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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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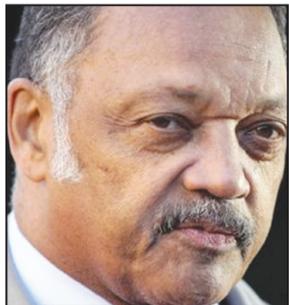


CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GRENOLDO FRAZIER

Community Service will be held Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Cameron Art Museum, 3201 S. 17th St. Local musicians will pay tribute to Grenoldo with their music. See obituary on page 7.

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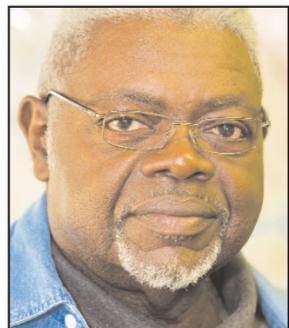
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REV. JESSE JACKSON

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BERNEST HEWETT

WAS IT JUSTIFIED? WHAT DO WE DO?

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we have a young Black man shot and killed by a police officer. Was it justified or was it excessive use of force?

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GOP COULD STOP NEW 9TH DISTRICT ELECTIONS WITH MINORITY VOTE

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As if the controversial Ninth Congressional District 2018 elections, currently being investigated for alleged absentee ballot fraud, couldn't get messier, comes this heretofore unrealized factor - one Republican would be needed to join the three-Democrat majority on the new five-member State Board of Elections (SBOE) if it voted to have a new election when it convenes Jan. 31st.

If both SBOE Republican members stick together in that instance,

voting against a new Ninth District election, there will be no election.

According to Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), and confirmed by Patrick Gannon, spokesman for the SBOE, the new SBOE board, appointed by Gov. Cooper, will consist of three Democrats and two Republicans. But one of those Republican board members has to vote with the Democratic majority, if the majority decides that based on the evidence, the Ninth Congressional District race between Republican Mark Harris and Democrat Dan McCready was skewed because of alleged illegal handling of hundreds of absentee

ballots in both Bladen and Robeson counties, and requires a new election.

The two Republicans to the new SBOE will be recommended by NC Republican Party Chair Robin Hayes, but ultimately appointed by Gov. Cooper. Given how Hayes and the state GOP have dragged their feet in helping with the SBOE investigation, and demanded that Harris be officially certified for the Ninth District seat, it is entirely plausible that both Republican appointees will not vote with the Democratic SBOE majority if they decide to order a new election.

Though the SBOE has not

released its findings yet into the controversy, published reports indicate that people connected with a local Bladen County political consultant, MacCrae Dowless, allegedly took unsealed absentee ballots from voters, many of whom were black and elderly, promising to deliver them to the local board of elections during the 2018 midterm elections.

It is illegal in the state of North Carolina for anyone, other than the voter or a close relative, to handle a voter's absentee ballot. Published

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CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS OF THE 116TH CONGRESS CHAIRWOMAN KAREN BASS (D-CALIF.) IS ON THE FIRST ROW, FAR LEFT.

55-member Congressional Black Caucus vows 'course correction' for the nation

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

The Congressional Black Caucus of the 116th Congress, the largest ever in its 48-year history with 55 members, is billing itself as a powerful "course corrector" that will consistently fight for justice and against wrongs of the Trump Administration.

"Today is a glorious day for our country. Today marks the beginning of a course correction. Correcting the trauma we have all experienced on a daily basis for the last two years," the new Chairwoman Karen Bass (D-Calif.), said during the annual CBC swearing in service on Capitol Hill Jan. 3. "We will have tremendous power and influence. At this moment in history we are equipped to lead like never before. We are equipped to govern. And we are equipped to resist when and where it's needed. We are equipped to lead with a vision for our country that not only lifts up our community, but lifts up the nation as a whole."

Bass assumed the gavel from former CBC Chairman Cedric Richmond (D-La.) before a standing-room-only audience of hundreds who not only celebrated the historic growth of the CBC with nine freshman members, but many of whom also celebrated the new

Democratic majority, now 235-199.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, who referred to the CBC by its nickname, the "conscience of the Congress", listed several legislative issues that the Democratic-led Congress will bring to the forefront.

Those legislations include a strengthened Voting Rights Act (VRA). Since the U. S. Supreme Court gutted the VRA's preclearance Clause on June 25, 2013, Democrats have longed to strengthen voting laws to provide greater oversight in states. The preclearance Clause required voting changes in states and territories with histories of voting discrimination to be pre-cleared by the U. S. Department of Justice.

"We have important work to do in this Congress: We have to address the disparity of income in our country, we have to address climate crisis in terms of what that means to environmental justice in our country. We have to recognize that one in five children lives in poverty and that's intolerable to us," Pelosi told the audience. "The Congressional Black Caucus challenges us as the 'conscience of the Congress'. We look to them for guidance. We congratulate them on this special swearing in...Each and every one of you for the intellectual resource, the political astuteness, the gen-

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NC CONGRESSMAN G.K. BUTTERFIELD

Butterfield on government shutdown: We should all care

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Now that Democrats have regained the majority in the U. S. House of Representatives for the 116th Congress, N. C. Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1) says they have to study how they first lost it back in 2010 and make sure that doesn't happen again.

One way is to make sure they address the pressing needs of the American people, and that right

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Racially divisive fear mongering from President

A statement by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

President Donald Trump's speech Tuesday night was more of the same racially divisive, fear mongering we have come to expect from him. The president confirmed on live television that he still does not understand the immigration issue and is cam-

paing for reelection at the expense of hard-working federal employees, immigrants, asylum seekers and the American people.

The President said African Americans and Hispanic Americans are "among the hardest hit" by the "humanitarian cri-

sis" at the southern border. Nonsense. African Americans and Hispanic Americans are among the hardest hit by Mr. Trump's politics of division and diversion. The harm to communities of color is caused by the regressive policies of this admin-

istration. The Trump Administration's attacks on human rights, civil rights, voting rights, affordable health care, affordable housing,

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NC constituents rally Tillis to end shutdown

BY ANTIONETTE KERR
OF NCNS

RALEIGH, N.C. -

Concerned voters are ask-
ing U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis to
help end what they're calling
a crisis created by the gov-
ernment shutdown.

As 800,000 federal workers
forgo another payday, North
Carolina constituents are
looking to their junior sena-
tor to support a bipartisan
solution to fund the govern-
ment.

Sarah Whitehill, whose
husband works for a federal
agency, signed a letter sent to
Tillis' office this week, call-

ing the shutdown "scary" and
"devastating."

Whitehill says Tillis
should show more concern
for the livelihoods of families
affected by the loss of pay.

"I want to see my husband
back at work," she stresses.
"It's clear from the fact that
the Senate managed to pass a
spending bill nearly unani-
mously just prior to the shut-
down starting, that they have
the votes to override
President Trump's veto."

"I want them to actually
put these bills to a vote, and
get the government back up
and running."

In a statement on Tuesday,

Tillis' office said he does not
support voting on the House-
approved spending bill until
President Donald Trump
signs off on the deal.

Gerald Givens, president of
the Raleigh/Apex of the
NAACP, says the shutdown is
also hurting groups such as
small businesses and people
with disabilities.

He sees it as holding North
Carolinians hostage, and
says Tillis ought to speak up.

"We've gone from a man-
made crisis at the Southern
border to a man-made crisis
in almost every airport and
government institution in
America," Givens stresses.

"His voice matters in the
United State Senate. He's a
representative of all of North
Carolinians, and people in
North Carolina are also
being hurt by this as well."

Since the shutdown, the
Transportation Security
Administration says there
have been higher than nor-
mal numbers of airport
workers in Charlotte and
Raleigh-Durham calling in
sick rather than working
without pay.

Karen Ziegler, an organ-
izer for the social justice group
known as Tuesdays with
Tillis that is critical of the
senator, is requesting a town

hall meeting.

"The president and Sen.
Tillis seem completely in-
ferent to the needs of every-
day people," she states. "Also,
we're really concerned about
the humanitarian crisis at
the border, but this is a crisis
that the president has 100
percent created, and we need
Sen. Tillis to talk about that."
Tillis is up for reelection in
2020. He has not addressed
the group's protests directly,
but in an earlier statement on
immigration reform, he said,
"Congress has failed to pro-
duce a solution because too
many members have caved to
extreme voices."

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reports many of those bal-
lots collected by Dowless'
paid staffers were lost.

Republican Harris defeat-
ed Democrat McCready by
905 votes in their contest.
There are reports that over
1,000 absentee ballots
between Robeson and Bladen
County are missing.

As a result, the previous
SBOE refused twice to certi-
fy Harris' victory, thus deny-
ing him the Ninth District
seat on Congress. Harris has

now asked a court to inter-
cede and certify the race,
saying that as long as his
lead stands, then any alleged
fraud did not affect the out-
come of his race.

The SBOE originally
scheduled a hearing on the
matter for Dec. 21st when it
was originally constituted
with nine members. That
board, scheduled to phase
out after being ruled uncon-
stitutional, asked a judge for
more time, which was grant-
ed, but when it couldn't meet
the new deadline, the court
unexpectedly declared the
SBOE dissolved, ruling that

the new five-member board
will convene on Jan. 31st.

That meant the new hear-
ing originally scheduled for
Jan. 11th has been canceled,
and no interim SBOE can be
appointed because the NC
Republican Party has re-
fused to appoint anyone to it.

So now, while SBOE staff
continue to probe the matter,
there is no board, interim or
otherwise, that can render a
final judgement on the fate of
the Ninth Congressional
District election, and
whether there can be another
one.

Ironically, it is an old state

statute that governs the out-
come here.

Before the NC General
Assembly originally created
the nine-member NC Board of
Elections and Ethics
Enforcement before it was
recently dissolved, NC statute
163-183.13 mandated that the
SBOE may order new elections
"upon agreement of at least
four of its members..."

Even more ironically, this
is the only statutory man-
date, ordering a new elec-
tion, that requires four
SBOE member votes. All
other matters only require
the simple majority, three.

