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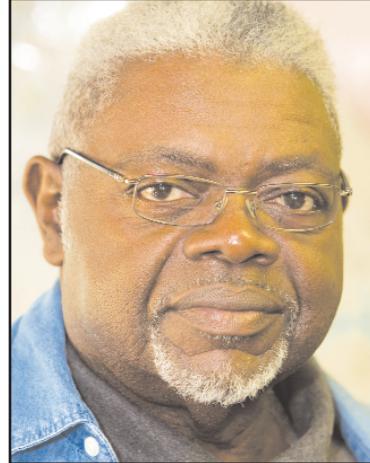
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Should Sen. Kaine and  
others retrieve  
their stones?"

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**BRUNSWICK  
COUNTY****BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I have a bitter taste in my soul! My heart has begun to hurt from the opinions and responses that I'm getting from people about my Black History speeches and programs that I have begun to attend and take part in. People say that they love the programs, but they are becoming too religious, and there's too much talk about God and not enough about slavery. This opinion is coming from Blacks and Whites alike, but I believe that, if it had not been

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## School board leaning away from Williston arts school

BY CASH MICHAELS  
*OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL*

this misnomer of a fine arts school," announced NHC School Board Vice Chair David Wortman, who originally thought up the proposed "misnomer" for a performing arts school. He went on to confirm that the community's negative reaction to his idea weighed heavily in changing direction.

In an online video after the board meeting, board member Nelson Beaulieu confirmed that, thanks to the community "pushback" to the arts school idea, the School Board was indeed "listening."

"We hear you," Beaulieu said on the video, presumably to the community. Hopefully, that direction will be made even clearer during today's Williston Exploratory Committee meeting at 3 p.m.

What was made clear Tuesday night was that the community, and particularly

"We are shifting away from

**SONYA PATRICK**

proud Williston Senior High alumni, were committed to keeping the pressure on the School Board not to close Williston Middle School and to make sure that any future changes benefit students in the community.

Residents, such as

**KENNETH CHESTNUT**

Kenneth Chestnut, Linda Pearce Thomas and Sonya Patrick, all reminded the School Board of the proud history of Williston Senior High before it was closed, implored the School Board to indeed listen to the community's wishes and concerns for

**LINDA PEARCE THOMAS**

its children and their future.

"Let the School Board of today not be the NHC School Board of the past....," Ms. Patrick, the Southeast Regional Director of the

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**PHOTO BY JOHN DAVIS**

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Alpha Psi Omega Chapter gather to celebrate the sorority's 111th Founders' Day.

## Sorority's 111th Founders Day celebrated

BY RITA TODD,  
**ALPHA PSI OMEGA**  
**IVY LEAF REPORTER**  
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

**M**adeline Suite, on the campus of UNC Wilmington, was the setting of the 111th Founders' Day celebration culminating activity of the graduate and undergraduate chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. On January 27, 2019, Alpha Psi Omega (Graduate Chapter) and Omicron Phi (Undergraduate Chapter) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® celebrated the

Sorority's 111th Founders' Day. The theme for this occasion was, "Exemplifying Excellence: Honoring our Leaders." Chapter members worshipped at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and were blessed by the message delivered by the Rev. Kippie Brown from Greenville, South Carolina. Joining chapter members at the morning worship service were the current Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Ms. Jennifer King-Congleton and the Rev. Dr. Rachel D. Stephens, former president of Alpha Psi Omega. The chapter invited all Alpha Kappa Alpha members in the Wilmington and surrounding areas to participate in all Founders' Day activities.

Following worship service at Shiloh Baptist Church, chapter mem-

bers gathered for a luncheon and program on the campus of UNC Wilmington. During the luncheon, participants received greetings from Mrs. Lula C. Little, President - Alpha Psi Omega; Miss Alexis T. Brown, President - Omicron Phi Chapter; Ms. Jennifer King-Congleton, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director and Mr. Sean Palmer, Director of the Upperman African American Culture Center at UNC Wilmington. Members of Alpha Psi Omega who had served the organization fifty plus years were recognized. Members who had also served as president of Alpha Psi Omega Chapter through

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**U.S. REP. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

**Butterfield says House Democrats ready to pass VRA fixes, but GOP opposes**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
*OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL*

It is a top priority of the Democratic majority in the U.S. House, and indeed, it could be introduced for a vote as soon as next week and ratified without a problem.

This is the renewal of the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA), a measure the prior Republican-led U.S. House refused to even take up, let alone pass.

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**CONGRESSWOMEN  
ADAMS AND WATERS**

## Adams joins Waters on House Financial Services Committee

BY CASH MICHAELS  
*OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL*

North Carolina Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12) is now a member of the Congressional U.S. House Committee on Financial Services, chaired by fiery

California Rep. Maxine Waters, for the 116th Congress.

"I came to Congress to raise the wage, push for equal opportunity and to ensure that North Carolina's families have the resources they need to thrive. That is why I made it my mission to serve on key committees," said Rep. Adams in a state-

ment last week after the assignment was announced. "I worked hard to be appointed to the exclusive Committee on Financial Services, a major achievement for

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## 13TH ANNUAL MORAL MARCH THIS SATURDAY IN RALEIGH

[RALEIGH] Thousands of demonstrators representing over 100 groups from across the state are going to Raleigh

this Saturday to participate in the 13th Annual Moral March/HK on J People's Assembly. Sponsored by the NC NAACP, organizers say the event, held in front of the state Capitol, will address health care, immigrant rights, voting rights, minimum wages, environmental issues and more. A 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. pre-rally will be held at Meymandi Concert hall, corner of Wilmington and South streets. From 10 a.m. to 1 noon, the march and rally at the State Capitol, 1 East

Edenton Street. Learn more at [aacpnc.org](http://aacpnc.org).

## BENNETT COLLEGE RAISES \$8.2 MILLION FOR ACCREDITATION CAUSE

[GREENSBORO] Faced with the prospect of closing its doors because it was financially strapped, Bennett College for Women mounted a two-month campaign to raise \$5 million by Feb. 1st. On Monday it announced that it had raised \$8.2 million, far exceeding its initial goal. Nearby High Point

University contributed \$1 million, Papa John's Pizza \$500,000, and the rest came from celebrities like Jussie Smollett of TV's "Empire," and small donations from students at other institutions.

## NINTH DISTRICT EVIDENTIARY HEARING SET FOR FEB. 18

[RALEIGH] Now that Gov. Cooper has appointed the new State Board of Elections, an evidentiary hearing on the Ninth District election

fraud case has been called for Feb. 18th. Testimony will be given, based on allegations that absentee ballots were illegally collected, and may have been tampered with by workers for McCrae Dowless, who was consequently working for Republican candidate Mark Harris. The SBOE of three Democrats and two Republicans will either vote to establish a new election, or vote to certify Harris' 2018 victory.

