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EBONEY SPEARS

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Eboney 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 Eboney'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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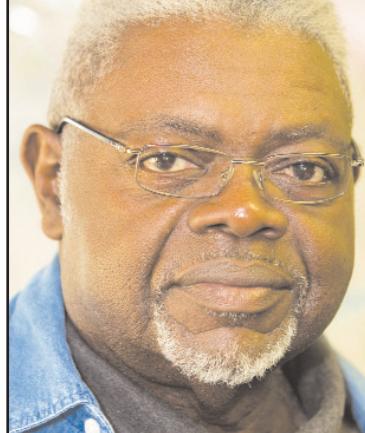
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BY BERNEST HEWETT

Brunswick County, I find myself with a lot of questions and no answers to them or, at least, none that make any sense. First, why do we have public schools in this county with 2 or fewer Black teachers?

Secondly, why has it become a problem for Black contractors to get contracts with the county?

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NCLBC CHAIR: GOP UP TO "NO GOOD"

BY CASH MICHAELS
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When it comes to "...disenfranchising African-American voters primarily, [Republicans] are definitely up to no good," said State Senator Erica Smith (D - Bertie), Chair of the NC Legislative Black Caucus, in a recent phone interview.

The main target of her ire was the constitutional amendment, passed during a recent special session of the Republican-led General Assembly, that would ask voters via ballot referendum this fall whether they favor a voter ID law in North Carolina.

As recently as Monday, lawsuits against that and at least three other of the six proposed constitutional amendment referendum questions, were filed against the legislature by the NCNAACP and Clean Air Carolina, alleging that the proposed amendments were an "...unprecedented effort to take state powers from the people, the Governor, and the courts." As to the proposed voter ID amendment, The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President of the NCNAACP, said in a statement, "Misleading voters to seize power and deny access to the ballot through discriminatory photo voter ID is not only a dangerous threat to our state's future, it is also

illegal.

"The U.S. Supreme Court limited the powers of this unconstitutional, gerrymandered legislature, and so the legislature must be stopped from carrying out this extraordinary attack. NCNAACP will not rest until we ensure that the voices of the people who have been directly affected by egregious discrimination by this NCGA are present in the courtrooms, in the streets, and at the ballot box."

Senator Smith, a two-term Democrat, couldn't agree more.

"The [US] Supreme Court, in 2016, July, ruled that the [2013 voter

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STATE SENATOR ERICA SMITH

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL AGAIN



FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA HAS ISSUED A WAVE OF ENDORSEMENTS AHEAD OF THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS.

Obama announces major midterm endorsements

BY STACY M. BROWN
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Former President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama were recently caught on video dancing at a Beyoncé and Jay-Z concert in Landover, Maryland.

Now, the Obamas are back to business, announcing that they've endorsed dozens of candidates in advance of November's all-important mid-term elections.

This large, diverse contingent comprises 81 candidates from across the country in federal, state and down-ballot races.

"I'm proud to endorse such a wide and impressive array of Democratic candidates-leaders as diverse, patriotic, and big-hearted as the America they're running to represent," Obama said in a statement. "I'm confident that, together, they'll strengthen this country we love by restoring opportunity that's broadly shared, repairing our

alliances and standing in the world, and upholding our fundamental commitment to justice, fairness, responsibility, and the rule of law."

Obama continued: "But first, they need our votes-and I'm eager to make the case for why Democratic candidates deserve our votes this fall."

Obama said he and his wife believe the country's long-term challenges can be addressed best when all Americans take a more active role in democracy. That's why he is dedicating his post-Presidency efforts to identifying and elevating the next generation of leaders, he said.

In issuing this first round of endorsements, Obama said he also hopes to help current and aspiring Democratic leaders establish themselves, build their profiles, and lead their communities.

This fall, Obama promises to prioritize supporting redistricting targets recommended by the National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC), taking back control of the U.S. House of

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BENJAMIN TODD JEALOUS

Former NAACP president Ben Jealous facing uphill climb to become first Black governor of Maryland

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Despite defeating six candidates to become the Democratic nominee for governor of Maryland, former NAACP president, Benjamin Todd Jealous, is still viewed as the underdog in his race against popular incumbent Republican Gov. Larry Hogan.

"He's got an uphill sled race," says political scientist Dr. Wilmer Leon, also a radio talk show host. "Because the state of Maryland, by most statistics, is doing well. And Hogan has never proven himself to be a blind Republican ideologue. He's more of a moderate Republican than he is an extreme right wing Republican. So, with that, it's easier for Democrats to vote for him."

In somewhat of an upset, Jealous beat back six other candidates in the June 28 pri-

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Annual NAACP convention closes with a call to vote

BY LAUREN POTEAT
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Thousands of people from across the country gathered in San Antonio, Texas for the 109th Annual NAACP Convention.

The daring theme of this year's convention ("Stop Hate, Vote") was right on target, given that the 2018 midterm elections are just a few months away. Panels and breakout sessions also focused on social justice and civil rights in the Trump Era, conversations that NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson deemed "highly necessary."

"As we begin to look at the critical landscape-with the increase in intolerance and hatred-we realize that the 2016 elections resulted in a

new level of boldness for racists to display their racism," Johnson said. "The only way to counter that is to vote...Vote on the midterm elections, so that we can hold elected officials accountable and make sure that they implement positive change."

The convention also included a diverse career fair, educational seminars, workshops on public policy, and a special hip-hop summit. Johnson also spoke about the importance of millennials and their community and political engagement.

"Millennials should understand that their role in democracy is the same as everyone else's," Johnson said. "We are African Americans first and we owe it to our communities to use all of the tools necessary to better impact our society."

Championing this effort, NAACP Chairman Leon W. Russell shared his own ideas during his annual convention address.

"In this new era of xenophobia, neo-Nazism, White nationalism, and current efforts to take our nation back to a darker and more dangerous time, I have come to San Antonio, Texas to say to the NAACP and our allies, 'the time has come to defeat hate.'"

Russell continued: "We call on voters, especially millennials of color, to stand against the face of bigotry and divisiveness."

Acknowledging that nearly 63 million Americans voted for the current president and that Black voter turnout declined, Russell still



NAACP PRESIDENT AND CEO DERRICK JOHNSON

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Thirdly, why are there different rules in place for Black Brunswick County workers than for White workers?

Fourth, why have our so-called religious leaders not applied their faith to the equal treatment of all people?

Fifth, if there were an emergency meeting held in the Southport City Council to discuss the coming arrest of the police chief and his lieutenant, why was it not made public until after the arrest was made?

Sixth, why is it that we find ourselves still crying out for freedom? I find some people still telling me and my people that we need to wait. Well, my question is "Wait for what?" The idea of waiting says to us, "You can't be my equal, not because you aren't educated or don't have the ability, but because color is the key to success."

There was a poet who asked, "Why can't I see the wind, even though I feel it? Why can I feel the heat or cold but can't touch it?"

I wonder, if all these were possible for man to control, what would God have to do to man in order to correct it? Please VOTE!!

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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Representatives, and growing the U.S. Senate Democratic Caucus.

The round of endorsements also includes several promising Obama Administration and campaign alumni who heeded the former president's call in his farewell speech to "grab a clipboard, get some signatures, and run for office yourself," Obama said.

Both Barack Obama and Michelle Obama said they expect to campaign in several states this fall and to issue a second round of endorsements in advance of November 6.

Here's a list of endorsements issued by the Obamas:

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Gavin Newsom (Governor)
Eleni Kounalakis (Lt. Governor)

Josh Harder (U.S. House, CA-10)

TJ Cox (U.S. House, CA-21)
Katie Hill (U.S. House, CA-25)

Katie Porter (U.S. House, CA-45)

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Mike Levin (U.S. House, CA-49)

Ammar Campa-Najjar (U.S. House, CA-50)

Buffy Wicks (State Assembly, District 15)

COLORADO

Jared Polis (Governor)
Dianne Primavera (Lt. Governor)

Phil Weiser (Attorney General)

Jena Griswold (Secretary of State)

Tammy Story (State Senate, District 16)

Jessie Danielson (State Senate, District 20)

Brittany Pettersen (State Senate, District 22)

Faith Winter (State Senate, District 24)

Dylan Roberts (State House, District 26)

Dafna Michaelson Jenet (State House, District 30)

Shannon Bird (State House, District 35)

Rochelle Galindo (State House, District 50)

Julie McCluskie (State House, District 61)

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Stacey Abrams (Governor)
Sarah Riggs Amico (Lt. Governor)

Matthew Wilson (State House, District 80)

Shelly Hutchinson (State House, District 107)

ILLINOIS

J.B. Pritzker (Governor)
Juliana Stratton (Lt. Governor)

Kwame Raoul (Attorney General)

Sean Casten (U.S. House, IL-6)

Brendan Kelly (U.S. House, IL-12)

Lauren Underwood (U.S. House, IL-14)

IOWA

Deidre DeJear (Secretary of State)

Tim Gannon (Secretary of Agriculture)

Kristin Sunde (State House, District 42)

Jennifer Konfrst (State House, District 43)

Eric Gjerde (State House, District 67)

Laura Liegois (State House, District 91)

MAINE

Louis Luchini (State Senate, District 7)

Laura Fortman (State Senate, District 13)

Linda Sanborn (State Senate, District 30)

NEVADA

Jacky Rosen (U.S. Senate)

Susie Lee (U.S. House, NV-3)

Steven Horsford (U.S. House, NV-4)

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Tom Malinowski (U.S. House, NJ-7)

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Natalie Figueroa (State House, District 30)

NEW YORK

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Wiley Nickel (State Senate, District 16)

Ron Wesson (State House, District 1)

Terence Everitt (State House, District 35)

Julie Von Haefen (State House, District 36)

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Rachel Hunt (State House, District 103)

OHIO

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Betty Sutton (Lt. Governor)

Steve Dettelbach (Attorney General)

Kathleen Clyde (Secretary of State)

Zack Space (Auditor)

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Susan Wild (U.S. House, PA-7)

Tina Davis (State Senate, District 6)

Liz Hanbidge (State House, District 61)

Carolyn Comitta (State House, District 156)

TEXAS

Adrienne Bell (U.S. House, TX-14)

Colin Allred (U.S. House, TX-32)

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Jeff Carney

Re: 5th Annual Community Back-2-School Free Book Bag Event

We really need your help! The Wilmington Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (WIMA) partners annually with over 40 local businesses, fraternities, organizations and places of worship to coordinate the Community Back-2-School Book Bag Event. Our goal is to meet the needs of low-income children, by providing 3,000 FREE Book Bags loaded with grade appropriate school supplies. Additionally, we provide FREE food, haircuts, hair braiding and school resource information to nearly 5,000 children at this event.