Now, as of Jan. 31st, the
five-member SBOE is back in
force, and so is the original
statute.

Apparently, even the SBOE
wasn't sure, however. SBOE
spokesman Gannon had to
look the statute up, and then
confirm with a staff attor-
ney before confirming
Congressman Butterfield's
assertion.

So now, based on how com-
pelling the evidence is that
corruption was indeed at
hand in Harris' victory, will
determine whether the new
SBOE will call for a new elec-
tion at all.

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erosity of candor that you're
all willing to share with us
that make our work more
focused and more effective."

Though House Democrats
are currently boasting their
new power, most legislation

must also win approval by the
U. S. Senate which has a
Republican majority 52-47.
Plus, the Senate has only two
CBC members, Sen. Kamala
Harris (D-Calif.) and Sen.
Corey Booker (D-N.J.). African
American Sen. Tim Scott (R-
S.C.), is the only Black
Republican in the Senate. He is
not a member of the CBC.

The new Democratic
majority House has also pro-
duced a wealth of CBC mem-
bers in Democratic leader-
ship and chairmanships of
House committees. The CBC
members who are
Democratic leaders are: Rep.
Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.), major-
ity whip; Rep. Hakim Jeffries
(D-N.Y.), chairman of the
Democratic Caucus; and Rep.
Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), co-
chair of Steering and Policy.

House Committee chairs
are: Rep. Eddie Bernice
Johnson (D-Texas), Science
and Technology; Rep. Elijah
Cummings (D-Md.),
Government Reform and
Oversight; Rep. Maxine
waters (D-Calif.), Financial
Services; Rep. Bobby Scott
(D-Va.), Education and
Labor; and Rep. Bennie
Thompson (D-Miss.),
Homeland Security. In addi-
tion, 28 members of the CBC
will chair subcommittees.

Chairwoman Bass is also
supported by new CBC execu-
tive committee. They are First
Vice Chair Joyce Beatty (D-
Ohio); Second Vice Chair
Brenda Lawrence (D-Mich.);
Secretary Hank Johnson (D-
Ga.); CBC Whip A. Donald
McEachin (D-Va.); Parlia-
mentarian Steven Hartford (D-
Calif.) and members at large,
Dwight Evans (D-Pa.) and
Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.).

Majority Whip Clyburn
told the audience that the
new power of the CBC and
the Democrats have been
mandated by a nation of vot-
ers who have grown weary of
injustice.

"Recent legislative actions,
judicial decisions, and every-
day experiences of the
American people have
exposed some significant
faults in our system that
need to be repaired," Clyburn
said. "And the voters
responded last November by

installing a Democratic
majority in the United States
House of Representatives.
And we are a significant part
of that majority."

Clyburn listed the denials
of health care to people with
pre-existing conditions, safe
drinking water to communi-
ties, clean air to citizens,
affordable college tuitions,
quality housing, due process
to asylum seeking children
and parents as faults that
must be repaired. He added
that "allowing catastrophic
climate change to harm our
environment are significant
faults that we must repair."
"We will watch them bring
the CBC tradition; the conscience
of the Congress, into each of
their committees...I just want
everyone to remember this
moment a few months from
now. I want you to just watch
and see what happens when
the gavels are placed in these
hands."



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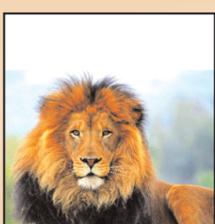
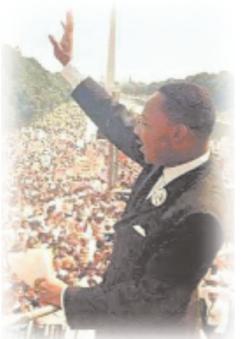
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2019 NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY LONG SESSION BEGINS

[RALEIGH] As of Wednesday, the days of the Republican supermajority in the NC General Assembly are over. Thank to impressive begins during the 2018 midterm elections, while Republicans still have a majority in both the state House and Senate, they no longer have veto-proof majorities, meaning that if they pass legislation Gov. Cooper doesn't like, he can stop it with a stroke of his pen. Thus, expect Democrats - who've been virtually ignored in the legislature since 2011 because they didn't have the members to truly challenge anything - to now

speak with more authority now that they can uphold Gov. Cooper's vetoes. Senate Pro-tem Phil Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore were re-elected to lead the Republican majority.

FEDERAL SHUTDOWN AFFECTING NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS, HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

[RALEIGH] Thanks to the three-week old partial federal shutdown that has forced 800,000 federal employees to go without a paycheck, hurricane relief money that was supposed to go to farmers from the state who lost property and livestock during storms can't get anything, state officials say. Lawmakers had earmarked \$240 million to go to farmers and fishermen impacted. They were also supposed to get a special form to fill out, but thanks to the shutdown county Farm Services agency offices are closed. Nothing can be down, officials say, until the shutdown

ends. **NCNAACP ANNOUNCES 13TH ANNUAL HK ON J PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND MORAL MARCH** [RALEIGH] The NC NAACP announced Wednesday the kickoff of its 13th annual Historic Thousands on Jones Street/Moral March and People's Assembly for Saturday, Feb. 9th, in downtown Raleigh. More than 125 NCNAACP local branches, along with members of over 200 coalition partners from other social justice organizations, are expected to bring their concerns for voter empowerment and other issues to the state legislature by the tens of thousands from across state. More details about this year's gathering are forthcoming.

NC EDUCATORS CALL 2019 CRITICAL YEAR FOR LEGISLATION

BY ANTONETTE KERR OF NCNS

RALEIGH, N.C. - North Carolina public schools could see progress toward funding to update facilities and technology and decrease class sizes - but it will require state lawmakers to agree that an almost \$2 billion public school bond is needed. If the idea makes it through the new legislative session, the bond would be considered by voters in a 2020 ballot referendum. Mark Jewell, president of the North Carolina Association of Educators, says his organization of more than 30,000 members isn't the only group that thinks consideration is long overdue. "My feelings right now are about what everybody else's in public education is," says Jewell. "Particularly our parents, and our community members and our students - and it's that this needed to be put on the ballot years ago." North Carolina lawmakers were told nearly three years ago that the state's school

infrastructure needs had reached more than \$8 billion. Despite bipartisan support, putting the referendum on the ballot has been stymied so far. N.C. law mandates that local governments are responsible for school construction expenses. Shortly after the midterm election, Republican House Speaker Tim Moore announced he'd file a bill to get the public-school bond on the ballot, and vowed to go on a statewide tour to garner support for it. Winston-Salem teacher Tripp Jeffers, a former Forsyth County NCAE president, believes the 2018 elections and last year's teacher protest convinced lawmakers to listen. "When 30,000 educators called into their local 'sub-finder' systems and asked to take a personal day, we closed down three-fourths of the schools in the entire state," says Jeffers. "We effectively used our collective power to make a political statement

and then, went to Raleigh and marched 30,000 strong." Lawmakers did authorize, and voters approved, a \$2 billion dollar bond in 2016 for STEM facilities on UNC campuses, but educators say K-12 schools still face overcrowding and crumbling facilities in some of North Carolina's poorer regions. Jewell says students in North Carolina deserve better, and points out that facility needs and construction costs will only continue to grow. "You know, the latest figures show that we have about an \$8 billion facilities need," says Jewell. "Many of the rural schools haven't had a new building since the 1980s, and we have tens of thousands of students that are going to school in trailers. And that's just simply unacceptable." North Carolina ranks 37th in the nation for average teacher pay, and 39th for per-pupil spending, according to the National Education Association.

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now, ending the three-week long (partial) government shutdown and getting 800,000 federal workers back on the job "This ...has to be number one on our agenda." 380,000 are considered "essential" federal workers, required to work without a pay check, while 420,000 have been furloughed to remain home, also without a paycheck on January 11. Many of the workers are Black. Approximately 7,000 federal workers in North Carolina are affected. "We should all care," insisted Congressman Butterfield, who is beginning his eighth term in Congress. "These are people with families. They are breadwinners. They have obligations," he said, noting that, beyond the workers, people needing food stamps are now having to go without as a result. With President Trump insisting that he get \$5.7 billion to build a steel wall at the U. S. border with Mexico to keep immigrant families out and Congressional Democrats, led by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, vowing that they will not appropriate any money for a wall, but only \$1.6 billion for needed technological upgrades to maintain border security, divided government in Washington is now the new reality. "With the Senate in Republican control and the House in Democratic control, and at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, the man, who is right-wing Republican, is out of step with the mainstream of American citizens, we have to deal with the lineup as we have it," Rep. Butterfield says. "The question is, 'Do we surrender to Pres. Trump? The answer is no,'" Butterfield maintains. Thus

far, negotiations with Trump's senior staff have gotten nowhere, with the White House maintaining that, without the wall, the stalemate could go on for weeks, months or years. There are reports that Congressional Republicans, fearing voter backlash, are beginning to buckle under the pressure. "It is not who we are as a country," Butterfield maintained. "We do not erect walls, especially to stop people fleeing from tyranny and corruption." Beyond solving the shutdown, Rep. Butterfield is happy about the fact that, for the first time in its history, the Congressional Black Caucus, of which he is a former chairman, has 55 members, giving the panel more power and leverage in the new Congress than ever before. "We're essentially 22 percent of the House Democratic Caucus, ...and we plan to use our leverage," Butterfield said, adding that all of the new young members are bright and energetic. Butterfield says the new CBC now has a "massive" agenda, with top priorities being saving the Affordable Care Act from further erosion (a Texas judge found it "unconstitutional" just before Christmas), and pushing for renewal of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which the former Republican majority put on the back burner during its eight-year dominance. He also is hopeful that Congress and Trump can see eye to eye on funding a much needed trillion dollar infrastructure across the country to fix crumbling roads and bridges. Butterfield says the Black community benefits from such funding with needed jobs and infrastructure improvements where they live. "Let's hope there will be some bipartisanship," Rep.

