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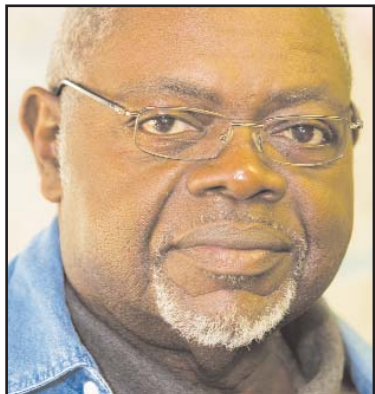


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"SOULS TO THE POLLS"

BY BERNEST HEWETT

Sunday, October 28, 2018, is the only "Souls to the Polls" Sunday we have before elections on November 6, 2018. We have to get our people to the polls after church on that Sunday. This is an election in

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CRL CALLS FOR FIRING OF FAIR LENDING OFFICIAL FOR USING THE N-WORD

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
OF THE CENTER FOR
RESPONSIBLE LENDING

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Recent and stunning disclosures of racially-offensive writings by a high-ranking official at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has unleashed an escalating barrage of criticisms, including calls for the official to be fired and more probing questions regarding the agency's commitment to fair lending.

Since a September 28 Washington Post article first reported how Eric Blankenstein, CFPB's Policy Director for Supervision, Enforcement and Fair Lending, used a pen name in blogs dating as far back as 2004, a spate of fury has been unleashed. Disguising his authorship, Blankenstein claimed that the use of the N-word was not racist, and further alleged that most hate crimes were hoaxes.

A subsequent *New York Times* article alleged that people who perpetuated

the Obama birther conspiracy are not racist either; and noted that as late as 2016, Blankenstein's personal Twitter account posted racially charged comments.

Keep in mind that Blankenstein was hand-picked by CFPB head Mick Mulvaney. Patrice A. Ficklin, a CFPB career staff member and Director of its Office of Fair Lending and Equal Opportunity reports to Blankenstein and is quoted in the Post article.

Ficklin said, "And while he has been collegial, thoughtful and meticulous, I have had experiences that have raised concerns that are now quite alarming in light of the content of his blog posts - experiences that call into question Eric's ability and intent to carry out his and his Acting Director's repeated yet unsubstantiated commitment to a continued strong fair lending program under governing legal precedent."

By October 1, Anthony Reardon, National President of the National Treasury Employees Union, advised



ERIC BLANKENSTEIN

CFPB of its dissatisfaction with the Blankenstein blogs.

"There should be zero tolerance for comments that Blankenstein has admitted authoring and nothing less than swift and decisive action is called

for," said Reardon. "That someone with a history of racially derogatory and

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"The group that effectively educates, mobilizes and organizes its voters to turn-out on election day will wield power."--DR. RON DANIELS

The unfulfilled power of the Black vote

BY DR. RON DANIELS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - For decades I have been hammering home the point that in a low voter participation environment, the group that effectively educates, mobilizes and organizes its voters to turn-out on election day will wield power disproportionate to its numbers in the overall electorate. Put another way, a relatively small group that registers and turns out a high percentage of its potential voters will exercise greater influence than a much larger group that fails to register and turn-out a high percentage of its potential voters. This is a Daniels political axiom. And, as Frank Watkins, Advisor to Rev. Jesse Jackson puts it, "an organized minority is a political majority."

The United States has the lowest voter participation rate of any of the western democracies. I have suggested somewhat facetiously that the biggest political party in the U.S. is not the Democrats or Republicans but non-voters. A voter turn-out in this country in the range of 50-55% of the eligible electorate is hailed by political commentators as spectacular. This is absolutely abysmal when compared to western democracies where voter turn-out is routinely 80% or better. But, the reality of this low voter participation environment creates a major opportunity for Black voters to exercise power disproportionate to our numbers in the electorate. We may be out-numbered by Whites, but a large percentage of Whites don't bother to vote. It is not by accident that Republicans are openly implementing policies to suppress or disenfranchise Black voters. They fear the Black vote. The forces of reaction realize that if Blacks maximize voter registration and mobilize/organize large voter turn-outs, it is a threat to their retrograde agenda.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson has relentlessly urged Black folks to register and vote in massive numbers to maximize our political power. At a session during the recent Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, he shared data that illuminates the unfulfilled power of the Black vote. He noted that there are still 8 million Blacks who are not registered to vote, 4 million in the South. In 2016 some 2.5 million Blacks, who were registered, failed to vote in an election which was determined by less than 100,000 votes total in key battleground states with a large concentration of Black voters! Rev. Jackson's point is that a potent key to political resistance and transformation is in Black hands, the ballot. The challenge is to organize/mobilize and turn-out the unorganized, Black people who, for whatever reason, do not believe that voting matters as a means of changing their lives.

There is increasing evidence that a new generation of Black leaders, particularly women and young people, understand the potential of the Black vote as foundational to coalitions that can beat back the conservative tide of Trumpism by advancing people-centered, progressive policies. Stacey Abrams has an excellent chance to become the first Black Governor of Georgia by educating and inspiring hundreds of thousands of unregistered, "improbable" Black voters to register and turn-out in massive numbers on election day. Ben Jealous has launched a grassroots campaign to employ the same formula in Maryland. The polls in Boston showed Ayanna Pressley trailing long term Congressman Michael Capuano by 10 points among "probable" voters in the Democratic Primary. She won by more than 10 points because she organized/mobilized the unorganized; the improbable voters showed up in massive numbers as the anchor of her progressive coalition.

Rev. Jackson points out that in Florida Andrew

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Obama issues second round of midterm endorsements

BY NNPA NEWSWIRE STAFF

WASHINGTON -President Barack Obama has issued a second round of midterm endorsements, lending his name in support of 260 Democratic candidates for governor, U.S. Senate and U.S. House, and state legislature. Four of these hail from North Carolina.

Linda Coleman (U.S. House, NC-02)
John Campbell (State Senate, District 13)
Natasha Marcus (State Senate, District 41)
Brandon Lofton (State House, District 104)
"The Democratic Party has always made the biggest difference in the lives of the American people when we lead with conviction, principle, and bold, new ideas. Our incredible array of candidates up and down the ticket, all across the country, make up a movement of citizens who are younger, more diverse, more female than ever before," said President Obama. "They're Americans who aren't just running against something, but for something. They're running to expand opportunity and restore the honor and compassion that should be the essence of public service. I'm proud to endorse so many of them today, and I'm eager to continue making the case for why they deserve our votes this November."

In this round of endorsements, President Obama focused on close races in which his support would make a meaningful difference; state legislative and/or statewide races that are redistricting priorities; Obama campaign and administration alumni who have been inspired

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Gillum, who shocked the pun-
dits by winning the
Democratic primary for
Governor, can win because
there are more than 1.8 million
Blacks who are eligible to reg-
ister in that state coupled with
more than 300,000 recently
arrived Puerto Ricans who fled
the Island in the wake of
Hurricane Maria. When the
improbable voters from these
constituencies are energized to
march on the ballot box, there
is a very high probability that
Gillum will become the first
African American Governor of
Florida.

It is important to note
that in the instances cited
above, only 15 percent - 20
percent of forward-think-
ing White voters are need-
ed to achieve victory. The
Daniels' Axiom applies: In
a low voter participation
environment, where large
numbers of Whites will
remain unregistered or
will not vote, all that is

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which, especially, we people
of color need to show our
strength through the elec-
tions process under the cur-

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offensive comments has a lead-
ership position at CFPB reflects
poorly on CFPB management
and your commitment to fulfill-
ing the mandate of the agency
to ensure that discriminatory
and predatory lending prac-
tices are stopped."

Two days later, on October 3,
the Center for Responsible
Lending (CRL) publicly called
for Blankenstein to be fired.

"Mr. Blankenstein must be
removed from his post and this
must be combined with a
demonstrable commitment by
CFPB head Mick Mulvaney to
fair lending," said Yana Miles,
CRL's Senior Legislative
Counsel. "Thus far, the
Mulvaney approach has been
worse than inaction - it has
been an appalling retreat from
enforcing anti-discrimination
laws.... The enduring legacy
and present-day experience of
financial discrimination is the
key driver of the racial wealth
gap. Vigorously addressing this
is a legal and moral impera-
tive."

A second civil rights organi-
zation agreed with CRL's call
for Blankenstein's termination.

"Eric Blankenstein's racist
and sexist remarks show that
he is not fit to lead the CFPB
Office of Fair Lending," said
Vanita Gupta, president and

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to run for office; and building a
pipeline of diverse talent and
elevating the next generation
of leaders within the
Democratic party.

President Obama is committed
to using his unique standing to
support Democrats up and
down the ballot in 2018. These
endorsements build on an ini-
tial round of 81 midterm
endorsements that he issued in
August and several campaign
appearances over the last
month. President Obama has
campaigns for candidates in
California, Illinois, Ohio and
Pennsylvania so far and has
held fundraisers this year for
campaign committees, the
National Democratic
Redistricting Committee, and
individual candidates.

required is for the unor-
ganized, the improbable
voters in the Black com-
munity and our allies to
mobilize/organize and
turn-out in massive num-
bers to achieve victory! So,
the mandate is clear;
Black leaders must devise
strategies to educate, moti-
vate, inspire and energize
millions of unregistered,
improbable Black voters to
burst into the arena to
become the cornerstone of
progressive coalitions.
These coalitions of the
improbable have the
potential to fundamentally
alter the political land-
scape in the U.S. by usher-
ing in an era of resistance
to Trumpism and more
importantly advancing
progressive policies which
can create a new America!

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rent administration. We have
been stepped on and stepped
over as if we were second
class citizens. These acts of
civil injustices have not been
under-the-table politics. They
have been done boldly. We
now need to exercise that

CEO of The Leadership
Conference on Civil and
Human Rights. "Our nation's
history of financial discrimina-
tion is the key factor in the
growing racial wealth gap."

"Entrusting Blankenstein
given his history of racially
derogatory remarks will under-
mine progress for fair lending
efforts to close the gap," contin-
ued Gupta. "If the CFPB is seri-
ous about eradicating discrimi-
nation, it must immediately
remove Blankenstein, and must
ensure that it is led by a person
with a demonstrated commit-
ment to civil rights enforce-
ment. His writings make clear
that Mr. Blankenstein is not
that person."