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National Black Leadership Caucus said, "...but the Board of the future [in bringing

Williston Senior High back]."

"We need to keep up the intensity," remarked Kenneth Chestnut on Facebook.

"Imagine students' being so proud of their school that they still love it 51 years after it closes. I don't have to imagine it. I

went to that school, Williston Senior High School. I challenge you to follow your imagination and make it happen...AGAIN - Make it once again, "the Greatest School Under The Sun," Ms. Pearce Thomas told School

Board members.

According to Board Member Wortman, if ever there were an opportunity for the community to tip the decision scale on Williston's future, it is now.

"We want to keep that as a

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the years were honored. Tokens of appreciation were presented to both special groups. A stirring rendition of the classic song, "The Impossible Dream" was rendered by Mrs. Marsha

Graham-Ali.

Guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Rachel D. Stephens, Chairman, Mid-Atlantic Regional Spiritual Care Team, delivered a powerful, spirit-filled message regarding sisterhood. The program ended with sorority members recommitting themselves to the ideals of the organization.

The luncheon was sponsored by the Upperman African American Cultural Center; Sean Palmer, Director. The Mistress of Ceremonies, Ms. Ivy L. Murrain, served as chairperson of the 11th Founders' Day Committee. Mrs. Lula C. Little is the current president of the Alpha Psi Omega Chapter.

A Brief History Alpha Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated® was chartered on June 2, 1932. Sorority members Alice Wood Lofton, Fannie Penelope White, Catherine Howze Robinson Copeland, Dora Tynes Jones and Betty Estelle Graves were charter members of this chapter. With

a vision to help their community, the Visionary Five initiated a legacy of service to all mankind in southeastern North Carolina. Today's chapter members stand on the shoulders of the five charter members; continuing the fight for social justice, economic equality and equitable education.

## BUTTERFIELD

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U.S. Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1) says renewal of the VRA is, indeed, a top agenda item of the newly strengthened Congressional Black Caucus and House Democrats.

"It's going to happen," Butterfield said during a recent interview. "Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) and Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL) are leading an effort right now to introduce and pass [VRA legislation] very, very soon, which will correct the 2013 U.S. Supreme

Court Shelby County case decision and create a new formula for Section Four of the VRA, and that will happen very soon."

In that 2013 US High Court Shelby ruling, Section Four of the five section VRA, which required federal pre-clearance of all new State laws governing elections, was struck down, thus allowing North Carolina and several other Republican-led states at the time to adopt a variety of voter suppression laws designed to minimize Black voter turnout through photo voter ID laws and other mechanisms.

The only remedy to the U.S. Supreme Court decision was for Congress to rework Section Four and vote to reinstate it, but, because Republicans were in charge, they saw it in their best interests not to do so, allowing voter suppression laws to flourish across the country.

Now that Democrats have regained control of the House, as Congressman Butterfield said, they're ready to pass legislation to restore the VRA, as well as to combat gerrymandering and institute automatic voter registration.

Knowing that Republicans are going to fight the VRA

restoration bills, Democrats are planning to travel and hold hearings in several states, including North Carolina, to gather evidence on how the voting rights of African Americans, Hispanics, and others have been encroached on by voter restrictions since the 2013 Supreme Court Shelby decision. The hope, according to published reports, is to actually have the VRA legislation ratified by 2020, the next Presidentialidential election.

Why? Because even though the Democratic-controlled House is certain to pass it now, the Republican

led Senate is certain not to. Indeed, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has even vowed to stop a Democratic sponsored bill that would make Election Day a national federal holiday for voters, saying that all it would be a "power grab" by Democrats to get more of their voters to the polls. In effect, the harder it is for voters to cast their ballot, the better chance Republicans have to hold on to power.

"Let's hope that there will be some bipartisanship," Rep. Butterfield said, "but, right now, there aren't that many signs that there will be."

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our District. We are home to 71 financial institutions that employ over 70,000 people. Financial Services will lead the push for affordable housing, an issue that plagues our region. On committee, I will fight for our priorities and ensure that we remain the banking capital of the South."

The two-term North Carolina Democrat joins controversial New York City Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez as a new member. Rep. Adams is also a member of the commit-

tee's Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion.

"I am pleased to welcome Congresswoman Alma Adams to the Financial Services Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee," said Chairwoman Maxine Waters, of California. "This Congress, the Financial Services Committee will take on many important issues on behalf of consumers, investors and vulnerable populations, and I look forward to working with Congresswoman Adams to create opportunities, ensure fairness, and protect the economic well-being of hard-working Americans throughout this country."

Chairwoman Waters, the first woman and the first

African-American to lead the panel, has served as a member of Congress and the HFSC since 1991. She served as the HFSC's ranking member in the 115th Congress, so once the Democrats reclaimed the majority after the 2018 midterm elections, Waters naturally assumed the leadership role.

Making clear that issues, such as more affordable housing, fairer consumer banking practices, and other consumer protections would be the committee's priorities, Waters made clear and that "bringing accountability to the Trump Administration" was also a primary goal.

That "accountability" Waters plans to hold Pres.

Trump to includes requiring that the Republican President turn over his tax returns from prior years for review, something that every preceding commander in chief has done for the purpose of transparency. However, holding Trump's feet to the fire doesn't stop there.

Waters has vowed that the HFSC will join with the House Committee on Investigations to probe Deutsche Bank and its relationship with Donald Trump.

"We know that Deutsche

Bank is one of the biggest money laundering banks in the country, or in the world perhaps," Waters told CNBC last week, "and we know that this is the only bank that will lend money to the President of the United States because of his past practices. He won't show his tax returns, and we have a certain information that leads us to believe that there may have been some money laundering activity ...." Whatever HFSC Chair Maxine Waters ultimately finds, Rep. Alma Adams will be right there with her.

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for the grace of God, we would still be in chains. Because of unbelief of some Blacks, we are still living with a slave mentality. God, not man, brought Blacks out of the stronghold of slavery! Therefore, if you don't believe there is a God who can do anything, I do.

Black folks, learn what cost your ancestors paid for you! Then check your faith!

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

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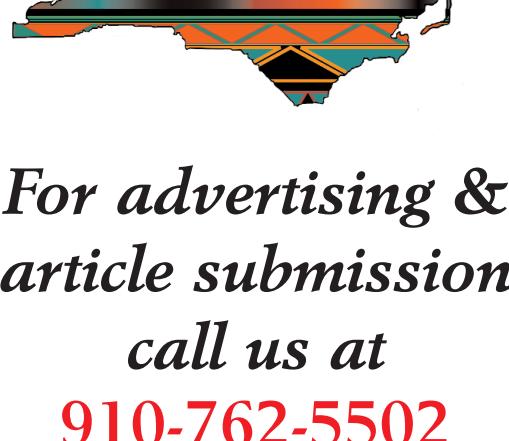
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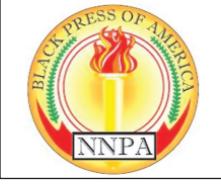


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## OUR VOICE

In Northam Case: Should Sen. Kaine and others retrieve their stones?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**A**s we ferret out truth from reality in the ongoing accusations against Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, where do we draw the line of guilt by elected officials on apparent acts of past racism? I could not help but feel sympathetic for Gov. Northam as he faced the inseparable barrage of attacks from friend and foe regarding the allegations of racial antics and disparaging deeds born of ignorance and a heritage of racial prejudice, oppression, and bigotry.

