains officers in how to deal with the mentally ill and others during intense interactions. Only about 3,000 of the nation's 18,000 police departments, however, have their officers go through Crisis Intervention Training, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

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as racial and economic injustice, militarism, and the need

for affordable healthcare.

The North Carolina "Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival," launched May 14 with approximately 250

demonstrators gathered in Bicentennial Mall across from the NC Legislative Building in downtown Raleigh in over 90 degree heat, demanding sweeping changes in policies addressing poverty, and education.

According to organizers, "53 people were cited for impeding the flow of traffic in front of the North Carolina General Assembly" on Jones Street (The Raleigh Police Dept. confirmed 49 people were issued citations for the same misdemeanor offense).

In Washington, D.C., former NCNAACP Pres. Rev. Dr. William Barber and Rev. Liz Theoharis, the co-chairs of the Poor People's Campaign, were arrested along with hundreds of other demonstrators from across the United States. In each participating state, the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1968 unfinished Poor People's Campaign was invoked, along with a vow to, this time, see it to the end.

"We're living in an impoverished democracy, Rev. Barber, president of Repairers of the Breach, a sponsoring social justice organization, said. "People across the country are standing up against the lie of scarcity. We know that in the richest country in the world, there is no reason for children to go hungry, for the sick to be denied healthcare, and

for citizens to have their votes suppressed."

Those who spoke Monday at the Poor People's Campaign rally in Raleigh's Bicentennial Plaza called for an end to repressive public policies coming from the Republican-led NC General Assembly, and the Trump Administration in Washington, D.C.

When the time for direct action came, designated protestors locked arms and left the Bicentennial Plaza, walking to Jones Street in front of the Legislative Building. There, under the watchful eye of State Capitol and, later, Raleigh Police, participants, Black, White, young, old, and even handicapped,

formed a large circle in the street and, with the exception of moving to a shaded area under a tree, stayed in the street with their arms locked, singing and chanting.

As Raleigh Police officers asked each one to move out of the street, and, as they refused, they were taken, without force or handcuffs, out of the line, and walked beyond the police lines to waiting patrol cars, where they were given written citations.

North Carolina organizers promise to repeat again next Monday, May 21, when the Poor People's Campaign addresses racism and immigration.

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Mecklenburg area in her congressional district, was among several public officials last week who were outraged by former Gov. Pat McCrory's remarks, chiding the election of so many Black elected officials to government leadership there.

"I'm worried about the segregated aspects of Charlotte-Mecklenburg politics and lack of diversity we might have," the Republican former governor, who many recall enthusiastically signed the 2013 law restricting early voting and instituting voter ID before it was eventually struck down, told his listeners the morning after the May 8 primary.

McCrory has since claimed that he was acting as a "political analyst" and not a partisan when he expressed dismay last week on his daily WBT-AM radio show about the successful influence of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Black Political Caucus, and the fact that so many of the candidates it endorsed won their primaries, including candidates for sheriff and

district attorney. "We see now that the Black Political Caucus is the major influencer in who wins the Democratic primary," McCrory warned.

Arthur Griffin, chair of the Black Political Caucus, reacted by not only noting that the caucus is nonpartisan but that it has endorsed many White candidates in the past. In his view, he thought McCrory's remarks were a "...political dog whistle to say, let's engage in this racial politics thing."

McCrory, who served as Charlotte's mayor for 12 years before he was elected governor, also openly lamented that the Queen City's current Black mayor, Vy Lyles, said nothing in support of the White Democratic incumbents, like the sheriff, during the primary.

"McCrory's comments are appalling but not very surprising," Rep. Adams said in a statement.

"I wonder if the former governor will speak up about the gerrymandering that has led to a majority Republican North Carolina General Assembly and congressional delegation!" she asked rhetorically.

Irving Joyner, law professor at North Carolina Central University, in Durham, and one of the lead attorneys who battled McCrory's voter ID law, slammed the Republican, saying that his "feigned alarm" was very similar to White warnings of Black political progress after the Wilmington election of 1898, which resulted then in bloodshed against Blacks.

"[His words are...] seemingly designed to arouse the attention, emotion, and opposition of his extreme conservative base around the State," Joyner said in a statement.

"We need to be wary of similar comments by McCrory and others which have the perceived intent of polarizing political participation on the basis of race. We must be vigilant to resist a return to the "race baiting" which spearheaded political participation in 1898 and resulted in the institution of almost 90 years of "Jim Crow" politics in North Carolina and the South."

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STATE BRIEFS

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WAKE GRAND JURY INDICTS DEPUTY, TWO TROOPERS IN BEATING

[RALEIGH] A Wake County grand jury this week indicted a Wake Sheriff's deputy, and two NC State troopers for the April 3rd beating of a 29-year-old black man, apparently for no reason. Kyron Dwain Hinton says he's pleased that the law enforcement officers - Deputy Cameron Broadwell, and troopers Michael Blake and Tabitha Davis - were indicted with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, and

willfully failing to discharge duties.

Hinton says he was assaulted and arrested while walking home from a sweepstakes parlor late April 3rd. The arrest warrant alleged that he was pointing his hand in the air as if he'd had a gun, and ignored commands to get on the ground. The warrant also alleged that he physically resisted being handcuffed, and the deputy's K-9 unit dog had to be used to restrain him.

But Hinton counters that he did nothing wrong, was unarmed, and was beaten up against a patrol car with their flashlights, and the dog was allowed to attack him and bite him on the arm. Hinton sustained injuries to his face, head and torso, along with a broken eye socket. All charges against him

were dismissed by the Wake District Attorney's Office. A local television station is seeking footage from the body cameras worn by the officers that night.

SNAP WORK REQUIREMENTS IN FARM BILL COULD COST NC

[RALEIGH] The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote Thursday on the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, more commonly known as the Farm Bill.

While the name might imply it will influence only the country's agriculture industry, the impact extends far beyond that. At stake in this year's legislation are measures that would institute work requirements for

SNAP recipients.

It might sound like a reasonable expectation on the surface - but Beth Messersmith, North Carolina campaign director for MomsRising, said the implications run deep in the Tar Heel State.

"When we talk about the Farm Bill, it's not something vague that happens in Washington," she said. "It's going to have very real impacts here at home, and it's particularly going to hit hard parents with young children, those with disabilities, those caring for someone with disabilities and our seniors."

North Carolina is the 10th hungriest state in the country, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and at least one in seven families struggles to put food on

its table daily.

More than half of SNAP recipients already work, Messersmith said, and those who do not often are incapable of working. Without the benefits, many will rely on community food pantries, already struggling to meet the needs of their communities.

Messersmith said the new work requirements don't take into account fluctuating hours of many service-industry jobs and related needs that come from working, such as child care and transportation.

"If they saw their hours cut at work, they could be at risk of losing their SNAP benefits for up to a year," she said. "Seniors, for example; if they can't meet the minimum number of work requirements because of age discrimination, they would be at

risk of losing the SNAP benefits they rely on."

While the legislation starts at the federal level, Messersmith said it will fall to the states to find funding to enforce the legislation.

"States are going to have to provide increased job training and employment, but it doesn't provide meaningful funding to help states do that," she said, "and it's going to say that states have to track the work hours of these 6 million to 7 million SNAP recipients every month, but it really doesn't provide the funding to make that happen."

The Farm Bill would cut SNAP funding by \$17 billion, a savings partly needed to cover the cost of the tax cuts passed by Congress last year. Its text is online at agriculture.house.gov. (SOURCE: Stephanie Carson of NCNS)

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"When you walk on campus, you've been accepted," said Smith. "There's something unique about it when you've made it to this school. It was a piece of a puzzle that was missing from my life. Once you're a student at UNCW, nobody can take that

away."

For Smith, the faculty and staff on campus are what make UNCW. While she acknowledged everyone who works in the social work and education department for being helpful, associate professor Hengameh Kermani stood out the most.

"Dr. Kermani has been there for me since day one," said Smith. "She became a

mentor to me and took the time to make sure I was on the right track and stayed there."

Smith also connected with the campus community through her involvement with various organizations including the Association for Campus Entertainment, CARE (Collaboration for Assault Response & Education), the Seahawk

Diversity Network and mentoring with My Stand.

"I asked myself, 'What can I offer to this campus?'" Smith said. "All organizations give students a chance. Go in and fill out an application, then go from there."

Now with one degree completed, Smith is looking forward to continuing to be a part of the Seahawk community, as she plans to return to

pursue early childhood education in the fall. She also has words of encouragement for other UNCW students, both traditional and nontraditional, who are still working toward their degree.

"Be yourself, believe in yourself and get involved on campus. See what UNCW has to offer you."

Smith was awarded the 2018 Hoggard Medal for

Achievement. This medal, presented through the generosity of the late John T. Hoggard, is awarded annually to the graduating senior who, in the opinion of the faculty, has shown the most improvement during his or her years at the university. The award recognizes hard and honest endeavor which has resulted in great self-improvement.

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body slamming the young man to the parking lot pavement.

The video has spurred cries from no less than the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and even the daughter of late civil rights leader, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev. Bernice King, CEO of The King Center in Atlanta, who tweeted upon reading a story about the incident, "Family, let's stay out of Waffle House until the corporate office legitimately and seriously commits to 1. discussion on racism, 2. employee training and 3. other plans to change and until they start to implement changes."