The same day, another piv-
otal development occurred. A
letter signed by 13 U.S. Senators
representing 11 states wrote
Mulvaney demanding answers
to a series of questions no later
than October 22. The questions
span Mulvaney's personal
awareness of the writings, the

civil right for which our fore-
parents fought and even died.

Brunswick County, it's
time for a change, and this
election will be a good start-
ing point.

Our women, both Black
and White, are being disre-

spected and low rated. Our
school systems are some of
the most segregated in the
South. It's time we move in a
forward motion, not go in
reverse. It's time to vote! It's
time to vote!

If I must stand, let me
stand for that which is right.
If I have hope, let my hope
be real
If I must die, don't let it be
in vain. *Bernest Hewett is
President Emeritus of the
Brunswick County Branch of
the NAACP*

Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Maria
Cantwell (D-Washington State),
Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY),
Kamala Harris (D-CA), Edward
Markey (D-MA), Catherine
Cortez Masto (D-NV), Jack
Reed (D-RI) Mark Warner (D-
VA), Robert Menendez (D-NJ),
Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and
Ron Wyden (D-OR).

Even before the
Blankenstein scandal,
Mulvaney's actions and inac-
tions at the CFPB have brought
a series of concerns by civil
rights and consumer advocates
alike. Particularly noteworthy
among their stated concerns
under Mulvaney include:

... CFPB has yet to issue any
violations of the Equal Credit
Opportunity Act;

... The Bureau declared an
intent to ignore the Disparate
Impact standard, a long-stand-
ing legal test that holds the
effects of discrimination, not
the intent are legal violations;

... Personally praised the
repeal of anti-discrimination

auto lending guidance;

... Sided with payday lenders
in their challenge of the
Bureau's payday rule promul-
gated under the previous direc-
tor;

... Announced the Bureau's
fair lending office would be
stripped of its supervisory and
enforcement powers; and

... Relegated the develop-
ment of regulation on fair lend-
ing for minority and women-
owned businesses to a low-level
concern.

It took decades of vigilant
struggle for civil rights, fair
lending, and consumer protec-
tion to be codified in federal
laws. It is time to remind the
CFPB and all federal agencies
that they have a duty to uphold
the nation's fair lending laws -
regardless of personal beliefs.

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[WILMINGTON] At press time Wednesday, Hurricane Michael, a Category Four storm called "extremely dangerous," was on track to barrel through Northern Florida, and eventually hit parts of North Carolina with gale force winds, picking up where Hurricane Florence left off just last month with flooding, downed trees and powerlines, and damage to property. Gov. Roy Cooper has declared a state of emergency, and urged North Carolinians to put safety before all else for them and their families.

VOTER
REGISTRATION ENDS
OCTOBER 15TH

[WILMINGTON] The voter registration deadline in New Hanover County has been extended

to Monday, October 15, 2018 to provide additional assistance to those affected by Hurricane Florence. All voter registration forms are due by 5PM on Monday, October 15. If a voter misses the voter registration deadline but would still like to register, they may do so at any of the five One-Stop "Early Voting" locations in New Hanover County beginning on Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

REV. DR. WILLIAM
BARBER HONORED
WITH MAC ARTHUR
FELLOWSHIP

[GOLDSBORO] The Rev. Dr. William Barber, president of Repairers of the Breach, and co-chairman of The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, was the recipient of the prestigious \$625,000 MacArthur Fellowship. The MacArthur Foundation hailed Rev. Barber for his ability to lead "unusually inclusive fusion coalitions that are multiracial and interfaith, reach across gender, age, and class lines, and are dedicated to addressing poverty, inequality, and systemic racism."

ADAMS, BUTTERFIELD BLAST
KAVANAUGH CONFIRMATION

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Both North Carolina African-American Congress members, Representative Alma Adams (D-NC-12) and Representative G. I. Butterfield (D-NC-1), blasted their Republican colleagues in the U. S. Senate after the confirmation Saturday of U. S. Circuit Court Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U. S. Supreme Court.

"The confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court will forever be a dark stain on our nation's history," said Congresswoman Adams in a statement. "His confirmation has further divided our country, and it is a profound threat to our progress and our values. Most alarming, Kavanaugh's confirmation is a blatant disregard to the suffering experienced by survivors of sexual and domestic assault and abuse. President Trump and Senate Republicans once

again put their party before the American people," Rep. Adams added. "Washington is broken, but the people have the power to fix it."

The Senate confirmed Judge Kavanaugh, 53, Saturday after a weeklong FBI investigation into allegations made by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford that, as a teenager, Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her while drinking.

Kavanaugh vehemently denied the charge during Senate confirmation hearings two weeks ago after Dr. Ford testified to the Senate Judiciary Committee, holding firm to her contention that Kavanaugh did it.

"The confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court is the disturbing culmination of a longtime conservative legal movement and a Republican majority so hell bent on advancing their agenda that they rammed through a Supreme Court nominee amid disturbing allegations that have yet to be fully addressed or investigated

and serious questions about his judicial temperament," stated Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1)

"In moving forward with a confirmation to a lifetime seat on our nation's highest court, there should not be unresolved questions surrounding a nominee's past conduct or his judicial temperament. The sexual assault allegations brought forward by Dr. Blasey Ford and others against Judge Kavanaugh and the partisan fury he displayed at last Thursday's hearing raise very serious questions about Judge Kavanaugh's honesty, temperament, and ability to be an impartial justice."

"I am extremely disappointed in the Senate's decision to confirm Judge Kavanaugh's appointment to the Supreme Court," Rep. Butterfield continued. "Now more than ever, our country needs a Supreme Court justice who will rise above ideology, protect the rights of all Americans, and preserve our system of

checks and balances by stopping presidential abuse of executive power. Unfortunately, nothing in Judge Kavanaugh's record or past has shown he will be such a justice."

Justice Kavanaugh was sworn in immediately after the Senate confirmation vote Saturday. Pres. Donald Trump, who nominated the Maryland native to the High Court, apologized to him and his family for the partisan firestorm that ensued after Dr. Ford's allegations were made public and after former college classmates of Kavanaugh came forward to confirm that they have seen him drunk as a student.

With Kavanaugh's confirmation, President Trump now has a conservative majority on the U. S. Supreme Court that will, more than likely, rubber stamp his policies if they are legally challenged there.

He is also expected to join the court's conservatives in beating down affirmative action, a woman's right to choose, and gun control.

Health of rural economies,
people affected by coverage gap

BY STEPHANIE CARSON
OF NCNS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - North Carolina's rural communities are paying the price for the state's decision not to expand Medicaid, according to a new report by the North Carolina Rural Health Research Program and the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families.

The report says states that expanded Medicaid saw more than three times the rate of decline in the uninsured adult population in rural areas.

Beyond that, John Coggin, director of advocacy for the NC Rural Center, says the economies in those communities are also impacted.

"One of the foundations of a healthy rural economy is a healthy rural health sector," he points out. "It's important to make sure we have a healthy workforce, but the jobs the health sector provides are also good paying jobs."

Prior to the Affordable Care Act, rural parts of North Carolina had a 35 percent rate of uninsured people, and that currently sits at 29 percent.

Comparatively, Arkansas, which did expand Medicaid, saw its uninsured rate drop from 45 percent to 22 percent.

Some states haven't expanded Medicaid because they fear being stuck with the costs if the federal government pulls out.

But study co-author Joan executive director of the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families, maintains states like North Carolina should expand, nonetheless.

"And this is sort of the fundamental issue with keeping folks uninsured when there's a real option here on the table to take these Medicaid dollars," she states. "Really, it's a wiser use of taxpayer dollars to provide them with the primary preventive care that comes with having health insurance up front, so they don't get sicker and wind up in the emergency room."

So far, at least five rural hospitals have closed in the state since 2010, which Coggins says affects the quality and availability of care for everyone.

"That is money that not only would help hospitals pay for their current costs, but help

them be in a stronger position to recruit more doctors and physicians, expand their services and create a better health sector for all

people," he states. According to the report, one-fourth of the people without coverage are also parents. Other studies indi-

cate that when parents lack coverage, it also impacts their children's health and well-being.

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RAINBOW COALITION

Kavanaugh's on the Court precisely because he's 'a close-minded partisan zealot'

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Brett Kavanaugh is now a justice of the Supreme Court. He is there only because he is what he showed himself to be in the Senate hearings: a vicious, partisan operative utterly committed to a right-wing judicial activism that will inevitably lead to a constitutional crisis.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The Republicans ensured that there would not be a full investigation of the charges against Kavanaugh, yet Maine Sen. Susan Collins dishonestly called the cribbed FBI investigation comprehensive.

Yet Kavanaugh revealed in the hearings exactly who he is - and why Trump chose him and Republicans lined up to confirm him, no matter what the evidence. A close-minded partisan zealot, he bizarrely embraced the most fantastical of conspiracy theories, including somehow that all this was revenge hatched by the Clintons. He demonstrated stunning contempt for senators - yet Republican senators, led by Chairman Charles Grassley, no longer have any institutional pride. The Senate be damned; they are purely into tribal partisan politics.

They stuck with Kavanaugh because they know who he is. He claims to be an "originalist" and "textualist" who only applies the Constitution, but that is simply a threadbare cover. He was vetted and approved by the Federalist Society and the Heritage Foundation - both dedicated to promoting activist right-wing lawyers who will overturn precedent to serve conservative ends.

Kavanaugh's ascension to the court locks in a five-person majority for an extreme activist position. We've already seen what the conservative gang of five is prepared to do. They ignored unanimous Congressional intent to gut the Voting Rights Act. They overturned decades of precedent to empower corporations to pour money into elections. They trampled precedent to gut the ability of public employee unions to collect dues from the members they represent.

The threat Kavanaugh poses to Roe v. Wade, and a woman's right to control her own body is clear. Less attention has been paid to his consistent effort to protect corporations from accountability. When faced with a choice between the polluter and the poisoned, Judge Kavanaugh stands with the polluter. When faced with a choice between the boss and the worker, he stands with the boss. When faced with a choice between a predator corporation and a consumer, he stands with the predator.