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BY CASH MICHAELS**THREE-JUDGE PANEL
RECOMMENDED TO
DECIDE FREEZE OF
CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS**

[RALEIGH] A Wake

Superior Court judge ruled Tuesday that a three-judge panel should decide whether four proposed constitutional amendments passed by the Republican-led General Assembly should be kept off the Nov. 6th ballot. Judge Paul Ridgeway heard arguments from attorneys for the NCNAACP and Clean Air Carolina suing against the amendments, one of which would re-establish photo voter ID. Attorneys for Gov. Roy Cooper also argued against two amendments that

would strip the governor of appointment powers to state boards and judicial vacancies. Ridgeway said he would urge the state Supreme Court Chief Justice to appoint a three-judge panel to decide the cases, but retained the right to make a decision is

**REP. ED HANES JR.,
FORSYTH COUNTY
DEMOCRAT, RESIGNS**

[WINSTON-SALEM] Three months before his possible re-election, state House Rep.

Ed Hanes (D-Forsyth), announced Tuesday that he was resigning his seat effective immediately. Reportedly, Hanes, a two-term Democrat, is leaving to take advantage of an "opportunity" he considers to be important. He has asked that Winston-Salem City Councilman Derwin Montgomery be named to replace Hanes. The county Democratic Party and Gov. Cooper must confirm that appointment. Montgomery is currently co-owner of the *Winston-Salem Chronicle*.

**CONTROVERSIAL
REPUBLICAN HIGH COURT
CANDIDATE WINS
PARTIAL VICTORY**

[RALEIGH] A Republican state Supreme court candidate who GOP lawmakers passed a law to keep his party designation off the November ballot because he was recently a Democrat, has sued, and gotten a Wake Superior Court judge to grant him a partial victory in getting his party affiliation

returned to the three-candidate ballot. However, Chris Anglin will have to return to court Monday to hear what the judge says about striking down the law in its entirety. Republican lawmakers overrode Gov. Cooper's veto of the law mandating that candidates had to be registered with the party they run on 90-days before they file for office. But the law clearly was directed at Anglin. The judge said because it was retroactive, it denied him his due process rights.

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photo ID law] was unconstitutional, ...so now the Republican-led General Assembly is attempting to legislate and put discrimination into our [State] Constitution by suppressing the Black vote," Smith maintained.

For their part, Republican legislative leaders hold to the premise that they are not trying to suppress anyone's vote, only trying to ensure the "integrity" of the voting process in North Carolina, and trying to prevent, what they believe is "rampant" voter fraud that heretofore has gone undetected.

Indeed, study after study has concluded that, after

millions of votes cast in the most recent statewide elections going back to Presidential year 2008, there have been but a handful of fraudulent votes, and very few of those were cast in person.

Senator Smith points to what happened during the March 2016 primaries to show how 80,000 voters across North Carolina were "ineligible" to cast ballots

because the 2013 voter ID law had not yet been overturned

"Those voters that should have been eligible did not have photo ID," she said. "African-Americans comprised 31 percent of the votes cast, but they were 40 percent of the votes cast out. They were good votes, but because of that voter ID law, which we had on the books in March 2016, their votes

were not counted."

The NCLBC chair continued, "We know that provisions like this tend to have a desperate impact on people of color because a lot of people who don't have photo IDs are elderly [and] low-income." So I believe that this is an attack [designed] to suppress that vote."

Senator Smith urged Black voters to defeat the voter ID and other proposed

constitutional amendments by indeed showing up at the polls on Nov. 6 and voting "No."

"Despite how the amendments are worded on the ballot, look behind the wording and between the lines for what is not being said, because this will have a very negative impact on representation of all communities in North Carolina," she said.

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expressed hope for the future.

"Our hope is to vote out the hate and we need every-

one to vote," Russell said.

The NAACP also honored Willie Brown, San Francisco's first Black mayor, with the "Spingarn Medal," the organization's most prestigious award; the award was in recognition of

his years of civil rights work and dedication to the betterment of the Black community.

Former President Bill Clinton presented the award to Brown and paid tribute to the civil rights activist.

Brown said that the Spingarn Medal represented his dedication to public service and the community.

Dozens of millennials attended this year's convention, much to the pleasure of former NAACP President

and current National Newspaper Publishers Association President Dr. Benjamin F Chavis, Jr.

"The NAACP is just as relevant today as it was 50 years ago," Dr. Chavis said. "The potential that the organiza-

tion has with these millennials is even greater. The NAACP literally has the opportunity to embrace these young lives and thus be embraced, to create an even better, bolder organization for the lives of all people."

JEALOUS

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mary, including Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, viewed as the Democratic establishment candidate. Despite this sentiment, Jealous says his "rainbow" type supporters and association with people from all walks of life is the strategy that he believes will continue to carry him to a win Nov. 6.

"The strength of this campaign, like my life, begins in Black churches in the civil rights community and gains power through the connection of those communities with the broader progressive community. That's been the

arc of my life and that's the arc of this campaign," he said in a recent interview with the Trice Edney News Wire. "We will win in November the same way we won June 28. We will win by traveling to every corner of the state making the case to voters in every county about how we can move forward together, about how we can make sure every school is fully funded, how we can finally get health care costs truly under control, how we can make colleges and public universities truly affordable again and how we can find the money to do it in large part by ending mass incarceration."

Jealous said, "The issues at the core of this campaign are not partisan issues. Treating

the opioid addiction crisis is a health crisis. It's a people issue. Funding education is a people issue. And then the student debt crisis is a people issue. Those are not partisan issues and people recognize that."

Though some say he is an outsider until recently, his roots run deep in Maryland, Virginia, D.C. and across the nation for that matter. Jealous is former executive director of the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation and former president/CEO of the national NAACP.

But when describing his grassroots political training, he is clear about his roots.

"I started off in the Rainbow Coalition. I started

off as a 15-year-old precinct captain for the Rev. Jesse Jackson," he recalls. "The strategy of that campaign is what empowered L. Doug Wilder to win the governorship in Virginia a year later. And the same strategies that worked for Wilder in Virginia and David Dinkins in New York and Harold Washington in Chicago are right at the core of this campaign."

He continues, "What we all learned in that campaign is how they won their campaigns. That's how we won our primary and how we will win in November. We'll build a coalition of working families across every line...There's nothing more important to any working family than assuring that they get to move forward again."

Like Jackson, Wilder and Dinkins, Jealous is poised to also make history. If he pulls it off, he would become the first Black governor of Maryland and the fifth Black governor in the U. S. According to recent polls, the issues may not be enough. Though Maryland is heavily Democratic, Hogan reportedly has a 68 percent approval rating across party lines.

Therefore, Jealous is going to have to pull out all stops, says Leon.

"In the eyes of some, the NAACP is not as relevant as it used to be. Plus, Hogan is not a Trump Republican," Leon said. "So, I think you're going to have a lot of people going to the voting booth saying if it's not broke don't fix it."

However, Leon said, Jealous could win because Maryland is in fact a Democratic state. "Turn out. Turn out. Turn out" will be the key, he says. "Plus, he needs to find a way to better explain how he's going to implement some of the policies he's articulating because one of the knocks against him is he's promised a lot of things and he hasn't explained how he's going to pay for them."

Grassroots debaters in a local barber shop recently

resolved that Jealous is the most popular candidate among Black voters, but, due to apathy, the voters he will need in a close race may not come out on Election Day. This means Jealous will need his best strategies, including his broadest rainbow, plus campaign boosts from some heavy hitters. His running mate is former Maryland Democratic Party Chair Susan Turnbull, who is running for lieutenant governor.

In June, former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders was largely credited for helping to drum up votes. Sanders has not given a full endorsement of Jealous, but has not been shy about pushing him.

"I'm proud to be here because Ben is not going to be one of those leaders who is going to be nibbling around the edges, but understands

we have got to transform the economic and political life of this country," said Sen. Sanders to a cheering crowd as Jealous stood by his side June 18 just before his primary election, the Associated Press reported.

Jealous is taking all the help he can get.

"Bernie is a good friend. He's a great ally to this campaign. And he has shown the Democratic Party that the people want real solutions to the pain that our families are feeling," Jealous said. "Who runs our states matters because the road to taking back our country runs all through our states. I'm focused on making Maryland a model for how we move forward on education, health care and the economy no matter what happens in Donald Trump's Washington."

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CHILDWATCH

The census citizenship question and children

Who counts as a person in America? The answer is more complicated than it should be. Every ten years the government is required by the Constitution to count the entire resident population of the United States. The Census matters for a very long list of reasons beginning with political representation: the count is used to determine how seats in the House of

Representatives are distributed and states rely on it to map their own legislative districts. Census data are used to determine how federal and state funding are distributed for Medicaid, nutrition assistance programs, Head Start, education, Pell Grants, economic development, transportation spending, and much more. Businesses use the Census to make decisions about where consumers and workers are located. Researchers use it to study how diseases are concentrated or spread out over the population. It's obvious - or should be obvious - that a huge range of stakeholders need this count of the entire population to be as accurate as it can possibly be.

That's why there has been a swift, harsh, and widespread critical reaction to the Trump Administration's request to add a question to the 2020 Census asking residents to identify whether or not they are citizens - a move that seems very likely to make many respondents fearful and anxious, especially in today's national climate, about participating in the Census at all, leading to a very serious undercount. The period for public comment on this proposed change ends Tuesday, August 7th, and there is still time to add your voice to the loud chorus of stakeholders, experts, and everyday people asking the Commerce Department to withdraw this citizenship question.

The Leadership Conference points out that there would be a significant financial cost to taxpayers just to add an untested question this late in the process: "According to the Census Bureau, every one percent decrease in the self-response rate will increase the cost of the count by \$55 million. A five percent drop in self response would add an additional, unplanned \$275 million to the [Census]." The costs that would result from an inaccurate undercount will keep accumulating for the next ten years and years to come. As they also point out, with the Census, there are no do-overs.

Please make a difference today by submitting a comment on the citizenship question through the simple steps at censuscounts.org. Everyone - including every child - counts!

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

The Black Press: USE It or LOSE It!



