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EBONEE SPEARS

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

UPDATE



DR. HOWARD-VITAL

The celebration of Michelle Howard-Vital's life has been set for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27 in the UNCW Madeline Suites.

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BERNEST HEWETT

WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT?

BY BERNEST HEWETT

This week, I have begun to see people, at least those who can, are moving back into their houses or places to stay. Some are starting to rebuild. I am very glad that my family and I had no damage of property or injuries of persons. We had a power outage, but a generator took up the slack.

I look at people with nothing left, some with children, having to move from place to place and sleep on cots and mattresses.

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Analysis: Voter ID amendment too "costly"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

According to a new analysis of the proposed voter ID constitutional amendment which is on the North Carolina ballot now during early voting (Oct. 17 - Nov. 3), and on Election Day, Nov. 6, if passed by North Carolina voters by referendum, would not only be "...harmful to voters working for low incomes and poor voters of all races, while specifically targeting Black and Latino voters." Not only that, but it would unnecessarily cost all North Carolina taxpayers because "... state and county governments have to spend at least \$12 million on staffing polling sites, providing identification cards, and conducting the necessary voter education and outreach to ensure people are aware of the requirement."

That analysis is according to Alexandra Forter Sirota, Director of the N.C. Budget and Tax Center - a division of the NC Justice Center, a nonprofit progressive think tank

which publishes NC Policy Watch, an online progressive newspaper.

Sirota makes the point that the millions of dollars that the so-called "voter integrity" amendment would cost if implemented, would be diverted from other critical state and local programs, like investing in public schools, disaster recovery and funding search and rescue efforts, like the operations recently undertaken in the aftermath of hurricanes Florence and Michael.

"Such diversion of resources that are now more limited in our State because of successive tax cuts for the rich and big companies in order to block participation in the democratic process for some puts our State's economic well being at risk," writes Sirota in her analysis Monday, titled "Proposed Amendment requiring a voter ID is unnecessary and too costly."

Sirota continued, "People across the Carolina, but particularly in rural

communities and voters of color, will face high costs in obtaining a photo identification, even if the State provides an identification card without a fee. (It isn't even clear in the ballot language that they will do that much.) The costs alone of traveling, wait



times, and acquiring supporting documents are enough to detract from family priorities, like buying groceries, providing quality child care, or paying utility bills. Its impacts will ripple through communities in the near term."

Sirota concludes, "Every eligible voter should be able to participate in the democratic process with a vote and not be blocked because of cost."

Republican lawmakers and their conservative supporters say the proposed constitutional amendment to establish voter ID would ensure that the electoral process in North Carolina would be protected, but the amendment never spells out how

Constitutional amendment to

require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person. FOR or AGAINST.

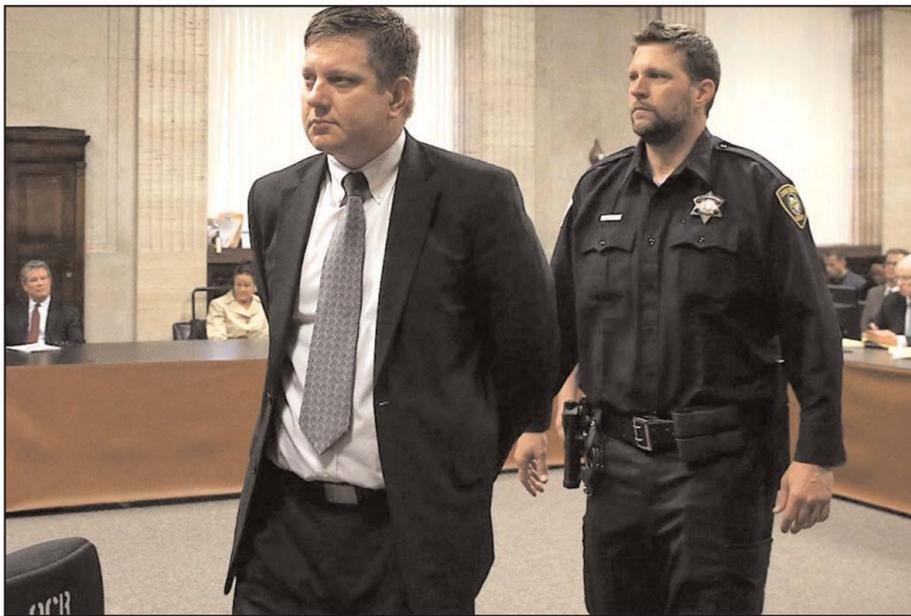
That's all the voter's ballot says. There is no explanation of exactly what kind of photo ID will be accepted and not accepted (will state-issued college IDs be accepted?).

Republican North Carolina lawmakers say that, if the amendment is ratified by North Carolina voters, they will call a special November session to come back and decide all the details they failed to lay out previously.

The NCNAACP counters that passage of the voter ID amendment before any legislation emanating from it can be examined and debated would be giving what would amount to a "blank check" to the very party that has been proven in the past to impose voter suppression and illegal racial gerrymandering of voting districts, only to be struck down in the courts.

The civil rights group sued in court to stop the amendment but failed. They are now actively campaigning against it.

A look inside the courtroom that doomed Jason Van Dyke



(PHOTO: TRIAL PRESS POOL PHOTO)

His convictions could put the murderer behind bars for the rest of his life if Judge Vincent Gaughan brings down the hammer at Jason Van Dyke's sentencing on Halloween, October 31.

"The Trial of the Century" From a Black journalist's view

BY ERICK JOHNSON NNPA NEWSWIRE CONTRIBUTOR



Erick Johnson

The "Trial of the Century" in Chicago is over. No more morning rush hour drives to the courthouse and going through metal detectors. No more early morning reports on Chicago's iconic WVON radio station, called in from a musty parking garage across from a building where so many Black males have gone through and which too few bad cops have stepped foot in.

But for all the sacrifices and headaches of covering the murder trial of Chicago Officer Jason Van Dyke, it was worth it. Finally seeing a police officer led out of the courtroom left me speechless. Dressed in a black suit, he looked as if he was going to his own funeral. Only I, and a handful of Black clergy and activists in the courtroom, were not mourning. Silently, we were rejoicing.

It was a day many Blacks in Chicago never thought they would see. A white police officer found guilty of killing Laquan McDonald, a Black teenager, and locked up immediately after his historic conviction. For Black Chicago, it was the trial of the century, a moment they had been waiting for a long time.

For this Black journalist, it was history unfolding before my very eyes. It was a story that changed Chicago forever and the climatic ending was about to take place in courtroom 500.

I had a seat in the front row that was reserved for the media. Just yards away from Laquan McDonald's killer, I often sat on the edge of my seat.

For most of the trial, I sat next to Jamie Kalven. He's the prominent investigative journalist from the journalism production company the Invisible Institute, which first broke the



LAQUAN MCDONALD

story that included the official autopsy report that McDonald had 16 bullet wounds in his body.

At 7:35 a.m. on Friday, October 5, I was on WVON to file my daily update of the trial. Tired from another grueling

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GLORIA SHEALY



SUPRENA HICKMAN

UNCW to host Cape Fear Region Minority Enterprise Development Week Oct. 24 & 25

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The University of North Carolina Wilmington's Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and the Office of Facilities will host the fourth annual Cape Fear Region Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference Oct. 24 and 25.

The event is being held in conjunction with the Coalition Business Roundtable breakfast. The Coalition, sponsored by Live Oak Bank and the Greater Wilmington Business Journal, comprises 10 entrepreneurial support organizations that provide services and support to startups and small businesses.

The two-day event provides opportunities for networking and presents workshops to help grow and strengthen businesses and a panel discussion where experts will tackle issues faced by business owners impacted by Hurricane Florence. The conference begins at 2 p.m., Oct 24 with a workshop, vendor fair and

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es in school buildings or warehouses. This is a hard experience, but those who help get these places do good work and hard work. I write

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reception at the Burney Center on the UNCW campus.

This year's theme is "The Art of Mastering Your Business ROR (Return on Relationship). The deadline to register is Oct. 20. The event is free and open to the public.

Machelle Sanders, Secretary of the N.C. Department of Administration, will present the MED Week proclamation on behalf of the Governor's Office.

Katrina M. Harrell, CEO of Sage22 Ventures LLC, will lead a workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 24 titled "Sustain Your Dream! How Developing Structures and Systems Keep Your Business

this because there are people who don't know what the next day is going to bring because the storm has taken all the material goods they've had, food, clothes, shelter, finances. I look at some of these people who have been brought to

Brunswick County to stay in a building that was not being used. They were told that they couldn't stay there temporarily until they could get help with their needs.

How can people say they love God and yet will not help their fellowman? How

in Business." Harrell is also the co-founder The Launch Project, an economic empowerment, business training company and entrepreneurship investment for underserved individuals in predominantly distressed communities.

Wilma Daniels, founder and CEO, Daniels Development LLC; and Aaron Thomas, president and CEO, Metcon, will be recognized for their business achievements during the Oct. 24 reception.

Daniels serves on the boards of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the New Hanover Community Health Center, Cape Fear Community College Foundation and UNCW Board of Trustees. She is president of the Wilmington Black Chamber of Commerce, is a graduate

of Leadership Wilmington and is a member of The Order of Cape Fear.

