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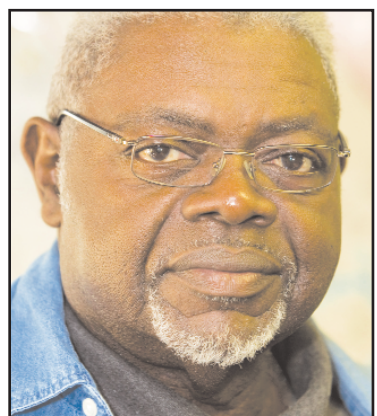


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BERNEST HEWETT

GETTING THROUGH TOUGH TIMES

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We are now, here in Brunswick County, torn with the untimely death of a young man. Let's not get carried away with the bad emotions or unwise lead-

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WILLISTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL/WILLISTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Community angered by Williston arts school proposal

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Florence Johnson Warren proudly graduated from all-Black Williston Senior High School - "The Greatest School Under the Sun" - in 1963, five years before the New Hanover Board of Education vengefully closed it down in retaliation for a federal judge's ordering the system to desegregate its high schools.

Williston Senior High was shuttered, later to be resurrected as a middle school, as it remains today.

Now, in the wake of news that the school board is considering a proposal to turn Williston Middle School into an arts high school, alums of Williston Senior High, like Ms. Warren - also a former Williston instructor, and Barbara Smith-Walker, class of 1955, say they've seen this movie before and do not like the ending, especially if it does little to help Black children achieve the skills necessary to suc-

ceed. "We are very concerned about this proposal," Ms. Smith-Walker, a member of the Williston Alumni Association, told The Journal. "I object that it should be a school of the arts."

"What does that mean, exactly?" she continued. Our students need a curriculum that will give them a job, such as technical studies, along with liberal arts courses."

Ms. Smith-Walker ended her reaction by saying that she hoped to learn more about "...what seems to me to be another railroad tactic."

The Williston Alumni Association is already on record, per a letter issued and read at the Jan. 8, 2019 NHC School Board meeting, as formally opposing the proposal.

Ms. Deborah Dicks Maxwell, President of the NHC NAACP, is not an alumna of Williston Senior High School, but the idea of transforming it into an arts high school still disturbs her:

"Not in favor of this [arts] school

personally as it was almost cloak and dagger the way it was thrown at us," she told The Journal.

In the various forthcoming community meetings and forums that will be held on this controversial proposal, NHC School Board members can expect to hear much of the same, especially from the African-American community, which historically has had its fill with school system leaders politically manipulating the education of Black children against their ultimate welfare.

The school system closed Williston Senior High in 1968. Williston not only was New Hanover County's only Black high school, but it was academically considered one of the finest high schools in the South. The school system refused to bus White students there to keep it open.

In the interim, Williston has served in various capacities, including a ninth-grade center and math and science magnet school, in addition to its current status as a middle school.



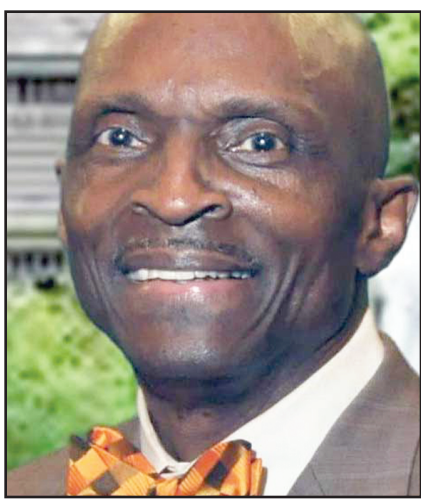
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FLORENCE JOHNSON WARREN

Supporters of the arts high school proposal argue that, despite those numerous changes, the school has not performed beyond a "D" per state evaluations.

Critics counter that numerous

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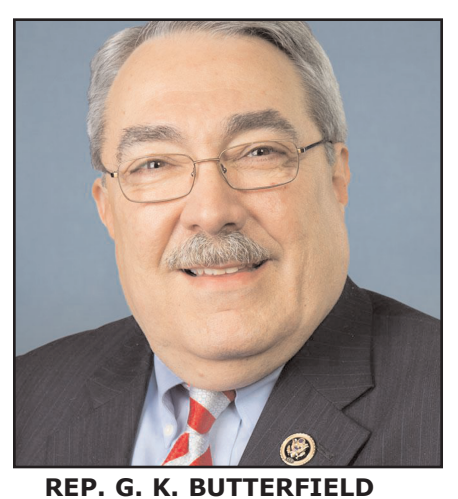
DR. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN



SEN. THOM TILLIS



ATTY. THOMAS FARR



REP. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

NC NAACP ready to fight again if Farr is renominated by GOP

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The president of the NC NAACP vows that if Pres. Trump re-nominates Raleigh attorney, Thomas Farr, to become a federal judge in North Carolina's Eastern District, the civil rights group will be right back in the fight to defeat his U.S. Senate confirmation once again.

Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President of the NC NAACP, was responding to reports that now, with South Carolina Sen. Lindsay Graham, one of Pres. Trump's most loyal Republican supporters, now the new chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, recently published reports say he's met with the White House recently to go over a list of Trump's judicial nominees who were not taken up by the Republican-led Senate for con-

firmation in the 115th Congress.

Farr, a former campaign attorney for racial segregationist, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), who is documented to have coordinated a so-called "ballot security" program for the Helms campaign against Black Democratic voters in the 1980's and 90's, was nominated by Trump in 2017 and had his nomination voted out by the Senate Judiciary Committee in early 2018, only to have it temporarily shelved before going to the full Senate before the midterms.

After the November midterms, Senate Majority leader, Mitch McConnell scheduled Farr's confirmation, only to have a damaging Washington Post piece expose Farr's role in Helms' campaign ballot security scheme,

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Regardless of what the SBOE does, Congress may decide 9th District seat

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Even though a new five-member State Board of Elections (SBOE) - appointed by Governor Cooper - takes over in two weeks on January 31, and, based on the alleged illegality in the 2018 midterm Ninth

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BY CASH MICHAELS

WHITE MALE CHARGED
WITH ASSAULT OF
12-YEAR-OLD GIRL AT
MALL

[ASHEVILLE] A 51 year-
old white male from Black
Mountain has been charged
with assault on a 12-year-old
girl after an altercation
Saturday evening outside of
an area shopping mall. David
Bell, who is said to stand 6' 1"
and 250 lbs, is also charged

with two counts of assault on
a female after violently strik-
ing the black female pre-teen.

A video of the alleged inci-
dent shows Bell in the middle
of a group of teenage girls
outside one of the mall's
entrances, angrily exchange-
ing barbs. A young black girl
approaches Bell yelling at
him. He shoves her back
hard. She then rushes back,
raising her right arm as if to
punch him, but before she
does, he braces, and punches
her with a crushing left
closed fist. The girl hits the
ground immediately, appar-
ently stunned. An off-duty
police officer later arrested
Bell. The girl refused medical
attention. At least one

onlooker said Bell was trying
to break up a fight, and
stepped in, pushing the teens
away. He is scheduled to be in
court on Feb. 5th.

UNC CHANCELLOR FOLT
TO LEAVE AFTER
ORDERING SILENT SAM
PEDESTAL REMOVED

[CHAPEL HILL] Origina-
lly she was supposed to step
down after spring commence-
ment. But after she ordered
the pedestal to the controver-
sial Silent Sam statue
removed Monday evening,
outgoing UNC-Chapel Hill
Chancellor Carol Folt will be
leaving her post in two weeks.
Her unannounced action

apparently caught her bosses,
the all-Republican UNC Board
of Governors by surprise,
which voted to end her
employment Jan. 31st. In a
statement, Folt - who has been
at the helm at UNC - CH since
2013, said the safety of stu-
dents on campus was her
highest priority, and given
that the statue (forcibly
removed last August and cur-
rently held in an undisclosed
location) represented white
supremacy, she saw no choice.

HEARING FOR HARRIS IN
9TH DISTRICT CASE
SCHEDULED FOR
JAN. 22ND

[RALEIGH] The hearing in

Wake Superior Court
requested by Republican
Mark Harris, the candidate
in the controversial Ninth
Congressional District race
that was marred by alleged
illegal absentee ballot han-
dling, has been set for
Tuesday, Jan. 22nd at 10 a.m.
at the Wake County
Courthouse in Raleigh.
Harris, who unofficially won
his race against Democrat
Dan McCready, asked for a
judge to certify the race
when the State Board of
Elections twice declined to
certify the result. Harris is
expected to maintain that as
long as the vote count was
not affected, the race should
be certified.

WILLISTON

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redistricting plans that
assigned a large percentage of
high poverty students to the
school, along with a consider-
able lack of resources, has
mightily contributed to any
deficiencies.

