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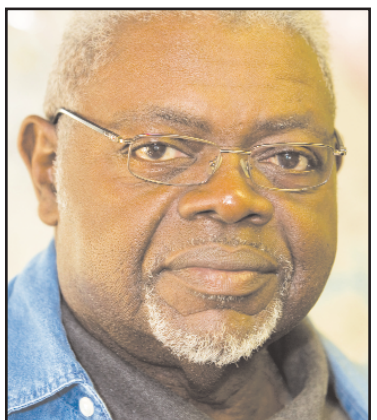


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BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We will begin Black History Month on Friday, February 1, 2019, and it's a good thing to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his achievements for the Black community all over the world.

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COMMUNITY GATHERS TO VOICE ITS CONCERNS REGARDING BOARD PROPOSAL FOR WILLISTON MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Community to NHC School Board: "Williston arts school not good enough"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If the New Hanover County School Board Chairwoman Lisa Estep, Vice Chair David Wortman, and members, Judy Justice and Stephanie Adams, were expecting a packed media center at Williston Middle School Tuesday night, filled with concerned parents, students, teachers, Williston Senior

High alumni, and citizens challenging the board's proposal to turn Williston Middle into a performing arts high school in the near future, they weren't disappointed.

However, Estep and her fellow board members weren't necessarily happy about it either. As speaker after speaker spoke, it was clear at Tuesday's one hour community forum, with over 20 people speaking out, that changing Williston into an institution-

al vanity project, instead of a rigorous school for both academic instruction and useful skills training, was not going to fly, especially with African-Americans, who want to see the same commitment to excellence that the legendary all Black Williston Senior High School exhibited before it was arbitrarily shutdown by the NHC School Board in 1968 in overreaction to a federal desegregation order.

The question was consistently

being asked, "What about the students who live in this community? How will an arts high school help them get meaningful jobs and marketable skills which are in demand?"

NHC Schools Supt. Tim Markley said that, despite concerns, no students currently attending Williston Middle will be moved next year.

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N.C. SENATOR ERICA SMITH TO CHALLENGE U.S. SENATOR TILLIS

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

District 3 Democratic State Senator Erica D. Smith (Northampton, Bertie, Edgecombe, Hertford, Chowan, Martin, Tyrrell, Washington) announced on Twitter Saturday that she will challenge first-term Republican incumbent, U. S. Senator Thom Tillis' re-election bid. "It's official," Senator Smith tweeted. "I'm running for the U. S. Senate in 2020. I'm committed to serving Senate District 3 with continued excellence throughout my term at the NCGA (North Carolina General Assembly), but I hope to soon have the honor of serving all 100 counties of the Old North State as North Carolina's next U. S. Senator."

Now serving her second term in the N. C. Senate, Sen. Smith joins Mecklenburg County Commissioner Trevor Fuller, an African-American, and Attorney Eva Lee, who was the first to

announce her candidacy in 2017. Both Fuller and Lee are also Democrats. Therefore, a primary can be expected to determine who ultimately will face Sen. Tillis next year.

Sen. Smith is an ordained minister, former public school teacher, and trained engineer. She is also an alumna of NC A&T State University. "I'm excited to share more with you in the coming months about why I want to serve the people of N. C.," Sen. Smith continued. "As a former engineer, minister and high school teacher, I'm equipped to tackle North Carolina's toughest challenges and get to work to stand up for our most vulnerable neighbors, but most importantly, this will be a campaign powered by the people and driven by your beliefs and values. I am honored to be serving in the NCGA, and I hope I'll have your support as I embark on this journey to become your next U. S. Senator! Stay tuned for more."

Even though Democrats are considered to have a definite momentum electorally across the



N.C. SENATOR ERICA SMITH

country and here in North Carolina, Sen. Smith, Commissioner Fuller and Attorney Lee are all considered longshots against Sen. Tillis.

The former N. C. House speaker has become a conservative stalwart in Congress and considers himself close to Pres. Donald Trump, supporting the President on the lion's share of his policies, including the recent partial federal shutdown, which concluded January 25.

None of the three announced Democratic challengers are well known beyond their regions and, thus, do not have a strong, statewide following yet. That, in turn, observers say, will most likely affect their ability to fundraise effectively against a Republican incumbent senator who is not likely to have much problem raising money for his re-election campaign, and that's just the general election.

Sen. Smith, Commissioner Fuller, and Attorney Lee would have to first compete in a Democratic primary, requiring strong fundraising to become the party's U. S. senatorial nominee.

Fred Holding helps students access education



FRED HOLDING

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As director of the UNCW Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid, Fred Holding juggles responsibilities, budgets and regulations, among other things. But multitasking was a skill he mastered early on. Holding grew up in rural Granville County, NC, and frequently drove a tractor; picked everything from okra to strawberries, and fed horses on his family's farm.

"Farm life - and seeing my mother juggle 30 years of working third shift, helping on the farm, and taking care of kids and her parents through the day - are certainly the source of my strong foundation and drive," he said. "There were times in my adolescent years that I absolutely hated farm life. However, that foundation of hard work is what has kept me humble and is what has prepared me for the demands and challenges of this role. I'm grateful for that experience and wouldn't trade it for the world."

Holding served as assistant director of financial aid at Duke University before joining UNCW in 2013 as the associate director of financial aid. During his tenure as associate director, he managed the office's customer service unit and made significant improvements to its phone system and communications to families. He was named UNCW's director of financial aid in 2016.

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New elections board deals with 9th District race today

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Today, Jan. 31, 2019, is the day on which the new five-member State Board of Elections (SBOE) convenes, and the most pressing item on its agenda is the resolution of the nagging Ninth Congressional District

alleged election fraud controversy involving Republican Mark Harris and Democrat Dan McCready.

Harris, of Charlotte, unofficially won that November 2018 contest by 905 votes. However, according to published reports, allegations of absentee ballot tampering have clouded an unofficially declared outcome.

That outcome can't become official until the new SBOE votes 3-2 to accept the results and certify the race. There are three Democrats and two Republicans on the SBOE.

Certification is what State Republicans want, regardless of the

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## NC deadline approaches for post-hurricane repair assistance

BY ANTONETTE KERR  
OF NCNS

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety is encouraging homeowners with damage from Hurricane Florence to return request forms for the Sheltering and Temporary Essential Power program by the deadline of February 1.

The state program helps provide exterior repairs, watertight doors, windows, roofs and entrances at no cost to homeowners. Pamela Saulsby, media relations specialist with the Federal Emergency Management

Agency, said North Carolina's recovery relief is a partnership to provide assistance to those who need it most.

"We know that this is still a very trying time for so many people," Saulsby said. "It's been more than four months now since Hurricane Florence made landfall, and there are many people who are on the other side of it. But we are also mindful that there are still so many people in the struggle who still are in need of assistance."

According to the governor's office, 50 homes have

been repaired under the STEP program, or the repairs are underway. The program doesn't return a home to its pre-storm condition, but it makes it possible for families to return home while longer-term repairs take place.

The program's cost is being shared by the state and FEMA. The feds have provided more than \$1 billion in overall funding for Hurricane Florence survivors.

Saulsby said the FEMA deadline for federal assistance has passed, but STEP is one example of state

resources that are still available.

"FEMA can't do everything, and although our resources have been substantial to survivors, they are not infinite," she said. "So, we embrace a whole-community approach to long-term recovery, because that's where we are now - long-term recovery."

This weekend, federal, state, local, community and faith-based agencies gathered at a summit for hurricane survivors to discuss the recovery efforts and options for assistance. Saulsby said local efforts and programs

like STEP are helping residents in the eastern part of the state look toward the future.

"And they're looking now to think about what they can do to prevent this level of destruction and devastation from happening to them and their loved ones again," she said. "We are partnering not only with state and local governments, but with community-based organizations, with faith-based organizations, to help people with unmet needs." For information about the North Carolina STEP program, visit [ncdps.gov/florencestep](http://ncdps.gov/florencestep)

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the social equality, justice, and economy of our people, such as Frederick Douglas and others. We ought to remember Mrs. Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on a public Montgomery, Alabama bus, so that Blacks could sit anywhere on the bus he or she

wanted to and not have to move to the back of the bus or stand while Whites sat down.

All this is Black history, but we are still have living Black history. There are those with whom our youth and adults can talk and educate themselves by getting knowledge of Black history from those who have firsthand knowledge of the movement. People live with the change of history and race

relations in America today. The Reverend Moses Herring has over fifty years pastored and worked in one church. The Reverend Freeman Gause has had years of pastoring and teaching in today's society. Mr. Harold Troy has had years of public service and has helped create change. Mr. James McMillian is a realtor and businessman in Wilmington, North Carolina. He has lived and

helped bring about change for betterment in the lives of Black people. These are only a few of the living Black history makers whom we have with us today.

The month of February would be a good time to try and get a real look at Black history. It would be good to talk to one of these young men and listen to stories first hand regarding anything from

White and Black water fountains to White and Black toilets to White and Black doctors' offices and more.

Much of this is Black History that's not taught, but it is real. We must learn from where we came and then set a goal as to where we want to go!

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

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It took former NHC School Board member Nick Rhodes to ask the bottom line community question. "...[W]hen we start moving students, why is it the Black kids are the only ones moved?" Mr. Rhodes asked, adding what he bluntly thought of the whole arts

school idea.

"I think we need to come up with another solution, because I don't think a performing arts school is the right solution for this community!"

Other proud Williston Senior High alumni, like Kenneth Chestnut, Linda Pierce and others, further drove home the point that a strong academic/vocational curriculum is crucially needed

if Williston Middle School is to become a high school again.

"I think that we are missing the opportunity if we don't consider the vocational component here at Williston," Mr. Chestnut said.

There were also questions about what would happen to students at the International School at Gregory if Williston Middle is changed.

There is little question

that, when NHC School Board Vice Chair David Wortman's Williston Exploratory Committee meets again this afternoon at 3 at the Spencer Annex, the community's almost unified opposition to his arts high school concept must be factored in.