What criteria do we use to determine whether the hideous blackface and Ku Klux Klan-hooded images on his medical school year book page from 35 years ago are symptomatic of who he is now or whether he has changed? And how do we measure the validity of such change or whether it deserves our continued support or be rejected?

Consider that nearly every White person over the age of 50 might be able to recall some instance of racism in which they may have indulged at the age of 25 or younger. Should we even consider the possibilities of change or automatically assume guilt as obviously has been the case in this instance?

I carry no brief for Gov. Ralph Northam's innocence. But I pose these questions merely to reflect upon the processes of our judgment. So, the question in my mind is rather about we than about he. Are we being logical, reasonable and fair in the processes of our judgement?

Gov. Ralph Northam has demonstrated himself to be a fair and decent person with no known racist proclivities since we've known and elected him. But for this recent revelation, who would have thought it? Yet, in the controversy that is now national, his Virginia colleagues are calling for his resignation as if all of their hands are clean.

For example, when I observed my friend and former Richmond City Council desk mate, now U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine, call upon Gov. Northam to resign, I was reminded of what I consider to be a moment of racial indiscretion in Kaine's career that struck me as deeply ironic. In 1999, when the city of Richmond was considering the placement of a permanent mural of Confederate General Robert E. Lee on the Richmond Flood Wall, a controversy erupted. This mural of a man who led the civil war on the side that would have maintained slavery and racial oppression was strongly opposed by the Black community.

As his former colleague on City Council, I made a personal appeal to them Mayor Tim Kaine. I explained to Tim that White people seldom listen to Black people on such issues, but they would listen to him. And thus, he had an opportunity to teach how deeply offensive the symbols of Confederate generals struck into the souls of Black people in Richmond, the former Confederate capital and even across the South. Over the phone, I explained to him - in great details - the racist implications that Lee had that White people did not understand and that he might.

Alas, Kaine ignored my plea and voted to support the racist symbol of Robert E. Lee on the Richmond floodwall as mayor of the City of Richmond - unforgivable for a man of good conscience. So, does Sen. Tim Kaine continue to support the symbol of Robert E. Lee? Or has he changed? Do we hold Tim Kaine responsible for his past deed that had racist implications, or do we assume - based on his record - that he has more enlightened views that will now do good to benefit African-Americans? And how do we distinguish or draw a parallel between the circumstances of Sen. Tim Kaine and that of Gov. Northam? And how do we define fairness even if there is a gulf between the two situations?

It is easy to jump on the bandwagon of critics, but much more difficult to be measured, patient, giving benefit of doubt as we judge. All of us make mistakes at the age of 25 and some of us change. How many of us know for certain who has changed and who has not?

At any rate, it is human to err, but divine to forgive. I choose forgiveness and judge a man for what I know and see of him today - not what I'm told or even observe - of the doubtful past. So, let those who are "without sin" cast the first stone at Gov. Northam. And as for those - including Sen. Tim Kaine - who have already thrown their rocks, it is not too late to retrieve them.

Chuck Richardson served on the Richmond City Council for 18 years. Among other race-related actions, he was the leading advocate for the placement of the Arthur Ashe statue on Richmond's Monument Avenue and he was the author of Richmond's 30 Percent Minority Set Aside program struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1989. He can be reached at [HWChuckster@gmail.com](mailto:HWChuckster@gmail.com).



## Visual Voice

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Who really won the Super Bowl?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**A**s far as I'm concerned, neither of the teams on the field won the Super Bowl. Something wonderful happened along the way, and we had a consciousness raising event.

So many who could've been performers for the half time show said "NO" to invitations to be there. Others made it known before being asked that they would not perform if asked because they were supporting former NFL quarterback, Colin Kaepernick. What they did was spectacular; but the issue is bigger than Colin. They were making a score for Black dignity. Some of them have made mistakes in the past, but on this issue they're right.

Roger Goodell, the NFL Commissioner claims that NFL teams don't believe Kaepernick could win games for them. A similar excuse is one many of us have heard all of our lives when it comes to getting an opportunity to try. Even when we have super proven skills and a massive amount of education and train-

ing above our competitors, we often lose to those who're inferior on all accounts—so as we say down South, "That dog won't hunt."

I've had my problems with some of those who are supporting the cause for which Kaepernick took a knee, but

their speaking out now says to me they at least know right from wrong.

I'm not so sure if others get it—whether they understand the power of unity. Jermaine Dupree didn't have to support the event. His work is already well known and appreciated by many people. He's already earned a lot of money, so why? The Super Bowl needs people like him more than he needs the Super Bowl. It's no sacrifice for him to support the cause; but instead, he chose to host a concert series called Super Bowl Live. I guess social justice has no meaning for him. Maybe nobody told those who

Dr. E. Faye Williams

insisted upon performing that Colin does not protest for himself; he does it to raise awareness to police brutality, racial inequality and other social issues.

The performer that hurts most is Gladys Knight singing "America the Beautiful" because she's so widely admired for her music. I realize Atlanta is her hometown, but she didn't need the exposure. She has long been a superstar.

Those who refused to support the Super Bowl are the real winners. I can only hope that those who could not resist performing will do something to redeem themselves. In the Black community, we always have important causes for which we have to fight, so all is not lost for them. They can still help to do something good for Black America.

There is a bill in Congress on Voting Rights and Anti-Corruption they can support. Bennett College urgently needs funds to stay open—as do many Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Congresswoman Lucy McBath from Atlanta already has challengers for the next

election after winning her race just a few weeks ago; she could use early support to protect her seat. Senator Kamala Harris is leading the Presidential race and could use help. The Progressive National Baptists need support for their campaign against Wells Fargo for causing so many in the Black community to lose their homes; they ask that we stop banking with Wells Fargo.

The National Congress of Black Women, National Black Alliance and Clear the Airwaves need help with the Respect Us campaign by refraining from spending money with McDonald's, Subway Restaurants, Kohl's, JCPenney's and Adidas so long as they spend their advertising dollars on radio stations that play hateful, derogatory, misogynistic rap.

Those are some of the ways all of us win something bigger than the Super Bowl.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women. 202/678-6788. [www.nationalcongressbw.org](http://www.nationalcongressbw.org). She's also host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM 89.3.