In published reports, NHC
School Board Vice Chair, David
Wortman, the originator of the
arts high school proposal, says
he's starting an exploratory
committee "immediately,"
based on survey results that "85
percent" of county parents sup-
port the idea of a performing
arts high school. Other board
members, however, say, given
the level of community con-

CONCERNS REGISTERED:

- **Community involvement should have been initiated before the first announcement about a fine arts high school.
- **Use 2-3 years to plan, research and implement.
- ** A state of the art, financially sound quality program
- ** Have a Plan B
- ** The faculty & staff

cern, especially in the wake of
adoption of the new school
redistricting plan last week.

The Williston arts school
proposal was discussed, and it
was clear that if it is later
adopted, middle school stu-
dents who currently attend,
will be transferred elsewhere.

"Why fine arts?" Williston
Senior High alumna and for-
mer teacher, Florence Johnson

Warren, asked rhetorically.
"Normally, when the budget is
cut on any level, fine arts is the
first curriculum/project delet-
ed!! So, if this pattern contin-
ues, Williston High School no
longer will be in existence at
all!"

"I ultimately retired while at
Williston Middle School," Ms.
Warren continued. "Because of
my experiences, I strongly feel

this proposal is not geared for
the success of all students."

"Therefore, one recommen-
dation being offered is a tradi-
tional school with a polytech
focus. Students would be able
to be job ready upon gradua-
tion and more likely capable of
getting employment."

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cially sound quality program

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So we need to implement
diversity in the schools. Why
move the Black students from
Williston," Warren continued.
"Where will they go? To an
existing crowded school? You,
the school board approved the
district lines with a certain
purpose in mind. A fine arts
school is appealing to what
population?"

The school board discussion
on the Williston proposal is
expected to continue next
week.

NC NAACP

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followed by members of the
NCNAACP, led by Dr.
Spearman, to go to
Washington, D. C. and lobby
vigorously against it.

One of the several
Republican senators they
lobbied was Senator Tim
Scott, of South Carolina, the
Senate's only Black GOP
member. Ultimately it was
Senator Scott, along with the
outgoing Senator Jeff Flake
(R-AZ), who announced they
would not vote to confirm
Farr, thus crippling Farr's
chances of passage because
the GOP slim majority had
eroded.

However, Republicans in
the Senate did very well dur-
ing the midterms, padding
their number to 53 to 47
Democrats, meaning that at
least four Republicans would
have to buck Farr's re-nomi-
nation in the new Congress.

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC),
strongly supported Attorney

Farr before, and says he
would do it again.

"We're looking at it right
now," Tillis told McClatchy
[Newspapers] last week.

That is not something
that Dr. Spearman is pleased
to hear.

"In light of recent events,
the possibility of Tillis' and
(NC Sen. Richard) Burr's res-
urrecting Farr's nomination
is certainly viable, especially
with Graham's urging," the
NCNAACP leader said.
"However, this would fly in
the face of the only seated
African American [Republican]
Senator [Scott] whose broken
silence is speaking powerful
truths."

"Will the Republicans
declare themselves outright
racists," Dr. Spearman con-
tinued, asking rhetorically.
"If so, the NCNAACP will not
stand down. We will stand
strong and endure."

The Eastern Judicial
District is where at least 30
percent of North Carolina's
black population resides, yet
an African-American judge
has never presided over fed-

eral court there in its 145-
year history.

Dr. Spearman, along with
other civil rights leaders,
says it would be a mockery to
have someone with Attorney
Farr's reported racial history -
which includes defend-
ing the NCGOP's racial ger-
rymandering and voter ID
laws - serve a lifetime
appointment to the bench
there.

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Congressional District race
between Republican Mark
Harris and Democrat Dan
McCready, is likely to order a
new general election race
(assuming that four of the five
members indeed vote for one),
it is pretty certain that the US
House of Representatives can,
and very well will, have the
final say as to who ultimately
represents the Ninth in
Congress.

In a letter, dated January
11, 2019, from Chairperson Zoe
Lofgren, of the Congressional
Committee on House
Administration, to Kim
Strach, SBOE executive direc-
tor, Strach is told the U.S.
Constitution empowers the

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ers. We need to plan carefully
and purposefully when we
come together. This is not a
show. It is real and it takes a lot
of careful thought. It is my
opinion that there should have
been a different means of law
enforcement and not death. It
is my opinion that this young
man did an unwise thing, but
it was not worth his life. So, as
we march and complain and
work to organize, let us contin-
ue with the complaint and also
find out how we can get the
word out more so that the fam-
ily will get a fair and just inves-
tigation. Let us get sound
advice and do long lasting
planning. Most of all, let us
keep God first and involved.
He will lead us through these
tough times.

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

U.S. House, "...to be the Judge
of the Elections, Returns and
Qualifications of its own
Members."

The letter went further to
state that, constitutionally, the
Committee on House
Administration has "jurisdic-
tion" over what ultimately
happens in the Ninth District
race after the state has fin-
ished its inquiry, and in fact,
may decide to conduct its own
inquiry.

"...[T]he House may become
involved in the determination
of the rightful claimant to [the
Ninth District seat]...." and
may review all of the evidence
collected by SBOE investiga-
tors.

"We are watching very care-
fully what is happening in
North Carolina," assured Rep.
G. K. Butterfield (D - NC-1)
says.

This is key, not only
because the five-member
SBOE may not be able to come
to a decision about ordering a
new election (with state
statute mandating a four -
member vote to do so, one of
those would have to come
from one of the two
Republican on the SBOE, and
that's unlikely to happen, say
observers), but also because
Republican Harris is asking a
Superior Court judge to cer-
tify his race, despite the investi-
gations, so that he may be
seated.

Harris told the conserva-

tive *Carolina Journal* last
week that "...he expects a state
court will certify him the win-
ner of the disputed 9th U.S.
Congressional District elec-
tion. He will go to Washington
despite what he considers
political interference by a
Democratic controlled state
elections board to scuttle his
victory.

The State Republican Party
wants certification of Harris
as the winner as well, saying
that any alleged absentee bal-
lot fraud found in Bladen and
Robeson counties - two of the
districts that make up the
Ninth, ultimately did not
affect Harris' 905 vote victory.
However, according to state
law, it didn't have to.

Under NC General Statute
163-182.13, one of the qualif-
ying reasons for the SBOE to
order a new election is the
fourth listed -
"irregularities or impro-
prieties occurred to such an
extent that they taint the
results of the entire elec-
tion and cast on their fair-
ness."

"There is no doubt but that
the election of Mark Harris
was tainted by illegal activi-
ties committed by those who
directed his campaign," says



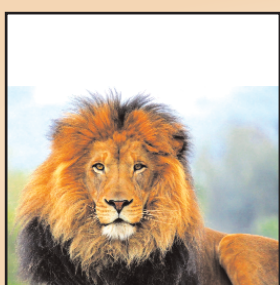
JOYNER

Attorney Irving Joyner, attor-
ney for the Bladen County
Improvement Association.
"Illegal activities had an
impact on the outcome of the
congressional race and other
races in Bladen, Robeson and
Columbus counties."

If the SBOE's three
Democrats believe, based on
the evidence, that there was
enough illegal mishandling of
absentee ballots to call the
entire Ninth election into
question, they'll most likely
push for a new election. The
two Republican SBOE mem-
bers, however, may not agree,
and stop any move towards a
new election by simply voting
"no," thus setting up a judge to
then certify Harris' victory
since the SBOE won't do it,
observers say.

Rep. Butterfield cautions,
however, that "If the process
breaks down, then the House
always has the prerogative of
deciding who is seated in [the
Ninth Congressional District
seat]," he says. "So the House
has the final say."

"You would think that
Harris, an ordained minister,
would not want to be seated
in this seat with this cloud of
illegality hanging over his
head," says Attorney Joyner.
"This effort will not go
unchallenged either with the
State Board of Elections
whenever it is seated or on
Capital Hill when he seeks to
be sworn in."



"If the lions do not write their own history,
then the hunters will get all the credit."

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB

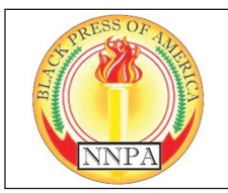
I HAVE — *a* — DREAM

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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OUR VOICE

Government shutdown hits African Americans the hardest

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)

With over 50,000 federal employees, the fourth congressional district in Maryland represents the fifth largest number of workers, and Maryland likely counts as the third-largest impacted state by the government shutdown, according to Democratic Rep. Anthony Brown.

"So, I'm hearing about this, like my colleagues, each and every day from my constituents while this shutdown is set to become the longest in the nation's history," said Brown, who joined Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass (D-Calif.); Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), and Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), on a media conference call on Friday, Jan. 11.