Rev. King was referring to, not just the May 4 Warsaw inci-

dent, but an earlier controversy at a Waffle House in Alabama where White police officers arrested a young Black woman, wrestling her to the ground and, according to video of the event, exposing her breasts while handcuffing, with one officer threatening to "break her arm" if she did not comply.

The NAACP Legal Defense Fund called the Warsaw incident, and specifically that police officer's alleged chokehold of Anthony Wall, "grossly inappropriate."

The video of what happened to Wall outside of Waffle House May 4 has raised questions about whether Officer Moss could have employed a far less violent manner to subdue Wall after an allegedly boisterous confrontation between the

Fayetteville man and Waffle House staff inside the restaurant.

Wall had escorted his 16 year old niece to her prom and had taken her to the restaurant afterwards to eat. However, apparently, because of a busy night, all of the tables had not been cleaned for them to be seated, reportedly.

Wall and his niece sat down at a dirty table, reportedly, and words were exchanged with a Waffle House employee.

A video posted to the Duplin Times Facebook page from inside the Waffle House shows a young Black man closely resembling Anthony Wall, along with a young Black female, both formally dressed, standing at a table, yelling and cussing at Waffle House personnel. There are other

African-American teenagers in the video that also apparently attended a prom.

The next scene in the video shows a different angle of the Officer Moss arrest of Wall. He already had the young man down on the ground, and another officer in a dark uniform was assisting in handcuffing Wall before he was taken away.

Wall was eventually charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. He said he offered no resistance while being arrested outside.

At Monday's press conference, flanked by his attorneys, the young man alleged that he was mistreated by police personnel after his arrest, which included being thrown into a police cruiser with an aggressive K-9 police dog.

Attorney Crump indicated that a lawsuit is most likely in the offing against the Warsaw Police Dept., and most likely Waffle House, as well. He alleged that his client was the target of gay slurs from at least one Waffle House employee, thus causing the confrontation before Officer Moss arrived.

The open question now is, once Moss did arrive after he was called by the Waffle House staff, how did he try to defuse the volatile situation and did he consider the admittedly angry Wall such a threat, that the officer was justified in using near lethal force?

The Black mayor of Warsaw, Rev. A. J. Connor, says yes.

In a videoed message, last week, Mayor Connor said that Officer Moss was justified in containing young Wall in the

violent manner in which he did because the "...young man had broken the law...and refused to cooperate..."

The mayor added that the State Bureau of Investigation is probing the matter. So is the Warsaw Police Dept.

Officer Moss remains on the job during the course of the investigation.

Attorney Crump, a native of Lumberton, called what happened to Anthony Wall "...a gross violation of his civil and human rights."

In his video, Mayor Connor insisted that what happened to Anthony Wall was not "race related."

However, Attorney Crump and others disagree, asking if Anthony Wall were White, would he have been treated in the same fashion.

NCDOT TO HOST A PUBLIC MEETING IN MAY FOR PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT U.S. 17 BUSINESS AND DOCK STREET WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY

STIP Project No. W-5601DH

The N.C. Department of Transportation is proposing to make improvements to the intersection of U.S. 17 and Dock Street. Improvements include extending the existing median on U.S. 17 Business at Dock Street through the intersection. Included in the project is the addition of a crosswalk on U.S. 17 with a pedestrian refuge in the median, adding extend curb (bulb-outs) on all four corners on Dock Street, and landscaping of the intersection around the curb ramp areas.

A public meeting to present information on the proposal and obtain feedback will be held Monday, May 21, 2018 in the Council Chambers at Wilmington City Hall located at 102 N. 3rd Street in Wilmington.

Interested citizens may attend at any time between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please note that no presentation will be made. NCDOT representatives will display maps and be available to answer questions and receive comments. Comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops. Written comments or questions can also be submitted at the meeting or later by June 4, 2018.

A map of the proposed project can be viewed on the NCDOT Public Meetings Website at <https://ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>.

For additional information contact Highway Division 3 Design Construct, Eric Murray by phone at (910) 341-2000 or by email at ecmurray@ncdot.gov.

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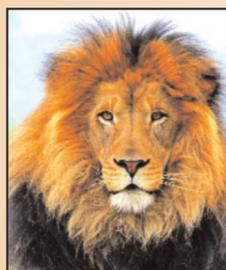
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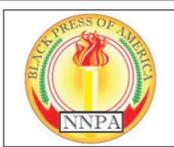
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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

Graduation is just the first hurdle

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The Black Panther, Chadwick Bozeman, graduated from Howard University with a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts (BFA) in 2000. His writing partner is also a HU graduate. Bozeman came back to his alma mater to address the Class of 2018, and to reportedly receive an honorary degree.

The Howard University graduation is one of more than 100 HBCU graduations, and more than 4000 graduations around the country. April Ryan brought down the house at Bennett College on May 5. Sophia Nelson spoke at the Philander Smith (Arkansas) graduation. All over the country, families are gathering, people are celebrating, and graduations are an occasion of joy.

If you are African American and graduated from the University of Florida, however, your achievement might be marred by the horrible memory of a faculty graduation marshal physically pushing you off the stage simply because you stopped to flash a frat sign or to execute a couple of steps. More than 20 students were assaulted by the unidentified faculty member (although some say he is a chemistry lecturer), who is now on paid leave.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Why would the university continue to pay someone who seems to have differentially attacked Black students (apparently no white students were assaulted or pushed off the stage)?

This lecturer is a menace to society and college students who should not be exposed to his racism, either on a stage or in a classroom.

University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs has apologized to the affected students and reached out to at least some of the students. The New York Times reported that Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity member Oliver Telusma '21 got a call from President Fuchs, but as of May 8, had not called him back.

From where I sit, Telusma should not call President Fuchs, instead the President needs to track that student (and the others) down and visit them personally, if necessary. The University of Florida incident reminds Black students that graduation is but one of the hurdles they must clear. Every day, every single day, they face the possibility of pernicious racism, differential treatment, and the threat of law enforcement to compel compliance with the most foolish of laws and norms, spoken or unspoken.

That's why Holly Hylton, the white woman who managed a Philadelphia Starbucks, felt free to call the police on two black men after they had been seated for a scant two minutes without ordering anything. That's why a hysterical white female bigot called the police on a Black man who was barbecuing in a public park in Oakland, California, where barbecuing is customary.

That's why the police were called on three Black women (and a white man) because they failed to wave or smile when they exited an Airbnb in Rialto, California, and detained for 45 minutes even though they had proof that they had reserved the Airbnb. That's why the police wrestled a Black woman to the ground (exposing her bare breasts) in an Alabama Waffle House after she asked for plastic cutlery, and an ignorant employee reportedly said she did not know her place. And the beat goes on and on and on. Law enforcement officers, whose mission is to "serve and protect" are frequently questioned by Black people and have now become the tools of racist white people who want Black people to "know their place".

The police are too often called to put black people in their place, to force them to comply, to reinforce the tenet of white supremacy; the notion that when we see a white person we must shuck and give and smile. So-called law enforcement officers become servants of racist who want us in our place. I want the graduates to know that their place is everywhere. Class of 2018, your place is in that Starbucks at the table, order or not. Your place is in that Waffle House, getting the utensils you requested. Your place is at the lake in Oakland, burning those bones on your grill. Your place is on that stage at the University of Florida. As a matter of fact, your place is everywhere!

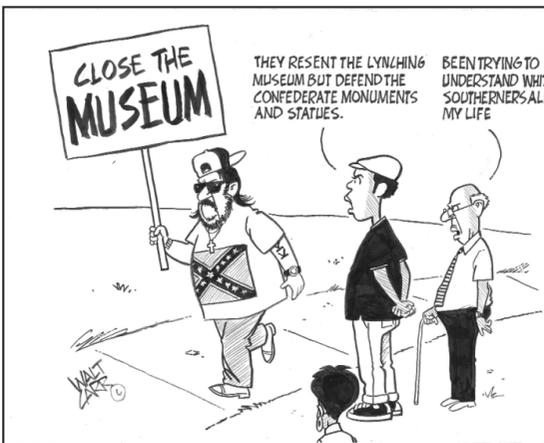
Resistance, though, now has a high price. Who wants to go to jail and end up, maybe, like Sandra Bland, whose mysterious death in Texas still has not been solved. Who wants to be handcuffed, humiliated, exposed, and maligned, just because you asked a simple question. Starbucks will close thousands of stores to the tune of millions of dollars for unconscious bias training. But who will train these biased police officers and the racists who call them because their feelings are bruised because no one waved at them.

The Class of 2018 will learn, as have millions of other African Americans, that racism is alive and well. They've cleared a hurdle with graduation, but even as some cross the stage they are being reminded that there are many more hurdles to clear to survive in our unfortunately racist nation. Perhaps, though, the Class of 2018 will be among those to dismantle the racist hurdles. Perhaps in the process of clearing other hurdles (graduate and professional school, marriage and children, artificial intelligence and generative AI), they will also find the wherewithal to eliminate racial barriers to success.