Butterfield said, when reminded that the Republican-majority Senate could stop much of what the

Democratic controlled House passes. "As the popularity of Donald Trump goes down

and the Republicans see that Trump is bringing down their brand and viability, I think that you will see

Republicans disregarding Pres. Trump, and dealing directly with Democrats in passing legislation."



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RAINBOW COALITION

Trump administration is intent on weakening civil rights enforcement

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

When new U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was asked on “60 Minutes” whether she thinks President Donald Trump is a racist, she responded with the candor that makes her a compelling force in Washington: “Yeah, yeah, no question.”

This, of course, lit up the social media, with Trump supporters denouncing Ocasio-Cortez and progressives praising her. One would think after his dog-whistle, race-bait politics — from slurring immigrants to slandering a Hispanic judge to embracing the racist marchers in Charlottesville, Va., to denigrating Haiti and African nations as “s—hole countries” — that the question had been answered long ago.

What is clear is that, whatever the president’s personal views, the Trump administration is intent on weakening enforcement of civil rights laws across the board. The same week that Ocasio-Cortez spoke, two widely respected reporters from Washington Post, Laura Meckler and Devlin Barrett, reported that the Trump administration is taking the first steps toward rolling back a centerpiece of civil rights enforcement: the doctrine that starkly disparate impact can provide evidence of discrimination even without proof of intent.

If a government contractor announces that it won’t hire anyone who is living with someone of the same sex, the victims may not be able to provide direct evidence that the employer intended to discriminate, but the disparate impact of the announcement would provide the basis for finding discrimination. Disparate impact isn’t dispositive. Those accused can demonstrate that they have a rational reason for the regulation or action and that there are no less discriminatory alternatives.

In some areas, like election law, disparate impact is written in the legislation itself. In most areas, however, it derives from regulations on enforcing the 1964 Civil Rights Act, particularly Title VI which bars discrimination based on race, color or national origin by entities, including schools that receive federal funding.

In 2014, as Meckler and Devlin report, the Obama administration formally put public school systems on notice that they could be found guilty of racial discrimination if students of color were punished at dramatically higher rates than White students. Trump’s Education Department issued a report criticizing the regulation and has begun discussions about rescinding it.

This assault on a centerpiece of civil rights enforcement comes on top of Trump’s stunning reversal of civil rights enforcement across the government. Under Jeff Sessions, the Trump Justice Department essentially abandoned the Obama effort to work with police departments to address systemic racially discriminatory police practices.

Sessions directed the Justice Department to stop defending affirmative action programs and start enforcement actions against them. The administration rolled back protections for transgender students, while banning transgender people from the military.

The Justice Department chose to defend a discriminatory Texas voter ID law, which a district court later ruled was passed with discriminatory intent. In department after department, the administration has sought to weaken civil rights divisions and cut their budgets.

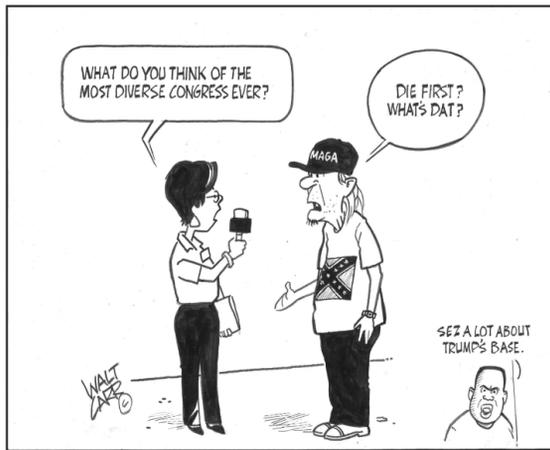
As head of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Trump’s acting chief of staff Mike Mulvaney gutted the unit responsible for enforcing anti-discriminatory lending laws. This list can go on. Is Donald Trump personally a racist? Whatever your conclusion, Trump surely campaigned by trying to stoke racial fears and divisions.

And this administration is the most hostile to civil rights and to equal justice under the law than any since the passage of the Civil Rights laws. Trump’s defenders insist that the president objects to being called a racist, that he signed the recent legislation rolling back some of the discriminatory sentencing practices, and that he happily has his picture taken with African-American children. But the record of his administration is clear, and the disparate impact of the measures it has taken provides compelling evidence of its intent.

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Visual Voice

MATTERS OF OPINION

He's scary and scared!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

It’s not unusual to have a person who is scary, but scary and scared in the same person is unusual. Even while #45 was campaigning for President, we understood he was scary. We looked at his record in business and knew we wouldn’t choose to be his business partner. We listened to his thoughts about women,



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African Americans, Hispanics, people of the Islamic faith and so much more. Black Americans immediately saw that he was too scary to think about getting our vote, so we didn’t vote for him despite his asking us what did we have to lose.

We understood how scary he is. He shows us day after day with his behavior behind every podium, with his hos-

tile remarks on the White House lawn as he walks to his transportation and by the messages he tweets without restraint. We see his scary part as he says one thing one minute then contradicts himself the next. We knew how scary he was long before the media began advertising that #45 has told the American people on record over 6,000 lies—without any indication the number will slow down.

We, in the Black community, never saw him as the “Master of the Business World.” We believed his son-in-law’s record on poor and minority people when it comes to housing. For the few Black people who didn’t see him as scary began to understand when he started choosing staff and bragging about who his supporters and friends were. Many of the supporters and staff have left him now upon finally learning how scary he is. Almost no one wants to work for him! Poor Donald! Some of his friends have also backed away from him. Among people I

know, nobody wants to visit him in the White House. (I don’t know Darrell Scott or Kanye West!)

I admit it took us some time before we learned he was also scared! The media had begun to talk about his never visiting places perceived to be dangerous, not even places to visit our military personnel who live in scary places every day of their tour. In order to try to convince the American people he wasn’t scared, in the dark of night, he sneaked out of the White House without announcing he would be going to Iraq or Afghanistan.

When he made an effort to convince us he wasn’t scared to go abroad to visit our troops, he couldn’t contain his fear as he tried to explain he wasn’t scared. When asked about whether he had any concerns about the visit, his face showed his fear clearly, and he blurted out that he was just concerned. He said: “I had concerns for the institution of the presidency (Wonder who he thought the President is!) He went on to say, “Not for

myself, personally I had concerns for the First Lady I’ll tell you.” (Like he cared about how she felt when he totally disrespects her!)

He nervously rambled on with this, “But if you would have seen what we had to go through, with the darkened plane, with all windows closed, with no lights on whatsoever, anywhere—pitch black. I’ve never seen it. I’ve been in many airplanes – all types and shapes and sizes. I’ve never seen anything like it.” He misses the lights a Mar-a-Lago!

It took this man two years to visit troops in a combat zone, and he’s scared! Does he even care about the conditions the soldiers live through daily? I wish I could help Robert Mueller finish his investigation so we can move closer to getting a President who is neither scary nor scared!

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TO BE EQUAL

A message to presidential candidates: A winning strategy includes a plan for Black America

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

“You want our vote, come get our vote.” — Angela Lang, executive director, Black Leaders Organizing for Communities

The nation recently experienced a historic midterm election of dimensions: more than 47% of eligible voters cast a ballot in November — the highest percentage since 1966. Black voter participation drove were a significant force in driving that turnout, and in electing the most diverse Congress in history.

But, as the presidential primary cycle begins, candidates cannot expect to see an equal level of enthusiasm unless issues of racial and economic justice are addressed.



Marc Morial

In fact, Black voter turnout fell seven percentage points in the last Presidential election, falling from a high of 66.6 percent in 2012 to 59.6 percent in 2016. National Democratic Committee Chair Tom Perez blamed the drop, in part, on candidates’ failure to engage the Black community: “African-Americans — our most loyal constituency — we all too frequently took for granted. That is a shame on us, folks, and for that, I apologize. And for that I say, it will never happen again!”

The upcoming Congressional session will demonstrate whether incumbent lawmakers — most of whom will be running for reelection in 2020 — truly are making an effort to engage the Black community. Following an intensive campaign by the National Urban League to urge diversity in Senate hiring, only two Senators have hired Black chiefs of staff — Doug Jones, who credited Black voters for his surprise victory in 2017 — and Elizabeth Warren, who has just declared

her intention to run for President.

Research has shown that, more than ever, Black voters are basing their decisions at the polls on issues of racial justice and economic opportunity. A poll conducted by a coalition of civil right groups just after the midterm elections found that “to have similar or greater wins in 2020, candidates must invest in and engage communities of color and the issues that matter most to these constituents.”

Yet, only 57% of Black voters were contacted from a campaign, political party, or community organization about voting in the months prior to Election Day.

The poll further found that that Black voters support policies that unite and strengthen the nation:

- Equal pay for men and women (88%)
- Congress should pass the Dream Act (81%)
- Strengthening the Affordable Care Act (79%)
- Sexual harassment is a major problem (84%)

•Congress should enact strict gun laws (81%)

Candidates across the political spectrum who are searching for a blueprint for a platform that will address the concerns of Black voters can find it in the National Urban League’s Main Street Marshall Plan.

The National Urban League and the Urban League Movement take seriously our responsibility to challenge candidates for the highest office and remind them. Over the course of the 2016 election season, we invited all declared candidates to participate in a Civil Rights Briefing. We also hosted a number of presidential candidates, Republicans and Democrats, at our Conference. We are prepared to do the same, and we will expect every candidate to explain his or her plan to address racial justice and economic opportunity and face questions about the above issues and more.

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“If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit.”
--AN AFRICAN PROVERB

What about Cape Verdeans?

(Via NNPANewswire.com)

In a previous column I discussed why I chose to write the novel, *The Man Who Fell From the Sky*. Central to the novel is the Cape Verdean in the USA. But here's the interesting thing. When I have mentioned Cape Verdeans to many knowledgeable people, they have no idea whom I am discussing. In other words, far too many of us have never heard of Cape Verdeans.