Public Citizen did an analysis of Judge Kavanaugh's opinions on the U.S. Court of Appeals in cases where the court was divided. They found that nearly 9 of 10 times, Kavanaugh ruled against the public interest and for the corporate interest. In 17 cases involving worker rights, he stood with the employers 15 times. In 13 cases on the environment, he was with the polluter 11 times. In 22 cases between corporations and consumers, he stood with the corporations 18 times. On seven cases involving police abuse or human rights, he ruled against the victims in all seven.

In the Senate hearing, Kavanaugh vowed to have a partisan frame. Blaming Democrats for challenging his nomination, he pledged that "what goes around comes around."

The right wing has consolidated a majority on the court. It is a gang of five that is increasingly out of step with a society that grows more diverse, more inclusive, and is increasingly challenged by corporate corruption, big money politics, obscene inequality and catastrophic climate change. The gang of five is likely to stand in the way of fundamental reforms vital to this country.

The only thing that can save Democracy is the democracy. Even the Supreme Court responds to election returns. If Trump Republicans remain in control of the Congress and the White House, the gang of five will be emboldened. If voters rebuke them at the polls - if they elect progressive majorities focused on the changes we need - the gang of five will be more cautious.

Judge Kavanaugh is probably impervious to the will of the people, too bitter, too ideological, too zealous to be reached. But Chief Justice John Roberts and perhaps Neil Gorsuch may understand that their own legacy and the court's legitimacy will be at risk if they try to defend the rich and corporations from a people demanding justice. Our task is clear: Don't mourn, organize.

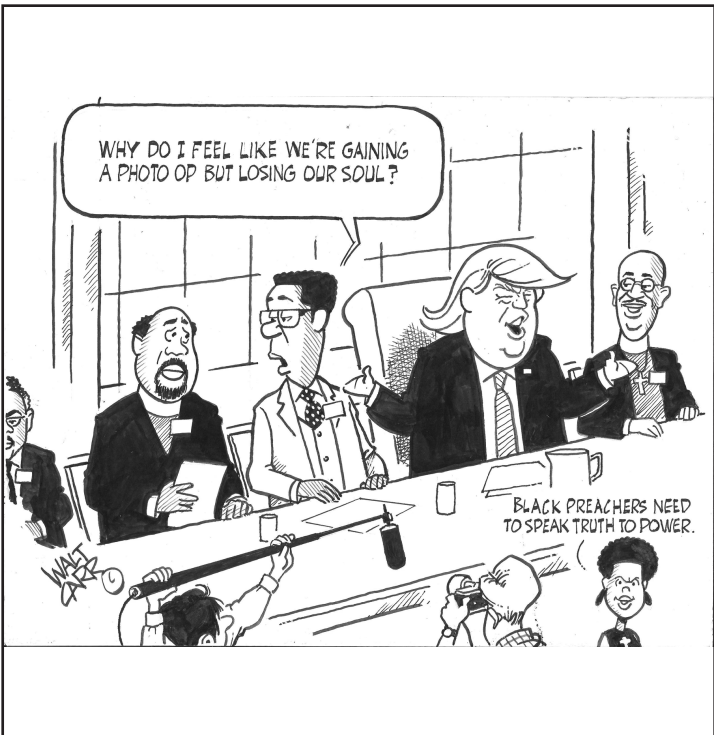
With this appointment, the Senate has traduced its reputation and abandoned its responsibilities. Now it is time for the people to speak.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

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MATTERS OF OPINION

Where do we go from here?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Where do we go from here is a question Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. raised when we Black people



Dr. E. Faye Williams

were desperately trying to be treated as human beings in this country. All of my life, as a woman and as a Black person, I'm still asking that question

because equality has been beyond reach for me as a woman and as a Black person.

As I watched so many white women being arrested in Washington, DC in support of the rights and treatment of women, I couldn't help but wonder if they could relate to how my ancestors have felt since they were brought to this country against their will and treated as less than human. I wondered if this concern for humanity would last after the Kavanaugh decision is finalized.

As I watched those five elderly white Republican men stand behind the microphone on Capitol Hill with angry and self-righteous words with a "How dare anyone question what we are doing?" attitude, I couldn't help but wonder what this means for the country many of us have tried so hard to see as fair and concerned about all of her citizens.

I've heard the ACLU speak out against Judge Brett Kavanaugh. We have seen the American Bar Association withdraw its support after seeing a raging performance from the man who wants to be on the Supreme Court. We've seen the National Council of Churches call for the withdrawal of the nomination of Kavanaugh for a position on the Supreme Court. At one time, we would welcome something going to the Supreme Court, but Kavanaugh's performance has made that thought a scary one for any of us who spend our days seeking justice. No matter what was said, there was never an honest or thorough effort to confirm or

deny the allegations against the person seeking a position on the highest Court in the land. I believed Dr. Christine Ford as the judge denied everything. The performance we saw from Judge Kavanaugh would disqualify him from service on the Court that is the final authority on justice for those of us who are required to seek it on nearly everything that concerns us.

In a conversation with the Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts a short time ago, it was comforting to know that I'm just one of many with serious concern about what is going on and who we can depend upon to help us through this. Dr. Butts indicated that "the Progressive National Baptist Convention has been compelled to step forward amidst the worsening crisis at the heart of American life to reaffirm the commitment of the Church of Jesus Christ to Truth and Justice."

Dr. Butts went on to say, "... it's always been the African American Church that has led the way forward along the moral arc of American history. And so, we have called this

press conference for the express purpose of explicitly and intentionally enjoining the conversation as the alternative yet the most authentic Christian voice in this critical hour... And so, we have called this press conference for the express purpose of explicitly and intentionally enjoining the conversation as the alternative yet the most authentic Christian voice in this critical hour."

If you miss it live, I urge you to get a copy of the press conference to be held Wednesday, October 10th at the Press Club in Washington, DC. Progressive National Baptist Convention and many other Black churches, unlike the white and often racist Conservative Evangelical movement, have always led the way forward to justice for all. We need to hear from them to hear where we go from here.

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Jesse Louis Jackson is our civil rights icon

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson turns 77 on October 8, 2018. Nobody has led a less storied life. He first took a public stand for civil rights when he was just a kid attempting to use the library in his hometown of Greenville, South Carolina.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

His activism brought him to the attention of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and he served Dr. King for years before his assassination. From then, Rev. Jackson founded and led Operation Breadbasket, the Rainbow Coalition, and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. Along the way he ran for President twice, gaining millions of multiracial votes and enough support to provide him with significant influence on Democratic platforms.

One of the most important things about Rev. Jackson is the way that he empowered others. When I listened to the "Colored Girls" - Minyon Moore, Yolanda Caraway, Leah Daughtry and Donna Brazile - speak their truth at the National Museum of African American History and Culture on October 1, I was reminded that Jackson has been pivotal in the lives of so many African American political figures. We can call the roll, and

name names, but I won't do that for fear of leaving someone out. What I will say is that there would be no President Barack Obama were there not a Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm who ran for President in 1972, nor a Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson, who ran for President in 1984 and 1988.

Jackson changed the way that African American people saw ourselves politically. Before him, we thought we could not make a difference. Because of him, we know that we can. Before him, we did not believe, in his words, that "the hands that picked peaches could pick Presidents". Because of him Stacy Abrams is a possible winner (if we vote) as governor of Georgia; Andrew Gillum is a possible winner as governor of Florida, and unlikely candidates for Congress are poised to win.

Thanks to Rev. Jesse Jackson, African American people claimed political audacity. We don't have to wait our turn, follow the rules, and defer to the status quo. We can, like Ayanna S. Pressley, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Lucy McBath, just buck up against the system and decide to do it our way. We don't have to climb up the ladder of a broken party system, or wait for the blessing of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Instead, we can step out when the time is right and the possibilities are there. Nearly 45 years after his historic run for President,

Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson is engaged in multiple fights. He is fighting for social and economic justice, as he always has, ever since he defied library protocol and insisted on his right to have access to a taxpayer funded public library. He is fighting police brutality and the unnecessary murders of young black men like Chicago's own LaQuan McDonald. He is fighting for young people to thrive in a nation that is biased against them. And he is in the personal fight of his life, fighting Parkinson's disease as passionately as he fights injustice.

Those of us who know Rev. well are excited by his good days, and concerned by the days that are not so good. We see the occasional slowed gait, shaking hands and slurred speech, but we also see the days when his rhetorical representation is as excellent as it ever was, and then we cheer.

We know that this is an indefatigable leader, one who will be no more slowed by a physical impediment than he has been by structural racism. And so we cheer whenever we see him stand up, whether he is standing on his own might, or whether he is assisted. We cheer the long and fruitful life of a civil rights icon who has made the world better for so many people, and opened the door for hundreds of African American politicians.

I am writing this from a profoundly biased space. I met Rev. Jackson nearly 50 years ago, when I was an

Essence Magazine intern supervised by Chicagoan Leniece Taylor, who was a friend of Rev. Jackson's. I've been connected since then, as a delegate in 1984, a campaign surrogate in 1988, a family friend, and most recently President of PUSH/EXCEL the education arm of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

I could not have been more delighted than when the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation bestowed Rev. Jesse and Mrs. Jacqueline Jackson a lifetime achievement award, both because they deserve it, but also because Mrs. Jackie doesn't often get the recognition she should get as "the wind beneath his wings". I'm biased, y'all, and that's just that.

Our icon, our leader, is celebrating another birthday, and that's a great thing! He is fighting, as he always has, injustice; but he is also fighting Parkinson's. And he is not yielding space in either fight. If you appreciate Rev. Jackson as much as I do, let him know! You can go to the Rainbow website, www.rainbowpush.org to send a note, or you can hit him up on Facebook. Let's rain this brother down with birthday blessings for his 77 years of service.

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REALITY CHECK

Bill Cosby, White women, American history

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I will begin by admitting I am not and never have been a Bill Cosby fan. He turned me off with the somewhat smug attitude he displayed toward low income Black folks. Also, though I have long been a strong supporter of more honest portrayals of Black folks on television programs and in movies, I was not impressed with what I considered the syrupy sweetness of The Cosby Show.

Like many Black folks, I am tired of seeing us always portrayed in films, television and at panels, workshops and conferences mainly as "the problem with the Black this, the problem with the Black that, the crisis of the Black this, the crisis with the Black that." An individual and a group of people will not make progress with that kind of "woe is us" attitude.

