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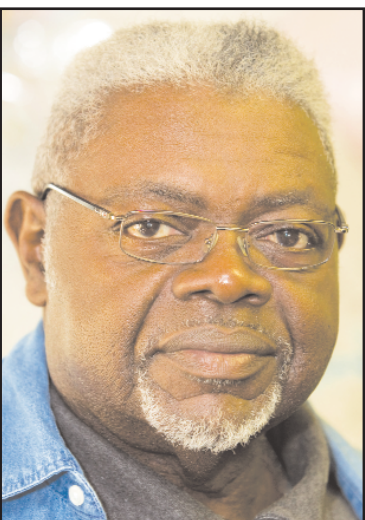
Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington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

OUR VOICE



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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

Justice for all!

BY BERNEST HEWETT

Justice for all!! How do we determine justice for all? Is it your faith or color, race, social standing, or financial status? Why is it so hard to get to justice?

I find that today people of color are fighting for the same justice for which our people fought for in 1909, 1954, 1963, 1970, 2000, etc. and for which we are still fighting. I had the impression that freedom would bring justice, but there are still unjust and hard line problems going on.

Brunswick County, when we become a fair and just county, some things come up, and our elected officials move in a different direction. That's when unfair and unjust laws are made, or bent, to stop justice that seems to be becoming a part of life.

Brunswick County, if our young men and women fight and die for freedom, why can't we vote for freedom?

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

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Energy builds toward November 6th midterms

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With the all-important Nov. 6 midterm elections less than two weeks away, energy in the African-American community across North Carolina is building as more and more leaders make it clear that the Black vote will be key to any positive change hoped to be accomplished.

According to Democracy North Carolina, a nonpartisan progressive advocacy group, voter turnout thus far, since the beginning of early voting on Oct. 17, 430,841 ballots have been cast across North Carolina during the first five days.

Based on data from the N.C. State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement released on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, compared to the first four days of early voting during midterms in

2014 and the election in 2016, there is definitely an uptick across the board, including in the African-American community.

In 2014 (when there were only ten days of early voting) there were just 29,599 ballots cast, compared to 410,430 two years later (with 17 days of early voting). This year, there are 18 days of early voting, with over twenty thousand more early voting ballots cast than in 2016.

Per Democracy North Carolina's analysis, "fifty-eight North Carolina counties have seen an increase in the number of Black voters compared to this point in 2014. That's key because President Barack Obama, a Black Democrat, was still in office in 2014. Today, with Obama's name nowhere near the midterm ballot (except for his personal candidate endorsements) Black voter turnout is apparently going up.



The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, led by The Reverend Dr. William Barber, will be making a six-city "Moral Revival for Voting Rights" tour across North Carolina.

Indeed, according to Democracy Voting locations than at this point in NC: \*\*\*Across the state, 9% more Black voters (83,285) have cast ballots at Early Please see TURNOUT/Page 3



JOHN DAVIS PHOTO

1898 MEMORIAL ON NORTH THIRD STREET

A WEEK OF OBSERVANCE

BY SONYA PATRICK, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This fall, the 1898 Massacre and Coup d'etat Observance Committee is commemorating the 120th anniversary of the only force-able takeover of a constitutionally-elected government in our nation's history.

November 10, 1898, the democratically-elected Wilmington City Council was violently overthrown by a white supremacist coup comprised of prominent community members.

One witness claimed that over a hundred blacks were killed. Thousands of others fled into the marsh behind Pine Forest cemetery without food or shelter, despite the winter weather, many never to return.

Beyond the local impact of this tragedy, the state & national repercussions saw the advent of the Jim Crow-era. This was characterized by voter suppression and economic disenfranchisement that many African-Americans still feel today.

The purpose of this committee, beyond commemorating this historic event, is to call attention to the scope of the destructive aftermath on Wilmington's black community. Through established fact, continued research, and community dialogue, the committee hopes to move toward a more meaningful awareness and reconciliation.

This week of observance, beginning November 4th and ending November 11th will be highlighted by community forums, film documentaries, entertainment, and official recognition by local city and county governments.

The committee will recognize Dr. Bertha Boykin Todd and Hanna Vaughan and will end on November 11th with singer and storyteller Rhiannon Giddens and essayist John Jeremiah Sullivan. Through the chronicles of bygone songs from 1890's African-American spirituals, Giddens and Sullivan elicit the importance of musical history in the refiguring of personal narrative and collective memory. A march from Thalian Hall to the 1898 memorial on North Third Street for a sunset vigil follows the event.

The committee consists of over 32 local organizations and concerned citizens of all backgrounds. Every person is urged to exercise his/her constitutional right by casting his/her vote. The massacre and coup d'etat was surrounded by voter suppression and racism. It is the mission of the committee, 120 years later, to bring healing to the city through education and awareness.

For more information, please visit the Facebook Page: 1898 Massacre and Coup d'etat 120th Observance for Updates and Schedule of Events or call/text 910-470-3715.

The schedule for this special week follows.

Date: Sunday, November 4

Venue and time: Cape Fear Museum at 1:00 p.m. Title: "A Day of Blood: The 1898 Wilmington Race Riot with LaRae Umfleet"

Description: "A Day of Blood: The 1898 Wilmington Race Riot" features a talk with award-winning historian LaRae Umfleet, who researched and wrote the definitive study of an infamous local event. She will discuss the actions that precipitated the incident; the details of what happened in Wilmington on Nov. 10th, 1898 and the long-term impact of that day in both North Carolina and across the nation. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Date: Monday, November 5

Night of Truth, Venue and time: Kenan Auditorium/UNCW at 6:00 p.m., Title: "1898 and Today", Description: Proclamation, Red Cape documentary clips, Award for outstanding essay, Recognition of Bertha Boykin Todd and Hannah Vaughan Panel Guests: Inez Campbell, Curtis Gatewood, Randy Voller, Dr. Ann Russell, John Sullivan. Co-sponsored by the Upperman Center and moderated by Cash Michaels

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FORMER MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRUCE CASTOR

Former DA's bombshell affidavit could clear Bill Cosby

BY STACY M. BROWN NNPA NEWSWIRE CORRESPONDENT @STACYBROWNMEDIA

In a brand new court filing on Tuesday, former Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce Castor confirmed that the civil depositions used to convict Bill Cosby should never have been used at all and the comedian agreed to waive his Fifth Amendment rights and sit for the queries knowing that the documents would always be kept private.

And, even if unsealed - as it eventually was - Castor said his agreement with Cosby was that no future District Attorney could use them as a tool to prosecute the comedian.

In his bombshell filing, Castor also for the first time publicly acknowledges a long-standing feud between he and Montgomery County Judge Steven T. O'Neill, who presided over Cosby's two trials, including the second trial that led to Cosby's conviction on three counts of aggravated indecent assault.

With the new information, Cosby's lawyers immediately filed a petition seeking to get the comedian released from prison.

They also renewed calls for O'Neill to recuse himself from the case.

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**COSBY**

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himself from the case. Castor reiterated that he didn't prosecute Cosby because there was no evidence and Andrea Constand had repeatedly changed her story, did not have credibility and was not reliable.

"Before being sentenced for a crime he did not commit, Bill Cosby filed a motion demanding that Judge O'Neill provide a full accounting of his longstanding feud with and bias against Bruce Castor," Camille Cosby said in a statement issued Tuesday by family spokespersons Ebony Benson and Andrew Wyatt.

"The motion explained that Mr. Cosby, after the feud was disclosed in an unsourced tabloid article, retained a former FBI agent to investigate the judge," Camille Cosby said. "The former agent discovered that there was in fact a long-standing feud between the two that dated back to a 1999 political campaign for DA."