Visual Voice

PAY OUR TEACHERS

I taught 27 years in the New Hanover County School System and I like many other

dedicated teachers spent some of my money on schools supplies to help our children learn. The average teacher's yearly pay in North Carolina is around \$42,000. I

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don't know of any other profession where the employee must give back part of their paycheck to make the day successful. Please help elect people who will fully fund

our schools or leave the burden on us under paid teachers!!!

James Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

A picture's worth a thousand words!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Like many of you, I watched the video of Officer Wardell Jackson, a Capitol policeman in Mississippi, pleading with protesters who were all around him, to stop blocking the entrance to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. We saw on video how the offenders were disobeying him and obviously trying their best to agitate Officer

Dr. E. Faye Williams

Jackson. The agitators came his area seeking trouble. They came waving their confederate and Mississippi state flags in Officer Jackson's face. They circled in back of him and all around him. We saw them get up in his face no matter how many times he asked them to stop blocking the area. They paraded all around him and did all they could to provoke him as he remained calm, but persistent, in warning them to clear the area so that visitors to the museum could get through. We saw Officer Jackson at all times continue to do his job to prevent blocking of the entrance to the museum. All of this fuss took place at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum! Now, tell me

if you believe this agitation was just a coincidence! Officer Jackson's exact words were heard on the video, and it is clear that he said or did nothing that was improper. He worked with great patience for a very long time. From what I saw on the video, had the situation been reversed and a white officer was giving as many warnings as he gave to clear the area to Black people, I'm sure the intruders would have been shot or at least arrested. Not so for Officer Jackson who never even threatened arrest while I was asking myself how long was he going to take the harassment! Instead of being rewarded for his patience, he was fired for doing his job with the

midshaft.

I can't help but wonder if the person who replaced him is considered to be friendlier to the flag waving confederate agitators! State Rep. Kathy Sykes is Chair of the National Congress of Black Women in Jackson, spoke out about Officer Jackson's pun-

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Congressman Ron Dellums: A fierce, focused fighter

When the Congressional Black Caucus holds its Annual Legislative Conference this September (September 12-16), I hope there will be a tribute to one of its founders, Congressman Ron Dellums, who made his transition on July 30. Dellums was a fierce, focused fighter for justice, an anti-war activist who served in the military, authored several CBC Alternative Budgets; budgets that focused on human needs rather than military buildup, and an indefatigable fighter for South African freedom. He is the epitome of Congressional activism, progressive leadership, and stellar integrity.

After 27 years in Congress and a term as Oakland mayor, he had a much lower profile in recent years. Still, his name remains synonymous with principled leadership, and he will be sincerely missed!

Dellums blazed on the national political scene, decried by then Vice President Spiro Agnew as a "radical" from "Berzerkely." Dellums had the right response, telling the Washington Post - "If being an advocate of peace, justice, and humanity toward all human beings is radical, then I'm glad to be called radical. And if it is radical to oppose the use of 70 percent of federal monies for destruction and war, then I am a radical." With this as a definition of "radical," the question, really, is why aren't there more radicals in our nation?

I'm not sure what Congressman Dellums would

think of the organization he co-founded. While he became somewhat less confrontational the longer he served in Congress, the fight never left him. He didn't mind calling Presidents or his colleagues out, though he did it in a way that even conservative House Speaker Tom Delay (R-TX) described as gentlemanly. Upon Dellums' retirement from the House of Representatives in the middle of his term in 1998, Delay said, "We are losing one of its finest Members, a Member that I have great respect for because he always did his homework, was so articulate and eloquent on this floor. He always got my attention when he stood up and took the microphone. He would stop every Member in their tracks to hear what he had to say, and there are very few Members that have served in this body that can claim the respect that both sides of the aisle had for the gentleman from California. And the incredible reputation that the gentleman from California has brought to this House; he has elevated this House. He has elevated the distinction of this House by serving here, and this House will greatly miss him when he leaves."

Though Dellums ran for Congress as a Democrat and caucused with the Democrats, he did not register to vote as a Democrat until he ran for Mayor of Oakland. Indeed, he was one of the vice-chairs of the Democratic Socialists of America. His alternative budgets reflected socialistic principles, elevating human needs over military needs, embracing pacifism instead of war and military intervention. He had a masters' degree in social work, and it showed, both in his interactions with people and in the alternative budgets he

worked on.

When I was a professor at UC Berkeley, I brought a group of students (I called them Bey-Bey's kids because some of them were so wild) to DC to soak up some public policy knowledge. Congressman Dellums' team told us he had 30 minutes for us, but when he met the group, got engaged with them and began to answer their questions, he took off his jacket, rolled up his sleeves, pulled out a flip chart and broke down the CIBC Alternative Budget. We were there for almost two hours, far more than the allotted time. He acknowledged that the Alternative Budget had no chance of passing, but said that he worked so hard on it because it was "a possibility." He persistently fought for the right thing, even if the right thing was a long shot.

His tenacity was responsible for the passage of the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, legislation that imposed sanctions, urged US companies to stop doing business with South Africa, and set conditions, including the release of political prisoners, before sanctions could be lifted.

Ronald Reagan vetoed the legislation, preferring "constructive engagement," but Congress overrode the veto, something that rarely happens in foreign policy matters. It is a tribute to Dellums' political skills that a man who was ridiculed as a radical upon entering Congress had developed the kinds of bipartisan relationships that would override a presidential veto.

Dellums got much criticism for his time as Oakland mayor, but it is essential to note that not many, after serving 27 years in Congress, would have signed up to run a troubled city. He was drafted by the people of Oakland, who urged

him to serve, and he defiantly told people that if they weren't satisfied with his leadership, they could recall him! Ron Dellums used his national notoriety to lobby for his city, getting more recovery aid from the Obama administration than any other city except Chicago. He saw Oakland as a "Model City" and encouraged citizen participation, convening several task forces to help shape the direction of the city.

The best thing that Ron Dellums ever did was succession planning. He surrounded himself with younger, bright leaders and encouraged them in their aspirations. One of his protégés, Keith Carson, serves on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Another, Sandre' Swanson, served in the California State Assembly. And Congresswoman Barbara Lee, as fierce a fighter as Dellums, was his hand-picked successor.

The Congressional Black Caucus today needs more Dellums energy. Oh, the Alternative Budgets still annually prepared, but it doesn't get the visibility that it should. Fierce fighters like Barbara Lee and Maxine Waters are often threatened and ridiculed, and not enough of their colleagues have their backs. And too many African American politicians are pragmatic, instead of being principled. May the spirit of Ron Dellums always live among African American and progressive leaders!

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ishment, and I'm proud of her for that, but I urge all Mississippi politicians, preachers and community leaders to not be satisfied with just putting Officer Jackson back to work.

Officer Jackson should have their support in putting

him back on the job he had before this injustice occurred. They should stand with him to get the payment back that was taken from him by suspending him. Every police officer and all who stand for fair play should send a donation to Officer Jackson to make up for his loss in pay until his back pay is returned to him. Otherwise, all of us who had plans to travel to or through

Mississippi and spend money there should put those plans on hold.

We've seen officers wrongfully kill people in cold blood and not even get suspended for a day. Why should a Black officer just doing his job be punished by being fired, then suffer a loss in pay and position? If you don't know where to send your donation to Officer Jackson, we'll deliver to him whatever you send through our

Jackson, MS chapter. Call my office at 202/678-6788 and we can help with where to send it. Let's show him we care about police officers who do the right thing.

Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq., President of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. www.nationalcongressbw.org. 202/678-6788.) She's also host to WPFW-FM's radio program entitled "Wake Up and Stay Woke."

The Constitution is a shield for civil and human rights

It's shaping up to be a hot summer in D.C.—and for reasons having nothing to do with the weather:

In a few weeks, the Senate will decide whether a D.C.

Circuit Court judge named Brett Kavanaugh should be the nation's next Supreme Court justice. And from my office window, I can already hear the battle cries.

Kavanaugh's opponents describe him as a "threat to our

democracy." They are shouting that "the future of America is at stake." And they warn his confirmation will "turn the clock back on our rights."

Having been around politics for decades, I tend to ignore a lot of this type of stuff. But when someone says the clock may be turned back on our rights, it gets my attention.

I've been involved in the battle for civil rights most of my life. As a 12-year-old student back in 1961, I helped integrate a Whites-only school in Richmond, Va. As a college student at Hampton Institute (now University), I protested for student rights. As a young mom, I volunteered with Housing

Opportunities Made Equal to fight racism and achieve equal access. And as Virginia's Secretary for Health and Human Resources, I fought for empowerment reform that helped low-income men and women achieve the pride and dignity of employment.

So I took the 'rollback of civil rights' line seriously and looked into it. And what I found out just might surprise you.

Judge Kavanaugh has been a steadfast supporter of civil rights, because he has been consistently faithful to the Constitution. For example, during his 2006 Senate confirmation for the D.C. Circuit Court, he said:

"...some of the worst moments in the Supreme Court's history have been moments of judicial activism, like the Dred Scott case...where the Court went outside its proper bounds, in my judgment, in interpreting clauses of the Constitution to impose its own policy views."

That means that, when questions have come before him, he hasn't answered them with a "here's what I personally think" type of answer. Instead, he's addressed them with a "here's what the Constitution

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TO BE EQUAL**Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg launches 2018 NUL Conference with partnership announcements**

"The average Black woman in the United States has to work all of 2017 until August 7 of 2018 to make what the average white man makes in 2017 alone. That's to say this is a problem is kind of the understatement of the year." —Sheryl Sandberg, August 1, 2018, National Urban League Conference

With the 2018 National Urban League Conference focused on the theme of "Save Our Cities: Powering the Digital Revolution," we could

not have chosen a more appropriate guest to kick off the event than Facebook's Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg.

Even better, we were proud to use the occasion to announce two important new initiatives.

New research conducted by LeanIn.Org and SurveyMonkey in partnership with the National Urban League shows that there

remains a striking lack of awareness around the pay gap Black women face. On average, Black women are paid 38% less than white men and 21% less than white women – amounting to almost \$879,000 lost over the course of a typical career.

LeanIn is an initiative of the Sheryl Sandberg & Dave Goldberg Family Foundation, dedicated to empowering women in the workplace.

Our plan is that bringing awareness to this injustice will lead to concrete action. Not only would fair pay for Black women drastically narrow the racial economic gap, but it would go a long way toward stabilizing our national economy. Because Black women disproportionately are heads of households, fair pay would create a ripple effect that could lift entire communities.

