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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.

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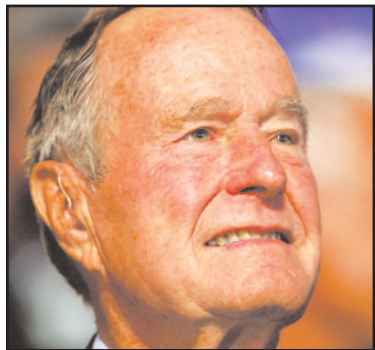
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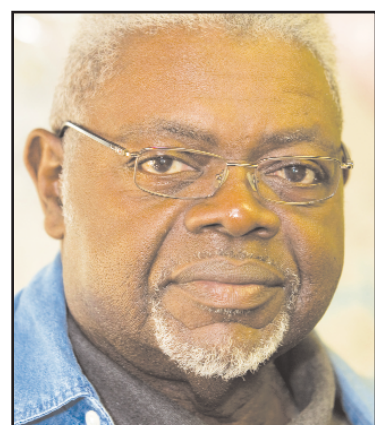
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PRES. GEORGE H. W. BUSH

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

OUR HERITAGE

BY BERNEST HEWETT
In the future articles, I hope to present more of Brunswick County's history in the way of families and their service to helping build Brunswick County. We have a rich history and some great leaders who have helped shape this history of Brunswick County.
From future articles, you will be able to show and teach your children that Blacks, Native Americans (Indians) and Whites worked together in building this County, and some of them were members of your own families. I will begin this venture next week.
Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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HOW THE NC NAACP PUT THE FINAL NAIL IN FARR'S JUDICIAL COFFIN

[Editor's Note - Our reporter was the ONLY member of the press to accompany the NCNAACP delegation to Washington last week to lobby against the Thomas Farr judicial confirmation and was with them every step of the way as they met with two Democratic senators, and four Republican Senate staffs - including that of SC Senator Tim Scott.

This is his EXCLUSIVE account of how the NC NAACP delegation tirelessly but successfully accomplished its mission.]

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL



[CASH MICHAELS PHOTO] NC NAACP Pres. Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman speaks to Sen. Tim Scott's staff while National NAACP Pres./CEO Derrick Johnson listens.



[CASH MICHAELS PHOTO] Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) poses with NC NAACP Pres. Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, Washington NAACP Director Hilary O. Shelton, and over 30 members of the NC NAACP in Washington, DC. Nov. 28th.

They were on a mission from North Carolina.

Just after 4:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, a bus, carrying over thirty members from eleven branches of the North Carolina NAACP, made its way from Raleigh to Washington, D.C. to lobby U. S. senators not to confirm President Trump's nomination of Raleigh Attorney Thomas Farr to a federal judicial bench in the State's Eastern District.



FARR

That district is comprised of 44 counties from Wake to New Hanover,

with court held in six cities. The Eastern District is also home to approximately 32 percent of North Carolina's African-American population, with 28 out of 44 counties having populations of color as high as 50 percent

Yet in the district's 145 year history, there has never been an African-American to preside over a federal court there. It's had a vacant bench for the past 11 years, and when President Barack Obama nominated two qualified Black females for the post (including a former NC Supreme Court associate justice), Sen. Richard Burr (R-

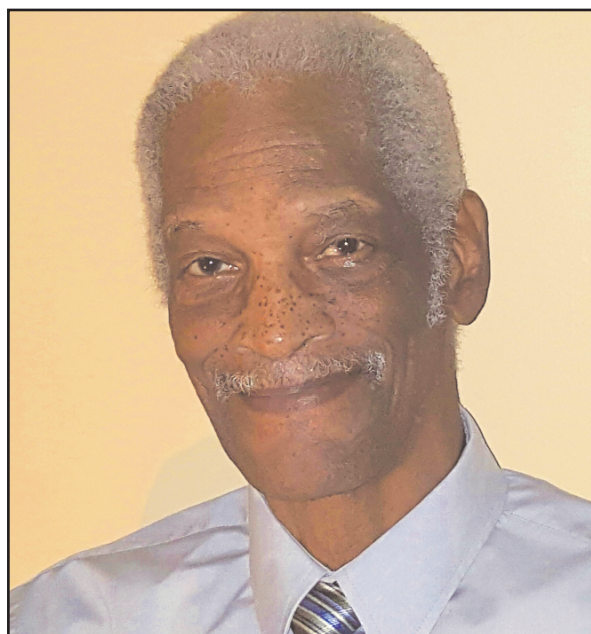


[CASH MICHAELS PHOTO] The staff of Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) welcomes the delegation from the NC NAACP on Nov. 28th to listen to their concerns about the then pending judicial confirmation of Raleigh attorney Thomas Farr.

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SENC's First African-American Talk Radio Host Dies at 73

BY RHONDA BELLAMY CONTRIBUTING WRITER



HARVARD JENNINGS

Harvard Jennings, a trailblazing talk radio host in southeastern North Carolina, has died at the age of 73.

In a broadcast career spanning 25 years, Jennings helped shape public discourse on local, state, national and international issues with talk shows on WAAV and WLTT.

"First and foremost, Harvard always led with love. Harvard genuinely cared about what people thought and felt because he sincerely believed that people were the sum of their experiences and that realization deserved respect even if you didn't agree with their viewpoint. Harvard could not help but love people and, as such, you could not help but love Harvard in return," said Dave Carroll, who often sat in or filled in on Jennings' talk show on WAAV.

The Sum of His Own Experiences Jennings began his quest for social justice as a teenager. At the age of 17, he was named state youth

director of the NAACP in his native New York. He would later become vice president of the NAACP Long Island branch, and then chapter president of the Congress of Racial Equality. Other pivotal affiliations included his work as an advocate for the Economic Opportunity Council, a close working relationship with Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcolm X, and later, his election as delegate to the National Black Political Convention in Gary, Indiana.

Southern Migration Jennings often quipped about being married to a "country girl". His wife, Elizabeth, had roots in southeastern North Carolina and the family relocated to the area in 1982.

"I first met Harvard when the Sickle Cell Association was located in a small storefront on Castle Street. He worked extremely hard for funds for a disease that primarily affected African-Americans. As I recall, it was a two-person operation with many trips to Duke and

Chapel Hill with patients. He gave his blood, sweat and tears for many years working with this organization," said Linda Pearce Thomas, founder and former executive director of Elderhaus.

Finding His Voice Shortly after purchasing WAAV Radio in 1989, the late Donn Ansell heard Harvard speak at a Community Watch meeting. Captivated by Jennings' demeanor and message, Ansell offered him a slot. What ensued was Jennings' 21-year run on the region's dominant news/talk station. Leading into each show with Harold Melvin and the Bluenotes, "Wake Up Everybody" became his anthem. For two hours every week day, Jennings steered listeners through a maze of topics with a trademark even-handedness that earned him a broad-based following of loyal listeners.

"Harvard was one of the most Please see JENNINGS/Page 3



KENNETH DAVIS

Davis to be eulogized on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at New Beginning Christian Church

BY RHONDA BELLAMY CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Family and friends are mourning the loss of community activist Kenneth Davis, who died Thursday, November 29, 2018, after an extended illness. He was 73.

Upon returning to Wilmington in 1989 to care for his ailing mother, the Vietnam veteran and former federal undercover narcotics agent became active in several local organizations, including the 1898 Centennial Foundation.

"He was one of the historians who Please see DAVIS/Page 3

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THE NEWS

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NC), blocked both nominations, making sure that neither candidate got even a hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

That has always rankled North Carolina's civil rights community, and Trump's nominating Raleigh Attorney Thomas Farr in 2017 didn't help.

Farr was already well known as a campaign attorney for the late segregationist, Republican Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina and had been associated with the NCGOP's so-called "ballot security" Black voter suppression initiative in 1990, wherein over 120,000 post cards were sent to Black Democrats across North Carolina, erroneously threatening them with "five years in jail" if they were found to be voting outside of their assigned precincts.

A federal consent decree ultimately forced the Helms campaign to stop the illegal and racially intimidating practice.

In later years, Attorney Farr carved out a reputation for defending companies against claims of racial and sexual discrimination, and, after Republicans won majorities in the NC General Assembly in 2011, and later began passing voter photo ID legislation and skewed redistricting plans, Farr represented GOP legislative leaders, legally defending schemes that were later ruled unconstitutional for their apparent intent to disenfranchise Black voters.

Having a man with a racial history like Farr being confirmed to a lifetime office, serving on a federal bench in a judicial district where much of North Carolina's African-American population resides, was something North Carolina's oldest "and boldest" civil rights organization was not about to tolerate.

Shortly after Farr initially had what amounted to a 12-minute Senate Judiciary Committee hearing and passed muster earlier this year, NCNAACP president, Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman and fellow members were there lobbying against him.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) decided, however, to delay the final confirmation vote until after the midterms, perhaps to quiet the building opposition and uproar.

The move only gave Farr's critics more time to do their homework, however, so that, if his confirmation vote would be finally addressed by the Senate Republican majority before the current Congress ended, Spearman and the NCNAACP were ready.

And yet, as ready and determined as they were, something happened before they arrived in Washington that no one expected, and it strengthened their mission beyond anything they had imagined.

Before Dr. Spearman even arrived in a very cold and windy nation's capital, he was carrying a "big gun" to the fight, former Charlotte mayor, and Jesse Helms' Black opponent in the contentious 1990 U.S. Senate race, Harvey Gantt.

Spearman had wanted to bring the retired Gantt with him to Washington to help lobby Republican senators personally, but instead, Gantt sent a statement on NCNAACP letterhead which said, in part, that he opposed Farr's confirmation because of his role in the Helms campaign, accused Farr of "...interfering with the voting rights of Black North Carolinians..." and concluded by stating flatly, "The Senate should reject his nomination."

Rev. Spearman brought other letters of protest too, asking McConnell not to confirm Farr, including one from the NC Legislative Black Caucus, which called Farr "...a race baiting jurist..."

When the NC NAACP contingent finally arrived in D. C., they were met at the historic United Methodist Building across from the U.S. Supreme Court by Hilary O. Shelton, Washington Bureau Director of the NAACP. That's when Shelton and his staff shared with NCNAACP members that the night before, The Washington Post reported that

a previously unknown 1991 U. S. Dept. of Justice (DOJ) report "recommended [a] lawsuit against the North Carolina Republican Party and the Helms for Senate Committee," alleging after an investigation that the named defendants "...intimidated and threatened or attempted to intimidate and threaten Black voters concerning their right to vote..."

On Page 12, paragraph 7, of the DOJ report, a copy of which was handed out to each member of the NCNAACP delegation, it stated that Thomas Farr "...was the primary coordinator of the 1984 "ballot security program"" for the NCGOP and the Helms for Senate Committee, which involved sending out post-cards to predominately Black voting districts in order to challenge some at the polls on Election Day.

The paragraph went on to say that, while Farr "...did not play an active role in the 1990 Helms campaign, he was sufficiently connected to the Helms Committee [to help plan the 1990 ballot security program]."

So not only did Farr coordinate the 1984 voter suppression effort of the NC Republican Committee and Helms' reelection bid against



NC NAACP Pres. Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman (kneeling center) and over 30 members of the NCNAACP in Washington, D.C. to lobby against judicial confirmation of Raleigh Attorney Thomas Farr.

then Gov. Jim Hunt, but based of his experience, advised on the 1990 effort against Gantt. Farr was more involved than he publicly admitted in the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing and subsequent written inquiry from Democratic Sen. Diane Feinstein.

He was later forced to admit that he was more involved than he first let on.