When that committee met last week, it considered questions, according to discussion

points supplied to *The Journal*, about graduating from the arts school with employment opportunities; keeping Williston a neighborhood school; and dealing with student overcrowding.

It is clear though, that from this point forward, the community expects its school board to be transparent in its decision-making about the future of Williston.

## HOLDING

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The task Holding enjoys the most is helping students access education.

"I find great satisfaction in being able to explain a

process, educate them or provide guidance to allow them to qualify for additional funding," said Holding.

"These in-person discussions, phone calls or late-night emails can be the difference in a student choosing to attend or being able to

stay at UNCW versus choosing to attend another institution or return home."

Holding and his staff plan to expand their outreach to parents and students, and have started a focus group with student leaders to discuss financial aid at UNCW.

"My hope is that outside of the federal, state and institutional regulations that drive all our financial aid processes, students know that our office cares about them and we will do anything in our power to help make UNCW

affordable or to help them understand that perhaps another school is a better fit," said Holding. "As a financial aid administrator, it's very important that students find the right fit and that they can afford, not only to start, but also to complete their degree."

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facts. The NCGOP has said that, unless it can be proven that the 905 vote margin of victory is not genuine, it wants Mark Harris certified.

Harris took that argument to a Wake Superior Court judge last week and lost spectacularly because, the judge ruled, the SBOE investigators were still probing the case.

Attorney Irving Joyner, who represents the Bladen Improvement Association,

the African-American political action committee that Republicans falsely accused of election fraud after Governor Pat McCrory lost re-election in 2016, applauded the judge's decision.

"Judge [Paul] Ridgeway's decision not to interfere with the investigation by the NC Board of Elections into illegal conduct in the Ninth Congressional District is a major step to uphold the rule of law in North Carolina," Attorney Joyner said. "This effort by the Harris campaign and the Republican Party was designed as an

"end run" ...to thwart the ongoing investigation."

Joyner continued, "Presently, the SBOE is engaged in a thorough investigation to determine the extent of illegality in Bladen, Columbus and Robeson Counties and that investigation should be allowed to conclude. It is clear that illegal acts were committed by Republican operatives and that the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina has failed since 2016 to prosecute McCrae Dowless for prior illegal conduct which was committed

[before] the 2018 elections. North Carolina citizens deserve to know exactly who was involved in these illegal acts and all of the wrongdoers should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

The Wake County District Attorney's Office has been tackling the criminal end of investigation, along with the FBI. But what investigators with the SBOE uncover is crucial in determining what happens next. A final determination is not widely expected today, especially since an evidentiary hearing is expected. At the end of the process, one of two things can happen. Either the SBOE votes to indeed certify the Ninth District results, or the board declares a new election, which will take a 4-1 vote, meaning that at least one of the two Republicans

on the five member SBOE will have to vote with the three-Democrat majority, and the NCGOP maintains that that isn't likely to happen. "Chairman (Robin) Hayes and our team are confident that our nominees . . . will come to the only reasonable conclusion," Dallas Woodhouse, NCGOP Executive Director, told The Charlotte Observer this week. "That is (the) race should be certified because Dr. Harris won more legal votes, and we believe no evidence can possibly show otherwise." If the SBOE doesn't vote to certify, Harris is likely to go back to court. However, even if he does, the Democratic majority in Congress has already made clear that they will not seat Harris unless they're satisfied he won "fair and square."

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

[RALEIGH] Dr. Everett Ward, president of St. Augustine's University in Raleigh, has announced that he is stepping down at the end of this school year, so that a new leader can assume the reins for the next academic school year. Dr. Ward has presided of St. Aug's since 2014, replacing Dr. Diane Boardley Suber. "It's now time for the Saint Augustine's Renaissance to continue with

a new chapter," Ward told the school's board of trustees, according to a news release. "I'm extremely grateful for the commitment exemplified by our students, staff, faculty and alumni. Together, along with friends of the university, we conquered significant challenges with our eyes on the prize."

LONG SESSION OF NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINS IN EARNEST

[RALEIGH] The NC General Assembly got down to business for its Long Session yesterday, this time with a different twist. Gone is the Republican super-majority in both the state House and Senate. While the GOP still hold majorities in both chambers, thanks to a Democratic surge of voters during the 2018 midterms, those

Republican majorities aren't proof, meaning Democrats now have more input into legislation than before, and if there's something they don't like, they can signal to Gov. Cooper to dust off his veto pen to stop it. The expected haggling many drag this session well into the summer before adjournment.

80-YEAR-OLD SENTENCED TO DEATH COULD BE EXONERATED SOON

[WILSON] The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has agreed with The Duke Law Innocence Project's assertion that it's unlikely jurors would have convicted Charles Ray Finch of the 1976 murder of Richard "Shadow" Holloman if they had known about flaws in the police lineup and witness pressure from prosecutors.

The three-judge ruling returned the case to the North Carolina-based federal court with a unanimous opinion that Jim Coleman, attorney for Finch and head of Duke University's Wrongful Conviction Clinic, says proves that past death penalty cases deserve a second look.

"On one of our principal issues, which is that the lineup from which Mr. Finch was identified was extremely suggestive," he states, "the Court of Appeals agrees with that and held that it likely violated the Constitution."

Advocates say Finch narrowly escaped death. The investigation led to an eyewitness who admitted to being influenced by the prosecution.

After the conviction, Finch was sentenced to execution in the gas chamber on Oct. 4, 1976, the same day the U.S.

Supreme Court ruled that North Carolina's mandatory death penalty law was unconstitutional.

Kristin Collins, a spokeswoman for the Center for Death Penalty Litigation, says Finch's case isn't the first time mistaken identity has led to sentences of death or life in prison.

"There are people still on death row today who are there largely because one person identified them as the person they saw," she points out. "Those were identifications that were often done in questionable ways before we had laws that tried to prevent mistaken identifications and actually wouldn't be legal according to today's standards."

Advocates say that if prosecutors look at the federal court's opinion and the evidence, litigation won't be nec-

essary for Finch to be freed.

Coleman says since Finch has spent more than 42 years of his life in prison, he plans to approach North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein to help with the 80-year-old's immediate release.

"Our intent is to now go to the attorney general to join us in asking the federal district court to grant the writ of habeas corpus, agree that the conviction violated the Constitution, and to immediately release Mr. Finch from prison," he states.

According to the center, 92 percent of cases were tried before 2008 reforms designed to prevent mistaken eyewitness identifications.

The new laws set strict standards for eyewitness lineup procedures. SOURCE: BY ANTONETTE KERR OF NCNS



REP. ALMA ADAMS (ABOVE), REP. MAXINE WATERS (BELOW)

Rep. Adams assigned to House Financial Services Committee

[WASH., D.C.] When Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA), chair of the House Financial Services Committee, goes after President Donald Trump's heretofore unseen tax returns, she'll have help from North Carolina. 12th District Democrat Rep.

Alma Adams has been assigned to the committee. "I am pleased to welcome Congresswoman Alma Adams to the Financial Services Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee," Chairwoman Waters said in a statement.



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## OUR VOICE

I have always loved legendary songstress Gladys Knight and always will, but...

First, full transparency. Much like "Fly Jock" Tom Joyner (and probably most male Baby Boomers), I had a mad crush on soul singer Gladys Knight as she rose to stardom in the 70s. Her glowing star aura combined with "girl next door" cuteness, making boys imagine her being their 'girlfriend' to the point of arguing to claim their fantasy.

And, by the way, she had a voice that kept her in the conversation with the greatest R & B divas of all time. You couldn't talk about Queen Aretha, Patti, Chaka, Whitney, Mavis, or Mariah without injecting the inimitable Ms. Knight into the mix.

Seeing her just a couple of years ago at the Heritage Festival of the Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration in Indianapolis was confirmation that not only is she aging with regal grace, but her incomparable singing style remains in a class by itself.

All those factors made writing this column challenging for me. Part of me said, "Leave it alone. Let others fight this battle." Then that other side insisted, "Stay true to the cause - no matter what the casualties."

I know full well that half of those who read this will back me up while the other half are ready to argue all night long. The popularity of the outcome doesn't matter to me - it never has and never will.

On principle I submit that Gladys Knight is wrong in her decision to sing the national anthem at the Super Bowl.

Some defending her argue, "Black players for both teams will be on the field" and "Gladys has clearly paid her dues and has earned the right" and "What will it prove, if she refused to sing" or "She is doing what she gets paid to do and has a right to a livelihood."

I won't waste time in rebuttal. Instead, here is why I think she should pass; and that is, NOT singing at that game will constitute strength in numbers.

Now don't get it twisted, there was never a point of the civil rights movement, before or after, that all Americans of African heritage were on the same page. We are not today and have never been a monolithic community.

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As Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr. recalled, "While some came from coast to coast for the March in Washington in 1963, there were Negroes on U Street - within walking distance of the Lincoln Memorial - who wouldn't cross the street to get involved in the demonstration and said they would be glad when 'the man' ran them out of town."

Sojourner Truth's famous quote put it another way, that the fabled Underground Railroad saved a thousand slaves but she could have rescued a thousand more had they only known that they were slaves.

Gladys needed to say no because she is bigger than the average Black person. She is an icon. A living legend. Her rejection would have rounded. Conversely, the inclusion of such a giant of the industry cancels rejections of a handful of lesser-known artists.

It's not just about Colin Kaepernick and the way in which the National Football League has blackballed him and others for exercising their constitutional right of nonviolent protest. It is about how the NFL as an institution is oppressive to people of color - particularly its own players, coaches and management.

There are enough negative NFL facts and anecdotes to write a book. Many have. And in the wake of the kneeling during the national anthem controversy, team owners followed the lead of their friend 45 - threatening to fire those who dared challenge the system.

It's ugly. Unpleasant. Repressive and disrespectful. There is no simple solution. Who knows what, if anything, would cause them to have a change of heart? The Washington franchise rejects the pleas of indigenous Americans to change their Redskins team name. And take a look at all the Black coaches fired over the past season. As of press time, not one of those positions was filled with another African American.