### TO BE EQUAL

### Raise the Wage Act is a long-overdue dose of economic reality

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*"In my Inaugural I laid down the simple proposition that nobody is going to starve in this country. It seems to me to be equally plain that no business which depends for existence on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country. By "business" I mean the whole of commerce as well as the whole of industry; by workers I mean all workers, the white collar class as well as the men in overalls; and by living wages I mean more than a bare subsistence level – I mean the wages of decent living." —President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, upon signing the National Industrial Recovery Act in 1933*

**N**owhere in the entire country can a full-time worker earning the federal or state minimum wage afford a two-bedroom apartment a fair market rent.

One in nine U.S. workers are paid wages that can leave them in poverty, even when working full time.

Over the last 40 years, wages for the lowest-paid workers have barely budged, while wages for the wealthiest

have more than tripled.

In a nation that calls itself the land of opportunity, where we claim as a value an honest day's pay for an honest day's work, our dismally insufficient federal minimum wage is practically a crime.

That's why the National Urban League has thrown its support behind legislation recently introduced by Rep. Bobby Scott, the Raise the Wage Act of 2019.

The bill would gradually raise the minimum wage to \$15 by 2024, index future minimum wage increases to median wage growth and guarantee that all workers are paid at least the full federal minimum wage by phasing out the subminimum wages for tipped workers, youth workers and workers with disabilities.

Had the minimum wage kept pace with worker productivity since the 1940s, it would be just under \$22 per hour – more than triple what it is now. Instead, the vast majority of the gains from that increased productivity

would be expected from the rising purchasing power of the public.

In fact, researchers estimate that a 10 percent increase in the minimum wage would increase sales by around \$2 billion each year.

Raising the minimum wage to \$15 by 2024 would lift wages for 41 million American workers, including 40 percent of all

African-American workers. The average age of workers who will benefit from the bill is 36.

Contrary to claims by opponents of a fair federal living wage, moderate increases in the minimum wage have little to no impact on employment.

A University of California at Berkeley study last year examined the effect of minimum wage increases in six cities and found pay increases for workers and no significant employment reductions. A more extensive study by the London School of Economics examined the impact of 138 separate minimum wage increases implemented between 1979 and 2016, and found no overall reduction in low-wage jobs.

Income inequality in the United States is out of control and threatens not just economic stability of our nation, but our democracy itself. Full-time workers shouldn't live in poverty anywhere, but especially not in the wealthiest nation on earth. The Raise the Wage Act would bring the federal minimum wage in line with economic reality and bring us closer to the promise of the American Dream.

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

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## Moments and migrations

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**E**very year the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) chooses a theme for Black History Month. This year they have chosen, Black Migrations emphasizing "the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities." Their theme is important, especially when we think of the "Great Migration", the time after World War I when Black folk fled the oppressive south looking for a new reality.

Why not flee? Black men were lynched in their uniforms when they came back into enslavement-type realities even as they embraced a country that did not appreciate them. Just a few years after Black men returned from World War I, white people in Tulsa, Oklahoma, so jealous of African American economic accomplishment, torched the

War I when Black folk fled the oppressive south looking for a new reality.

Here's what it means - Black folks were moving, migrating, making it happen, grasping at reality and opportunity despite every barrier. Black folks moved because they were looking for safe places to survive and thrive, to enjoy life despite the racial obstacles that were thrown at us. Black folks moved because movement was preferable to standing still. We moved because we had to.

At the same time, migration

In 1984, I made my first run for the presidency. In 1985, Douglas Wilder became the first African-American elected statewide as lieutenant governor in Virginia, on his way to being elected governor four years later. Northam's actions were offensive and wrong even at the time he committed them.

America's long, sordid tradition of blackface minstrelsy — white people in blackface — was designed to burlesque black people, to portray them as dumb, grotesque and lascivious and was not incidentally part of propaganda for slavery.

The governor said that his actions then do not reflect his attitude, his views or his policies now or at any time throughout his military, medical and public career. All of us are sinners. Grace and redemption must be accorded to all who atone. I believe deeply that a person can be redeemed from a hideous past.

Northam's record has been positive. In stark contrast to President Trump, he acted bravely during the racist protests in Charlottesville, Va., that resulted in the murder of Heather Heyer. Trump infamously embraced the proto-Nazi protesters, arguing that there were "good people on

both sides." Northam has advocated taking down the Confederate statues in Virginia.

In stark contrast to Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, portrayed in an infamous picture celebrating the Confederate flag, Northam has pushed to advance voting rights in Virginia. McConnell recently scorned legislation to expand and defend voting rights as a "power grab" while defending Republican efforts to suppress the vote across the country.

Trump and McConnell remain in power, yet the right-wing talking heads who celebrate Trump and McConnell are condemning Northam, demonstrating not their virtue but their rapacious partisanship.

Trump and McConnell have plenty of company on their side of the aisle. Former Attorney General Jeff Sessions contended the Voting Rights Act was "intrusive" on states' rights.

Then there's Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith of Mississippi. She was elected in November despite saying she'd happily sit in the front row of a "public hanging" if invited by a supporter. She didn't say it 35

years ago. She said it a few months ago.

The recently elected Republican governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis, also played the race card with little to no blowback from his party. He warned the voters of his state not to "monkey this up" by electing his African-American opponent, Andrew Gillum.

And before narrowly defeating African-American gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams, Brian Kemp was the Georgia secretary of state and purged hundreds of thousands of Georgians from the voting rolls, most of them African-Americans.

As a practical matter, it will be impossible for Northam to lead the state of Virginia after this revelation. His press conference in which he denied what he had admitted the day before did not help his cause.

Our leaders must represent the values that we espouse and honor the diversity of the coalition that we seek to build.

Virtually the entire leadership of the Democratic Party in the state has called on the governor to resign. He would be wise to accept their advice.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

## Legal double standards keep us in shackles

It's time we stop lying to ourselves.

The lying has gone on much too long and every time the lie is repeated, we are all the worse for it.

The lie is that in America, everyone is equal under the law.

It's time to pull back the curtain on this lie, but in order to do so, first we must have an understanding of what "Law" actually is.

In its most basic form, law, is a process of authoritative control whereby certain members of a particular community establish and maintain a specific public order.

This definition may seem like a mouthful, but history can help us unpack it. Nazi Germany had anti-Jewish laws, the racist regime of South Africa had apartheid laws and the southern states in this country had Jim Crow laws.

The Nazis, the Afrikaners and the Southern segregationists all had authoritative control over their respective national and state communities. And with that control, they each ordered their societies in the manner they desired.

In each of these instances, it is not difficult to identify

those community members who sought to maintain a specific public order, nor is it difficult to identify the "specific order" they sought to maintain.

For Blacks in South Africa and the segregated southern United States, subjugation was the public order where they lived. And in the case of Jews living under Nazi control, it was extermination.

For these people, those were the laws.