With Shelton leading the

way, the NCNAACP delegation made its way to the Dirksen Senate Office Building a short walking distance away, intent not only on intensely lobbying the four Republican senators they had appointments with not to confirm Farr, but to drive home the new information per the 1991 DOJ report that nailed Farr for his role in ballot security activities in not one, but two, racially charged

elections.

The goal - either to have the nomination pulled in light of the new information, or to get at least one other Republican senator to join Sen. Jeff Flake, of Arizona, to oppose Farr's nomination. Flake, who is stepping down after this

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HOUSE DEBATES OWN VERSION OF VOTER ID BILL

[RALEIGH] At press time, the Republican-led NC House was debating passage of its own voter photo identification measure. The state

Senate passed its version last week. The range of IDs that would be acceptable beyond a NC driver's license include student IDs, US passports, college student IDs, and others. Some Republicans argue that the measure is too lenient, while Democrats counter that the voter fraud controversy with absentee ballots in the 9th Congressional District race are not being addressed. Once passed, the House and Senate versions will have to go to conference.

NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VOTING SCANDAL NOW A NATIONAL STORY

[BLADEN COUNTY] It is indeed ironic that while Republicans continue to warn of voter fraud from in-person voting - something that rarely, if at all, ever happens - the biggest voter fraud scandal in the nation, right now, involves a Republican candidate for the Ninth Congressional District seat, Rev. Mark Harris, and the accusation that an operative for Harris secured absentee

ballots from black voters in Bladen County and got rid of them in an effort to skew the race against the Democratic opponent. The state Board of Elections has voted not to certify Harris' 905 vote victory from the midterm elections, and the Wake County District Attorney's Office, assigned to investigate major voting fraud cases statewide, is probing the matter. The NY Times, Washington Post, and all of the major network news channels are covering the story and so are the late night comedians.

Congressional Democrats say Harris will not be seated until the matter is cleared up.

ALL EIGHT NEW BLACK SHERIFFS ACROSS STATE SWORN-IN THIS WEEK

[WAKE] All eight black sheriffs elected to office during the 2018 midterm elections in November have been now sworn-in into office and are officially on the job. Wake County Sheriff Gerald Baker took his oath Sunday evening at Elevation Baptist Church in Knightdale. On Monday,

new Durham County Sheriff Clarence Birkhead also took the oath, promising to make positive changes to the sheriff's department to serve citizens better. In Mecklenburg County, Forsyth County, and Guilford counties, new black sheriffs also took over law and order leadership to protect their citizens. In Greenville, Pitt County made history by swearing in the state's first ever black female sheriff ever, Paula Dance. She is also only the fifth in the entire country.

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contributed to the 1898 research," said Bertha Todd, the foundation's co-chair. "He was always going to the public library, searching through newspapers, names and other pertinent information."

In 2000 Davis was appointed to the 1898 Wilmington

Race Riot Commission, established by the General Assembly to develop a historical record of the event and to assess the economic impact on African Americans locally and across the region and state. Davis also initiated the reprint of Dr. Leon Prather's historical account of 1898, We Have Taken a City, and wrote the foreword.

"One thing about Kenny is

he wouldn't back down from a debate," said Frankie Roberts, executive director of LINC, or Leading Into New Communities, where Davis served as a resident manager and mentor to those returning from prison.

Despite being a self-described "rabble-rouser", Davis had a calm demeanor, said Deborah Maxwell, president of the New Hanover

County chapter of the NAACP.

"He was always insightful, always supportive, and always loved to educate you on things in the community," Maxwell said.

Davis's love of local history led him to establish the Carolina Heritage Tourism Network, tours of historically significant places in Wilmington's African-

American community.

"I called him a grassroots community activist," said Herbert Harris, a close family friend. "Kenneth didn't get a car until the last five or six years. He walked everywhere and it gave him a sense of real community to stop and talk to so many people along the way."

Davis was formerly employed by Corning and

Capitol Ford of Wilmington.

Family visitation will be Friday, December 7, 2018 from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at New Beginning Christian Church, 3120 Alex Trask Drive in Castle Hayne, NC. The funeral service will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by interment at Eastern Carolina Cemetery in Goldsboro, NC.

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Farr's confirmation. If one other GOP senator could be convinced to join Flake, Senate Democrats would have 51 votes against, enough to sink the nomination, even if Vice President Pence came in to vote with the Republicans.

The confirmation with the entire Senate was scheduled for the next day, November 29.

The first meeting was with the staffs of North Carolina's two Republican senators, Richard Burr and Thom Tillis, in Tillis' office. The staffs were polite to the extent that they needed to be, but still seemed

unsympathetic.

The next meeting was over in the Hart Senate Office Building next door with a staffer for Republican Sen. Cory Gardner, of Colorado, who, at least seemed interested, compared to the Burr and Tillis staffers.

The final meeting was with the staff of Republican Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina.

Scott, the only Black Republican in the Senate, was being watched very carefully by numerous observers. The thinking was, despite his conservative politics, even Scott couldn't deny the racism of former colleague, Jesse Helms, or those who worked for him.

It was there where Shelton,

Rev. Spearman, various NCNAACP members, and even Derrick Johnson, national President of the NAACP, who joined the meeting later unexpectedly, implored Scott's staffers to impress upon their boss the significance of the DOJ revelations and how they prove that Thomas Farr "was not fit" to serve a lifetime appointment to the federal bench.

Spearman even pressed the staffers to make sure they had Sen. Scott speak with Harvey Gantt, a South Carolina native, and the first Black student to attend Clemson University.

In between meetings with the Republican Senate staffs, the NCNAACP delegation met

with Democratic senators, Kamala Harris of California, and Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts.

Both urged the delegation to "fight on!"

As the long day ended, the tired NCNAACPers left for home, worn but hopeful that they had made their point effectively against Farr's confirmation.

The next day, Sen. Scott announced that after much thought, speaking with Farr on the phone, and close study of the 1991 DOJ report, he would vote "no" on confirmation.

The reaction in North Carolina was off the scale.

"I commend Sen. Scott and

the other Senators who took a firm stand to protect the integrity of the federal judiciary...." applauded NC Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1)

"[Farr] should never have been nominated," declared national NAACP Pres./CEO Derrick Johnson in his victory statement.

"We traveled to Washington because we're committed teachers," Dr. Spearman said, "...and US Senators needed a voting rights lesson."

So what will be Pres. Trump and Senate Republicans next move? The Farr nomination is only one of two that have gone down in flames during Trump's term, with 84 judicial

nominees confirmed over the past two years.

Some observers suggest Trump and the Republicans just may wait until the next Congress and new GOP-led Senate to re-nominate Farr; this time with a bigger Republican majority.

However, until that happens, if it happens, Rev. Spearman and the NCNAACP are proud that they hammered their point home when it most counted...at the 11th hour.

"As of today, we know that our fight and our tenacity have paid off," Rev. Dr. Spearman said. "We claim victory today, but we're not done fighting."

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intelligent people I ever worked with in radio. Even when he was discussing something far above my head I never felt like he was talking down to me. And I always came away feeling like I learned something even if I didn't know what it was. He also always made me feel like it was ok to have a differing opinion about something. And, in fact, welcomed diverse viewpoints which, I guess, made him such a good

talk show host," said Mike Farrow, former WAAV program director.

Jennings retired when his show on WAAV was cancelled in 2010. The loud silence sent James Utley, managing agent of CLI Radio, in search of Jennings.

"We approached Harvard some three years ago about returning to the talk radio scene and he accepted the challenge with honor," said Utley, who operates Gospel Joy 1490 AM and 1340 AM. Paired with co-host Derrick Anderson, the duo's show was simulcast.

His impact extended beyond the airwaves, as Jennings regularly conducted diversity training sessions at the Wilmington Police Department, area churches, and school systems.


"Harvard Jennings was a brilliant intellectual, an incredible mentor, a friend, and truly a blessing to the collective consciousness of this community. He fought valiantly for humanity, equality and justice and I have no doubt that his words changed the lives and perspectives of many," said longtime friend and colleague

Tonye Gray.

A wake will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, 5:00-8:00 p.m., at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC. The funeral will be held Friday, December 7, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr., Wilmington. Burial will follow in Northwest Community Cemetery, Leland, NC. The repast will be held at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church, Riegelwood, NC.

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Refugees

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The hysterics in connection with the Central American refugees seeking asylum in the USA would, under other circumstances, be comical. A few thousand people seeking to enter a country of 350 million people and Trump tell us to panic and prepare for armed action. International human rights law provides for the right of refugees to apply for asylum in other countries. There is no caveat that such refugees need to be from Europe or that they cannot apply to the USA.

Thousands of Central American refugees have been displaced by war, terror, economic deprivation and environmental catastrophe. The United States has been directly complicit in at least war, terror and economic deprivation through its indirect control over the economies and politics of much of the Western Hemisphere. This has been through extreme forms, such as direct military interventions, e.g., Dominican Republic in 1965, or through active support for brutal regimes, including military coups, e.g., Chile in 1973; El Salvador in the 1980s; Honduras in 2009.

In a nutshell, the USA has helped to wreck most of the political systems and economies south of the Rio Grande River since it commenced a blockade of Haiti in 1803 (following the Haitian Revolution against France). The rubble left in the wake of these disasters has been a spawning ground for multiple criminal gangs, cartels, etc., and a situation of desperation. When mass movements have emerged in these countries to challenge this wreckage they are regularly repressed and/or have their democratically elected governments ousted by the forces of evil.

Much as in the aftermath of World War II, entire populations have shifted and mobilized in order to seek safer conditions. In most cases the refugees hope to eventually return to their homes, but they find their present circumstances toxic. Governments around the world are supposed to consider such circumstances when refugees appeal for asylum.

Trump, however, wishes to scare white people (his main audience) through leading them to believe that barbarians from the global South will soon overwhelm them. This proved to be a useful political strategy in both the 2016 and 2018 elections. As the American Dream evaporates in the face of changing economy that rewards the rich and infamous, the life of the everyday person becomes more and more challenging. Thus, Trump provides a ready scapegoat that emerges, as if by magic, out of the fears and nightmares of much of white America.

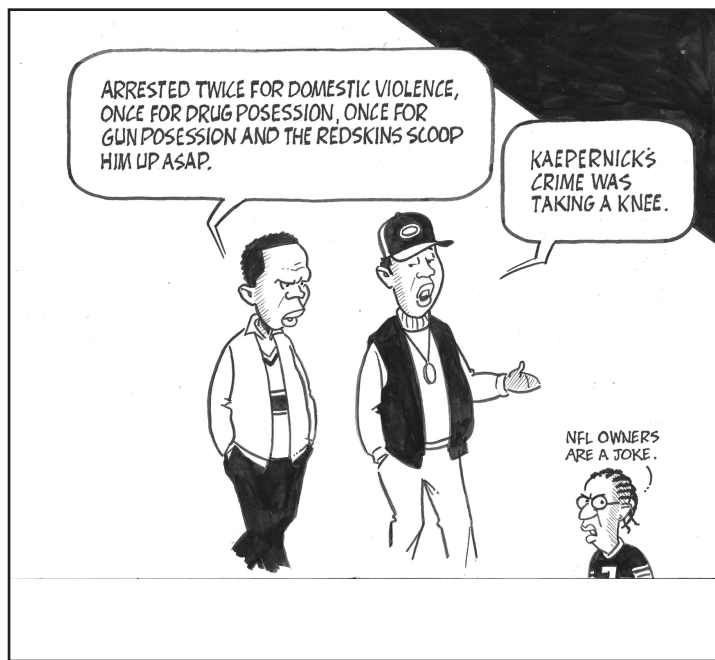
Despite the fact that Central American refugees are not the people laying off workers at General Motors, nor are they the people trying to cut Medicaid and Medicare, it seems easier for too many whites to believe that their real enemies cannot possibly be people that look like them, but, instead, must be the OTHER, that is those arising from the heart of darkness. This is the central political challenge in the USA over the coming years.