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VOTE, VOTE, VOTE

Excerpt from my book—"What We Blacks Need To Do". A small boat with no lifejackets was transporting twelve people on a six-mile trip from the west to the east side of a lake. About half way, the boat was hit by a large log floating

in the water. The boat was quickly taking in water and there were no buckets on the boat. The driver ordered the ladies to dump the contents of their pocketbooks in the water, take off their boots and use them as a bucket to throw the water out. He ordered the men to use their hats, caps and

shoes to do the same. All pitched in except one man, a stylishly dressed manicured U. S. Representative. When they safely reach the east side, the driver hollered at the politician and asked why you didn't help us get the water out of the boat. The three term Congressman said "the hole

was on the left side of the boat and I was on the right side. "This is the mortis operandi of some "well-paid" selfish politicians". Please register, research the candidates and issues then VOTE!!!

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

Let's stop kidding ourselves!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Every day we get alarming news about #45 and the damage he's causing our country. I'm sure the average person has grown weary of waiting for this chaos to end.

The 1/3 of those still supporting #45 must be called out as traitors to our nation. They're actually promoting the fact that truth no longer matters, that confusion is the

Dr. E. Faye Williams

order of the day, that ordinary people don't matter and that hate is what's happening!

Speaking of hate, one of the people #45 was speaking of as having two sides to a story was found guilty for firing a gun at that Charlottesville rally near a school. He was the leader of the Ku Klux Klan—the imperial wizard no less! I guess the judge didn't think so

highly of one of those sides because KKK leader, Richard W. Preston was found guilty recently. Preston had planned to go to trial on the possible thought that he could convince a jury he did nothing wrong. At the last minute, he changed his tune and pleaded no contest.

#45's claim that there was blame on both sides didn't seem to work in this case. Judge Richard E. Moore immediately pronounced Preston guilty after Preston's plea. The judge didn't seem to buy the President's proclamation that there was hatred and violence on both sides—just on Mr. Preston's when it came to firing a gun in the crowd near a school. We don't get to find out what his punishment is until August but isn't it good to know a klansman can be convicted! It wasn't always that way.

Senator John McCain said, "There's no moral equivalency between racists and Americans standing up to defy hate and bigotry," "The President of the United States should say so."

It's easy to see why Senator McCain informed us that he

does not want #45 to attend his funeral whenever it happens.

Well, let's check in on another act of hate in #45's administration. During the past few days, HUD Secretary Ben Carson suspended a President Obama era fair-housing rule. The rule required communities to examine and address barriers to racial integration. It stated that over 1200 communities receiving billions of federal housing dollars had to draw up plans to desegregate their communities or be subject to losing federal funds. Carson basically said to local and state governments they can ignore that Obama era rule because Carson's mission statement does not require anti-discrimination language. Will somebody tell Kanye that this administration has no concern for the needs of poor and marginalized people?

Moving on through the week, #45 kept on proving that the Storm is coming for him as Stormy Daniels promised on Saturday Night Live. His relationship with Michael Cohen keeps on getting hotter. Rudy

Giuliani's antics sure haven't helped #45's case.

There was damage on the world stage, too. #45 pulled the U.S. out of the nuclear weapons deal with Iran as he attempts to talk with North Korea's leader about making deals. If you were the North Korean leader, would you trust #45 for honoring any deal they might make at their upcoming summit? I'm not suggesting the North Korean leader can be trusted either, but I'm sure all Americans are praying that something good will come out of the proposed summit.

Our wanting our country to succeed at something good is a far cry from what we've been getting from #45 and his followers. We must stop kidding ourselves that #45 is doing anything for the good of our country. He does it for his own glory. Let us pray that he doesn't do further damage to our nation.

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TO BE EQUAL

Congressional Black Caucus introduces bill based on Main Street Marshall Plan

"Every man is our brother, and every man's burden is our own. Where poverty exists, all are poorer. Where hate flourishes, all are corrupted. Where injustice reigns, all are unequal." – Whitney M. Young

The Main Street Marshall Plan, the National Urban League's comprehensive blueprint for addressing lack of opportunity and economic inequality in America's urban communities, has been introduced as federal legislation by members of the Congressional Black Caucus.



Marc Morial

The National Urban League long has advocated for a major national commitment to alleviate poverty and expand economic opportunities in America's most neglected communities, modeled on the Marshall Plan that eliminated widespread poverty in Western Europe following World War II. Then-Executive Director

Whitney M. Young first proposed a "Domestic Marshall Plan" in the 1960s; elements of that proposal were incorporated into President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty.

In 1990, National Urban League President John E. Jacob urged Congress to shift \$50 billion in defense spending — part of the so-called "peace dividend" resulting from the end of the Cold War — into an "Urban Marshall Plan."

The Congressional Black Caucus' Jobs and Justice Act, unveiled Thursday at a news conference at the U.S. Capitol, represents the most inclusive legislation of the Main Street Marshall Plan, first proposed as part of the 2016 State of Black America and finalized in detailed form last year.

Among the provisions of the bill based on the Main Street Marshall Plan, the Jobs and Justice Act:

- increases funding for programs that promote minority-owned businesses (MBDA and SBA).
- creates incentives for infrastructure spending bills to include development programs that recruit and train individuals from communities with high unemployment rates.

•authorizes states to establish local hiring bid specifications or consider the hiring of local workers in the evaluation of bids and proposals for federal-aid highway projects.

•invests in transportation infrastructure through the successful "TIGER" program, which provides competitive grants to local governments and transit agencies to fund innovative highway, bridge, and transit projects.

•funds the creation of more than 1.9 million jobs by addressing critical physical and digital infrastructure needs in schools.

•establishes new programs or amends existing programs for job skills training for older individuals and for workers in highly-skilled industries; and scholarships for students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) and teaching certifications.

•makes the work opportunity tax credit permanent allows states to assist, through Title XX Block Grants, low-income and long-term unemployed individuals with developing their own businesses and self-employment opportunities.

•incentivizes businesses to create apprenticeship programs.

•creates a grant program to subsidize summer jobs for in- and out-of-school youth ages 14 to 24 and year-round jobs for youth ages 16 to 24 who are out of school and work.

•Raises the federal minimum wage to \$15.

•Urges businesses contracted to rebuild infrastructure, to actively recruit, hire, and provide on-the-job training to African American men ages 18 to 39 through existing jobs, apprenticeships, and "earn while you learn" programs.

As I said when we introduced the detailed Main Street Marshall plan a year ago, it is time for the nation to treat its urban communities and cities as the jewels that they are. This comprehensive plan to rebuild and accelerate the growth of America's urban communities will accelerate the growth and progress of the nation as a whole.

I urge you to contact your member of Congress and urge him or her to support the Jobs & Justice Act.

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

RAINBOW COALITION

A royal wedding that affirms truly noble values

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Prince Harry of Wales, sixth in the line of succession to the British throne, will marry the American actress Meghan Markle on Saturday, with all of the ceremony and global hoopla that the British royalty inevitably attracts. Harry is the son of Charles, the Prince of Wales, and the late Princess Diana. What's notable about Prince Harry, however, is not so much the royal blood that he inherited, but the royal values that he has chosen to express.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Harry chose a military career, training at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. He was pressured to take safe assignments far from the line of fire. But unlike the many leaders and national security advisers who posture tough but evade the draft or service in the military, he fought hard to stay with his unit and go into battle. He stood with his unit in times of war. With them he shared risk. In 2007-8, he served on the front line in Helmand, Afghanistan, but was pulled after his presence was revealed and the Taliban pledged to throw all their resources into getting him. He then trained as an Apache attack helicopter pilot and returned to Afghanistan in 2012 with the British Army Air Corps.

That was more than a display of patriotism. It provided him with real world experience in battle - an experience that is always sobering, making leaders less casual about sending young men and women into combat across the world. Those who experience battle are often those who best understand why the use of military force should be avoided, undertaken only as a very last resort to avoid greater loss of life. After leaving the military, Harry devoted time and energy to veterans, launching the Invictus Games for injured servicemen and women, and he remains a supporter of its foundation. He has traveled often to Africa. As a counselor of state, he visited children's homes in Lesotho and later launched Sentebale, the Princes' Fund for Lesotho, a

charity to aid children orphaned by HIV/AIDS, a disease that has been a scourge in much of Africa. Last year, he became the president of African Parks, a conservation group. He joined volunteers to translocate elephants to repopulate areas that have been decimated by poaching and environmental destruction. He has called Africa his "second home," and will continue to play a role in mobilizing concern for its challenges and attention for its accomplishments. Harry's decision to wed Meghan Markle, an African-American actress, showed remarkable independence. Markle, a politically progressive, divorced, biracial, femi-

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

God, religion and oppression

We have a lot of religion in this country and in this world, but in spite of religion, the world is a holy mess. While members of all religions claim their allegiance to God, I as a Christian wrestle with the disconnect between our profession of Jesus as our personal savior and our nearly universal refusal to practice Biblical Christianity, i.e., doing what Jesus commanded us to do. Many Christians boldly dismiss the commands given by the Christ to love our enemies, to forgive those who have done us wrong, and to turn the other cheek when we are attacked or oppressed. The Rev. Dr. James Cone, who only recently died, talked about how he could not reconcile the God he studied in seminary with the presence of evil in general and racism in particular. The religion of both white and black people was silent on the subject of white supremacy, and he wrote in *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* that the silence made him "angry with a fiery rage that had to find expression." Cone said he had to develop a theology that could make room for one to be both black and Christian, because everywhere, including the black community, "the public meaning of Christianity was white."