The CBC members said they were calling for an end to the shutdown so that workers can again begin to collect their paychecks and critical government services can resume.

During the call, the members discussed the debilitating effects of the ongoing government shutdown as thousands of federal employees are unable to collect their paychecks.

They also denounced President Donald Trump's threat to declare a state of emergency if Congress refuses to fund a border wall – one in which the president claimed during his campaign that Mexico would pay for.

"This shutdown and the whole issue of the wall is a fake crisis," Bass said.

"At the end of the day, even if he had all the money, it would still take eminent domain to build his wall. That process will take years. This is further evidence that this is a fake crisis and, in my opinion, just an attempt to change our attention away from the numerous impending investigations," she said.

Thompson, the chair of the Homeland Security Committee, said the shutdown is taking its toll on workers and government operations.

"It is a challenge for us in Homeland Security. We have 80 percent of the workforce not being paid. That goes from TSA employees in airports, to the Coast Guard, to the Secret Service, to Custom Border Protection individuals, and all of those individuals who have sworn to keep us safe, are not being paid," Thompson said.

"That's not fair and we are compromising our national security strategy by reducing the morale of the employees." On Saturday, Jan. 12, the shutdown entered its 22nd day, a record.

NBC News and other outlets estimate that 800,000 federal employees are furloughed or working without pay because Trump and Congress cannot reach a deal to reopen the government.

They are at an impasse over \$5.7 billion for construction of a wall along the southern border.

The number of furloughed employees does not include federal contractors, according to a report by NBC News.

It's unclear how many contract or grant employees are affected by the shutdown – or even how many there are in total – but a Volcker Alliance report estimated that nearly 5.3 million worked as contractors in 2015.

Unlike furloughed federal employees, who have received assurances that they will be paid once the shutdown ends, contractors are not owed back pay and that has left them in an even murkier economic position.

Further, communities of color are probably the hardest hit by the shutdown, said Lee, who co-chairs the Steering and Policy Committee and serves on the House Committee on Appropriations.

Black people comprise 12 percent of the country's population but are 18 percent of the federal workforce, according to the Partnership for Public Service.

"We know that communities of color are disproportionately affected by this irresponsible Trump government shutdown. And today is especially painful for so many workers because it should be payday," Lee said.

Without these paychecks, many federal workers are hanging on by a thread, she said.

"I know there are hundreds of thousands of families out there who are grappling with the anxiety, and really fear, of not being able to pay the bills as this shutdown drags on.

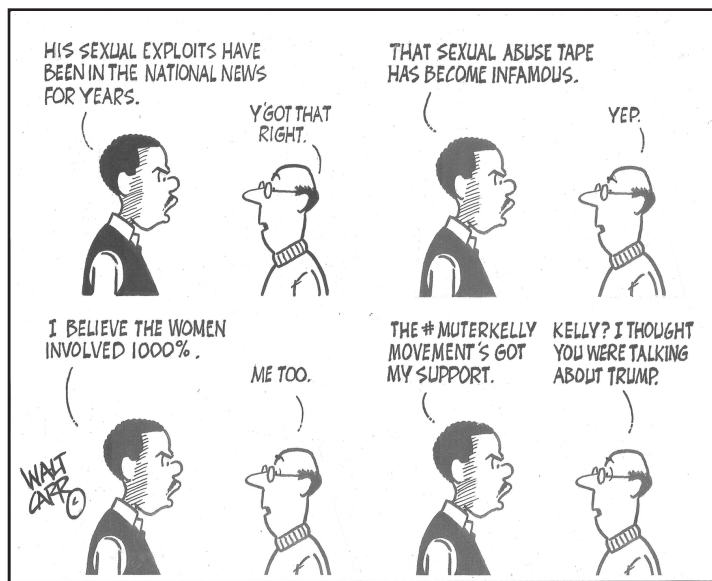
"Let's be very clear: what's happening here is President Trump is holding this government hostage and holding people hostage in order to get his useless, wasteful wall," Lee said.

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THE 2019 SLAVES, WORKING BUT NOT BEING PAID, COME IN ALL COLORS UNDER SLAVEMASTER TRUMP

I think many people who said they could not believe the inhumane treatment written about slavery or the Holocaust are now being educated by dictator TRUMP. If you are a victim of the SHUTDOWN, welcome to your new status as a 2nd class citizen. The people you elected are still getting paid and will tell the waiter tonight how thick they want their steak. Some of you will have to decide what flavor meatless oodles and noodles to

eat tonight for supper. Many young people and uninformed adults think the civil rights movement was ancient history. Please take time and read Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 1963 letter from a Birmingham Jail and compare it to what TRUMP and the GOP are doing today!!!

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

IS IT A NO-WIN SITUATION?

Whether you agree with Republicans on the issues or not, one thing you must admit is that they are in an unenviable position right now when it comes to President Trump. On

one hand, Trump's strong base support guarantees that any criticism of their leader will result in a primary challenge and a likely end to their careers in 2020. On the other hand, the president's behavior continues to alienate independents and more moderate Republicans while energizing the left. With two more years remaining in Trump's first term, that is unlikely to change. Should he run for a second term, Trump's presence at the top of the ticket is likely to provide a career-ending blow to any incumbent on the GOP side of the ballot.

It's a no-win situation. But wait...!

There is one solution to this predicament - Robert Mueller:

Should the Mueller report, as expected, confirm a high level of criminal behavior, it may be the one thing that will turn Trump's base, or at least a portion of it, against him. It could provide Republicans in congress with the cover they need to call for the president's removal from office and thus assure that he won't be a drag on the ballot in 2020.

Robert Mueller represents the GOP's best chance to save their party. And nobody is looking forward to Robert Mueller's report more than Republicans in congress. But don't ask them. It's a secret.

Jeffrey Zalles
Southport, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

TO BE EQUAL

A change for the better: House rules on staff diversity

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Diversity matters. In a world that is both diverse and deeply interconnected, companies and institutions with greater levels of diversity are achieving better performance. Most organizations, including McKinsey, have more work to do to take full advantage of the opportunity presented by a more diverse leadership team. Organizations also have more work to do on their talent pipeline to attract, develop, mentor, sponsor, and retain the next generations of diverse leaders at all levels. But with the rewards of diversity set to increase, investing now is the best plan. Winners will pull further ahead and laggards will fall further behind. - Management Consulting Report "Diversity Matters," McKinsey & Co.

approved a rules package creating a new Office of Diversity and Inclusion and requiring the appointment of a Chief Diversity Officer and the development of a diversity plan.

Congressional staff diversity has long been a top priority of the National Urban League. Just last month, we joined with more than 60 other national civil and human rights organizations and stakeholders in sending a letter calling on Members of Congress to prioritize diversity in hiring top staff.

In the letter we encouraged the Members to take the following steps:

1. Set Clear Goals: Promptly develop hiring goals to ensure diversity among those hired in new top and key mid-level staff position openings in your

office.

2. Adopt a Diversity Plan: Develop a written office diversity and inclusion plan that includes recruitment and hiring goals, retention and development strategies for staff, data collection and analysis procedures, a clear allocation of responsibility among staff and performance evaluation for implementation of the plan, and unconscious bias training for all managerial staff involved in recruitment, hiring, evaluation, and retention.

3. Adopt the Rooney Rule: Formally adopt and implement the Rooney Rule, which would require your office to interview at least one person of color for every top and key midlevel staff position opening. Senate Democrats adopted this rule in 2017. Data should be kept to measure the compliance and effectiveness of the rule.

4. Support Chamber-Wide or Conference-Wide Efforts to Improve Staff Diversity, such as the creation of an independent and bipartisan Diversity

Office, the disclosure of demographic data of staff, and adoption of the Rooney Rule.

These are the same recommendations we made when we hosted a panel on diversity at the U.S. Senate nearly two years ago.

Soon afterward, we delivered senior-level resumes of qualified, African-American candidates to senators who represent states with a high percentage of minority residents. Our intention was to encourage senators to consider a diverse pool of candidates when hiring for positions like chief of staff, legislative director, and communications director.

Newly-elected Senator Doug Jones of Alabama last January appointed the first Black Chief of Staff in the Democratic caucus, joining Republican Senators Tim Scott of South

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Dr. E. Faye Williams

It's your money!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I know it's your business where you spend your money, but I can't help but wonder where many of us would be today if our ancestors like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Fannie Lou Hamer, Amelia Boynton Robinson, Medgar Evers, John Lewis, Rosa Parks, and a whole lot of our warriors for justice would have taken the position that they were not going to risk their lives for the good of our community so long as they were personally benefiting.