A law need not be just or fair or benign to be the law.

Law, like a gun or any other tool, can be used for good or for evil.

To disguise the fact that laws can be cruel, unjust and designed to harm certain members of our community, "Blind Justice" was the myth created to foster the notion of a fair legal system in America. But observations in most American courtrooms will instruct us that what passes for justice in this country is not color-blind.

Our laws are written with high-sounding words, full of dignity and sensibility but words are not deeds. And as in courtrooms, the long arm of the law, embodied in the form of law enforcement officers, reaches out into the streets and neighborhoods where we witness the double standards that are applied in enforcing our laws written in lofty language.

Even though the Thirteenth Amendment to

the U.S. Constitution ended slavery more than 150 years ago, people of color are still forced to wear the shackles that are the double standards in our country's legal system.

Bigots and racists use our system of laws and law enforcement to police Black and Brown bodies, making it clear to people of color that we are neither welcome nor expected to exist in white spaces.

Ohio maintains a specific

public order that allows whites to walk the streets with automatic rifles unmonitored by the police, but justifies gunning down a Black man who is purchasing a BB rifle in an open carry state.

And it finds no fault in a police officer executing a 12-year-old Black boy for playing with a toy gun in a park. This is the law in Ohio.

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## New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. There will be a presentation by the North Carolina African American Heritage Committee on the "Green Book", the annual guidebook used by African American road-trippers, published from 1936-1966, during the Jim Crow era, when open and often legally prescribed discrimination against non-whites was widespread. This discrimination resulted in a variety of dangers and inconveniences along the road; anything from a refusal of food and lodging to arbitrary arrest. The "Green Book" was a guide to services and places relatively friendly to African Americans. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

**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.

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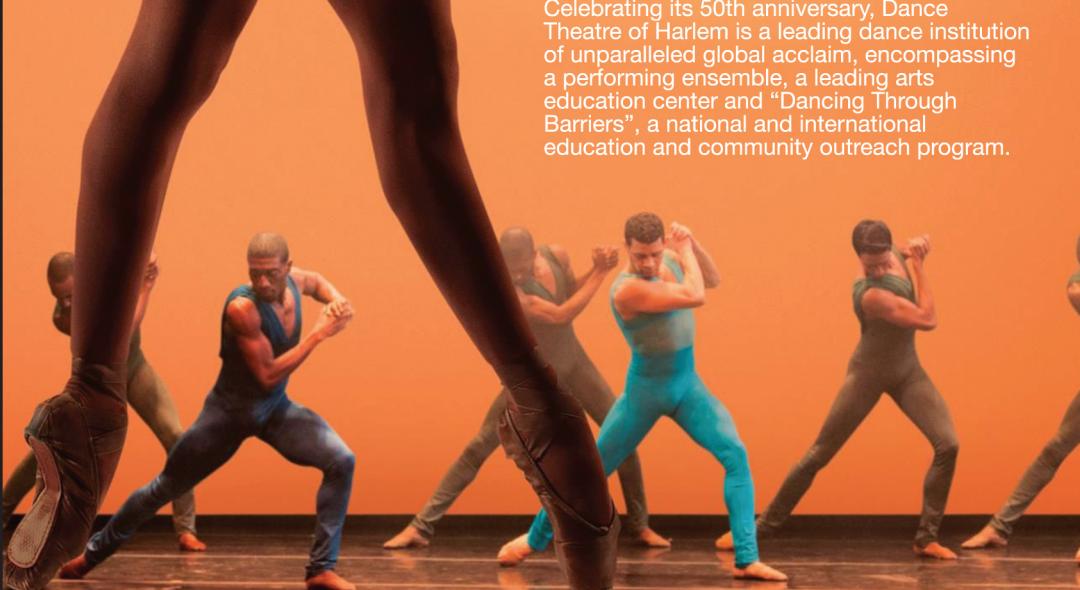
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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Listening for sounds inside or outside

In the early morning sunrise, as we look toward the sun, we must stop and listen to specific sounds over again. It could be sounds of birds flying near us, looking for food. Many birds seek a warmer climate in which to live during the winter months and return here in the spring when it begins getting warmer.

It's been said over and over again that spring will be here soon, but we must wait awhile longer. It is very cold up in the mountains. We are going to need our winter coats a little longer.

It is interesting to note that children will take flu shots to be free from such disease that's on its way back into our country.

Many parents do not want their children to take flu shot. Which could be more helpful in many ways. We must pay more attention to drinking water for young children in or out of our area. They may be wanting to know more about clean drinking water than

you think. They may ask you about clean drinking water at home and in school daily.

Many adults think about the safety of our school buses daily. We citizens want our children to make as much progress in schools as possible. We can see that in some schools the Black enrollment is very low. We want all children to have the best education possible. If that were the case, maybe the prison would not be overcrowded in this state and other southern states.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but

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

## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS! FOR RENT Scams, Scams, more Scams

With the safe habitable housing inventory being so low, and the many displaced families from community after community being so high, the scammers are coming out the woodworks... I recently listed a 3 bedroom/2 bath home on the Southside "FOR SALE" and within days I started getting calls after calls that it was listed "For Rent" on Craigslist. Not only did the scammers use my pictures from the listing, but they also had the nerve to tell folks inquiring to just "disregard that for sale sign in the yard because they haven't had time to take it up yet..." REALLY!! You'd be surprised how much this happens and more surprised on how many folks fall for the tricks and lose \$\$\$hundreds of dollars.... Let me fully explain how this type of scam goes down so prayerfully no one reading this will fall, the victim.

FIRST, the scammers start by watching the Realtor.com, Zillow, Trulia type sites for new listings with nice looking inter-

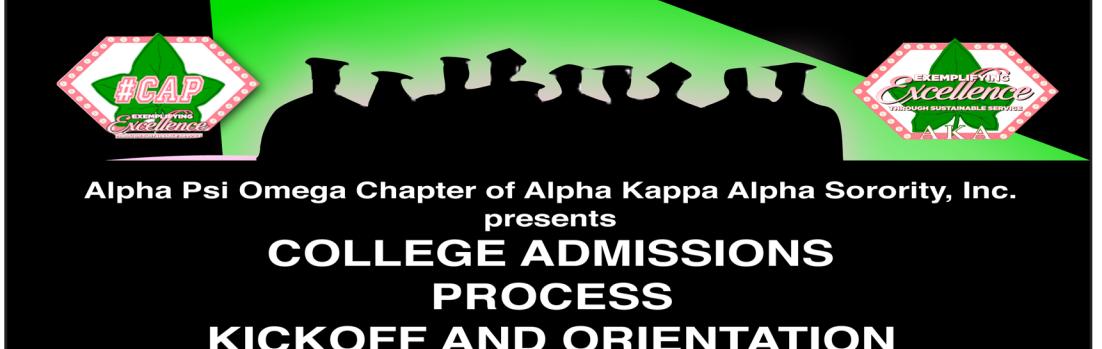
rior photos that show the home vacant. Then they research the tax property records to see if the owner is local or out of town... If out of town, they make a run for it and create a post that will grab the attention of the population they feel most likely would fall for the scam. In this case, they advertised my 3 bedroom/2 baths "For Sale" home For Rent for only \$700 per month. Now, anybody that has been keeping up with the rental market knows that \$ 700-month rent in Wilmington, NC is as unlikely as 12 foot of snow in June at the beach. That should of been the 1st "RED FLAG" (the rent amount)... The 2nd "RED