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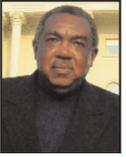
The truth is, black and brown people, women, people who are physically, emotionally and developmentally challenged, and so many others, have had to try to find meaning in a world which has - in the name of and in spite of their profession of Jesus - ignored them. All of us - white and black - were taught the same theology, created by men (not women) who believed in their innate superiority. All who were not white, male and wealthy were expected to just accept our lot in life. Religion has allowed white supremacy to reign unfettered, controlling people with the threat of a possible seat in hell if we didn't all just shut up and play the game as the rules dictated the game should be played. This aggressive and oppressive theology is still pervasive; those who believe in the rightness and the sacredness of white supremacy are fighting with everything they've got to hold onto it. White supremacy apparently believes in authoritarianism and despises efforts to democratize and equalize the lives of God's people. White supremacists believe in following "the law" if "the law" increases or at least protects their supremacy, but if a law threatens that power, they are the first to encourage the disobedience of that law. A case in point was the refusal of schools in the South to integrate after *Brown v Board of Education* ruled that "separate but equal" was unconstitutional. School officials refused to abide by "the law," and it might be safely assumed that many of the protesters were church-going Christians, as they lived in the Bible Belt. But their passion for following "the law" decreases when it is others who are protesting what they consider to be unjust laws or policies. The recent spate of protest against the National Rifle Association being conducted by teens has drawn all kinds of criticism by disapproving adults who again would probably consider themselves to be devout Christians. Just recently, Oliver North, newly elected as president of the NRA, said that the students who have been protesting since the tragic shooting at Parkland High School in Florida are "civil terrorists," and vowed to "counterpunch" their efforts to get common-sense gun laws passed. What is it about white supremacists that makes them think their cultural beliefs are superior to the will of God as stated in the Bible? How is it that they can think that their refusal to dismantle oppression is no problem, and that their cultural belief - i.e., that those who protest the laws of the Empire are out of line with their conception of God - is in fact all right with God? The God of the Hebrew scriptures and the message of the Gospels is that all people matter to God. The message of both parts of the Christian Bible is that God, the creator of us all, wants us all to be treated with dignity. God did not make any mistakes. If God had wanted this world to be all white and male, it is safe to assume that God would have made everyone white and male. We who experience oppression understand that. The white supremacists do not. And so this world, in spite of religion and a stated belief in God in general and for some, a belief in Jesus, is a hot and holy mess. And it doesn't look like things will change any time soon. Rev. Susan K Smith is available for lectures, workshops and preaching. Contact her at revsuekim@sbcglobal.net, or visit her page at www.crazyfaithministries.org.

REALITY CHECK

The reasons why the United States has never achieved greatness

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

A recent column by a black Republican activist in the Washington Informer included the following: "But to my liberal friends who constantly ask 'When was America great?' I simply say that America was great when Lincoln freed the slaves. America was great when we passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. America was great when we passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965. America was great when we passed the Fair Housing Act of 1968. America was great when we elected the first Black president in 2008."



A. Peter Bailey

those teaching it are well aware of what they are teaching. The columnist, who insisted that Lincoln freed our enslaved ancestors, should read Lerone Bennett, Jr.'s must-read book, "Forced into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream!" The late brilliant journalist/historian includes the following Lincoln quote in his book: "I will say then that I am not, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the White and Black races. That I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with White people; and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the White and Black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the White race." As for the Emancipation Proclamation, Bennett noted that "Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was a tactical move designed not to emancipate the slaves but to keep as many slaves as possible in slavery until Lincoln could mobilize support for his conservative plan to free Blacks gradual-

ly and to ship them out of the country..." Bennett add that "What Lincoln did...was to 'free' slaves in the Confederate held territory where he couldn't free them and leave them in slavery in Union-held territory where he could have freed them." Just as Lincoln was forced into glory regarding the enslavement of African people, the U.S. federal government was forced into glory to pass the civil rights legislation of the 1960s. It was forced by the courageness of the warriors against White supremacy and by the country's propaganda needs of the so-called Cold War with the Soviet Union. The white Russians are just as much white supremacists as their American counterparts. However, they took advantage of racism in the United States for their own propaganda purposes. Between 1955 and 1968 numerous Black warriors, including Medgar Evers, James Chaney, George Lee, Samuel Younge, Jr., Louis Allen, Samuel Hammond, Delano Middleton, Henry Smith, Phillip L. Gibbs, James Green, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were killed by White supremacist terrorists. Many Black people lost jobs, had their homes firebombed, and were otherwise brutalized by the racist terrorists. Very few of whom were punished for those crimes by local, state and federal governments.

I strongly believe that if it wasn't for those propaganda needs, the federal government would have sat by and allowed the terrorists to crush the civil and human rights movements. That's exactly what Washington did when Black folks were regularly lynched by White, racist terrorists in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. As for America being great "when we elected the first black president," my position is one of total skepticism about how that came about. I still want to know how a man who was barely known to most of us before 2004 could be elected president of the United States in 2008. It took big boys to pull that off. I agree with the great Rev. Jeremiah Wright who has been quoted as saying that President Barack Obama "was selected before he was elected." The columnist should know that the United States has never been great as far as Black people are concerned. And it will never achieve greatness until it pays in full the debt owed to the descendants of the Africans whom it enslaved for over 300 years. The U.S. loves to brag about being the wealthiest country in the world. It should be since it is the only country in the world to have enjoyed 300 years of free, enslaved labor. A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is *Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher*, can be reached at apeterb@verizon.net.

PASSING

In 1995, a journalist I know was interviewing the First Lady of Virginia, Susan Brown Allen, wife of the new governor at the time, George Allen. As related to me, Susan Allen began talking about her research into her ancestry with the aim of joining the Daughters of the American Revolution. When the reporter asked if the first lady had done any research on the governor's family, there was a hesitant response. "You see," the first lady explained, "George's mother was born in Tunisia." "In Africa?" the reporter responded, surprised. "No, in Tunisia." Mrs. Allen answered. "Yes, in Africa," the reporter said. The reporter's take away from the conversation was very clear: George Allen's mother was born in Africa, which made her "African." And if George Allen's mother was African, didn't that make him an "African American?" Racial pedigree for many "white" Americans is extremely problematic. In the 1990s, when I was appointed by the court in Hampton, Va. to take depositions in divorce proceedings and recommend to the court whether a divorce should be

granted, racial pedigree was a sticky problem for some "white" people who had to give sworn testimony before me. Even though in 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the case of *Loving v. Virginia* that laws against interracial marriages were unconstitutional, many jurisdictions allowed parties to a divorce proceeding to swear that they were of the same race. This required under the old law to establish that the marriage had been legal in the first place. The logic was that if you had not been legally married, you could not be legally divorced and entitled to the rights that came with that. Keeping the assertion about race in the deposition testimony in the 1990s was legal nonsense because interracial marriages had been taking place legally in Virginia for more than three decades, but some die-hard white supremacist lawyers enjoyed having that language entered into the record for their white clients. My way of quashing this foolishness was to ask the person stating that both parties were members of the white race to prove that assertion. I would explain to the person claiming to be white that they had 32 great-great-grandparents, and I would require them to identify all 32 and provide proof of the racial identity of all each of them. I would also explain to them that they were required to swear that their testimony was true to

the best of their knowledge. And if they could not prove that they had knowledge as to the truth of their testimony, they would be swearing falsely. Given the "one drop rule," no "white" person in America can prove he or she is not Black, or that he or she is white. Whiteness is a state of mind (and it could be argued that it is a mental disorder). But it has been used to justify the unjust enrichment of one self-identified group of people over others. Race is ever present in the minds of Americans, whether in the minds of Black folks trying to survive in a racist society, or in the minds of white folk who self-identify as being normative in our culture. But racial classifications have no function as an element of physical science. Humans have intermingled too thoroughly and for too long. As an example of this, it can be pointed out that while America is focused on the marriage of Prince Harry of England and Meghan Markle, one fact is being overlooked. Both Meghan and Harry have African ancestry. In 1995, PBS posted a report on its "FRONTLINE" website that documented that Queen Charlotte, Prince Harry's ancestor, who was married to King George, III, the King of England during the American Revolution, was directly descended from Margarita de Castro y Sousa, a member of the "black

branch of the Portuguese Royal House." Admittedly there seven generations between Prince Harry and Queen Charlotte, but in America, we have the one drop rule, which makes all these royals Black. Queen Charlotte's lineage should not be startling given the long history of people with African Ancestry living in England. It has been documented that as early as 1511 a black trumpeter was paid to participate in a procession commemorating the birth of King Henry VIII's only son. Throughout our history in America, there have been great efforts by some whites to ensure that Black folk are identified as the "other," meaning not like white folk. But the truth of the matter is that there is no "other." We are all connected by our humanity and a common ancestry that confounds notions of racial purity. And because there are no "others," contrary to what white supremacists would have us believe, we must push back against the notion that whiteness and race are anything other than social constructs, engineered to enrich one group of self-identified individuals at the expense of those who are excluded from that group. Simply put, most, if not all, white folks are just passing. Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.