What if they had taken money from guilty parties and kept quiet about racist and disrespectful acts against the rest of us? What if somebody gave them a few dollars to back off and not participate with any groups or make any objections to what was hurting our community? What if somebody told you they would continue spending their money with corporations they know are spending the company's proceeds (your money) to knowingly do damage to your community? I'm speaking of companies knowingly using their advertising dollars to make it possible

for hateful rhetoric that encourages violence, kidnapping, gang rape and random shootings in our community. Much of this hateful language is especially against Black women, and it denigrates our entire community. This must stop. We need your help to stop it.

I think any sensible and caring person would say, "I won't allow my dollars to destroy my community." I trust that that's where most of us are. The National Congress of Black Women, under the leadership of my predecessor, Dr. C. Delores Tucker, has been working to rid our community of this filth called gangsta rap for many years. We've continued to make the lives of our young people better. Recently, we've been blessed to be joined by Bob Law-Chairman, National Black Leadership Alliance, Kwabena Rasuli and Bernard Creamer of Clear the Airwaves. Some will tell you

these performers are just talking about their reality. To that I say, "Your breath smells bad when you wake up, but you brush your teeth to change that reality. Those who want to change/better their reality don't do gangsta rap."

In our continuing effort to put an end to the filth and the damage it creates, we recently invited some of the biggest offenders to meet with us in New York so that we could help them understand what the ads they pay for are doing to destroy our community. While we had representatives from many groups attend, not one of the biggest offending advertisers invited (McDonalds, Subway Restaurants, JCPenney, Kohl's or Adidas) attended. After at least 5 contacts with each company, not one had enough respect for the Black community to send a representative, forcing us to take action. Our call to action is against "hateful rhetoric that encourages violence against Black women." Our movement is called "Respect Us" and is clear; this is not about free speech. It's about getting rid of hostile environ-

ments. All of us appreciate righteous, conscious music, and we would urge offenders to spend their advertising dollars to promote that kind of music.

Since the named corporations have chosen to disregard our willingness to hold a reasonable discussion about the matter at hand, we have been forced to ask every conscious member of our community to refrain from spending your dollars at the offending companies named in this article until they respect our community enough to withdraw their advertising dollars making the offensive gangsta rap possible. Our starting targeted areas are New York, Chicago and Washington, DC. Others may be added as necessary.

For more information or to express your support for Respect Us, call 202/678-6788 or 347/675-0710. You may also find more information at www.respectus.store.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women; host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM 89.3 in Washington, DC.

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Carolina and Jerry Moran of Kansas.

In a letter accompanying the resumes we sent to the Senate, I wrote:

At the core of economic civil rights is the idea that all people should have access to jobs for which they are qualified.

Despite the progress this country has made related to corporate diversity and inclusion, our Congress, specifically the U.S. Senate, has failed to move the needle when it comes to diversity and inclusion. This is deeply concerning and an embarrassment to our country. While policy decisions affecting all Americans are debated in the halls of Congress, persons of color are largely absent

in top-level staff positions. Thus, on issues like education, the economy, health care, and decisions of war and peace, Members of Congress are legislating without the perspective of black and brown staff.

According to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, more than 31 percent of top staffers hired so far by newly-elected House Members are people of color.

As of September, fewer than 14 percent of top staff in the House were people of color.

The rule change is a significant step toward a Congress that truly represents the rich diversity of the nation and an expansion of economic opportunity for all Americans.

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

RAINBOW COALITION

Trump's flailing will get more desperate and more dangerous

Since the striking victories of Democrats up and down the ballot in 2018, President Donald Trump has been flailing more and more wildly.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

He's setting new records for the length of the government shutdown, watched his defense secretary resign after suddenly announcing the withdrawal of troops from Syria, forced his attorney general to

resign, found it difficult to find a permanent replacement for his departing chief of staff, and tweeted that he is "all alone in the White House."

Quietly, the unrelenting investigation of Robert Mueller becomes ever more ominous. Now the new Democratic majority in the U.S. House of Representatives will probe the corruption of this most corrupt administration, from Trump's business dealings to the corporate lobbyists who are running entire departments in the interests of their once and future employers.

While Trump issues insult after insult against opponents

— Sen. Elizabeth Warren, former Vice President Joe Biden, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer — he reveals just how desperate he is.

Essentially, Trump now has three choices. He can stay in office and be impeached. The evidence of high crimes and misdemeanors is building each day, from trampling election laws by payoffs to keep his mistresses quiet to blatant self-enrichment that surely offends the Constitution's ban on emoluments, to open and secret efforts to obstruct justice.

Democrats will no doubt wait for special prosecutor

Mueller to issue his report. They will wait to see if Republicans, alarmed by their sinking poll numbers, begin to separate themselves from Trump. Sen. Mitt Romney's blast at Trump may be an early warning of what's likely to come.

Hearings on the impeachment of the president are inevitable. Impeachment in the House is likely. Whether the Republican-led Senate will protect the president remains to be seen.

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REALITY CHECK

Economics, not electoral politics, is the key to success

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

At the risk of being accused of repeating myself, I will say once again that black people who live in the continent of North America (aka USA) continue to recognize the importance of maximizing their economic potential.



A. Peter Bailey

In 2018, as in the previous 100 or so years, we as a people put most all of our time, energy, and resources into electoral politics. We jump for joy when a black person is nominated for or elevated to some political position without understanding that a group of people may have a limited degree of political influence but will absolutely never have political power without

economic power.

No one better understands and explains this better than the perceptive visionary James Clingman, who warns us of this basic fact over and over again in his must-read book, *Black Money Matters*. The book, published in 2015, includes the following:

"Our aggregate annual income of \$1.2 trillion is mainly used to create wealth for everyone except black people because we spend the vast majority of it at their businesses. Politics has not and will not solve these issues. We must solve them ourselves by 'the work from our own hands' as Martin Delany told us. This book deals with the potential and economic issues that affect us and between 2008 and March 2015; it directs the readers' attention not only to the problems we face as individuals and as a collective, but also to practical, achievable and appropriate solutions. It points us to a way out

of the economic ditch in which we have remained for decades since the 1960s when we owned more assets, relatively speaking, and controlled economic enclaves across the country...Each day we can see how much 'Black Dollars Matter' to everyone else's worth and well-being, the question is: How much do they matter to black people? This is my final attempt to enlighten, to inspire, to challenge and to change our thinking in such a way that it has a positive impact on those who come behind us. It encourages the elders among us but our passing must be with patience, direction, advice and counseling."

This is serious guidance from a Brother who now is dealing with a debilitating illness. In his book he does exactly what he advocates above. It offers concrete guidelines on how to more effectively use our collective economic resources in the

campaign against white supremacy and for equal right, equal opportunity and equal justice.

By the way, Prof. Clingman is not the only one who urges us to do more to maximize our economic potential rather than relying much too much on electoral politics. Ancestors such as Booker T. Washington, Mary McLeod Bethune, Marcus Garvey, Chancellor Williams, Harold Cruse, Brother Malcolm X, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have also spoke out on our becoming more diligent and intelligent economically.

If we chose to ignore their wisdom and guidance in this arena, we will have no one to blame but ourselves if other ethnic and religious groups continue to take advantage of our willful ignorance.

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

Shame and shade in Birmingham: In praise of Angela Davis

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

If anyone deserves a civil rights award, Angela Davis certainly does. The activist and scholar has been on the front lines of the civil rights movement all of her life. She has been especially active in prison reform matters, but she has also been involved in other civil and human rights issues.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

When I learned back in October that she would get the Fred Shuttlesworth Human Rights Award from the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, I was absolutely delighted. I imagined the wide smile the daughter of Birmingham must have flashed when she learned that she would be honored.

Everyone in Birmingham wasn't thrilled, though. Some people in the conservative Southern town seemed disturbed that she had been a member of both the Black Panther Party and the Communist Party. Others were concerned about her support of the BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement) against the Israeli occupation. She has said that she stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people, and advocates for their fair treatment in Israel.

Some ill informed people consider the BDS movement "anti-Semitic". They suggest that any questions that one raises about Israel shows a bias against Jewish people. But Davis, a lifelong human

rights activist, is concerned about the humanity of Palestinian people, as well as other people.

And she is rightfully concerned, as many of us are, about the spate of laws recently passed that down-right outlaw the BDS movement. According to the Middle East Monitor, a teacher in Texas, Bahia Amaw, refused to sign an oath that required her to pledge that she "does not currently boycott Israel", that she will not boycott Israel and that she will "refrain from any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with Israel".

Texas is among some 25 states that have passed laws forbidding the state from doing business with companies that boycott Israel! It will also not invest pension funds in companies that support BDS. Thirteen more states including Washington DC, have similar laws to the Texas law pending, pitting people's first amendment rights of free speech against support for Israel. And Florida Senator Marco Rubio, in the middle of a government shutdown, had the nerve to introduce national legislation that mirrors the Texas law (actually, Illinois was the first state to pass this discriminatory law).