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A GREAT AMERICAN

In the summer of 1996, a great event happened to me, and it was all because I asked the Wilmington City Council, (in a formal speech) for an outside agency to conduct all Sergeant and up promotions for the Wilmington Police Department. This great event was meeting this great American, and he was in the category of "one of a kind."

My description or summation of a "one of kind" American you ask? He was my mentor who became my friend then my brother, and that is truly "one of a kind." I met this great American one evening in front of a High School in Wilmington, North Carolina.

He walked up to me, as I stood to my left and said, "Do you know what you did?"

I replied, excuse me. What are you talking about? He replied, "Hi, I'm Harvard Jennings, I have a radio show here in Wilmington. I was at City Hall and witnessed your speech. Do you know what you did?" I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "Officer Moses, what you did was what we have been trying to do for over a hundred years! And, that was to level the playing field at that department!"

He continued in stating, "I want you to know that "they" will be coming for you. Be very careful in everything that you do going forward. There are a lot of people here, white and black, that will support you, be careful." (What he was telling me, is that I would have strong support without my knowledge.) He was right; "they" did come for me!

Those words I will never forget, for as long as I live.

Out of that moment, a deep fellowship was born, like none I have ever experience since: a brotherhood. (My brotherhood with a great American.)

This was our first of hundreds, if not thousands, of conversations that we shared since the summer of 1996.

He was a great American because he thoroughly understood humanity. He was a defender of common decency. His intellect surpass the best of scholars, and his debate on a wide range of topics was "second to none." He had a brilliant mind. In a moment in time, he saw a young man in the middle of a fire-storm that would probably destroy him, if he didn't step in, and mentor him through it all.

He often would say to me, "Moe you are a fighter, it's in your blood, you are a lover of humanity. You are willing to sacrifice all you have for the rights of others and it is that spirit that lies in you, that lies in me. That's why I walked up on you brother, because I saw it in you." "That speech that you delivered, will change that department forever!"

He once told me, what Dr. King meant by the statement, "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right." He said to me, "the reason why you spoke at City Council was because you have a conscience that is bigger than yourself."

He would often quote Dr. King to me. He would say, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." And another of his

many King quotes where Dr. King says, "Science investigates; religion interprets. Science gives man knowledge, which is power; religion gives man wisdom, which is control. Science deals mainly with facts; religion deals mainly with values. The two are not rivals."

He would also quote Aristotle, "The soul never thinks without a picture. Hope is the dream of a waking man." Or "Democracy arose from men's thinking that if they are equal in any respect, they are equal absolutely". This was he, a great American, a lover of philosophy, biblical wisdom and an author in his own right. I will solely miss our many humanistic and sociological conversations from which he would add to the body of knowledge his own executive and deep tissue epoch of thought. He stood with me during the most terrorizing moments of my life.

I spent a lot of midnight oil typing up responses from Wilmington Police Department Internal Affairs Office, unjustly. Through it all, this great American was there, reinforcing his belief in the common decency of man. He kept me focus through the countless workplace terror/harassment I ultimately endured, such as:

- a humiliating lie detector test (I scored 22 pluses; that means you are telling, telling the truth);
- an unjustified suspension (20 days without pay);
- an intimidating Human Resource Director who showed up at our test site, took a chair right beside me and watch me complete the Sergeant Examination (Out of 30 or so Officers who sat for that test, I scored the sec-

ond highest score; number two [2] overall);

•never to receive my earned promotion to Sergeant (my Sergeant Badge) which was unjustified (Chief John Cease held my promotion); and

•a scheme to have me accept an inter-service transfer to Code Enforcement, with a \$10,000.00 raise and that suspension removed from my file (courtesy of Mary M. Gornto). Had I taken the job, I would have been without "civil service" protection and they could easily ended my employment with the City of Wilmington.

The great American counseled me through it all. Although, my dream job was taken from me and bitterness soon followed, this great American once quoted Dr. King again saying, "We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

This was my friend, a lover of humanity and common decency, a great American. For it was him that sustained me and my family through this mess. He was a great American, he was my North Star. A hero to me, who I owe every future success to. The "one of a kind" Harvard Jennings. He too was a "drum major" for justice. Rest in peace my brother!

Dr. Bernard Fitzgerald Moses, Ph.D.,
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 Service: May 1993 to December 2000

MATTERS OF OPINION

The devastation of voter suppression

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As we've looked at the races for U.S. Senate and Governors of States, many of us are absolutely certain the wrong person was credited with the victory. Looking at all the voter suppression that so brazenly took place in the last Presidential race and the races mentioned in the most recent election, I am absolutely certain that these races don't represent the majority of the people who voted.

No matter who was wrongfully given credit for the victories, we know the victories belonged to Stacy Abrams, Andrew Gillum, Beto O'Rourke, Mike Espy. There's nothing else they could've done to get credit for being victorious. We believe there're bigger and better things just waiting for them.

They were skillful, brilliant, positive and made us proud with the races they ran. Having been through a Congressional race that was stolen from my campaign for Congress years ago, I can relate to how they feel knowing they were the best candidates in their races, but were not given proper credit for the races they ran.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Let us wrap our arms around them long past Election Day. They're our heroes/heroines. Why? Even though the word WINNER does not stand by their names, they remain in our hearts for their effort. Having been through it, I can tell you those few weeks following an election experience like theirs, knowing that against the greatest of odds, you've done everything you should've done even though you weren't allowed to step across the winner's line, there's a lot of pain. It takes time to re-group and figure out what you'll do next. All the people who were by your side every day, are no longer there. After the race, you often have campaign debts to pay, and no longer are cam-

paid donations coming in as they did during the campaign. You have the work of closing out your campaign office, settling the bills, filing the required reports and it's not easy.

If you supported those candidates mentioned, continue to support them; but remember the less well known, too. Many of them still have campaign debts—so they continue to need your financial support. They also need your emotional support. Call them. Send them notes. Encourage them. Let them know you appreciate their efforts, their time spent, personal funds and effort they've put into working to make their campaigns succeed.

To the candidates who didn't quite make it across the finish line this time, I would just say, "I, as well as many others, appreciate your valiant effort. Don't give up if you want to try it again. If you want to run for public office again, many of us would still support your efforts. On the other hand, running for office can be a major sacrifice, so don't just

run again because others want you to run. You must be the judge of whether you want to do it again or not. There is normal life after any campaign. Yes, it takes awhile to realize that. What I found helpful after a devastating loss of less than 1% was to set a time limit of no more than six weeks to move on to the next phase of my life."

Many of the people for whom we know were impacted by voter suppression, need our support most. It's a characteristic of the so-called American democratic system to accept the results of what ever happened, and do nothing in between elections to deal with the problem. Let's commit to change that and put voter suppression on our MUST RESOLVE list. I'm sure Congresswoman Marcia Fudge will be looking for ways to resolve this problem, so offer her your best thinking.

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RAINBOW COALITION

Don't let police keep secrets in their shooting of a Black man at Alabama Mall

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

This week, I attended the funeral service for a 21-year-old young man, Emantic "EJ" Bradford, Jr. He was shot three times in the back by police in a Birmingham, Alabama, shopping mall on Thanksgiving night.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The police were responding to a fight and shots that injured two people. Witnesses have said EJ was trying to help people escape from danger. The police claimed he was brandishing a gun (for which he had a permit) and shot him without warning. "That boy didn't shoot at nobody," said an onlooker as the police crowded over Bradford bleeding to death in the mall.

"They just killed that black boy for no reason." Bradford, the youngest son of a military family — his father was a Marine — was working full-time, helping to support his family. The family has asked for the release of any information on the shooting, including

video from body cameras. The police department has refused, saying that the shooting is under investigation. Once more, there is justifiable fear that the police are closing ranks, using secrecy and false statements to subvert justice and protect their own.

EJ Bradford's death is an unspeakable horror; yet one that we witness far too often. He is one of more than 850 people who have been shot and killed by the police in the United States this year; and the most recent victim of racial violence at the hands of the police. The NRA keeps saying that a "good man with a gun" can help prevent mass shootings. Clearly, not if that good man is an African-American.

Even with a permit to carry and an intent to help

the innocent get away, young African-American men become, without warning, the targets and the victims of police. We have been here before, too many times. Trayvon Martin was shot and killed walking home in Florida. Michael Brown was shot, and his body left to rot in the middle of a Ferguson, Missouri street. In Chicago, there were "16 shots and a 400-day cover-up" of the murder of Laquan McDonald.

The list of victims of what, sadly, is a violence fueled by racism and protected by political indifference is much too long. Who will force accountability and reform? In one of his first and last efforts in office, former Attorney General Jeff Beauregard Sessions III gutted the Justice Department initiative, ramped up under the Obama administration, to use court-ordered consent decrees to force reform of police practices. Who will police the police? The current Justice Department has chosen to perversely shirk its responsibility.

EJ Bradford deserves justice. His family deserves a full and thorough and public investigation. They deserve to see what information is known about the killing of their child.

The officer involved should be investigated and prosecuted under the law. I share the pain and anger about the violent death of EJ. If the Justice Department will not act, and the police investigation is secreted away, the people must act to ensure that justice is done. I say to those who would protest, please do so in a non-violent and disciplined way.

His mother, overcome with grief, said: "My son was a loving, very loving young man. He would give any of you the shirt off his back. And that's true. He loved people, period. He was not a killer." We should honor his spirit, even as we demand justice. We ask of the police only that you do your job. Serve and protect. And release the tapes.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

The strength and the weakness of President George H.W. Bush

The passing of former President George H.W. Bush has inspired the vocalization of deep love and appreciation for all this man did. Certainly, in this period of political ugliness, confusion and behavior in general which is and has been less than honorable, recognizing and remembering the dignity of this man has been a breath of fresh air. He truly represented an era where the office of the president was looked at and treated as the high honor it was.

The work he did for this country on the world stage was impressive - from ending the Cold War without a shot being fired to his decision on how the US would handle the Chinese crackdown against students protesting against their government in a demonstration in Tiananmen Square, to his role in the Berlin Wall coming down, it was clear that this was a man who loved his country and was skilled in handling the crises any nation faces on the world stage.

It has been refreshing to hear how he "did what he thought was right," even going to far as to raise taxes in this nation when he had explicitly promised during this campaign that he would not. We all remember his forceful words, "Read my lips. No new taxes," and how

he broke that promise to save this country's economy, causing him a second term as president and alienating many in the GOP forever.

He had principles, and it is important for us all to know this. He respected those with whom he disagreed; he believed that patriotism should be placed before party; he did not hobnob with dictators, and though he did great things, he refrained from being a braggart. His principles were noteworthy.

But he had one weakness which so many people in this country and in the world recognize. He was affected and influenced by racism and he knew how so many white people lived in fear of black people, the result of racist thinking...and so he used that fear to win his bid to be president.

As the tributes were coming in after his death, I had to back-track to make sure his was the campaign in which the "Willie Horton" surfaced because nobody was mentioning it and true enough, there it was, that horrible ad with the picture of the black man who had raped and murdered a white woman while on furlough. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/video/national/this-1988-ad-inspired-the-gops-latest-attack-on-tim-kaine/2016/10/03/c74931f8-8980-11e6-8cdc-4fbb1973b506_video.html?utm_term=.fc39da61505a)

The ad was designed by the Bush handlers; the late Lee Atwater was at least one of its masterminds. Atwater was clear about using race as a weapon to win the election. Times had changed, he said, and Republicans had to use race without being blatant about it, so the campaign would have to use certain words that would indicate to white voters the racial implications of what was being expressed. He taught how Republicans could win elections based on race without "sounding racist." (<https://www.thenation.com/article/exclusive-lee-atwaters-infamous-1981-interview-southern-strategy/>) It was a part of the "Southern Strategy," and George H.W. Bush, for all of his decency and devotion to principles used that strategy to get into the White House.