To prove existence of the feud, Cosby's team issued subpoenas requiring the testimony of Castor and other key witnesses on September 24, the first day of Cosby's previously scheduled sentencing.

"On September 19, however, O'Neill issued an order denying the request for a hearing and falsely claiming that not once during his tenure as District Attorney, no one, including Castor, heard him ascribe any type of grudge or prejudice against the former DA, Castor" Camille Cosby said.

"The judge's self-serving order, preventing as it did the testimony of Mr. Castor, successfully kept the truth from being disclosed not only in his courtroom but also in the court of public opinion," she continued.

Camille Cosby retained a former prosecutor from

Harrisburg, Pa., Brian Perry, to facilitate her efforts to uncover the truth. Perry has since interviewed Castor, who signed a notarized affidavit confirming O'Neill's longstanding, deep-seated bias against him.

"In 1998 and 1999, as Montgomery County First Assistant District Attorney, I campaigned for the Republican nomination for the position of Montgomery County District Attorney against Attorney Steven T. O'Neill, a private practitioner in Norristown, Pennsylvania," Castor wrote in the affidavit.

"In or about January or February of 1999, at the Upper Moreland Township Building in Willow Grove, I engaged in a debate against Steven T. O'Neill," he said.

Castor continued: "At that point, I was not aware that Judge O'Neill was or had been engaged in an extramarital affair with a female Assistant District Attorney employed by the Montgomery County District Attorney. At the election debate ...the female assistant District Attorney was present. O'Neill oddly seemed distracted, unfocused, and nervous in the debate, despite the fact that as a trial lawyer, he was an accomplished public

speaker.

"The next morning, I received a call from Montgomery County Republican Party Chairman Frank Bartle, who indicated that he had just received a call from Bill Donnelly, a key supporter of O'Neill's campaign and the political leader of the party that encompassed Upper Moreland Township.

"Mr. Donnelly informed Mr. Bartle who relayed it to me that he, Donnelly, thought placing the female assistant District Attorney in the front of the debate to distract O'Neill was playing dirty politics.

"I responded that no one on the campaign had anything to do with the female's attendance at the debate, and that was the first time I learned O'Neill was having or had an affair with the female assistant District Attorney, who worked in my office."

The feud became real after Castor said he arrived at a political event in Harleysville, Pa., at around 11:30 a.m. He said he exited the event with a number of individuals, including his own wife, Chairman Frank Bartle and his wife, Bill Donnelly and State Rep. Bob Godshall.

"Our group encountered

O'Neill as he arrived at the event with a woman that I later learned was his wife. I specifically recall Godshall asking O'Neill if the woman with him was his wife," Castor said.

"This caused O'Neill to angrily accuse me, and the entire group, of running a smear campaign and trying to ruin his marriage and life. I remember O'Neill's wife saying similar things at that time. They both reacted with what I thought was overly dramatic gestures and language," he said.

"There's no question in my mind that O'Neill blamed me and my political supporters for raising his marital infidelity in a smear campaign to defeat him," Castor said.

"It is my belief that O'Neill has never forgiven me for this."

Castor went on to describe his relationship with O'Neill over the next 16 years as strained and tense.

When O'Neill ruled that Castor couldn't testify on behalf of Cosby because the judge claimed the former DA was "not credible," Castor said he viewed that as an attempt to hurt him publicly and it was a measure of political and professional payback.

Further, Castor said there

was "no question that Cosby relied upon my representation when he submitted to depositions in the civil case related to the allegations made by Constand."

"Indeed, it strains my credulity that given Cosby's resources and access to able counsel, there is any other reason but for my representation that Cosby would fail to invoke his Fifth Amendment protections," Castor said.

"Indeed, Constand's civil counsel, who took Cosby's deposition and knew [that] what he had said that was incriminating for a criminal case, never asked me to review it with an eye toward re-opening the Cosby investigation," he said.

Cosby's attorneys said he should be released immediately.

"Mr. Cosby did not violate any conditions of bail and appeared for all required court proceedings," his attorney wrote in court filings Tuesday.

"Subsequent to the jury returning its verdict, as a condition of bail, Cosby was confined to in-house arrest. Again, Cosby appeared for all court proceedings. Mr. Cosby seeks the reinstatement of bail as it existed prior to sentencing."



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**TURNOUT**

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the 2014 cycle (76,218), as have 10% more Black women, and 34% more Black voters under 26.

\*\*\*More than double the number of biracial and multiracial voters have cast ballots at Early Voting locations (1,826) this cycle compared to this point in 2014 (867). The number of registered biracial and multiracial voters has increased 22% since 2014.

\*\*\*Democratic voters have cast 186,571 ballots at early voting sites so far, compared to 148,125 at this point in 2014, a 26% increase.

\*\*\*Republican voters have cast 128,423 ballots at early voting sites this cycle, compared to

89,117 at this point in 2014, a 44% increase.

\*\*\*Forsyth, Durham, and Wake counties saw the greatest increases in the number of Black voters at this point in the Early Voting cycle, compared to 2014. However, not all of the news is good.

\*\*\* In the 4 of the 8 counties where the majority of registered voters are Black, fewer votes have been cast, compared to this point in 2014 - Vance, Edgecombe, Warren and Northampton.

And the majority of North Carolina counties this early voting period cut the number of voting sites, availability of weekend early voting hours, or both. In addition:

· Challenges remain for voters in some hurricane impacted counties, which were recog-

nized by the State Board of Elections last week in an order which added accommodations for storm affected voters. The four counties with the greatest percentage decrease in voter turnout on the first weekend from 2014 are all receiving federal assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, reports Democracy North Carolina.

In an effort to increase Black voter turnout, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, led by former NCNAACP President, The Reverend Dr. William Barber, will be making a six-city "Moral Revival for Voting Rights" tour across North Carolina, beginning Friday, October 26, 2018, in Flat Rock. On Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, the

Moral Revival goes to Henderson, Vance County; Dunn, Harnett County; and Warsaw; Duplin County.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, there will be a "Students in Solidarity: A March to the Polls at NC A&T University in Greensboro starting at 2 p.m.. at 6 p.m. in Winston-Salem in Forsyth County, a National Get Out the Vote Revival.

It all culminates on Monday, Oct. 29 at New Light Missionary Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C., with a 6:00 p.m. Moral Revival Poor People's Hearing. Co-chairs are The Reverend Dr. William Barber and The Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis.

For more information, go to <https://actionnetwork.org/events/north-carolina-poor-peoples-hearing>.

**STATE BRIEFS**



COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

**JUDGE BLASTS UNC OVER SILENT SAM PROTESTS, VIOLENCE**

[CHAPEL HILL] An outraged Orange District Court judge blasted administrators with UNC- Chapel Hill for being "...the proximate cause..." of the Silent Sam Confederate statue controversy. Judge Beverly Scarlett refused to punish Barry Brown, a Silent Sam sympathizer, for simple assault for punching a Silent Sam protestor in the face at an on-campus rally on August 25, adding that the statue (which was torn down by demonstrators in August) ""inflames emotions and leads to agitation." Judge Scarlett then compared Silent Sam to a statue of German Nazi leader Adolf Hitler.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY POLL WORKER ACCUSED OF BLACK VOTER INTIMIDATION**

[BUNN] A white Franklin

County poll worker is accused of intimidating black voters at Bunn Library Oct. 17thby repeatedly insisting that they spell their names on voting forms. WNCN-TV news reported that a complaint was filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections, which then met Tuesday to investigate the complaint against Kay Dean a ten-year elections veteran. One black woman told the TV station that she saw Dean's "rudeness" toward black voters. The board has removed Dean from the Bunn Library and placed her on office duty.