Thomas founded Metcon, a Native American-owned construction management firm, in 1999. Under his leadership, the company has experienced steady growth and is North Carolina's largest minority-owned construction management firm. In 2011, Metcon was named the National Minority Construction firm of the year by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

The conference resumes on Thursday, Oct. 25 in the Burney Center, beginning with the Coalition Business Roundtable breakfast, where attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and get input in three roundtable discussions on different topics; and continuing with workshops; and a message from keynote speaker Gloria

much is a man's life worth to our elected officials? These people are at their lowest. How can we turn our backs and walk away? What's more important, human life or how a building is zoned? This happened to people here in Brunswick County.

This is a great insult to our Brunswick County citizens.

We don't need elected officials like this! How much is a man's life worth?

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

Shealey, president and CEO of The Daniele Company.

Shealey is an accomplished executive with more than 25 years in building construction and project management as a general contractor and construction manager. She served as the first woman president of the National Association of Minority Contractors and was inducted into NAMC's Hall of Fame, the organization's highest honor of distinction. Shealey is also a founding member and former chair of the North Carolina Chapter of NAMC, United Minority Contractors of North Carolina and was named the 2018 Woman of the Year by the Greater Durham Black Chamber of Commerce.

Suprena Hickman, CEO of Suprena Hickman Enterprises, will present

"Taking Care of Self While Taking Care of Business" during the Cape Fear MED Week luncheon. Hickman is an entrepreneur and registered nurse who has worked in many aspects of nursing for more than 17 years. For nearly a decade, Hickman has traveled across the country providing support to hospitals, clinics and community organizations.

Cape Fear Region MED Week recognizes the outstanding achievements of minority entrepreneurs and honors individuals and organizations that support minority business development. The conference is among the events being held nationwide as a part of the national observance of MED Week, created by presidential proclamation in 1983. For more information, visit uncw.edu/MEDweek.

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STATE BRIEFS



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JUDGES: GOP-DEvised STATE ELECTIONS BOARD "UNCONSTITUTIONAL"

[RALEIGH] The NC Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement, statutorily created by the Republican-led NC General Assembly in 2017 and 2018, was unconstitutionally created, a three-judge panel has ruled. However, the board may stay in place until after the 2018 midterm elections. The legislature originally passed a law in 2016 to counter the fact that Gov. Cooper, Democrat, had just been elected. That law essentially took away his power of appointment to the state election boards. After that was challenged in court, GOP lawmakers passed two more laws to cut the number of board members to eight, but again, the courts say they had no right to do that. The elections board, by state Constitution, always allowed the party of the governor in power to have the majority of seats on both the state and county election boards.

However, one of the proposed constitutional amendments currently on North Carolina ballots would codify the GOP plan for an eight-member board. If that amendment passes, that will trump the court ruling.

GOV. COOPER SIGNS BILL FOR \$800 MILLION IN HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF

[RALEIGH] Gov. Roy Cooper Tuesday, signed legislation that will provide \$800 million in relief aid for those counties affected by Hurricane Florence in September. That is in addition to the \$56 million that was appropriated immediately after the storm struck. Homes and businesses throughout eastern and

coastal North Carolina were destroyed by massive flooding and strong winds that blew down trees.

"I appreciate legislators responding quickly and taking this initial step to help North Carolinians recover from this devastating storm, particularly in the areas of education and the federal match," Gov. Cooper said in a statement. "However, we must continue to work together to provide more for affordable housing and farmers as well as to make real investments to ensure clean water and to lessen the impacts of future storms on our homes, roads, businesses and water infrastructure."

NC NAACP ASKS STATE BOE FOR "EMERGENCY" ACTION IN IMPACTED COUNTIES

[RALEIGH] The NC NAACP has asked Chairman Andy Penry and Executive Director Kim Strach of the NC State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement, to immediately act in those counties negatively affected by Hurricane Florence to ensure that voters there are able to cast their ballots now that the early voting period has begun.

"These counties are home to a disproportionate number of African-American voters and to some of the highest numbers of North Carolinians living below the poverty line, Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, president of the NC NAACP wrote in an Oct. 16th letter. "In the aftermath of this historic storm, North Carolinians in those counties are still struggling to put their lives back together and are exceptionally vulnerable to being disenfranchised."

Spearman requested that absentee ballots be allowed, and mobile early voting labs be deployed to hard-hit areas. "With swift action by the State Board of Elections, we can ensure that disenfranchisement will not be among the many hardships that North Carolinians will have to face in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence," he concluded.

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week at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse, I called in to the radio station from my apartment in South Shore. My gut feeling was that Van Dyke would be convicted, which is what I had shared with the Chicago Crusader staff all week after watching Van Dyke contradict the video, himself and even his defense team on the witness stand.

That Friday I told the show's host Maze Jackson, there would be a verdict later that day. The only question was when.

I stayed in bed until 12:40 p.m. While I was in the shower, WGN Journalist Kelly Barnacle sent me an email saying the jury had reached a verdict. It would be announced at 1:45 p.m.

I dashed out the door wearing flip flops, drove to the courthouse on the West Side and got inside the courtroom around 1:40 p.m. By then all the seats for the media had been taken. I tried to sit in the third row, where Van Dyke's wife, Tiffany sat. But a big white guy growled at me, saying I couldn't sit there, although there was room for three people.

I tried to sit in the back, but one of the court officers was called and told to sit with the media even though there were no more spaces available. Suddenly a television reporter made room for me on row two and put me right in front of Tiffany Van Dyke.

When the jury foreman on Friday, October 5 read the verdict that convicted her husband of second-degree murder for shooting Black teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times on October 20, 2014, I immediately looked at Tiffany. Her face turned to gloom. She said nothing. In fact, the entire courtroom was eerily silent. William Calloway, the activist who helped force the release of the video, kept nodding as the jury foreman read "guilty" for each of the 16 counts of aggravated battery with a firearm.

So many years of pain had come to an end, but a new era

had dawned in Chicago.

I couldn't believe it was happening, but it was. A justice system that for decades was viewed as broken by thousands of Blacks and minorities had finally worked and convicted a Chicago police officer of killing a Black teenager. My assignment was over, but an exciting moment for Black Chicago was just beginning.

It all happened because of Laquan McDonald, a Black teenager who in life was a ward of the state. In death, McDonald became a modern-day Emmett Till (another Chicago teenager who was brutally killed in 1955 during a visit to Mississippi). Till's death helped spark the Civil Rights Movement, but McDonald's sparked an effort among Black activists to clean up Chicago and changed the city forever.

It's happening, and Chicago is finally on the brink of change that many have dreamed about since its first Black mayor, Harold Washington, was elected in 1983.

For the last four years, two rusty institutions, Chicago's City Hall and the Chicago Police Department, have been forced to finally change. It comes after a video was released showing McDonald's brutal murder in front of at least ten officers who did nothing to stop Van Dyke, but instead are accused of filing false reports to try to cover up the crime.

Contrary to the police video, Van Dyke also lied after the shooting, and lied on the witness stand. Throughout the trial, he stood silent next to one of his defense attorneys, Randy Rueckart, but during closing arguments he had a smirk on his face throughout the proceedings. He looked creepy at times. At one point, he came behind me to speak to his wife. I got the chills.

But a jury saw through Van Dyke's smoke and mirrors and convicted Van Dyke anyway of second-degree murder, but with 16 counts of aggravated battery with a firearm. The convictions could put the murderer behind bars for the rest of his life if Judge Vincent Gaughan brings down the hammer at Van Dyke's sentencing on Halloween, October 31.

To Van Dyke and his family, it's a scary possibility. To Black Chicago, it's a just punishment for an officer who haunted Chicago the last several years as we watched the video of him ripping into McDonald with a Smith and Wesson 45 firearm. His name is Jason and unlike the Halloween film series, the killer with the badge won't be back for a sequel.

While the verdict was the

end for Van Dyke, it was certainly the beginning of a new day for disenfranchised Blacks and minorities in Chicago. In addition to City Hall and the police department, the justice system in Cook County is finally showing some life too.

Which is why the guilty verdict of Van Dyke is so significant for Chicago and perhaps America.

In the most segregated city in America, all three Chicago institutions are on the cusp of experiencing unprecedented change like never before. For decades City Hall, the police department and the Cook County justice system were viewed as broken institutions that together, allowed police brutality and misconduct to run rampant in the city's Black and low-income neighborhoods.

Things slowly began to change in Chicago when McDonald's shocking death made headlines around the world. Police Superintendent McCarthy was fired, Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez was ousted in the 2016 Democratic Primary and the mayor himself decided not to seek another term in office at the start of the Van Dyke trial.

Before his decision, the mayor tried to win back trust in the Black community by appointing Blacks in high positions and building new schools and bridges in the Black community.

The Chicago Police Department, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Housing Authority and the Chicago Department of Water Management are headed by Blacks. Last month, the mayor appointed Richard Ford II to become the city's second Black Fire Commissioner in the department that for 160 years had been led by Irish and white leaders. Five of these leaders were appointed after the scandal broke. Often viewed as puppets of the mayor, they are now free lead for the people now that the mayor is leaving office. And with the city's mayoral elections just over four months away, Chicago may get its first Black female mayor.

William Calloway, the activist who got us to this point, is now talking about sweeping out the city's Black aldermen. According to an explosive exposé in the Crusader last week, many of the aldermen took thousands of dollars from the mayor less than a month before they approved a \$5 million settlement on April 15, 2015 for the family of McDonald.