Nearly 400 miles off the coast of Senegal is found the Cape Verdean archipelago. Settled by the Portuguese in the 1600s, they became a transit point for African slaves

stolen from the Continent on their way to the New World. The Portuguese settled the islands with prisoners, adventurers, slavers and slaves.

In the 19th century Cape Verdeans became the first post-1492 African population to come to the USA voluntarily. They came initially as whalers and fishermen, though later families migrated, often as a result of the periodic droughts on the Cape Verde islands. But they came as Portuguese colonial subjects speaking Portuguese and having a very different history than those originally brought to the USA as slaves. This created an unusual tension between the two populations of African descent. Should the Cape Verdeans consider themselves "Portuguese", "Black" or something else?

The struggle for the independence of Guinea-Bissau and the Cape Verde islands

(which were considered one territory by the Portuguese colonialists) emerged in the 1950s and ultimately turned to armed struggle when the Portuguese repressed the demands for justice. One of the great leaders of this struggle was none other than the iconic Amilcar Cabral who was, himself, Cape Verdean. The struggle for national liberation for Guinea-Bissau and the Cape Verde coincided with the energized Black Freedom Movement in the USA. Both of these movements had a profound impact on the thinking of Cape Verdean Americans leading to increasing "Black consciousness" and support for national liberation.

I decided to look at this important population because they are frequently ignored in discussions about Black America. Either they are treated as just another group of African Americans albeit with "strange names" or they

are not treated as being African American at all or they are unknown. Cape Verdeans, however, are part of what has made Black America, Black America. African Americans have evolved as a population beginning with those originally brought over as slaves and indentured servants to the influx of Cape Verdean voluntary migrants, to the migrations of Caribbean peoples to the USA and, particularly after 1965, migrants from other parts of Africa and Latin America to the USA. Black America is continuously evolving through the introduction of these new blood lines.

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Bill Fletcher

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES On "The Base"

While nearly a million federal workers are not being paid as the government shut-down continues into its second week, the fact that the impetus behind the president's position is pleasing "the base" is disgusting. This small group of people want a wall on the Southern border which they believe will keep immigrants from Central and South America out of this country. Even as the deficit of this country has soared due to the massive tax cuts passed for the wealthy, this president wants \$5.1 billion to build a wall which will be ineffective in keeping immigrants out; they can and will either tunnel under it or climb over it. "The wall" will not keep America safe; it will increase America's debt.

Rev. Susan K. Smith

The fact that this president has sanctioned the shut-down of the federal government for the sake of this wall proves that he cares only about this small group of people, his base. He has no regard or concern at all for the plight of federal workers who are being thrown into economic despair because they are not getting paid. What he is doing is not making America "great" again; it is making America vulnerable and is attacking the already beleaguered middle class. He does not realize that no country can be great without a healthy middle class and he must not be aware that many of those being adversely affected by the shut down are members of "the base."

According to all reports, "the base" is about 30 percent of the American electorate and is identified by certain characteristics. (<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/mind-in-the-machine/201712/analysis-trump-supporters-has-identified-5-key-traits>) This is a group of people, primarily white but not all, and primarily from the South but from elsewhere as well, who are fed up with being ignored. Or that's the narrative.

They feel like they have been neglected; they believe that African Americans and all other minorities have been given preference in jobs and opportunities, and they are tired of it. They believe that their rights as white people in this country have been seriously abused and they want revenge. That word is used intentionally. They do not want justice. They want revenge.

They have been "courted" by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) for decades. The development and perfected role of the so-called "Southern Strategy" was brought to light during the presidential campaign of the late President George H.W. Bush. The Republicans wanted to win that election, and win it badly, and there had to be a way. Lee Atwater, who was the campaign manager for Bush, took the ball and ran with it. There had to be a way to speak to the racial animosity many southern whites had not only against black people but against the federal government. The Southern Strategy allowed the campaign to push racist ideology without using racially offensive words.

Atwater, who on his deathbed apologized for energizing and legitimizing this strategy, (<https://www.nytimes.com/1991/01/13/us/gravely-ill-atwater-offers-apology.html>) was clear, however, during the Bush campaign on the importance of speaking to white people in a way that hit their resentment of black people and their economic plight. Atwater said candidates had to use the "n" word without saying it, but say things using certain words that all angry whites would understand, and by doing so, bring them over to the Republican side. The Republicans would then be charged with addressing their economic needs, which they believed were as bad as they were because of black people. (<https://www.thenation.com/article/exclusive-lee-atwaters-infamous-1981-interview-southern-strategy/>)

Atwater's tactics and the Southern Campaign worked then and is still being used now. The president is feeding into the racial resentment of "the base," all the while denying that he is doing so or that he is racist. ("I am the least racist person you will ever know...") The entire debacle about "the wall" is about appealing "the base" who blame people of color for their economic distress. They are completely willing to forgive wealthy white people who have hired illegal immigrants to do massive amounts of work for pittance, and have opted to believe that this man - and his wall - can erase their issues and make America "great" again by tipping the racial population away from its majority being brown and black people to being white, which is what they believe America should be.

"The base" is supported, encouraged and egged on by the right-wing media. Ann Coulter and Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Fox News, seem all to be "president in absentia." The president listens to them and bows to them, even as he listens to and bows to dictators from around the world. He is weakening America, at the direction and with the approval of "the base." World leaders are either laughing at him and noting how weak America is becoming or are looking on in horror, seeing America fall right before their eyes.

What the president and the GOP do not understand is that in killing America, that base is not going to matter. All that is going on now is frightening to watch, more so because the GOP has allowed it all to progress to this stage. "The base" thinks this president is tough because he is not backing down from his demand for \$5.1 billion. What they will probably find out is that he is quite the contrary: a very weak man who depends on the hate-filled accolades and praise of a group who in the end will probably never be satisfied.

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A more diverse Congress, a more perfect union?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The 116th Congress, sworn in on January 3, is the most diverse our nation has ever seen.



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There are more women - 102 - than ever before. More members of the Congressional Black Caucus - 55 - than ever before. Indeed, a former Congressional Black Caucus intern, Lauren Underwood (D-IL) is part of the incoming first-year class. At 32, she is the youngest Black woman to serve.

This Congress includes the first Native American woman, two Muslim women, openly gay representatives, and others. Much of this diversity was displayed at the ceremonial swearing-in of the Congressional Black Caucus, an inspirational event that preceded the official swearing-in on Capitol Hill. There, as I listened to speeches by the top Congressional Democrats - incoming speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA), incoming Majority leader Steny Hoyer (MD), and incoming Whip James Clyburn (SC), I was awash in hope and optimism. These leaders, along with outgoing Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond (LA) and incoming

Chair Karen Bass (CA) spoke of challenge, struggle, and optimism and focused on possibilities.

As I listened to them I could not help but think of the poet Langston Hughes, and his poem Let America Be America Again. Written in 1935, the poem was first published in Esquire Magazine in 1936. Though Hughes did not consider it one of his favorites, it captures the duality of our nation, the marked difference between our nation's soaring establishing rhetoric and the stark reality that many experience. In the words of Malcolm X, it is the difference between the American dream and the American nightmare. Here is what Langston Hughes writes in his poem:

"Let America be America again. Let it be the dream it used to be. Let it be the pioneer on the plain Seeking a home where he himself is free. (America never was America to me.) Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed— Let it be that great strong land of love Where never kings connive nor tyrants scheme That any man be crushed by one above. (It never was America to me.) O, let my land be a land where Liberty Is crowned with no false patriotic wreath, But opportunity is real, and life is free, Equality is in the air we breathe."

(There's never been equality for me, Nor freedom in this

"homeland of the free.")

No freedom in this homeland of the free, but this Congress offers freedom possibilities. It offers the possibility of fixing the Voting Rights Act, even as the Supreme Court has attempted to erode voting rights, even as at least two elections were stolen in 2018, those of Stacey Abrams in Georgia and Andrew Gillum in Florida. This Congress offers freedom possibilities in resisting the insanity of a "wall" that the Great Negotiator (and purported author of *The Art of the Deal*) swore that Mexico was paying for. Not. This Congress offers freedom possibilities in its efforts to preserve the Affordable Health Care Act and to move us to Medicare for all. This colorful Congress (the pictures tell it all) offers a sharp contrast to the dismal (as in grey and navy suits) set of Republicans, overwhelmingly white and male, and overwhelmingly staid.

It's not about MAGA (Make America Great Again), it's about MAF, or Make America Fair. This is what Congressman James Clyburn shared when he spoke at the ceremonial swearing-in. He opened with the words of French historian Alexis Tocqueville, who observed when visiting this country: "the greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to

repair her faults." Clyburn went on to list the many ways our nation has attempted to self-correct, from the passage of the Emancipation Proclamation to the Supreme Court *Brown v. Board of Education* decision declaring "separate but equal" to be "inherently unequal." Clyburn talked about the Great Society legislation, another of our nation's attempts at self-repair; and he concluded by saying that, "America does not need to be made great again, she is already great. Our challenge is to make that greatness apply fairly and equitably to all of our citizens."

Can this diverse new Congress make our nation fair for many who have never experienced our nation in the way it is supposed to be? In the words of Langston Hughes, "It never was America to me." We've come a long way since he wrote his 1935 poem, but we still have so much to do. After these last two dystopian years under the leadership of President Genital Grabber (let's just call him GG), this new Congress offers us many possibilities. May they manifest!

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Equity V. Equality

(Via NNPANewswire.com)

Equity has been a huge buzzword in the field of education this year. Education advocates and politicians alike have called for an increase in educational equity, but what does the term really mean? Equity is not Equality. Equity creates equality by prioritizing resources



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to students who need them the most. For example, think of a typical track meet. There are five runners - each in their own lane. Each runner must run one lap around the track. The first runner to complete the lap, wins the race. Now let's use this analogy to inform our understanding of equity.

Equality would mean that every runner would start the race at the exact same spot in their lane. However, the track is oval-shaped. If each runner began at the same spot, each runner's distance to the finish line would be different. The runner in the innermost lane would run a shorter distance than the runner in the outermost lane. Sure, they would both start in the same spot (EQUAL), but the runners in the innermost lanes would have an advantage - in distance - than their counter-

parts in the outermost lanes.