**GRANDMOTHER ARRESTED AFTER GRANDSON BRINGS A GUN TO SCHOOL**

[FAYETTEVILLE] Terran Hepburn, 57 of Fayetteville, was arrested Tuesday after her grandson was found with a loaded semi automatic handgun from home, in school. Hepburn was cited with a misdemeanor charge of failure to properly store a firearm to protect minors. School administrators at Long Hill Elementary School found the weapon in the fifth grader's backpack.

**OBSERVANCE**

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**Date: Thursday, November 8**  
Venue: CFCC Daniels Hall: Community Brew Breakout @ Cucalorus Connect  
Title: "Food for Thought: Can We Get a Grocery Store

on the Northside?"  
Description/Panelists: Frankie Roberts, LINC Joe Conway, NHRMC  
Moderated by Sarah Daniels, Cape Fear Food Council  
**Date: Thursday, November 8**  
Venue and time: New Beginnings Church, Pastor

Robert Campbell at 6:30 p.m.  
Theme: The Church's Impact On The 1898 Massacre Community Forum  
**Date: Friday, November 9**  
Venue and time : CFCC Daniels Hall: Community Brew Breakout at Cucalorus Connect  
Title: "Monumental Transformations: Commu-

nity Art in the South" at 11:15 a.m.

Description/panelists: Cedric Harrison, Support the PORT

Joe Finley, CastleBranch, tekMountain, Connected by Cause

Anne Brennan, Cameron Art Museum

Sonya Patrick, National Black Leadership Caucus  
Moderated by Amanda Fitzpatrick, WWAY

**Date: Saturday, November 10**  
Day of Remembrance  
Venue and time : 1898 Monument Candlelight Vigil at 12:00 noon

Title: Remembering the victims of the 1898 Massacre

**Date: Saturday, November 10**  
Venue and time: Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church at 4:30 p.m.

Title: Empowerment Center Lecture by Dr. Umar Johnson

**Date: Sunday, November 11**  
Venue and time: Connect Theatre at Union Station at 11:00 a.m.

Title (film): "Don't Get Trouble in Your Mind"

Description: Don't Get Trouble in Your Mind: The Carolina Chocolate Drops' Story is a documentary portrait of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, a string band from Raleigh, North Carolina, and their mentor, fiddler Joe Thompson (1919-2012). The film captures how three musicians from the hip-

hop generation embraced a 19th-century genre and took it to new heights, winning a Grammy in 2010. The story of the band's rise, from busking on the street to playing major festivals, is informed by the history of the banjo's origins in Africa, and the untold story of the black string band tradition.

**Date: Sunday, November 11**  
Night of Expression  
Venue and time: Thalian Main at 3:00 p.m.

Title: "When the Battle's Over: Songs from 1898"

Description: Singer and storyteller Rhiannon Giddens and essayist John Jeremiah Sullivan commemorate the 120th anniversary of the only forceable takeover of a constitutionally elected government in our nation's history to, in

Giddens' words, "restore history." Through the chronicles of bygone songs from 1890's African-American spirituals, Giddens and Sullivan elicit the importance of musical history in the refiguring of personal narrative and collective memory.

A march from Thalian Hall to the 1898 memorial on North 3rd Street for a sunset vigil follows the event.

**Date: Sunday, November 11**  
Venue and time: Meet on the steps of City Hall at 4:30 p.m.

Title: Walking Vigil to the 1898 monument at 4:30 p.m.

Description: Join the committee for a walk to the 1898 Monument with Rhiannon Giddens and others for a candlelight vigil to remember those who lost their lives.

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### 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, and "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."

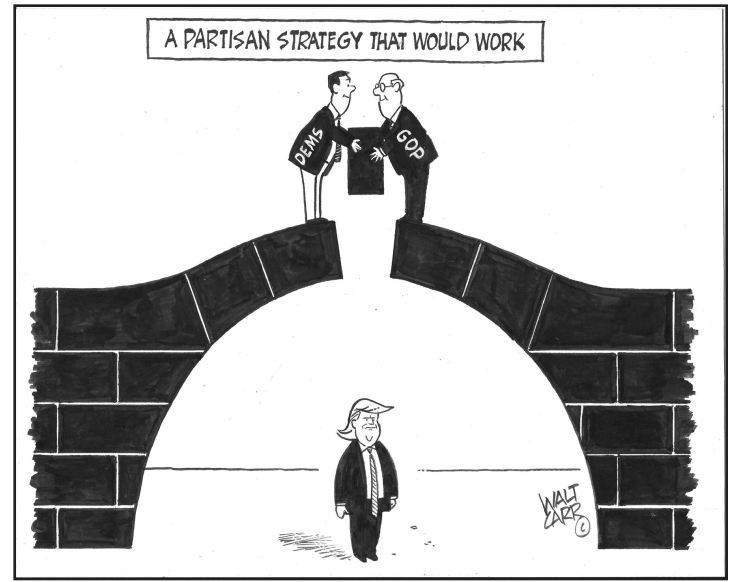
##### TOBY HAMPSON

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



## OUR VOICE

### Why you should vote "No" on all six amendments

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 on 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!

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BY THE PEOPLE

# BY THE PEOPLE NORTH CAROLINA 2018 AMENDMENT GUIDE



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## Six amendments — written by politicians in secret — would make sweeping and permanent changes to our state's most important legal document.

A growing number of bipartisan voices are criticizing the amendments as a political power grab and a bad deal for working North Carolinians. **Don't give politicians a "blank check" so they can fill in the details later.**

**North Carolinians should have an equal say in our democracy.** But today, certain politicians want to divide us by trying to pass initiatives full of fine print that deny North Carolinians the right to vote based on what we look like or how much money we have, and that gut our schools, roads and healthcare. We need to stand up for each other and vote no against these political power grabs.

**North Carolinians should have an equal chance at success.** The income tax cap will lock in lower tax rates for the wealthy few in our state. Changing the way that our courts, our Board of Elections and other branches of government operate will divert resources away from our communities, shifting priorities away from what we need and make voting harder for North Carolinians struggling to make ends meet. We need to reject proposals to change the constitution that will block the pathway to success and instead focus on policies that support our health, families, and communities.

**North Carolinians deserve better.**

Recommendation	What it says	What it does
AGAINST	Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.	Pushed by the corporate gun lobby, this could be used to remove restrictions on guns in public parks and schools.
AGAINST	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.	This vaguely written amendment, proposed by a California billionaire, delays justice for everyone, at a hefty cost to taxpayers.
AGAINST	Constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%).	Permanently shifts the tax burden to help wealthy donors at the expense of working families and hurts our ability to fund our classrooms and build roads.
AGAINST	Constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person.	Only Mississippi has a strict photo ID mandate in its constitution. This proposal is worse: it lets legislators revive a discriminatory law to exclude any voters they want. Voters don't yet know what IDs will be accepted.
AGAINST	Constitutional amendment to change the process for filling judicial vacancies that occur between judicial elections from a process where the Governor has sole appointment power to a process in which the people of the state nominate individuals to all vacancies by way of a commission comprised of appointees made by the judicial, executive, and legislative branches charged with making recommendations to the legislature as to which nominees are deemed qualified; then the legislature will recommend at least two nominees to the Governor via legislative action not subject to gubernatorial veto, and the Governor will appoint judges from among these nominees.	Lets legislators pick judges who would rubber stamp their agenda, including discriminatory voting restrictions, gerrymandered voting maps and rule in favor of corporate polluters. All living former governors and all living chief justices from both major parties oppose this amendment.
AGAINST	Constitutional amendment to establish an eight member Bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections Enforcement in the Constitution to administer ethics and elections law.	Removes the board's unaffiliated member, creating a 4-4 deadlocked split that could limit voting access and block investigations of political corruption. All living former governors and all living chief justices from both major parties oppose this amendment.