Gladys said it is "unfortunate that our national anthem has been dragged into this debate when the distinctive sense of the anthem and fight for justice should stand alone. I will give the anthem back its voice, to stand for that historic choice of words, the way it unites us when we hear it and to free it from the same prejudices and struggles I have fought long and hard all of my life."

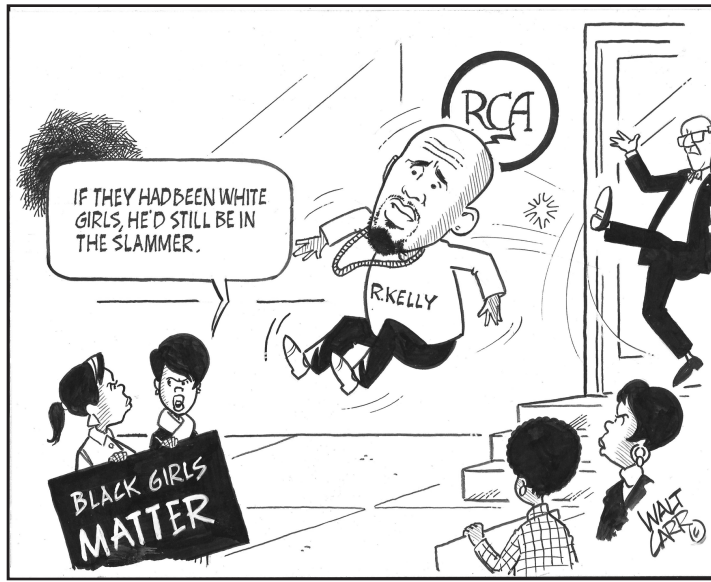
We will be no freer after she sings the anthem than before she performs. No changes.

The Hall-of-Famer said, "I pray that the anthem brings us together in a way never before witnessed and that we can move forward and untangle these truths which mean so much to all of us." Beautifully spoken. As unrealistic as the hope a fairy will change American attitudes and end all prejudice with a wave of the magic wand.

Gladys Knight's decision is wrong and her hoped outcome of singing the anthem is naive - in spite of her 74 years of wisdom. But I still love her as much as ever - and always will.

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## MATTERS OF OPINION

### TO BE EQUAL

## Spike Lee's Best Director nomination is long overdue

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"People of color have a constant frustration of not being represented, or being misrepresented, and these images go around the world ... I do not think there is going to be any substantial movement until people of color get into those gatekeeper positions of people who have a green-light vote. That is what it comes down to. We do not have a vote, and we are not at that table when it is decided what gets made and what does not get made." - Spike Lee

In 2015 and 2016, we in the Urban League Movement joined a movement against the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences embodied in the hashtag, "#OscarsSoWhite." At the time, the voting membership of the Academy was reported to be 94 percent White and 77 percent male.

As a result of the movement, the Academy pledged to double minority and women membership by 2020 and limited terms to 10 years for

members who have not been active in the film industry.

Whether a direct result of these changes or not, Spike Lee's long-awaited first-time nomination for Best Director is a welcome development, as is the nomination of his film, *BlacKkKlansman*, for Best Picture.

For his part, Lee believes his nomination would not have come about without #OscarsSoWhite. "What that campaign did, it made the Academy understand that they had to diversify their membership," he told Entertainment Weekly. "The diversity of the voting members makes a difference."

Lee previously was nominated for Best Screenplay for *Do The Right Thing*, and *4 Little Girls* received a Best Documentary Feature nomination, but this is the first time in his 30-year career he's been acknowledged for his

main contribution to American culture as a director of provocative and artistic feature films.

I had the honor to participate in two of Lee's documentary films: *When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts*, a 2006 HBO production about Hurricane Katrina and the destruction it wrought on my hometown of New Orleans, and its 2010 sequel, *If God Is Willing and da Creek Don't Rise*. The series serves as a powerful and thought-provoking analysis of the issues of class and race in national disaster response.

When the *Levees Broke* won three Emmy Awards, an NAACP Image Award and the Peabody Award from the University of Georgia for being an "epic document of destruction and broken promises and a profound work of art" and "an uncompromising analysis of the events that precede and follow Hurricane Katrina's assault on New Orleans" that "tells the story with an unparalleled diversity of voices and sources."

In appreciation of his achievement, the National

Urban League presented Lee with a Special Recognition Award at our 50th Equal Opportunity Dinner in 2006.

It can be argued that many of the 30 films Lee has directed are as deserving of an Oscar as *BlacKkKlansman*, and many of them are destined to occupy their places in the canon of American cinema. But even though *BlacKkKlansman* is set in the early 1970s it is very much a film of our time - perhaps the film of our time. David Duke, the main villain of the story, is still very much a force in American politics today. He is shown to use the resurrected phrase "America First!" popularized during the 2016 presidential campaign, and speaks of making America "great again."

The film's central question of whether social change must be effected within the system or outside it resonates today. The recognition of Lee's talent by the Academy is long overdue, and we congratulate him on his achievement.

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Marc Morial



Vernon A. Williams

## How long?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

How long will we have to endure Donald Trump's harmful shenanigans? For the entire time he's been in the people's house with free rent, we've had to listen to his disgusting rallies, thousands of lies, immature behavior, offensive language, and another long list of perverse behavior totally unbecoming of anyone whose bills are being paid by an occupant of our White House. He gets everything free at our expense; yet, he chooses to wreck the lives of so many people who work hard in various government agencies - many of whom were required to work while getting no pay.

Trump, his family and wealthy friends never had to live from paycheck to paycheck. They haven't even tried to understand what it's like actually needing money for the basics of life such as food, water, clothing, car notes, mortgage payments, health care, etc. They don't even care. After forcing a shutdown of government for over 30 days thus far, refusing to accept many proposals put before

him, he now has his Acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney taking a look at how the shutdown will hurt if it lasts into March.

He asks which programs will be impacted without even trying to understand that people are already suffering. People who are furloughed rarely make enough money to save enough to last them for the possibility of a year of furlough as mentioned by Trump. Contractors who won't be paid and small businesses that depend upon government workers to purchase lunch, snacks and other necessities from them, people who need food stamps and other services ordinarily provided by the government are also suffering.

Trump has backed himself into a corner by bragging and lying about building a wall that Mexico would pay

for to keep people out of the country instead of building bridges welcoming people into our country, and working for a legal way to help those already here remain and become productive citizens. Even at the end of this brutal government shutdown, how long do we have to put up with this insanity from a man who has no clue what it means to be President of the United States? Are we going to allow him to totally wreck our nation before our leaders move to end his reign?

Meanwhile, we are told that Senior officials of Office of Management and Budget have tried to serve as a clearinghouse for agency leaders as they work to deal with the repercussions of the shutdown. One would think this would've been known before Trump shut the government down. It looks like we're going to have zero growth under Trump's leadership because he is stuck on stupid! He doesn't know that he's responsible for making the government work for the people. Democrats favor re-

opening our government. Trump has turned down every opportunity to do so.

Fewer than 1/3 of the people want Trump's wall. It's for his personal desires. He cares nothing about the American people. We're still hearing about his illegal association with Russia that shows he doesn't care about America! Speaker Nancy Pelosi is holding firm on not giving him a wall and not inviting him to ramble before the American people with a load of garbage in a State of the Union message where he will simply embarrass our nation further before diplomats from around the world! Before this shutdown,

Trump claimed he'd be proud to do it. Well Donald, it's just a matter of time for you to operate on your pride clinging to the belief that only you can fix it! Our only question is how long must we wait for this nightmare to be over?

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## Open a book, explore a world: The Philadelphia African-American Children's Book Fair

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**W**e hear the words "national emergency" so often from the blviator that masquerades as a President that we forget what an emergency really looks like. One of our most pressing crises is the educational emergency that our nation faces, with the quality of inner-city education, in particular, so lacking that many young people are graduating from high school unequipped to manage either post-secondary education or employment. This hits African American communities hardest, with an achievement gap well documented by the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the National Center for Educational Statistics.

Why? Researchers like Georgia Perimeter College's Dr. Tiffany Flowers consider everything from what happens at home to what happens at school, noting that parental involvement in literacy makes a difference in a young person's reading ability. Some homes have bookshelves that are groaning with books, though, and oth-

ers have just a few. The difference in access to children's books may partly explain the achievement gap between Black and white students as well as between children in lower-income and higher-income families.

What are families to do? Vanesse J. Lloyd-Sgambati has one of the answers. As the founder of the African American Children's Book Project she has, for twenty-seven years, hosted the African American Children's Book Fair. This year it will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, February 2, 2019, at Community College of Philadelphia (CCP). With the theme, A Book Opens Up A World of Opportunities, it feeds literacy hunger, bringing together book authors, booksellers, parents, and children who are eager to experience culturally relevant literary experiences. Last year the event drew more than four thousand people, along with dozens of authors and illustrators.

Vanesse Lloyd-Sgambati is passionate about her mission, noting that many economic and cultural factors contribute to the wealth gap. "You can't tell a child to read at home if there are no books in the household. With fewer retailers offering diverse books, the need is even greater." Her event not only salutes those who produce diverse books but also pro-

vides young people with the opportunity to have access to books. Says Lloyd-Sgambati, "Adults who attended the program as children now bring their children. They understand the importance of having books in the home and the life-long impact of reading on the journey to success for their children."

I am writing about this local Philadelphia event because it is the kind of activity that needs to take place all over the country. Black children's literacy is improving, but the achievement gap is a national emergency. We combat the gap by encouraging literacy among young people, by embracing children's literacy as a cause, and by developing traditions like the African American Children's Book Fair to salute those who write and illustrate diverse books and to provide opportunities for parents and children to buy books.

Books, says Vanesse, "empower, enrich, and enlighten the lives of all children." She doesn't have to convince me. I've so frequently had my nose in a book, that I once wrote an essay about the ways I escaped my childhood life through reading. I was one of those kids who put books in front of my dolls and gave them lessons. Once forbidden to read a thick book because the contents were not child-appropriate, I

climbed up a shelf to get the book, injuring myself but then allowed to devour the contents. I went to New York City without leaving San Francisco by reading, inhaled parts of the African continent without boarding an airplane through reading, and became livid about issues of economic justice because I had my nose in a book.