I was angry about that ad then and my soul still roils when I think about it. Everyone in the world knows about America's sick racism. Though many Americans, white and unfortunately, black, criticize even mentioning the fact that racism exists and has had an effect on everything that has happened in this country, it is a fact that white fear based on racist beliefs and teachings can always be used against the American people when a specific goal is in mind - like winning a presidency.

Being unable to resist using an obviously effective tool which further damages the lives and the image of African Americans is as sad as it is real. When all else fails in this country, people fall back on racism and use it, their faith in God and commitment to living principled lives notwithstanding. The dehumanization of African Americans, a major component of racism, permits racists to distance themselves from owning their behavior (cognitive dissonance) and to decry the use of "the race card," when they in fact use it regularly and as a matter of course.

There is no doubt that George H.W. Bush did good things; there is no doubt that he had the capacity to be compassionate and to treat people as the human beings that they were, regardless of class and probably because of race. But his use of the Willie Horton ad to win the presidency means to me, at least, that deep within his soul, he carried the same hatred and contempt for African Americans as the most vocal racist. That observation doesn't make him a bad person, but it does illustrate that racism is a weak link in everything America does and it reveals that few of us can get away from "the race card" after all.

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the gangsta move Jefferies pulled to eke out his win (by 10 votes).

After the midterm elections, the Congressional Black Caucus has emerged as a powerful bloc among Democrats, with a massive 53 members, nearly a quarter of the 235 Democrats who will be seated in Congress in January. The group's power is weakened, however, when there are intergenerational conflicts and fissures among

the membership. The Jeffries victory over Barbara Lee represents such a fissure. It will take the faith, fortitude and focus of prayer warrior Rev. Barbara Williams Skinner to help the Caucus embrace its highest and best purpose. If you don't know Dr. Skinner, Google her!

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TO BE EQUAL

Early voting and expanded absentee voting are key to fair elections

"Georgia elections officials deployed a known strategy of voter suppression: closing and relocating polling places. Despite projections of record turnout, elections officials closed or moved approximately 305 locations, many in neighborhoods with numerous voters of color. Fewer polling places meant that the remaining locations strained to accommodate an influx of voters. Yet elections officials failed to supply sufficient, functioning voting machines and enough provisional ballots ... Depriving polling places of basic tools needed for voting meant that voters who arrived at polling places anxious and excited to express their patriotism through the basic, fundamental act of voting were met with hours-long lines. Some lines were four hours long. Georgians who could not wait—because of disability, health, or work or family obligations — effectively lost the right to vote." **Fair Fight Action and Care in Action, plaintiffs in a federal lawsuit against Georgia election officials.**

voting-eligible population casting a ballot. Across multiple media platforms, images of voters standing in long lines were used to illustrate voter enthusiasm.

While voter enthusiasm is great news, long lines at the polls are not. They are a sign of voter suppression, and immediate action must be taken at the state and federal level to expand early voting, voting my mail and other measures to reduce voter wait times and end voter suppression.

Georgia was among the most egregious examples. In suburban Gwinnett County, voters waited four hours when officials opened the polls to discover that their voting machines were not working. In downtown Atlanta, just three voting machines were provided for more than 3,000 registered voters, leading to wait times of three hours.

In many cases, long wait times at the polls are not the result of innocent mistakes,

but part of a deliberate campaign to discourage voting, particularly in communities of color. According to a University of Pennsylvania study, minority voters are six times as likely as whites to wait longer than an hour to vote, even within the same town or county.

The study found that at least 200,000 people didn't vote in 2014 because of the lines they encountered in 2012.

In crafting North Carolina's notoriously racist "monster" voter suppression law, lawmakers researched which of the 17 days of early voting Black voters were most likely to use, then eliminated those particular seven days.

Fortunately, North Carolina's law was overturned. But 13 states — even supposedly progressive states like Connecticut, New Hampshire and New York — have no form of early voting at all. In fact, New York is widely considered to have some of the worst voting laws in the country, holding its federal and state primaries on different days and establishing arbitrary deadlines for registration and party-switching.

After Florida's chaotic 2000 Presidential recount, a wave

of states adopted early voting in order to relieve pressure on election officials on Election Day.

It worked. According to Demos in 2013, "Early voting has recently surged among traditionally underrepresented voters. The 2008 election marked a dramatic increase in early in-person voting among African-American and Latino voters. And in Florida, where approximately 50% of ballots were cast early in 2012, African-American usage of early in-person voting has exceeded White usage in four of the five most recent federal elections."

It's easy to see why early voting became a prime target for legislators determined to suppress the Black vote.

There's simply no excuse for any state not to allow early voting. Control of the New York State Senate changes parties with the January session. There is no better way for the Empire State to demonstrate its commitment to its motto, "Excelsior," or "Ever upward," than to establish early voting and set an example for the remaining states.

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Marc Morial

Rev. Barbara Skinner and Intergenerational leadership

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Barbara Williams Skinner, at 75, looks at least two decades younger than her birth certificate suggests. Much of her youthful energy is due to her discipline, which includes a mindful prayer practice, a vegetarian diet, and a focused mind. But as much of her youthfulness, I think, can be attributed to her engagement with emerging leaders, the younger people who are poised to lead and learn. On November 29, she celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Skinner Leadership Institute (www.skinnerleadership.org), the organization she founded to offer leadership lessons to both emerging and established leaders.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

While well known in Washington political circles, as the founder (with her now-deceased husband Tom Skinner) of the Prayer Breakfast at the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, Skinner is not the household word that she should be. She has been a spiritual advisor to many members of Congress and to President Barack Obama, and she has done the "bridge building" work of bringing together African American leaders who have sometimes had contentious relationships. For more than a decade, she pulled corporate, political, and community people together for a retreat that involved both learning time and bonding time. Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Dr. Betty Shabazz, Dr. Maya Angelou,

and Dick Gregory were among those who attended the retreat.

Barbara Skinner was the first Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus. Although she was raised by a hard-working, God-fearing mother, Skinner spent much of her young adult life mad at God. She writes movingly of her journey in her new book, "I Prayed, Now What: My Journey from No Faith to Deep Faith" (Fortune Publishing Group: 2018).

Barbara writes about her struggle to embrace God, her relationship and marriage to Tom Skinner, who had been a spiritual advisor to, among others, the Washington Redskins, and about ways to pray for political enemies. She spoke of these things, and many more, at the celebration of the Skinner Leadership Institute, an event that not only celebrated Skinner and her leadership, but also lifted up some of the women around her. The intergenerational group she lifted up included Melanie Campbell, of the National Coalition for Black Civic Participation and Chanelle Hardy, who holds a leadership role at Google and is an alumna of the Skinner Leadership Master Series for Distinguished Leaders. Elders like Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole (former president of both Bennett and

Spellman Colleges), the Honorable Constance Berry Newman (perhaps the only Black woman to have served under 7 Presidents, with 5 Senate confirmations), the Honorable Alexis Herman, 23rd Secretary of Labor, and former Essence Editor in Chief and founder of National Cares Mentoring Inc. Susan Taylor. Former DC First Lady Cora Masters Barry was among the other elders lifted up. It was characteristic of Barbara to share her celebration with women who have made a difference in her life and in the lives of others.

Barbara Skinner has always embraced emerging leadership and provided a bridge for younger leaders to connect with seasoned one. I've had the pleasure of mentoring young women through her Master Series for Distinguished Leadership for more than a decade, and have enjoyed the energy and ideas that these young sisters have brought into my life. But with Congresswoman Barbara Lee "in the house" after her stinging defeat to be Democratic Caucus Chair, there were angry whispers among some of us gathered about the meaning of intergenerational leadership. Was New York Congressman Hakeem Jefferies disrespectful and opportunistic (yes) in going after a position that Lee had been campaigning for more than eight months (full disclosure — I helped)? What does it mean that there is no Black woman in the formal leadership of the House of Representatives, even though Black women are the

backbone of the Democratic Party? Does intergenerational leadership mean that seasoned leaders have to step aside, or does it suggest that emerging leaders need to pull a chair (not a treacherous knife) up to the table? Even as we enjoyed a loving tribute to someone who has been a bridge (a word used frequently, and a word that Skinner's pastor, Dr. David Anderson, used to describe her), there was appreciation of Congresswoman Barbara Lee and anger about Hakeem Jefferies.

African American millennials may be justifiably impatient when Baby Boomers and those even older dominate African American leadership. With the top three Congressional Democrats, Pelosi, Steny Hoyer, and James Clyburn, and also Barbara Lee all over 70, there is a compelling case to be made for the younger Jefferies, under 50, to be included in Congressional leadership. At the same time, there is something to be said for seasoned leadership, and for the inclusion of the exceptional and courageous African American Barbara Lee, in leadership. There were undoubtedly other issues, including those geographic and philosophical (Jefferies is more moderate than Lee, and Lee's chairmanship would have put two Californians in the top four leaders), but true intergenerational cooperation would require something more than

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The Black Press:
USE It or
LOSE It!

New Hanover County

Precint W29 will celebrate its Annual Christmas Gathering on Friday, December 14th at 6:46 p.m. at the International Longshoremen Hall, Fifth and Kidder Sts. Special guest is Anita Earls, newly elected NC Supreme Court Judge.

Community Briefs

The New Hanover NAACP Winter Meeting and Officer Installation will be held Thursday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Temple of Truth & Light, 2166 Kent Avenue, Wilmington. There will be a potluck supper prior to the meeting and installation. Members and friends attending are encouraged to bring either a hat, scarf, or gloves to donate to those in need. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

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Las Amigas, Inc. Wilmington Chapter visits the SFC Eugene Ashley Memorial Center for Veterans



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
LAS AMIGAS WILMINGTON CHAPTER WITH VETERANS AT SFC EUGENE ASHLEY MEMORIAL CENTER

BY MARSHA GRAHAM-ALI
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The Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc. visited The SFC Eugene Ashley Memorial Center to deliver blankets and toiletries to the Veterans on November 10, 2018.

This was truly an enjoyable visit because the sisters were not only greeted with such warmth and love by the veterans but

was also entertained to a magic performance by one of the resident veterans. Pictured from left to right, with the veterans, is Sisters, Leslie Watson, Delores Whitted, President Johnnie Davis, Marsha Graham-Ali, Jacqueline Davis and Panza McNeil. We not only thank the veterans at the Eugene Ashley Memorial Center for their service to the Country but to all veterans. Thank you for Your Service!

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Rapid changing times

Times are changing rapidly all around us every day. It could be killing a human being in public places in the United States.



Verniece Stanley

There is a growing number of crimes, such as murders in the United States. There are larger numbers of places where drinking water is not recommended because it is not safe to drink. We must think of health and safety for our communities at all times, day and night.

It looks like storms are more severe than ever before. Certain diseases which we thought were outdated are coming back again. For example, after many years, there is a serious chicken pox outbreak in western North Carolina. We know that the outbreak ranks as North Carolina's worse since the chicken pox vaccine was made available more than 20 years ago.

It seems that storms and other severe weather conditions are occurring with more severity than ever before. For instance, Hurricane Florence left many downed trees and damaged property in Brunswick County and joining counties. It brought several injuries and a great many deaths. People have been very helpful to others after Hurricane Florence in finding places to live and getting food.