# ✓ VOTE AGAINST ALL 6 amendments.

Learn more: [ByThePeopleNC.com](http://ByThePeopleNC.com)



New Hanover County

Democrat Precinct W29 will host The New Hanover Democrat Rally Vote 4 Your Life Rally on Saturday, October 27th from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm at The Portia Hines Park, N. 10th and Rankin Sts. Admission is "I Voted Sticker. Special guest speakers will be Senator Dan Blue, Candidate for NC Senate and Anita Earls, Candidate for NC Supreme Court. Free food and drinks.

Community Briefs

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, October 25th at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on get out the vote efforts for the November mid-term elections and other important state and community issues will be on the agenda, as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch activities and events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Again, we wake up in the morning, looking at the clouds

We wake up, and one of the things which captures our attention is the various clouds. The clouds tell us some things about what kind of weather we are about to have for the day, the very dark tell us we are likely going to have a rainy day. Such rainy weather might cause us to delay work we plan to do, work such as cleaning up debris. People are working together to remedy various problems caused by



Verniece Stanley

Hurricane Florence. They are cleaning up debris and helping each other get electricity turned on again. People are working harder now than ever. I am sometimes outside and see trucks, even from out of state, passing. It is good to show kindness to helpers. A little kindness may go further than one might think. People are in need of help as far as food and other life saving necessities are concerned. Even pets, in many cases, have been left homeless and need volunteers to accept/adopt them.

Those who have survived the storm still have many things to abut which to talk and for which to be thankful. We have survived Hurricane

Florence. We are alive and see the flowers blossoming and the trees budding, some blossoming and budding out of season, and we look forward to seeing them again next year.

We do not know what lies ahead for us. There will perhaps be other weather disasters in the future. Nature gets unruly in the summer; winter, spring, or fall. We need to keep abreast of the weather reports, make whatever necessary preparations and every effort to weather the storms, and it is always a good idea to pray.

We must keep our eyes on the clouds, for they tell us much about what we need to know about impending

weather conditions!

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! CONTRACTORS, "The Hiring, The Firing"

As the dust settles and the opinion of damages from insurance adjusters and FEMA roll in, a major reality is also settling in. The search for qualified licensed contractors has become as difficult as finding Casper the Ghost with a flashlight in the daylight.

W H E R E T H E Y AT? Even with my 20+ years of contacts, I know this personally to be true. This has become the season of "Jack-legs coming out of retirement, falsified credentials, price gouging, cutting corners, no-permit pulling, relatives as references FREE FOR ALL. "BEWARE!"

Mitchell Austin, a Certified Mold Inspector, Home Inspector, and former Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Atlanta recently shared these helpful tips. He wrote:

NC Florence victims. Please be mindful of your contractor selection. Here's a brief but important checklist:

1. Get a copy of the contractor's I.D.
2. Get a copy of the contractor's business license and verify the license is in good standings with the state, county or town.
3. Get a copy of the contractor's insurance and bond. Also, verify both are current.
4. In the event, you have to file legal action against the contractor, make certain you file the company as well as the contractor's name.
5. Make certain you have all

vehicles' tag and VIN numbers in case you need this information to assist in locating the contractor.

6. Get the names of every individual working on your property with the contractor.
7. Make certain you have completion dates documented for each task within the contract.
8. Do not verbally agree to anything.
9. Any new agreements should be an addendum to the original contract spelled out in details the new agreement.
10. If the contractor costs you money without your knowledge you should not give up any more money to the contractor. An exception may be if it is an emergency and the contractor cannot contact you.
11. Ask the contractor for references and pictures of

work.

12. Have the contractor to provide an itemized cost estimation list.
13. Check your prices with Home Depot, Lowes & Discount houses.
14. You have the right to purchase your own supplies. This can save you money, however, there are times when the contractor's price is better.

These are some very excellent tips that could help anyone greatly and I most definitely will be taking heed. I encourage all to do the same. Until next week, share this article with 3 people and reach out for your FREE personalized action plan to OWN in the next 18 mos. or less.

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Sunrise: July 17, 1984  
Sunset: October 28, 2006

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I miss you Mark.  
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Dad

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# AARP's 'Be the Difference. Vote.' stresses the importance of voting in this year's midterms

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE  
CORRESPONDENT

Next month's fast-approaching midterm elections count as one of the most consequential in a lifetime, according to political scholar Norman Ornstein.

The folks at AARP "wholeheartedly concur," and not just in word, but also by actions.

The organization, which was founded in 1958 on the principles of promoting independence, dignity and purpose for older adults, has launched a campaign titled, "Be the Difference. Vote."

AARP doesn't endorse candidates or parties, they focus instead on policy that affects older adults.

"'Be the Difference. Vote.' is a non-partisan campaign whose goal is mobilizing African Americans voters - and all voters 50 and older - to exercise their power and vote," says Edna Kane-Williams, the senior vice president of Multicultural Leadership at AARP. "Critical issues like Medicare, Social Security, prescription drugs and family caregiving are on the line and older voters need to show up and protect what they've earned."

Launched in May, the "Be the Difference. Vote," campaign relies on studies that show voters 50 and older are the most reliable. (Photo: AARP)

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The multifaceted campaign seeks to encourage the largest possible turnout of older voters to the polls during the midterm election, Nov. 6. This election places

issues like Medicare, Social Security, financial security and caregiving - topics of particular interest to older voters - front and center.

Kane-Williams referenced U.S. Census statistics that reveal that only 57 percent of all U.S. citizens between ages 25 and 44 voted in the 2012 general election, compared to 68 percent of those between 45 and 64. Among African Americans, 65 percent of individuals between 25 and 44 voted, compared to 72 percent who were between the ages of 45 and 64.

African Americans will be a deciding voting bloc in key races across the country, especially in Pennsylvania, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and other swing states, according to multiple political experts. However, forecasters also predict potential Black voter dropout, a serious issue.

In 2016, the Black voter turnout rate declined for the first time in 20 years in a presidential election, falling to 59.6 percent after reaching a record high of 66.6 percent in 2012, according to the Pew Research Center.

"We are at a moment in which important decisions need to be made on matters key to the lives of older Americans," AARP editors noted in the October 2018 AARP Bulletin.

"Some are obvious, like the future funding and structure of Medicare and our health care system," the editors wrote. "At the same time, many states are grappling with issues related to worker discrimination, retirement savings, underfunded pensions, Medicaid, caregiving and more. Those we put into office could shape the resolutions of these issues for decades to come."



**It's time to show our power.**

Don't be a no-show at the November 6 elections.

Make sure Washington protects our Social Security and Medicare and keeps our prescription drug costs from soaring.

As African Americans over 50, we must use our voices.

Vote on November 6.

*Ja Ann Jenkins*

CEO, AARP

Be the difference. VOTE.  
Learn more at [aarp.org/vote](http://aarp.org/vote)



Photo: AARP

**Launched in May, the "Be the Difference. Vote," campaign relies on studies that show voters 50 and older are the most reliable.**

In a colorful graphic for the magazine, AARP editors outlined what's at stake, including 35 of the 100 U.S. Senate seats; all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives; and 36 of 50 states will elect a governor.

Nearly 300 state appellate judges, including 71 state Supreme Court justices will be elected or appointed; 25 of America's largest cities will elect mayors; and 82 percent of state legislator positions, totaling 6,070 seats in 87 legislative chambers, are up for grabs.

AARP's campaign is important, and the organization listed 10 ways in which the midterm elections will

- affect older Americans:
1. Shoring up Social Security.
  2. Rising Drug Prices.
  3. Medicare Funding.
  4. Medicaid: Grow or slow it?
  5. The future of Health Insurance.
  6. Bolstering Retirement Savings.
  7. Lower Retirement Taxes.
  8. Fixing Pension Shortfalls.
  9. More Help for Caregivers.
  10. Fraud Targets.