However, we also won't make progress if we see our-

selves in the kind of fantasy land so often shown on The Cosby Show. We need to see ourselves as a strong group of people who have made a life



A. Peter Bailey

for ourselves despite living in a society mostly hostile toward us as a group. That being said, I must now state that no one will convince me that, in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s in this country, White women had no one they could turn to for help when sexually assaulted or abused by a Black man, even one as prominent as Cosby. Throughout this country's history, several thousand Black men have been lynched, brutalized and incarcerated as a result of sexual charges made by White women. A White woman may have been

involved in a consensual sex relationship with a Black man, but if that was found out, she would often yell rape and he was done for. If she didn't do that, male members of her family would force her to say she was raped to save their family's face.

Lynching and castration may not have been rampant, in the years of Cosby's foolishness in believing that he could do the same things as the big time White boys, but it is impossible for me to believe that those women couldn't find anyone in the country who would listen to or believe them if they had accused Cosby of sexual assault. Most press organizations would have jumped all over such charges with wall-to-wall coverage. I will not speculate as to why they didn't go public with their accusations against Cosby. But I repeat that not having anyone who would listen to or believe that many women is unimaginable in the United States of

America then and now.

By the way, there's little, if any comparison between their situation and that of Anita Hill. Justice Clarence Thomas was lucky that the charges against him were made by a Black woman. If Anita Hill had been White, he would never have been appointed to the Supreme Court. Throughout this country's history sexual crimes against Black women by White men and even by Black men have never been treated as ferociously by the so-called justice system as sexual crimes against White women.

That is another reality of U.S. history. If Cosby had been accused by Black women, he wouldn't be in the trouble he's in today. That's the real deal.

A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher, can be reached at apeterb@verizon.net.

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

In search of decency and democracy

The debacle surrounding the nomination and confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh drilled a hole into what have been thought to be solid concepts and principles of decency and democracy.

While much of what is happening seems to be a backlash against the presidency and polices of Barack Obama, the role of blatant white male supremacy cannot be overstated.

It began on former President Obama's inauguration day in 2009. Reports revealed that a group of white Republicans, including Reps. Eric Cantor (Va.), Kevin McCarthy (Calif.), Paul Ryan (Wis.), Pete Sessions (Texas), Jeb Hensarling (Texas), Pete Hoekstra (Mich.) and Dan Lungren (Calif.), along with Republican Senators Jim DeMint(S.C), Jon Kyl (Ariz.), Tom Coburn (Okla.), John Ensign (Nev) and Bob Corker (Tenn.) met, along with Newt Gingrich.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

Neither Sen. Mitch McConnell or John Boehner, the House Minority Leader, were there.

Democracy had worked. The people had voted in some of the highest turn-out numbers in history, and the white male powerbrokers were furious. They were bound and determined to "take their country back" from someone they deemed to be unfit and unqualified to be president of the United States. They wanted the "White House" to be "white" in every way, and they worked hard to figure out how to get what they wanted.

Though many of the Republicans did not take the campaign of the current president seriously, once he was elected, they opted to throw their support behind him. It did not matter that he lied about nearly everything, that his words indicated that he had no respect for black or brown people, for women, or even the masses of American people. He identified a base of angry white people whose complaint was that they had been badly treated, largely due to the "special treatment" given to blacks, browns, LGBTQ, and women, and he fed their anger on a daily basis.

It was astounding that no matter how crass he was, or how rude, or how much he lied, his base stuck to him like syrup, and he knew it. He knew that all he had to do was stoke their fear which would agitate their anger, and he would be able to do what he wanted.

His entire presidency has concentrated on satisfying the very wealthy and the very poor white, uneducated base. He began to dismantle as much of what Obama put in place as he could, and continued to let his base know that it was "the Democrats" who were to blame for their misery.

Even as the investigation of the Russian interference into our elections continued, with the president railing against it every step of the way, this man worked to get his agenda addressed and completed. He did as much as he could to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, he undid as many of the regulations put in place by the former president to protect the environment, frankly, the interests and needs of the masses of American people, he passed a tax cut for the wealthy which has thrown this country's deficit off the charts, and he worked steadily if quietly to overhaul the federal court system.

Everyone knows about the charges of sexual impropriety that have been leveled against him, but they do not care. In fact, his supporters have energized him as they have been willing to ignore his indiscretions, with some calling his presidency "sent" by God and calling for his forgiveness.

He has been wily and intentional. His nomination of Kavanaugh seemed to be the perfectly choreographed movement of a ballet that began during his campaign. He would fix the US Supreme Court, he promised. Ignoring the anger about the antics of Mitch McConnell, who refused to let Merrick Garland, the nominee of Barack Obama, even get a hearing, he nominated Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, both confirmed. While Gorsuch's nomination went smoothly, everyone has been affected by the lack of decency and respect of American democracy that we saw in the effort to get Kavanaugh on the nation's highest court.

The Senate Judiciary Committee caved to political pressure. They ignored and ridiculed the report of sexual misconduct leveled against Kavanaugh, angry that the report of the incident came so late in the confirmation process. They were right to say that it was political, but they failed the decency test as they in essence decided that Dr. Ford was somehow troubled and did not know what had happened to her and by whom. It was not beyond the pale of belief to assume that what Kavanaugh was accused of doing had in fact happened; high school and college boys and men have done what Dr. Ford described from the beginning of time. The Republicans - including Sen. Susan Collins (R-Ma) showed little to no decency in how they as a group dealt with her.

But even more disturbing is that the Republican senators ignored the behavior of Kavanaugh during the hearings on the Ford sexual impropriety issue. His emotional outburst, his apparent lying about what he did, his disrespect of the Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee revealing his raw partisanship should have been the red flag for men who know what America's democracy is supposed to be about. The Judicial Branch of the federal government is supposed to be neutral, non-partisan, and independent of the other two branches of government. Even if it once was (which is doubtful) there can be no doubt that with Kavanaugh on the bench, the suggestion of non-partisanship is ludicrous.

Democracies fail. Four of the tell-tale signs that a democracy is in decline are 1) rejection of the democratic rules of the game, 2) denial of the legitimacy of political opponents, 3) the toleration of encouragement of violence, and 4) a readiness to curtail civil liberties of opponents, including the media. (From How Democracies Die by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Blatt)

From what we have seen since the current president got into the American political atmosphere, our democracy is on the decline. There is little to no respect shown for anyone but wealthy white men. Black and brown people, immigrants and their children, women, and whomever else is deemed "inferior" are in trouble.

The decline of decency and democracy has only just begun. 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.

(Via NNPANewsWire.com)

Lies, lies, and more despicable lies. I am utterly disgusted by the spread of the completely false, absurd, and dangerous lies and conspiracy theories that are being peddled by ultra-right-wing pundits, outlets, and websites who are promoting a fraudulent claim that a member of my staff was responsible for the release of the personal information of Members of the United States Senate on Wikipedia. This unfounded allegation is completely false and an absolute lie," wrote veteran Congresswoman Maxine Waters in a relatively rare weekend press release.

The September 29 statement was a hot reaction to the unsubstantiated accusation that a member of Rep. Waters' staff revealed the personal information, including cell phone numbers, of three Republican members of the

Senate Judiciary Committee in the wake of the controversial and emotional testimony of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and Judge Brett Kavanaugh on September 27.

In a practice known as "doxxing," the Wikipedia



Lauren Burke

pages of Republican Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Mike Lee (R-UT) and Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT) were altered to reveal their personal information on Thursday, September 27, the same day as the hearing on the Senate side of Capitol Hill. The hearing was watched widely as the political base of both the right and the left took sides for and against Kavanaugh, President Trump's second nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Waters' statement was not subtle.

"The United States Capitol Police and our internal IT specialist have determined that the IP address in question does not belong to my office or anyone on my staff. The member of my staff - whose identity, personal information, and safety have been compromised as a result of these fraudulent and false allegations - was in no way responsible for the leak of this information. My office has alerted the appropriate authorities and law enforcement entities of these fraudulent claims. We will ensure that the perpetrators will be revealed, and that they will be held legally liable for all of their actions that are destructive and dangerous to any and all members of my staff," Waters continued.

Waters has frequently been the target of critical comments from President Trump.

As a vocal outspoken opponent to President Trump, Waters has received death threats. In June, she cancelled events in Texas and

Alabama after what was described as "very serious death threats." At a June 30 immigration rally in Los Angeles she stated, "I know that there are those who are talking about censuring me, talking about kicking me out of Congress, talking about shooting me, talking about hanging me," but said "you better shoot straight," to the crowd.

Rep. Waters is in her 14th term in the U.S. House and would likely become Chair of the House Financial Services Committee should Democrats take control of the House. Waters represents parts of Los Angeles California. Election Day is on November 6. The new Congress begins the first week of January 2019.

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TO BE EQUAL

Constitutional right to counsel is meaningless under dismal current Public Defender System

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Reason and reflection require us to recognize that in our adversary system of criminal justice, any person hauled into court, who is too poor to hire a lawyer, cannot be assured a fair trial unless counsel is provided for him. This seems to us to be an obvious truth ... From the very beginning, our state and national constitutions and laws have laid great emphasis on procedural and substantive safeguards designed to assure fair trials before impartial tribunals in which every defendant stands equal before the law. This noble ideal cannot be realized if the poor man charged with crime has to face his accusers without a lawyer to assist him." - U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black

It's familiar to anyone who's ever watched a cops-and-robbers drama on television or in the movies: You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you at public expense.

It's enshrined in the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "In all criminal

prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to ... have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense."

Despite this constitutional mandate, poor defendants who could not afford lawyers to represent them were not guaranteed representation at public expense until 1963, thanks to a defendant named Clarence Earl Gideon.



Marc Morial

Convicted of burglary after having been forced to act as his own lawyer, Gideon studied the law in prison and appealed to the Supreme Court. The landmark decision resulting from his case, Gideon v. Wainwright, required states to provide an attorney to defendants in criminal cases who are unable to afford their own attorneys.

In the 230 years since the ratification of the constitution, and more than a half-century since Gideon v. Wainwright, the United States has failed miserably in its duty to guarantee equal justice to rich and poor alike. The public defender sys-

tem is broken, leaving thousands of poor detainees stranded in local jails - unable to raise enough money under discriminatory cash bail policies - waiting months or even years for a desperately overworked lawyer to be assigned to his or her case. The system forces innocent men and women to plead guilty, just to get out of jail and return to their families and their jobs.