We are also thinking about the people in California and the most recent devastating fire in Paradise and the surrounding area, and we are reminded that such fire could take place in North Carolina. Nature gets unruly in so many ways. Earthquakes could occur in North Carolina like the 7.0 one that recently struck in Anchorage, Alaska.

There are too many homeless people both near and far. Think about the refugees running for their lives, trying to get into the United States as a citizen. Many are hungry and have very little food for their children.

We senior citizens will keep up to date with helpful information on the progress we are making in every way possible because we've help make this country the great country it is today. Senior citizens and other adults need to be aware of the benefits of walking today, be we must understand also the risks involved during very cold weather outside and, when we go out to walk, or for other activity, to dress for the occasion. It is more comfortable inside with others but there advantages of getting

out and walking. Walking can help prevent heart disease and diabetes, and it can also reduce stress. Walking also leads to better moods and creative thoughts.

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!

Flood Insurance: Yes or No?

So, you're thinking about getting flood insurance? That's a smart move. Here are a few things you should know. Some items you think should be covered, it just may surprise you. Here are a few things I found while researching for a better understanding myself.



Brenda Dixon

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To name a few: The main systems in the home like electrical and plumbing systems, furnaces, water heaters, central air conditioners, heat pumps, and sump pumps. It

also includes cisterns and the water in them, fuel tanks and the fuel in them, solar energy equipment, water tanks, and pumps. Some appliance like refrigerators, ranges, dishwashers, washer, dryers usually are. Things inside these appliances, like food, usually not. Carpeting and window treatments. If you have permanently installed carpeting over an unfinished floor; or any other kinds of carpets over wooden floors, your policy should cover them. Your policy should also include window blinds and curtains. Permanent bookcases, cabinets but if you have to replace your cabinets, your policy will pay only for the ones that were damaged. That means that if some cabinets were ruined but

others were not affected, you might have trouble getting cabinets that match the older ones. Foundation walls, anchorage systems, and staircases attached to the building. There is an exclusion for "loss caused directly by earth movement even if the earth movement is caused by." Personal property like clothing, furniture, and electronic equipment though only if they're not stored in the basement and we don't have too many of those here on the coast. Your policy is likely to cover items such as original artwork and furs, up to \$2,500 in value.

Now to WHAT'S NOT COVERED: Flood insurance has eligibility requirements and many exclusions. Federal flood coverage is also capped at

\$250,000 per dwelling and \$100,000 for contents. Coverage varies depending on the policy you choose. There are separate deductibles also for your dwelling and contents.

The bottom line of this is to remind you to be sure you understand just how much coverage you're paying for: Go to FEMA.gov and read up. Just like everything, in ALL things get understanding and then, GET THAT POLICY!

Until next week, please share this article with 3 people and reach out for your personalized game plan to purchase your first home in the next 18 months or less.

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Nicknames from the African-American community of Greater Wilmington, NC

BY DERRICK JONES
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Nicknames from the African-American community of Greater Wilmington, North Carolina

Nicknames seldom stumble through history of their manhood. It is that bond with youth that is your bloodline to psychological freedom. There is no secrecy of your true identity. You are not anonymous among your peers. Nicknames are synonymous with pride, good, success, beauty, education, love, honor, unity, and power. Nicknames do not describe like an adjective, they show action like a verb. The specific origins of nicknames may be from family members, neighbors, coaches, teachers, friends, mentors, pastors and peers. Nicknames are reassuring that challenges in life are well documented with the community. They serve as a single racial unit from within a defined healthy community. Nicknames bridge the gap between anyone unlike you.

Key Stone Kid
Little Red
Mr. Jump Shot
Bap
Bunny
Boogie
Fat Daddy
Cold Cut
De De Man
Wine
Rocky
Spike
Red Eye
Green Can
Butch
Jolly Jack
Hank
Sweet Pea
T.C.
Snug Poodle
June Bug
Stinky
Zoot Suit
Red
Chief
Beany
Wimpy
Pop- Pa- Lou
Juice
Kool
Pee- Wee
Fat Back
Rev
Nick
Coon
Punk-A-Bill
Skin
Leaky
Pack-A- Nabs
Chuck
Half- Head

Squeaky
Duke
Sugar Bear
Joe Moe
Swazzy
Pie
Big Nasty
Bootha- Boo
Gucci
Big Cat
Danny Boy
Smokey
Hop
Fruit Cake
Flem- Flam
Dump
Pumpkin
Duck
Champ
Smerky
Jiggs
Spotty
Bumpy
Steel
Dee Bee
Man
Egge
Tick
Block
Coke-A- Moe
Toe Ball
Six Nine
Butter
Moore Cat
Bull
Bone Eye
Skin Henry
Skee- Bee
Teddy Boy
Lou Jack
Big Ant
Ant
Killer Crow
Peasy
Cowboy
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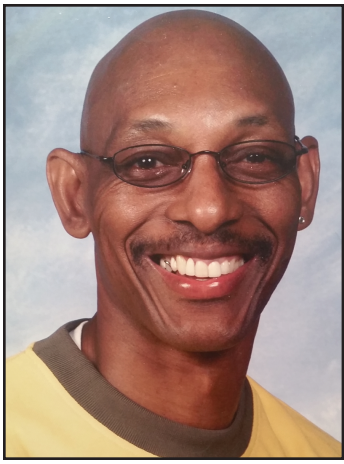
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Nicknames that are in this narrative, denotes that you mattered to your community and the world. These names signify purpose for meaningfulness. These names say that you wear or wore a crown from humble origins and befitting to your given legal name. There are no extremes for you or your nickname. You are smack dab in the middle of distinction. Life has its' means for defining you and your nickname is just one huge character in that definition. After ALL a good nickname will definitely differentiate you from on-line mistaken identity.



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Joseph McIntyre Pridgen, Jr.

Joseph McIntyre Pridgen, Jr., more affectionately known as "Pete", was born on May 11, 1947 in Wilmington, NC. He was the eldest child born of the late Clara Belle Brown Pridgen and Joseph McIntyre Pridgen, Sr. He departed this life peacefully on Saturday November 17, 2018.

Joseph received his formal education in the New Hanover County Public School System and graduated from Williston High School in 1965. He continued on to graduate from North Carolina Central University in 1969 with a B.S. in Recreation with a minor in Physical Education. He completed additional coursework in Physical Education at Trenton State College in 1971. Joseph became the Recreation Supervisor for the New Jersey State Department of Corrections in 1977. He retired from the state after 34 1/2 years of service.

Joseph was undeniably a STAR athlete. In 1969, he entered the NBA draft and was selected by the San Diego Rockets. He continued his basketball career with the New England Basketball League in 1969 and went on to play for the Allentown Jets in the Eastern Professional Basketball League until 1977. He was an extremely talented basketball player, often the high scorer for the team, and an excellent rebounder. He even scored 50 points in a game during college and in the semi-pro league.

In addition to being a talented basketball player, he played football, baseball, golf, tennis, and he was an avid boxer and boxing trainer. Anyone that visited his home was greeted with over 50 trophies that he proudly displayed in the front window showing his athletic achievements.

He was active member of the community. Joseph was a 3rd degree blue house mason of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Groove Phi Groove fraternity. He was a faithful member of the Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church for almost five decades. Joseph was a man of God, active in his church choir, and serving on the usher board until he his health no longer allowed. He also served faithfully as the videographer and photographer for the church for many years. He loved taking pictures everywhere he went.

Joseph carried a humble, yet sharing personality and he would literally give you the shirt off his back. He also enjoyed playing chess and checkers with family and of course being a "comedian". He loved watching movies "at home", and he collected and shared hundreds of DVDs over the years. He was also a fearless traveler on the interstate.

He leaves to cherish his memory his children; Juana P. Winston (Ronnell), Joseph J. Pridgen, and Janelle M. Faison (Ervin); grandchildren, Raquel, JaJuan, Shana; step-grandchildren, Keyaira,

Kayla; his sister, Jaqueline P. Slade (Ulysses); his brothers, Conrad K. Pridgen (Helen) and Columbus L. Pridgen (Patricia); and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends.

Lindsey Cade

Lindsey Cade died November 24, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Anderson Tabernacle Church. Burial followed in the Northwest Cemetery.

Lindsey was born on April 18, 1948 to Richard Cade and Jessie Mae Cade in McCarmick County. He attended school in the Abbeville County South Carolina School System. He later relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina where he worked in the carpentry and cement industry. Affectionately known by many as Lyn, he was a skilled craftsman helping others as well as sharing his love for gardening. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Mary Ellen Williams and Maggie Pearl Cade.

Surviving to cherish his memories are: daughters, Dionne Noble of Wilmington, NC, Veronica Cade of Charlotte, NC and Jada Smith Walker (Michael) of Stone Mountain, GA; grandchildren, Takiyah Noble, Ny'Asia Wallace and Raphael Teixeira (Jessica) of Charlotte, NC, Zavion Patterson, Aariah Smith, Zaniah Smith and Michael Z. Walker of Stone Mountain, GA; great-granddaughter, Kamille Wallace; great-grandson, Mycah Teixeira; brothers, Richard Cade (Deborah) of Donald, SC, Robert Cade (Louise) of Wilmington, NC, Jasper Cade (Genie) of Greenville, GA, John Cade of Union City, GA, James Cade (Nona) of Atlanta, GA, Eugene Cade of Covington, GA and Arthur Brown (Mary) of Honea Path, SC; sisters, Reverend Ida Wallace of Wilmington, NC and Lola Cade King (Donald) of Stockbridge, GA; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Infant Kai Dominique Jackson

Infant Kai Dominique Jackson died November 23, 2018. Kai, born on November 23, 2018 to Tashira Simpson and Frederick Jackson was funeralized on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

In addition to her parents she is survived by her siblings, Asiah and Emori Simpson; grandparents, Montrenia Mosley, Larnell Simpson, Cora Dixon and Frederick Jackson, Sr.; great-grandparents, Virginia Mosley, Cassandra Simpson; additional family, Shawanda Hooper, Caycia Shorter, Rhatez Shorter, Lynoria Simpson, Kanesha Thomas, Quataijah Jones, Tahrike Shaw and Zyteria Simpson. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Altheodor Radford

Altheodor Radford died November 26, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Bethel AME Church, Northwest. Burial followed in the Northwest Cemetery.

Altheodor son of Johnnie Lee Adams and the late Catherine Radford was born on November 3, 1961 in Brunswick County. Altheodor, better known as, "Popeye", "Al", or "Pop", was raised in the city of Northwest and graduated from North Brunswick High School in the Class of 1980. At an early age he joined Bethel AME Church. After moving to Wadesboro, North Carolina, he

became a member of Lindsey Chapel in Lilesville, North Carolina. Even during his last days, Altheodor continued to acknowledge God as head of his life and praised him with the highest praise, "Halleluiah". All who had the pleasure of meeting Altheodor knew that he had the toughness of "Popeye the Sailor Man" and the strength of Goliath. But, when it came to his family, his loyalty and his love was pure and relentless. He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Eloise Radford and Josephine Adams and his niece, Kimberly Radford.