I wish the literacy experience for every young person, not only because it will influence their life experiences, but also because it can bring them joy. I commend Vanesse Lloyd-Sgambati who is, in full disclosure, a dear friend, for the work that she does to ensure that teachers and librarians have new books in their schools. Philadelphia is blessed to have her fantastic book fair. If she had the resources, she could replicate this event all over the country. When a child opens a book, she explores the world. Her book fair is a stellar commitment to children's literacy. There ought to be a similar book fair everywhere an achievement gap is documented!

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## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

### On having a mother in the house

**I** have smiled, chuckled and laughed out loud as I have watched House Speaker Nancy Pelosi handle the president of the United States.

She has reminded me of my own mother; and of the mothers I have known and watched. Mothers have a way of making known to children - spoiled or not - as to how far they can go. In the case of my own mother, it was a look, accompanied by a particular timbre of her voice, that let me know that I was standing on shaky ground. It was not wise to continue what she obviously considered to be unacceptable behavior when I got "the look" or heard "the voice."

Speaker Pelosi, the mother of six children and a grandmother, knows how to be a mother as well as how to work the system called politics. As I think back on the day of her swearing-in as speaker, I am moved again at how she called the children to come forward. I was moved to tears that day because it was such a warm moment in what has been a bitterly cold political season, but I was also moved because she was bringing a different spirit into the House of Representatives. It was going to be different. She would handle her political duties, but she would also handle the children in her midst.

As I have watched her handle the president - and that is the correct word for what she has been doing - I go back to seeing those children surrounding her. They were invited into the cradle of political power; they laid their eyes on the woman who would keep things in order, and listened to her voice. They watched her use the gavel, the symbol of her power; and they left feeling a kind of assurance we have all felt when we have known our mothers (or mother figures) have shown us that they had things under control.

Without raising her voice or quaking under the pressure and criticism, Speaker Pelosi has told the president what will and will not happen. She has let him know that she will not be bullied. She does not scare easily, and she has not let him objectify her. She seemingly has let him know how far is "far enough," and he, like a child, has gotten the message. She has acted courageously, firmly letting him know that he will not be allowed to present the State of the Union address in the House chambers, and when he pushed back, like an arrogant jock, she pushed back yet again. Her message: it is not going to happen.

The more petulant he gets, the stronger her resolve becomes. It is as though she is saying that as long as he is in her house that he will follow her rules - or, more accurately, the rules of the American government. It is as though she is saying that if he wants to be an autocrat, he will have to get out of "her house." As mothers are charged to take care of their children, Speaker Pelosi takes seriously her charge to take care of the American people and the American government.

I find myself comforted by her presence. I find that I give little sighs of relief that there is finally someone in the House who loves this country more than his or her political proclivities. It feels like that as long as Speaker Pelosi is in charge, the train wreck that the president is causing will be less severe. It feels like we may survive this terrifying chapter in American history.

I have been deeply disappointed in the GOP men - and women, certainly, but mostly the men - who have quaked under the president's bullying. I have been disappointed that they have stood idly by and let him do whatever he has wanted to do, just because they are afraid of being attacked. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is a total disgrace. None of these GOP lawmakers have honored their promise to protect the Constitution of the United States. It has been disgusting to watch.

But Speaker Pelosi has let it be known that she is not "fooling" with them. She is a savvy politician, yes, and a woman who knows how to use her power. She remembers the lessons of politics that her father, Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., who represented New Jersey's 3rd congressional district and later became the mayor of Baltimore, taught her and she is using them. He taught her how to play political hardball, and she learned well.

And I feel a measure of comfort. Speaker Pelosi is no saint and is not perfect; that is not my argument. What I am arguing, however, that it has taken a woman to reel in a power-hungry and power-grabbing man who has stopped at nothing to get his way, a man who knows little about politics and who cares little about the American people - including his "base" to which he always directs his rhetoric. He is a stirrer of hatred and bigotry, a man who has no regard for the "rule of law" which he claims to respect.

But in Speaker Pelosi, there is a "mother in the house" who is determined to keep her house in order. She is giving "the look" and sharing "the voice" to remind her adult male children that she is "not fooling with them."

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empowered Africa. Awesome!

With the blessing of H.E. Arikana Chihombori-Quao, the dynamic and visionary African Union Ambassador to the U.S., the endorsement of the World Conference of Mayors under the leadership of Johnny Ford former Mayor of Tuskegee, Alabama and the support of the New York based Pan African Unity Dialogue and the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, the DOOR OF OUR RETURN 2019 Initiative has the potential to be a momentous undertaking. Rev. Dillon envisions a contingent of hundreds of conscious and dedicated Mayors under the leadership of Johnny Ford former Mayor of Tuskegee, Alabama and the support of the New York based Pan African Unity Dialogue and the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, the DOOR OF OUR RETURN 2019 Initiative has the potential to be a momentous undertaking. Rev. Dillon envisions a contingent of hundreds of conscious and dedicated Mayors under the leadership of Johnny Ford former Mayor of Tuskegee, Alabama and the support of the New York based Pan African Unity Dialogue and the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, the DOOR OF OUR RETURN 2019 Initiative has the potential to be a momentous undertaking. Rev. Dillon envisions a contingent of hundreds of conscious and dedicated Mayors under the leadership of Johnny Ford former Mayor of Tuskegee, Alabama and the support of the New York based Pan African Unity Dialogue and the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, the DOOR OF OUR RETURN 2019 Initiative has the potential to be a momentous undertaking.

Up from the trials and tribulations of enslavement, colonialism, segregation, neo-colonialism, ongoing

racial oppression and economic exploitation, the triumphant sons and daughters of Africa in the Diaspora must continue to rise up to finish the unfinished struggle for genuine "emancipation" and self-determination; emancipation that none but ourselves can realize; self-determination with a firm African based economic foundation that will make the Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey smile from on high. 2019 will be a milestone moment in the victorious history of Africans in human history. "Up you mighty race, accomplish what you will!"

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## African Diaspora rising: The year of the door of return to Africa

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**T**his year, 2019 marks the 400th year since the Dutch ship White Lion arrived in Jamestown in the British Colony that was to become the Commonwealth of Virginia with "20 and odd Negroes" from Africa.

The arrival of these indentured enslaved Africans was the opening chapter in one of the most horrific events in human history, the holocaust of African enslavement, the MAAFA via the European slave trade. Proud African men and women from highly civilized and accomplished kingdoms and nations were savagely assaulted by European invaders bearing terrifying weapons of war previously unbeknownst to the continent-cans and guns ignited by the Chinese invention of gunpowder.

Despite fierce resistance, millions of Africans would eventually be captured and taken to ports on the west coast to face the horrifying experience of being dragged through "DOORS OF NO RETURN" at Elimina Castle on the "Gold Coast"/Ghana and Goree Island in Senegal. Thus, began the creation of the Diaspora as the sons and daughters of Africa were forcibly scattered throughout the western hemisphere on board the ships of profit seeking, profit driven conquering European colonizers, hell bent on making fortunes in the "new world."

But, this tragic conquest and "underdevelopment" of the peoples and nations of Africa and the genocidal dispossession of the indigenous people of the western hemisphere and ruthless imposition of a plantation system supported by enslaved labor; this nadir also witnessed the continuation of the heroic resistance and historic struggle/quest for the reformation, restoration/rebuilding of African communities and nations in strange/foreign regions and lands. The "African/Black Freedom Struggle" that began with resistance to the European invaders on the continent continued under the unspeakably harsh conditions of enslavement in the form of sabotage, relentless revolts, victorious escape and formation of maroon communities throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America and North

America.

From the motherland to the western hemisphere the Honor Roll of the Black Freedom Struggle is replete with the names of courageous freedom fighters, institution and nation-builders: Queen Nzingha, Yaa Asantewaa, Queen Nanny, Boukman, Toussaint, Dessalines, Marie-Jean Lamartiniere, Mambo Iwa Marinet bwa-Cheche, Cinque, Harriet Tubman, Nat Turner, Gabriel Prosser, Denmark Vesey, Sojourner Truth, Richard Allen, Frederick Douglass, Callie House...Unquestionably the Haitian Revolution was the high water mark of the widespread resistance, rebellion and quest for self-determination and nationhood.

The Haitian revolutionaries shattered the myth of white supremacy by defeating the armies of Napoleon Bonaparte at the height of the European slave trade. January 1, 1804 in the City of Gonaives, Jean Jacques Dessalines declared Haiti an independent nation. He further proclaimed that enslaved Africans from anywhere who set foot on Haitian soil would be granted citizenship in the first Black Republic in the world! The African drumbeat and grapevine spread the word of this magnificent feat like wildfire, sparking inspiration and hope for enslaved and oppressed Africans everywhere!

January 1st was also an important date in the United States in North America. Faced with the economic and military reality of the multi-faceted insurrection and escape of enslaved Africans from plantations in the south and the militant campaign of quasi-free Blacks, President Abraham Lincoln made a calculated decision to sign an Emancipation Proclamation.

This widely hailed document only "freed" enslaved Africans in those states that were actively engaged in "belligerency" against the Union. Enslaved Africans in other states remained in servitude until the passage of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution. African freedom fighters in virtually every territory colonized by the imperialist nations of Europe waged struggles to achieve "emancipation" as a basis for independence. And, these days are celebrated/commemorated accordingly.

However, declarations of emancipation or independence did not heal and repair the wounds and damages of enslavement or colonialism. In the U.S. the promise of 40 acres and a mule, reparations to begin the process of repair

went unfulfilled, setting the stage for a protracted struggle against dejure and defacto segregation and various forms of oppression and control of people of African descent. In the Caribbean, in many instances European colonizers actually compensated/paid reparations to the plantation owners for the loss of their property, while leaving behind the "mess" created by centuries of enslavement and domination. On the African continent, the ravishes and "underdevelopment" of enslavement, colonialism and neo-colonialism wreaked immeasurable havoc and harm on the birth place of humankind and civilization.