Some of the key findings of the research were:

More than 30 percent of Americans are not aware that, on average, Black women are paid less than white men.

Even when people know there's a pay gap, it's bigger than they realize. On average, Black women are paid 38% less than white men, which amounts to almost \$870,000 lost

over the course of a typical career. 40% of people who are aware of this gap underestimate its size.

About half of white men think obstacles to advancement for Black women are gone, but only 14% of Black women agree.

Nearly 70% of people who are not Black think that racism, sexism or both are uncommon in their company—yet 64% of Black women say they've experienced discrimination at work.

On August 7, Black Women's Equal Pay Day, share these facts on social media using the hashtag #38PercentCounts.

The second announcement is an expanded partnership with Facebook to offer training in social media strategy and digital marketing our 13 Urban League Entrepreneurship Centers in the following cities: Atlanta, GA; Baltimore, MD; Chicago, IL; Cincinnati, OH; Cleveland, OH; Houston, TX; Jacksonville, FL; Kansas City, MO; Las Vegas, NV; Los Angeles, CA; New Orleans, LA; Philadelphia, PA; and Washington, D.C.

The National Urban League will also join Facebook as a national advisor, helping to

create new opportunities for small businesses from underserved communities.

This partnership with Facebook perfectly encapsulates the focus of our mission on the intersection between digital technology and economic opportunity. Empowering our entrepreneurs through the use of digital tools is a great example of how, truly, to fulfill our conference theme and power the digital revolution.

During our conversation, I asked her what she was like growing up and she said she was the "bossy girl."

She asked the men in the audience to raise their hands if they'd ever been called bossy. Few raised their hands. Then she asked the women. We know it's not that women act in more aggressive ways than men – it's just our expectations. For every little girl who's ever been called bossy. Next time you hear some little girl called bossy, you walk right up to whoever called her that and say, "She's not bossy. She has executive leadership skills."

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

RAINBOW COALITION**Attack on LeBron shows Trump wants to use fear, divisiveness to win elections**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The run-up to the 2018 congressional elections has begun. With 40 Republican representatives deciding not to run again, the party's majority in the House is at risk. President Donald

Trump has announced he

plans to stump for Republicans across the country, seeking to make the election a referendum on him. Characteristically, a centerpiece of his approach is to use race as a weapon to divide and distract us.

Once more, he's gone after NFL players - largely African Americans - for their dignified, nonviolent protests against black lives lost to police violence. The president has portrayed them as unpatriotic and ungrateful. He'll escalate those insults this fall.

Once more, he's slurried immigrants as violent, using the MS-13 gang to rouse fears. He says he will close down the government this fall if he doesn't get full funding for his wall, raising the heat on an issue used to divide us.

Days after LeBron James opened his I Promise school in Akron, Ohio, where his foundation is providing everything from school lunches to guaranteed tuitions for those who go to college, Trump questioned James' intelligence and that of

his CNN interviewer, Don Lemon (also an African American): "LeBron James was just interviewed by the dumbest man on television, Don Lemon. He made LeBron look smart, which isn't easy to do." Trump's also libeled Rep. Maxine Waters as a "very low IQ individual."

This isn't accidental or coincidental; it is intentional and instrumental. Trump has a long, ugly history of preying on racial fears for his own political benefit. He rose to national attention by trafficking the lie about Obama's birth, arguing that he was an illegitimate president, born in Kenya. He launched his presidential campaign with a blast at Mexican immigrants as murderers and "rapists." He reveled in assaulting the gold star Muslim parents of a U.S. Army officer who died serving his country in the Iraq War.

During the Republican presidential primary campaign, Trump for a time declined to disavow the support of David Duke and the Ku Klux Klan, saying that he hadn't done "research" on the group. (He later disavowed Duke and the Klan as a result of public outcry.)

As president, Trump scorned immigrants from what he called "s-hole countries" - Haiti, El Salvador and countries in Africa - while saying the U.S. needed more immigrants from countries like Norway.

Trump claims he is the "least racist person that you have ever met." His record suggests otherwise. The Justice

Department sued the Trump organization - including Trump's father, Fred, the company chair and founder, and Trump himself, who was then serving as president - for systematic discrimination in refusing to rent to African-Americans. After a protracted legal battle, the Trumps agreed to a consent decree that required them to take concrete steps to end discrimination, including providing the New York Urban League with weekly listings of vacancies, allowing them to supply qualified applicants.

Later Trump gained notoriety for taking out full-page ads championing the death penalty for the Central Park Five, five young African Americans accused of raping and murdering a jogger in Manhattan's Central Park. They were convicted in a wave of hysteria only to be released after years in prison when DNA evidence proved they were innocent of the crime. There is no indication that Trump ever apologized.

But the question really isn't whether Trump is a racist or not. What is undeniable is that he purposefully plays on racial fears for his own political purposes, seeking to rouse "his base" and divide and distract working people.

Trump clearly enjoys scorning convention and violating norms. During the campaign, he boasted that he could shoot someone on Fifth Avenue and still keep the support of his voters.

But we ought not adjust or accommodate to a president

using his White House pulpit to spread fear, fan hatred and divide us.

LeBron James understands how destructive this behavior can be, noting about Trump:

"He doesn't understand the power that he has for being the leader of this beautiful country. He doesn't understand how many kids, no matter the race, look up to the president of the United States for guidance, for leadership, for words of encouragement...."

Later, James reflected:

"When I was growing up, there (were) like three jobs that you looked for inspiration. ... It was the president of the United States, it was whoever was best in sports and it was the greatest musician at the time. You never thought you could be them, but you can grab inspiration from them...."

"And this time, right now, with the president of the United States, it's at a bad time. While we cannot change what comes out of that man's mouth, we can continue to alert the people that watch us, that listen to us, (that) this is not the way."

Trump will make this election a test of what kind of country we are and what kind of country we want to live in. He believes that by spreading division and fears he will gain politically. We have to demonstrate that we are a better people than that. The provocations, the outrages, the slanders will continue. The only question is how we will respond to them.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**The evil called voter suppression**

For Republicans, there is much to lose in the upcoming mid-term elections. If polls are to be believed, the Democrats have the edge, and many are hoping that the election will flip both the House and the Senate in their favor.

But there is a concerted effort being waged to suppress the vote of many who might be assumed to vote for the Democrats. The Rev. Dr. William Barber has been fighting voter suppression in his home state of North Carolina, where what was going on was so obviously racist that the United States Supreme Court refused to review a lower court decision striking down H.B. 589. Dubbed the

"monster law," it would have disenfranchised thousands of citizens. The nation's high court said the law was blatantly racist, so racist, in fact, that the court could not defend it.

As the mid-term elections approach, Republicans are worried but they are not ending their quest to discourage and prevent people from voting. In Texas recently, a woman was sentenced to five years in prison for voting illegally.

Crystal Mason was on probation for tax fraud, a felony, and was sentenced to 5 years in federal prison in 2011. She was released in August of 2016 and registered to vote, but because she was on supervised release, she was ineligible to vote. When she showed up to the polling place, nobody told her she was ineligible. She registered and voted but was later arrested because the law says convicted felons cannot vote until their sentences are completed.

Crystal didn't know about that law, and is now headed to prison for voting illegally. (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/texas-woman-crystal-mason-sentenced-five-years-prison-voter-fraud/>)

In North Carolina, a similar incident happened recently. As reported in the New York Times, Keith Sellars was arrested for the same offense, "illegal voting." He was one of a number of people whose voting was deemed illegal because of either being on parole or probation. They did not know the law and thought they were within their rights. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/02/us/arrested-voting-north-carolina.html>)

Apparently not.

The evil which is white supremacy knows no bounds; white people in power intend to stay in power, even as they make laws that are racially oppressive. While there is no formal Jim Crow, the system and strategy of Jim Crow is alive and well. Like slavery, as Equal Justice Initiative Founder and Executive Director Bryan Stevenson say, Jim Crow has never ended; it has just evolved.

The race-baiting rhetoric of the current president has set and is continuing to create a country where white supremacy reigns, with no holds barred. The racism spewing out of this administration is so rampant that the stench is noticeable on every level, and racists are gleeful, almost giddy, that they get to participate in the work to "make America white again," which is, of course, what "Make America Great Again" is all about.

Organizers and activists will have to be intentional and careful to spell out the law as concerns convicted felons' right to vote. As these stories of released citizens voting and then being arrested because of some aspect of the law they did not know, the result will be that fewer and fewer will vote, for fear of going back to prison. That is the plan and the game. The work of fighting racism is never over; and right now, under this administration, the fight is more important than ever.

In the Christian Bible, we all know the words that say "we battle not against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities and wickedness in high places." This fight against power and wealth, against people who speak and dress well, is not new, but it is forever troubling and unfair. We are certainly battling against wickedness in high places. We do well to take and use our faith as the sword as it is in order to protect the rights of people who have served their time in prison and are trying to make new lives. We need to flood our networks with education on who can and cannot vote, so that we can protect "the least of these," as this government refuses to do.

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.

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Kavanaugh—like all who do or may serve on the Supreme Court—is faithful to the Constitution.

Simply put, being true to the Constitution is the key to our democracy. It's more important than any single issue, any political party, or any partisan interest.

You see, the U.S. Constitution is the very reason we even have a thing called 'civil rights.' Before America was born, the world was a very different place. How a person lived depended on where they were born, who their parents and grandparents were, how rich they were, and so on. If you were born poor, you were likely to stay poor. And if you were a minority in your country, you were unlikely to ever have equal treatment under their laws.

America was created to be an exception to the global norm that limited freedom, curtailed liberties, denied due process, and caused poverty to persist across generations. We had to overcome huge obstacles, of course, but the extraordinary achievements we've realized would not have been possible without our Constitution.

Instead of being a sword against freedom and rights, the Constitution has been the shield that's made them possible.

Whenever obstacles stood in the way—including segregation and other evil Jim Crow laws—it was the Constitution that cast them aside. Liberty? The Constitution grants it in its very first sentence. Slavery? It was abolished by the Constitution in its 13th Amendment Citizenship? You can find that in the Constitution, too—it's right there in the 14th Amendment. So is our right to vote, which is made clear for all to see in the Constitution's 15th Amendment.

And it's because Judge Kavanaugh has proven throughout his career to be 100 percent faithful to the Constitution that he has my total support. Not for his sake, but for ours.

Kay Coles James is the president of The Heritage Foundation. You can follow Kay on Twitter @KayeColesJames.