This is precisely why track meets do not operate this way. Since the track is oval-shaped, each runner begins the race in their own lane, at different, equal distance, spots along the track; ensuring that each runner, runs the exact same distance needed to complete the race.

Now, think of our current public education system in this same context. Students - regardless of race, geography, household makeup - start on the same marker on the track. Some students, like the runner in the outermost lane, have to run harder and faster to get to the finish line. The barrier here is distance. In the real world, barriers include low-income, resource deprived neighborhoods, disabilities that require additional expertise, culturally negligent curriculum, outdated technology, inexperienced teachers or access to critical supportive services.

Meanwhile, the runner in the innermost lane has it a lot easier. They don't have to run as fast or as hard to get to the finish line because of their initial position in the race. The barriers here are fewer in number. In terms of education, these innermost runners attend schools in affluent neighborhoods with a surplus of resources. These students have the advantage of local tax-based funding formulas, parent lead fundraising efforts and/or private funding, and state-of-the-art technology.

What we need is education reform that promotes fairness. Fairness equals equity. As Debby Irving in her book *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* states, "Equality means giving all students the exact same thing to meet the same expectations. Equity means holding people of differing needs to a single expectation and giving them what they need to achieve it." In other words, the playing fields need to be leveled. It's critical that our public educational system undertakes reform - changes so that each student is given what they need to succeed.

Our education system should support students by allocating the most resources to students who are most in need, just as track athletes arrange themselves for fairer competition. The national education law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) targets dollars to the highest poverty schools and districts.

Under No Child Left Behind, schools could lose funding if they failed to meet statewide standards. But under ESSA, states cannot reduce funding by more than ten percent from year to year despite school performance. ESSA also attempts to ensure that low-income students are not disproportionately taught by ineffective, inexperienced, and/or out-of-field teachers.

ESSA requires that state and district report cards include the percentage of inexperienced teachers, prin-

cipals, and other school leaders as well as teachers with emergency credentials, and teachers teaching subjects out of their range of expertise. ESSA also seeks to relieve some teacher angst surrounding evaluation systems by ending the requirement for state teacher evaluation systems to focus significantly on student test scores.

ESSA gives power back to the states to control education policy. Now, members of the community must hold their school leaders and elected officials accountable to implement system-wide and school-specific measures that ensure equity in our schools.

Furthermore, UNCF's 2017 community resource, *Lift Every Voice and Lead Toolkit: A Community Leader's Advocacy Resource for K-12 Education*, offers step-by-step analysis of African American Education and highlights organizations that have effectively engaged in education efforts at a local level to support efforts in improving the quality of education for all students.

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New Hanover County

Burnett-Eaton Museum Foundation and Join Hands to Prevent Violence will present their 2nd Annual Happy Birthday Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Free Children's Breakfast (ages 4-15 yrs) January 21, 2019, Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Menu, hot grits, scrambled eggs, milk, apple cider, \$6.00 plates for 16yrs and up. The breakfast will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Jackson Hall, 600 Grace St.

Community Briefs

City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation will hold MLK Fun Day on Saturday, January 19th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 401 S. 8th St. This is a free event and includes activities, food and games.

The New Hanover County NAACP monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. A presentation by Lower Cape Fear Hospice and other vital community and state issues will be on the agenda, as well as information on upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch events and activities. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

The Willis Richardson Players will have auditions on Monday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. at The Art Center, 2nd and Orange Sts. The audition is for upcoming plays, "Room with a double Bed" and "Welcoming the new Minister." in the spring (April). Anyone interested in auditioning for these plays please contact Lela Thompson at 910763-1889 or Angel Dualeh at 910-833-0167.

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Navassa's MLK Day

Navassa, NC - The Town of Navassa and the Navassa Parade Committee will present the 35th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. March and Celebration, taking place in the Navassa Community Center at 338 Main Street Navassa on Monday, January 21, 2019, and featuring guest speaker, Chairman of the New Hanover County Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Jonathan Barfield.

The commemorative March will start at 12:00 p.m. at 402 Village Road Leland which is also Landon's Barber Shop. Starting at 11:00 am, shuttle transportation will be provided for those marching from the Navassa Community Center to Landon's Barber Shop. Immediately following the

Commemorative March the 35th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. March and Celebration program will commence with guest speaker, Mr. Jonathan Barfield. The program will also include the rhythms of The Jade Dance Team and the tunes of Mr. Raymond Green.

It's guaranteed to be a day full of inspiration, music and fellowship. Dinner will be served at the end of the 35th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. March and Celebration program.

All are welcome.

For more information contact Tonya Lowe, Assistant Secretary and Marketing & Communications representative at (910) 228-9958 or e-mail: lowelatonya@yahoo.com.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

There are times for listening to the news and reading the newspaper

There are times when we are alone at home or shopping and we will stop and listen. You may not want others to be aware of it. We wish to play it safe at all times. We may listen to the weather report. We may watch and listen to children as they go to school or grownups as they go to work. It seems to give us a feeling of comfort, a feeling that everything will be all right. We must strive to make it a safe and a happy day with co-workers.

In the morning I can hear the sounds from my old refrigerator. The sounds will come on and go off for a while. It's a peaceful time in the morning, and we sense it

when we are getting ready for morning breakfast and other responsibilities of which we must take care. Again, these harmless sounds are all around us day and night, inside and outside. We have very little control over them. Cars and trucks of all sizes make loud sounds on busy highways. This is a part of today's transportation which people must have in order to get back and forth to work daily.

Music can be a sound that is soothing to the soul. Oft times, it can drown out the more boisterous sounds that are not so pleasing to the ears. When one has been busy for most of the day, at day's end, it is time to watch the news on television or read the newspaper.

It is interesting to note the average healthy person is getting the flu. It brings body aches, fever, sore throat, fatigue and chills. It may keep

one down and out for days. It can spread in the community.

It's a new year, and we are aware of the changes near us. These changes involve crime, which is increasing in New Hanover County and in many other places as well. As various changes take place in society, we will be living in a much different world than our world today.

Some days it is warm outside, and on such days, we might like to go for walks. The traffic is good for walking your pet, and there are many sounds which one might hear. It's a good time to listen and think. We think about older people and about young Blacks and the bleak futures of so many. It's been said over and over again, "Put them in prison where they belong." That is not always the answer. Not all of them belong in prison.

Many times there is a need for counseling. A strict guide-

line to follow on a daily basis is needed. These people are human beings, many times, looking for a better life. People like you and me can make this place a better place in which to live.

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.

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Yes, all it takes is ONE TIME...

The number one thing that keeps families from owning is credit. The number two is income/job-time. The number three is income vs. current debts. Over the next few weeks, I will discuss all three of these so let's get started with credit.

Brenda Dixon

There are so many areas of credit that I will be discussing but this week I want to talk

about what happens when paying your accounts late. Paying late just one time on just one account could drop your score as much as 100 pts. (YES, 100 points.) That drop is so dramatic and the recovery of your scores will take months. Credit card debts are 1 of the most common accounts that are mispaid.

Unlike some loans, a credit card due date is a "time of the essence" date. That means you must pay on that date or before that date. Even if paying 1 day late it will report as 30 days late. When trying to purchase a home the lender

has to feel comfortable that you are financially able to carry your current obligations. If you are displaying difficulties, they will automatically assume you will have a problem in paying them also, so it's a NO GO.

Most mortgage lenders will require applicants to have been up to date on all obligations for at least 12 months straight before considering giving them a home loan. It will show you are financially responsible; that you can handle your current bills and says you just may be worth the risk.

So let me end by saying no matter if you are behind on every obligation at the moment, you can plan your way back. I encourage you to sit down this week and do just that. Nothing feels better than making a plan and seeing progress within it. Until next week, SHARE this article of knowledge with 3 people and feel free to reach out for your free personalized game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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Opioid prescriptions and overdoses reduced significantly in one year

WILMINGTON, NC - One year after changing prescribing guidelines to reduce the prevalence of addictive opioids, community physicians and New Hanover Regional

Medical Center have reported a reduction of opioid prescriptions by almost 20 percent - resulting in more than 836,000 fewer pills distributed in the community.

At the same time, opioid overdose visits to the NHRMC Emergency Department have been cut by more than half through 10 months of 2018 - encouraging news for a community two years ago cited by a national study as home of the nation's worst opioid problem.

"When a community decides to come together, you see results like this," said Dr. Kevin Cannon, Chair of NHRMC Opioid Task Force. "This is a result of our doctors, pharmacists, nurses and especially our patients' efforts. This is a win, and not just because of the reduction of opioid pills in our community. This is about saving lives, and I couldn't be more proud. We still have a long way to go and many other factors to

address, but we are proving we can make a difference in the community we serve."

The NHRMC health system, NHRMC Physician Group and community physicians implemented new prescribing policies beginning Oct. 12, 2017. In the 12 months since, more than 19,000 fewer opioid prescriptions have been dispensed through NHRMC, and the number of patients prescribed opioid alternatives has increased by more than 700 percent.

Prescriptions for Naloxone, which can reverse the symptoms of an opioid overdose, increased over those 12 months from 168 to 576, an increase of almost 250 percent. This means that more people in our community have immediate access to this life saving medication.

Meanwhile, from January through October, opioid overdose-related visits to NHRMC's Emergency Department dropped to 72,

down from 155 during the same time period in 2017.

The catalyst for these improvements was the Medical Executive Committee adopting guidelines that encouraged physicians to balance safe and effective pain management. This resulted in opioids prescribed less often, for less duration and with fewer pills. It also promoted more use of non-opioid therapy.

NHRMC has also been participating in community-wide opioid reduction efforts along with law enforcement, the courts, county government and other non-profit partners. Additional permanent medication drop boxes have been added at the NHRMC Outpatient Pharmacy, ED-North and Pender Memorial Hospital, and a medication takeback event Oct. 28 at 17 sites in six counties collected two tons of medications community members no longer needed.