Lots of people in Birmingham aren't having it. Though the "Civil Rights Institute" has rescinded its award to Dr. Angela Davis, there has been significant protest about the decision. Birmingham's Mayor, Randall Woodfin, who is a non-voting member of the Museum Board and did not

participate in the decision to rescind the award (the city provides the museum with about a million dollars a year in operating funds) has expressed his dismay about the decision. Three board members have resigned from the board. And Alabama columnist Roy S. Johnson has written a fiery column accusing the Civil Rights Institute of insulting Rev. Shuttlesworth and staining its own legacy. Johnson says the Birmingham Jewish community may have been the loudest, but not the only folks pushing for Davis' award to be rescinded.

Who rescinds an award after it has been granted for statements that were not recently made, but are a matter of record? Angela Davis has long been an outspoken activist, just like Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth was. Nothing had been changed from the time Davis was notified of the award and January 4, when it was rescinded. The BCRI did not have to honor Davis, but their canceling the award is a special kind of insult. Fortunately, Angela Davis has a thick skin, and she knows exactly who she is. She didn't cringe when then-California governor Ronald Reagan had her fired from UCLA for her membership in the Communist Party. She didn't flinch when she was incarcerated for a crime she did not commit. And she will not tremble because the BCRI rescinded the award.

Indeed, demonstrating the indomitable spirit that she is known for, Angela Davis will travel to Birmingham in February for an alternative event. And the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum has egg on its face. That city showed

a young Angela Davis who they were when the Four Little Girls, some of whom she knew, were killed at the 16 Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. And they are showing her who they are once again. Shame and shade!

Unfortunately, I'm not surprised. One of the founders of the Women's March has demanded the resignations of Tamika Mallory and Linda Sarsour because they attended one of Minister Louis Farrakhan's Savior's Days. Marc Lamont Hill lost his CNN commentary gig because he spoke up for Palestinian rights. Alice Walker has been criticized because she supports BDS. Now Angela Davis is being denied an award. When is enough going to be enough?

For the record, I support Palestinian rights. And I support Israel's right to exist. Are the two incompatible? I think not. The one-state solution, with a right to return, and full citizenship rights for Palestinians makes sense. But Israel is not about to budge, and BDS as an attempt to influence it. States passing laws to outlaw free speech erodes the first principle of our Constitution and undercut the actions at the very foundation of our nation. Remember the folks who dumped tea into the Boston Harbor because of an unfair tax? Today that action might be against the law!

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

The contagion of evil

When Donald Trump became a candidate for president of the United States, there was a fairly substantial number of Republicans who pushed back against his rhetoric, his name-calling, and his general disregard for diplomacy and decorum.

His fellow candidates decried his lack of character. This man was no serious contender; they seemed to suggest. He was compared to a used car salesman; candidate Ted Cruz called him a "pathological liar;" "utterly amoral," and a "narcissist." The battle was brutal. Nothing, though, that Trump said or did riled his supporters, his almighty "base." There was no lie, no insult, no racial or sexual slur, no put-down of American heroes - nothing - that could pull them from his side, and he won. (<https://www.cnn.com/2016/05/03/politics/donald-trump-rafael-cruz-indiana/index.html>)

And now, most of the Republicans who criticized him are glued to his side, seeking his help and support, making excuses for him, with no shame.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

It is difficult to watch. What Cruz said about Trump is true: he is, in fact, a pathological liar, and a shameless one at that. But Cruz sucked up to him in order to win his bid for reelection to the Senate, and he won. Lindsay Graham, who had many crass words for Trump, is now acting like his best friend, basically endorsing anything Trump says he wants to do. Mitch McConnell is a shameless sycophant, leading the Senate to honor the president and his wishes over the well-being of the country whose constitution he swore to honor and protect.

The evil of Trump, simply put, spread. The late theologian Walter Wink said that evil is a contagion and said that many people who fight evil will become evil. Specifically, he said, "...the struggle against evil can make us evil and no amount of good intentions automatically prevents this from happening."

(<http://www.lqve.org/blog/2018/11/9/the-real-struggle>) It seems that the majority of Republicans, who may have prided themselves on being "good" and on the right side of morality, have slipped into Trump's moat and have found that deep within, they are not all that different from him. Moreover, they do not seem to care; the contagion has infected their very souls.

The partial government shutdown has illustrated the depth of the evil that is bubbling around us. Few of the Republican senators have voiced outrage or concern for the nearly 1 million people who did not get paid. Few have offered any solution which would indicate that they care about or worry about how people are going to get through this economic catastrophe. Graham is on record as having told Trump to go ahead and declare a "national emergency," not caring about how doing that will seriously undermine the capacity of such an emergency to be called if really needed. (Reports say that there is no "national emergency" on the Southern border.)

Even as discussion about other ways to get the \$5.6 billion Trump is asking for, there has been little outrage at the suggestion that money designated to help cities in America hit by natural disasters be redirected to build "the wall." The so-called "fiscal conservatives" are showing their willingness to spend money at will, and Trump himself said that he doesn't worry about the consequences of the tremendous debt he is incurring because when that happens, he won't be around. (<https://www.thedailybeast.com/trump-on-coming-debt-crisis-i-wont-be-here-when-it-blows-up>).

To not care about those who suffer is evil. To buy into policies that will adversely affect millions of people is evil. To act like your life is the only one that matters is evil. It is as though Trump sneezed and his infected droplets fell all over the souls of the GOP. The evil is spreading, following the path on which other democracies found themselves before they ultimately fell. And the evil is not just spreading among the lawmakers; it is spreading amongst the general population. Extrajudicial, state-sanctioned shootings are not only continuing but increasing; white civilians are calling the police on black people at will; hate crimes are rising, and there seems to be no "doctor in the house," no lawmaker or judge who is concerned about the decaying of our social fabric.

Walter Wink was right. Evil is contagious, and like a necrotic bacteria, it is eating this country alive.

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If not impeached, Trump could stay in office and be disgraced. Disgrace appears unavoidable. He lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton by 3 million votes at a time many Americans were desperate to change things.

Republicans lost several key congressional races last fall. That's when the economy was at its best, and Trump's foreign policy chaos hadn't yet been felt. Two years from now, if he chooses to run for re-election, Trump will try to pull the Electoral College equivalent of an inside straight again, but he is most likely to be routed, bringing down with him many of the Republican senators who have lacked the backbone to stand up to him.

At the same time, the investigations of his various business dealings, his tax returns, his conflicts of interests will end in myriad lawsuits, if not criminal charges. Once he is defeated, Trump will face not only unending lawsuits for damages, but the real possibility of jail time for himself or his family or both.

Alternatively, Trump — the deal maker — could cut a deal to define his fate. After the Mueller report is issued, as the congressional investigations accelerate, as various criminal investigations begin, he could seek to negotiate his way out. Cut a deal that would give him and his family immunity from criminal liability and possibly civil liability in exchange for his resignation, sparing the

nation the agony of what will inevitably be an ugly, divisive fight over impeachment and over criminal indictment after he is defeated.

Americans tend to forgive and forget, once an offender resigns. President Gerald Ford took a hit for pardoning President Richard Nixon, but Nixon survived and regained some of his stature with books on foreign policy. Pelosi and Schumer might take a hit for cutting a deal with Trump, but Trump could retain his freedom and his celebrity, with a base surely willing to support him in the wilderness.

It has come to this: impeachment, disgrace or resignation. Trump, no doubt, will rail against his fate. He'll claim he could be vindicated in court or in Congress or in the elections. His twittering will grow more frantic and more venomous.

His impulsive and destructive behavior — pulling troops out of Syria suddenly and then reversing position and reversing again, shutting down the government over a wall that won't be built, using the bully pulpit to try to intimidate his former associates who are testifying against him — will get ever more dangerous.

His flailing only deepens the hold that he is already in. Trump never expected to win the presidency. He clearly might find it sensible to save his fortune and freedom by resigning from a position he never expected to hold.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

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 nh-naacp@gmail.com.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Pets and special care that will always be there with care

Pets or animals are kept for amusement or companionship and are cherished in a special kind of way. I'm reminded of a special pet named Lady. She was a cocker spaniel and collie mixed. She had thick curly black and orange colored hair. She was a very healthy pet. She was kept inside and given the best of care.



Verniece Stanley

Understanding how others care for their pets is beneficial to us, especially during the recent hurricane.

Living in times like these, we are going to face many difficult problems around us.

Sometimes our animals can serve us in many different ways. For example, a dog may be kept outside specifically for protection. Some pets stay inside and even eat at our tables. Some ride in our cars with us. Some enjoy taking a nap on sofas, perhaps in the living room.

The passing of a family member is not easy, and pets sometimes experience grief just as humans do. I remember how hard it was for Lady to get adjusted to a new daily routine when she grieved for her owner. Her actions spoke louder than words.