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nist American, does not exactly fit the royal tradition. Despite slurs of the tabloid press, she has captivated the British and people across the world like a breath of fresh air. Talking of her experience, she quipped, "It's time to focus less on glass slippers and more on glass ceilings." In full swoon, the press has suggested that the enthusiastic reaction of the public to the remarkably stylish and thoughtful young woman might transform race relations in Britain, revolutionize the house of Windsor, and help strengthen U.S.-British relations strained in the time of Trump. That's far too much to load onto her shoulders, but there's no question that the union is a symbol of change. "It is difficult to overstate how important it is to have a member of the royal family ... who is mixed race and embracing her heritage and stating that is very much

part of her," historian Ted Powell told the Observer: "It is hugely positive for Britain, particularly in the wake of Brexit and the controversies of immigration policy and race." As an heir to the throne, Prince Harry's marriage needed the formal consent of his grandmother, the Queen of England. When she provided it, it provided an unprecedented royal seal of approval not simply of Ms. Markle but also of the diverse peoples of the Commonwealth. In itself, the marriage won't change race relations in Britain, or erase the legacy of colonialism across the commonwealth. It is a marker, not a motor force of change. But in a time of growing racial division and of leaders fanning hatred and nationalist furies, it is a marker that points in a hopeful direction. And that is worth celebrating. We wish the newlyweds well. Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is founder and president PUSH/Rainbow Coalition.

VOICE YOUR OPINION!!
WRITE A LETTER TO
THE EDITOR, TODAY!

New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington.



Community Briefs

Information on vital community and state issues will be on the agenda, as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

Brunswick County

The Library Board of Trustees' meeting for May 21, 2018 has been cancelled.

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Willistonians headed to Wilmington for the 4th

The Williston Alumni Association continues to hear from fellow Willistonians who want tickets for our Legacy Motown Revue being held on Tuesday, July 3rd at the Scottish Rite Building at 17th & Greenfield Streets. The next day, July 4th, we will have our Mix under a tent on the front lawn of the former Williston Senior High School.

To persons interested in providing food trucks for the Mix where about 250 former students will be gathered for four hours, please contact Loretta Stackhouse at (910)228-5233 no later than May 31st. She will provide you with all the information you need.

We are ordering 400 Williston buns that may be purchased for \$2 each at the Mix. Please try to have small bills for purchasing them.

A big difference this year is the presence of a large tent, so we won't be exposed to the sun. We will provide chairs as well and will use them for the program commemorating the closing of our school in 1968.

To get tickets for the Legacy Motown Revue, please send a check to WAA, P.O. Box 2, Wilmington, NC, 28402 and your ticket(s) will be mailed to you. We've learned from past experience that it is better to mail them a little closer to the time of the event, so don't get concerned if you haven't received a ticket. We will also have a list of names of all who have paid that evening at the door. For information, contact Linda Pearce Thomas at 910-232-8310, Barbara Adger DeVane at (910) 395-4616 or Bill Holden at 703-868-6089.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Hopes to entertain a wish for something with some expectation

Looking with some expectation means to look with confidence. It means to look forward to a certain degree of fulfillment of a dream or idea.



Verniece Stanley

My family has some relatives who have realized such a dream.. They have worked away from home for many years and have now retired and moved back home. They have been blessed to see the fulfillment of coming back home and living again in the place of their birth. The land, located on Neck Road in Bolivia, N. C., was given to

them by their parents. What a peaceful return home this has been. It has brought such a blessing to them. Actually, this is a growing trend, particularly in the southern states.

Brunswick County was once known to be one of the poorest counties in North Carolina. Many young Blacks moved away for better educational and economic opportunities. For many of them, the best paying jobs they could expect to secure were as menial laborers at the saw mill. Poor people could not afford to buy cars in the old days. Therefore they had to walk long distances, sometimes as much as three miles one way to and from work. Some were fortunate enough to have saved up enough to buy bicycles, but bicycles are

designed to transport only one person at a time. As those who left home went away and found work, most of them were much more successful than they might have been if they had stayed at home. They found it a wise thing to do to save as much as possible to help them become and remain as economically sound as possible.

Our community is happy to see those whose hopes are fulfilled by their long awaited return home to the area, and trust that all who must relate to them for any cause will show them the love and respect due them as those who have paid for a right to leave in peace among all. We trust that the entire community will afford them the peace that is rightfully theirs. Welcome

back home to all for whom such a reception is due!

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

How would it feel? Tenant vs. owning

Being a former tenant, I totally understood what my rights of use were and what was permitted and not. After all, it was clearly spelled out in the lease and enforceable. I understood if I wanted to



Brenda Dixon

change the colors on the wall to match my décor, it required an approval. If I wanted to have a pet, a little fur baby, it required an approval. To have a celebration party or overnight guest at times required an approval. Then one day I said to myself, "Wonder what it feels like to not ask what I could do inside these walls?"... To not have someone dictate whether I can hang a picture or curtains or have a home-based business. Not to have someone dictate if I could have 3 cars in the yard or a Charcoal grill vs. Gas, LOL. (Oh if on social media, you caught that). Then I thought about how when I move, I walk

away with nothing. No benefit of rent paid, I call it "evaporated money." Then there's always a chance of the landlord deciding to sell the home and I have no immediate thoughts of moving anytime soon. Then one day I decided to stop wondering and make that move. So let me give you some food for thought for yourself. There are many other cons to renting. The one I hear often is the desire to help out family by letting them stay for a while but having to sneak them in at night and kept out of sight because they're not on the lease as occupants. Then recently when a tenant called the landlord to have the AC fixed, they told her they would patch it but if that didn't work they were not going to replace it. They said that AC is considered a "luxury" and they didn't have to provide it. Well, that was verified and so it was a take it or leave it. Oh, the list goes on and on as to how little control a tenant has. Now yes there are some pros to renting because with all things there are seasons. In short, you won't feel trapped, it gives little responsi-

bility for maintenance, and you can freely move on if you want/need to for any reason, such as job relocation, downsizing, upsizing, etc.

Now let's consider the FLIP SIDE if you were the Owner/Landlord vs. the Tenant. There are rules of use dictated if you buy in a development with an HOA. They have governing do's and don'ts on the outside of your home. I recently read a fellow Realtor's post that someone was buying in a community that required you to submit pics of the type of cars that would be in the driveway. They submitted and were sent a reply "You are welcome here but that car is not. If caught in here, it will be towed away. Welcome to the community"....LOL. Oh yes, that's about as "snooty boop" as it gets. However, if that type of area floats your boat, have at it. Yes as an owner, more thought has to be given if you want to relocate from it but you can do so without selling if you so wish. You can easily move out and then yourself become a landlord by renting that home and moving on to the next. Yes,

you're still responsible for all the maintenance, insurances, taxes, etc but it's still rewarding. Equity is building as the months, years go by and the tenant is off-setting the mortgage payment with their rent payment. With every improvement, upkeep put into the home plus paid mortgage will yield financial rewards more and more. You could never leave (WILL) your loved ones the rights to a leased apartment/home but inheritance is created with ownership. These are just a few points to chew on to stimulate your mind. Ask the question like I did one day; "Wonder what it would feel like to own this vs. renting this?". As stated, there are seasons in life when renting may make more sense. Use wisdom to recognize when those seasons have passed.

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Ms. Ticora Michelle Barnes

Ms. Ticora Michelle Barnes died May 6, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Memorial services were held Monday, May 14, 2018 at St. James AME Church.

Ticora, daughter of Beverly Miller-Barnes was born on September 13, 1975, in Wilmington, NC. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from Lakeside High in 1992. She earned a Certificate for Office Assistant from Central Community College in 2001 and worked as a supervisor for Kelloggs before returning to Wilmington. On April 29, 2018 she gave her life to Christ.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her children, Nautica, Dylon, Sierra and J'Kwon; mother, Beverly Miller-Barnes; step-father, Maurice Bryant; brothers, Reggie Tate of Woodbridge, VA, Lee Tate (Sue) and Carlos Barnes (Pauletta) of Castle Hayne, NC; sisters, Audrey Barnes, Shaleata Dover and Latoya Dover of Wilmington, NC; uncles, Reggie Tate (Mary), Rodney Tate (Sue), Alvin Tate (Lateria), Willis Nixon, Michael Davis and Eddie Davis; aunts, Elouise Tate, Faye Jones and Diane Davis and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mr. James Williams, Jr. "Tottie"

Mr. James Williams, Jr. "Tottie" died April 25, 2018. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

James, Son of Gloria Fulton Williams and the late James Edward Williams, Sr. was born on June 17, 1963 in Elizabeth, NJ. James was a gifted mechanic and worked at Barnett's Garage until owning his own business. He later moved to Largo, FL where he worked in construction.