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Demetrice Antwon Gibson

Demetrice Antwon Gibson know to all as "Dee" (31) was born on May 7, 1987 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Dee was called home on December 27, 2018.

Dee moved to Charlotte, North Carolina at the age of (12). He played football and later would graduate from West Mecklenburg High School with the class of 2006. Dee also attended Phoenix University.

Dee was a passionate persona and when he believed something it was certain that he made you believe it too. Dee's greatest accomplishment was his four children (DJ, Demya, Julian, and Kaitlyn). Whether he was walking to the park or to the store he would always have his children with him. Dee enjoyed listening to rap music (Mobb Deep, Lox, Lil Wayne, etc.) just to name a few. Whenever you saw him he would always have a pair of ear buds in his ear and a fitted cap on his head.

He was preceded in death by his mother; Yvonne Patricia Gibson, his grandmother; Orene Gibson, his grandfather Ruben Gibson, an Uncle Ruben Gibson, Jr., an Aunt Vernell Gibson and his cousin Julian Gibson.

He leaves to cherish his memories four children Demetrice Gibson, Jr. of Bronx, New York, Demya Kempson of Charlotte, NC, Julian and Kaitlyn Gibson of Charlotte, NC; two brothers, Ron Gibson of Fayetteville, NC and Michael Gibson of Charlotte, NC; two uncles Charles Gibson of Jacksonville, NC; Reggie Gibson of Wilmington, NC; two aunts Maxine Gause of Wilmington, NC and Phyllis Gibson of Wilmington, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends and associates. He also leaves a special friend Shanice Barringer of the home.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Grenoldo Ricardo Grant Frazier

Grenoldo Ricardo Grant Frazier was born on April 2, 1953 in Brooklyn, New York. He departed his earthly home on December 30, 2018. He is preceded in death by his mother Sallie LaFrance Frazier; his beloved grandmother Sallie Henry Frazier and his godson D'Roderick Jefferson Cook.

He was raised in Wilmington, NC by his grandmother Sallie Henry Frazier where he spent his formative and later years. Grenoldo attended Peabody Elementary School and New Hanover High School, graduating in 1970. At an early age he delighted at any opportunity to entertain audiences by playing piano.

After graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a journalism major, Frazier moved to New York City in 1972 as a pianist for two touring shows - "Journey Into Blackness" and "Harlem Heyday", an anthology of African-American music of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Frazier would later be featured as Barnaby Tucker on Broadway and on the national tour of Pearl Bailey/Billy Daniels' hit "Hello, Dolly!". In the 1980's, Frazier won the off-Broadway Audelco Award as composer of "Deadwood Dick" and for musically directing the national tour of "Your Arms Too Short to Box With God". Later he

toured arenas as Phineas T. Barnswallow, a WC. Fields character in Sesame Live. He would end the 1980's as composer and musical director of "Mama, I Want to Sing", the longest running gospel musical, named one of Time magazine's 10 Best Musicals of 1984. He also composed the score and musically directed "Moms Mabley" at the Astor Place Theatre. The 1990's found him winning dual Audelco Awards as musical director for James Weldon Johnson's "God's Trombones" and as an actor in "Robert Johnson Trick the Devil" off Broadway at the Schomburg Center on 135th St. He also toured Europe as a singer/dancer in Andre Hella's "Body and Soul".

Upon returning to Wilmington in the early 1990's he was an artist-in-residence at the University of Wilmington, Harvard Divinity School, Penn State/Harrisburg and performed all over the country in clubs and theaters. He was a co-founder of the Black Arts Alliance's 2011 Living Legend Award. In 2014, Grenoldo was given a star on the Wilmington Walk of Fame, which recognizes local residents, native to the Cape Fear Region, who have attained national acclaim and whose accomplishments have had a national impact on our cultural heritage. He continued to perform locally for numerous occasions prior to his passing. Grenoldo was scheduled to open the 39th Annual North Carolina Jazz Festival on January 31, 2019. The time slot will now feature a tribute to Frazier by El Jaye Johnson.

He was a famed musician, a humble and gifted artist and a true friend who touched a multitude of people. He is being remembered by fans near and far who flocked to performances to witness his vocal prowess and mastery of the piano. A Community Memorial Service will be held at 2 PM Sunday, January 13, 2019 at Cameron Art Museum.

He is survived by his siblings Antonio Frazier (Denise), Marvin Frazier, Jackie Frazier, LaFrances Frazier Dozier, Laihairi Julius Steward (Kim), Angelia Frazier (Jesse) and Darlene Frazier Winfield (Tyronne); 11 nieces and nephews; 14 great nieces and nephews; special cousins Hazel Lee and Theresa White (Lemon); and a host of other cousins and relatives. He also leaves to cherish his memory very special friends Rhonda Bellamy, Maurice Martinez, Harper Peterson, Woody King, Jr., Debbie Blackwell Cook, Dwight R.B. Cook, Randy Flood, Ricky Powell, Annie Joe Edwards, Ralph Carter of "Good Times" T.V. sitcom and his loving Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church family.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Eva Shaw Mitchell

Eva Shaw Mitchell was born on July 11, 1939 to James Henry Shaw and Celia Holmes Shaw in Wilmington, NC. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System. She attended Williston Senior High and was Miss Williston in 1957 and graduated in the class of 1957. She lived in Oceanside California for about 20 years and retired from Hughes Aircraft. She returned to Wilmington in the 1980's. Eva worked for the Wilmington Police Department as a school Crossing

Guard, Vintage Values and the Domestic Violence Shelter from which she retired.

Eva was a member of the Williston Alumni, the Class of 1957 Alumni, and Williston Alumni Community Choir. She sang with different choirs and a very special group was The Harmonics. In 2007 The Board of Elections, precincts 6 & 7 were merged and became Precinct W29. She was elected 1st Vice Chair and served 2 years. After that she became block captain until her declining health.

Eva loved to sing dance and cook and enjoyed making everyone feel right at home. She gave a lot of love and was loved by many.

Eva was preceded in death by parents James Henry and Celia Shaw, son Ricky Shaw, and Sister Annette Shaw.

She leaves to cherish her memory; husband Bennie Mitchell, children Rona Denise Barnes, Michael William Barnes, Sonya Renee Barnes; Sisters Helen Worthy, Marilyn Shaw, Jannette Shaw; 14 grandchildren 13 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and a goddaughter Rachel Davis and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and many, many friends.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Ephesus SDA Church. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Larry Jerome Moore

Larry Jerome Moore, known as "Moe", was born July 17, 1959 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Ruth "Marie" Hicks Hillian and the late Percy Underwood. He was raised by his aunt and uncle, Irene and Griffin Moore who adopted him as their son.

Larry was educated in New Hanover County schools, concluding his education at Hoggard High School. He was an all-around athlete and known for his basketball, football and track skills. Into his adult life he continued to ball at the Eighth Street Center and helped win championships in the annual Turkey Bowl playing sandlot football. Handy and willing to help, Larry worked for many years with friends the Blanks Brothers and George Deschamps building and remodeling homes in his beloved Port City.

Early in his life, Larry dated Ramona Tindall-Ragin and their relationship resulted in the birth of his only daughter, Tennille, who he affectionately called "Shakum". He was blessed with a handsome grandson, Pharrell (who he loved to boast that he passed his ball skills to) and a beautiful granddaughter, Heaven.

Summer of 2017, Larry moved to Charlotte, NC where he would make his final home. After many years of trials, Larry basked in the triumph of sobriety. In his final chapter, he enjoyed living in one of Charlotte's most affluent neighborhoods. He was cared for by the dedicated staff at Complete Care Myers Park. His days were peaceful with lots of television, especially sports, and long walks. He enjoyed outings, family festivities and visits from loved ones.

Larry leaves to cherish his memory his mother Ruth "Marie" Hillian, daughter Tennille Davis (Jerry), grandson Pharrell, granddaughter Heaven, sister Ursula Douglas (Clinton), nieces Beverly Butler, Stephanie Butler, Tiffany Hamlett, Alyssa Harris, Emori

Sutton, Raven Sutton and Chyna Douglas, nephew Terrell Hamlett, uncle James Hicks, Jr., aunt Levenia Hicks, godmother Betty Heyer and a host of family and friends.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at Mt. Olive AME Church. Burial followed in Johnson Chapel Cemetery, Leland, NC. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Margaret Brisbon

Margaret R. Brisbon, age 75, of Leland, passed away Wednesday, December 26, 2018. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 4, 2019 at Salvation & Deliverance Family Worship Center. Burial followed in Skipper Hill Cemetery.

She is survived by her sons, Carlos R. Brisbon (Wendy) of Durham, NC and Cecil R. Brisbon (Lanita) of Charlotte, NC; siblings, Rev. Dr. De'Other Melvin (Carolyn) of Richlands, NC, Jeremiah Melvin (Virginia) of Winnabow, NC, Mary L. Williams of Wilmington, NC, Doris A. Williams (Earl) of Nolanville, TX and Patricia A. Brisbon of Leland, NC; 6 grandchildren 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.

Martha Ewings

Martha Ewings, age 74, of Leland, passed away Monday, December 31, 2018. Family received friends on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

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Margaret Anderson

Margaret Anderson, age 81, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, December 31, 2018. A celebration of Ms. Anderson's life was held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

She is survived by her sons, Derrick Anderson (Sucora) and Rodney Anderson; daughters, Catherine Anderson and Regina Anderson; sister, Diane Brown, 4 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild 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.

Timesha E. Thomas

Timesha Elizabeth Thomas, age 37, of Bolivia, passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2019. A celebration of Timesha's was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home.