FLAG" is them giving an email and not a phone number. The 3rd "RED FLAG" is when you email them and they tell you, "disregard the sign in the yard". I've been told by folks that when they email these crooks they were told a sob story of how their brother (the supposed owner) was tired of being ripped off by contractors and decided to rent vs. sell.. The goal for these scammers is to have someone believe them enough to wire money for the 1st-month rent and security deposit and then they will overnight the keys to move in. Of course, these scammers can't overnight keys, they have none so they take

the money and just disappear.. I'm encouraging you to check, check and triple check things out thoroughly before sending anybody any money. In fact, if you can't put the money in their hands, you don't need to pay it at all. Once that money is gone, it's GONE... Please help somebody else and share this article with at least 3 people.

Until next week Family, if anyone is finally ready to move past the fears and get a personalized game plan to own in the next 18 months or less, just reach out.

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**William Theodore Everett**

William Theodore Everett died January 29, 2019 at South Western Regional Medical Center, Lumberton, NC. Memorial services were held Monday, January 28, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

William was a man of many talents. He was a carpenter, truck driver, an entrepreneur and vehicle salesman. The latter seemed to be his joy; buying and selling cars came natural to him. He would sell somebody a car and tell them they could pay him when they could. Some never paid him at all. He would say, they'll get around to it and pay me after a while. William was saved and believed in God and Jesus Christ the Lord. Because of this, he had a giving spirit which he grew up with. At the age of 16, William was a member of the US Navy, during World War II. He joined the Navy after learning his parents wanted to build a new home. He sent money back to help with the new construction. He fulfilled his promise to his parents. William's wife Mable and his children all preceded him in death. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**William Solomon Jenkins**

William Solomon Jenkins died January 26, 2019. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 2, 2019 at St. Matthew AME Church, Wrightsville Sound.

William, son of the late Lucy McCall Jenkins and Lawrence Douglas Jenkins, Sr. was born on November 22, 1941 in Wilmington, North Carolina. At an early age he accepted the Lord at St. Matthew AME Church. William graduated from Williston High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. He spent his career working as a carpenter, builder and brick mason.

William was also an Elder in the Salvation Army Church. He thoroughly enjoyed sports television and eating desserts. He had a great personality and was a joy to be around. To know him was to love him. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his son, William Solomon Jenkins, Jr., his sister, Cecelia Jones and brother, Lawrence Douglas Jenkins, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: six children, Darryl Jenkins (Helen), Beverly Nixon (John), Carmen McCoy, Lisa Owens (James), Maurice Martin and Jakarra Walker-Jenkins; eighteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Ronald Preston Burns**

Ronald Preston Burns died January 28, 2019 at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

Ronald was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on June 16, 1951. He was preceded in death by his only child, Preston Burns; his mother, Mrs. Ruth Hall Davis; father, Mr. Wallace Burns, Sr. and his oldest sister, Patricia Burns Jones. Ronald attended the local schools in New Hanover County. He was baptized at an early age at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church where he attended under the leadership of Rev. W.B. Lewis. Making a decision to enlist in the military, he joined the United States Marine Corps. Ronald made his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico for more than thirty years. He loved helping and taking care of his family and friends, especially his mother.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: four brothers, Richard A. Hall (Valma) of Fort Mohave, AZ, Wallace Burns, Jr. of Lake City, FL, Daniel W. Burns (Bonnie K.) of Leland, NC and Walter J. Burns (Priscilla) of Charlotte, NC; one sister, Beverly Burns Shareef (Abdul) of the city; an adopted sister, Mary Frances Adams of Jacksonville, NC; brother-in-law, Elder William Jones of the city; one uncle, Earl Burns of Charleston, SC; the Matriarch of the family, Mary Louise Wood; seven nieces, (Antoinette); 14 great-grandchildren.

"Ricky" is survived by: his loving companion, Yolanda Fomville; two sons, Perry K. Lewis (Faith) of Wilmington, NC and Ryan D. Lewis (Bronique) of Brooklyn, NY; four grandchildren, Perry K. Lewis, Jr. and Kayla Lewis of Wilmington, NC, Breone Lewis and Bryce Lewis

**Deloris Murry**

Deloris Murry funeral services were held on Monday, February 4, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Deloris Murry was born on October 7, 1939 o the union of the late Samuel and Mary Elizabeth Taylor. She was preceded in death by two sons, Perry Murry and Michael Eugene Murry and her daughter, Sharon Taylor. Deloris loved Gpd. She was a strong woman and a powerful believer of God. She had an amazing heart and se would help you with anything. Deloris loved her family. She graduated from Williston High School in 1957. She was employed with Siemens and retired after 15 years of service. Deloris also worked in the healthcare field. She was a member of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church al of her life; where she served faithfully for 40 plus years on the Usher Board, sand with the FR Devane Choir the Floral Club, Missionary Board and Daughters of Zion.

She leaves to cherish her life, legacy and memory her daughter, Angela and son, Alvin Murry both of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Emanuel D. Taylor of Charlotte, NC, Shamila Taylor of Charlotte, NC, Marquita Taylor of Wilmington, NC, Terrance Murry, Cassandra Murry, and Alexis (Antoinette); 14 great-grandchildren.

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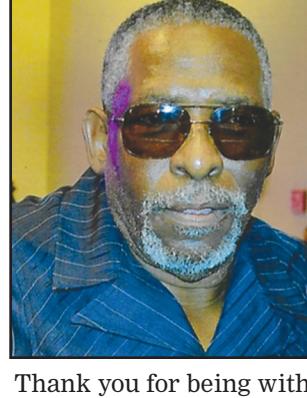
Kimberly Shareef of Charlotte, NC, Wendy Shareef of Raleigh, NC, Ivy Ruth Taylor (Rodney) of San Antonio, TX, Vanessa Grady (Larry) of Castle Hayne, NC, Yolanda Simmons (Donald) of Charlotte, NC, Diedra Hall of California and Nicole Hall of North Carolina; nine nephews, Lamont Burns (Danielle) of Dallas, TX, Freddie C. Green of Durham, NC, Wayne, Rodney and Michael Burns of the city. Gerald Burns (Angela) of Fayetteville, NC, Larry W. Burns (Kim) of Charlotte, NC, Antwan Adams of Jacksonville, NC and Richard Hall of California; his extended family, The McLaurin Family; two very special friends, Patricia Glaspie and Virginia Soliz both of Albuquerque, NM; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Gregory Riggins**

Gregory Riggins died February 2, 2019. Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Evelyn Williams**

Evelyn Williams died February 4, 2019. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at New Beginning Christian Church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Card Of Thanks**

Thank you for being with us during this difficult time, your thoughts, prayers and words of sympathy will always be remembered.