But, "truth crushed to earth will rise again" - "We have come over a way that with tears has been watered... We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered..." In the face of the unrelenting machinations of the exploitative and oppressive forces of white supremacy, the resiliency gene in the DNA of Africans has enabled an uprooted, scattered, battered, abused and battle-scarred people to keep risings, to "keep on pushing" toward the restoration of the race.

Despite the massive political and economic disruption, cultural aggression and loss of untold millions of lives during the holocaust of enslavement, the MAAFA, 400 years after the arrival of enslaved Africans in Jamestown, there are now more than a billion Africans on the continent and some 213 million in the western hemisphere. As DuBois prophesized, the "color line" remains the principal barrier to full freedom and self-determination for African people.

But, Dr. Martin Luther King declared that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." On the continent of Africa and in every corner of the globe, conscious Africans are proclaiming that "Black Lives Matter," mounting resistance to oppressive systems, storming the barrier, demanding reparations, building institutions, communities and nations and bending the arc toward the restoration and revitalization of the race.

Africans in America have yet to achieve full freedom, but, as the old folks in our community used to say, "we sure ain't what we want to be, but we sure ain't what we were." Milestone victories in Montgomery, Birmingham, Little Rock, Selma and beyond shattered the legal barrier of segregation.

Today there are thousands of Black elected officials across the country - sheriffs, city council persons, mayors, state legislators, Congresspersons, Senators.

And, the "hands that once picked cotton, elected the first African America President of the United States. Blacks preside over multi-billion-dollar, multinational corporations in Capitalist America, and Black artists, athletes and entertainers have claimed to heights that were impossible... "in the days when hope unborn had died." Africans in America have more than two trillion dollars of economic power in our Black hands; a sum that would make Black America the eighth richest nation in the world! It's time for Africans in America and the totality of the Diaspora to rise up to help lead an African Renaissance!

2019 will be a galvanizing moment, the historical, spiritual, cultural backdrop for a powerful surge of energy propelling people of African descent to reclaim our rightful place at the forefront of human development with mother Africa, the richest continent on the face of the earth, at the center. The daughters and sons of Africa in the Diaspora, including the descendants of those who were forced through Doors of No Return, must seize this occasion as a DOOR OF RETURN TO AFRICA moment; a time for a spiritual, cultural, social and economic connection with our sisters and brothers in the motherland.

In that spirit, Rev. Dennis Dillon, Senior Pastor of the Rise Center in Brooklyn, NY and visionary proponent of Black economic development for global Black empowerment envisions a massive initiative in this historic year. In his words, "2019 must be the year when thousands of people of African descent from the Caribbean, Central and South America, the United States and Canada make their journey back to the motherland and the year that the motherland lays out the welcome mat and rolls out the red carpet to welcome her children back home. The Door of No Return must be replaced by THE DOOR OF OUR RETURN, and a decade of return must begin. A bridge must be built, the estrangement broken, and a new era embraced that endears Africans in the Americas to work in collaboration with Africans on the continent for a new and

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New Hanover County

**The Williston Class of 1970** will hold a Pre-Valentine Day Dance on February 9, 2019 at the Scottish Rite Temple. They are asking all classes of Williston and their friends to join them. Contact Janice Harris, Lizzie Locke Johnson, Raymond Davis or Grady Riley for details.

Community Briefs

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SENIOR MOMENTS

Make this world a better place

Ladies and Gentlemen,

If you want to make this world a better place, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This is not just a Bible verse. It is used in several religions around the world. You might want to call them copycats, but they don't read our Bible. These religions were established before the printing press was ever thought of.

Yet the Golden Rule is known throughout the world. It is quoted in several different religions. So why can't we use it to make this world a better place? If we get permission to build a few factories in Mexico, the people could use them to make products that we need in America. They

could remain in their own land and make a profit. This would be like building a bridge instead of a wall. Besides, we already know a ladder can be built that would reach over any wall. A tunnel can be dug beneath it. So why would we take the time to build a wall that we know can be breached?

We don't want to insult the people of Mexico. We want to befriend them! So, if we could get permission to build a few factories, they could make something that we need in America.

They could remain in their own country and make a profit. This would be like building a bridge, instead of a wall. Besides, there is no way we can build a wall that would last forever. So why not be neighborly, instead of acting like bigots? Have a good day!

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



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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

The little old house on the side of the road

There was a little old house that sat on the side of highway 17S. This little old house was where meetings to make the community a better place in which to grow up and receive a better education for adults and children. It was a slow difficult process, but they did not stop. The old tobacco fields and barns were a significant part of rural life. The fields were where where the tobacco was grown, and the barns were where it was cured. Much of the tobacco was taken to the markets. This was one way of making money on the farm.

We cannot forget the old tobacco barns of the past because it is the reason we are living today. The tobacco money would help buy food the cold winter days. Every farmer had his own tobacco barn. These barns were given special attention because the barns were used to cure tobacco leaves and grade them. Most farmers had large fam-



Verniece Stanley

ilies living on their farms. Smoking cigarettes or cigars in this small living room was a big social activity for the families and their neighbors. Today the growing tobacco is on the way out because of health hazards created by smoking cigarettes, cigars, and pipes and the health hazards of chewing tobacco and "dipping" snuff. The old lady that lived on the side of the road and be a friend to mankind. 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.

Las Amigas, Inc. Wilmington Chapter surprises some residents with Christmas gifts

BY MARSHA GRAHAM-ALI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc. surprised some of the residents of Cypress Pointe Rehabilitation Center and Silver Stream Health and Rehabilitation Center with Christmas gifts. Some of the residents do not have visitors or family in the area so the sisters asked the staff what the residents would like to have for Christmas. The gifts included toiletries, lotions, and colognes for both the men and women, clothes and one resident requested and received a radio.



Sisters Anechia Wiggins and Marsha Graham-Ali and one of the residents of Cypress Pointe. Pictures were taken with the permission of the resident and the director.



Sisters Anechia Wiggins and Marsha Graham-Ali and one of the residents of Cypress Pointe.

The sisters provided gifts for five residents. Three of the sisters of the Wilmington Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc. delivered the Christmas gifts to the residents.

CFCC named top ten Military Friendly School

WILMINGTON, NC – Cape Fear Community College has been named one of the top ten large community college Military Friendly® Schools for 2019-20. Each year, VIQTORY, a service-disabled, veteran-owned business, recognizes higher education institutions that provide the best opportunities for veterans and their families with the Military Friendly® Schools list. "With a growing veteran

population wishing to continue their education, CFCC is committed to bringing quality programs to active-duty military, veterans, and their families and to enhance their overall academic experience," said Ray Charfauros, CFCC director of veteran services. CFCC houses a Veterans Center at the Wilmington Campus, as well as two other veteran lounges at the North Campus and Surf City

Center. These spaces provide veterans with numerous resources, as well as a place to decompress and build friendships with one another. In addition, CFCC offers priority registration to veteran benefit holders. "Earning this designation is a direct reflection of the professionalism that our faculty, staff, and work-study students strive to provide for our veterans daily," said Charfauros. "We under-

stand the transition into a college atmosphere can be difficult for service-members and their families, and so it is our mission in the Veterans Center to continue to deliver simple processes, quality resources, and perpetual support for this population." For more information about Veterans Services at Cape Fear Community College, visit <https://cfcc.edu/veterans/>.

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**Steven. E. Gonsalves**

Steven Edmund Gonsalves, Sr., age 75, of Leland, passed away Saturday, January 19, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Gonsalves' life was held on Saturday, January 26, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home.

Steven Edmund Gonsalves, Sr. was born June 4, 1943 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, the son of Arnold Wingood and Octavia Gonsalves. He entered eternal rest in Wilmington, North Carolina on January 19, 2019.

Steven was reared in New Bedford and Westport, Massachusetts. He graduated from the Bristol County School of Horticulture in 1961. He attended Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio and Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Steven enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965 during the Vietnam War and served honorably on active duty until 1967. He served an additional five years in the Army Reserves.

Steven was employed by General Electric in Massachusetts for 20 years and managed a team that built engines for F-14 fighter planes. He retired early from General Electric, then owned and operated numerous small businesses for 15 years which included three laundromats, a mom & pop convenience store, an Exxon/Mobil franchise, a rooming house, and two bar/restaurants.

Steven is survived by his wife, Donna Mae Gonsalves; three children, Robert, Steven, Jr., and Jessica; an adopted son, Juan; eight brothers and sisters in the Boston, Massachusetts area; five grandchildren; other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Nathaniel Richard Merrick**

Nathaniel Richard Merrick, age 76, of Navassa, passed away Thursday, January 17, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Merrick's life was held Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Meares Cemetery.

He is survived by: his wife, Inez Merrick of Navassa, NC; daughters, Erica Walker of Cornelius, NC, Sonya Joyner of Leland, NC, and Annette Montgomery of Navassa, NC; sister, Liza J. Farrow of Charlotte, NC, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Theodore Cromartie**

Theodore Henry Cromartie, age 67, of Southport, passed away Sunday, January 20, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Cromartie's life was held on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at St. John A.M.E. Zion Church, Elizabethtown. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Theodore Henry Cromartie was born on December 15, 1951 in Elizabethtown, NC, to the late Lucille and William Henry Cromartie. He departed this earth on January 20, 2019. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Mearlon, Clarence, Jerry, and Kenneth, and one sister, Carolyn. In his youth, Theodore attended St. John A.M.E. Zion Church and in 2011 became a member of First

Baptist Church in Southport, NC. He graduated in the Class of 1970 from Bladen Central High School.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972-1977 as a Ground Radio Communication Repairman and received recognition as Airman of the Month on April 26, 1974 for 2066th Communications Squadron. Theodore furthered his education by attending Southeastern Community College from 1978-1980, where he earned an AAS Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology, while employed with Veeder Root Company in Elizabethtown, NC as a furnace operator. He later accepted a position with CP&L and relocated his family to Southport, NC in 1980. There his lifelong career in engineering began. While at CP&L he demonstrated an extraordinary ability to read schematics, trouble shoot and repair electronic and magnetic segments of control loops, including work coordination and project supervision. He took his expertise in I&C on the road and began working as a contractor in 1997, traveling back and forth from the East to West Coast. After many years of hard work, Theodore retired in 2015 from Grifols, formerly Bayer Pharmaceuticals, in Clayton, NC. In his newly found freedom, he joined the American Legion Post 213 and enjoyed the comradery with fellow veterans.