In addition, the city has agreed to sweeping reforms in a new Consent Decree with the Chicago Police Department after a scathing

U.S. Justice Report in 2017. The report said officers routinely used excessive force on Blacks and minorities and were rarely disciplined for misconduct. Since Emanuel took office in 2011, the city has paid at least \$280 million to settle police misconduct cases, many of which involve Black residents. In an investigation of 450 cases of police misconduct, the Chicago in 2016 Tribune found that city often fights to keep files secret during and after settlement talks with victims of alleged police brutality. The \$5 million settlement with McDonald's family was no different until the video broke the scandal wide open.

In two years under Cook County's first Black State's Attorney Kim Foxx, 42 people have been exonerated years after they were convicted with the help of crooked cops Sergeant Ronald Watts and the notorious Jon Burge, who ironically died last month during the second week of Van Dyke's trial. Many of their victims are Black and poor.

Van Dyke's guilty verdict was the latest and perhaps most crushing blow to a system that stood tall for decades. Not only did it renew hope in a creaky criminal justice system, but it also sent a stern warning to bad cops in Chicago and across the nation that their time is up. And it may be a foreshadowing to another police misconduct trial that's set for November 26 in Chicago, involving three officers who are accused of falsifying police reports to cover up what I can now say was a murder.

Police shootings or killings in America have come and gone in the last five years. The officers who have gunned down Black males are back patrolling the streets while the names of their victims have faded: Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, Freddie Gray, Alton Sterling and Philandro Castro. The list goes on and on.

They left behind sons, daughters, families and communities that will take a long time to heal. Their loved ones' killer, like many, are never charged with taking someone's life or rarely see a courtroom.

This summer, Dallas Officer Roy Oliver was sentenced to 15 years in prison after being convicted of murder in the shooting death of Jordan Edwards. The victim's family said the sentence wasn't enough.

Likewise, many felt Van Dyke should have been convicted of first-degree murder. But guilty on 16 counts of aggravated battery plus second-degree murder? I'll take that.

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4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Reception/Minority Business Enterprise Spotlight Presentations and Vendor Fair with special performance by saxophonist, Benny Hill Co-sponsored by UNCW Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Thursday, Oct. 25 | 7:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

7:30 - 9:30 a.m. The Coalition's Business Roundtables and Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Cape Fear MED Week Keynote Speaker Gloria Shealey, President and CEO of The Daniele Company

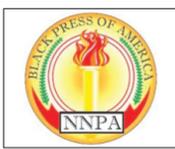
10:50 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Workshops on Hurricane Florence Recovery to Business Financing

12:15 p.m. Luncheon and Motivational Speaker Suprena Hickman, RN; Chief Escape Officer, Suprena Hickman Enterprises

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OUR VOICE

JUDICIAL ENDORSEMENTS

Now that early voting has begun in North Carolina (now through Saturday, Nov. 3rd), voters can finally be heard through the ballot box in their choices for public office.

When it comes to judicial candidates, beside their local choices, voters statewide are considering who will fill one state Supreme Court seat, and three NC Court of Appeals seats.

This newspaper has researched those judicial candidates thoroughly, and will now share our endorsements with you. Whether you agree with our endorsements or not, we strongly urge you NOT to sit this critical midterm election out.

Make sure you VOTE either during the early voting period, or on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6th.

FOR NC SUPREME COURT:

ANITA EARLS

As a distinguished civil rights attorney for 30 years, Anita Earls has repeatedly been on the front lines of major litigation affecting the lives of hundreds of thousands of African-Americans across North Carolina. Whether it was fighting voter suppression efforts by the Republican-led NC General Assembly, or advocating for the rights of economically disadvantaged citizens, attorney Earls has been an unyielding force for justice.



As founder of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Earls has made the upholding of hard-fought-for civil rights the hallmark of her impressive legal career.

Clearly, a NC Associate Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls would maintain that standard in considering cases that deserve the judgment of someone committed to fairness and equality.

Ms. Earls served as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights with the US Justice Dept. during the Clinton Administration. Before that, she was Civil rights attorney with Ferguson, Stein, and Sumter Law Firm in Charlotte. Earls also served as director of the Voting Rights project for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Former US Attorney General Eric Holder has endorsed Anita Earls for the NC Supreme Court, saying, "She will be a great Justice for the North Carolina Supreme Court. This is a state that has a lot of problems, a lot of issues that need to be dealt with and I'm confident that if Anita becomes the next Supreme Court Justice in this great state that she will deal with those problems in a way that is appropriate, in a way that is not partisan, in a way that is fair and will not be a person beholden to the special interests, but focus on the needs of the people who she will be elected to serve."

FOR NC COURT OF APPEALS:

JOHN ARROWOOD

If endorsements are to be believed, then NC Appellate Court Judge John Arrowwood has impressed the Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg; the North Carolina Association of Educators; Equality North Carolina; the AFL-CIO; and the NC National Organization for Women Political Action Committee, just to name a few. Judge Arrowwood was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper to serve on the NC Court of Appeals in 2017, and is vying now to be elected to a full term. He previously served on the Appellate Court from 2007 to 2008. Previous to that, Arrowwood served as a Special Superior Court judge.



Judge Arrowwood says, "My record reflects that I administered justice equally, fairly, and without favoritism, and I will do so for as long as I serve."

ALLEGRA COLLINS

If nothing else, attorney Allegra Collins is considered one of the best practitioners of appellate law in the state; appearing regularly before the NC Supreme Court and Court of Appeals; law clerk for Appellate Court Judge Linda Stephens 2007-2010; clinical assistant professor at Campbell Law School; and member of the NC Bar Association's Appellate Rules Committee, among other highlights.



Attorney Collins is nothing if she isn't impressive. Former Chief Justice Burley Mitchell says, "Allegra has all the personal and professional qualifications we want and need in our judges on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. She has earned my enthusiastic endorsement."

TOBY HAMPSON

Attorney Toby Hampson is another candidate for NC Court of Appeals that's considered one of the best there is. Hampson was named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers in North Carolina (2015, 2017, 2018) by Super Lawyer Magazine. Top rated Appellate Attorney by North Carolina Super Lawyers, recognized in Appellate Practice (2014-2018), and as a "Rising Star" (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013); Certified as a Specialist in Appellate Practice by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. Among other highlights.



One of the NC Appellate Court judges Toby clerked for was Wanda Bryant. Today he is a partner at the Raleigh law firm of Wyrick, Robbins, Yates and Ponton, where he leads the firm's Appellate Practice Division. He also serves on the North Carolina State Bar Association Appellate Rules Committee.

Visual Voice



YOUR VOICE

Five steps you must follow to safely cast your vote

1. Check to see if you are still registered (Democrats in Georgia, Texas and other states names were taken off

the books to make sure Republicans win). 2. Check your polling place, dates and hours open. 3. Get a copy of your sample ballot. 4. If you do not know who to vote for, ask the most honest person you trust to help you. Write down your list and take it

into the polling booth, you have that right. Remember you can't use your cell phone to call anyone to ask who to vote for (no lifeline -smile).5. If any poll- worker (scrutineer) intimidates you, be cool, cast your vote, then call the election protection hot-

line-1-888-687-8683 and file a complaint. Please share this with family and friends because we need every vote to save ourselves and our "USA" from TRUMP and his cult!!!

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

OUR VOICE

Why you should vote "No" on all six admmendments

You know, you have to give the Republican majority, and particularly the GOP legislative leadership in the NC General Assembly, credit.

They pretty much know that the good people of North Carolina have had enough of their legislative double-dealing, and sinister attempts at voter oppression aimed at African-Americans, so they've come up with a plan.

And it's a real doozy! Realizing that they might not still be in power come 2019, the GOP has designed six broadly worded constitutional amendments that, if passed, would be almost impossible to remove.

You see, statutory laws are always amended, or even stricken from the books. All it takes is a simple majority vote of both the state House and Senate.

But a constitutional amendment is a special animal. The state constitution, according to Ballotpedia, is the "highest legal document for the state." It is our governing document, creating the structure and function of North Carolina governance.

In short, it's our state "bible."

Thus, it takes much more than a simple up-or-down vote to change anything per the state constitution. At least 60% of all the members of both the House and Senate have to put a submitted amendment to a statewide vote, which is why we've never seen six amendments proposed in one year before.

One or two, yes, but definitely NOT six.

But just because a state constitutional amendment is ludicrous on its face, doesn't necessarily mean that lawmakers can easily remove it.

For example, and we didn't know this until we researched it, Section Four of Article VI of the 1868 North Carolina Constitution states that a person must be literate in the English language before registering to vote. The provision was used to deny African-Americans the right to vote then, and guess what - it's STILL in the state Constitution today.

Obviously, it is not being enforced today, but it remains because several attempts to

remove it have always fallen short.

Republicans know how difficult it is to remove anything from the state Constitution, which brings us back to six ridiculous constitutional amendments they've put forth on a ballot referendum for the November 6th elections.

If Republicans can get citizens to vote "for" these six proposed amendments, then all the GOP has to do is reconvene in Special Session right after the election, and pass laws based on the broad language of the amendments on the ballots - language so broad that Democrats claim is "misleading", allowing Republicans can get away with whatever, because voters will have voted to allow them to.

For example, let's look at the proposed ballot amendment most civil rights activists, especially the NC NAACP, are concerned with **NUMBER ONE** - Constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person. FOR or AGAINST.

THAT'S IT! NO DETAILS! Republicans say if voters pass this, they'll fill in all the details later (like during that Special November Session they're planning for). Dangerous!