That's why it's absolutely crucial that Judge

New Hanover County

Lupus Foundation August Support Group – New Hanover County Lupus Foundation of America, North Carolina Chapter Monthly Support Group in New Hanover County will be held Saturday, August 18th, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Northeast Regional Library-Oleander Room, 1241 Military Cutoff Rd.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Featured speaker is Reverend Jessica Stokes, Eastern North Carolina Regional Coordinator for Partners in Health and Wholeness, North Carolina Council of Churches. Her presentation, "Health and Faith: Together we Can Work Towards Abundant Living" will focus on the importance of connecting faith and health, and offer information about free health resources for churches, including an annual opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 mini-grant through the program to fund health projects. Other important state and community issues will be on the agenda, as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch activities and events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

Brunswick County

The Town of Belville is now accepting applications from town residents who are interested in an appointment to the Belville Board of Commissioners, to fill two vacancies. One appointee will serve the remainder of a four-year term that began in December of 2015 and one appointee will serve the remainder of a four-year term that began in December of 2017. Applications are available online at www.townofbelville.com under the Town Forms tab or at the Belville Town Hall, located at 63 River Road, Belville, NC. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday. The submission deadline is Thursday, August 24, 2018 at 4:30 pm. For additional information regarding the vacancy, please contact Athina Williams, Town Clerk, at (910)371-2456.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Visiting the sick and shut-in

It is always a good thing to visit the sick and shut-in. It does not have to be any particular time. Therefore, we don't have to wait for the holidays.

We can visit those who live in our neighborhood and others in the rest homes and convalescent centers elsewhere in the area. A simple visit will many times help bring some happiness in others' lives or a smile to their faces. Such visits also bring moments that are waiting to be a part of our own lives.

Those who are confined by illness often appreciate brief

visits from caring individuals often and regularly. It is a privilege to be able to visit and uplift the spirits of those who are sick and share our good fortune with those in need. There is always something we can do to offer a little assistance to the needy and show comfort towards the suffering. We ought to make it a point to keep in touch with someone who appreciates the wonderful moments we are willing to spend with him or her. These moments are treasures which will be remembered and cherished for a long time to come.

Health facilities sometimes welcome the assistance of volunteers who are called to assist with one thing or another in the care and assistance of the elderly and the ill. Sometimes one might be

asked to just sit for a while and engage them in good encouraging conversation or to read to them, etc. There are various ways in which we can offer comfort and assistance to the old and the young.

So, whether we are representatives of the church or some other religious groups, or whether it is just "our thing" to bring help and hope to others, there are many opportunities to exercise our gifts of care and concern for others. There is always some way to provide entertainment and encouragement. We can offer hope and help create constructive ways of thinking and acting as they recover from whatever illness in which they may be dealing.

We will see how blessed it makes us feel to be able to be

a blessing to others. Helping others overcome hardships, physical and otherwise, pays in ways unimaginable!

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!

YOU GOT TO KNOW.....

NO SUGAR COATING: You got to know that the full home-buying process will likely work every last nerve, every ounce of faith, every "I can't do it anymore" in you.

You got to know going in that they'll ask for everything you can think about financially and then some. You got to know that sometimes the lender is asking for the same thing, over and over in different ways and you have to provide information each time. You got to know you can't make

Brenda Dixon

over and over in different ways and you have to provide information each time. You got to know you can't make

ANY new moves that could affect/reflect on your credit scores negatively. You can't let anyone pull your credit, be late on a bill, or increase your credit lines without seeking guidance from the mortgage lender. You got to know that "if it's to be, it's up to me." You got to know "WHY" you are willing to go thru all of this so when the times get trying (cause they will), you will PRESS and keep it moving. The Joy comes when the lender does the initial pull of credit, looks at a few check stubs and gives you a pre-approval and say, "Go shopping". It's still Joy while searching on the web and then physically viewing the homes. You are EXCITED as all get out once

that perfect home is found and your offer is accepted.

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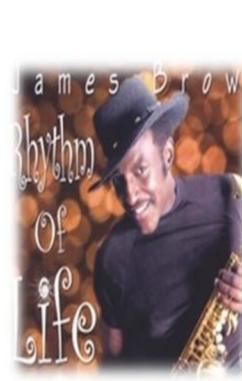
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Gordon S. Mitchell

Gordon S. Mitchell, age 74, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, August 2, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Mitchell's life was held on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

It is an honor to celebrate the life of Gordon Stanley Mitchell, also known as Stan the Man. Many loved him and knew him as the fun-loving, kind-hearted, quick-witted, tall, handsome man from Seabreeze.

Stanley was born January 11, 1944 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Adolphus and Catherine Mitchell. He was the fifth of his seven siblings: Gladys, Adolphus Jr., Ralph, Larry, Beverly and Parrish. He was raised in the renowned Seabreeze community surrounded by his extended family including the Bozemans, Freemans, Blackledges, Wades and Wilsons.

Stanley was educated in New Hanover County school system, concluding his education at Williston Sr. High. In his twenties, he was drafted and served in the United States Army, completing a tour of duty in Korea. After serving his country, his uncle Alfred Mitchell helped him sharpen his innate talent of carpentry and woodworking, leading to his lifelong profession and pastime. He worked over 40 years as a skilled carpenter and craftsman, using his talent to create masterpieces and bring blueprints to life.

Aside from hard work, Stanley was a natural entertainer; gifted artist and musician. In his younger years, he played in a traveling gospel quartet called "The Faithful Four" with his sister Beverly and cousins Edward and Addie Bozeman. As with the guitar, he mastered the pool stick and was king of the billiards table. Some will remember how he delighted children with his Donald Duck impersonation, by

drawing caricatures, or performing the "disappearing quarter" magic trick. Many will also remember his immaculate 1967 Chevy and his love for restoring vintage trucks. He was a good man who left his mark on all who knew him.

Beside every good man is a devoted woman. Stanley met Army Jane Hall shortly after she relocated from Florida to Wilmington for a position at Corning. After a loving courtship, the two married in August 1979. Their unwavering relationship was the foundation of their family that created a son, cherished daughters and nurtured granddaughters. Over the years they enjoyed traveling to visit family, hosting cookouts and accommodating family members visiting from out-of-state.

Stanley is survived by his devoted wife, Jane and son, Gabriel of Wilmington, NC; his daughters, Tara Conner (Robert) and Ursula "Pumpkin" Douglas (Clinton) of Charlotte, NC; six granddaughters, Emori, Raven, Alyssa, Chyna, Myah and Aubrey; one great-granddaughter, Aliyah, all of Charlotte, NC. Additionally, he leaves to cherish fond memories, two sisters, Beverly Bryant of Wilmington, NC, and Gladys Mitchell, of Philadelphia, PA; two brothers, Larry Mitchell (Pamela) of Willingboro, NJ, and Parish Mitchell of Randallstown, MD; one uncle, Alfred Mitchell (Eleanor) and one aunt, Delia Lloyd, both of Wilmington, NC. Stanley was also blessed with a host of nieces, nephews, cousin, friends and a "favorite niece" Kathy Bryant Richardson, who he affectionately called his "Meals on Wheels". 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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Mary A. Tompson

Mary A. Tompson, age 60, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, August 2, 2018. A celebration of Mary's life was conducted Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist 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.

Glenda J. McLeod

Glenda "Linda" J. McLeod, age 70, of Leland, passed away Thursday, August 2, 2018. A celebration of Ms. Glenda's life was conducted Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, Leland, NC. Interment will follow in Christian Hope Christian Church 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.

Gwendolyn N. Edmond

Gwendolyn N. Edmond, age 65, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, August 5, 2018. A celebration of Ms. Gwendolyn's life was conducted Thursday, August 9, 2018 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Oleander Memorial Gardens. 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.

Ralph J. Johnson

Ralph J. Johnson, age 69, of Wilmington, died Thursday, August 2, 2018. Arrangements are pending and will be announced. Services entrusted to Davis

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Reuben Nathaniel Irvin

Reuben Nathaniel Irvin died July 30, 2018. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 5th at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Pollocks Cemetery, Scotts Hill Community.

Reuben was born December 2, 1986 to Abdull Akbar and Camellia Irvin, in Wilmington, NC. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System. Reuben was a well-loved father, son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend, very helpful in any task. He loved and enjoyed going fishing.

He is survived by one daughter, Kamirea Irvin; his father, Abdull Akbar; mother, Camellia Irvin; five sisters, LaTara Irvin, Krystal Irvin, Caress Tyson, Aziyah Akbar and Chasity Tate; grandparents, Wilhelmina Nixon and Rody and Beverly Martin; special friend, Lola Ademodi; aunts, Queen Irvin, Amie Nixon and Georgina Nixon; uncles, James Nixon, Vernon Irvin (Kimberly) and Wilbur Brown; a host of special great-aunts, great-uncles, cousins and many friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Larry Murray

Larry Murray died July 27, 2018 in Ft. Washington, MD. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 4, 2018 in Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Larry was born to the late Roscoe and Martha E. Murray Simpson on May 26, 1957, in Wilmington, NC. He was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System after which he ventured on to being employed in various jobs within the immediate area. His last place of employment was with the Smithsonian Institute, Natural History Museum in Washington, DC. Larry retired in 2015 after becoming ill. He was conscientious, very unselfish, loving, loyal to a fault, adventurous, helpful, and totally protective of his friends and family.

He moved to Maryland in 2006 in hopes of making a change in his life. He gave his heart and life to Christ and worshipped with Mt. Enon Missionary Baptist Church in Clinton, Maryland. He was preceded in death by his parents, maternal grandparents, Mollie Murray, a brother, Jerome Murray and a special brother, Ronald "Cooter" Gooden.

Leaving to cherish his memories: Marilyn Bloodworth (Elder Sylvester) of the city, Sharalyn D. Baker (Rev. Samuel D. Baker, Sr.) of Accokeek, MD, Mary Freeman of the city, Mildred Simpson of California, Michael W. Murray (Vanessa) of the city, Roscoe Simpson, Jr. of Fayetteville, NC, Donald Ray Simpson of the City, William Simpson of Charlotte, NC, Barry Simpson of the city, Kenneth Simpson (Laverne) of the city and Sherwood Simpson of Virginia; aunt, Claretta Murray of the city; special sister, Cassandra Bradley of the city; special brothers, Ronald Murray, Samuel Baker, Sr. and a host of nieces,

nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Capria Rouser

Capria Rouser died July 29, 2018. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 5th at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Winnabow, NC.