Through the "Be the Difference. Vote." campaign, AARP has used its website as a one-stop portal for voters to get information about the election, including issue briefings, polling results and voter guides.

AARP has pledged to con-

duct polls of 50-plus voters across the country and in battleground states, tracking voter sentiment on key issues. Throughout the initiative, the organization has delivered information on issues and election news, and has notified members of local events, tele-town halls and candidate forums.

Candidates are pressured to address issues of vital importance to older Americans in campaign speeches, literature and advertising messages, based upon the input received from AARP tracking polls and member communications.

AARP has also applied advanced data analytics to

target turnout of 50-plus voters in major races across the country, while reaching out to African American and Latino voters - especially in races where they represent a key or deciding voting bloc.

"AARP encourages all voters, regardless of their ages, to take part in the 'Be the Difference. Vote.' campaign by signing AARP's pledge to vote, using the voting tool to ensure they have the information they need to vote, and learning where the candidates stand on issues that matter to them and their families," Kane-Williams said.

Voters can sign the pledge and get more information at [aarp.org/vote](http://aarp.org/vote).

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RAINBOW COALITION

Georgia's race for governor soiled by a conflict of interest

(TriceEdneyWire.com) What if Georgia played Alabama in football and the lead referee was playing quarterback for Alabama? Would we assume the rules are being equally enforced? Would Georgians worry that the fix was in? Football thrives on a level playing field. There is no way the University of Georgia or Southeastern Conference officials would accept such an obvious conflict of interest. Yet, Georgia's gubernatorial contest is scarred by a similarly unacceptable conflict. Brian Kemp, the Republican secretary of state — the official who makes and enforces election rules — is running

against Stacey Abrams, the first African-American woman to be nominated for governor in the state's history. Kemp has refused to recuse himself or quit to ensure that a neutral official is in charge of the election rules. What would be utterly unacceptable in a football game is somehow supposed to be swallowed in an election contest over who will lead the state. Kemp isn't a passive secretary of state. A proud right-wing hardliner, he is notorious for trying to find ways to suppress the



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

vote, particularly the vote of African-Americans. As Myrna Perez, deputy director of the Brennan Center for Justice told The New York Times: "Georgia has been a cause for concern for a number of policies, ranging from polling place closures to technical blocking of registration and purges." Kemp has implemented an "exact match" voter ID system that requires voters to bring IDs that exactly match their registration records. In August, Georgians learned of a plan to close most of the polling stations in a predominantly black county. The outrage was such that the plan was abandoned. Civil rights groups filed a lawsuit last week challenging the "exact match" voter registration law.

The Associated Press reported that Kemp has held up the registrations of 53,000 voters, 70 percent of them African-American, in a state with a population that is 32 percent black. Many people on that list may not even know their voter registration has been held up. Abrams is reaching out across the state to get voters to register and vote, across lines of race. Not surprisingly, she sees Kemp's actions as biased: "This is simply a redux of a failed system that is both designed to scare people out of voting and ... for those who are willing to push through, make it harder for them to vote." Kemp responded not as a neutral state elections official, but as a partisan candidate, accusing Abrams of

being afraid to run on her record and "using fear to fund-raise." Kemp claims that it has never been easier to register in Georgia. His conflict of interest, however, makes that hard to believe. Other secretaries of state have stepped down when deciding to run for office. Kemp's refusal to do so undermines not only his word, but the credibility of his office. Georgia, like other states in the South, has a long and dark history of voter suppression. After Justice John Roberts and the conservative gang of five on the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act, many states, particularly those in the South controlled by Republicans, rolled out new voter suppression laws.

Nothing could be more corrosive to democratic elections, and to Georgia's effort to become a leader of the New South. The election is less than a month away. Abrams offers Georgians a new day, one that will attract interest around the world. Kemp remains the referee and the Republican candidate, a throwback to an age that few in Georgia and the South would want to return. We all have an interest in elections that are free and fair. Democracy depends on that. The legitimacy of our officials depends on that. It is too bad that Brian Kemp has chosen to ignore that basic principle. Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

TO BE EQUAL

Enough is enough. VOTE! History will not look kindly on 21st Century Jim Crow

(TriceEdneyWire.com) After years of preclearance and expansion of voting access, by 2013 African American registration and turnout rates had finally reached near-parity with white registration and turnout rates. African Americans were poised to act as a major electoral force. But, on the day after the Supreme Court issued Shelby County v. Holder, eliminating preclearance obligations, a leader of the party that newly dominated the legislature announced an intention to enact what he characterized as an "omnibus" election law. Before enacting that law, the legislature requested data on the use, by race, of a number of voting practices. Upon receipt of the race data, the General Assembly enacted legislation that restricted voting and registration in five different ways, all of which disproportionately affected African Americans. —

Judge Diana Gribbon Motz, 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, NAACP v. North Carolina

The National Urban League has been at the forefront of the fight for voting rights for decades. At the national and state level we and our network of 90 affiliates in the Urban League Movement have advocated for access to the ballot, condemned efforts at voter suppression and fought for our rights in the streets. My predecessor, Whitney M. Young, stood proudly with the other Big Six civil rights leaders beside President Lyndon Johnson as he signed the Voting Rights Act in 1965.



Marc Morial

Our rights are more threatened than at any time since that moment. That's why the Urban League Movement is engaged in a voter education and civic participation campaign called "Enough is Enough. VOTE!" I could quote statistics showing how voter registration and voter participation rates rose steadily from the signing of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 until 2013, when the Supreme Court gutted the Act with its decision in Shelby v. Holder. That is generally how we measure the success of the Act. But to quote Congressman John Lewis, who very nearly lost his life in the battle for the Voting Rights Act, "increasing the voter rolls was not the central purpose of the legislation. It was intended to stop state-sponsored terrorism, intimidation, and unjust, humiliating practices—literacy tests, poll taxes, and even lynching—

which led people of color to fear registering and voting on Election Day." It is no coincidence, and no accident, that the push to dismantle voting rights intensified after the election of 2008 — the first time in United States history when the Black voting rate equaled the white rate. That's exactly when Georgia, for example, tried to enact its controversial exact-match policy — which allows the state to reject voter registrations if so much as a hyphen is out of place. Under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, however, the policy was rejected. Despite the Justice Department's determination that "flawed system frequently subjects a disproportionate number of African-American, Asian, and/or Hispanic voters to ... erroneous burdens on the right to register to vote," Georgia is now on its third attempt to enact "exact

match," and is being sued for the second time. In 2018, voters in at least eight states will face more stringent voting laws than they did in the last federal election. Overall, voters in 23 states will face tougher restrictions than they did in 2010. Tens of thousands of registered voters were deterred from voting by these racially discriminatory voter-suppression tactics. In The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, Michelle Alexander wrote, "The genius of the current caste system, and what most distinguishes it from its predecessors, is that it appears voluntary. People choose to commit crimes, and that's why they are locked up or locked out, we are told." So it is with voter suppression laws. They purport to target people who supposedly can't be bothered to acquire photo identification, or who

supposedly misspell their own names — never mind that it is overwhelmingly voters of color who lack the documentation to acquire required identification, or whose names are likely to be misspelled by overwhelmingly white county elections workers. Poll taxes and literacy tests didn't explicitly mention race, either. History will look no more kindly on the 21st Century Jim Crow. Ultimately, these efforts to suppress voters of color are mere sandbags against the rising current of an increasingly racially diverse electorate. They may delay but never halt our progress toward equality. But only if we press on, continue to wage battles in the courts and in our communities, continue shining a light on discrimination and speaking truth to power. Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.

Andrew Gillum is not corrupt!