NUMBER TWO - Constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%). FOR or AGAINST.

No one likes high taxes, but by that same token, no one wants to see state government go broke and not fulfill the basic needs of its citizens. Capping the income tax rate to just 7% constitutionally is a gift to the rich. But how many hurricanes and other disasters will it take to convince Republican lawmakers (since they've been in charge since 2011) that when disaster strikes, or the economy goes bad costing us jobs, or we fail to invest in our public schools, or cut services to our poor, all because we deliberately fiscally handcuffed ourselves so that no more revenue can come in when needed? Setting the income tax rate

at 7% means even if Democrats do take over in 2019, they CAN'T change it by themselves. Thus, it never gets changed.

THIRD PROPOSED AMENDMENT - taking the power to fill judicial vacancies away from the governor, and give that power primarily to state lawmakers. Why? So that they can handpick partisan judges who will rule their way, NOT according to the law or justice. And don't let the ballot language fool you. They may involve the governor in the process, but they have the last word!

FOURTH - Constitutional amendment to establish an eight-member Bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections Enforcement in the Constitution to administer ethics and elections law. FOR or AGAINST.

Another "let's weaken the governor even more" attempt, taking his power to appoint members away, and eliminating the ninth member position (an unaffiliated member), and thus, allowing for a stalemate vote more times than not when it comes to election issues.

The fifth and sixth proposed Constitutional amendments are designed to arouse conservatives into believing that some basic state's rights are being trampled on, or are at risk, when in fact, they're not.

THE FIFTH PROPOSED AMENDMENT - Constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for victims of crime; to establish certain absolute basic rights for victims; and to ensure the enforcement of these rights. FOR or AGAINST.

For starters, North Carolina is replete with laws on the books that adequately protect the rights of crime victims. Ever hear of North Carolina's "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights?"

From the NC Attorney General's Office (https://www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/afe94055-3b62-42be-86bc-499a0a8e2d46/Crime-Victims-Bill-of-Rights.aspx) - "Under this law, victims have the right to be notified of the dates and times of court proceedings and the status of appeals. Victims also get pri-

ority rights in restitution and get the right to be heard."

So why is the GOP trying to make you believe that you'd be buck naked for rights if you become the victim of a crime in North Carolina?

Because if they scare you enough, you'll come running to the polls on Election Day, and may also vote for all of their other nonsensical, misleading proposed constitutional amendments.

And finally (we've saved the best for last), **NUMBER SIX** - Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.

Now seriously...when was the last time you heard of ANYONE seeking to outlaw your right to hunt or fish in North Carolina? Really?

And yet, just because the Republicans are saying so, there are those who will swear by it, and come out to the polls in droves, to stop those "ornery liberals from takin' away my right to catch bass and shoot rabbits!"

Again, why this silly, worthless amendment? Because if the GOP scare conservatives enough, they'll come running to the polls on Election Day, and may also vote for all of their other nonsensical, misleading proposed constitutional amendments.

It is a slick way of codifying what Republicans want, even when they're out of power - suppress the black vote; assure the rich that their taxes will ALWAYS remain low; grab control of the judiciary; and limit or deny the governor his constitutional power of appointing to boards and commissions. Those are the main agenda items on the ballot for the Republican legislative leadership.

The Black newspaper publishers of this state, which includes The Wilmington Journal, say NIX ALL SIX! Vote AGAINST on the ballot for ALL six! Tell your friends, family and neighbors! NO on ALL SIX AMENDMENTS!

Early voting has begun between now, and Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tuesday, Nov. 6th, is Election Day! VOTE! This election is too important not to!

Tell them you read it in



THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

TO BE EQUAL

Urban Reentry Jobs Program tapping into the full potential of formerly incarcerated community members

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"I wasn't informed about the long-term consequences of my conviction before or after I accepted a plea deal for seven years and eight months in 2004. It wasn't until my release in 2012 that I learned about the hidden sentence I would experience for the rest of my life. When I was released I had a plan to succeed, but little by little my plan crumbled. I couldn't become a welder, an auto body and paint technician or a barber. I couldn't even scrub toilets and mop floors at the local hospital. The more I tried to contribute to my community, the more I faced barriers." – **Jay Jordan, Second Chances Project Director, Californians for Safety and Justice**



Marc Morial

with a reasonable clear path, but for those emerging from incarceration, they are extraordinary.

The National Urban League has been serving the formerly incarcerated for more than fifty years, only in the last few years with the support of the federal government. The Urban Reentry Jobs Program provides formerly incarcerated adults with the necessary skills and training to successfully re-enter the workforce and jobs at family-sustaining wages.

Through Adult Re-entry, a National Urban League signature program, the formerly incarcerated have an opportunity to earn industry-recognized credentials, learn employment-focused skills, and form positive relationships with their communities.

Among the nearly 800 participants: 86% have earned a credential or certificate 95% did not return to prison 65% became employee

A 35-year-old father of three, Mario emerged from prison after eight years never having held a permanent legal job. He was living at a Salvation Army

before he found his way to the Chicago Urban League. After completing the Urban Reentry Jobs Program, Mario has graduated with high honors from the welding program at Kennedy-King College.

The need for initiatives like the Urban Reentry Jobs Program could not be more critical. As many as three out of four people remain unemployed a year after their release from prison, and just 12.5 percent of employers say they will accept job applications from the formerly incarcerated.

This burden falls disproportionately on America's people of color, who represent more than two-thirds of the incarcerated while comprising only about 24% percent of the population. African Americans are more likely than white Americans to be arrested; once arrested, they are more likely to be convicted; and once convicted, they are more likely to face stiff sentences. Black men are six times as likely to be incarcerated as white men.

No aspect of the criminal justice system has exacerbated the mass incarceration crisis more than the so-called War on Drugs, and none is more racially disparate. African Americans are no more likely to use or sell prohibited drugs than whites, but they far more likely to be charged and sentenced to prison for identical

conduct.

This crisis impacts not only the families of the incarcerated, but the nation as a whole. According to an ACLU report, the gross national product suffers an annual loss of \$80 billion a year due to employment discrimination against the formerly incarcerated. Not to mention the costs to local and state governments caused by recidivism: if states could lower recidivism rates by just 10 percent, they could save an average of \$635 million annually, according to Pew Research Center.

Millions of people leave prison to re-enter their communities each year. The Urban League Movement is committed to removing barriers to their full participation and helping every American to achieve his or her full potential. As civil rights attorney Michelle Alexander wrote in her seminal work, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, "Martin Luther King Jr. called for us to be lovestruck with each other, not colorblind toward each other. To be lovestruck is to care, to have deep compassion, and to be concerned for each and every individual, including the poor and vulnerable."

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

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES White supremacy is a terminal disease

The recent rash of white people calling the police on black people for merely being alive and functioning is an indication that this society is sicker than any of us may want to admit.

The most recently reported incident - that of Teresa Klein calling the police on a nine-year-old African American boy whom she said groped her - cast a glaring light on America's sickness when it comes to the infestation of white supremacy in this nation. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/12/nyregion/woman-calls-police-black-boy-brooklyn.html>)

While this young boy - and his terrified little sister - sobbed in anguish, this woman threw her sense of superiority around and called the police. The little boy thought he was going to go to jail but Klein could not hear his sobs or see him as a little boy! When Klein was shown the surveillance tape that showed that the little boy's backpack had brushed against her and that he had not groped her, she apologized.

But it was too late. The little boy and his sister are scarred for life. White supremacists cannot see, hear or respect that sentence because they have objectified black, brown and poor people, and women as well. Theirs is a mindset that cannot see everyone as human, made by God and deserving of being treated with respect. In the practice of life, that kind of inability represents a brokenness in the human spirit which can only lead to continued breakdown of society.

What we are seeing is the white supremacy subset of American government fighting to hold onto its power. Those in power are threatened by everything that has been happening in this country. There are and have been too many people being given the right to "be," and their life's work seems to be to pull everything back to where they are and have been comfortable for generations. Making America "great" again is about re-establishing the superiority and sovereignty of white maleness, a sovereignty which has caused much undue pain and suffering for people for hundreds of years.