He loved his family and will be missed by: his wife, Trina Williams; mother, Gloria Williams; sister, Jacqueline Williams; brother, Omega Williams (Shannel); step-sister, Jamie Davis Williams; uncles, Julian Fulton, Luke Grady, Lorenzo Grady, Leslie Grady, William "Honey" Grady; aunts, Constance Jones, Louise Outler (Joseph), Bernadine Fulton, Verna Miller, Elaine Miller and Barbara Miller; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mrs. Gwendolyn "Midge" Anderson Moore

Mrs. Gwendolyn "Midge" Anderson Moore age 71, died

Monday, May 7, 2018 at home in Jacksonville, NC. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 11, 2018 at Mt. Olive AME Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Gwendolyn, daughter of the late Susie and Leroy "Red" Sutton was born on December 21, 1946 in Wilmington, North Carolina. "Midge" as she was affectionately called, graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1965. In 1973, she gained employment with E.I DuPont in Leland, North Carolina. She loved the Lord and was a member of Mt. Olive AME Church where she served in many positions. After leaving DuPont, "Midge" moved to Jacksonville, North Carolina in 1989. In Jacksonville she worked on the Marine Base as a child care provider. Gwen joined Marshall Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville, North Carolina. In addition to her parents, "Midge" was preceded in death by her brother, Gerald Anderson.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: four children, Antoinette Aiken of Jacksonville, NC, Willie Aiken (Evelyn) of Savannah, GA, Jeffery Aiken, and Devrie Monroe-Bell (Arju) of Wilmington, NC; four grandchildren, Sade Aiken of Winston Salem, NC, William Aiken of Atlanta, GA, Dre'Quan Monroe of Wilmington, NC and Preston Fulton of Twenty-nine Palms, CA; one brother, Freddie Taylor, Jr. of Wilmington, NC; three best friends, Mrs. Emma "Pie" Yancey, Ms. Cathy Lewis and Frances Ward; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mrs. Gwendolyn "Honkie" Toomer

Mrs. Gwendolyn "Honkie" Toomer died May 10, 2018. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Mt. Zion AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mr. Charlie Bell

Mr. Charlie Bell died May 13, 2018. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at St. James AME Zion Church, Leland, NC. Burial will follow in the St. James AME Zion Church Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Tomar M. Bloodworth

Tomar Malik Bloodworth, age 19, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2018. A celebration of Tomar's life was conducted on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at

Davis Funeral Home. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Winnie Waddell

Winnie Waddell, age 99, of Leland, passed away Sunday, May 13, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Ms. Waddell's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 18, 2018 at Blackwell Chapel AME Zion Church, 10051 Blackwell Rd. SE, Leland, NC 28451. Interment will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Lee A. Walker

Lee Andrew Walker, age 71, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, May 14, 2018. A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., Friday, May 18, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at New Beginning Christian Church. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

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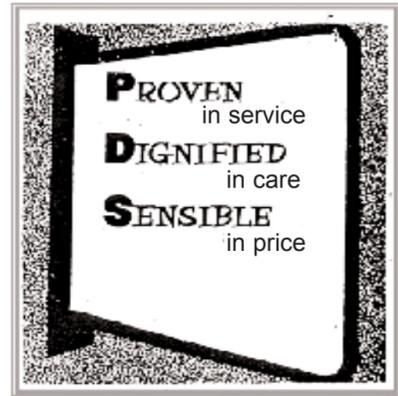
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New Hanover County

Old Scotts Hill AME Church will hold "Women of Royalty" Conference on Saturday, May 19th from 9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. The host pastor is Reverend Janice M. Harris and on Sunday, May 20th at 3:00 p.m. the guest preacher is Minister Rachel Adeleye of Shoulders Branch Baptist Church, Castle Hayne. The host pastor is Reverend Janice M. Harris.



Religious Briefs

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 719 Walnut Street will be observing Women's Day 2018 on May 20th during the 11:00 a.m. morning worship service. The speaker will be Evangelist Ethel McCrary of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

St. Phillip AME Zion Church will celebrate its Annual Women's Day, "Women Walking By Faith and Not By Sight", on Sunday, May 20th at 3:00 p.m. Elder Alfreda Durant of New Covenant Holiness Church will be the guest speaker. Also the church will hold an evening of gospel singing on Saturday, May 26th at 4:30 p.m. There will be several choirs and groups. Also on Sunday, May 27th at 3:00 p.m., the church will hold an evening of fellowship, praise & worship with Pastor Tony McGee, Senior Pastor of Liberty Bible Church along with his Praise Team and Congregation at 3:00 p.m. This program is sponsored by our Deaconess. For more information you may call 910-540-4406.

Brunswick County

Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church, 1492 Village Rd., Leland will hold its annual family and friends celebration on Sunday, May 20th at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. The guests for the afternoon service will be Reverend Michael Ballard and church family of St. John AME Zion Church, Elizabethtown. Also on Sunday, May 27th the church will hold a musical program at 3:00 p.m. with choirs and musical groups from the surrounding areas.

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries are now accepting gently used clothing donations and nonperishable food items. Drop off location is 1757 Stanley Rd., Suppy, NC. Please call 910-294-0656, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Johnson, III for further information.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Fun Day

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Tuesday! Tuesday! Fun Day! Fun Day! We, the Senior Citizens' Fellowship met with joy in our hearts! Our devotionals were led by Mr. George Hill, our choir director. We opened with "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ethel Lawson.

Next we sang "I'm So Glad Jesus lifted Me!" Minister Sharon Pollock served as Mistress of Ceremony. Mrs. Sheila Ross had a game (Cleaning Product Quiz). Prizes were given out. Mrs. Frances Burney Matthews did "What's in Your Pocket or Pocketbook"? We had the presentation of a skit, "Flight 309 Heaven Bound." The skit was written by Mrs.

Elevena Jennings, and the characters were the following: Mrs. Sandra Sloan, Mrs. Janice Gordon, Mrs. Mattie Holmes, Mrs. Michelle Brooks, Mrs. Shirley Drye, Minister Sharon Pollock, Mr. William Sidberry, and the Reverend Tommy Duren. Everyone enjoyed the presentation very much! A solo was sung by Mrs. Eleanor Redford. There were

special gifts given to everyone. There were lots of laughs and a great deal of fun. Mrs. Patricia Nixon and Mrs. Gladys Taylor thanked everyone for coming. We had a Hawaiian theme, and the decorations were beautifully done by Mrs. Maggie Jordan. It was really a great fun day, and sixty-five people were present with us today! Thanks be to God!

TELL SOMEBODY

"God save our children"

"And they brought young children to him that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:13-14,

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." Verse 16

Parents and caregivers should consider the wisdom of bringing their young children to the Lord so that he can touch them and bless them. Little children are precious in the sight of the Lord, and he always wants to touch and bless them. He told his disciples



Sylvia Hooper

(followers of Christ) to allow little children to come to him and don't try to discourage or forbid them to come. Jesus loves little children and wants to take them up in his arms and to bless them. This world can be mean and cruel to little children. Crimes against children are on the rise, and we should look out for any child we see living in a vulnerable state or in danger of some kind of exploitation. The church and community working together should share the care and concern that Jesus has for children, and get

involved if necessary in order to "save a child". We must share Jesus' passion to preserve their lives and their souls from modern day traps, tricks, and snares of the enemy. There appears to be an alarming increase in attacks on young children all over the world to steal their innocence, kill their hopes and dreams, and to destroy their lives. John 10:10 says, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Children today are faced with so many more trials, tests, and temptations than even their parents. It is a sign of the times in which we live. They are the unsuspecting targets of wide range of adversaries who commit heinous crimes using children to play out their fantasies and fetishes. Just to name a few of them: Child Abuse - Child maltreatment that is physical, sexual, or psychological, which includes neglect of a child especially by a parent, or caregiver that results in actual or potential harm to them. Child Neglect - A form of child abuse and is deficit in

meeting a child's basic needs, including the failure to provide adequate health-care, supervision, clothing, nutrition, housing physical, emotional, social education and safety needs. Child Labor - Refers to employment of children in any work that deprives children of their childhood interferes with their ability to attend regular school, and that is dangerous or harmful to them. Child Pornography - Pornography that exploits children for sexual stimulation. Child Abandonment - Physically or emotionally abandoning a child, failing to provide necessary care for a child living under their roof. Child Molestation - Pedophilia is a crime involving a range of indecent or sexual activities between and adult and a child. No child should be in an environment where he/she feels unloved or unwanted. That is why given the opportunity we should speak to children, speak over their lives and teach them the love of God, self worth, and self esteem. Teach them how to pray and to believe that God is able! Instead of calling them

names like, fat, ugly, stupid, they should be told how much they are loved and accepted and remind them of God's great love for them. We Should pray God's Word over them! "For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you expected end. 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!

NEWS ANALYSIS

Trump and the lies that lead to war

BY DR. WILMER J. LEON, III

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - "In theory, the so-called 'Iran deal' was supposed to protect the United States and our allies from the lunacy of an Iranian nuclear bomb...In fact, the deal allowed Iran to continue enriching uranium and - over time - reach the brink of a nuclear breakout..."