"Popeye" leaves to cherish fond memories: one sister, Marjorie Radford; three brothers, Artis Radford (Amy), Marshall Ballard, and Waddell Adams (Katrina); two aunts; one uncle; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends, including a very special friend, Angela Hudson. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Harvey Johnson

Harvey Johnson died November 27, 2018. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Harvey was born on March 5, 1950 to the late Richard Johnson and Mildred Lofton Johnson. He was educated in Pender County Training Schools. Harvey was preceded in death by his wife, Shyann Scott Johnson; siblings, Mary Johnson, Richard Johnson "Buddy", Eddie Johnson, Noah Johnson and Samuel Johnson; aunts and uncles, Thelma Hobbs, Louise Lofton, Gertrude Lofton, Julia Loftin, Richard Alexander and Willie Thomas. Harvey worked at Federal Paper and Louisiana Pacific for many years. He served in the US Army and was a loving and devoted father, grandfather; brother; uncle, caring neighbor and friend. His passion was cooking, fishing and his Camaro. He leaves to cherish his memories: daughter, LaTaya Smith; son, Paul Barnhill (Gassetta); step-daughter, Shonette Scott; step-son, Kinta Scott; grandkids, Amira Simmorn, William Stephens, Keon Stephens, Montrell Baldwin, Kinta Scott, Jr., Marcus Scott, Kentara Scott, Treyo Willis, Hannah Willis and Makayla Gibbs; great-grand kids, Khloe Stukes and Azariah Days; sisters, Bessie Crawford (Darryl) and Maxine Addison (Paul); brothers, Oscar Johnson and Bernard Johnson; uncle, Douglas Lofton (Doreen) godson, Michael Hollis; ten nephews; eleven nieces; a host of other family and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ronald Dailey

Ronald Dailey died in Hartford, Ct. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Debora Levona Lofton Cromartie

Mrs. Debora Levona Lofton Cromartie was called home to our Lord and Savior on November 27, 2018 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was born on September 21, 1966 to Joan Lofton-Nixon at James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, North Carolina.

In her early years she was raised by her grandparents, the late Archie, Sr. and Willie B. Loftin in

Rocky Point, North Carolina with her uncles that she always considered her brothers. Since her grandmother was very active in church; she would attend Friendship Missionary Baptist Church with her regularly.

She later moved back to Wilmington, North Carolina and became a graduate of New Hanover High School in 1984. Mrs. Cromartie was very skilled and gifted in the art of cooking. She also loved to help people and worked at various nursing homes for 32 years, 20 of which were at Brightmore of Wilmington until her health failed.

She got back to her childhood roots and like her grandmother became a member of a church, Faith Temple Church of God in Christ in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Always family oriented she leaves behind her strength and wisdom to pass along to her husband, daughters, sons and extended family: Her husband, Peter Cromartie; two sons; Terrell Lofton and Antonio Collins, Jr.; three daughters, Candice Loftin, Anera Cromartie, and Zekera Cromartie; her mother Joan Nixon (William); one sister Tiwana Nixon of Greensboro, NC; one brother Michael Nixon; seven uncles, Archie Lofton (Patricia) of Wilmington, NC, Alfonza Loftin of Rocky Point, NC, Lloyd Lofton (Germanetta) of Colorado Springs, CO, Rodney Loftin (Marcia) of La Grange, GA; Jerome "Big Brother" Lofton (Ruth) of Rocky Point, NC, Herbert Lofton of Charleston, SC and Harold Lofton (deceased); one grandson, B. Kasau Long, III; her nephews, Dyn'ce Diggs of Wilmington, NC and Michael Howard of Greensboro, NC. Special friends: LaTonya Griffin, Rhea Marshall, Jamocha Brown, Jessica Morris and Justin Abramsky all of Wilmington, NC; Cameron Simpson of Morehead City, NC, Brian "Juice" Raynor of Morehead City, NC, Gina Mitchell of Durham, NC, Sabrina Canty of Greensboro, NC, Linda Toney of Virginia and a host of special cousins, relatives and friends. A Funeral Service was held on

Monday, December 2, 2018, 2018 at Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Mary L. Davis

Mrs. Mary Louise Davis, 84, of Gambrells, Maryland passed away on November 23, 2018. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Southport. Burial followed in Northwood Cemetery.

The daughter of the late Moses and Gladys Williams, she was born in Southport, North Carolina on October 28, 1934.

She was a graduate of BCT in 1953 and continued her studies at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, North Carolina. She worked at BCT as a teacher's aide. Her true passion was cooking, especially during the holidays.

Most of us knew her as Aunt Boodah. She sang with her sisters in the gospel group, The William Sisters.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving husband, Frederick L. Davis, Sr.; daughters, Ms. Paula Rice, Angela "Sissy" Dunlap (Johnny); son, Frederick "Fritz" Davis, II; grandchildren, Michael, Tametrious, Tamara, Anton, Andre, Takeysha, Mikie, Jalecia, Jamaar; twenty-one great-grandchildren; one sister, Margaret Smith of Manchester, New Hampshire; one brother, Solomon Williams of Cameron Louisiana; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other beloved members of her extended family. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Louise F. Owens

Louise Faison Owens, age 81, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, November 24, 2018. A celebration of

Ms. Owens' life was conducted on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at New Beginnings Christian Church. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Louise (Mary) Faison Owens, affectionately known as "Weezie" was born August 4, 1937 in Wilmington, NC to the late Ernest (Kissy) Faison and Lena Maultsby Faison. She was reared in Wilmington, NC.

She attended Williston Senior High School and graduated in 1955. Locally, she was employed at Modern

Laundry, Remington, and Walmart until she retired in 2016. She was a very hard worker where she was frequently recognized for her dedication. Louise Faison Owens was united in marriage to Clinton E. Owens, Sr. on July 27, 1970. At an early age she joined Mount Nebo Baptist Church and later became a member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. She was an active member of New Beginning Christian Church until her health declined. The love of the Lord was instilled in her at an early age and that same love was passed onto her children, grandchildren, and foster children. She did weekly Wednesday visits at a nursing facility, was a member of a social club and liked to travel. She was a lover of music and could be often found singing and two stepping to music.

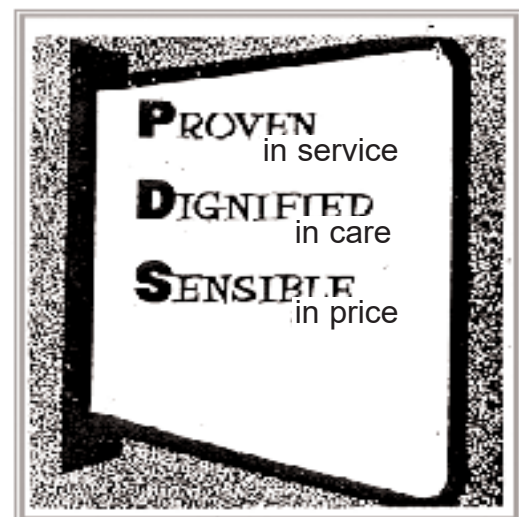
She was the mother of five biological children, she was preceded in death by one son Ronald Faison and three daughters Kathleen Turner, Juanita Owens, and Janice Owens Brown. Three brothers, Julius, Alfred and Benny Maultsby, and one sister Ann Bryant, one uncle, Fred Faison and one aunt Lucille Faison.

She leaves to cherish her memories, three sons, Clinton Owens Jr. of Savannah, GA, Jeffery A. Faison (Dianna) of Kennesaw, GA, Reginald E. Owens (Lauren-fiancé) of the city. Two daughters, Dianne Owens of Savannah, GA, and Tina Jackson of Charlotte, NC. She was

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New Hanover County

Faith Temple Church, 1119 S. 4th St., will hold a Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m. It will feature the Faith Temple Sunshine Band, Youth Dancers and Special Guest, Saxophonist Darryl Murrill and other guest soloists. The public is invited to attend. **WATCH NIGHT CELEBRATION** will be held on Monday night, December 31st at 10:00 p.m. Join Faith Temple for Watch Night Service, featuring musical and dance groups, and special guest, Gospel Comedian and renowned evangelist Mother Spirit. This will be a time of rejoicing as we celebrate the "Victory at Midnight". The public is invited to attend.

Mt. Zion AME Church, 1111 North Fifth Ave., will hold their Annual Stewardess Board Gospel Music Extravaganza on Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m. For more information call 910-352-5581 or 910-232-1811.

Rose of Sharon Salvation Deliverance Apostolic Ministries & Outreach, 1122 South 13th will present their Outreach Explosion on Sunday, December 15th at 12:00 noon. Praise, worship, dancing, testimonies, free food, clother and door prizes. Please call Apostle Mary Edge at 910-200-3711 for more information.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Rd., will hold their Holiday Banquet, "Holidays Under the Stars" on Saturday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship Hall. Colors are purple, white and silver.

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Jackson of Charlotte, NC. She was a dedicated foster parent to numerous children. Other survivors include, two son in-laws, Tony Turner of Charlotte, NC and Larry Brown of the city, two brothers Ernest Faison (Carrie) of the city and Bashir El-Amin (Janice) of the city, two sister in-laws, Jessie Maultsby of Queens, NY and Alice Maultsby of Richmond, VA. A host of grandchildren Jeffrey, Jeffrey II, Rasheedah, Kia, Anthony, Tevin, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ty'Quon Janica, Paulette, Sabrina, Tony, Aretha, Steven, Carl, Simone, Saad, Saadia, Richard, Larry, Willie, Jamie and Holly. A host of great grandchildren, Makayla McRae of Baltimore, MD, Jeffery Faison III of Kennesaw, GA, Jeffery McRae, Jr. of the city, Elijah Faison of Kennesaw, Ga, Tristan, Karter, and Dezmond Jackson of Varnville, SC., Sariah and Aniyah Robinson of the city, Nathaniel Ramos Brown of the city, Ka'Miya, Kay'Lynn, Kylee, and KynLeigh of Charlotte, NC. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Rosa Toliver

Rosa Toliver was born January 7, 1933 in Summerton, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Thames and Charlotte Robinson Thames. She departed this earthly life on Sunday, November 25, 2018 at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Rosa moved to Wilmington, North Carolina and joined Mt. Roney Baptist Church where she attended faithfully until her health failed then she moved to Columbia, South Carolina. Rosa loved praising the Lord, volunteering at Taylor Homes Community Center, enjoying arts and crafts, and enjoyed caring for many children in the neighborhood.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, David Thames, Lee Ernest Thames, James Thames and three sisters, Mary Thames, Alice Keels, and Ida Mae Singleton.

Those left to cherish her memories are husband, Norman Toliver of Wilmington, NC; sons, Cargle (Jeneata) Thames of Queens, NY, Kevin (Renee) Lenning of Westlawn, PA and Russell Thames of Columbia, SC; daughter, Cleo Toliver of Columbia, SC, sister, Frances Felder of Johnsonville, SC; brother, Henry Thames of Bamberg, SC; four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

James Douglas

Elder James Kermit Douglas was born January 28, 1946 in

Burgaw, North Carolina. He was the oldest son of the late Rev. Archie Douglas and the Late Lillie J. Randolph and the stepson of the late H. C. Randolph, Sr.

He entered into his eternal rest November 27, 2018 at The Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center in Wilmington, NC. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church. Interment followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Elder Douglas graduated from Brunswick Training School in Southport, NC in 1963. He continued his education at Fayetteville State University earning an Associate's Degree in Business. He later attended the United Christian College in Goldsboro, NC and received a Bachelor's Degree in Theology. Elder Douglas was the former pastor of Rodman Chapel FWB Church of Bath, NC, Freemont FWB Church and Howard Hill FWB Church, both of Washington, NC. Elder Douglas also served as pastor at Bethel AME and Schooco AME Churches both of Spring Hope, NC. Elder Douglas returned to the Free Will Baptist Denomination and joined St. Mark FWB Church. He then went on to pastor St. Joseph FWB in Vanceboro, NC. After retiring from pasturing, Elder Douglas rejoined Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church and has also served faithfully as the Assistant District Elder of the Piedmont District of the J.O. Randolph S.E. Conference of the UAFWBC, Inc. Elder Douglas earned the title of "Mr. Free Will Baptist" in April 2018 for 46 years of pastoral service and dedication to the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

In addition to being a soldier for the Lord, Elder Douglas has faithfully served his country during the Vietnam War and is a Purple Heart recipient. Elder Douglas also retired from GE after 34 years of service.