June 16, 1951-  
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The family of  
Ronald Preston Burns

**Ethel Mae Small**

Ethel Mae Small, age 92, of Brooklyn, NY (formerly of Leland), passed away Monday, January 28, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Small's life was Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at Enoch Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 7011 Market St., Wilmington, NC 28411. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

She is survived by her daughters, Geraldine Small and Greta Hill both of Brooklyn, NY, three grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, 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.

**Kleaunna P. Little**

Kleaunna P. Little, age 42, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2019. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on

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**In Loving Memory Of****Mr. Alexander Murphy Sr.  
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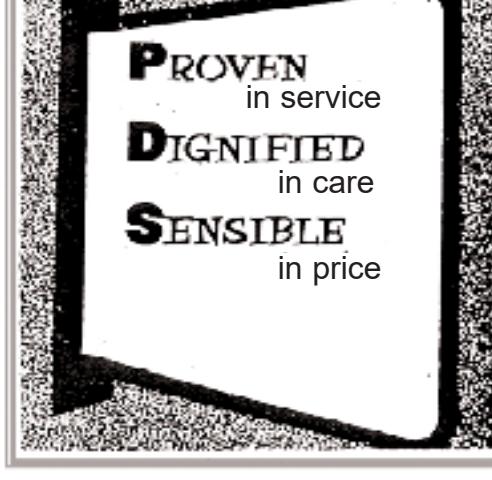
A place is vacant in the home, That no one can fill; The voice that love ones used to hear, Is silent now and still; The pleasant face they used to see, Is hidden from their view; For he has crossed the borderline, His life work now is through.

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## New Hanover County

**Central Missionary Baptist Church**, 702 Red Cross St., will sponsor a gospel musical program on Sunday, February 10th at 3:00 p.m. Choirs from in and around the area will be on the program. All are invited to attend.

**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 Briefs

**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.

**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

## OBITUARIES

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Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Mt. Moriah United Holy Church, 1413 Castle St., Wilmington, NC 28401. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**James Hatley Monroe, Jr.**

James H. Monroe, Jr., age 76, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, February 2, 2019. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at St. Andrews A.M.E. Zion Church, 1201 S. 9th St., Wilmington, NC 28401. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Joyce Ann Hayes**

Joyce Ann Hayes, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, February 3, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A celebration of Mrs. Hayes' life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 9, 2019 at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, 501 Red Cross St., Wilmington, NC 28401. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Norma Jean Allen**

Ms. Norma Jean Allen, known

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## My financial problems

My fellow seniors:

Once again I find myself dwelling on personal problems. Professional writers deal with the world around us but when I write to the Journal, it's all about me. This time I'm having financial problems.

Ruth Johnson

My social security check goes directly to the bank. It covers most of my bills, which are paid automatically. So I was able to slack up on writing checks. But guess what, my lights and water was turned off on the same day! I went down to pay the bills but they didn't take checks. So I went to the bank

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

## Elder Linda Rawley Thompson to speak for Women's Day

Elder Linda Rawley Thompson will be the speaker for Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church's Women's Day Celebration to be held on Sunday, February 17th beginning with the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. The theme for this special day is Faith, Love and Hope.

For more than twenty-five years, Elder Thompson has worked in the Wilmington community providing leadership in the field of community relations and outreach. She currently serves as the Public Relations/Community Relations Officer for the Wilmington Police Department.

The founder of Going Beyond Ministries, she can be heard on Gospel Joy 1490AM with her By The Word devotional. She is the author of By The Word Moments, a 52 week devotional.

She, along with her husband, Elder Jimmie Lee Thompson, serve in ministry at Perkinsville Missionary

and withdrew the money and paid them in cash. The question is why don't they withdraw automatically as companies do? My social security check is always there.

But what they did really cost me a lot. My daughter had to take time off to run me back and forth so naturally I gave her something. I also paid the man for turning the water off and on.

I know it was my fault for missing payments. I'm also taking care of a disabled son. But my social security check is always in the bank, so why can't the utility companies have automatic withdrawals as other companies do or why didn't they call me? Did they really need the extra change.

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



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ELDER LINDA

RAWLEY THOMPSON

Baptist Church if Leland, NC. Linda, herself, has been preaching for more than 19 years.

We invite you to Mt. Olive on the corner of 7th & Wright Streets to hear this dynamic preacher for our special celebration on February 17th. Dinner will be served after the service.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Look listen and learn

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA H. ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Oh what a beautiful day Bright sunshine and blue skies. Our meeting was called to order by Mrs. Gladys Taylor. She presented Minister Sharon Pollock, who was in charge of the Black History Program. Mrs. Ethel Lawson was our prayer warrior for today. Minister Pollock said we should remember our history and talk about it because a lot of pages are missing.

Our speaker for day was Mrs. Marsha Graham Ali. She

opened by signing, "I went to the top of the mountain." Mrs. Ali is the chairman of The Juneteenth Committee in Wilmington, NC. Juneteenth was formed at the end of slavery. Juneteenth has been celebrated since two years after the slavery proclamation. She said over two hundred thousand slaves has no knowledge of being set free. Slave owners did not want them to know they were free, they wanted the slaves to stay and work on the farm. Some slaves left to find family members, some left to join the union army. The slaves were met with some problems

they had before there were freed. Some slave owners did not let the slaves celebrate their freedom on their land until they could get their own land. Pork and beef were brought into the celebration. Texas recognizes June 19th as a holiday. June 19th emphasized the ending of slavery. Mrs. Ali was thanked for such great information.

Mrs. Michelle Brooks read to us from Oge Mora's book Thank you Omu which was great. Thank you Michele for a great job you do. Mrs. Anna McCoy sang, "Lift every voice." Mrs. Taylor thanked everyone

for a great program. Mrs. Mildred Ellerby read our minutes. Mrs. Ali sang, "The impossible dream." Mrs. McCoy sang, "He looked beyond my faults." We were excited to see the beautiful display Mrs. Brooks shared with us today as usual it was great. It was great to see Mr. George Hill back after surgery. Prayers to Mrs. Annie Haskins and her family and to all our members and everyone. Our circle was formed and we sang, "Bind us together." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan.