White supremacy as a construct of racial and gender power grabbing is a spiritual and societal illness which has caused those who adhere to it the incapacity to consider anyone other than themselves as human beings, created by God. They expect those against whom they discriminate to be grateful for being allowed to live in this country and to just take their second-class citizenship treatment quietly, without challenging it. They pout when they are called out on their racism and sexism, claiming themselves to be the victims. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, after leading debacle which resulted in Brett Kavanaugh being named to the US Supreme Court, said that the senators were being "mobbed" by those who were challenging the process. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/mitch-mccconnell-says-hes-increasingly-optimistic-republicans-will-hold-the-senate/2018/10/11/ea81b1d8-cd92-11e8-a3e6-44daa3d35ede_story.html?utm_term=.e9515571fa34)

While the white supremacist subset claims that this is a nation of laws, it actually cherry picks the laws it wants to honor and those it chooses to ignore. It is no secret, for example, that white supremacists have been behind some of the most heinous mass murders of black people in this country, not concerned at all that they would be held accountable for their actions. Law enforcement officers have frequently been participants at best, and at worst, non-acting onlookers of incidents like the Tulsa race riot (https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/tulsa-race-riots_us_574fc3aae4b0ed593f134a92) and the Elaine (AR) race riot. (<https://blackpast.org/aah/elaine-arkansas-riot-1919>) White supremacists have made laws that disenfranchise black and brown people, and most recently, Native Americans. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/in-senate-battle-ground-native-american-voting-rights-activists-fight-back-against-voter-id-restrictions/2018/10/12/7bc3ad2-cd60-11e8-a360-85875bac0b1f_story.html?utm_term=.14fc1184bb28)

Whenever any human being cannot see and respect the rights and the worth of other human beings, it is indicative of a malfunctioning of the human spirit. The human spirit, created by God, recognizes the worth of all people - even those with whom it does not agree. When people will not and cannot respect others on that level, the society is in trouble. No nation can continue to exist when a large segment of its population has been relegated to the status of "object." Those so designated will eventually rise up and lash out. White supremacy in this country is damaging democracy - something it has been doing for a long time - and the end-result will be a shut-down of the government and more suffering for its people. But in that phase of disease, white people who have been able to circumvent the toxicity and spiritual ruination that white supremacy causes will be affected, too. They will suffer even more than those who have been fighting against white supremacy for generations because their spirits have not been forced to create spiritual antibodies against the evil which is what white supremacy is. They who have scoffed at the notion of objectification that blacks, and browns, and women, have complained about will be hit in a way they never have before, and will not be able to withstand the impact or the pressure of having to live in perpetual defense of their right to exist.

White supremacy is a terminal disease, and it is spreading rapidly under the current administration. It is causing the rot to spread, as does the virus which causes Ebola, and that is dangerous. If white supremacy were a spiritual infection, the antibody called agape love would work to heal it, but viruses, as well know, do not respond to antibodies. A virus must "run its course," and it seems that at the end of its run, white supremacy will have done too much damage for this society to recover.

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interview, and just have myself a nice comfy Kavanaugh!

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USE It or LOSE It!

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No matter what?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I am compelled to express my disgust at the determination of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the White House to ramrod through a Supreme Court (SCOTUS) nomination no matter what. While Brett Kavanaugh might meet some standards for a Justice, as far as his legal training and experience, there are other factors which weigh heavily with this nomination.

I am well aware that "elections have consequences," so whomever the president is when a SCOTUS vacancy occurs has earned the right, by virtue of the votes of his/her fellow citizens, to nominate a person to fill the vacancy (unless you are President Barack Obama in the winter of 2016).

There are so many things that are being done out of order now that undermine any façade of comity or cooperation, that we find ourselves in a constant state of toxic politics. I am concerned that our democracy is being sacrificed on the altar of political expediency and ideological purity. I am especially troubled that some women

would dismiss, out-of-hand, a complaint about sexual assault or harassment from other women just because it is ideologically inconvenient. While I expect, but don't excuse, that cognitive dissonance from men in positions of power, I expect better from women. For some senators to earnestly assert their "sympathy" that Dr. Ford was assaulted, but to also claim that she has misremembered who assaulted her is insulting and laughable.



Rev. Stephen Tillett

This is not about ideology nor the usual bloviations about "right" and "left." This is fundamentally about human decency and respecting the claims of women about the abuses they have faced, whether there were eye witnesses to it or not (such as with the accusers of jailed comedian Bill Cosby. I'm just sayin'...)

One has to wonder what the daughters and granddaughters of some US Senators think about their father/grandfather's politically dismissive attitudes toward sexual assault. This obsession over abortion overlooks a few realities. First, less than two percent of all the cases the SCOTUS hears will involve abortion. Second, even with the White House, both houses of Congress and a conservative majority on the SCOTUS, they will probably never end all access to legal abortion, because that would deprive some candidates of their go-to campaign issue every election season.

I know and believe that all life is precious, but not just pre-born life! Some of the same people who are obsessed to end abortion are also the people who oppose programs that would enhance the standard of living for the children once they have been born. How can one insist a child be born but then oppose AFDC and SNAP benefits,

Head Start programs, health care for said children and free or affordable college or vocational education? If we made the world more child (and parent) friendly, there would likely be a lot less abortions. Third, most of the political leadership, while manipulating

the abortion issue to their own advantage are really more concerned with the other 98 to 99 percent of rulings the SCOTUS makes. And many of those rulings from a "conservative" (i.e., corporate and pro-business) court will lead to negative outcomes for most Americans, such as, rulings made asserting that corporations deserve the same rights as people.

The court makes many more rulings that damage our nation concerning the burgeoning security and police state in America, the environment, worker's rights, voter suppression and gerrymandering and any number of other matters that affect the daily lives of many Americans.

This is about a lifetime appointment to our highest court. Irrespective of how long it may take, we have to get this right - no matter what!

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I'm about to have me a Kavanaugh!

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I'm mad. So mad that I can spit. Throw stuff. Holla. Make some noise. What is a righteous woman to do? I'm about to throw me a Kavanaugh.

Brett Kavanaugh may have made it to the Supreme Court, but he also needs to make it to ignominy. In other words, he needs to go down in disgrace, not because he was accused of sexual assault, not because Senate Democrats never got his work product they asked for from the Bush Administration, not because there is some evidence that he perjured himself when he testified to the Senate during his hearing. Kavanaugh needs to go down in disgrace because he is an intemperate, rude, sexist who managed to maneuver himself onto the Supreme Court because his sponsor, the genital-grabbing President of the United States, stood by him.

Few have seen such a disgraceful performance as Kavanaugh's 45-minute diatribe at the Senate Judiciary Committee. More than two thousand law professors said his demeanor was so objectionable that he was unqualified for the court. The former



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

dean of the Yale Law School called his presence on the court "a national disaster." He was confirmed by the narrowest of margins and is poised to move the court to the right, imperiling all kinds of human rights, including voting rights, a woman's right to choose, and other rights. For his outburst and his ignorance, he deserves to go down in history, not as a Supreme Court Justice but as a singular example of white male rage and privilege. So let's make Kavanaugh a noun, verb, and adjective of disgrace. As a noun, it's straightforward. It's a synonym for hot, crazy, intemperate, loud, woman-interrupting fit. Noun. He pulled a Kavanaugh on us. That's what we say when a fool white man loses it, gains some redness, inhales barrels of water, and simply makes a spectacle of himself. As an example, didn't Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) pull a Kavanaugh when he had an outburst during the Senate hearings?

Kavanaugh's outburst set a standard for outrageousness. When women of color raise their voice and lose their tempers, think Serena Williams at the US Open, they are vilified with hostile and racist cartoons coming from all over the world. I've yet to see a Kavanaugh cartoon that has lava coming out of his head or through his ears. I say lava, but given the line of questioning, it might well be another liquid, maybe beer. Since Kavanaugh has set a standard for outrageousness, let's memorialize it by making him that kind of a noun.

He could also be a verb. He is just Kavanaughing for attention, we might say to the perpetrator of an outburst. Lots of Kavanaughing going on on Capitol Hill. Let's just call it as it is. Not a fit. Not a tantrum. Not a loss of control. But a Kavanaugh.

A particular aspect of the Kavanaugh, or Kavanaughing, is interrupting, especially interrupting women. So the use of the Kavanaugh noun, verb, adjective is easily adaptable to the workplace, given the frequency with which men enjoy interrupting women. Please, don't Kavanaugh me today, I'd like to make my point, a

woman might say. Or we've had enough Kavanaughing for today, let's conform to codes of civility. Can't you see how invoking the name of the great interrupter puts everything in perspective? To Kavanaugh is to interrupt, to disrespect, to come back with a tepid apology, and to be assured that you will get away with it.

Then there is an adjective here. An adjective is descriptive, and Kavanaugh is sure-nuff a descriptive. That was a Kavanaugh fool. She through a Kavanaugh fit. I won't have a Kavanaugh worker in my shop. We can't pay for Kavanaugh water consumption, we're on a budget. There was so much in that Kavanaugh performance to link to a noun, verb, pronoun that I'm sure my Kavanaugh fit hardly scratches the surface.

The 51 Senators who confirmed Brett Kavanaugh to be a Justice of the Supreme Court represent a minority (about 45 percent) of the population. That alone is ground for considering amendments to the Constitution. More importantly, while we in the

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 nh-naacp@gmail.com.

Free flu shots will be given on Friday October 19th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 321 Causeway Drive in Wrightsville Beach. Open to the public. Please bring your picture ID and your insurance card. You will be asked to complete a New Hanover County Outreach Vaccination Authorization Form prior to receiving the flu shot. You may bring the completed form with you or fill one out upon arrival. If you have any questions, please call the New Hanover County Health Department at (910) 798 - 6529.

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Thank You In Advance Amir and Atiya Johnson

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

We are living in changing times near us and far away

The changing times could be day or night. We senior citizens have seen many things come to pass and, therefore, have a lot to think about. We also have much for which to be thankful. We have experienced many hurricanes, just as we are experiencing many hurricanes now. However, it seems more and more that the hurricanes of the past can hardly be compared with the ones we are having today.



Verniece Stanley

Florence is being called the worst hurricane we've seen in our lifetime. Many homes have been left unlivable because of floods and wind damage in the neighbor-

hood. Some schools and other such places have been made available for families to use for dwelling and will have to be acceptable until displaced families can go back to their own houses. It is a very sad thing to know that so many returned home and found them almost covered with water, water not healthful to be used for anything. Many thanks to the Red Cross and others who have helped and are still helping us in times like these.