The Lord blessed him tremendously Throughout his life. Elder Douglas was truly a man of God and valued his family abundantly. He enjoyed traveling and supporting his grandchildren in their various band, cheer and dance activities.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Lena Douglas; daughter, Contina "Tina" Bryant (Charles); son, James Brian Douglas (Tawana) and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Harvard R. Jennings

Harvard R. Jennings, age 73, of Riegelwood, passed away Thursday, November 29, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 5:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Mr. Jennings' life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 7, 2018 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Northwest Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Life Is

BY FANNIE ALLEN
AND SHEILA ROSS
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On a cool, brisk morning, a day you wish you could walk fast, we made our way to the Senior Citizens' Fellowship, and, as usual, we were glad to meet one more time. Our meeting was called to order by Mr. George Hill. He said it is a great day. We opened with, "Jesus, the Light of the World." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan. Next we sang, "He's Done So Much for Me." Our speaker for today's meeting was Mrs. Julia Bibbs. She opened with Gen 2:7. She said a pastor once asked, "Do we look at how we were made?" As God's children, we were made from dust. We look in

Gen 2:21-22 and see how woman was made from man and dust. Life is a mystery unfolded. Painful! Endure it! As a joke, laugh at it! A flower! Smell it! A candle! Don't blow it out! Love is a gift! Give it! It is unlimited! Go for it! A light! Shine it! People come into our lives for a season. It is for a reason, for guidance and support. People are a Godsend. People help us for our needs to be met. People in our paths can make us laugh as well as make us angry. We can learn a lot from people in our lives. We should pray at all times. God's peace will guard our hearts and minds. We need Jesus because Jesus loves us and wants a relationship with us. We have a past. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We need a friend. He believes in

us. Jesus holds the future. When we pray, Jesus will answer.

She read a passage from a book she had received that gave us the importance of prayer.

Mrs. Bibbs was thanked for a great message and given a hand. We then had expressions from the group on the message and the anniversary. We also had a speaker, Mrs. Angela Mackinnon, who spoke on long term care. She represented Western Southern Insurance.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Mrs. Mary Greene. Mrs. Gladys Taylor thanked everyone for participating and asked for reports. Roll was called, and trip money was collected. Mrs. Jenny Shepard gave out music to "I

Can't Even Walk," which we sang. Mrs. Julia Bibbs showed us a picture of the Obamas and gave each of us a bag of candy that her daughter made.

Thank you. The Callers' Report was then done by Mrs. Gladys Taylor. The winner had nine. All the callers were given a hand. The sick report was given by Mrs. Annie Haskin. Mrs. Leola McIntyre and Mrs. Anna Briggs Moore are out of the hospital. Mrs. Mary Martin made us laugh with her "Smiles." Mrs. Sheila Ross had a game for us to play. We had to see how many words with four or more letters could be made out of the word Thanksgiving.

Our circle was formed, and we sang, "Bind Us Together." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan.

There were 41 in attendance.

TELL SOMEBODY

"A Sinner's Friend"

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

Friend - One attached to another by respect
Or affection

What is a friend? A friend is someone who knows everything about you, and loves you anyway.

What exactly is a sinner's friend? One might ask. Is it someone who accompanies the sinner in his sin? Is it someone who is a co-conspirator? Is it someone who profits from the sin that is committed?

What, or shall we ask who, is a Sinner's Friend? Where does a sinner go to find a friend? How does a sinner recognize a true friend? What does a sinner have to do to gain a friend? Who is willing to be a sinner's Friend? "And there is a friend



Sylvia Hooper

that sticketh closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24 "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." I John 3:5

The questions apply to everyone in the whole world, because, we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23 We were born in sin and shaped in iniquity. If everyone is born in sin, what is the HOPE of a sinner? Jesus answered this question when he told Nicodemus, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is

spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again." John 3:6-7 "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Psalm 32:1

The bible defines time and time again, the true measure of a friend, and shows us who our True Friend actually is, without a shadow of a doubt! "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29b "But God commendeth his love

toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Proverbs 17:17

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be the righteousness of God in him." II Cor. 5:21

"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24

*I Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

"For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Matthew 9:13 B "Surely he hath borne our grief, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted." Isaiah 53:4

What a friend, we have in

JESUS, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege it is to carry everything to God in prayer. It is good to know we have at least one friend in this world, that we all can count on. Thank God for Jesus! Tell Somebody!

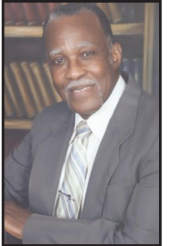
"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International.

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Sharing an article published by NBCI

This is an article I want to share with you that was published by "The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI). NBCI is a coalition of 34,000 churches, is committed to strengthening the African



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

family by repairing the damage created by unmarried parents, weak moral standards, and years of neglecting to address this truly pressing societal issue. The family unit is an essential component in the fabric of American life and the success of the Black community depends on the Church's vigorous defense of the traditional family. Studies have shown that children thrive on the love and support of two parents - it is this basic fact that propels NBCI to take action to protect the family by safeguarding and promoting marriage between a man and a woman, educating African Americans on the importance of health and financial responsibility, involving therapy to repair at-risk relationships, preventing violence, and creating new standards for families nationwide. It is time to stand up for the family and create a better future for our children. NBCI feels that African American families are at a critical crossroad - the Black family is in worse shape now than at any other point in American history. We can ill afford to continue down this path that has proven to lead to violence, poverty, moral depravity, and failure".

"Robert M. Franklin, President of Morehouse College and author of the groundbreaking book Crisis in the Village: Restoring Hope in African American Communities, lays out a blue-

print for the Black Church on what needs to be done to bring healing to our community. The Black Church has the ultimate responsibility to the family - if the Black family fails so does the Church".

"In his introduction, Dr. Franklin clearly outlines the difficulties discussing this pervasive problem - these difficulties are likely why the NAACP, the Urban League, and other organizations have failed to create any workable plan properly addressing the core issues facing the African American family. Their policy directives and ineffective programmatic approaches continue to fail the Black community as they are not adequately connected to the one entity able of cohesively addressing the African American community - the Black Church. The Black Church clearly recognizes the historical contributions that these organizations have made which allow us to continue to shape the agenda but in some respects these organizations are part of the reason why the Black family is in such a poor state".

"While the decline of marriage is clearly an American problem, statistics point to the glaring truth - African Americans are disproportionately devaluing the importance of marriage nationwide. The marriage rate for African Americans has been dropping since the 1960s and today has the lowest marriage rate of any racial group in the United States. According to the 2001 US Census, 43.3% of Black men and 41.9% of Black women in America have never been married, and Black women are least likely in American society to marry. These figures are double that of white men and women. Between 1970 and 2001 the overall marriage rate has dropped, overall by 17%. However, for African Americans during this same time period, the marriage

rate dropped a staggering 34%."

"There are those who point to historic racism as the root of the decline of the African American family - even going so far as to assert that it was due to the oppressive practice of slavery which first disbanded Black families in America. While slavery was truly a repulsive and hateful chapter in American history and does contribute to many pervasive race issues continuing to plague our nation, slavery did not cause the current breakdown of Black families. According to sociologist Andrew J. Cherlin, "A black child was more likely to grow up living with both parents during the days of slavery than he or she is today."

"For those that disagree on how the African American family has reached this low, while interesting and occasionally relevant, reasons do not change the fact that the Black family is failing. Author Amy Wax asserts the following in her book Race, Wrongs, and Remedies: Group Justice in the 21st Century, "That Blacks did not, in an important sense, cause their current predicament does not preclude charging them with alleviating it." Wax outlines her point in the interesting anecdote:

"In 1987, a rich philanthropist in Philadelphia 'adopted' 112 inner-city sixth-graders, most of them from broken homes. He guaranteed them a fully-funded education through college if the kids would refrain from drugs, unwed parenthood, and crime. He even provided tutors, workshops, after-school programs, summer programs, and counselors when trouble arose. Forty-five of the kids never made it through high school. Thirteen years later, of the sixty-seven boys, nineteen were felons; the forty-five girls had sixty-three total

children, and more than half had their babies before the age of eighteen. Crucially, this was not surprising: The reason was culture. These children had been nurtured in communities with different norms."

"As Ms. Wax puts it, one of the first steps is to "stop focusing on the past, think about culture rather than structure, and criticize failure and emulate success". NBCI, a champion for the rights of African Americans and a defender of solutions which propagate the success of Blacks nationwide, knows that the solution to this problem begins and ends with the Black community. As a member of Black society we hold the necessary tools to rebuild our own families."

The Crisis of black America is a spiritual problem: no other organizations or institutions has the tools to solve it, but the church. We the black community have placed out confidence in others, mainly the Democratic Party: eight years of Bill Clinton and eight of a black President and the crisis continue to grow. The black Church has the solution for the spiritual crisis and that is the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believe: Romans 5:8 (KJV) "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

"My (our) hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweeties frame but wholly lain on Jesus name. On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand".

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

African Americans from electeds to journalists remember President George H.W. Bush

BY LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE
NNPA NEWSWIRE CONTRIBUTOR

The death of former President George H.W. Bush on November 30 was the impetus of much comment and debate on his legacy.

Many kept their tributes to a focus on his incredible military service in World War II. Others focused on the simple fact that, compared to the unprecedented behavior of the current occupant of the White House, Bush represented a more respectful political time.

Several Black journalists who worked around him and had a close up view of the man as an individual, shared memories on social media.

"I am posting some of my images of President George H. W. Bush. I enjoyed a great relationship with both Presidents Bush, who allowed me great access to both the Oval Office and Air Force One. Rest In Peace. You will be missed," wrote Fred Watkins, a veteran African American still photographer who has covered the White House for four decades.

Another African American still photojournalist, Ron Thomas, posted two photos of himself and George H.W. Bush on his Instagram

account. One included the former President greeting Thomas with a handshake after an event.

"It's important to me to join the Bush family in celebrating President George H.W. Bush's exemplary life. This will unfortunately preclude my visits to Paris and Berlin. I've been deeply touched by the enthusiasm for my memoir, and I'm working to reschedule my trip for next year," wrote former First Lady Michelle Obama on twitter on December 2.

Michelle Obama's book "Becoming" sold over two million copies in fifteen weeks. She is now taking time away from her book tour to attend the former President's funeral on December 5.

But many others wanted to discuss the other side of the legacy of the 41st President. That side included an extension on the war on drugs.

"President George Bush wanted to show America what crack cocaine looked like at his first Oval Office address on Sept 5, 1989. He wanted to show you could even buy crack in front of the White House. That's how bad the crisis had gotten. That's how Bush announced his War on Drugs," tweeted Joshua Davis, an Assistant Professor at the University of Baltimore.

Dr. Lisa Biggs, and Assistant Professor at Brown University, wrote, "SHAME on Fareed Zakaria for allowing James Baker to attribute the fall of apartheid to George Bush. Black people freed themselves, period," on December 2.

"George Bush using the legendarily racist Willie Horton ad, was an example on how white supremacists use one Black person as a proxy to represent ALL Black people," wrote Tariq Nasheed, an anti-racism strategist based in California, on Twitter.

But still others mentioned, "a thousand points of light" and a kinder gentler Republican that is now viewed in stark contrast to what has been witnessed during the Trump's time in office. Trump's two years has featured xenophobia, a specific racist attack on what Trump defined as "s***hole countries, and two close former advisors, Michael Cohen and Omarosa Manigault, telling reporters that President Trump has made openly racist statements.