When taken to the gravesite, Lady walked over to the grave and looked as if with understanding that her master must be there to stay forever. Lady was given special attention by other mem-

bers of the family.

This pet story is a real life situation that happened on February 9, 2006 in the Shallotte area. This pet was trained to have exceptional behavior at all times. This pet did enjoy riding in a car or going for walks outside when the weather was suitable. It seems to me there are more pets today. Maybe it is because the necessary training is available and they want to be your best friend. I see them everywhere, at shopping centers and, seemingly, everywhere else, either waiting for someone inside some enclosure or accompanying someone on a walk.

Remember! We can do more today to help in this changing society. It may seem a little thing to give respect and give a friendly smile, but

a little kindness can go a long way toward enjoying a successful life.

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

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Credit impacted by recent hurricane?

Lately, I have come across several individuals whose credit scores have declined due to financial hardships during the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.



Brenda Dixon

There are protections in place to prevent creditors from reporting late payments for borrowers located in "official" zip codes affected by disasters.

Every creditor should have access to this zip code list and in those areas, they must work with the borrowers and not report missing or late payments. I'm finding that even when the late reporting is challenged and the creditor agrees to reverse the negative reporting, the correction on the credit scores may not be immediate.

Therefore it is important that you have the creditor provide a written statement acknowledging your account is current and in good standing... These missed, deferred

payments are sometimes moved to the back of the loan and sometimes they keep rolling over as a past-due amount. If you are dealing with bruised credit due to negative reporting, I encourage you to contact the creditor, ask to speak to the head manager on duty at the time and get a resolution.

Make sure to get the names, direct phone numbers, and extensions of every person you speak with in reference to your account. You may find a need of that in coming days until your credit scores have been com-

pletely restored. If after doing all of this and you're still not having any resolution, contact the North Carolina Consumer Protection Agency for guidance on what to do next. You can reach them by calling 877-566-7226.

Until next week, SHARE this 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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A WARRIOR HAS FALLEN

A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
By
Dr. Herbert Harris, Jr.

A warrior has fallen
Let us honor him
Let us be still inside
And remember,
His triumphs and his failures.

He fought the dragons of his time
Against overwhelming odds
Proudly standing
In the face of racial discrimination
And social injustice
With honesty as his shield
With character and determination
As his mighty sword.

A warrior has fallen
Let us honor him
He has waged the ultimate battle
And won.

Overcoming the final obstacle
Of this fleeting existence
To receive the ultimate reward
Eternal and everlasting life
In the hearts, and minds, and spirits
Of all whose lives were touched by him.
Who received the benefits of his counsel
And of his works.

A warrior has fallen
Let us honor him
With the gift of everlasting life
In our hearts,
In our minds,
And in our spirits.

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S & J Concierge Services to host Wilmington Children's Business Fair

S & J Concierge Services is bringing Acton Children's Business Fair to Wilmington, NC. Acton Children's Business Fair inspires children to discover their inner entrepreneur. The largest entrepreneurship event for kids in North America, this

one-day market gives children the opportunity to showcase their very own businesses.

S & J Concierge Services was selected and has agreed to bring Acton Children's Business Fair to Wilmington so that New Hanover County can have their own fair much like area cities. Wilmington Children's Business Fair will be hosted on May 4, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The location will be determined by early March.

The Wilmington Children's Business Fair is actively seeking children ages 6 - 17 to share their talents by selling handmade items or services they perform. One application is submitted for each business. For just \$25.00, children can rent booth space. Children working as a group should submit one application that includes

each child's information. No more than three children per business. If children sign up and they are selling different products (i.e. food item and a bath product), they are considered two businesses and require two (2) separate forms and fees paid. Applications are due by April 20, 2019 by 11:59 p.m.

Can parents or a guardian be involved? This event is designed to give children the experience of selling a product or service. Parents of younger children (under 8) may sit in the booth, but the children should be responsible for set up, customer interaction, and sales. Parents may aid a child, but the child must run the business.

To sponsor Wilmington Children's Business Fair or to learn more information on how your child can participate, please visit www.childrensbusinessfair.org/wilmington.

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Ellis James Hooper, Jr.

Ellis James Hooper, Jr. "Papi", died December 21, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held December 27, 2018 at Hoopers Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Hooper Cemetery.

Ellis "Papi" was born December 25, 1946 in Leland, NC to the late Ellis and Easter Lillie Hooper. One daughter, Wanda Walker and three siblings, Floyd Hooper, Rosie Hooper and Louise Mosley preceded him in death. Early in life, Ellis became a member of Hoopers' Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Leland, NC. He was educated in the Brunswick County School System and retired from Mundy Maintenance at the Dupont site. Ellis met and married Shirley Mae Walker Hooper and they were married for 48 years.

Ellis leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted wife, Shirley Hooper of the home; daughters, Toni Cook (Earnest) of Atlanta, GA, Sandra Wise (Kevin), Sylvia Williams (Ronnie) and Maiesha Walker all of Leland, NC; sons, Curtis Walker of Leland, NC, Roger Southerland of Wilmington, NC, Gerald Walker of Greensboro, NC and Pierre Walker of Leland, NC; sisters, Dorothy Mosley of Navassa, NC and Jane Hooper of Wilmington, NC, 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Donnell Williams

Donnell Williams died December 22, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held December 28, 2018 at New Covenant Holiness Church.

Donnell was born August 15, 1965 to the late Daisey Williams Walker. He was raised in the Castle Hayne Community by his grandparents, the late James and Lila Williams. He was a member of Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church and later became a member of New Covenant Holiness Church. He attended E.A. Laney High School. He later received his GED and gained employment with the City of Wilmington and later Walmart until his health began to fail. Despite many health issues, he never complained, always had a smile on his face and always went above and beyond for his family.

Donnell leaves to cherish his memory: his significant other of thirty years, Cheryl Bradley; daughters, Tyra and Sharee Williams; granddaughter, who was the apple of his eye, Darcel Williams; sister, Nicola Williams; uncle, Daniel Williams; aunt, Earline King (James); special niece, Dasha Williams; special nephews, Antyone Williams (Lequanna) and Nicholas Prather (Amanda Lee); a host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends, including special friends, Deanna Bradley, Alex, Tim and Morris Williams and Hamp. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Judie Smith Robinson

Judie Smith Robinson died December 23, 2018 at Wellington Rehab and Heath Care, Raleigh, NC. Funeral services were held December 29, 2018 at Bethel AME

Church, Northwest. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Judy was born February 5, 1945 to Eddie and Mary Taylor Smith. Judy grew up in the Northwest Community and graduated from Lincoln High School, Leland, NC in 1963. She was a loving mother, grandmother and sister. She could often be caught planning on her tablet, reading Facebook and cooking seafood. Dailey chats with her sisters and her cousin Tam Riley were the highlight of each day. Judy joined Bethel AME Church at an early age and remained a member. When her health failed she moved to Raleigh, NC. Judy was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Joe Willie Smith.

She is remembered with love by her children, Reginald Smith (Julie) of Greensboro, NC, Derrick Smith of Northwest, NC, Mark Smith (Sholanda) of Raleigh, NC, Olander Robinson of Wilmington, NC; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; loving sisters, Myrtle Davis of Raleigh, NC and Margaret Pearl Ballard (Linwood, Sr.) of Northwest, NC; a special niece, Angela Arrington; aunt, Janie Smith of Northwest, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and her special roommate at Wellington, "Miss Johnnie." *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Linda Maxwell Grainger Green

Linda Maxwell Grainger Green died December 23, 2018. Funeral services were held December 29, 2018 at Mt. Olive AME Church.

Linda was born November 16, 1948 in Wilmington, NC to Doris Blocker Grainger and Walter Grainger, Sr. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System where she graduated from Williston Senior High School. Maxine accepted Christ into her life at a very early age and joined Mt Olive AME Church where she sang on the Gospel Choir. In her early career, she started out working in the school system at Lake Forest School until she found passion in giving her continuous love and support of other's needs. Maxine's career at New Hanover Memorial Hospital lead to her lengthy career at Tri-County Detox Center. Her compassion for those with substance abuse lead her to also working at New Visions. During this time, she helped many women to gain control of their lives and rebuild relationships with their families. She was a foster grandparent at the Senior Citizen Center until her health began to decline.

She was preceded in death by her sister Gloria Grainger; grandmother, Edna Blocker; great-grandmother, Mary Emma Spicer and Walter Grainger, Sr. She leaves to cherish her loving memories: her children: Wanda Mitchell, Trina Green (Lawrence), Eugene McClean, and Rico Green (Patrice), grandchildren, Cedric Mitchell, Shatina McClean, Jerel Jackson, Shaquana Jackson, Antonio Woodard, Denita Jackson and Li'Nekka Woodard; 7 great-grandchildren; special niece, Pauletta Barnes (Carlos); mother, Doris Grainger; brother, Walter Grainger, Jr.; sister, Juliene Grainger; an adopted daughter, Tanya Green; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and many, many friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son*

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Michael Donnell Johnson, Jr.