We received information that Michael was a very strong hurricane and was headed toward North Carolina. We continued listening to the weather reports and continued to hear that it could bring more destruction in the community on Thursday and Friday of last week. We are thankful that such a forecast did not come

to fruition. Instead, Michael was perhaps the most forceful storm ever to make landfall, but it did most of its damage in various parts of Florida.

This is the fall season of the year, and we see, here and there, trees budding just as if it were spring or summer. This is something unusual. We have not usually seen this before. We do not expect these changes to improve in the future. We can speak clearly about these things and make all the necessary preparations possible. We cannot control the weather nor change the direction of a storm. The best we can do is try to make life safe and comfortable for us and our families in times like these. We can do our best to keep from becoming homeless, especially if we have small children. I can always have kindness

for my neighbors and look forward for good, kind, and helpful ones to come my way again and again.

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

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Home loan for displaced families

In the ongoing efforts to help families get back on their feet, a new Home Loan program has emerged.



Brenda Dixon

Homeowners want to get back to a sense of normalcy and this program was created to expedite that. The FHA 203(H) Disaster Relief Program is designed to give extra considerations to help a family qualify whereas traditional mortgages do

not. This program provides mortgages for victims of major disasters who have lost their home and are buying a replacement home or restoring what nature destroyed.

This also applies to RENTERS that were displaced and want to purchase vs. renting again. If your previous residence was destroyed by a flood, fire, storm, hurricane, earthquake or another federally declared natural disaster, you may qualify.

This program is for primary residences only and

offers 100% financing whereas a traditional FHA loan requires 3.5% downpayment.

This program accepts lower credit scores than other 100% financing programs. This program will allow for more debts than other 100% programs. It also will NOT include the current mortgage payment of the damaged home in the calculations when deciding if you can afford this new mortgage.

All of these features together in one loan is truly a blessing and will help many, many families. I'm on a mission to spread this good

news and I encourage you to do the same. So many are still wondering which way to turn and they need to know, help is here. I have started compiling a list of lenders that offer this FHA 203(H) loan that serves all of N.C. This list is available to anyone upon request.

Until next week, share this article with 3 people and reach out for your FREE personalized action plan to OWN in next 18 months or less.

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African Heritage Commission Letter of Appeal

Greetings to all Faith Centers, fraternities, sororities, masons, Eastern Stars, community groups et al from the members of the Wilmington African American Heritage Commission. Please read this very Urgent and Important appeal below!

The Commission has made a formal proposal to the City of Wilmington to rename a meaningful entity within the city in honor of one of its most noted sons - Retired Major General Joseph McNeil. Gen. McNeil is known throughout America as being one of the principle organizers and members of the Greensboro Four. The four young college students who took a "stand" against racist discrimination, and "Sat

Down" at the Woolworth Lunch Counter in Greensboro, North Carolina in February 1960. They did this, to protest against the practice of not allowing Blacks (African Americans) to "sit" at the lunch counter although we were encouraged to spend our money there. The actions of these four young men ignited and initiated the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement in North Carolina and Sit-Ins all over the South.

Major General Joseph McNeil is a native Wilmingtonian, born and raised and is a proud graduate of Williston Senior High School, the all black high school of that time. As years of consciousness have grown and appreciation for these four

young gladiators also has grown; many cities, institutions, and groups have gloriously named various historical sites in honor of these heroes. Unfortunately, Wilmington has not done anything to honor the courageous initiative and life of Major General McNeil who is also a Vietnam War Veteran and received the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal upon retirement.

The Wilmington African American Heritage Commission is asking you, your organization, or church to join us in appealing to the City of Wilmington to name an entity in this city after Major General Joseph McNeil. We are asking that you send a letter to the City of

Wilmington Naming Committee to express your support of the African American Commission's efforts to have Eighth (8th) Street - where he grew up, named in honor of Retired Major General McNeil (JoJo).

Please, we deeply need and appreciate your support and we ask if you can get the letter out immediately at least in the next seven (7) days. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Brother Kojo Nantambu at 704-641-7951 or 910-769-4505.

Thank you for joining us and we look forward to your letter of support.

Yours in the spirit of brotherhood and maintaining our heritage,

Reverend Kojo Nantambu Project Coordinator

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Dashiell Titus Parker

There is an old saying, "it takes a village," Dashiell Titus Parker loved a village.

What's at the unspoken heart of that saying is the love of a community banding together to nurture one of their own. And if that community does its job well, that root of love will take hold, grow and flourish. The harvest? The community's love comes back to them. In abundance. All who loved the child will watch him grow into a man who loves his village in return.

On a crisp January day in 1988, a new member came into our village. There was the cry of birth and Dash took his place in our world. Shelly and Carl Putnam Parker III stared down on blond hair, blue eyes, and a fertile heart that was to grow and expand to reach deeply into the lives of the circle of the people who surrounded him. Those who loved him will watch him grow into a willow sapling of a man who became part of the village. His village. All who met him were greeted with long, wide arms as open as his heart. People's lives in Wilmington and beyond have been touched by his charm, his wit and the warmth of that gentle, loving embrace. The openness with which he enveloped you reflected the truth of his love. Someone recently said, "He had a way of making everyone feel loved and special-he loved perfectly." It has always held true. Not just in theory, but in his demonstrated practice.

If you went anywhere with Dash, no one person could be defined as the prototypical "Dash's friend." There was always an abundance of the spectrum of humanity's offerings. There is an often misquoted phrase, "How do you spell love? T-I-M-E." Misquote or not, Dashiell would take time and spend genuine heartfelt periods talking to people. The superficialities of surface conversations were stripped away. Love would be lavished in his delving deeper. He heard with his heart as richly as he heard with his ears.

The actual quote, "To a child, love is spelled T-I-M-E" was said by a Zig Ziglar. Over the years, many children saw a living demonstration of that axiom through Dash. He would "spell love" by spending hours making them feel loved and appreciated as people, not as novelties. They often bestowed the honorary title of "Uncle Dash" on him. Not because they had to, but because he earned it.

Living in and of itself is an experience that is to be savored. Dash delved deeply into anything he did. From his observations of the world around him through the lens of his camera or the expressiveness of his music, he would pour himself into each pursuit fully. As a creator, he respected his work by being a meticulous, inventive craftsman because his thoughts would always be focused on the recipient of his handiwork. There are restored houses in Wilmington that have in every grain of wood that they contain the resonance of laughter of

those who heard Dash's humor as he left traces of his love in their resurrection.

A place of great joy in his life was his family. The boy loved his mama, Michelle (Shelly) O'Rourke. Fiercely. Period. Dash also had many "mamas" that loved him as if he was their own. His childlike view of Christmas brought the magic of the holiday alive for his family.

His love didn't stop there. He loved his stepfathers, Eric Miller, and Casey Haines. He loved his siblings: Harriet (Hattie) Haines; Quinten O'Rourke; Emalee Haines; Sophia & Alissa Miller; Seth Haines, Seth's wife Ashley, and their children: Austin; Sadie, and Leah. He loved his uncle, Ian Murphy. His cousins-especially Jim Smith. He was a "brother" also to Riley Monteath; Bradley Matthews and his daughter, ETTY; Jessica Nogueira and her daughter, Poppy; Rachel & Laura Harkey, Mandy Cornish & her son Xavier, and Conner Stavely. He cherished them all. He loved many other close friends - but there isn't enough ink to print them all.

In his passing the light seems to shine a little less brightly. But, in each heart that Dashiell touched, his spirit and his love live on in our words about, and in our memories of him. It's in that spirit of love and remembrance that we invite you to join us for a memorial service at Andrews Mortuary Chapel, 1617 Market St., Wilmington, NC on Saturday, October 20th at 4:00 PM. Afterward, friends are invited to 213 Forest Hills Drive, Wilmington, NC. Please join the village of Dash's family and friends as we come together to celebrate this beautiful spirit that touched so many of our lives.

Mary Lillie Johnson

Mary Lillie Johnson died October 4, 2018. Funeral services were held Friday, October 12, 2018 at St. Andrew AMEZ Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Mary was born to Robert and Christanna Newkirk on September 14, 1941 in Wilmington, NC. She was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. Following high school, Mary joined the Women's Army Corp at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. She served in the Army for one year and four months as a clerk. Mary was a devout Christian and a member of Zion Chapel AMEZ Church on Greenville Sound. She also served the Hillcrest Community in various leadership roles.

She leaves to celebrate the 77 years God shared her with us: four sons, Jerome, Eric, Albert Jr., and Harold; three step-sons, Greg, Derrick, and Benson; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Sadie Newkirk, Bennie Griffin, Cynthia Newkirk, Ronald Baabs, William and Gayle Newkirk, George and Deborah Newkirk, Sr., Robert and Beverly Newkirk, Sr. and Jacqueline Sweet. Mamie Chavis and Etta Armstrong preceded her in death. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Russell Montgomery, Jr.

Russell Montgomery, Jr., died October 10, 2018. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Providence Missionary Baptist Church.

Russell, son of the late Russell and Emma Montgomery, Sr. was born on March 20, 1949. Russell was educated in the Brunswick County School System, graduating from Lincoln High School in the

Class of 1967. He was a member of Providence Missionary Baptist Church. Russell had a passion for driving trucks. He was a truck driver for 52 years. He loved his job and made it his life-long job until his health failed. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his son, Tyron Montgomery and his sister, Lula M. Clark.