(TriceEdneyWire.com) The television campaign advertisement that is currently being run by the Republican Party, basically saying that Mayor Andrew Gillum is corrupt, is demeaning, disturbing, disingenuous, and dishonest. Mr. Gillum is not corrupt. He is competent; he is capable; he is caring; he is confident and he is courageous. Andrew Gillum is not corrupt! Listen, I am fully aware that politics is a rough and tough craft and it is not for the faint of heart, nor the thin-skinned. Nevertheless, our politics should be better than this. It's not about "the politics of personal destruction." It is unfortunate and ugly that his opponent has



Rev. R.B. Holmes, Jr.

taken this negative approach to belittle and smear the character of Andrew Gillum. The Florida gubernatorial race should be about which candidate has the best ideas, policies and vision that can move this great state forward. Florida deserves better. I believe that Mayor Gillum is uniquely prepared and qualified to become our next governor: I have known Andrew for half of his young and impressive life. He is decent, dignified and positively driven to make a difference for all "Floridians." Andrew Gillum is not corrupt! You may disagree with some of his policies. That is fair game. But to say he is corrupt is incorrect, inexplicable and shameful. This young man is a transformational leader. I have observed him closely in various leadership positions. Andrew Gillum served faithfully and skillfully as the Student Government Association president at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

(FAMU). He was a studious, steadfast, significant, and strategic thinker as a member of FAMU's Board of Trustees. He became the youngest elected Tallahassee City Commissioner. As a commissioner, he brought vibrancy, vision, value and valor to that commission. As our mayor, he has been a voice for distressed communities, a fighter for the disenfranchised, and an astute problem solver. The mayor is not perfect, but he is pre-

pared, positive, persistent, and principled. Mayor Gillum is not corrupt! Let me be clear! Vote for whomever you want to for governor. However, if you want a governor who will fight for better wages, Andrew Gillum is the man. If you want Medicaid expanded for the poor and sick, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want the civil rights of former felons restored, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want Florida's

archaic "Stand your ground law" to be amended or ended, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want clean water, beautiful beaches, a pristine environment and environmental justice, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want to see the minimum wage increased to \$15.00 per hour, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want common sense gun laws, Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want better schools, safer schools, innovative schools,

Andrew Gillum is your man. If you want somebody who will work to save, strengthen and sustain the four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in this sunshine state, then Andrew Gillum is your man. On Nov. 6, it is your choice: Andrew Gillum is not corrupt! He is a champion for the people! Be encouraged. Rev. Dr. R. B. Holmes, Jr., is publisher of the Capital Outlook Newspaper in Tallahassee, Fla.

SOULS TO THE POLLS. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. Sunday October 28, 2018 12PM-5PM. Will march from St. Stephen AME, 501 Red Cross Street at 1PM to 2nd and Princess CFCC Health Sciences Building. Meet us there. Early Voting Begins October 17-November 3 at the Following Locations: New Hanover County residents may go to any of these 5 Locations M-F 7AM-7PM (Sat Oct 27 10am-4pm (Sunday Oct. 28 12PM-5PM) (Sat Nov 3 8AM-12PM) Cape Fear Community College, Health Science Learning Center, 415 2nd St. Wilmington. Town Hall/Municipal Complex, Police Training Room, 121 N. Lake Park Blvd. Carolina Beach. County Board of Elections, 230 Government Center Dr., Suite 3A, Wilmington. Northeast Regional Library David E. Pligman Room, 24 Military Cutoff Rd., Wilmington. New Hanover County Senior Resource Center, Multi-purpose Room, 2222 S. College Rd., Wilmington. If you are a citizen and not registered to vote, you may register same day during early voting. For more questions call New Hanover County Board of Elections 910.799.7229.

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**Kevin Michael Holden**

Kevin Michael Holden was the youngest of three children born to William and Roberta Holden on June 4, 1970, in Stockton Borough, New Jersey. He departed this earth on October 2, 2018.

Kevin was always an entertainer and his family was his first audience. Whether he was playing the drums, singing "Rubberband Man" or telling a joke, Kevin knew how to entertain. He was a skilled drummer and sang in the chorus throughout his junior and high school years. He loved to ski, play baseball and to impersonate the late Michael Jackson.

Upon his graduation from Miami Palmetto Senior High School in 1988, Kevin attended the New World School of the Arts in Miami, Florida. Kevin was a very talented actor. He performed in plays and honed his comedic skills on the Mental Floss Improv Team.

In 1990, Kevin took his talents to Orlando, Florida. His love for the performing arts afforded him many opportunities. He worked at Walt Disney World, Portraying the character of the Beast in Beauty and the Beast. He worked at Universal Studios Theme Park where he was "Agent J", the character that Will Smith played in Men In Black as well as a host of other movie characters.

Kevin loved the camera and he loved sports. From 2000-2010, Kevin was one of the two hosts on Fast Break, a sports show that highlighted the Orlando Magic Basketball Team. He often traveled internationally with the Magic Team and cheerleaders to perform at charity events on military bases. Kevin had a heart for charity. He traveled to Africa on a missionary trip. He hosted celebrity charity events through his own Holden On Foundation.

Most recently Kevin was shopping his screenplay "Love in Black and White" and was a consultant with an up and coming company, RYSE TV.

Kevin leaves to cherish his loving memory his parents, Bill and Roberta Holden; sister Kristi L. Holden; brother William, II; and sister-in-law Rachel Holden; nephew Will "Tre;" Holden; niece Nyah Holden, favorite uncle Jon "Randy" Brock; aunt Hope Cheeks; special cousin Nakia Hill; best childhood friend Rodney Akins; and a host of loving uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

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**Ms. Vera Whitted Sykes**

Vera Whitted Sykes was born May 1, 1932 in New Hanover County the daughter of the late Rev. Nathaniel and Ruby Tate Whitted. She is preceded in death by her husband, Alvoyd Sykes and son, Mitchell Sykes.

She joined St. James AME Church of the Rock Hill Community at an early age. She graduated from Williston Industrial High School, Wilmington, NC in the Class of 1949. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Allen University and her Master's Degree from St. Louis University.

In 1953, she joined the Women Army Corps (WAC) where she served for six years. She taught in the St. Louis School District for 32 years. There was nothing she loved more than teaching. After retirement she returned to her home in North Carolina in the Rock Hill Community and became a very active member in her home church. She helped to organize an after-school tutoring program for the youth of the church and community. She was a life member of the Senior Ushers and served as the Treasurer and was a member of the Steward Board until she retired. She was recognized as a living legend of the Lay Organization. She was a Class Leader, an active member of the Missionary and a member of the Women's Fellowship Circle. Vera was always in Sunday School and Bible Study until she could no longer attend. She was a Buffalo Soldier and an active community volunteer. Her passion was the food pantry on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons at Wrightsboro United Methodist Church, which she did not miss until the week before she died.

She moved from time to eternity Saturday, October 13, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Memorial Center.