Michael Donnell Johnson, Jr. "Lil Mike" died January 5, 2019 at home. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Greater Macedonia FBH Church.

Michael was born on June 13, 1988 to Michael Sr. and Fonteler Johnson. He was preceded in death by his father, his nephew, Ayce and his godfather, Wilbur. Michael attended UCP of Wilmington, NC from the time he was one year old until he reached the age of five. He attended Trask Middle School and subsequently completed his school experience in 2009 at Laney High School. While at school, he was often recognized as best dressed. He began attending Lindley School in 2009, where he gained many friends and another awesome support team. While at Lindley, he worked as the Interim Supervisor for the Special Pedals Program. Mike loved music, dancing, smelling good and entertainment. We will all remember the countless times that his sister Shanice spent with him, always willing to focus on his abilities. Although born with hydrocephalus, and the inability to verbalize or walk, Michael was resilient and a social butterfly. Although doctors did not expect him to survive one year, he thrived for thirty years. Michael knew God's love for him was unconditional and everlasting.

He leaves fond memories with his mother, Fonteler Johnson; two sisters, Markita Demia Johnson and Shanice Capricia Johnson; one special nephew, Aydan; special nieces, Saniyah and Addyson; grandmothers, Emma Lee Wells and Eloise Johnson; great grandparents, Frank and Anna Mae Mitchell; godmothers, Geraldine Mitchell and Linda Wright; a host of other relatives and friends. Special recognition and thanks to: ACL, the entire staff of Lindley, Stephanie, Zahara, Latifa, Ben, and Ted for their unwavering love, continued assistance and encouragement. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Gussie Lemon

Gussie Lemon died January 6, 2019 at Accordius Rehabilitation Center. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Gussie was born April 28, 1930 to the late Sampson, Sr. and Obie Ethel Lemon in Manning, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Flossie Lemon Rouse and great-grandchildren, Ali'Lquan Rouse "Man", Thomas Davis, Jr. and Malikah Davis; and her siblings, Earlene, Dolphus, Charles, Florence and Lawrence Lemon and Mary Ann McKoy. Gussie received her formal education in the Clarendon County School System of Manning, SC. Upon completion, she moved to Wilmington, NC; where she resided until her passing. She developed a divine connection with the Golstein family and gained employment with them and also Sally Frock dress shop until retirement. She became a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church upon coming to Wilmington and served faithfully as church treasurer, on the adult choir, and chairman of the hospitality committee. Gussie became mother to her nieces and nephews after the death of her sister and to her

grandchildren upon their mother's death. You never heard her complain about loving others or feeding an extra mouth. She was a strict disciplinarian, yet she constantly looked after the children to ensure their safety and welfare.

Gussie is survived by her daughters, Jeanette Roberts of Wilmington, NC and Odessa Strong of Brooklyn, NY; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Rev. Nathaniel Rouse (Linda) of Wilmington, NC; brother, Rev. Sampson Lemon (Dorothy) of Leland, NC; sister, Thelma Wright of Baltimore, MD; sister-in-law, Annie Lemon Devane of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and special friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Alla Kaye Small

Alla Kaye Small died January 12, 2019 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services will be 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at First Baptist Church, Southport, NC. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Vann Lee Galloway

Vann Lee Galloway died January 12, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Graveside services will be 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at St. Mary Church Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Diana Williams

Diana Williams died January 12, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 19, 2019 in the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Presler Felix

Presler Felix died January 12, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Jon H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Johnnie M. Vereen

Johnnie M. Vereen, age 86, of Bolivia, passed away, Sunday, January 6, 2018. Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 10, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home.

She leaves to cherish in loving memories, one son, Garland F. Pretty (Cynthia); one daughter, Sharon Gore-Hardie; four grandchildren, La'Quana R. Pretty, Brande'a T. Hardie, Randy "Jovan" Hardie (Alexandrea S.) and Kameron D. Pretty 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.*

Alfonza Walker, Sr.

Alfonza Walker, Sr., 82, of Wilmington, NC, passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Mr. Walker's life will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 18, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

John F. Baldwin

John F. Baldwin, Sr., 91, of

Leland, NC, passed away on Monday, January 14, 2019.

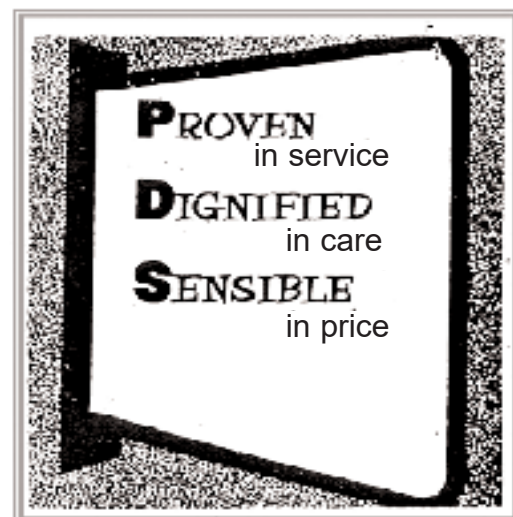
Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Mr. Baldwin's life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 18, 2019 at Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church in Leland, NC. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *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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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.



Religious Briefs

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Ministries, Inc., 3701 Princess Place Drive, will hold winter revival beginning with a revival kickoff on

Sunday, January 27th at 4:00 p.m. with guest speaker Rev. Jimmy L. Thompson of the Perkinsville Missionary Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Jerry Corbett pastor of Mount Anna Baptist Church of Aiken, SC. will be the revivalist for the week beginning Monday, January 28th- Wednesday, January 30th at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Praise and worship begins at 7:00 p.m. Various choirs or praise teams will serve throughout the week.

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.

St. Stephen AME Church will hold their, "Bless Her Heart" Afternoon Tea on Saturday, February 2nd at 2:00 p.m. The tea will be held in the fellowship hall. There will be refreshments. For more information call the church at 910-762-9829.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Image of integrity

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA H. ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

On a cool, crisp morning, we, the Senior Citizens' Fellowship, met, as usual, at our usual place. Our meeting was called to order by President Gladys Taylor. We opened with, "The Lord Will Make a Way." Prayer was given by Deacon John Green. Next we sang, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Minister Doris

McQuillan said, "How great it is to be here!"

Our speaker for the day was Mrs. Mary Lockhart. She began by reading 1 Samuel 16:7. Sometimes our first impressions are shaped by facial impressions, outside appearance, and more. However you do it, it labels people. We all do it. Looks determine labels. God is not concerned with any of that. God made us and knows what we look like on the inside and

outside. Gratitude unlocks life. We all should walk and talk with the fruit of the Spirit in us. God says that we should love our neighbors as ourselves. Do not judge a book by the cover. Mrs. Lockhart was thanked for such a great message.

We then had expressions. We had one visitor, Mrs. Johnnie Thomas. She was welcomed by Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. The

winner of "Callers" was Mrs. Janice Gordon, who had nine present. All callers were given a hand.

Mrs. Bertha Worley is home and recovering from surgery. Prayers are solicited for her and all the other sick.

"Bind Us Together" was sung. The closing prayer was offered by Minister Doris McQuillan, and the meeting was adjourned.

There were 35 members present today.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Once again.....What is happening to the Black community?

My Fellow Citizens:

Once again I must ask what is happening to the Black community? We still have Black neighbors, but where is the community? Our most frequent gathering place is the church, but that is not a community. It does not represent our most urgent concerns.

It seems like the church is for Bible study only, but it

could be for keeping the community updated, uplifted, and united. When the time comes, someone will tell us to go to the polls and vote, but that's not enough. We need more open discussions.

I have a nephew who was riding in the car with several other men. A man walking by was shot and killed. I don't know about the other men, but my nephew was sentenced to twenty years in prison. This happened several years ago in Providence RI, and I still wonder if there were something more the family could have done. Don't we have legal aid?

The question is don't we

have community leaders who can address such issues? We go to church on Sunday, but we only do Bible Study. No one wants to hear about my nephew in Providence.

In other words, we can't defend our children if it costs money just to ask questions. So we just stand by. The church is the center of the community, but we only do Bible Study. Yet there must be people in the audience who could address any issues.

We have lawyers, doctors, teachers and politicians who come to church but they are never invited to speak. So who can help us when we

have a problem?

A doctor could speak about anything from AIDS to Alzheimer's.

A teacher could tell us about problems in the classroom.

A lawyer could tell us where to get help when we need an attorney but can't afford one.

Politicians will tell us to go to the polls and vote, but that's not enough. They need to come to church and get to know the people. We have something to say, and they need to listen.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.