He leaves to cherish very fond memories: two sons, Russell Montgomery, III of Wilmington, NC and Ellis Montgomery of Belville, NC; 15 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Laura Formey of New York and Dorothy Montgomery and Elnora Montgomery both of Belville, NC; special friends, Willie Cole, Theodore Gibbs, Sam "Bo" Jenkins and Vernell Dyson. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

James Alfred Washington

James Alfred Washington, died October 9, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Son of the late Sadie and Willie Washington, James was born on December 1, 1943. He departed this earthly life on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, North Carolina.

James, affectionately called "Jimmy" by family and friends was educated in the New Hanover

County School System, attending Williston Senior High School before enlisting in the United States Army. He served his country honorably for twenty years. "Jimmy" served several duties overseas in Germany. After his discharge from the Army, "Jimmy" returned home and gained worked as a guard at the Sunny Point Terminal. "Jimmy" married the love of his life, Rosa Stokes on June 29, 1962. He loved going fishing and he also had a love for cars. He loved his family and opened his home to any family member that had a need to stay.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two

brothers, Adrian and Terry Washington. He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his dedicated wife of a lifetime, Rosa; two sons, Tyrone and Dennis (Kim); one daughter, Adrienne (Eric); five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including special friends, Wabias Blanks and friends on Meares Street. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

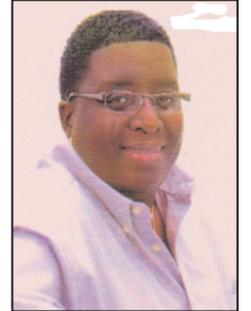
Minnie Long

Minnie Long died Thursday, October 11, 2018. Memorial service

were held Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel, John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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Happy Birthday In Heaven



Vencella Durham Wallace
Sunrise: October 19, 1965
Sunset: February 14, 2014

Wishing you were here today for even, just a while so I could say happy Birthday and see your loving smile. The only gifts today will be your sweet memories left behind of laughter, joy and happiness that echo on, in our minds. We will gaze upon pictures and think of you with love and know you're doing fine in Heaven up above. May angels hold you closely and sing you a happy song and we will be sending wishes today and all year long.

Mother- Barbara Durham
Daughter- Jazmine Wallace
Brother- Terry Durham

In Loving Memory Of Our Parents



Rueall Bennerman, Sr.
Sunrise: January 1, 1920
Sunset: November 26, 1990

Velma Nixon Bennerman
Sunrise: November 14, 1922
Sunset: June 29, 1999

JOINED IN UNION OCTOBER 19, 1939

Dear Dad and Mom,
We will always cherish sweet memories of you. Daughter, Juanita; sons, Sterlin and Ricardo; son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grand children and great grand children, other relatives and friends

In Loving Memory Of



Geraldine Crummy

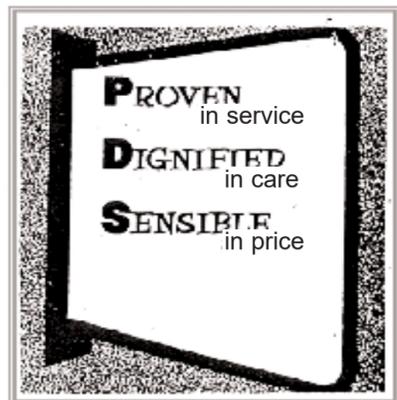
Meet you at the gate

A beautiful garden now stands alone missing the one who nurtured it but now she is gone. Her flowers still bloom and the sun if it still shines, but the rain is like tear drops, for the one left behind. The weeds lay waiting to the gardens beauty away but the beautiful memories of its keeper are in our hearts to stay. She loved every flower even some that were weeds, so much love she would plant with each little see. But just like her flowers she was part of God's plan, so when it was her time he reached down his hand, we looked through the garden searching for the best, that's when he found Gerry, it was her to rest. it was hard for those who loved her, to just let her go. But God had a spot in His garden, that needed a gentle soul, so when you start missing Gerry, remember if you just wait, when God has a spot in his garden, she'll meet you at the gate....

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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. Also on Sunday, October 28th their 2nd anniversary celebration will be held at 4:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 2929 Princess Place Dr.



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Church Women United will hold their World Community Day on November 2nd at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 1401 South College Rd. Coffee and sign in will begin at 9:30 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m. worship will begin.

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.

St. Stephen African Methodist Episcopal Church, 5th and Red Cross Sts., will celebrate their 153rd year Anniversary Service on Sunday, October 21st during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Pastor, Reverend Thomas O. Nixon will be the Preacher for this very special occasion. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.

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

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OBITUARIES

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Willie James Hall, Sr.

Affectionately known as "Bill", Willie James Hall, Sr. was born to the late Joe and Mary (Hooper) Hall in Brunswick County, on October 7, 1934. "Bill" submissively and peacefully exchanged his earthly vessel for his heavenly tabernacle on Thursday, October 4, 2018 in Leland, North Carolina. His transition into eternal life had just begun, in which he may unite with the love ones preceding him in death: His Wife of fifty-nine (59) years: Evelyn (Brown) Hall; Brothers: Joe Jean Hall and Roland Lee Hall. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Bill, at an early age became a member of Hoopers' Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Leland, North Carolina, where he served as Trustee for many years. He then went on to become a Deacon, serving for over thirty (30) years. Bill was educated in the Brunswick County Public School System. After many years, Willie retired from Cargill Salt of State Port in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Willie leaves to cherish his memories: four Sons: Willie J. Hall (Sherry) and Horace L. Hall (Sabrina) of Leland, North Carolina; Michael A.

Hall (Monica) of Baltimore Maryland and Wayne Hall (Ginger) of Charlotte, North Carolina; one daughter: Beverly Hall Branch (William) of Leland, North Carolina; four sisters: Lossie Bryant, Hattie Mosley and Maxine Grady (John) all of Leland, North Carolina and Irene Everett (Robert) of Navassa, North Carolina; four Brothers: Marvin Hall (Bertheen) and Joseph Hall (Sondra) both of Leland, North Carolina; William Hall of Wilmington, North Carolina and Wilbert Hall of New Jersey; fourteen grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren; special friends: Esau David and Mildred Jacobs, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

Beautiful Blessyn Fulmore-Moore

Infant Beautiful Blessyn Fulmore-Moore, daughter of Bobby Fulmore, Jr. and Melissa Moore, passed away on Friday, October 5, 2018. A private service will be held at a later date. Please keep the family in your prayers. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Trust in the Lord

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It's another day that the Lord has kept us! The Senior Citizens' Fellowship met on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at Bowens Chapel AMEZ Church for our weekly meeting. We had "meet and greet," and that was a great time for us to catch up on the week.

Our meeting was called to order by President Gladys Taylor. She welcomed us to her church. Mr. George Hill said it was a beautiful day and expressed how grateful we were. We opened with "I Am Thine, O Lord." Minister Sharon Pollock prayed for us today.

Next, we sang "Blessed Assurance." Minister Doris McQuillan expressed how good it was to be there. She

asked our speaker for today, Mrs. Marie Stitt, to come to bring her message. Her message was from Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding." She gave us the message that God will be pleased with us if we do what these verses say. She said that we need to trust God and have faith and that we cannot have faith without trust. She admonished us to pray and ask God if this is His will. We step out on our ways too many times and sometimes fail. We need to allow God to direct and lead us. We need to step out on our own, but we can do nothing. When we ask God for something, we need to be direct. We should ask God to lead us in what we say as well. We should ask God to let His will be done. God never fails! We will not be

ahead of Him if we lean on Him. God is our Protector! We need to ask Him for forgiveness and the help we need. We should also pray for each other to keep these verses.

Mrs. Stitt was thanked for such a great message and given a hand. We then had expressions. Mrs. Dorothy Syles gave us great information on the R. V. Conner Support Group and our supporters. For information, call Mrs. Dorothy Syles (910-799-9598) or Ms. Rachael Vaughn (910-395-5688). That information is very important.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Mary Green. The roll was called, and trip money was taken by Mrs. Cherry Pearson. We had no visitors today. The Callers report was given, and Mr. George Hill was the winner, with seven present. All callers

were given a hand. We will visit with Mount Calvary Baptist Church Sunday morning. Announcements were given, and we were reminded that we will go to Elderhaus Thursday and to remember to vote. To vote is very important.

The sick report was given by Mrs. Annie Haskins. We should pray for all the sick and those that have been displaced. Mrs. Mary Martin gave us our laughter for today, and did we laugh.

We must pray for Mrs. Annie Haskins' daughter and Mrs. Shirley Drye's niece.

Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us Together." Minister Doris McQuillan offered our closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

There were 34 in attendance today.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

First of all, before you do anything else, pray

The word first is defined as corresponding in order to the number 1. Coming or located before all others. Occurring or acting prior to all others; earliest.. Ranking above all others in importance or quality; foremost. (The American Heritage Dictionary).



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

Matthew 6:33, (KJV) "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (AMPC) 33 But seek (ajaim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (b)His way of doing and being right), and then all these things [c]taken together will be given you besides".

This was not a new concept; the children of Israel had forsaken their God, and was following the traditions of men. In Matthew 15:7-9, (KJV) "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the com-

mandments of men". This describes people we know.

Matthew 22:37-40, "Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

How can this be manifested or demonstrated within our lives? Through following the principles of the Bible. Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths".