Capria was born July 21, 1980 in Baltimore, MD to the late Jerry Rouser and Barbara Walker Jinwright. She attended the Cherry Hill School until age 6 and then she attended the New Hanover County Public Schools until graduation. Upon graduating from school she worked various jobs throughout the community.

Capria leaves to cherish her memory; her parents, Carlton and Barbara Jinwright of Castle Hayne, NC; children, Stacianna, Barbiana, Precious, Tatoana, Yamira, Terrence Jr., Miracle and Terrence August II; siblings, Jabari Rouser (Diana) and Omani Rouser; grandfather, Jimmy Pearce; aunts, Wanda Pearce (Pearl), Carlena Washam, Mae Simmons, Linda Stevenson, LaFonta Mack and Aletha Spicer (Samuel Jr.); special aunt, Margie Pearce; uncles, Raymond Walker (Teresa), James Parker, Andre Parker, Alfonzo Huff, Ralph Jinwright (Deborah), Donald Jinwright (Geraldine) and William Jinwright (Jean); nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ruth Davis

Ruth Davis died August 1, 2018. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 4, 2018 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

Ruth was born on September 6, 1926 to the late Abie and Maggie McBride Junious in Clarendon County, SC. She was proceeded in death by a daughter, Gwendolyn Davis Porter and son, Lee Davis; grandson, Lemuel Davis; seven sisters, Lillie "Mae" Carrie, Bertha, Earline, Bettie, Ruby and Eva and four brothers, David, Robert, William and Jacob Junious.

She received her education in the Clarendon County Public School System. She traveled to Wilmington, NC to bring her sister's children to her and remained

in Wilmington where she met and married her husband, Paul Davis who preceded her in death. She worked as a cook at the Heart of Wilmington (Boucan Room) until her retirement. She gave her life to Christ and became a faithful member of St. Phillip AME Church. She was a member of the Stewardess Board, a member of the floral club and a member of the JW Smith Club. One of her greatest joys was being a part of the kitchen committee. She was a great cook known for her mac and cheese, chitterlings, and hog head cheese, to name a few. Her favorite saying was "Charity begins at home, then you spread it abroad." She fed everyone who wanted a meal or needed somewhere to lay their head.

She leaves to celebrate her homegoing; a daughter, Juanita (Harvie) Jacobs and son, Freddie Davis, all of Wilmington, NC; her grandchildren she raised as her children after the death of her daughter, Angela Davis, Pamela Davis, Carolyn (Foster) Daniels, Davis Dais and Tracion Flood all of Wilmington, NC; one brother, Esau Junious of Panola, SC; one sister, Sue Esther Junious Cantz of Brooklyn, NY; sisters-in-law, Zilphia Junious of Pinewood, SC and Cardale Davis of Andrews, SC; a host of other relatives and friends, including dedicated nieces, Joyce Clark who was just a phone call away and Elnora "Essie Mae" Williams of Richmond, VA; special friends, Delores McGoogan and Edna McNeil and two God sent men, Tony Collins and Thomas Hawes who were always there during her sickness. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Reverend Carrie Ross

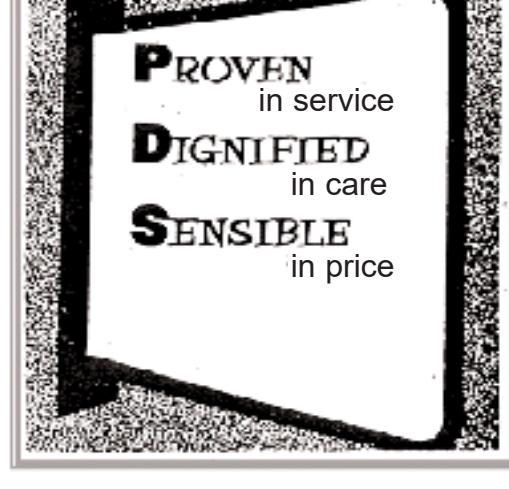
Reverend Carrie Ross died Sunday, August 5, 2018. Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 9, 2018 at First Baptist Missionary Church. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mary Gee

Mary Gee died Monday, August 6, 2018. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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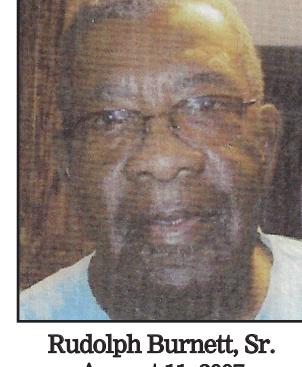
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Antioch United Holy Church will hold the 20th Pastoral Anniversary and Retirement Celebration/Banquet honoring Elder Henrietta McGlenn on Saturday, August 25th at 5:00 p.m. at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 2711 Princess Place Dr. Tickets \$30.00. Please contact Renetta McGlenn at 910-540-3017 or Dianne Artis at 910-471-1627.



Religious Briefs

Mount Olive AME Church Homecoming Committee will hold a prayer breakfast on Saturday, August 18th from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The Better St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church, located at 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. In the Wrightsboro Community will hold their Annual Home Coming Celebration on Sunday, August 19th the church at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker for 2018 will be The Reverend Thomas O. Nixon, the Pastor of St. Stephen A.M.E. Church of Wilmington, N.C. along with his choir, ushers & congregation. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact the program chair, Sister Ashley Hall at 910-540-4250 or the program director Sister Dentral Boykin at 910-200-4953.

Wilmington College of Theology, 3421 Wrightsville Ave., will begin its Fall semester August 14th at 6:00 p.m. Registration will be August 14th-28th. For more information please call Dr. Lorraine King Cooper at 910-431-7714.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

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TELL SOMEBODY

"Deception Part II, Sign of His Coming"

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

Deception: The act of misleading and causing one to believe an untruth

One of the signs of the coming of the Lord in these last days is the increase in volume of deception. There are people even now, who come in the name of Jesus for the purpose of premeditated deception. The target may be a novice, new convert, or

may be one of the very elect of God. That is why we must all pray and study to show ourselves approved unto God. Deception can be avoided, if one has knowledge and understanding of the Word of God and is able to spiritually discern truth from untruth. Matthew 4:4 says, "But he answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

God has set in the church the fivefold ministry of the

Apostles, Prophets,

Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The Word of God is quick, sharp, and more powerful than any two edged sword! When you hear it, your faith will be edified, uplifted, illuminated, and encouraged. At other times, the Word of God will be used to instruct, correct, and reprove the people of God.

The Word of God should not be used to beat people down,

but instead to build up the people. Its message is sent to convict, not to condemn. It should always reflect the grace, the mercy, and the love of God, which passeth all understanding.

Matthew 7:15 says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

We cannot assume without knowing the life of a person that everyone wearing a cross and a clerical collar is a righteous man or woman of God.

If someone approaches you in the name of the Lord, but their conduct and charac-

ter are contrary to the teachings of Christ, consider them to be a modern day deceiver. Matthew 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." If someone preaches or teaches against the Word of God, eliminate his or her influence in your life. If this relationship compromises your walk with God or weakens your faith in Jesus Christ, take heed that you be not deceived.

Matthew 7:20-22, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity!"

Deception, Signs of His coming, II Timothy 4:2-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables."

Prayer:

Father, in Jesus name, please deliver me from the spirit of deception. Give me the strength and the courage to resist any effort to twist the scriptures or misinterpret the Word of God. Keep me with a sound mind....able to discern Truth from untruth. Amen.

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!"

Black pastors praise Trump, talk prison reform at White House meeting

BY LAUREN BURKE
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President Donald Trump recently met with a group of Black and Latino pastors about prison reform issues. Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, has been meeting with journalists in off-the-record briefings on the issue of prison reform and is working with Congress to build support for the "Formerly Incarcerated Reenter Society Transformed Safely Transitioning Every Person Act" (FIRST STEP Act).

Jared Kushner's father, Charles Kushner, served time in federal prison in Alabama; Jared has taken a special interest in prison reform and pushed to pass the "FIRST STEP Act." The bill has passed the House and awaits consideration in the Senate.

During the on-camera portion of the meeting, none of the pastors asked any substantive questions; some of them heaped praise on President Trump.

Dr. Van Moody of The Worship Center in Birmingham, Ala., thanked President Trump "for being compassionate and caring about all people."

Dr. Moody praised the president's compassion, despite the recent revelation that officials with the Department of Health and Human Services warned the Trump administration that separating families would be dangerous for children. The New York Times reported.

"Trump dropped the policy more than a month ago under fire from Democrats and Republicans alike," according to The New York Times. "But of more than 2,500 children who were initially separated from parents and guardians, hundreds remain in federal custody including more than 400 whose parents left the U.S. without them."

Senior Pastor John Gray of Relentless Church in Greenville, S.C., prayed over the meeting.

"Dr. King said we cannot influence a table that we are

not seated at," Gray prayed. "And so we pray that this conversation will be fruitful, and productive, and honoring of the best traditions of this nation."

The group of pastors included: Senior Pastor Dale Bronner of Word of Faith Family Worship Cathedral in Atlanta, Ga.; Senior Pastor "Choco" Wilfredo De Jesus of New Life Covenant in Chicago, Ill.; Pastor Michael E. Freeman of Spirit of Faith Christian Center in Prince George's County, Md.; Dr. Phillip Goudeaux of the Calvary Christian Center in Sacramento, Fla.; Senior Pastor John Gray of Relentless Church in Greenville, S.C.; Travis Hayes, the CFO of Our Relentless Church in Greenville, S.C.; Bishop Kyle Searcy of Fresh Anointing House of Worship in Montgomery, Ala.; Senior Pastor Paula White-Cain of the New Destiny Christian Center, Apopka, Fla.; and Marvin Winans Jr. from Detroit, Mich., also attended.

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Desmond Lowe of Oasis Church in Los Angeles, Calif.; and Dr. Van Moody of The Worship Center in Birmingham, Ala.

President Willie G. Owens of the Coalition of African American Pastors, Senior Pastor Benny Perez of Church LV in Las Vegas, Nev.; Pastor Jon Ponders of Las Vegas, Nev.; Pastor Darrell Scott of the New Spirit Revival Center in Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Bishop Kyle Searcy of Fresh Anointing House of Worship in Montgomery, Ala.; Senior Pastor Paula White-Cain of the New Destiny Christian Center, Apopka, Fla.; and Marvin Winans Jr. from Detroit, Mich., also attended.