Timesha is survived by her husband, Jason Tooley; mother, Ruby L. Thomas; children, Jason Tooley, Jr., Nadia Tooley and Nyehema Tooley; siblings; and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Johnnie M. Vereen

Johnnie M. Vereen, age 86, of Bolivia, passed away, Sunday, January 6, 2018. Services are pending and will be announced. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

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Mrs. Anna Lee Briggs Moore

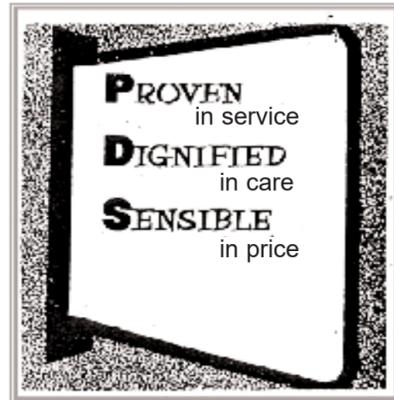
Mrs. Anna Lee Briggs Moore died December 27, 2018 in Wilmington, NC. She was born December 27, 1919 in Bishopville, SC. A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery.

Anna married Joseph Wilbur Briggs, Jr. of Florence, SC. Eventually they decided to move to Wilmington, NC. From that union were born four children, Joseph, Ann, Wesley and Robert, all of who are deceased except Wesley. Anna accepted Christ as Savior very early and was a life-long member of St. Luke AME Zion Church, giving life-long service whenever and however the church could benefit from her contributions. She also tried her best to indoctrinate her children to follow suit, by taking them along as much as possible. Anna served in many organizations, to include: State and Local Interdenominational Ministers Wives and Widows, AME Zion Ministers Wives and Widows Fellowship, Church Women United, Salem Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, United Order of Tents. She also served as secretary to the late Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, served as a delegate to the General Conference and was a member of the Wilmington District of Necology Lay Council. Anna wrote an on-going column in *The Wilmington Journal*, focusing primarily on the church, until her health prevented her from continuing. Ten years after the death of Joseph Wilbur Briggs, Jr., she consulted with her children concerning her intent to marry Rev. Aaron Moore. All of them agreed that she was far too young to spend the rest of her life alone and thereby gave her their unanimous blessings.

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New Hanover County

Faith Temple COGIC, 1119 South 4th Street, Wilmington, NC will hold an Uplifting Evening Glory Service 4th Sunday, January 27th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Guest Evangelists will be Bishop James Utley and Apostle Maxzine Utley of the Love Center Church.



Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church Unity Choir, 801 South 10th St., will hold a Gospel Explosion Musical Program on Sunday, January 20th at 3:00 p.m. Local guest singers and praise dancers will perform. For further information call 910-763-5302.

Moore's Chapel AMEZ Church, 1492 Village Rd., Leland, NC will an afternoon service on Sunday, January 13th at 3:00 p.m. The guest will be Rev. Dr. Carozell Henry and the Crystal Springs Missionary Baptist Church of Northwest.

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

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The marriage was over 40 years old.

She is survived by: her husband, Rev. Aaron Moore of the home; her son, Wesley Briggs (Sharon) of Westampton, NJ; daughter-in-law, Earnestine Briggs; grandchildren, Rashide Briggs Mengi, MD (David), Jerrick Williams of Dover, DE, Atty. Anek Williams of Suffolk, VA, DeShon C. Briggs (Johanna) of Wilmington, NC; great grandchildren, Arinna Mengi, DeShon Briggs, Dequan Pellom, Johnna Thatch, Jarren Williams, Stephen Williams and Nathan Williams; sisters-in law, Gladys Nixon and Willie Faye Moore of Wilmington, NC; a special niece, Carolyn Chambers; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mr. Corey Rondell Thomas

Mr. Corey Rondell Thomas, son of Carolyn Jean Thomas and the late Nathaniel Leonard was born on November 15, 1972. He was called home to our Lord and Savior on December 30, 2018. A funeral service was held on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery. Corey was educated in the New Hanover County School System. He was known throughout the City of Wilmington as "Boshi Black". Corey was mostly known for making everybody laugh and smile. he was well loved by all who knew him. Corey leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Carolyn Jean Thomas; two sisters, Monika Lane and Lakeisha Thomas of Wilmington, NC; two brothers, Antonio Thomas and Darius Leonard of Wilmington, NC; five aunts, Joanne Johnson, Marie Richards, Patricia Thomas, Cynthia Rush and Sadie Davis; a very special cousin, Jermaine Thomas; as host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including a very special friend, Akieta Robinson. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ms. Ruth Mae Green Peoples

Ms. Ruth Mae Green Peoples, daughter of David W. Brock and Sally Mae Green was born June 28, 1952 in New Hanover County. A funeral service was held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial followed in Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Castle Hayne, NC. Ruth was educated in the Schools of New Hanover County. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined St. Phillip AME Church. She sang on the choir and remained a faithful member until she moved to Houston, Texas in 1979. Ruth enjoyed a long career in early childhood education until she retired in 2004. Never one to stay still, shortly after, she began working as an administrative assistant until moving back to Wilmington, NC in 2016.

Ruth was preceded in death by her loving husband, Oliver N. Peoples; her parents; and her brothers, William and Ernest. Ruth leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Timothy Ragin (Ramona) of Wilmington, NC and Tammi Ragin Lofton (Harold) of Houston, TX; grandchildren, Timiya, Ragin and Isiah; her great-grandson, Solomon; siblings, Hattie Mae, James

(Mary), Cheryl (Ernest) of Wilmington, NC, Daniel of Odessa, FL, Doris and Anthony of Charlotte, NC; her stepchildren, Jeremiah and April; in-laws, Ernestine (Hubert), Leroy, Jr. (Peggy), Ruth (Larry), Jeffrey (Emily), Gloria (Clifton), Deames (Kim), and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends, including her loving friends, Paula and Tim Moore. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mr. William Damon Johnson

Mr. William Damon Johnson died December 27, 2018 in Baltimore, MD. He was born April 11, 1981 in Wilmington, NC to Daisy Moore Johnson and William Herbert Baldwin (deceased). A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Enoch Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Enoch Chapel Church Cemetery. Lovingly called "Bill" by his family and friends. He was well known in the community and loved by those who met him. Bill attended E. A. Laney High School in Wilmington, NC. His latest endeavor was studying to become a brick mason. He accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age, becoming a member of Enoch Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Bill had a long-time companion, Sabrina Everett, who preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish his memories: three sons; five daughters; loving mother, Daisy Johnson Clay; father, Russell Clay; grandmother, Essie Clay; three sisters, Brandy Pigford (Tyrene), Shimone and Tyreka Cuttino; two brothers, Charles Johnson (Melony), Cortney Thurman; four uncles, Terry and Darryl Moore, George Baldwin (Gail) and Charles Clay, Jr.; six aunts, Connie Pearson, Pamela Rhodes, Katrina Brunson, Shirley Baldwin, MaryAnn Clay and Karen Clay Beatty; many special friends; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mr. Pernel Knox

Mr. Pernel Knox, was born April 11, 1962 to the late Daniel and Sadie Bryant Knox. He entered into eternal rest on Saturday, December 29, 2018. A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Pernel was educated in the Brunswick County Schools and graduated from North Brunswick High School in the Class of 1980. He took various college courses and assisted others in obtaining their degrees. He was employed at McDonalds. Pernel (Hustle Man from the 5th floor) was well known in helping his community members in getting the job done. He will be missed by all.

He is survived by sisters: Beulah Jackson (Rev. A.C. Jackson), Ella Robbins (Donnie), Yolanda Perkins (Rev. Donald Perkins) and Carolyn Knox; brothers: Rev. James A. Knox (Debra), Sherman Knox and Nathaniel Knox; uncle, Robert Bryant (Shirley); aunts, Loretta Teachey, Lorraine Bryant, Mary Lizzie Johnson (Butler), Josephine Harris (Thessalonians), Christine Vernon and Vergie Vernon; special god daughter, Erin Hill; special friend, Sylvia Brown; adopted family, John Ballard and family; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

God is love

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA H. ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! This is the day that the Lord has made and I will be glad in it. Praise the Lord!

We have entered a new year with God as our leader and guide. Happy New Year to All! This meeting, on January 8, 2019, was the first meeting of 2019 for the Senior Citizens' Fellowship. To God be the Glory!

Our choir was called up, along with Mr. George Hill. The first song was, "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was given by Brother John Green. Thank you so much for that New Year's prayer for peace, joy and love. What a wonderful way to start this year! The next song was, "Down Through the Years." Thanks to our choir for carrying out

such an uplifting devotional service.

Morning inspiration was brought by Minister Doris McQuillan, who introduced our speaker for today. Mr. George Hill was our speaker. His topic for today was "God Is Love." He reminded us that God displays power, wisdom and justice but that the Bible does not say that God is power, wisdom or justice. It says that He is love. He unselfishly prepared the earth to be the ideal home for His human creation and He continues to show love to all humans in that He makes his sun rise on both the wicked and the good and makes it rain on both the righteous and unrighteous" (Matthew 5:45). We also benefit from another expression of God's love: prayer. The Bible urges us: Do not be anxious over anything but in everything,

by prayer and supplication, along with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. Like a loving father, He wants us to turn to Him for help with our most intimate concerns. Remember to love one another and that God is love. Thank you, Mr. Hill, for such a wonderful topic. We will show more love in this New Year!

We had the introduction of a new acting assistant president, Mrs. Mary Greene. She will fill in for Trudy Tann who is the vice president. This will only be for a short time.

Minutes of the executive board meeting on January 3, 2019, were read by our secretary, Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Thank you so much!

The reading of cards that were given to all the members as a New Year's token of

love was done by Mary Lockhart. Thank you so much for such an uplifting and inspiring gift for our souls and hearts and minds. Again, we all thank you.

Next, it was time for our Callers' Report. Gladys Taylor had 10 members present. Thanks to all the members and callers who were present.

Announcements were read and remarks were made.

We welcomed back to our fellowship Geneva Edge, Wilma Brown and Helen Black. We were glad to see you all in this new year. May God continue to bless and keep you all in his care.

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

There were thirty-five members present.