We are now in a polarized environment in politics, where you can do and say anything to destroy your opponent whether it's true or false! What should be the behavior or conduct of Christians in these kind of environments? Certainly, not acting as mere men, but with a God consciousness. There is a Word from the Lord on this matter: 1 Timothy 2:1-6, (KJV) "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all

godliness and honesty; 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the

truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

"Pray for all men. Do not neglect, ignore, or bypass any person. Every person needs prayer; every person needs God: His salvation, care, direction, approval, and acceptance. Therefore, pray for all men.

Notice: we have an exhortation to pray, which means that it is both an encouragement and a charge. We are both encouraged and charged to put prayer first.

"First of all" stresses just how important prayer is. "First of all"-above all else, of supreme importance-put prayer first. "First of all"-before all else-pray for all men (Democratic and Republican that is the mandate for Christians).

Matthew 6:5-7, (KJV) 5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their

reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door; pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly; 7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Matthew 5:44 (KJV) 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;"

James 3:9-11 (KJV) 9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

Can we pray now? I speak not as a minister nor as a pastor, but as a prophet.

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

TELL SOMEBODY

"Survival in God's Economy"

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jeremiah 29:11

Economy: Careful or thrifty management or use of Resources, income, materials, labor

Many Americans are still reeling from shock, surprise, awe, and dismay at the recent state of our national economy. The public is concerned not only about today's economy, but also that of tomorrows. With our nation is so much debt, what kind of legacy are we leaving our children? The devastating effect of recent financial decisions, will trickle down and affect us all one way or another. This financial fiasco will have somewhat of a domino effect upon this nation. The billion dollar bailout, has helped only a hand few, who stand to profit millions at the taxpayers expense, while the common man is still struggling to pay his house note, educate his children, or save his business. One may wonder, where is God in the midst of this madness?

What is happening now, may come as a shock and surprise to many, but God is not shocked, God is not surprised, and God is not mocked! We as a nation can no longer stand on the "faith of our fathers". We need to stand in our own faith in Almighty God, and prepare our hearts to seek the Lord for ourselves and our children, till he rain down righteousness upon

us! For, the Bible says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34.

The luxury of living in the land of the free, and the home of the brave, has caused many of God's people to forget where their blessings came from! These jobs that we go to work in, are a means to an end, but these jobs are not our Source! God is our source, and we need to remember just how far the Lord has brought us! When we cried unto the Lord, he heard us, and he delivered us from destruction. If we call him again, he will answer. "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. "Psalm 145:18. We can count on his divine nearness, even until the end. Jesus said, in Matthew 28:20, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you, always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Where is God in the midst of this madness? He is just a prayer away! God is not a politician, who makes promises to get elected, and then forgets every promise he made. "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19

God's thoughts toward his people remain the same, no matter what the state of the American economy! "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts

than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8,9 God has his own economy, and he has a blessing plan that will not fail regardless of whether a Democrat or a Republican president is sitting in the oval office of the White House. Here are seven points to activate God's Economic Plan in your life, that will give you an expected end of peace and prosperity, in these economically uncertain times.

1. Honor the Lord (Proverbs 3:9) "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of All thine increase."
2. Show True Benevolence (Proverbs 25:21) "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be Thirsty, give him water to drink."
3. Be Charitable in your Giving (I Peter 4:8) "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves For charity shall cover the multitude of sins."
4. Be a Cheerful Giver (II Corinthians 9:7) "Every man according as he purpoeth in his heart, so let Him give; not grudgingly; or of necessity: for God loveth A cheerful giver."
5. Give in Good Measure (Luke 6:38) "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, Pressed down, and shaken together; and running over; Shall men give into your bosom, for with the same Measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to You again."
6. Give Regularly (Corinthians 16:2) "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by Him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be No gathering when I come."
7. Bring Your Tithes into the

Storehouse (Malachi 3:8-11 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be Meat in mine house and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour You out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to Receive it."

8. Become a Disciple of Christ) (Matthew 16:25,26) "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever Will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man Profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own Soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

May I close with the same words of comfort Jesus gave to His disciples, in John 14:1, "Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in me." God will take care of you! Tell Somebody!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jackson-ville, 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!

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Michael Lemart Pollard**, 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

Everglean Pollard, Administrator
1436 Cameron Ct. Apt. C
Wilmington, NC 28401

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Peter Browne Ruffin, Jr.**, 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.

Elizabeth Holland Ruffin, Executrix of the Estate of Peter Browne Ruffin, Jr.
753 Forest Hills Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 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
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 632-0424

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 UNKNOWN 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
Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 632-0424

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

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
Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 632-0424

October 4, 11, 18, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

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 DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 18-E-926

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **ARTHUR EDWARD PETERSON**, late, of Wilmington, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, with a copy to the undersigned at **Post Office Box 4**, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the 18th day of January, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 18th day of October, 2018. Gwendolyn Yvonne Peterson, Executrix
Estate of Arthur Edward Peterson

Jeffrey P. Keeter
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **John D. Dickson**, 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.

Judith A. Dickson, Executrix of the Estate of John D. Dickson
1841 South Moorings Drive
Wilmington, NC 28405
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Ronald Guyton Phelps, 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.

This the 11th day of October, 2018

Jena Beth Alford, Administrator
4636 Bramton Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

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

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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 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 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
Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
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October 4, 11, 18, 2018

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ESTATE NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTRIX of the Estate of **Elbridge Alex Hales** deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of such decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before three months from the date of publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 17th day of October 2018.

GINA ESSEY
EXECUTRIX
c/o BACHARA & ESSEY
200 Country Club Drive, Suite A
Oak Island, NC 28465

October 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 2018

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. 1 0 4 Libby Lane
Wilmington, NC 28409
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

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 **Eveline K. Davis a/k/a Eveline Elisabeth Davis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **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

Jesse Paul Aycoc, Executor
807 Montclair Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

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

BID REQUEST

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract DA00437 Hyde, Tyrrell & Washington Co.'s bidding on 10/31/18. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 10/22/18 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Letting-List.aspx?let_type=1. For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

October 18, 2018

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, DEBBIE 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:

A Petition to Partition property known as 704 N. 7th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 bearing the legal description of Lots 4 and 5 in Block 267 of the official plan of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina.

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
State Bar No. 1044
514 Chestnut St.
Wilmington, NC 28401
Phone: 910-763-3416
Facsimile: 910-763-9975

October 11, 18, 25, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of **Leslie Francis Townsend, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 19th 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 18th day of October, 2018

Douglas Townsend,
Administrator CTA
8022 Webster Ct. NE
Leland, NC 28451

October 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 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 110

IN THE MATTER OF:
Z.W.P. (dob: 8/6/13)
TO: **RESPONDENT:
UNKNOWN-FATHER OF
MALE CHILD BORN IN NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA TO TIFFANY
DANIELLE BURNS**

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 18, 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **December 10, 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 18th day of October, 2018.

Jill Cairo
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3511
(910) 798-3772 * fax

October 18, 25, November 1, 2018

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

In the Superior Court/Special Proceedings Division
18-SP-362
New Hanover County,
North Carolina

IN RE DOE, A minor child in New Hanover County.
TO: PUTATIVE FATHER, LARRY WAYNE DIAL; DOB 08/02/1980; AND
TO: any UNKNOWN FATHER of a male child born May 30, 2018 in New Hanover County, North Carolina, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, to a woman known to you as Abby Elizabeth Luke, 5' 7", brown hair, child conceived on or about July 28, 2017, in or around Wilmington, North Carolina in New Hanover County.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you was filed in the above entitled action on June 4, 2018. The nature of relief is as follows: ADOPTION of the minor child. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than November 27, 2018, which is 40 days from the first day of publication, and upon your failure to do so, Petitioners shall apply to the Court for the relief sought and your parental rights to the juvenile will be terminated pursuant to the entry of the Order of Adoption.

THIS the 18th of October, 2018

BY ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONERS,
ASHLEY MICHAEL
C/O CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC. 701 Market Street Wilmington NC 28401
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October 18, 25, November 1, 2018

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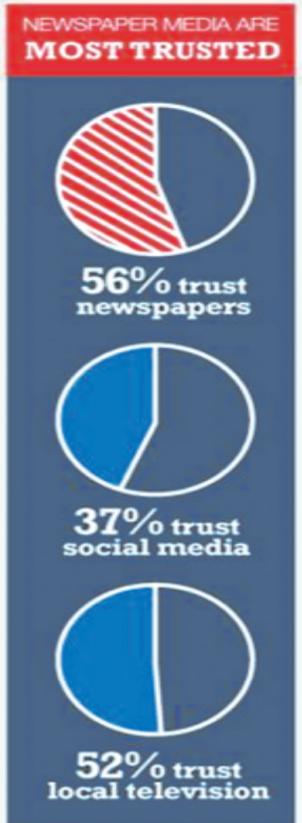
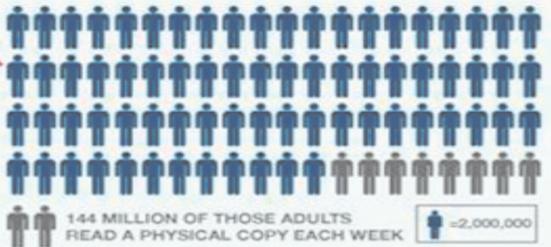


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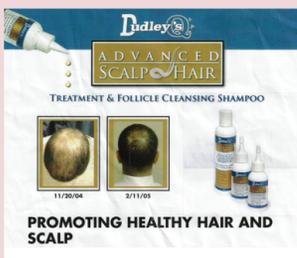


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