In Missouri, which ranks near the bottom for public spending on defending the poor, the desperate head of the state public defender office appointed Governor Jay Nixon to represent an indigent defendant. Nixon had vetoed legislation to cap caseloads for Missouri's public defenders, who average 240 cases each per year.

Nixon fought the assignment and won but the point had been made. According to the National Association for Public Defense, public defenders are handling three to five times as many cases as they can reasonably handle competently. The American Bar Association has been referring to public defender workloads as a crisis for

more than 30 year.

New York State has taken steps to reform its public defender system. A new law authorizes the state's Office of Indigent Legal Services to establish and uphold standards that address the presence of counsel at a criminal defendant's first court appearance; reasonable limits on the defenders' caseloads; proper training, supervision, and support staff for attorneys; and access to resources needed to mount an effective defense. While the legislation leaves counties responsible for funding public defenders, the state will reimburse cities and counties for the cost of complying with the new standards.

Funding to defend the poor is an easy target for cash-strapped local governments, but in the process of budget-cutting, we diminish our integrity as a nation committed to justice. Constitutional guarantees are meaningless if we are unwilling to base our public policy on our highest ideals.

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

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New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, October 25th at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on get out the vote efforts for the November mid-term elections and 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 City of Northwest will hold the Northwest Parade and Fun Day on Saturday, October 13th beginning at 10:00 a.m. If the weather is unfavorable the parade will be rescheduled for October 20th at 10:00 a.m.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Blue skies and floating white clouds

Don't forget to take a look outside each day, and you may be intrigued with the sights we may see! Blue skies are beautiful to behold, but sometimes those skies may be covered with white or light gray skies.



Verniece Stanley

No one can tell just how far away from us these clouds are. Sometimes, when we get up in the morning and look up at the sky, we are given much to think about. These are very fine droplets of water or particles of ice dispersed in the atmosphere above the earth's surface. They are at various altitudes, ranging up to several miles above the earth. They become visible masses in the air, as of steam, smoke, or dust.

Perhaps, we recall hearing our parents, over and over

again, calling us early in the morning to get out of bed and make the final preparations to get ready for school. We recall, many times, observing clouds in the sky, sometimes white fluffy clouds, floating against the blue background of a morning sky. We may recall that, many times, as time moved on, those white clouds have changed to a light gray and then to an ominous dark gray. Most of the time, such clouds are rain (storm) clouds and precede some form of stormy weather.

There are some of us who may recall that, many years ago, early in the morning, our parents would call, "It's time to get up." It would be our signal to get up, get breakfast, and get ready to go to work. Some worked at the fish factory; some worked on the farms, picking cotton, digging potatoes, picking peanuts, etc. Others would get up and get an early start gardening. It was necessary to do whatever jobs were profitable

to support our families. Some families gardened and raised their own produce (fruit and vegetables). Some farmers raised poultry (chickens, turkeys, etc.) and livestock (hogs, cows, etc.).

I have always loved the outdoor life and never outgrown my love of spending time outside. I also love helping other people and enjoy spending time with others in the great outdoors. I like to go walking. As I walk, I spend time thinking of how we can help each other be the best we can be. One thing that often captivates my attention is how bleak the future seems to be for so many of our young Blacks, particularly our young men. It seems that all the "system" knows to do with them is put them into the jails and prisons. The judicial system and the "pow-ers that be" seem to believe that's the place them all. "Throw them into jail and throw away the key." That seems to be the order of the

day, but I don't believe this is the answer for all of our problems. I think we would be better served to offer more counseling. Many of them are just looking for their place in this society, trying to find a way to live in comfort and peace.

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.

Native of Wilmington writes new book

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Hailing from the demolished historical Robert R. Taylor Homes Housing Project, Sheryl L. Bradford native of Wilmington, North Carolina has written her first book, a memoir detailing her experiences as a single woman for nearly four decades. The book entitled, OMG, You're Still Single. So Where the Hell is Your Lemonade? invites single adult women of all ages to join her in a candid conversation about the lifestyle. It chronicles her challenges of being single through her twenties, thirties, and forties and it describes how she fought against becoming a bitter "old maid."

The native writes, "Though the stigma of living single has dimensioned some-most women still desire to be mar-

ried." In Part One of the book, she provides statistics and other evidence to support this assertion and she pokes fun at the single woman's counterpart, "Mrs. Smith." Although she has a lot of fun contrasting the life of the single and married woman in Part One, throughout the memoir, the author is still willing to admit that she still believes in love and marriage!

In Part Two, Ms. Bradford provides single women with life tools and strategies to counter the myth that "walking down the aisle" is the only path to quality life. She insists that their very existence-single-as they are-is "As Good as it Gets." She closes the memoir admonishing her reader to stop crying over not finding Mr. Right and to begin to "live the hell out of life."

Sheryl L. Bradford has had two successful careers (Belk



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SHERYL L. BRADFORD

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Community Boys & Girls Club of Wilmington announces Pitts as new Chief Executive Officer

Wilmington, NC-The Community Boys & Girls Club of Wilmington is pleased to announce Deral Pitts as their new Chief Executive Officer starting September 10th. Pitts currently resides in Bradenton, FL and will be moving his family to Wilmington. As a Boys & Girls Club veteran, Pitts served as the Chief Executive Officer at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie, GA and was both a Unit Director and Program Director at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, FL. Pitts earned his Master of Science in Sports Administration from the University of Miami, FL, an MBA from American Intercontinental University, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Hodges University. He has further enhanced his non-profit leadership skills by attending the Boys & Girls Clubs University School of Executive Leadership and completed a non-profit man-

agement and leadership program at Michigan State University. Pitts is a member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society, Boys & Girls Clubs of America Academy of Professionals, Society of Nonprofit Organizations, Kiwanis Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

"When I served as a chief executive officer and unit director in the Boys & Girls Club movement, I had the fortunate opportunity to manage large and small grants, develop relationships with people, businesses, and organizations of various communities to garner financial and non-financial support that led to the youth we served being able to benefit in a many of ways. As an alumnus of the Boys & Girls Clubs, I know and understand the importance of the organization in shaping the youth in our community in a positive way. I am very honored and grateful to have the opportunity to join this wonderful organization

and look forward to serving the kids, organization, community, and board," said Pitts. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for overseeing strategic planning and operation of the Club in support of organizational mission and goals. The CEO provides leadership and support to the Board of Directors in attaining and allocating resources and establishing program development, oversight, and evaluation. The CEO provides leadership and direction to staff in carrying out the key roles assigned to them and is responsible for working with the Board of Directors to maintain an effective organizational structure and necessary operational capacity to ensure the success of all agency functions. Armstrong McGuire & Associates conducted the search after completing a community assessment with organizational stakeholders.

"The Search Committee has worked very hard to find the

perfect new leader after the prior Director retired following twelve years of service. This day marks the beginning of great relationships within the organization and with the community to build great futures for those we serve," Michael Long, Board Chair.

The Community Boys & Girls Club's mission is to inspire and enable young people, especially those youth from disadvantaged circumstances and backgrounds, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens to achieve their highest goals. Established in 1937, the Community Boys & Girls Club serves youth using core programming standards that influence every part of children's lives while providing a positive place for them to grow into responsible, civic-minded citizens. Three facilities in a two-county area provide families with high-quality, evidenced-based services with proven outcomes.



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Homeowner Bill of Rights: Protecting families from life’s financial storms

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

In recent weeks, multiple news sources have reported on the 10-year anniversary since the onset of the nation's foreclosure crisis. Between 2007 and 2011, 10.9 million homes went into foreclosure, with 8 million completing that process. Additionally, \$1.95 trillion in lost property value affected both families who lost their homes to foreclosure, as well as their nearby neighbors who remained in their homes.

Less prominently revisited in these retrospectives were the disproportionate losses suffered by Black and Latino communities. Together, these

two ethnicities absorbed \$1 trillion wealth losses.

None of us can change the past; but what we can and should learn from it and take steps to ensure that harms caused are acknowledged and never repeated. The creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) was authorized at the federal level. But across the country, states also took initiatives as well.



Charlene Crowell

For example, California became the first state in 2012 to create a 'Homeowner Bill of Rights' (HOBR). A state legislative package was enacted to end many mortgage ills, like banning mortgage broker kickbacks for unfairly placing borrowers into more expensive loans than necessary. Another harmful practice included mortgage servicers who assured borrowers that a refinance was in progress while at the same time, beginning the formal foreclosure process. HOBR was an important part of a legislative package that broadly addressed a wide range of mortgage woes.

It took years of advocacy before the California Assembly passed the initiative. At the urging of consumer advocates and the former state Attorney General Kamala Harris, the HOBR gained support from civil rights organizations, banks, credit unions, labor unions and consumer groups. Borrowers, lenders, workers and advocates all agreed the legislation was fair and responsible to improve the foreclosure tsunami.

For consumers, however, the most heralded legal provision, included the right to have their own day in court. If mortgage servicers did not comply with the law, borrow-

ers could sue and seek financial redress. Borrowers were also assured of timely notification on the status of their loan modifications and gained the right to appeal modification denials.

Unfortunately, as such legislation affords, "sunssets", dates by which specific legal requirements expire, took the real teeth out of HOBR since 2017. Such times are also the moments when leadership can emerge and replace what was lost.

San Jose's State Senator Jim Beall, who also chairs the state's Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, sponsored a 2018 HOBR that restored the previously lost provisions. Moreover, on September 14, California Governor Jerry Brown signed the new bill into law.

ly for owners who have been hit hard by natural disasters," said Aponte-Diaz. "Homeowners need protection against procedural abuses – this bill helps us accomplish that goal."

Today, consumers in Minnesota and Nevada have similar HOBRs.

It just seems sensible that other locales where billion-dollar property losses were suffered due to recent storms or wildfires would be well-served if their respective states also implemented their own HOBRs. In just the past year, locales as diverse as Arizona, Florida, the Carolinas, and Texas have also suffered tremendous losses and will need years to fully recover financially.

The bottom line is that whoever you are or where you live, housing is needed. At a time when most working families are dedicating an increasing amount of income to provide a home, it should be apparent that these homes deserve protection – not just from weather storms; but life's financial storms.