Ruth Johnson

TELL SOMEBODY

"Battlefield of the Mind"

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12

When we are engaged in spiritual warfare, one of the first areas of attack will be in the location of the mind. This is why some teachers refer to this area of

Warfare as "the Battlefield of the Mind." The state of your mind will determine the outcome of your battle and whether you win or lose the fight! There

Sylvia Hooper

are so many reasons to fight and so many battles to win. Whether you are fighting the good fight of faith and battling for your literal salvation, or battling against the

spirit of fear which comes to paralyze you and render you ineffective in the work of the Lord, the enemy is real, and the fight is fierce!

Your battle may involve fighting for your marriage, fending off divorce, or fighting for your children repelling the spirit of drugs, violence, and sexual promiscuity. Perhaps you are trying to keep your marriage honorable and you are trying to keep your children in the "ark of safety". The enemy is real and the battle is fierce!

Then, there are some facing battles in the flesh, where they are literally and physically fighting for their life, health, and strength. The enemy has attacked them through sickness and disease. The doctor has given his diagnosis, the symptoms are present; the enemy is real,

and the battle is fierce! Are you going to accept the facts or are you going to believe the Truth?

We must win on the battlefield of the mind. This is where the attacks begins, and here is where it ends. What is the state of your mind when these attacks come? Don't have a Doubtful Mind, Luke 12:29. A doubtful mind has unsettled belief, which causes him to hesitate and remain undecided. Do not have a Double Mind. James 1:8 says, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." The lack of emotional control causes him to keep changing his mind back and forth.

II Corinthians 8:12 says, "For if there be first a Willing Mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to what he hath not." If we are willing to

stand on the promises of God and to take him at His Word, we can decree and declare victory, even in the presence of the enemy. We must look unto Jesus as the author and the finisher of our faith in order to receive this promised victory as we wage war on the Battlefield of the Mind!

Romans 7:25 says, "With the mind, I myself serve the law of God." Therefore, I must take good care of my mind. I must choose discriminately what to allow to enter my thoughts, through what I see, hear, or believe. I believe it is the will of God that I have a sound mind. II Timothy 1:7 says, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power, and a sound (free from disease) mind.

Some of God's servant

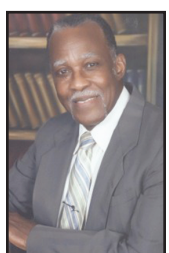
have been wounded or afflicted on the Battlefield of the Mind. They may be suffering from spiritual exhaustion from being under prolonged stress. This condition came about because of drama after drama, or trauma after trauma with no real season of rest for the battle fatigued mind. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 It is ok if you need a little Rest and Recuperation or Restoration, Jesus cares for you and he is calling you to come to him and receive rest for your soul. 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? - Part 2

Once again, being a Christian is not a religion but a relationship, with God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ, and you must be born again into this relationship. The born again experience of the Spirit of God is unique, which means it's the only one of its kind and it has no equal or likeness. The word Christian appears only three times in the Bible, which means Christ-like; Acts 11:26b,



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

"the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch"; Acts 26:28, "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian". And in 1Peter 4:16a, "Yet if any man suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed".

What constitutes or what are the characteristics of a

Christian? I read this story years ago; "The story was told of a little boy who went fishing with his dad, who professed to be a Christian. While they were waiting for the fish to bite, the boy asked his dad, what is a Christian? The dad, of course, gave his son the biblical definition and described the behavior and conduct or lifestyle of a Christian. The little boy looked up at his dad who was suppose to be a Christian and with excitement in his voice, asked his dad if he had ever seen a Christian." Isn't that a sad commentary?

The first persons that should recognize that you have changed should be your family: wife, husband, children and the dogs and cats because you are not kicking them around anymore. I remember when I was a boy. My dad was out in the streets for years, drinking and coming home at night drunk and terrorizing the whole family. But, suddenly, something happened that changed our home overnight. Let me try to give you a mental picture of what

I'm trying to describe to you.

We just experienced Hurricane Florence. We experienced record devastation throughout this area with several days of wind and rain, constantly. Many trees were uprooted with branches everywhere and places were flooded out. However, Monday morning came; the wind and rain were gone and the sun came out like nothing had happened; the storm was over!

When my dad got saved or born again, it was like a different person had moved into our house overnight, a changed man with no more fussing, fighting and drinking. I know that being born again of the Spirit of God, makes you a new person (species) in Christ Jesus. 2 Corin. 5:17, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature old things are passed away". I, too, had a supernatural birth that transformed my life. Not only was I born again, but I also was healed of a mole on my face and Hepatitis B. Healing is a part of the package of salva-

tion, everyone that Jesus healed, He said, "go and sin no more".

Jesus made some astounding remarks: to those of us who have been born again into the family of God. Jesus said in Matthew 5:13-14 (KJV) 13 "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost his savor; wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"

Then God's Word is narrow minded: You must be born again; you cannot see the Kingdom of God except you are born again. You cannot enter the Kingdom of God except you're born again. It's a spiritual law or a necessity,

a requirement. It's imperative, an indispensable requirement, essential: all these definitions. It is also a prerequisite or required (before you can have eternal life).

Principles are laws that are narrow-minded: a stop sign is narrow-minded: it simply says stop and yet millions have been killed and are being killed because somebody failed to stop. Water boils at 212-degrees Fahrenheit, and it freezes at 32-degrees Fahrenheit. The law of gravity is narrow-minded; if you go up on the roof and step off without being tied off, you will fall to the ground and possibly break something or get killed. The law of oxygen is also narrow-minded; it says wherever you go you need oxygen to breathe, to sustain life and without it you will suffocate and die.

God's law, the law of the spirit of life in Christ, will make you free from the law of sin and death. It's the law above all laws; your eternity is dependent upon it.

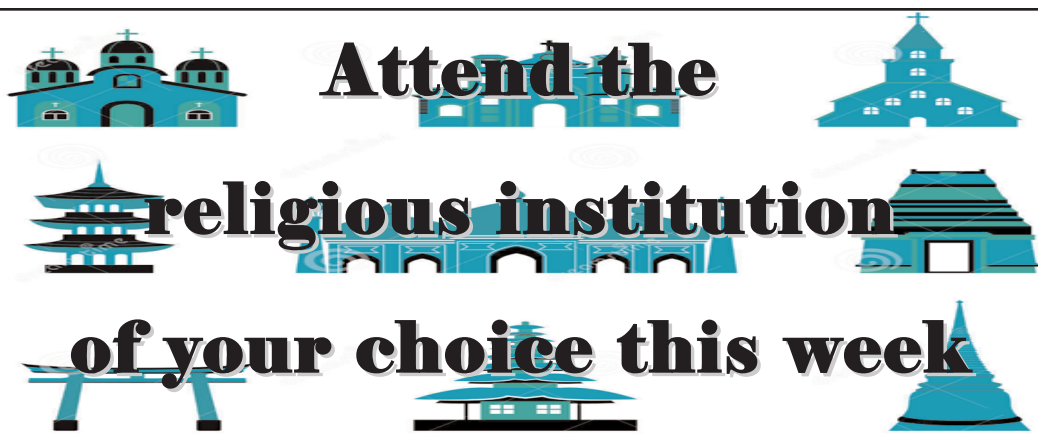
Can I ask you a personal question? Have you been born again from above of the Spirit. I'm not asking if you are a member of a church, choir member, usher board, deacon board or any other board. The question is, have you made Jesus Lord of your life? The ONLY way this can be done is by accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. For those who want to receive this precious gift, let's pray this simple prayer: Close your eyes and repeat. "O Lord be merciful unto me, I have sinned against you and I repent, I'm sorry for my sins. I believe that you died on the cross for me; forgive me. I now receive you in my heart as Lord. Amen." It's done and you are a new person, now, find you a Bible-believing church where the Word of God is being taught. Amen (so be it)!

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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.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
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Wilmington, NC 28401
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January 10, 17, 24, 2019

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Omar Van Walkup Mardan (18-E-1456)**, 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 17, 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 17th day of January, 2019

Beverly P. Leatherbury
Executrix of the Estate of Omar Van Walkup Mardan
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Nancy Beth Mize (19-E-056)**, 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 17, 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 17th day of January, 2019

Warren Lee Rice
Executor of the Estate of Nancy Beth Mize
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701 Market Street
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January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 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 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.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
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January 3, 10, 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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 Craige & 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 Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
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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

LEGAL NOTICES

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 Evans 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
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January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

BID REQUEST

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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 **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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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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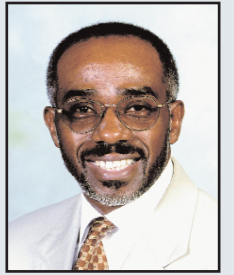
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