Vera is survived by her daughter Jocelyn Sykes, granddaughters, Donyelle Payne and Lynne Harvey; sisters Celestine Whitted and Nina Whitted Robinson; brother, Carl L. Whitted; uncle Charles Tate. She has 12 nieces and 4 nephews and many more family members who loved her dearly.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at St. James AME Church, Castle Hayne, NC. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Minnie Bowman Long**

Minnie Bowman Long died Thursday, October 11, 2018. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Minnie was born July 11, 1953 to the late Katie Mae and Ransome Bowman. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by 3 children, Bobby Adams, Antwain Adams, and Michael Bowman and her brother, Jimmy Johnson. At a young age she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. Minnie was educated in the Brunswick County School System. She was united in holy matrimony to Stanley Long on November 1, 1976. Minnie initially started her nursing career at Brunswick Cove Nursing Home and retired from Mount Eagle Health Care, Wilmington, NC after her health started to decline. Minnie, known as "Shirley" to some, volunteered at numerous charities, however, Hope Chest for Battered Women in Leland, NC was her favorite.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a beloved husband, Stanley Long; children, La'Toyau Long Swain (Shavell) of Myrtle Beach, SC and Melvin Hooper of Navassa, NC; grandchildren, Dominic, Aon'Dajua, Shanyia, Ty'Janae, Lauren, Frisco and Jessie; great-grand, Tyre'Avon Hall; brothers, Leon Bowman, Sr. (Vivian), Norris Bowman and Bobby Bowman all of Navassa, NC; sisters, Delores Jackson (Paul) of Shelby, NC, Ruth Andrew of Navassa, NC and Barbara Ann Vega (Barry) of New York; brothers-in-law, David Long (April), Vernon Long (Debra), John Long of Virginia and Paul Long of Washington, DC; sisters-in-law, Wanda Soloman (Nathiel) of Fayetteville, NC and Myrandi Robinson of Virginia; a special aunt, and uncle, John and Stella Pickney; a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Ernest Edward Ford**

Ernest Edward Ford died October 15, 2018. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Bethel Church Cemetery.

Ernest, son of the late Fletcher and Mabel Hill was born on October 26, 1937 in Newport News, Virginia. He was known as "Tommy Tom" or "Tuck". Ernest accepted Christ as his personal Savior and joined Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his siblings, James Ford, Clyde Hill, Mabel Arleatha

Ford-Adams, Bonnie Faye Hill-Pringle, Billy Ray Hill and Marvin Hill.

Ernest leaves to cherish his memories: his brother, Charlie Daniel Hill of Wilmington, NC; his sisters, Betty Jo Hines of Wilmington, NC and Barbara Robinson-Agubama of Raleigh, NC; one goddaughter, Stardaisha Radford whom he loved dearly; a host of devoted nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including a very special friend and fishing partner, Herbert Hines, Jr. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Christy Williams**

Christy Williams died October 18, 2018. Memorial services will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**David Wade**

David Wade died November 18, 2018. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**James Young**

James Young died October 19, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11:00 am on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at New Hope Free Will Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Hall Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Willie Simpson**

Willie Simpson died October 19, 2018. Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church. Visitation will be held on Friday from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church. Visitation will be held on Friday from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at Spring Green. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Joe L. Robinson**

Joe L. Robinson, age 82, of Leland, passed away Sunday, October 21, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Robinson's life will be conducted at 12:00 pm, Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com).

**Billie Jean Wright**

Billie Jean Wright, age 66, of Wilmington passed away on Saturday, October 20, 2018. Arrangements are pending and will be announced. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com).



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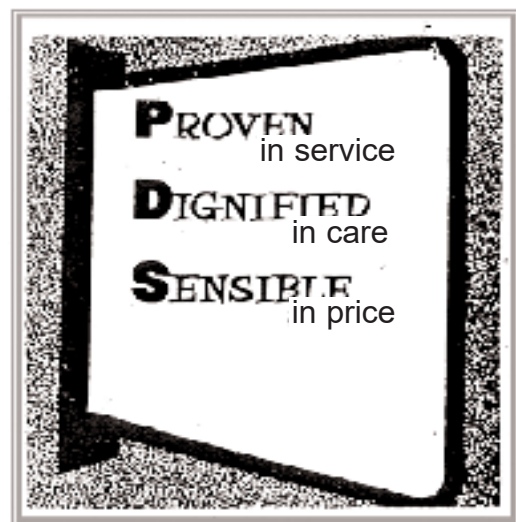
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**Barry Smith & Company** will hold their Fall Revival, Wednesday, October 24th- Friday, October 26th. Services will be held at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church, 1801 Castle St. Guest speakers are Elder Lynda McMillian of Union Missionary Baptist 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. Featuring PC & Perfect Praise, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Combined Choir, M&R Gospel Singers, Mt. Calvar AME Church Gospel Choir, Roberta Millhouse Mayo and Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church Male Choir. For more information contact Barry Smith at 910-550-7475 or Melissa Smith at 910-880-3062.

**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.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

**Church Women United honors 2018 valiant woman**



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**MONNIE FLACK SWEPSON**

**SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL**

Monnie Flack Swepson a native of Lee County, North Carolina, she attended school in Sanford, N.C. and graduated from W.B. Wicker High School. She continued her education at Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C. where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education.

She came to Wilmington in 1967 after accepting a teaching position at Williston Jr. High School. She taught music in New Hanover County for 33 years and in Pender County for four years. She retired in 2009.

She has played piano and organ for many groups in the

city and surrounding area. She has played for The Cape Fear Conference A.M.E. Zion Church Choir, Thalian Hall productions, The Willis B. Richardson Players, Williston Alumni Community Choir and Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. She often provides music for Church Women United.

In her home town growing up, she had the experience of working on the farm. Because of that experience, she has continued that love of growing her own vegetables. Also, she and her husband grow vegetables to share with the fcommunity food bank.

She is married to Wilmington native, Otha Leroy Swepson Jr.

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**SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP**

**Prayer and praying**

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The Senior Citizens' Fellowship feel we were blessed to meet at St. Stephen AME Church on this fall like morning. We are always glad to meet and greet with one another. Our meeting was called to order by President Gladys Taylor, and Mr. George Hill reminded us that it was another day for which to be thankful. We opened with "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." The Reverend Tommy Duren was our prayer warrior this morning.

Next, we sang "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." Minister Doris McQuillan us that it was such a beautiful day.

Our speaker today was Mrs. Thelma Gates. Her message was on prayer and praying. She left us with the thought

that prayer helps us with aging and going through life. She declared that prayer is powerful and assured us that we are never alone, that we have an intercessor, Jesus, to hear our prayers. She indicated that prayer goes beyond what the eyes can see and that Jesus walks in when people walk out. What joy we get in praying. With prayer, we can go through the daily life. Questions have been asked regarding what is the best position for prayer: For example, should we put our hands together, pointed upward? Should we be stretched out on the floor, standing, or kneeling? She wanted us to understand that the important thing is to pray. God will hear us wherever we pray or whatever our situation. We should pray for others and what they are going through. Rather than ask God to make life easier, we should ask Him to make us

stronger. Mrs. Gates was given a hand and a "thank you" for that message.

We had expressions and encouraging testimonies. Mrs. Gladys Taylor thanked everyone for their participation thus far.

We were to hear the sermon that was preached at Mt. Calvary Sunday during our worship with them. The sermon was great. The Reverend did another great job!

Mrs. Shirley Drye read a poem on love. Mrs. Julia Bibbs read us a paper on what we say and what God says, what the Scriptures say. We had no visitors today.

Our minutes were read by Mrs. Mary Green. The roll was called and trip money was taken. The callers' report was given, and Mrs. Mary Martin was the winner, with ten. All callers were given a hand. Mrs. Annie Hankins gave the sick report and

thanked everyone for all acts of kindness shown toward her and her daughter.

Mrs. Julia Bibbs indicated the advantage of long-term healthcare and the necessity of having a speaker come in and talk to us. She will be at our meeting on December 4, 2018.

Mrs. Mrs. Cherry Pearson gave us information on a trip to Mike's Farm, and we listened to our announcements. Mrs. Mary Martin brought our "smiles" for today. We thank Mrs. Martin for the laughs. We engaged in a game (Identity).

Mrs. Bonnie Murray joined our fellowship today, and we are glad to have her.

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

There were forty-one in attendance.

**A WORD FROM THE LORD**

**Can we pray now?**

**I**closed out last week's message with the question, can we pray now? Knowing that it's the first thing that I ought to do according to the Word of God, can we pray? Let's read the text again:



**Rev. Naconiel Fullwood**

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (ERV) First of all, I ask that you pray for all people. Ask God to bless them and give them what they need. And give thanks. 2 You should pray for rulers and for all who have authority. Pray for these leaders so that we can live quiet and peaceful lives-lives full of devotion to God and respect for him. 3 This is good and pleases God our Savior 4 God wants everyone to be saved and to fully understand the truth".