Dr. Wilmer J. Leon

President Donald Trump, "Speech on the Iran Nuclear Deal", May 8, 2018. On May 8th President Trump announced he is withdrawing America from the Iran nuclear deal. His stated rationale for this action is illogical and fraught with inaccuracies and lies. Just a little background, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or (JCPOA) or "Iran nuclear deal" was struck between Iran and six world powers - the US, UK, Russia, France, China, and Germany in 2015. It was the signature foreign policy achievement of Barack Obama's presidency. According to MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell who interviewed Donald Trump on the day that it was signed, Trump was opposed to the deal as soon as he received word that President Obama had signed it. His opposition to the Iran deal had nothing to do with its content. According to Andrea Mitchell, he (Trump)

had not even seen the deal, let alone read its text before he expressed his opposition to it. As stated above, Trump said during the speech, "In theory, the so-called 'Iran deal' was supposed to protect the United States and our allies from the lunacy of an Iranian nuclear bomb..." Every respected intelligence apparatus, both US, UN and foreign stated that Iran is adhering to the conditions of the agreement. Even former CIA Director Mike Pompeo told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "assessment when asked about it on April 12 during his confirmation hearing for secretary of state. "With the information I've been provided, I've seen no evidence that they are not in compliance today..." Captain Nativ, the chief of an intelligence section in the "central command" of the Israeli army has stated, "We see a fundamental change in the nuclear challenge from Iran. In the next few years we understand that we don't really have any threat from Iran because of the deal, I will say from this period to five years from now... So in the long run we can't really say that it is a good deal or a bad deal. But we can say for the next few years, for the near future we won't have any nuclear challenge, so for that, that's good." This is a direct contradiction to the lies being spread by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu. As part of his rational for backing out of the Iran deal, Trump said he has proof that Iran has lied, "...we have definitive proof that this Iranian promise was a lie. Last week, Israel published

intelligence documents - long concealed by Iran - conclusively showing the Iranian regime and its history of pursuing nuclear weapons." According to NBC News, Netanyahu's presentation on Iran's defunct nuclear program was high on drama and short on current data. He claimed that tens of thousands of files prove there was an effort to build and test weapons; unfortunately, the presentation did not contain any big surprises for the U.S. intelligence community. There was nothing in the documents, which Netanyahu said were smuggled out of Tehran to change the American intelligence assessment that Iran is living up to its agreement and is not attempting to restart a nuclear weapons program. All of this was told to the Senate Intelligence Committee by American intelligence officials on Feb. 13, 2018. Trump continued his fiction by stating, "Over the past few months, we have engaged extensively with our allies and partners around the world, including France, Germany, and the United Kingdom...We are unified in our understanding of the threat and in our conviction that Iran must never acquire a nuclear weapon." This is a subtle misrepresentation of the facts. Both French president Emmanuel Macron and German chancellor Angela Merkel, visited Washington last month in last ditch efforts to get Trump to stay in the deal. Boris Johnson, the UK foreign secretary, has been in the US this week and appealed to Trump through an interview on Fox &

Friends, telling Trump he is wrong. Why would Trump site Israeli intelligence when his own intelligence agencies said months ago that Iran was in compliance with the agreement? Like his predecessor President George W. Bush did by creating the Office of Special Plans in the Pentagon, Trump is using bad data, misinformation, disinformation and/or lies to put America in the precarious position of backing Israel in a war with Iran for no rational reason. One of the links between Bush's war in Iraq and Trump's aggressiveness towards Iran is John Bolton. Bolton served as United States Ambassador to the United Nations from August 2005 to December 2006 under the Bush Administration and is currently Trump's National Security Advisor. Bolton was one of the signatories to the infamous PNAC letter to President Bill Clinton wherein Clinton was asked to overthrow Saddam Hussein. "The policy of 'containment' of Saddam Hussein has been steadily eroding over the past several months...Our ability to ensure that Saddam Hussein is not producing weapons of mass destruction, therefore, has substantially diminished...The only acceptable strategy is one that eliminates the possibility that Iraq will be able to use or threaten to use weapons of mass destruction. In the near term, this means a willingness to undertake military action as diplomacy is clearly failing. In the long term, it means removing Saddam Hussein

and his regime from power. That now needs to become the aim of American foreign policy." President Clinton did not fall for the 1998 lie. President George W. Bush fell for the 2003 lie, helped perpetuate it and invaded Iraq. In December of 2017 President Trump made the unilateral decision to defy over 20 years of precedence from previous administrations, "...to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem or to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital city." Contradicting well established rationale and policy Trump "...determined that it is time to officially recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. While previous presidents have made this a major campaign promise, they failed to deliver. Today, I am delivering." Campaign promises are made by candidates to express a desire to take the country in a particular direction. Once elected, presidents are usually swayed by daily security briefings, consultation with policy experts and meetings with allies. The Washington Post reports, even the simplest version of the presidential brief has proven too challenging. Now, Trump gets his briefing verbally. Trump said, "I've judged this course of action to be in the best interests of the United States of America and the pursuit of peace between Israel and the Palestinians." First, how can he make such judgements when he does not understand the intricacies of the relationships and issues. Second, rarely do "campaign promis-

es" unilaterally become US foreign policy. Dr. Bandy Lee, assistant professor in forensic psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine believes, "The special counsel's indictments started a crisis - a mental health crisis in a president who is not able to cope well with ordinary stresses such as basic criticism or unflattering news." In her edited volume "The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump: 27 Psychiatrists and Mental Health Experts Assess a President" it was stated, "Trump is an 'extreme president hedonist.' He may also be a sociopath, a malignant narcissist, borderline, on the bipolar spectrum, a hypomanic, suffering from delusional disorder, or cognitively impaired." Donald Trump has been unable to make the shift from campaign to governance and unilateral decision maker to leader of the free world. His ill-informed rants and decisions are moving this country closer and closer to the brink of international isolation and disaster. The fact that Trump nominated Mike Pompeo as secretary of state and appointed John Bolton as national security adviser - both Iran hawks - does not bode well for peace and stability. I think the US is being positioned to back Israel's play and attack Iran. We've seen this movie before, it was called Iraq and its sequel is called Libya. Go to www.wilmerleon.com or email: wj3us@yahoo.com. www.twitter.com/drleon and [Dr. Leon's Prescription at Facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com/Dr.Leon'sPrescription) © 2018 Info Wave Communications, LLC.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA :
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
BEFORE THE CLERK
FILE NO. 18 E 491
In the Matter of the Estate of
Edgar W. Sessoms, Deceased.

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Edgar W. Sessoms**, deceased, this is to notify all creditors of said Estate to file their claims against the same on or before **August 3, 2018**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of same. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make payment of such indebtedness at once. All claims against said Estate are to be filed with, and all debts owed to said Estate are to be paid to, the undersigned in care of Marshall, Williams & Gorham, L.L.P., 14 South Fifth Street, Post Office Drawer 2088, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402.

This the 3rd day of May, 2018.

WILLA R. SESSOMS Executrix of the Estate of Edgar W. Sessoms, Deceased
ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE:
Lonnice B. Williams, Jr.
MARSHALL, WILLIAMS & GORHAM, L.L.P.
P.O. Drawer 2088
Wilmington, NC 28402-2088
Telephone (910) 763-9891

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 30th day of October, 2017, as Executor of the Estate of **MADGE H. BARHAM**, 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, Wm. Bruce Jones, Jr., at 1784 Masters Drive, Franklin, TN 37064, on or before the **8th day of August, 2018**, 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 3rd day of May, 2018.

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

May 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 30th day of October, 2017, as Executor of the Estate of **ROBERT C. BARHAM, III**, 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, Wm. Bruce Jones, Jr., at 1784 Masters Drive, Franklin, TN 37064, on or before the **8th day of August, 2018**, 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 3rd day of May, 2018.

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

May 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
Virginia Lavinia Woody,
Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Virginia Lavinia Woody**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **August 13, 2018**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of April, 2018.

E. Carolina McEachern,
Executor of the Estate
of Virginia Lavinia Woody
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **James Edward Shepherd Dempsey**, deceased, late of 221 Cypress Pond Way, Apt. 107, Wilmington, NC 28411, 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 418 Marlowe Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609, on or before the **August 17, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14, day of May, 2018.

Patricia Ann Dempsey Garrabrant
Administrator of the Estate
of James Edward Shepherd Dempsey
File #: 18-E-591

May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 16 JT 212-214

IN THE MATTER OF:
A.L.M. (DOB: 11/22/2007)
J.C.W.M.
(DOB: 08/25/2006)
A.C.M. (DOB: 10/09/2005)

TO: RESPONDENTS:
CRISTY MALPASS, BIOLOGICAL
MOTHER AND DWAYNE
MILES, LEGAL FATHER OF
THE ABOVE CAPTIONED
MALE CHILDREN BORN IN
WILMINGTON, NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA TO CRISTY MAL-
PASS AND PUTATIVE
FATHER TO THE ABOVE CAP-
TIONED FEMALE CHILD
BORN IN
WILMINGTON, NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA

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

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, May 3, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Addison Palanza has been appointed to represent Cristy Malpass and he can be contacted at 314 Walnut Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, NC 28401 or 910-632-0635.

Attorney Chris Oring has been appointed to represent Dwayne Miles and he can be contacted at 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or 910-763-9925.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 25, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of May, 2018.

Karen F. Richards, Contract Attorney New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street,
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Box 81, Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 632-0424

May 3, 10, 17, 2018

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Susan Dianne Crawford**, 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 **10th day of August, 2018**, 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 10th day of May, 2018

Sandra L. Moore, Administrator
6610 Old Bridgegate Road
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Sharon P. Magnetti**, 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 **10th day of August, 2018**, 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 10th day of May, 2018

Anthony J. Magnetti, Executor
8537 Galloway National Way
Wilmington, NC 28411

May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 295

IN THE MATTER OF:
M.A.S.II
(DOB: 10/19/2017)

TO: MARC ANTHONY STEAD

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, May 3, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Respondent-Father, Marc Anthony Stead, has been assigned Attorney Yuliya Loshinsky. Attorney Loshinsky may be contacted at (910) 939-1125, 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of May, 2018.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
(910) 798-3615 (phone)
(910) 798-3772 (fax)

May 3, 10, 17, 2018

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
Max Kahn, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Max Kahn**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **August 13, 2018**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of April, 2018.