As former President Lyndon Johnson spoke in a June 4, 1965 address to Howard University:

"You do not wipe away the scars of centuries by saying: Now you are free to go where you want, and do as you desire, and choose the leaders as you please.

"You do not take a person who, for years, has been hobbled by chains and liberate him, bring him up to the starting line of a race and then say, 'you are free to compete with others,' and still justly believe that you have been completely fair.

"Thus is it not enough just to open the gates of opportunity. All our citizens must have the ability to walk through those gates."

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**LeshaMurphy Johnson
and Adam Zy'Ere Johnson**

Lesha Murphy Johnson was born June 16, 1977 to William C. Murphy, known as "Clyde" and Doris Murphy in Wilmington, North Carolina. Lesha entered into eternal rest on Friday, September 14, 2018.

Adam Zy'Ere Johnson was born to Lesha and Zachery on January 20, 2018. Lesha was full of love, smiles and happiness when blessed with her baby boy, which was given by God to her and her husband, Zachery. Adam Zy'Ere was a sweet, precious loveable baby. He entered into eternal rest on Friday, September 14, 2018.

Lesha was loved by many and had a loving and caring heart for everyone that came in her path. She wasn't a stranger to anyone and always full of smiles and laughter. Lesha was always ready to celebrate and enjoy whatever gathering she attended. There was never a dull moment when she was in your company. She had a kind and loving spirit and was dedicated to her family. On May 13, 2017, she married the love of her life, Adam Zachery Johnson, Sr. From this union, one son was born.

Lesha was a dedicated wife, mother and friend to all. The time Lesha spent here on this earth she lived everyday with a beautiful smile and wonderful personality. So remember to take that smile with you and wear it in honor of Lesha and baby Adam.

Lesha and Baby Adam leave to cherish their memories: husband and father Zachery; mother and grandmother, Doris Murphy; father and grandfather, William "Clyde" Murphy; mother-in-law and grandmother, Mattie Johnson; grandmother and great-grandmother, Louise Mosely; six daughters and sisters, Chyna Doughty, Zahria Johnson, Epiphany Johnson, Shameque, Mattereca and Zackiya Johnson; two sons and brothers Adam Johnson, Jr. and Jordan Clark; three sisters and aunts, Marie Murphy, Chinita (Reggie) Jackson, Juanita (Max) Drye; five brothers and uncles, Anthony (Patricia) Hardwich, William (Angie) Murphy, Azeral (Karen) Ferrell, Tyree Murphy and Clarence (Connie) Hawkins; two sisters-in-law and aunts, Marilyn and Betty; two brothers-in-law and uncles, Christopher McKever and Rodney Johnson; three uncles and great-uncles, Nathaniel Mosley, Gregory (Diane) Mosley and Dennis (Virginia) Mosely; one aunt and great-aunt, Diane Mosely; step sisters and brothers from the late Sylvester Jones, Sylvia (Brian) Walker, Shawn Jones, Mary Jones, Sylvester Cherry and Melton Jones; special aunt, Mary Gladys Marshall and children; honorable mentions: Trenita Clark, Rochelle Britton-Allen, Kevin Spears, Sabrina Hardwich and Ursula Lewis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A funeral service was held at on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at St. Philip A.M.E. Church. Burial in Pine Forest Cemetery. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Harold Goins

Harold "Thundercloud" Goins is a native of Robeson County born and raised. He leaves behind the tribe of his people in the physical but the spirit will rest upon us.

On Wednesday October 4, 2018 God called upon him to enter into the gates of heaven. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home.

Mr. Goins is preceded in death by his parents, Effie Locklear and Clifton Goins, and his wife Thelma Goins. The survivors include his daughter Ethel Bell Goins; sons, Harold Goins Jr, Jim Robert Goins, Devin and Jonathan Stevens all of Wilmington, NC; his 6 siblings, 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

He was a very courageous warrior and loved his children, his family and most importantly his strong faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He always gave the best advice and wise words for his family and friends to carry with them throughout their lives. He provided, cared for, was a shoulder to lean on, a man who did not give up and pushed those who tried. Never will a second go by that those who truly loved you will never miss that handsome smile and blue eyes that brighten anyone's day.

As life continues, we will carry on the true knowledge of a warrior! Always and Forever will you shine your light upon us. We will forever hold your legacy close in our hearts and souls. The Native King Shines bright upon us forever more and let's always cherish this beautiful celebration of life for the man that we will forever carry in our hearts Harold "Thundercloud" Goins. *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.*

Clyde Smith, Jr.

Clyde Smith, Jr., died September 25, 2018. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Clyde, son of Velma Bishop Owens and the late Clyde Smith, Sr., was born August 31, 1946 in Champaign, Illinois. He received his formal education at Champaign Senior High School. After graduating in 1965, he worked for the US Postal Service before enlisting in the Army

where he served honorably in Vietnam as a paratrooper. Clyde later began his career as a plant operator at Cape Industries as a safety instructor for 25 years. He also became a licensed EMT and enjoyed bowling and playing softball at high levels on several championship teams. He was also preceded in death by his brother Bruce Owens and granddaughter, Geneira Smith.

Clyde is survived by: two sons, Gene Smith (Cassandra) and Matthew Smith; three daughters, Calethea "Renee" Smith, Andrea L. Smith and Angela Chadwick; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his loving mother, Velma Bishop Owens; five brothers, Bobbie Owens, Jimmie Owens (Kaye), Eddie Owens, Alexander Owens (Charlotte) and Terry Owens; six sisters, Clemmie Stubbs, Grace Owens, Vickie Owens, Rose Young (Melvin), Jeanette Chiles (Pastor David) and Theresa LeShoure (Herbert);special friends, Ms. Linda Reedy, Pastor Davis Hooper and a host of loving family and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Richard Simpson

Richard Simpson died September 28, 2018. Richard, son of Richard and Deloris Simpson was born March 23, 1972. Funeral services were held 12 Noon on Friday, October 5, 2018 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Catrina Hargrove

Catrina Hargrove died September 29, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Leroy Butler

Leroy Butler died September 29, 2018. Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Leroy, son of the late Wilbert and Beatrice Jones was born on October 22, 1947 in Wilmington, NC. He attended the New Hanover County Public School System. Leroy was employed by WR Grace until retirement. Later, he was employed by Wilmington Star News for two years until his health failed. Leroy was a hardworking and easy-going person.

He loved and cherished his children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and Ronnie Jones, Jacqueline Rolans (James), and Rudolph Jones (Rose). Leroy is survived by: Sons, Dwight Walker and Desmond Washington and daughters, Tanisha Mitchell (Derek) and Marque Little, all of Wilmington, NC; six grand-

children; one great-grandson; one brother, Johnny Jones; nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and close cousin, Carolyn Washington and close friend, Ira Mitchel. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Julian Fulton

Julian Fulton died October 1, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at St. Mark Episcopal Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Julian, one of nine children born to George Fulton Sr. and Dorcas Richardson Fulton was born December 5, 1933. Julian, affectionately called "Chief" or "Pap" by his grandchildren, graduated from Williston Industrial High School, class of 1952. He served in the military and after completion, he met and married Mary Catherine "Kitty" Williams, the love of his life. They relocated to New Jersey to start a new life and begin their family. Upon returning to Wilmington, Julian was employed General Electric in the Aircraft Division and was a dedicated employee for 30 years. He was an active member of the Williston Class of 1952Alumni Association. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and president of the Brotherhood Association for many years. Julian was preceded in death by his loving wife of 58 years, Mary.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory: children: Gail, Edwardina, Julianna (Tony), Betty, Julian (Darlene), Dereck (Anecia); sisters, Constance, Louise (Joseph), Gloria; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren and a

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

Mary Johnson

Mary Johnson died October 4, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday at St. Andrew AMEZ Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

In Loving Memory Of



**Marzella Grainger
October 12,1965**

Mother;
Happy 53rd
Anniversary
in Heaven.
You are away from
us in Heaven.
But you are in hearts
with fond memories.
Many heartbreaking years
have passed away, but your
love and thoughts
will always be with us.

We miss you very much,
Loving daughter, Edith;
grands, great grands;great
great grands
sister; Isabel Grainger and a
host of nieces and nephews

Russell Montgomery

Russell Montgomery, Jr. died October 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.*

In Loving Memory Of



**Johnnie Fostine Burnett
Sunrise: May 13, 1956
Sunset: October 17, 2004**

Thinking Of You

This morning when
I wakened
And saw the sun above,
I softly said, "Good Morning,
Lord,
-Bless everyone I love!
Right away I thought of you
And said a loving prayer
That he would bless you
specially
And keep you free from care!
I thought of all the happiness
A day could hold in store;
I wished it all for you because
No one deserves it more!
I felt so warm and good inside
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New Hanover County

Barry Smith & Company will hold their Fall Revival, Wednesday, October 24th- Friday, October 26th. Services will be held at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, 1801 Castle St. Guest speakers are Elder Lynda McMillian of Union Missionary Baptist Church on Wednesday. Reverend Darlene Robinson of Mt. Roney Missionary Baptist Church on Thursday and on Friday Elder Cedric Tindall of Union Missionary Baptist Church. For more information contact Barry Smith at 910-550-7475 or Melissa Smith at 910-880-3062.



Religious Briefs

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S. 12th St., will hold their Gospel Choir Anniversary on Saturday, October 27th at 4:00 p.m. Choirs from the surrounding areas are welcome.

The Better St. Phillip AME Zion Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd., will celebrate their Pastor's Appreciation Program. The Celebration will begin October 8th - 14th nightly. October 8th through the 14th speakers are as follows:
Monday Night: The Rev. Ronald Richardson, Pastor of Central Baptist Church Wilmington N.C., Tuesday Night: The Rev. Dr. John H. Brown, Pastor of New Hope Freewill Baptist Church in Leland, N.C., Wednesday Night: First Lady, Minister Marlene Nixon, of Miracle Rock Ministries Wilmington N.C., Thursday Night: The Rev. Nathaniel Johnson, Pastor of Summerville AME Zion Church Leland, N.C., Friday Night: The Rev. Dr. Jermaine B. Amour of St. Luke AME Zion Church accompanied by Rachel and Joy. On Saturday October 13th, there will be an Evening of Gospel Singing at 3:00 p.m. with various choirs, Soloist and groups. On Sunday October 14th, The Rev. Gordon Griffin will be the special guest pastor along with his choir, ushers & congregation of Moore's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Moore's Creek, N.C. Informational contact: Sis. Ashley M. Hall @ 910-540-4250, Sis. Catherine J. Cooper @ 910-540-4477 or Sis. Dentrall A. Boykin @ 910-200-4653

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their Missionary Candle Light Service on Sunday, October 14th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Minister Sherry McLean, First lady of Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Leland, NC. All missionaries to wear white and join the church for their Candlelight March.