Theodore was married to Willie Seale Cromartie for 45 years. Although Theodore took pride in his career, his main priority and love was his family. He instilled values and morals in his daughters and constantly reiterated the benefits of having a strong work ethic, a plan for your life and the importance of family and education. It was his goal to ensure that his daughters knew their family history and attended family reunions. He told hilarious childhood stories of mischief with his siblings and close cousins, of which his wife and daughters could recite if asked.

Theodore was known to call up family members and invite them down to partake in an oyster roast, cookout, or fish fry, of which his famous gumbo would often be a featured item. There never had to be a special occasion; he simply cherished time with his immediate, and extended family and friends.

The pride and joy of his family expanded as "the great grands" came along. His family knew at all times without question that they were loved and adored by him.

He was a man who loved life, people and laughter. Theodore leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Willie Seale Cromartie; daughters, Pamela Cromartie of Elizabethtown, NC and Jacqueline Cromartie Clemmons (Steven) of Leland, NC; sister, Connie Richardson (Jerron) of Elizabethtown, NC; sisters-in-law, Essie Jones, Chicago, IL, Celestine Cromartie, Elizabethtown, NC, and Jearline Falkner, Chicago IL; brothers-in-law, Willie Lee Falkner, Holly Springs, MS, John Falkner, Memphis, TN, and Quintin Grimes (Patricia), St. Louis, MO; granddaughters, Rosalind Smith, Keisha Wise, Shaniqua Wilson, Jasmine Swain and Kayla Wise; great grandchildren, Jah'mir, Kahlil, Noah, Nia, Ma'Kenzie, Aria and Kalese; two aunts, Inez Whitted of Elizabethtown, NC and Catherine Ford of New York, NY; close friends, Pat Ferrell, Rev. Charles Whitted, Alfonzo Whitted, Leon Osmond, David Earl Smith, Eullis Willis, Al Holden, Paul Clemmons and Darrell Brown. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and*

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**Pastor Larry Lee Bryant**

Pastor Larry Lee Bryant, age 67, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, January 23, 2019. A celebration of Pastor Bryant's life was held Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Pastor Larry Lee Bryant, was born on August 4, 1951 in Columbus County, North Carolina and was an only child to his mother, the late Magdaline Bryant.

In 1970, he graduated from East Arcadia High School. Soon after, he moved to Wilmington, North Carolina and met Diana Davis and his life changed forever. He married his one and only wife whom he loved immensely in September of 1972. They have were married for 46 years.

Larry received salvation in 1978 and was a member of Faith Temple COGIC and Renewal COGIC where he served as a Deacon and later became a minister. Also, he and his family fellowshipped with many other local ministries in our area.

A prolific teacher who loved the Word of God, Pastor Bryant, who was ordained by Pastor Clarence Shavers of Bethesda Christian Life Church, founded Deliverance Temple in 1985 and was supported by his wife and family to minister to those that were lost. His favorite scripture was Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

A hard worker at General Electric, Pastor Larry Bryant decided to retire in 2013 after 35 years of service. Some of his favorite pass times were reading the Bible, watching TBN, catching a good western and many episodes of Family Feud. He was a soft-spoken man, with a warm smile, a big heart, that truly loved the Lord. But every now and then you would hear him tell his loving wife, whom he called Diane, a well known saying of his: "My God Diane". Everyone who heard him say it would laugh on the inside and would use it from time to time as a saying of endearment.

Larry is survived by: his wife Diana Bryant; children: Angela Bryant, Valeria Hale, Shantea Long, Sharae Bryant, Shiheem Bryant, Jermaine Mitchell, Sharod Bryant, Shaquan Bryant, and Shawn Bryant; grandchildren: Travis Hale, Jr, Denise Hale, Rachel Hale, Jasmin Hale, Janaya Hale, Jamel Hale, Amari Bryant and Aaliyah Jackson; in-laws, Yvonne Diggs, Sophia Long, and Willie Edward Long; living relatives, Uncle George Bryant (Shirley) and Uncle John Wright, all of East Arcadia, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Edward Williams, Jr.**

Edward Williams, Jr., age 75, of Navassa, passed away Thursday, January 24, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Williams' life was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2018 at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery.

On January 24, 2019, God called Edward Williams, Jr. "Buzz" from this life to eternity. Edward was born January 19, 1944 to Lorenza and Victoria Williams in Leland,

North Carolina.

Edward served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Army. He was employed with GE for over 30 years. He was a member of Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and served faithfully as chairman of the Trustee Board for 10 years and chairman of the rebuilding of the kitchen area.

He also served as Town Councilman for the Town of Navassa for 20 years, chairman of the Parks and Recreation and a member of the utility Water Board in Navassa, N.C.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Shirley; son, Edward Jr.; siblings, Lizzie Pearl Moore, Betty Lane Johnson, Theldon, Leverage, Jazmyne, and Jeavone; sisters, Helen Beatty (Joe), Louise Mosley, and Brenda Byrd (Ray); father-in-law; Johnnie Grady Sr., mother-in-law, Martha Grady; daughter-in-law, Nicole Williams; sister-in-law, Peggy Williams, brothers-in-law, Levi Moore, Sr., Maurice Bryant, Preston Johnson, and Johnnie Grady, Jr., life partner, Latanya Grady, god-daughter, Andrea Smith; special friends, Charles Waddell "Butch" and Boyd Parker "Scooter"; nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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**James Curtwright Everett**

James Curtwright Everett was born on March 7, 1925, in Wilmington, NC. He was the first of two boys born to James L. Everett and Inez McLaurin Everett. James attended school in the New Hanover County, NC until he left for Brooklyn, New York at an early age. James served his country during World War II while in

the US Navy. He was blessed to be able to survive the sinking of two naval ships he was assigned to, one of which was torpedoed by the enemy.

Upon release from his military duties, James spent many years working and raising a family in Brooklyn, New York. After becoming disabled due to old injuries relative to his military service, he returned to the Wilmington area in 1975. While here, he faithfully served as a member of Zion Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church until age and illness overtook him.

In addition to his parents, James was predeceased by his brother, Thomas Everett, his first wife, Erdie Mae Whitfield Everett, his second wife, Marilyn Hicks Everett, son Thaddeus Everett, and son James Everett, Jr.

James is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Lacey Whitfield (Douglas), son Jeffrey Everett (Veronica), special nephew, Idris Sharif, 22 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren and other relatives.

A funeral service was held on January 21, 2019 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Burial was in Zion Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Ernest Edward Nixon**

Ernest Edward Nixon gracefully ascended into Heaven on January 9, 2019. He was born on August 17, 1931 in Rocky Point, North Carolina to the late Willie Nixon and Matilda Nixon Jones. He was preceded in death by his daughter Vanessa Bell and granddaughters Amealah and Aziya and great granddaughter Erika.

He attended Williston High School - Class of 1949. Ernest Nixon enlisted in the United States Army on June 11, 1952 and upon completion of his tour of duty he received the Korean Service Medal with I

Bronze Service Star, United Nations Service Medal, and a National Defense Service Medal.

After serving in the military Ernest moved to Philadelphia, PA and met his wife Anna Mae. He pursued a career at Globe Rubber Company and then at Olsen Brothers Eggplant until the company relocated to Texas. Ernest Nixon was a unique person in that he declined the relocation opportunity and instead became an entrepreneur, beginning by teaching "himself" to be a master carpenter; started a restaurant, established a private night club and ventured into real estate. He also supported community members such as churches, political candidates and families within the area. As the treasurer of the Nicetown Businessmen Association he served Thanksgiving dinner to the Nicetown senior citizens.

Mr. Nixon nicknames "Do Dirty Red", "Pop Pop", or "G Dad",

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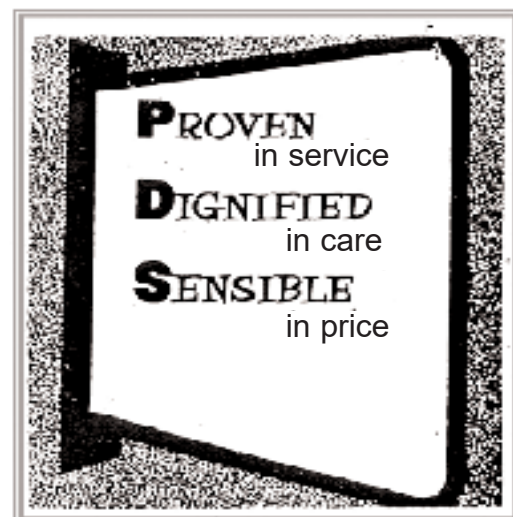


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**First Baptist Missionary Church** will celebrate their 155th Church Anniversary/Homecoming with the following activities: February 8, 2019 a banquet at 6:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Arts Center, 516 N 4th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401; Saturday, February 9, 2019 in the church Fellowship Hall, a Game Day and Talent Hour 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 10th morning worship with Rev. Christopher Vaughn as the guest speaker. For more information, call 910-471-8542 or 910-547-0765.