In contrast, Raynard Jackson, a Black Republican, wrote of a positive relationship with Bush and his advisors. Jackson also added, "Because of the Bush family, I am slowly backing away



A state funeral for the 41st President took place in Washington, D.C, on December 5, 2018.

from a lot of political activities simply because relationships seem to mean nothing in today's political climate. Everything seems to have denigrated into nothing more than transactional relationships; not relationships of substance. This devaluing of relationships is what's going to be severely missed by the death of 41 and others in his

generation."

Part of what makes the current analysis of the George H.W. Bush's legacy complicated is that the bar has been lowered by Donald Trump. Against that backdrop, there's not much about the legacy of the 41st President that is now seen as being all that bad.

A state funeral for the 41st

President took place in Washington, D.C, on December 5, 2018.

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The growing and disproportionate imprisonment of Black women in America

BY STACY M. BROWN
NNPA NEWSWIRE CORRESPONDENT

Missy Venable (not her real name) said she has trouble sleeping at night.

It's not the typical case of insomnia. It's the after effects of spending more than 7 years in prison - which, incidentally, is where her fellow inmates began calling her "Missy," and the name just stuck.

She made up her last name for this article, choosing to hide her identity because her children are both of school age and Venable said she doesn't want their classmates teasing them.

It's a similar story to that shared by her friend, Tina Blackman - also a fictitious name.

Blackman, who said she's in her mid-40s, spent nearly 9 years in prison. "When I went in, I left behind two teenagers and one child that was 8 years-old and autistic and another child that was 2," Blackman told NNPA Newswire.

While Venable was imprisoned for insurance fraud, Blackman was sentenced on drug charges.

After hearing their stories, one might wonder, why so much time?

Venable said she thought she was referring people to get legitimate assistance with old, broken down vehicles and didn't know the auto shop's owner, who was once one of her closest friends, was committing insurance fraud.

Blackman said her ex-boyfriend always denied being a drug dealer and she could find no evidence that he was. No bankroll, no fancy car and

certainly not a stack of cash, because she was often late on rent and utility payments.

"Every day, I'd take mail to his friend's because his friend didn't have a reliable mailbox," Blackman explained. "They all looked just like regular mail, letters and stuff," she said.

However, one of the envelopes contained drugs and she was charged for selling narcotics.

Blackman and Venable are part of an alarming trend: The growing and disproportionate imprisonment of Black women in America.

A recent NAACP Criminal Justice Fact Sheet noted that between 1980 and 2015, the number of people incarcerated in America increased from roughly 500,000 to over 2.2 million.

Today, the United States makes up about 5 percent of the world's population and has 21 percent of the world's prisoners.

Also, according to the Fact Sheet, 1 in every 37 adults in the United States, or 2.7 percent of the adult population, is under some form of correctional supervision.

Further in 2014, African Americans constituted 2.3 million, or 34 percent, of the 6.8 million correctional population total and Black people are incarcerated at more than 5 times the rate of whites.

The imprisonment rate for African American women is twice that of white women.

"The Status of Black Women in the United States, (SOBW)" was released in June 2017 and coauthored by the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington and the National Domestic

Workers Alliance in New York.

That report revealed that Black women are more prone to being jailed than White women, and that tendency starts in school.

Racial disparities in discipline exist throughout the nation's education system, the SOBW researchers said.

Black girls between 2011 and 2012 accounted for 45 percent of all girls suspended from K-12 public schools nationally, and they represented 42 percent of all girls expelled. They were suspended and expelled at higher rates than Black boys, according to the SOBW as reported by New American Media which also noted that the "nation's Black women are jailed at unfair rates."

Disciplining of Black girls appears to be influenced by school administrators' stereotypes and racial biases, the SOBW researchers said.

Black girls are more likely to be seen as disruptive or loud, compared with other students. They're more often punished for dress-code violations, talking back to teachers and "defiance" than other girls.

What's worse, Black girls with disabilities are more prone to being suspended from school than other Black girls.

A June 2018 report from the Center for American Progress (CAP) noted that infant mortality and mass incarceration are major issues affecting the Black community. But while they are often thought of and dealt with on separate tracks, structural racism firmly connects these critical issues.



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Structural racism exposes Black women to distinct stressors - such as contact with the criminal justice system - that ultimately undermine their health and the health of their children, according to the CAP report.

The number of incarcerated U.S. women overall has increased dramatically in recent decades - from just 26,000 in 1980 to 219,000 in 2017.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the spike in female incarceration has disproportionately affected Black women, especially young Black women.

While Black women overall are twice as likely to be imprisoned as their white counterparts, Black women ages 18 to 19 are three times more likely to be imprisoned than their white counterparts,

the CAP report noted.

Alarming, the report concluded that if current incarceration trends continue, 1 in 18 Black women will be imprisoned at some point in their lifetime.

One of the many detrimental effects of incarceration is that it's associated with higher odds of low birth weight, preterm birth, and infant mortality.

Mass incarceration has exposed millions of black women to dangerous stressors that threaten their health and the lives of their offspring, CAP officials said, while noting that lawmakers must act to put an end to this persistent form of structural racism.

"I did time ... hard time and I know it was partly because I was naive and mostly because

I was stupid," Venable said.

The African-American mother of two had barely made ends-meet when an opportunity of a lifetime presented itself. Or, so she thought.

"A friend of mine was running this auto shop not far from my house and he asked that I send him some clients and he'd pay me for it," Venable said.

Promised \$250 per client, Venable said she turned a blinds-eye to what really was going on in the auto shop - insurance fraud.

"The clients would be folks who wanted to get rid of their cars and my contact knew just how to get rid of them, get the clients paid and of course pocket the insurance money," she said.

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Thomas Omega Millard, Sr., 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 15th day of February, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 15th day of November, 2018

Thomas Omega Millard, Jr., Executor 908 Twisted Oak Place Wilmington, NC 28405

November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Eula Lee London, 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 15th day of February, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 15th day of November, 2018

Barbara A. Campbell, Executrix 238 Windchime Drive Wilmington, NC 28412

November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Executor of the estate of Donald Hays Williams, 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 15th day of February, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 15th day of November, 2018

John David Williams, Ancillary Executor 1434 Foxtail Pine Road Ladsen, SC 29456

November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, William McCoy, having qualified on the 9th day of November, 2018, as Executor of the Estate of Martha Cox McCoy (18-E-1305), deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the 6th day of March, 2019 or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

This 29th day of November, 2018.

William McCoy, Executor ESTATE OF MARTHA COX MCCOY David Anderson Attorney at Law 9111 Market St, Ste A Wilmington, NC 28411

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of John J. Bednarczyk, 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 6th day of March, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 29th day of November, 2018

Betty B. Bednarczyk AKA Betsy B. Bednarczyk, Executrix 648 Village Park Drive Unit 104 Wilmington, NC 28405

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 18 CVD 3607

FRANCES R. SCARLETT, Plaintiff, vs. TODD STEVEN MCFADDEN, Defendant. TO: TODD STEVEN MCFADDEN

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: Absolute Divorce.

You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than (40) days after November 22, 2018, the first date of publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 22nd day of November, 2018.

David M. Godwin Attorney for Plaintiff 8 South 6th Street Wilmington, NC 28401 (910) 762-0410 NC State Bar No.: 15867

November 22, 29, December 6, 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 JA 196

IN THE MATTER OF: I.R.D. (DOB: 16 March 2018)

TO: RESPONDENTS- PARENTS, NICOLE RENEE JONES AND WILLIAM KEELER

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

Adjudication of Juvenile Petition filed on October 8, 2018 alleging that L.R.D. is a neglected and dependent juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice.

You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Attorney Yulia Loshinsky has been assigned to represent Ms. Jones. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 939-1125, 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING TO ADJUDICATE THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M., OR upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 26th day of October, 2018.

Jennifer G. Cooke Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services 1650 Greenfield Street Wilmington, NC 28401 PO Drawer 1559 Wilmington, NC 28402-1559 (910) 798-3612 (910) 798-3772 * fax

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of William Thomas Elrod, Sr., 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 6th day of March, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 29th day of November, 2018

Timothy Eric Elrod, Executor 50 Tylers Run Rocky Point, NC 28457

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Julian Fulton, 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 6th day of March, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 6th day of December, 2018

Gail Fulton, Executrix 1503 Rankin Street Wilmington, NC 28401

December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 228-9; 31-32

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

J.M.T. (DOB: 08/01/2016) J.M.T. (DOB: 09/18/2009) J.M.T. (DOB: 09/18/2009)

TO: RESPONDENT: JESSYCA THOMPSON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER

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 November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice.

Attorney Kristen Kelly Callihan has been appointed to represent Jessyca Thompson, and she can be reached at 319 N. 4th St., Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 763-6545.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR January 14, 2019, 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 29th day of November, 2018.

Karen F. Richards Contract Attorney - New Hanover County Department of Social Services PO Box 81 Wilmington, NC 28402 (910) 632-0424

November 29, December 6, 13, 2018

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Thelma Gates, 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 22nd day of February, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 15th day of November, 2018

Treba Donaldson, Executrix 3506 1/2 Victoria Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Brenda Faye Farmer, 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 6th day of March, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 29th day of November, 2018

Marvin Shane Farmer, Administrator 305 Grovediere Ln. Hampstead, NC 28443

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 110

IN THE MATTER OF: X.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 November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR January 7, 2019, 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 29th day of November, 2018.

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Phyllis Ann Chisolm, 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 6th day of March, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 29th day of November, 2018

Herbert E. Chisolm, Executor 7317 Thurgood Rd. Wilmington, NC 28411

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 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 17

IN THE MATTER OF: T.U.B. (DOB: 11/08/2016)

TO: RESPONDENTS: BETTIE JO PEPPER, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER; KE'SHOWN BARRETT; PUTATIVE FATHER; ALQUON MOSLEY, PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO BETTIE JO PEPPER

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 November 29, 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.

Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Bettie Jo Pepper, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

Attorney Shawn Evans has been appointed to represent Ke'Shown Barrett, and he can be reached at 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 251-6088.

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR 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 26th day of November, 2018.

Karen F. Richards Contract Attorney - New Hanover County Department of Social Services PO Box 81 Wilmington, NC 28402 (910) 632-0424

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Mary W. Tomlin, 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 6th day of March, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 6th day of December, 2018

Willie Toney, Executor 3645 McDowell Ct. Dumfries, VA 22026-2685

December 6, 13, 20, 27, 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 244

IN THE MATTER OF: J.A.M. (DOB: 08/06/2017)

TO: RESPONDENTS: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO DESTINY ANN HAWKE

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 November 29, 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.

Attorney Dawn Oxendine has been appointed to represent Destiny Hawke, and she can be reached at 4932 Oleander Dr, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403 or (910) 397-7979.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR January 14, 2019, 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.

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IN THE MATTER OF: K.N.R. (DOB: 03/22/2018)

TO: RESPONDENTS: LANNIE BIGLEY, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO LANNIE BIGLEY

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

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You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following December 6, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Lannie Bigley, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR January 28, 2019, 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 30th day of November, 2018.

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IN THE MATTER OF: N.A.J.P. (DOB: 07/04/2017)

TO: RESPONDENTS: KIRA PRIDGEN, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER; RANDOLPH PRIVOTT, PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO KIRA PRIDGEN

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:

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Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Kira Pridgen, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

Attorney Chris Oring has been appointed to represent Randolph Privott, and he can be reached at 705 N. 4th St., Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 763-9925.

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.

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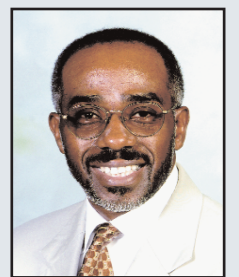
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