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach will have free clothing on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m.-until at 4655 Long Beach Rd, Southport, NC.

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

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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Been there, Bless that

I wish I could remember where I heard this. But it is worth repeating for those of you who know what real pain feels like. A televangelist, whose name I can't remember, reminded me of the powerful nature of words that sometimes strike at your very heart.



James Washington

He said, "In order for someone to really hurt you, he or she has to be close enough to you, to kiss you."

Whoa! Now this immediately made me sit up and take notice as it should you. Beyond the biblical reference about Jesus and Judas, this is a pretty dynamic point of which people of faith should take note. Real pain comes from people and circumstances and issues that you really, really care about.

Life does not always encourage you to live with your guard down. But each of us, if we're honest with ourselves, has done just that when we feel safe with those around us. It is that vulnerability that gives the kiss of death the power to crush your very being.

There is no pain like unexpected pain deliberately aimed at you when you're not looking.

I find it ironic that as Christians we are supposed to reveal to the external world our internal souls.

Those who see us should indeed see who we are and whose we are. It's a very public declaration. Then, by how we live our lives, the world should know we belong to the body of Christ.

Irony might not be the best word to describe my example, but remember the ultimate kiss is the kiss of betrayal. The difference between you, me and Christ however, is

that Christ knew it was coming. As a matter of fact, not only did He know it was coming, Christ needed it to fulfill His divine mission. It was a kiss that was part of a plan that saved the world.

We are the ones who are blindsided by kisses we wish we could have seen coming. Think back for a minute about that devastating kiss in your own life and I'll bet you today, that it gives you reason to have particular insight and perspective about this thing called testimony—yours.

It certainly does me. Maybe your kiss was part of a plan intended to save you. I know this may be difficult to hear because of the pain it caused you, but if you can possibly reconcile the effect it had on you, with the life God planned for you, then perhaps the best is yet to come for you and me.

I don't know about you, but because of past betrayal, I've learned that I cannot live a guarded life and expect God to heal my heart. Been there, done that. It doesn't work. A closed heart can neither give nor receive and that includes the love from and of the Lord; just like a closed hand can neither give nor receive anything. I want to believe I can see Judas coming these days and as Christ did, accept his effort, as but another failed attempt to destroy my joy. So, the good news for today is, "Been there, bless that!"

Those closest to me today know this and my heart is open to them, as well as to you, should we ever meet. Everybody else can simply keep their lips to themselves.

May God bless and keep you forever.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Peace Through Christ

BY FANNIE ALLEN
AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! We thank God for His goodness! Lord, we love You! The Senior Citizens' Fellowship opened their session on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 with the singing of "Blessed Assurance." Blessed assurance! Jesus is mine! Yes, praising my Savior all the day long! Our opening prayer was offered by Sister Ethel Lawson. We thank her for such a wonderful and uplifting prayer. Our next song was "Down Through the Years." Truly, down through the years, God has been good to all of us. So it was with great truth and blessed

assurance that we sang both songs! We thank everyone for a great devotional service this morning.

Our speaker for today was Brother George Hill. He spoke from the topic, "Peace Through Christ." "Christ made peace. Everyone wants and needs peace. The church needs spiritual peace. No peace, no love." In addition, he said that peace through God is available to all and that peace through the world is not real, and we must not let Satan wrap you up in sin. He reminded us, "Let not your heart be troubled." Moreover, he cautioned us to give all to Christ, for he will bring us anything and every-

thing. He reminded us of the words of Jesus: "My peace I leave with you."

We all sang the all time favorite hymn:

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, 'Tis well. It is well with my soul!

What an inspiring message we heard this morning, and we truly thank Brother Hill!

It was now time for our "Callers Report." There was a tie between Sisters Mary Martin and Janice Gordon, with ten present members each. We are thankful for the Callers and the members who were present. Sister Anna

Haskins gave the "Sick Report." We thank her for the report and the wonderful job she always does.

Announcements were given and remarks were made. Sister Mary Martin brought us our "Smiles," and we thank her for the laughter she brought. Laughter is good for the soul.

We played a game entitled "How Well Do You Know Me?" It was fun, fun, and more fun!

We then sang "Bind Us Together," and Minister Sharon Pollock led us in our closing prayer. Our meeting was adjourned.

There were forty-six members present. Have a blessed week!

TELL SOMEBODY

"Now Faith"

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Faith - Confident belief in the truth or Trustworthiness of God Assurance of things hoped for, the proving of things not seen.

It helps to possess "now faith", for there are situations that cannot wait another day nor another time nor another season! Some prayers are needed to bring immediate results. Each and every one of us possesses a level of faith which allows us to operate in this present world.

Faith is a way of life for Christians. "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:4

We are saved by faith. The



Sylvia Hooper

moment you have "now faith" to believe, you can be saved! "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8 We are justified by faith. "Therefore being justified (to declare free of blame) by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

Faith is a basic necessity for receiving answers to believing prayer. "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.." James 1:6

Faith without works is dead. It is easier to "talk faith" than to "live faith" ! "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." James 2:17,18

If we want to please God,

we must exercise faith in his Word. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6

Faith is a fundamental duty of every Christian believer who wants to be used by the Lord to do the work of the ministry.

"Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." St. John 6:28-29

Therefore whenever one is ready to be used by the Lord, he must exercise now faith, for if we have the faith, God's got the power!

Prayer: Dear Lord, give me "now faith" that I may begin to do whatever you have called me to do. I thank you

in advance. I thank you now! In Jesus' Name. 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!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

We must turn back to the god of the bible

Isaiah 34:16,(KJV) Seek ye out of the Book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them. Jer. 33:2,3, (KJV) Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it: the Lord is his name; Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. God and His Word are inseparable: John 1:1-3(AMP) In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was God Himself. He was [continually existing] in the beginning [co-eternally] with God. All thing were made and came into existence through Him: and without Him not even one thing was made that has come into being. Psalms 119:130, (KJV) The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

The only way back to God is through His written Word, which will lead us to the living Word (Jesus) and it begins in the lives of individuals, families, and churches, which in turn will impact our communities to have a consciousness of God (the God of the Bible) who always points to the truth. The Bible is unique, which means the only one of its kind, it has no equal or likeness; unparalleled. The Bible is an absolute, which means "perfect in quality or nature; complete. Not mixed; pure. Not limited by restrictions or exceptions; unconditional. Unqualified in extent or degree; total. Not limited by constitutional provisions or other restraints. Unrelated to and independent of anything else. Not to be

doubted or questioned. God Word is conclusive and definitive: conclusive means serving to put an end to doubt, question, or uncertainty; decisive. Definitive means precisely defining or outlining; explicit. Authoritative and complete".

The Psalmists describes this in psalms 19:7-11, (KJV)7"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward".

The Word of God is the Wisdom of God for man: Wisdom is not found in just studying and gaining more and more data or truths a part from allowing the word to become an integral part of one's life. Wisdom is the result of a relationship with God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ and you must be born again of the Spirit of God into this relationship. 1Peter 1:23,Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1Corinthians 1:24, 30, (KJV) 24"But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption;" Knowing God is an intimate relationship function, it is someone closely related to another person (God) and dependent on Him(God) for their existence, value or significance.

Proverbs 1:7, (KJV)7"The

fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction".

Joshua 1:8, (KJV)8"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success".

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (knowing the facts) This means that it is the first step toward wisdom(the proper use of the facts). It means that trusting God is the foundation of wisdom. Wisdom is built upon the fear of the Lord.

This verse introduces the two paths that a person can follow in life: the way of the wise and the way of the fool (What path will you take). These two ways are contrasted throughout Proverbs and throughout the Bible. The way of the wise is defined by the fear of the Lord. The way of the fool is defined by despising the wisdom and instruction or correction that comes through His Word that produces a relationship with God. Psalms 14:1a (KJV) "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good". Deu. (KJV)6"Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people". Proverbs 14:33-34, (KJV) 33 "Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but that which is in the midst of fools is made known. 34"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Job 28:28, (KJV) "And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;

and to depart from evil is understanding"

Psalms 111:10, (KJV) "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever"

Psalms 9:17(KJV)17"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. (AMPC)17 The wicked shall be turned back [headlong into premature death] into Sheol (the place of the departed spirits of the wicked), even all the nations that forget or are forgetful of God".

Let me close this section with one of the greatest indictment against mankind, whom God made in His own image and likeness and they are without an excuse! Romans 1:18-22 (KJV)18 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools". Whose report will you believe? I believe the report of the Lord, that is my final answer!

I speak not as a minister or pastor but as a prophet.

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

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NEW HANOVER COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
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COURT FILE #: 18-CVS-448

TO: ELIAS MOISES BAMACA JERONIMO

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: to have and recover damages resulting from a motor vehicle accident occurring on or about February 14, 2015 at approximately 8:56 p.m. on N. College Road more fully described in the Complaint.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than November 6, 2018 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 27th day of September, 2018.