Religious  
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**Mt. Nebo Baptist Church**, 801 S. 10th St., LF Boone Willing Workers will hold their annual Valentine's Banquet on Saturday, February 9th at 5:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

**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.

**Class #2 of Summerville A.M.E. Zion Church**, 2991 Dogwood Road, Leland, NC will hold a musical program on Saturday, February 9th at 3:00 p.m.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

Graham Chapel AMEZ to hold  
17th Annual One Hundred in Red Program

The Graham Chapel AME Zion Church of the East Arcadia Community in Riegelwood is pleased to announce its 17th Annual "One Hundred in Red" Program, to be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Special guest speakers who will speak on the subject, "Let All That You Do Be Done with Love", include Reverend Fannie Dooley, of Mt. Pleasant, Armour; Reverend Sabrina Tatum, of Pleasant

Union Missionary Baptist Church, East Arcadia Reverend Dora Jones of Mt. Zion A. M. E. Zion Church, Elizabethtown; Evangelist Janie Bowen, of New Miracle Pentecostal Holiness Church, East Arcadia and Mr. Alfonza Brown, of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Sandyfield.

The pastor is the Reverend William Peterson. Plan now to come out and hear these persons expound on the word of God and its power.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## My confession

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND  
SHEILA H. ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The sun was bright, and God allowed the brightness of the day to shine on us once again. Our meeting was opened by our president, Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Mrs. Margie Robinson and the choir came and opened with "Glory to His Name." Thank you, God, for having the prayer of Mrs. Marie Stitt. Next we sang,

"Christ Is All."

Our message today was presented by Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow. She read us information on Ben Stein. People who believe in God are tired of being pushed around. Where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and are not allowed to worship God as we understand Him. Why don't our children have a conscience? Ann Lotz said she believes God is saddened by what is taking place in our society.

How do we expect God to bless us when we have shut him out? We ask why our children do wrong. We reap what we sow. We trash God. We question the Bible but believe the newspaper. We should only worry about what God thinks and not what people say. Mrs. Sparrow was thanked for such a great message that gives us something to think of. A hand of appreciation was given.

Minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. It was time

now for the Callers' Report. Janice Gordon had 7 members present. Thanks to all the callers and members who were present. We had laughter and more laughter by Mrs. Mary Martin. Announcements were given, and our circle was formed. We sang, "Bind Us Together." Prayer was given by Mr. Claude Martin. Our meeting was adjourned.

There were thirty-three 33 in attendance.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Time to make up your mind"

*"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* Joshua 24:15

There is a divine call being made to all mankind to make a decision of eternal weight, which will determine eternal deliverance or eternal destruction. Back in the days of Noah, prior to the great flood, mankind was apathetic and unrepentant to the preaching of the Word of God. They ignored and even scorned the warnings of the preacher and rejected God's divine plan of deliverance from impending destruction. The bible record how the masses perished in their sinful state because they failed to make up their minds to serve the Lord.

Death and destruction have no respect of age, gender, or socio economic status. Too many souls are going into judgement who have not answered

the call of God and have not made a decision to serve the Lord. Almost persuaded and undecided is no place to be in, when the Lord calls your name! It is even more tragic, when one has made a decision and yet procrastinate (put it off until later), only to find it's too late! In these last and evil days, multitudes are abiding in the valley of indecision, .....but it is time to make up your mind!

Joshua stated, "As for me and my house... because my mind was made up and his heart was fixed, to hear and obey the divine call of God. He and his houses was saved, because he made a conscious decision, based on a made up mind and a definite determination. He knew it was time to make up his mind for the Lord and did not care who did not. He was not swayed by public opinion, because he knew the God he served was able to keep him and his family, and he had a

relationship with God that settled any doubts he might have had as to the worthiness of serving God Almighty.

Each of us have an opportunity to make up our own minds to serve the Lord. God loves each of us and is calling us out of darkness into his marvelous light. It is a matter of choice and no one can force you to decide, but think about it for a moment.... If your phone began to ring, if you did not answer, in due time, it will stop ringing. You may have missed an important call simply because you refused to pick up the phone. When Jesus calls us, you have no idea of the missed opportunity because you do not wish to answer: I Kings 18:21 says, "How long halt ye between two opinions, if the Lord be God follow him."

Proverbs 1:24 states, "Because I have called, and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand and no man regarded. (verse 28 & 29) Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer: they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me. For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord."

If God is calling you to serve him through receiving his Son

Jesus Christ as Savior, please do not try to put God on hold. (John 3:16) It is time to make up your mind. If you say YES to the Lord, you will receive eternal life and blessings untold in this present world! If you have already answered the call, continue to be a witness and don't forget to 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!



Sylvia Hooper

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continued his public service as the controller and an advocate for the Wilmington Sportsmen Club. He established community participation at the Azalea Festivals with donations from Rippy Cadillac, Port City Classic and more.

Ernest Nixon gave his life to Christ in 2007.

Ernest Nixon leaves behind his loving wife of 62 years, Anna Mae Nixon, five daughters: Brenda Walker from Baltimore, MD, Ernestine Bell (Ronnie, deceased) from Charlotte, NC, Sandra Singleton (Hermon) from Charleston, SC, Theresa Nixon-Culbreth (Eric) from Philadelphia, PA and Deborah Nixon of the home; two sisters: Mary Moore (Clayton) from Leland, NC and Bertha Scott from Leland, NC; brother: Willie Jones (Martha) from Clarksville, TN. (14) Grandchildren, (33) Great Grandchildren, (5) Great Grandchildren, sisters-in-law: Ruby, Peggy, Velma, Gwendolyn (Thomas) and Bessie. Nieces: Carolyn, Cynthia and Sharon. Nephews: Larry, Scrappy, Perry, Robert, Rod and a nation of nieces and nephews to cherish.

A funeral service was held on January 14, 2019 at Faith Temple COGIC. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

## Quanita Shante' Shaw

Quanita Shante' Shaw was welcomed into the world by Jannette Shaw and the late Gregory Griffin in Oceanside, California on February 17, 1980. She unexpectedly entered into the sunset of her life on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at the tender age of 38.

Quanita excelled in academics at John T. Hoggard High School in the graduating Class of 1998. After high school she completed two years of college at North Carolina A & T State University. She then attended Miller Motte Technical College and was on the President's List in Accounting. She also studied Cosmetology at Cape Fear Community College. She was a valued employee at RGIS as an Inventory Team Leader Supervisor many years and advanced to Medical Supervisor. She went on to become a store manager at Sally's Beauty Supply and continued as Medical Supervisor for RGIS.

Quanita accepted Christ in her life at an early age. She loved the Lord and was a member of New Beginning Church. God's light shined through Quanita. She found joy in helping others in many ways including hair styling and cooking. Her passion was baking and was known for her cakes for any occasion. Her kind and loving nature touched the lives of

many people. She was loved throughout the Port City and beyond. She will be greatly missed.

Those who live on to hold her memory include; her mother, Jannette F. Shaw, siblings Rodderick Thomas, III (Rosalind), Deanna Murphy, Tasha Minor (Tommie), Tamika Griffin (Darrien), Gregory Griffin, Jr., Diashawnie Griffin, Quincy Griffin and an adopted daughter Lyric Simpson; a special friend Treba Williams; extended family the Murphy's, the Troy's, the Archers and the Lennons and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. We rejoice that she is now resting in peace.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at New Beginning Christian Church. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

## Elizabeth "Liz" Deloris Daise

Elizabeth "Liz" Deloris Daise was born the second daughter of Arthur Daise and Helen Larkins Daise in Wilmington, NC on February 17, 1940.

Liz spent her formative education years in, then, segregated New Hanover County Public Schools. A proud Williston Tiger, Liz is a member of the Williston Senior High School Class of 1957. While at Williston, she and her beloved sister Jaqueline "Jackie" Lee enjoyed being majorettes, members of the Crown & Sceptre Club (Honor Society) and Liz was a runner up for Miss Williston. After high school, she attended Bennett College in Greensboro, NC, where she graduated in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. Liz continued to reach academic heights in 1963, when she earned a Master of Science in Social Work from Atlanta University, now Clark Atlanta University, in Atlanta, GA. Equipped with a strong academic foundation, Liz moved to New York in 1963 to practice social work. She served faithfully as a social worker for the New York City Board of Education and she blazed trails as one of the original social workers to pilot what we now know as the National Head Start program. In 1980, Liz birthed her greatest love, her son Yohanze-Noel Alexander Daise. From the moment Yohanze was born, Liz poured herself into him. She returned to Wilmington in 1985 with Yohanze in order to give him a better life. Wherever you saw Liz, Yohanze was right there with her - and vice versa. Liz was Yohanze's biggest cheerleader; from his community involvement to the classroom. She cheered him on through Talented Teens, church choir at Union Baptist Church, school athletics, and his college graduation from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC. Liz spent forty

years as a social worker in the Wilmington Area, through the TEACH program with autistic children, Department of Hospitals as a medical social worker, and the Board of Education's Pre K program. Liz loved music! She often played music in the house and if you were lucky, you might catch her dancing to Bob Marley or one of her many favorite Motown tunes. Liz was also extremely creative. She loved decorating her home with artifacts from her travels abroad, and shopping for unique and vintage pieces. And without missing a beat, she decorated elaborately and cooked fervently to celebrate Yohanze's birthday on Christmas Eve with all of his friends. Liz will be remembered for her generosity, warm spirit, genuine smile, and positive attitude. She was always available to help anyone who needed her help.

Liz was preceded in death by her parents and her cherished son, Yohanze. She leaves to celebrate her life, her sister Jackie Lee (New York, NY), granddaughter Peyton Elizabeth Kimber (Mebane, NC), one aunt, Willie Murphrey, and a host of cousins and very close friends. A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

## Presler Felix

Presler "FeFe," Pastor. Felix, 77, a resident of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina, for 29 years, died Saturday, January 12, 2019, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. He was born on January 25, 1941 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He grew up in Archaie where he lived with his mother and his siblings until the age of 17. He moved to Port-au-Prince to continue his education. He joined the Haitian Marines when he was 19 years old. He was forced to leave the forces due to a physical injury during a combat training.

While in the Marines he was trained as a ship mechanic. After his recovery he worked for a commercial merchant ship as the chief mechanical technician, traveling from Port-au-Prince to Miami. At the age of 26 he married his long-time sweetheart Melirise who he lovingly called "Pam" and "Nounou". They remained inseparable until the day he was called by the Lord. Together they raised more than 21 children in Haiti including their 3 biological kids: Paulette, Jules and Hitemus.