These verses are given to us as the duty and responsibility of each Christian. It is both our personal and collective duty as a body of believers (the Church as a whole). I reiterate that: do as a part of the family of God is to pray for all men, especially those who are our lawmakers.

Try to get a mental picture in your mind of what a tremendous impact it would have on the candidates and the people who are now holding office on

the local, state and federal levels. Verses 3-4 "This is good and pleases God our Savior:4 God wants everyone to be saved and to fully understand the truth". Notice again the importance of this requirement, that it is the will of God that all men be saved; blacks and whites, educated and uneducated: Democrats and Republicans. No one is exempt.

God has authorized us to pray for all men and He has obligated Himself to answer our prayer: Matthew 6:6a (ERV)6 But when you pray (not if you pray), It's taken for granted that as a Christian prayer is a part of your lifestyle ("Praying always").

Jeremiah 33:2-3 (KJV) 2 :Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not".

We must have the right attitude when we pray so that God can answer our prayers: Matthew 6:12, (KJV) 12"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (notice what this verse is saying, Lord don't forgive me unless I forgive John Doe. To that, I always say don't worry He won't). Vs.14-15, (KJV) 14 "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their

trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses". (It's useless to pray with an unforgiving spirit: maybe that's the reason many prayers are not being answered).

Mark 11: 25"and when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses".

There is the warning-refuse to forgive and be not forgiven. The believer who prays for forgiveness and holds feelings against another person is hypocritical. He is asking God to do something he himself is unwilling to do. He is asking God to forgive his trespasses when he himself is unwilling to forgive the trespasses of others towards him. Bad feelings against a person is clear proof that a person is not right with God.

1."Bad feelings show that a person does not know the true nature of man nor of God. He does not know the true exalted perfection of God, nor the real depth of man's sinful nature: how far short he is of perfect righteousness".

2."Bad feelings show that a person walks and lives in self-righteousness (that is, that he thinks that he is acceptable to God by deeds of righteousness). He feels better than oth-

ers, and judges himself able to talk about and look askance at the sins of others".

3."Bad feelings show that a person has not taken the steps he must take in order to be forgiven of his own sins" (POSB).

Let's look at the two major political parties in this country: The hatred that is demonstrated among these two groups of people. Many of these same individuals say they are born-again Christians and yet you see no love being demonstrated. Instead, they seek, at all cost, to destroy the lives, character, and families of their opponents, constantly.

Matthew 5:43-45 (KJV) 43 "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 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; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust".

Let's get out and vote with a different attitude, demonstrating the love of God as we pray and cast our vote.

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

**TELL SOMEBODY**

**"Mix with faith !"**

"But the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Hebrews 4:2

**W**henever the gospel of Jesus Christ is preached, there should always be results. If there are no results, then something is missing! The Word of God has the power to save, heal, deliver, set free and to give the victory. If someone is hearing the word and seeing no change, improvement, results, etc, then the missing ingredient is (f-a-i-t-h).



**Sylvia Hooper**

probably According to Hebrews 4:2, when the word of God is not mixed with faith, it is unprofitable and ineffective in them that hear it.

Apostle Paul said in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." It was Paul's testimony that he received salvation after believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. He emphasized the necessity of mixing faith with hearing of the Word of God.

It is not a mystery as to why some people sit under the

Word of God for years, and yet are not saved. Their life remains unchanged and their heart unrepentant, because they did not mix the word they heard with the measure of faith that God gave to us all. They know how to work in the church and go through the motions, but the word has not been profitable for them, as of yet. When a sinner comes in, hears the same word and receives salvation, sometimes, people who have been in the church for years marvel at how soon others get saved and begin to grow in grace.

Some are moved with envy, jealousy, and insecurity, and cry foul or unfair. They say, "I was here way before them!" Maybe so, maybe they were in the way. But were not in "faith".

The power of God brings many good things into a person's life. For some it brings healing. Some people hear the Word of God and get set free and delivered from bondage. Through faith in God's Word, a person can receive wisdom to prosper and become successful in life. These are good things to know about and experience. But, the greatest thing that can happen through the power of God's Word, is for a soul to receive salvation! Everlasting life is the bottom line. This is

what the gospel of Jesus Christ is all about! But, it must be mixed with faith.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25

"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Acts 8:37

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9

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

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6 For more examples of ordinary men and women of God who did

extraordinary things for God..by mixing faith with the preached Word of God, read the entire chapter of Hebrews 11.

If something is missing in your life, and you are not receiving the benefits and blessings of the preached word, try mixing the word you hear with a little more faith, and see your life begin to prosper.

Tell Somebody !

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International.

She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

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### ESTATE NOTICE

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This the 17th day of October 2018.

**GINA ESSEY**  
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200 Country Club Drive, Suite A  
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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. 104 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 Aycock**, Executor  
807 Montclair Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403

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 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Charles Vincent Allo**, 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 **25th 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 25th day of October, 2018.

**Roberta LaSure**, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Charles Vincent Allo 3245 Red Berry Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 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 TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Kay Ann Clayton, (17-E-1141)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, on or before **January 23, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of October, 2018

**Charlotte Noel Fox**  
Administrator of the Estate of Kay Ann Clayton  
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

October 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 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 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 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 NEW HANOVER COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT/SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS DIVISION 18-SP-362

**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 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, November 1, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

This the 11th day of October, 2018

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

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 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.

**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  
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October 11, 18, 25, November 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**, 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 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 to below on or before **January 4, 2019**, or this notice may be pleaded as bar of any payment recovery. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either address set out below.

This the 4th day of October, 2018

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

October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

This the 11th day of October, 2018

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

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

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

This the 11th day of October, 2018

**James Stephen Shepard**, Executor  
8651-G Stephens Church Rd.  
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October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 2018

## LEGAL NOTICES

### MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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

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

**Mike Kozlosky**  
Executive Director  
Wilmington Urban Area  
Metropolitan Planning  
Organization

October 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. 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  
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October 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 144**

**IN THE MATTER OF: H.A.B. (DOB: 05/07/2018) TO: RESPONDENTS: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO HEATHER BALDWIN**

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 25, 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 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 25th day of October, 2018.

Karen F. Richards  
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County Department of Social Services  
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October 25, November 1, 8, 2018

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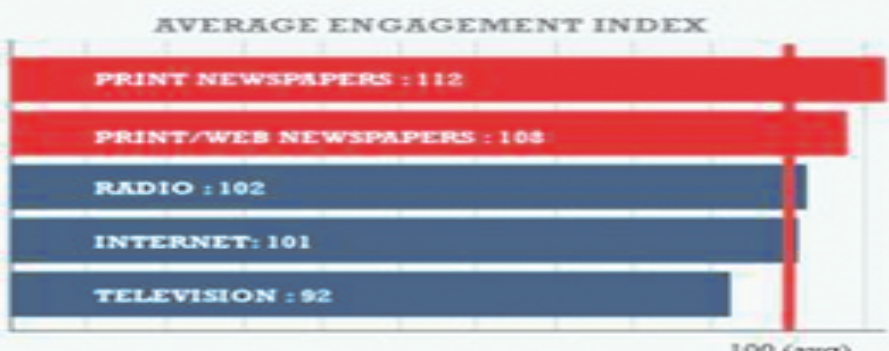
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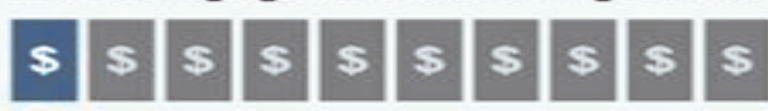


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