CATHY ANN GRAHAM,
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September 27, October 4, 11, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 18 JT 64

IN THE MATTER OF:
K.N.R. (DOB: 03/22/2018)
TO: RESPONDENTS: LANNIE BIGLEY, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO LANNIE BIGLEY

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 October 4, 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 Kiyana 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 December 3, 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 4th day of October, 2018.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
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October 4, 11, 18, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
COURT FILE NO: 18 CVD 2227

KARMARA O. SMITH, Plaintiff
v.
MARCOL WADDELL GLENN, Defendant and JOSHUA BRADLEY SKINNER, Defendant

COMPLAINT FOR Child Custody
TO: JOSHUA BRADLEY SKINNER

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 child custody.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days from the date of original publication which is October 4, 2018 an upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 4th day of October, 2018

Allen Brandon Tise
Attorney for the Plaintiff
PO Box 1022
Wilmington, NC 28402-1022
910-251-9614
Bar#13727

October 4, 11, 18, 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 227-9

IN THE MATTER OF:
Z.T.S. (DOB: 04/28/2006)
Z.T.S. (DOB: 04/28/2006)
N.C.W. (DOB: 08/04/2003)

TO: RESPONDENTS:
THERESA C. SMITH, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO THERESA C. SMITH; AND ANY UNKONWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO THERESA C. SMITH

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 October 4, 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 Theresa C. Smith, and she can be reached at 110 N. Fifth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 762-7771.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR November 12, 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 4th day of October, 2018.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County
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PO Box 81
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October 4, 11, 18, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Arthur Junior Lovan**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **8th day of January, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 26th day of September, 2018

Medgar Lovan, Administrator
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No: 910-762-4176

October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

INVITATION TO BID

Brunswick County is seeking bids for construction of: 24" Water Main Relocation at Dutchman Creek. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., November 1, 2018, at the Brunswick County Public Utilities Operations Center in Supply, NC. An open, pre-bid meeting will be held for all interested bidders and vendors on October 25, 2018, 10:00 a.m. in the Utilities Operations Center. For additional information please contact: Steve Scruggs, AECOM Technical Services of North Carolina, Inc., (919) 461-1446

October 11, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 18 JT 9

IN THE MATTER OF:
R.G.G. (DOB: 01/10/2018)
TO: RESPONDENTS:
TIFFANY GREENE, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND JEREMY GREENE, LEGAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO TIFFANY GREENE

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 October 4, 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 Tiffany Greene, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

Attorney Yuliya Loshinsky has been appointed to represent Jeremy Greene, and she can be reached at 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 939-1125.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR October 15, 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 4th day of October, 2018.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County
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PO Box 81
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October 4, 11, 18, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In Re Dissolution of
STUDIO BLUE, LLC
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 57D-6-11

Having submitted Articles of Dissolution to the North Carolina Secretary of State for filing, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against STUDIO BLUE, LLC to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before October 11, 2023 -- or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Company please make immediate payment.

On this day, October 11, 2018.

Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr., Receiver
The Rodgers Law Firm, PLLC
1213 Culbreth Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405

October 11, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Linda Lee Schoenbrod**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of January, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of October, 2018

Michelle L. Brown, Executor
140 Sterling Way
Angier, NC 27501

October 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 2018

NOTICE TO HUB
SUBCONTRACTORS
UNCW P3 Student Village

HUB Outreach Meeting: Meeting will be held on October 17, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Fisher Student Union Rm # 2017, located on the UNCW Campus.

The Overall project includes the construction of (4) new student housing facilities and (1) new utility outbuilding being constructed over two phases. Building 1 and 2 are to be constructed during Phase 1, each are 388 bed semi-suite style, 5 story structures with multipurpose areas totaling 104,000 GSF(ea). Buildings 3 and 4 are to be constructed during Phase 2, immediately following completion of Phase 1, each are 519 bed community pod style, 4 story structures with retail food concepts totaling 105,000 GSF(ea). Balfour Beatty Construction, has been selected as the Construction Manager at Risk for this project and will receive bids from and contract with the principal and specialty contractors for the execution of the work. Historically Underutilized Businesses are encouraged to participate, however the firm must be certified by the Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB Office) through the Statewide Uniform Certification (SWUC) program.

You may begin the certification process at the following website: <http://www.doa.nc.gov/hub/>
The following is the list of Bid Packages for this project; General Trades, Building Concrete, Masonry, Structural Steel, Millwork, Casework, Waterproofing and Caulking, Roofing, Fireproofing, Metal wall Panels, Doors and Hardware, Glass and Glazing, Residential Windows, Metal Framing and Drywall, Acoustical Ceilings, Paint, Flooring, Tile, Toilet Partitions and Accessories, Signage, Appliances, Window Treatments, Canopy, Fire Protection, Plumbing, HVAC, Controls, Electrical, Communications, Earthwork, Paving and Striping, Hardscape and Landscape. Contact Dave Goltz at dgoltz@balfourbeattyus.com with any questions.

October 11, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ALBERT HENRY NORMAN, Deceased
FILE NO. 02E334

The undersigned having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of Albert Henry Norman, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, or corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to Russell Davis, Jr., Administrator, at the address set out to below on or before January 4, 2019, or this notice may be pleaded as bar of any payment recovery. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either address set out below.

This the 4th day of October, 2018

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.
2803 Market Street
PO Box 696
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RUTH J. DAVIS, Deceased
FILE NO. 18E 1016

The undersigned having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Ruth J. Davis**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, or corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to Juanita Jacobs, Administrator, at the address set out to below on or before **January 4, 2019**, or this notice may be pleaded as bar of any payment recovery. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either address set out below.

This the 4th day of October, 2018

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.
2803 Market Street
PO Box 696
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Sounthone Hemvong**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of January, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of October, 2018

Vasana H. Copp, Administrator
215 Chambers Street
Winnabow, NC 28479

October 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Ronald Guyton Phelps**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of January, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of October, 2018

James Stephen Shepard, Executor
8651-G Stephens Church Rd. Apt. 303
Wilmington, NC 28411

October 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Patricia Ann Lindsey**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **27th day of December, 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 27th day of September, 2018.

Frank Lynn Lindsey, Co-Executor of the Estate of Patricia Ann Lindsey

6750 Gordon Road
Wilmington, NC 28411
Atlanta Marie Carrera, Co-Executor of the Estate of Patricia Ann Lindsey
6750 Gordon Road
Wilmington, NC 28411
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2018

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 228-9; 31-32

IN THE MATTER OF:
J.M.T. (DOB: 08/01/2017)
J.M.T. (DOB: 08/01/2016)
J.M.T. (DOB: 09/18/2009)
J.M.T. (DOB: 09/18/2009)

TO: RESPONDENTS:
JESSYCA THOMPSON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER; CHRISTOPHER MILLER, PUTATIVE FATHER OF THE MALE CHILDREN; AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHERS OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE AND MALE CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO JESSYCA THOMPSON

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 October 4, 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 Kristen Kelly has been appointed to represent Jessyca Thompson, and she can be reached at 319 N. 4th St., Wilmington, NC 28401 pr (910) 763-6545. Attorney Shawn Evans has been appointed to represent Christopher Miller, and he can be reached at 611 Princess St., 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 November 19, 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 4th day of October, 2018.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Mitchell Lee Saieed, Sr.**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of January, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 11th day of October, 2018.

Barbara Wilson Saieed, Executrix of the Estate of Mitchell Lee Saieed, Sr.
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Bonnie Sue Murray**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of January, 2019**, 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.

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Jena Beth Alford, Administrator
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This the 11th day of October, 2018

Jesse Paul Aycock, Executor
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
File No. 18 SP 290

MARNELL JAMES PARKER GAVINS, Petitioner, vs. DONNELL STEWART, DEB-BIE STEWART, BARBARA STEWART JAMES AND PATRICIA STEWART BATTLE, Respondents,

To: **BARBARA STEWART JAMES,** Above-named Respondent

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed on the 30th day of April, 2018, in the above-entitled Special Proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

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You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than 20th day of November, 2018. said date being forty (40) days from the date first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 11th day of October, 2018.

Stephen E. Culbreth, Attorney For Petitioner Marnell James Parker Gavins
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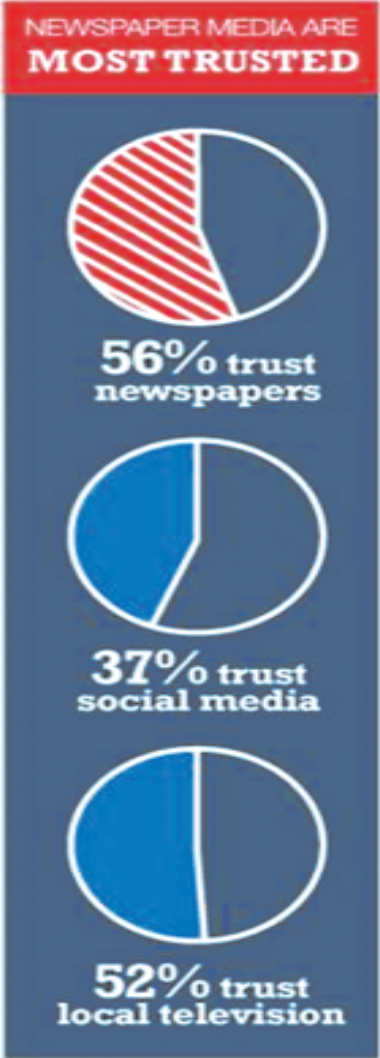
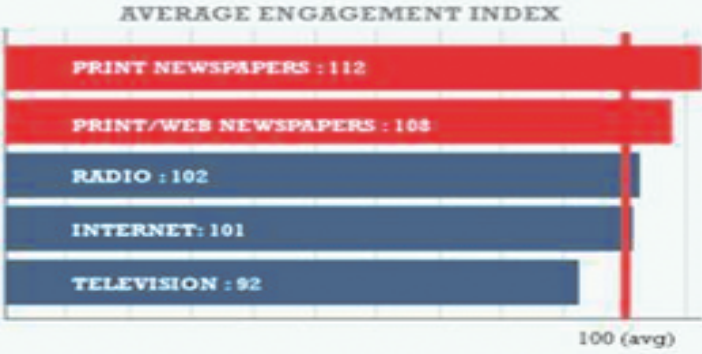
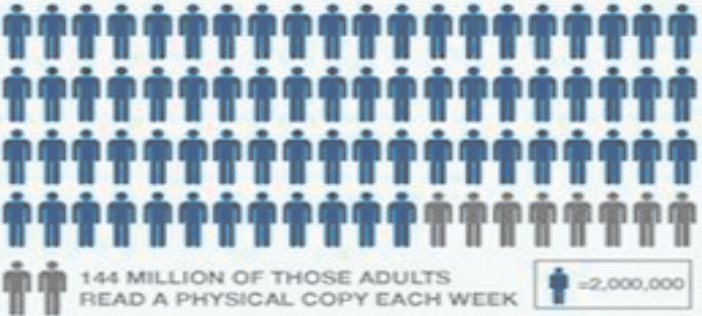


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