The merchant ship hit a reef in high seas and sank. Twelve men miraculously escaped from dangerous sharks and infected waters on an emergency life raft that disintegrated after they reached an inlet. He taught them the Word of God and fed them with conch meat and coconut. They were rescued by a

passing fishing boat after 12 days and taken to Miami. After 7 months he returned to the Port-au-Prince and worked as a foreman in a construction firm, building bridges and wharfs throughout Haiti. In 1990, he moved to the United States with his family. He worked hard to support his family, pay college tuition for his children and help several families in Haiti.

Presler was a devoted member of Freedom Baptist Church. He loved his dear God in good and bad times. Throughout his illness and suffering, when someone asked him, "Mr. Felix, how are you doing?", He always had one answer, "Jesus knows." He often repeated the following sentence. "God does what He wants, when He wants and if He wants to do it. We are blessed to have had him as a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother, a cousin and a trusted friend. Presler Felix has left a wealth of memories that will forever remain in our hearts and souls. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Laddie Pelham

Laddie Pelham died January 19, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Christian Hope Christian Church, Leland, NC. Burial followed in the Pelham Cemetery, Leland, NC.

Laddie (Marie) Cooper Pelham, age 99, was born October 19, 1919 to George Plymouth Cooper and Kinie H. Cooper. Early in life she accepted Christ as her Savior at Saint Rest Holiness Church in Elizabethtown, NC. Laddie attended Garland High School and graduated in 1938. While there she played basketball and was a star player. In 1939 she married Re. Ervin Lewis Pelham and was joined in marital bliss for 47 years until his passing. To this union ten children were born. She joined Christian Hope Christian Church and became an active member. Laddie loved the Lord and attending church. At Christian Hope she served in various capacities, especially church mother and financial secretary. Laddie was also known for her efforts as a volunteer with the local senior center, Meals on wheels, and Lower Cape Fear Hospice, where she in turn received care in her final days. She was employed with Sencland Community, Indian Head Hosiery and Blockade Runner for many years. In addition to working, Laddie was a farmer and a gardener who kept a bountiful vegetable garden year round. Best of all, she was known for her good cooking and perfect biscuits. She is the last of the second generation to marry into the Pelham family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ervin L. Pelham; daughter, Barbara Royster; sons, Charles and Therman; brothers, Gladys and George Cooper; sisters, Goldie Owens and Thelma McCoy. She leaves to cherish her loving memories: her children, Otis (Orine) Pelham, St. Paul, NC; Brenda Thomas, Leland, NC; Samuel

(Sharon) Pellom, Atlanta, GA; Richard (Carol) Pellom, Washington, DC; Van Pellom, Raleigh, NC; Anita Blackwell, Washington, DC and Deborah (Daryl) Mapson, Raleigh, NC; George Cooper, Leland, NC; sixteen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Alfred Bennett

Alfred Bennett died January 19, 2019 at Liberty Commons. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at St. James AME Church.

Alfred was born on August 4, 1936 to Ida Dingle Bennett and Alfred Bennett of Summerton, SC. His early years were spent with his beloved grandmother on the Santee River. After his father passed, his family moved to North Carolina. He was joined in holy matrimony to Dennie Foy and from this union seven children were born. Alfred always provided for his family. For many years, Alfred was employed as a truck driver. He later retired from Godwin Concrete Company. He enjoyed fishing and always had many pets around for his children. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Ossie and Jessie Bennett and Alfreda Wright.

Alfred leaves to cherish his memories: six sons, Darnel and Kelvin of Wilmington, NC, Thaddeus of Durham, NC, Eddie (Carolyn) of Cape Coral, FL, Vincent and Eric of Wilmington, NC; one daughter, Vera (Kelvin Allen, Sr.) of Durham, NC; 16 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Obeida Wright of Leland, NC; sisters-in-law, Gerladine Wheeler, Gale Wilson (Leo), Betty Foy Newkirk (Charles); brothers-in-law, Leon Foy (Jewell), Milton Foy (Brenda); a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Reverend David  
Eric Williams, Sr.

Reverend David Eric Williams, Sr., died January 20, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 25, 2019 at Lake Forest Baptist Church.

Pastor Williams was born May 13, 1969 in Cleveland, Ohio to Loudella Williams and Abdul Raheem Abdullah. He continued to teach and preach the Word until he was called home to be with the Lord. David graduated from Glenville High School in 1987. In 1991, he received his Boiler Engineer license from West Side Technical Institute. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Divinity at Shalom Bible College in 2003; and in 2013, he received his Master's degree in Biblical Studies from North Carolina College of Theology. David was pursuing his doctorate degree before he passed. David had a variety of jobs, but the

majority of his life, he worked in the HVAC industry as a maintenance technician. At age 19, David surrendered his life to Christ. David started off in youth ministry and in 2002, he officially became a Pastor. Pastor Williams founded the Fellowship of the Remnant in Sandusky, Ohio. In 2012 he married Karole Freeman, they moved to Wilmington, NC in 2015. David and Karole decided to plant an extension of Fellowship of the Remnant in North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his mother, Loudella and his brother, Mutawaf Abdullah.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Karole Williams; five children, Eddie Wilson, III, David (Danielle) Williams, Jr., Dominique Williams, Dacia (Jaiwan) Woodley and Kaihah Johnson; nine grandchildren; Cherish Palmer, Arianna Norman, Jeremiah Williams, Eddie Wilson, IV, Summer Wilson, Tyler Wilson, Janiah Williams, Natalia Woodley and Iris Raine Woodley; father, Abdul Raheem (Mary) Abdullah; siblings, Karen Ledford, Malcolm Spencer; Stacey Williams, Malcolm Spencer and Akilah Abdullah; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Walter Alfred Davis

Walter Alfred Davis was born May 1, 1945 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Margaret Mosley Boykin and Robert Thomas Davis. He transitioned Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Walter was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System from elementary, to Williston Junior High, and Williston Senior High, until he left early to enlist the United States Army. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, where he became a jump master. He later continued his education at Cape Fear Community College. After a stay in Washington, DC for some years, he returned to Wilmington, North Carolina and began employment at General Electric in the Aircraft Processing Division for more than twenty-five years. Walter was a free-spirit and always the fun-loving person in the family. He loved going to the CIAA Tournaments and all the parties with the Waddells. His favorite pastime was being on the water. He loved boating, fishing, and sitting on the beach with his buddy, Clyde Denkins.

In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his oldest brother, Robert "Bobby" Davis. He leaves to cherish his memories: sons, Walter Davis, Jr., Antonio Davis and Kenneth C. Davis; eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, James Davis, (Alice Patricia), two sisters, Patricia Green (Eugene) and LaTonya Lewis; sister-in-law, Agnes Robbins; several nephews, nieces, cousins, and numerous friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.



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**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  
1437 Mill Plain Rd  
Fairfield, CT 06824  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Sharon D. Garcia**, 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 **24th 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 24th day of January, 2019

Theodore George Hale, Executor  
713 Indica Court #202  
Wilmington, NC 28405

January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Thomas Frank Pontecorvo**, 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 **1st day of May, 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 31st day of January, 2019

Catherine S. Pontecorvo, Executor  
103 Trails End Road  
Wilmington, NC 28409

January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 2019

**NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Evelyn M. Smith**, 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 **1st day of May, 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 31st day of January, 2019.

Lisa S. Murray, Executrix of the Estate of Evelyn M. Smith  
414 Forest Hills Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Joan M. Kelly**, 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 **1st day of May, 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 31st day of January, 2019

Shaun K. Simpson, Executrix  
114 Mark Twain Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28411

January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 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 Craig & 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  
c/o Craig & 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**

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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701 Market Street  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Robert E. Shepard, Sr.**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of May, 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 31st day of January, 2019.

J. Wade Shepard, Executor of the Estate of Robert E. Shepard, Sr.  
2403 Carroll Pl  
Tampa, FL 33612  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 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 178**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
**J. S. H. (DOB: 06/09/2017) TO:**  
**RESPONDENTS: SHANA HINES, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND JONATHAN HOOD, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO SHANA HINES**

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 24, 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.

Attorney Randall Hoose has been appointed to represent Shana Hood, and he can be reached at 314 Walnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 769-6884.

Attorney Emily Jones has been appointed to represent Jonathan Hood, and she can be reached at 110 N. 5th Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 762-7771.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR March 18, 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 24th 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 24, 31, February 7, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **S. Clayton Callaway, Jr. M.D.**, deceased, of 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 **1st day of May, 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 31st day of January, 2019.

Virginia A. Callaway, Executrix of the Estate of S. Clayton Callaway, Jr., M.D.  
3712-A Reston Court  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 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 235**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
**P.R.K. (DOB: 10/16/2013)**

**TO: RESPONDENT: PAUL KISH, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN HUNTINGTON, CABELL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA TO CANDICE WILSON**

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 31, 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.

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

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR 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 31st day of January, 2019.

Karen F. Richards  
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County  
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PO Box 81  
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(910) 632-0424

January 31, February 7, 14, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **John Joseph Devaney, III**, 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 **1st day of May, 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 31st day of January, 2019

John James Devaney, Executor  
417 Northern Blvd.  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Atlantic Coast Law  
314 Walnut Street Suite 100  
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 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 350**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
**L.M.W. (DOB: 12/20/2017)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS: STEVIE RENAE WAHNEFRIED, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO STEVIE RENAE WAHNEFRIED**

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 24, 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 24th day of January, 2019.

Karen F. Richards  
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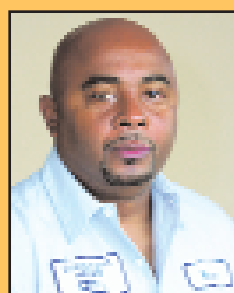
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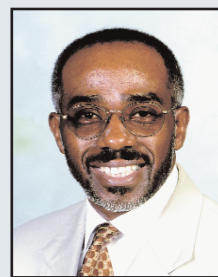
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