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Dr. Goudeaux asked President Trump not to "give

up on California," a line that made everyone laugh, while Travis Hayes, the CFO of Our Relentless Church said, "I'm honored to be here among-in the presence of greatness."

Pastor Darrell Scott said that Trump was going to be the, "most pro-Black president that we've had in our lifetime."

"This president actually wants to prove something to our community-our faith-based community and our ethnic community," Scott said. "[President Obama] didn't feel like he had to...he got a pass.

Jared Kushner noted that President Trump asked him to lead efforts to try to reform America's prisons and to see what could be done at the federal government-level.

According to the Sentencing Project, 1 in every 10 Black men his thirties is in prison or jail on any given day. The United States is the world's leader in incarceration.

"We were running into a little problem of politics in Congress," Kushner said, adding that he reached out to the pastors to help get the

word out about the need for prison reform and "to let people in Washington know that making progress on this issue was more important than whatever political differences people may have."

The session with the pastors at the White House lasted about an hour.

In addition to President Trump and the pastors, the White House attendees included Chief of Staff John Kelly; Brooke Rollins, assistant to the president on intergovernmental and technology initiatives; Andrew Bremberg, director of the Domestic Policy Council; JaRon Smith, special assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs; and Jennifer Korn, special assistant to the president and deputy director of the Office of Public Liaison.

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A WORD FROM THE LORD

What is the greatest danger of Black Americans in this country?

This is a valid question that needs to be answered truthfully from a Biblical perspective and not from a political perspective. The Bible which is the Word of God is the only standard of truth that can be used to measure truth: God's Word is an absolute.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines absolute as "perfect in quality or nature; complete; not mixed; pure, not limited by restrictions or exceptions; unconditional, not limited by constitutional

provisions or other restraints, unrelated to and independent of anything else".

Psalm 19:7-10, (AMP). 7 "The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the [whole] person; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.8 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and bright, enlightening the eyes.9 The [reverent] fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even than much fine gold; they are sweeter also than honey and drippings from the honeycomb".

The Church, Christians, cannot use the lens of a political party to view or to evaluate the problem of the black commun-

ity, because it does not have the answer for black America. John 8:32, (KJV)32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". We, black Americans must begin to view ourselves through the lens of the Bible. The problems that are destroying our people, (the killing of the unborn is like going to the bathroom to discard the waste from the body. Black males killing black males is unprecedented) and there is no outcry from the black leadership in the communities, churches and especially the black leadership in Washington DC.

The problem of this country and black America is spiritual. We have forsaken the God of the Bible (I'm not saying we don't attend church). In Matthew's gospel, chapter 15:7-9, Jesus said, "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying.8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

We have replaced the Bible, which is the Word of God for the rules of the Democratic Party and many of us do not know what the platform of Democratic Party is or says because we have never read it. We normally go to the polls and vote by traditions and not by known truth. Therefore many are more committed to the Democratic Party than we are to God!

Did you not know that the Democratic Party voted several

times, in their 2012 convention, to remove the God of the Bible from their platform.

We are being told now that the Trump's Administration, the Klansman and the police are the most dangerous threat to the Black community; that is not totally true!

The greatest danger facing the Black Community is black on black crime across America. In Chicago just this past weekend: "Scenes like these unfolded over and over again in Chicago during the course of a long, exceptionally violent weekend. From Friday at 6 p.m. through Sunday at midnight, 66 people were shot, 12 of whom died." "318 people have been killed this year. That is 110 fewer than 2017. Data through Monday, August 6"

There was no outcry from the black leadership in the city of Jesse Jackson and Barack Obama. Black lives ought to matter no matter who takes it. In the same city just a few weeks ago, black people filled the streets because one black man was killed by a policeman.

"Over the past 35 years in America, an estimated 324,000 Blacks have been killed at the hands of fellow Blacks, proving racist white cops are the least of their worries," Pete Papaharakas.

It's something wrong with us if we cannot see what is happening and destroying our community. I can see the ungodly world not seeing because they are blind to truth. Is the church also blind and cannot see? The church should not be ruled by politics but the authority of the word of God

which should influence politics.

In Psalm 32:9, (KJV)9 "Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which has no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee". (AMPC)9 "Be not like the horse or the mule, which lack understanding, which must have their mouths held firm with bit and bridle, or else they will not come with you."

A 6-year-old Baltimore girl's emotional appeal on gun violence: 'Why can't you just let us grow up?' Baltimore girl, 6, tells people to stop shooting and put down their guns Six-year-old Kelsey Hines of Baltimore was recorded in an emotional video saying, "We don't want people killing us. We don't want to go to heaven." (Kelly Ellerbe)By Allison Klein May 4Email the author. At 6, Kelsey Hines knows about both school shootings and street shootings.

The Baltimore kindergartner is versed in the tragedies at Sandy Hook Elementary and in Parkland, Fla., as well as killings closer to home. So when she was heading to church last week with her grandmother and saw yellow crime scene tape blocking her way, she became fed up.

Kelsey went home and asked her mother to help her make a video.

"I'm just going to be talking about these killings up in here," she starts in the video, which was posted to Facebook and has been viewed more than 4 million times. "Why can't y'all just let us live? Why can't you just let us grow up?"

In the video, she is wearing a pink shirt that says: "Don't shoot! Let me grow up!"

"Why can't you let us have fun, whether we want to play with our friends, but we can't because you're out here shooting kids, shooting babies, shooting mothers and fathers," she says, staring directly into the camera".

If a six-year-old girl can see it, why can't the black church see it! We, the church, have been given the cure, the vaccine, the antidote for the sin problem in our communities. We must return to the God of the Bible, "for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth".

"The Bible has the answers! The very purpose of this great book is to teach the knowledge and wisdom we need to lead godly, successful, and happy lives. But this purpose will never be accomplished if we do not devote ourselves to study of the Bible. A wise person will study the Bible because its lessons spell out exactly how life is to be lived. A person who obeys God's instructions in this great book will live a fruitful and successful life and be assured of living with God eternally."

John 14:21, (KJV)21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him". (AMPC)21 "The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [real-

ly] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him".] (God reveals Himself to through His Word).

Matthew 7:21-23, (KJV)21" Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?"23 "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity".

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I speak not as a minister, nor pastor, but as a prophet.

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

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Diane McIntyre Skiba**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of October, 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 19th day of July, 2018.

James W. Skiba, Executor of the Estate of Diane McIntyre Skiba
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GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Frances W. Taylor**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of October, 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 26th day of July, 2018.

Jeffrey B. Taylor, Executor of the Estate of Frances W. Taylor
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16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

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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 **William J. Bordeaux**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of November, 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 2nd day of July, 2018

Marsha Corbett, Administrator
4804 Otis Drive
Leland, NC 28451

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Thomas Lee Shepard, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of November, 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 2nd day of July, 2018

Teresa L. Shepard, Executrix
908 N. Madison Avenue
Goldsboro, NC 27530

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Lorena Breeze McBroom**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of November, 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 2nd day of July, 2018

Randy E. McBroom, Executor
1218 Dotson Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **John Richard Farrow**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of November, 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 2nd day of July, 2018

JOHN RICHARD FARROW,
By and Through His Attorney
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August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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This the 2nd day of July, 2018

Randy E. McBroom, Executor
1218 Dotson Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Martha S. Harrelson**, 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 **19th day of October, 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 19th day of July, 2018

Huber Grayson Register, Executor
233 Century Dr.
Cameron, NC 28326

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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 **Constance Jarvis Lancaster**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of October, 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 19th day of July, 2018

Libby Lancaster Johnson,
Administrator of the Estate of
Constance Jarvis Lancaster 3817
Rounding Bend Lane
Wilmington, NC 28409
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Aloma Gudger Hardison**, 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 October, 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 July, 2018

Albert Hardison, Executor
1471 Ness Drive
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 112

IN THE MATTER OF: A.F.C. (DOB: 07/24/2015) TO: RASHON ROBERTS

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, July 26, 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.

You have been assigned Attorney Mark Ihnat. Attorney Ihnat may be contacted at (910) 632-0635.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018, AT 11:00 A.M., OR UPON A DATE AND TIME SET THEREAFTER, AT THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, 138 N 4TH STREET, WILMINGTON, NC 28401.

This the 26th day of July, 2018.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co.
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July 26, August 2, 9, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 14 JT 4

IN THE MATTER OF: J.M.J. (DOB: 02/20/2011) TO: RESPONDENTS: KIYANA JOHNSON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN ORLANDO, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO KIYANA JOHNSON

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following July 26, 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 Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Kiyan Johnson, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 20, 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, NC 28401.

This the 26th day of July, 2018.

JOHN RICHARD FARROW,
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July the 28th day of June, 2018.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney
New Hanover County Department of Social Services
PO Box 81

Wilmington, NC 28402
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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 **Gladys Trapp Jeffrey**, 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 **19th day of October, 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 19th day of July, 2018

Renee M. Kelly, Administrator
7720 Highchair Lane
Jacksonville, FL 32210

July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executive of the Estate of **Herbert T. Fisher**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of October, 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 19th day of July, 2018

Sylvia W. Fisher, Executrix of the Estate of Herbert T. Fisher
1608 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executive of the Estate of **Christopher Wells** (18-E-805), late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of October, 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 19th day of July, 2018

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JA 125-126

IN THE MATTER OF:
A.N.B. (DOB: 10/11/2005)
B.A.B. (DOB: 03/28/2004)

TO: SHELBY ANNE DEESE, RESPONDENT-MOTHER STEPHEN ANTHONY BUCK, RESPONDENT-FATHER

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Adjudication of a Juvenile Petition filed on July 5, 2018, alleging that the above-referenced Juveniles are neglected and dependent Juveniles.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, August 9, 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.

Shelby Anne Deese has been assigned Attorney Alexis Perkins. Attorney Perkins may be contacted at (910) 343-5415, 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401. Stephen Anthony Buck has been assigned Attorney Margaret Jennings. Attorney Jennings may be contacted at (910) 762-0850, 1501 South 3rd St, Wilmington, NC 28401.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ADJUDICATION/ DISPOSITION HEARING ON THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR October 11, 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 9th day of August, 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)

August 9, 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 16 JT 103

IN THE MATTER OF:
J.D.A. (DOB: 08/28/2013)

TO: RESPONDENTS: MELISSA HENDERSON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND JAMES ANDREWS, LEGAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following August 9, 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 Jennifer Harjo has been appointed to represent Melissa Henderson and she can be contacted at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, NC 28401 or 910-343-5400.