TELL SOMEBODY

"A New Beginning Part II"

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 4:17

The Apostle Paul, who wrote the epistle to the Corinthian church, was a prime example of the spiritual ministry of reconciliation. He was a man, who lived such a wretched life, that he knew the reality and the necessity of a new beginning. Prior to his salvation experience, he thought he had it all



Sylvia Hooper

together. He had pride, prestige, pedigree, position and some measure of power. But one day, on the Damascus road, he met Christ the Lord. He was no match for the Master and soon realized his human frailty and utter vulnerability. For a brief period of time, he lost his natural sight. Not only did the Lord restore his natural sight, but he also gave him spiritual insight. His destiny unfolded when the creature came to know the Creator! Coupled with the anointing of the Holy Ghost, this man's life became a mirrored metamorphosis of what it means to be born again, and to have

a new beginning. He later testified that all he may have lost because of Christ, became great gain for him personally!

His friends became his enemies, and his enemies became his friends and brothers. He grew to love the things he had once hated and hated the things he once loved. He was a new creature. Old things had indeed passed away! He fought for the right to preach the same gospel that he once persecuted. He was zealous before he met the Lord, and he was unstoppable after he was converted. His new life in Christ gave much glory to God because so many people knew him before and witnessed the great change in his life. He came under great criticism and opposition because of his testimony, but boldly stated, in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." He was in Christ, and Christ was in him!

Our lives may not have been as turbulent as Apostle Paul's but we all share the need for a new beginning at some point of our lives. "For all have sinned, and come

short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23. Sin had separated us from our Creator, but God himself reconciled us back to him through the precious blood of his dear Son Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

There are countless rewards and advantages for accepting God's offer to eternal life. Isaiah 42:9 declares, "Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things so I declare." Whenever God declares or decrees a thing, it is so! We are who God says we are, and that brings excitement to any person who understands the finality and authority of God's word over our destiny. A New Spirit, is a reward Ezekial 36:27; "And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." A New name is a reward Isaiah 62:2b; A New Song is also a reward....Psalm 40:3, "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." It is good to be able to

say with sincerity, I have a new song in my heart. He has given me songs of deliverance! I used to sing songs of sorrow and sadness, but now I sing praises to His name, and give thanks with a grateful heart!" If you thank God for a new beginning, be a friend and share your testimony. God will get the glory, when you tell your story! 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

What is a Christian or what does it mean to be a Christian?

First, Christianity is not a religion but relationship function, with God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ (yeshua) the anointed one, and you must be born again from above by the Spirit of God. Jesus never preach or mention the word Christian: He preach the kingdom, in Matthew gospel alone the kingdom of heaven is mention 32, times and equal number of times in Luke gospel!

Secondly, the word Christian only appears three times in the Bible: Acts 11:26, Acts 26:28, & 1 Peter 4:16. Jesus did not come to start a religion, but to establish his kingdom it was religion that had Jesus crucified, when Pilate was determine to let Him ago and three times declared I find no fault in Him, and religious leaders cry out crucify and if you let Him you go you are not Ceasars friend!

Acts 11:25-26 (KJV) 26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Acts 26:26-28 (KJV) 27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. 28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a

Christian. 1 Peter 4:16 (KJV) 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

What constitute a Christian, what characterizes a Christian or what are the characteristics of a Christian! In this lesson I will defined nothing else but a Christian according to the Word God. The word Christian is derived from the word Christ, it's not His last name, but Who He is, the Messiah, the anointed One. God manifested in the flesh, the Son of God.

The word Christian is who we are, Christ like, when we are born again of Spirit into the family of God. I am a Fullwood by relationship I was born into the Fullwood by the seed of the late Willie Fullwood, I'm not Willie but Willie like I carry his DNA, His seed. I am a human being, a member of the human race, I am a Christian a spiritual being, a member of the family of God, by being born again.

Becoming a member of a church, does not make you a Christian, being baptizes in water doesn't make you a Christian, but if you are born again, you need to be baptizes and you need to join a church. You got to get this statement just join a church doesn't make you a Christian. You must be born again!

The Bible is conclusive and definitive on how to become a child of God: Conclusive is defined as serving to put an end to doubt, question, or uncertainty. Definitive means precisely defined or explicit; supplying or being a final settlement or decision; conclusive,

authoritative and complete!

Let's turn to the teaching of the infallible Word of God, which is the fountainhead of all spiritual truth, and the revelation of the complete will of God for man. The Bible is the only authority on this subject, the Bible is unique, which means it's the only one of its kind, it has no equal or likeness: unparalleled!

Notice what Jesus said to a religious leader in John 3:3, KJV "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God". 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Just as sure as you have had a physical birth into this world, you must have a spiritual birth into the family of God (kingdom of God). The gospel demands change, and the gospel also provide the change through Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sin.

Here is a parallel example in the natural realm, the little creature that hatches from larva is call a tadpole, nature demands that it change and nature also provide the change, it loses its tail and nature grows it legs; it loses its gills and nature grows it lungs and

it's now a frog, this is call metamorphosis or transformation. Once the change take place the frog can never be identified as a tadpole. He can never again live in the water as before, it cannot have the mind of tadpole. Frog has to have a renewed mind or else it will drown because it no longer has gill.

Ephesians 4:22-24 (AMPC) 22 Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion 23 And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude] 24 And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.

If you have never experience this transformation in your life through Jesus Christ, it's so simple people are miss it: Just repent of your sins, and ask God for forgiveness and accept Jesus Christ into your heart as Lord. A person said to me, it can't be that easy all stuff I've done and I said yes it that easy Jesus the Christ died on the cross for sins of the whole world, so the sin debt is already paid, you access by grace through faith in Jesus Christ! If you have done this, you are now born again into the family of God. Now thank God!

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

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January 10, 17, 2019

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF (WHA) WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA RE-BID FOR GENERAL COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO.; COCC18.01

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to solicit Qualification-Based Proposals for the purpose of entering into contracts through negotiations for the professional services of Legal Firms authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina.

It is the intention of the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina to enter into an agreement with one or more qualified law firms to provide legal services on behalf of the Wilmington Housing Authority.

The RFQ packets will be available on our website at www.wha.net on Friday, January 11th.

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any information in the proposal process.

January 10, 17, 2019

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 332

IN THE MATTER OF: J.D. (dob: 12 November 2017) TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
Termination of all parental rights you have to J.D.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, January 10, 2019, 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 11, 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 2nd day of January, 2019.

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January 10, 17, 24, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as co-Executors of the Estate of **Betty F. Tomaselli**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 20th day of December, 2018.

Joel Tomaselli, co-Executor of the Estate of Betty F. Tomaselli 1900 Eastwood Rd, Suite 10
Wilmington, NC 28403
Kent Tomaselli, co-Executor of the Estate of Betty F. Tomaselli 335 Dogwood Lane
Hampstead, NC 28443
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Mabel Topel Kerekes**, 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 **20th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of December, 2018

Pamela Kerekes Britt, Administratrix
1804 Perry Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 2019

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 288

IN THE MATTER OF: K.P.J.S. (D.O.B. 01/21/2015)

TO: RESPONDENTS: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO TO SHANTELE STOKES

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 January 3, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **March 11, 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 3rd day of January, 2019.

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

January 3, 10, 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Nelson Wayne Shaw**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 20th day of December, 2018.

Joanne N. Shaw, Administrator of the Estate of Nelson Wayne Shaw 1011 Porters Neck Rd
Wilmington, NC 28411
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Doris Grizzle DeVane**, 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 **3rd day of April, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of January, 2019

George Douglas Grizzle, Executor
5724 Blue Clay Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

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 40

IN THE MATTER OF: N.Y.G. (D.O.B. 08/06/2008)

TO: RESPONDENTS: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO SAABRA GLOVER

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 January 3, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR February 25, 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 3rd day of January, 2019.

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January 3, 10, 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Dashiell Titus Parker**, 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 **20th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of December, 2018

Michelle Lee O'Rourke, Administratrix
213 Forest Hills Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **William Edgar Price, Jr., (18-E-1314)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 27, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of December, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator of the Estate of William Edgar Price, Jr.
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 17, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Marilyn Madge Atkinson, (18-E-1418)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 27, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of December, 2018

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator of the Estate of Marilyn Madge Atkinson
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

December 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 17, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Lisa Briana Speagle Vance**, 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 **27th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of December, 2018

Mary Patricia Wakefield Felton, Administratrix
1289 Fordham Blvd Suite 249
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

December 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 17, 2019

BID REQUEST

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested HUB Certified minority business firms for the City of Elizabeth City Coast Guard Park Improvements project bidding on 1/23/19. Plans and specifications are available for review at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk, NC 27949 For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

January 10, 2019

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Lucille Hawes Bouknight Moore**, 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 **3rd day of April, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of January, 2019

Marilyn Louise Johnson, Executrix
506 Grace Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

HARLEE BELLAMY EVANS, JR.

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

This the 2nd day of January, 2019

Ann Evens Ballard, Co-Executor
Collese Evans Morris, Co-Executor
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No: 910-762-4176

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Harry Carroll Watkins**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 20th day of December, 2018.

Vicki Wolfe Watkins, Executrix of the Estate of Harry Carroll Watkins
924 Rabbit Run Road
Wilmington, NC 28409
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 10, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Royce Eldred Ivey**, 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 **13th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of December, 2018

Jeannette Claudia Prevatte Ivey, Administrator
226 Cherokee Trail
Wilmington, NC 28409

December 13, 20, 27, 2018, January 3, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **James Lenwood Yost, II**, 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 **10th day of April, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of January, 2019

Cynthia Smithers, Executrix
123 Oakside Dr.
Harrisburg, NC 28075

January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Betty Stroup Korb (a/k/a Betty Jane Korb, Betty Jane Stroup Korb and Betty Jane S. Korb) (18-E-1286)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **April 10, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of January, 2019

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Co-Executors of the Estate of Betty Stroup Korb
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701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
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January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Margaret M. Donohue**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **10th day of April, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 10th day of January, 2019.

Joyce M. Gallagher, Executrix of the Estate of Margaret M. Donohue
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