Rachel Kahn Wofford,
Executor of the Estate
of Max Kahn
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Administrator of the estate of **Michael Prestipino**, 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 **26th day of July, 2018**, 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 26th day of April, 2018

David Prestipino, Ancillary Administrator
4210 Nicholas Street
Easton, PA 18045

April 26, May 3, May 10, 17, 2018

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THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA) invites separate and sealed bids from contractors for Re-Bid Mold Lead & Asbestos Remediation & Re-Bid for Security & Alarm Systems. Please go to www.wha.net for a bid package and further information. Packages will be available for viewing 5/11/2018.

May 10, 17, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
COURT FILE NO:
18 CV 001532

Robert LL Lewis,IV, Plaintiff
v.
Evelyn Lewis, Defendant

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned action. The nature of the relief being sought is an absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than **June 20, 2018** and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 10th day of May, 2018

Robert Lewis
306 North Hampton Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409

May 10, 17, 24, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

The Board is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The Board sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Tracy Manning at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

May 17, 2018

NOTICE TO SUBCONTRACTOR
BIDDER
PRE-QUALIFICATION
REQUEST

UNCW - Allied Health/Veterans Hall Construction Package B SCO ID #16-15505-02B
Balfour Beatty/Metcon is seeking to pre-qualify principal trade and specialty contractors to submit bids for the furnishing of labor, material, and equipment for the following UNCW Allied Health/Veterans Hall. Balfour Beatty/Metcon has been selected as the Construction Manager at Risk for this project and will receive bids from and contract with the principal and specialty contractors for the execution of the work. Historically Underutilized Businesses are encouraged to participate, however the firm must be certified by the Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB Office) through the Statewide Uniform Certification (SWUC) program. You may begin the certification process at the following <http://www.doa.nc.gov/hub/>. Similar project experience will be considered during prequalification. Anticipated Bid Dates will start in June 2018. Submittals for prequalification forms may be hand delivered, mailed, or submitted electronically. The CM and Owner reserve the right to reject any and all Prequalification's. Contracting method will be through Competitive Public Bid in accordance with Chapter 143 of the NC General Statutes. For further information or questions, please contact Jason Lovelace at 919-796-0314, or by email at jlovelace@balfourbeatty.com. Prequalification documents can be accessed through the following <https://bbcs.egnyc.com/fl/G56N4pAzh0> Mailed or hand delivered submittals shall go to the following address: Jason Lovelace, Balfour Beatty Construction, 406 South McDowell Street, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27601. Project specific bid packages with preliminary budgets can be found below for the UNCW Allied Health/Veterans Hall project: 01A General Trades TBD; 03B Concrete \$1.6M, 04B Masonry \$1.8M, 05B Misc. Metals \$118k, 06A Architectural Woodwork \$292k, 07A Waterproofing, \$384k, 07C Roofing \$1.1M, 07F Expansion Control TBD, 08A Doors and Hardware \$511,942, 08B Entrances and Storefront \$1.2M, 09A Partitions \$4M, 09B Stucco \$64k, 09C Tiling \$326k, 09D Ceilings \$437k, 09E Flooring \$644k, 09H Painting \$292k, 10A Visual Display Systems \$9394k, 10B Signage \$68k, 10C Toilet Partitions \$80k, 10D Wall and Door Protection \$40k, 10F Fire Protection Specialties \$7k, 10H Toilet Accessories \$56k, 12A Window Coverings \$55k, 12B Lab Equipment \$460k, 21B Fire Protection \$679k, 22B Plumbing \$2M, 23B Mechanical \$8.6M, 26B Electrical \$4.95M, 27B Communications \$998k, 32B Hardscape \$196k, 32C Landscape \$279k

May 17, 2018

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 17 SP 712

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF THE DEED OF TRUST OF COSMO DIBONO, Mortgagor, to J. ALLAN WHITLOCK, Trustee; WESLEY L. DEATON, Substitute Trustee, BOOK RB 6098, PAGE 2490 Bank of the Ozarks, Mortgagee. Dated June 5, 2007, recorded in Book 5272, at Page 2662 Securing the original amount of \$145,200.00

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Cosmo DiBono, described above, in the New Hanover County Public Registry; default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the said Deed of Trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure; and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded a foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness; and under and by virtue of an order entered in the within entitled and numbered action by the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina on the 24th day of April, 2018, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Courthouse door in Wilmington, North Carolina at **12:00 p.m. on Thursday the 17th day of May, 2018**, the land conveyed in said Deed of Trust, the same lying and being in New Hanover County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: Being all of Lot 9 of Georgia Place Subdivision as shown in Map Book/Plat Cabinet 33, Page/Slide 329, New Hanover County Registry. The metes and bounds description shown thereon is incorporated herein by reference.

THIS PROPERTY HAS THE ADDRESS OF: 711 Navaho Trail, Wilmington, North Carolina 28409. Parcel # R07107-006-020-000

This sale is made subject to any excise or transfer taxes, all outstanding and unpaid New Hanover County and any city or town ad valorem property taxes as well as any and all other prior liens, defects and encumbrances involving said property, as well as a Clerk's fee of \$.45 per \$100 on the purchase price.

Notice is further hereby given that the successful bidder will be required to make a cash deposit not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00).

Notice is further hereby given that the sale will be conducted pursuant to and subject to all of the provisions of Chapter 45, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Notice is given that an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the County in which the property is sold.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon the termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

This the 24th day of April, 2018.

Wesley L. Deaton, Substitute Trustee
P.O. Box 2459
Denver, North Carolina 28037
704-489-2491

May 10, 17, 2018

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May 17, 2018

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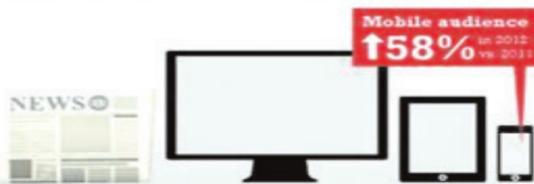
UNCW - Allied Health/Veterans Hall Construction Package D SCO ID #16-15505-02D Balfour Beatty/Metcon is seeking to pre-qualify principal trade and specialty contractors to submit bids for the furnishing of labor, material, and equipment for the following UNCW Allied Health/Veterans Hall. Balfour Beatty/Metcon has been selected as the Construction Manager at Risk for this project and will receive bids from and contract with the principal and specialty contractors for the execution of the work. Historically Underutilized Businesses are encouraged to participate, however the firm must be certified by the Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB Office) through the Statewide Uniform Certification (SWUC) program. You may begin the certification process at the following website: <http://www.doa.nc.gov/hub/>. Similar project experience will be considered during prequalification. Anticipated Bid Dates will start in June 2018. Submittals for prequalification forms may be hand delivered, mailed, or submitted electronically. The CM and Owner reserve the right to reject any and all Prequalification's. Contracting method will be through Competitive Public Bid in accordance with Chapter 143 of the NC General Statutes. For further information or questions, please contact Jason Lovelace at 919-796-0314, or by email at jlovelace@balfourbeattyus.com. Prequalification documents can be accessed through the following link: <https://bbcus.egnyte.com/fl/0J4mxOEc90>. Mailed or hand delivered submittals shall go to the following address: Jason Lovelace, Balfour Beatty Construction, 406 South McDowell Street, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27601. Project specific bid packages with preliminary budgets can be found below for the UNCW Allied Health/Veterans Hall project: 01A General Trades \$50k, 23A Mechanical \$1,2M, 23B Controls \$11k

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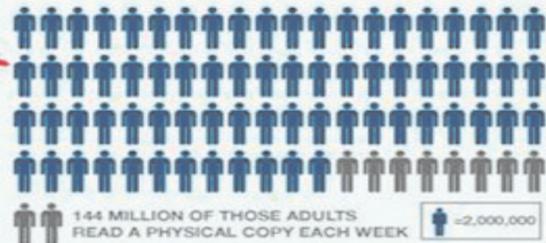
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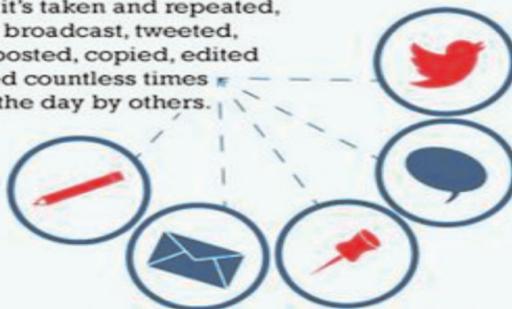


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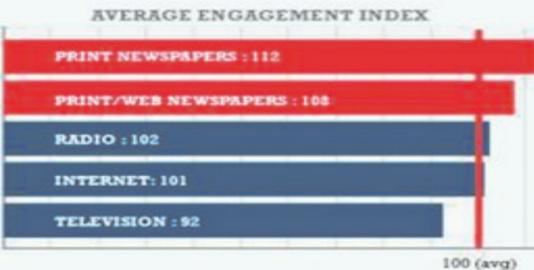
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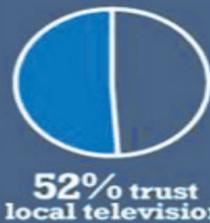
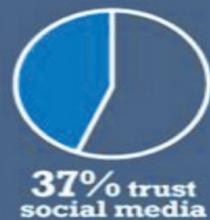


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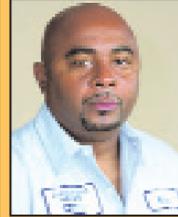
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