Attorney Shawn Evans has been appointed to represent James Andrews and he can be contacted at 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or 910-251-6088.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR October 1, 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 9th day of August, 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

August 2, 9, 16, 2018

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER In the Matter of the Estate of Jason Daniel Booth, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jason Daniel Booth**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **November 15, 2018**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of August, 2018.

Mary Elaine Booth
 Executor of the Estate
 of Jason Daniel Booth
 Alley, Register & McEachern
 701 North 4th Street
 Wilmington, NC 28401

August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018

BID REQUEST

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested MBE/WBE firms for the Yaupon Trail Reconstruction Project for the town of Southern Shores NC bidding on 8/23/2018. There will be a pre-bid conference at 4:00 PM on Monday 8/13/18 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location. For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Mike. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

August 9, 2018

NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicle
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Last owner of record being:
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shall be sold to the highest bidder
 at 10:00 am on 8/27/2018
 at Stevenson Acura (Lienor)
 821 S. College Road
 Wilmington, NC 28403.

Sale pursuant to Mechanics lien in the amount of \$8200.00

August 9, 16, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 13 JT 217

IN THE MATTER OF:
N.D.F. (D.O.B. 09/03/2013)

TO: RESPONDENTS: CRYSTAL LYNN LEE, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND MARCUS MCCAIN, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following August 2, 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 Emily Jones has been appointed to represent Marcus McCain and she can be contacted at 110 N. 5th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or 910-762-7771.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR September 17, 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 2nd day of August, 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

August 9, 16, 23, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Roy Lee Hill**, 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 **9th day of November, 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 9th day of August, 2018.

Kara Renee Hill, Executrix
 109 East Alton Street
 Durham, NC 27707

August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018

NOTICE OF CREDITORS
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Phyllis Carroll Defanti**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **9th day of November, 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 9th day of August, 2018.

Eric Ronald Rosenberg, MD.,
 Administrator CTA of the
 Estate of Phyllis Carroll Defanti
 2401 Ocean Point Place
 Wilmington, NC 28405
 MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
 GIBSON, PLLC
 16 North Fifth Avenue
 Wilmington, NC 28401

August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018

NOTICE OF CREDITORS
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Richard Foley Sandlin**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **9th day of November, 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 9th day of August, 2018.

Cynthia Sandlin Stout, Co-Executor of the Estate of Richard Foley Sandlin 406 W. Windward Landing Place Hampstead, NC 28443
 Debra Marie Sandlin, Co-Executor of the Estate of Richard Foley Sandlin 9732 Moore Road Wakeland, FL 33809 MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC 16 North Fifth Avenue Wilmington, NC 28401

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
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Pre bid conference/tour: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 10:30 a.m., beginning at the Central Office.

Bid Opening: Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 2:30 pm

Project Manual along with specifications will be available for pickup beginning 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 10th at the Central Office.

Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 or you can Download Project Manual at no cost -- www.wha.net (under Business Opportunities/IFB)

Questions; E-mail to Chauntrell Burns no later than August 24th at 2:00pm to c.burns@wha.net

Upon written request to the Contracting Officer, bids will be available after contract award. NO BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE. FAX NEITHER COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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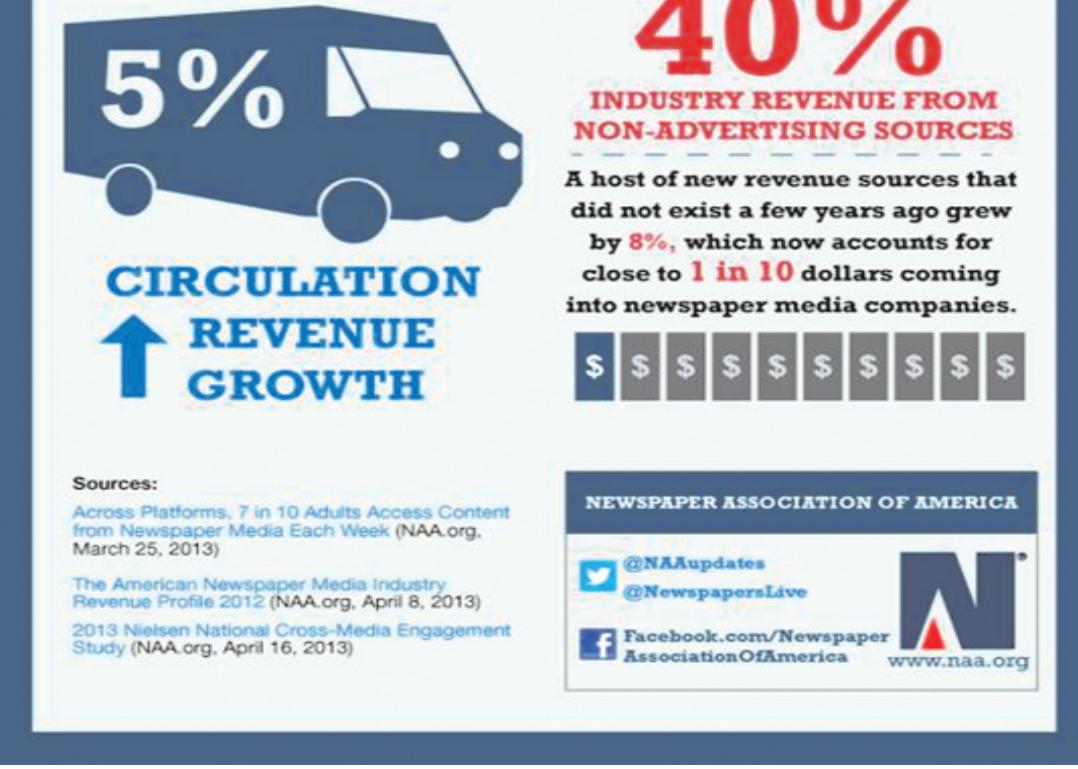
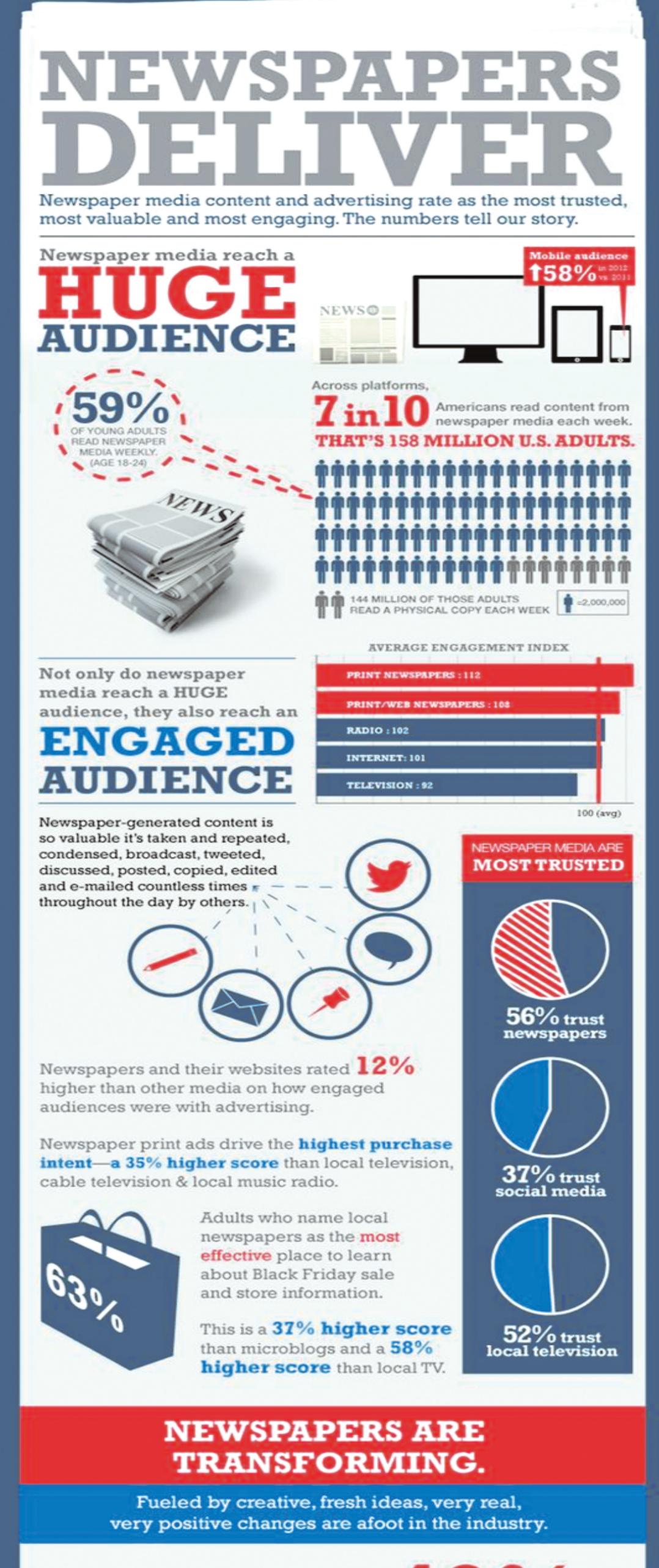
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ENTERTAINMENT

PPD Development, L.P. seeks a Principal Clinical Research Associate in Wilmington, NC to conduct site visits to assess protocol and regulatory compliance and manage required documentation. BS & 5yrs. Can work remotely. 80% domestic travel is required. For full req's and to apply send resume to global.recruitmentSM@ppdi.com and reference Job ID: 148930

PPD Development, L.P. seeks a Senior CRA (Level II) in Wilmington, NC to monitor investigator sites to ensure the accuracy and validity of CRF entries. BS & 3 yrs. Can work remotely. 60-80% domestic & international travel required. To apply send resume to global.recruitmentSM@ppdi.com and reference Job ID: 1498065

PPD Development, L.P. seeks a Senior CRA (Level II) in Wilmington, NC to coordinate clinical monitoring and site management processes. BS & 3 yrs. 60-80% domestic & international travel req'. To apply send resume to global.recruitmentSM@ppdi.com & Reference Job ID: 149068



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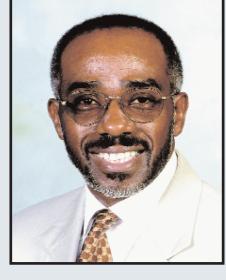
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