There were 37 in attendance.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Love is the Greatest"

"Now abideth faith, hope, charity; these three, but the greatest of these is I charity." I Corinthians 13:13

**Faith** - Confident belief in the truth, value or trustworthiness of a person Idea, or thing

**Hope** - To wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment

**Charity** - An intense affection for another person based on personal or familial ties. Charity is also seen as something to help the needy

## FAITH

Every man has been given by God a measure of faith. What we do with our faith is important, but it is also a matter of choice. If we want to realize the promises of God in our lives, then we must exercise our faith in him and his word. Mark 11:2 says, "Have faith in God." In Luke 17:5, the Apostles said unto the Lord, "Increase our faith." In Acts 15:9, we read that, Faith purifies our hearts. Hebrews 11:1 reads, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for: the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:6 further states, "Without faith, it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is

a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Faith is a wonderful virtue to have, but we must remember that, LOVE is the Greatest!

## HOPE

We all need hope, especially during critical times and crises situations. Psalm 146:5 says, "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God." When we need help, we must remember that we serve the God of HOPE and the God of HELP! Romans 8:24 says, "For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Because we are expecting something from the Lord, we are willing to wait upon the Lord and be encouraged. HOPE wont let us give up!

**LOVE**

LOVE in itself, is a powerful word! It compels one to action or activity. It is more of what you do, than what you say. Love is the distinguishing mark of being a disciple of Christ. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" John 13:35 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" I John 4:20.

I John 4:7-9 states, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth

in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 confirms to us that LOVE is the Greatest!!!

Dear Lord, Give me the gift of your love that I may share this love with others, and teach me how to love you more. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Tell Somebody!!!

**Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper** is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

## A WORD FROM THE LORD

## The celebration of Black History Month

**T**he celebration of Black History month in 2019, carry with it a sad commentary of the destruction of the black family and the black male seed. 70% of all black children are being raised in one parent home that is without a daddy in the home as a role model for the black male child. The second, greatest danger to the black family is the aborting of the innocent black fetus (child) in womb of its mother, which

should be the most safe haven for the child, God ordain it so and now we have allow it now to become one of the most dangerous places. What can we do to save the black family? The only hope is to return back to the God of the Bible, through His Son Jesus Christ, who has already provided a vaccine for us and all of mankind. John 3:16, (KJV)16"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". Romans 5:8, (KJV)"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us".

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Oddly enough, Tom Thumb was spotted "recruiting" other young individuals in a neighboring park. As soon as he was seen inside the park trouble began there as well. Several young bulls soon left the herd and joined Tom Thumb and his gang inside Pilanesberg.

Researchers had never witnessed such deliberate coordination. It resembled a mafia in elephant society. Soon the decision was made to kill off the main members of the gang, including Tom Thumb and Maphuto in order to save the parks remaining rhinos.

This story was an article that was published by The KOTA foundation for elephants; it describes the destructive behavior of young male elephants who were removed from the environment of the older male elephants.

"It is easier to build children than to repair broken men." - Frederick Douglass was a prominent abolitionist, author and orator born as a slave until he escaped at age 20. This story is a clear example of the sincere attempts of humans to help an elephant population without properly understanding the unintended consequences. And the sad fact is that culling and separating elephant families either by a cull (which is still legal and practiced) or simply by poaching the oldest and largest mem-

bers of an elephant society is still a common practice".

"Elephants suffer from the debilitating effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, the same as humans do. The story you are about to read makes even more sense if this is kept in mind. An elephant doesn't forget any more than a human does. And this story is a clear example that an elephant's past history is just as an important factor in its current behavior as the adults that are surrounding and teaching it. One only has to look to gangs of teenage human boys to see the similarities...

The young gang of teenage bulls, however, were all in a musth state, and this perplexed everyone. The gang leaders were identified and two seemed to be in the wrong place at the wrong time at nearly every killing documented. One of them was named Tom Thumb and the other was called Maphuto. They were kept under surveillance until the park rangers could decide what to do.

The hunters decided to let Tom Thumb live for the time being and the killing stopped...for a moment. Tom Thumb stayed close only to Maphuto's sister and everything calmed down. But within a short period of time the killing started up all over again. This time the rangers discovered through their hidden cameras that the killing wasn't provoked by Tom Thumb. Another young group of bull elephants had sprouted up and begun killing just like the first group had.

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male entered sexual maturity and then into musth, once again nearly 10 years prematurely, others followed and a new gang simply replaced Tom Thumb's.

All of the experts were baffled as to what to do. With nearly 10% of the park's total rhino population killed by teenage elephants park officials decided to try something never attempted before. Now, nearly 15 years after the culling in Kruger National Park they had discovered ways to transport full-grown elephants. They decided to bring in several large bulls and females from Kruger National Park that were in their mid to late 40's as an experiment to see what the younger generation would do with an older one watching over them.

The largest bull, named Amarula was among them. In an elephant society an older male keeps a younger male in check because the younger male isn't strong enough to fight with an older, larger one. Because of this his must stage ends much sooner than that of an older, larger sexually viable male.

Almost immediately the younger males approached Amarula. Smaller elephants hero worship ones larger and older than they are. However when one is in a musth state he will go up and try to provoke even the largest elephants as was the case with a younger male. Amarula wasted no time and hit the younger elephant so hard in the stomach that he flew several feet up into the air. This served as a warning to the younger group, that they were no match for a male the size of Amarula, musth or no musth.

The killing stopped literally overnight. The adult elephant experiment worked with incredible precision. Soon all of the younger males were forced out of their musth phase simply by there being older males in the group. With no older males to serve as role models many of the young bulls were coming into musth much earlier and it was lasting longer. This was a significant finding since it showed that having older males

around in an elephant society is what keeps younger, juveniles in check. It also keeps their musth stages much shorter and further apart.

In 2001 this same story repeated itself in Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park, which had also taken in many young elephants from the Kruger Cull. Fifty-eight white rhinos and five black rhinos were killed by a group of young, rogue elephants. Soon after 10 adult bull elephants were transferred in and there too the killing stopped overnight.

This proved that the absence of older bulls in elephant society has serious, even fatal consequences on the younger generation of bull elephants. Introducing adult male elephants back into a community, whether related or not, has a profound effect on whether the youngsters can survive into adulthood.

"I think everyone needs a role model, and these elephants...had no role model and no idea of what appropriate elephant behavior was," said Gus van Dyk, Pilanesberg Park's field ecologist.

There is no doubt that one could find similarities to our own human society in which the Department of Justice reports that nearly 95% of state and federal prisons are filled with young men under the age of 25. And there is much science to support that having a positive role model in a young man's life greatly improves his chances of success later in life (see Arnowitz reference) it seems...the same as it does for an elephant".

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February 7, 2019

**NOTICE TO HUB SUBCONTRACTORS**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR HUB CONTRACTOR OPPURTUNITY SESSION:** Balfour Beatty is conducting an opportunity session regarding two upcoming construction projects at UNC Wilmington. This session is meant to provide detailed information to HUB contractors regarding the project and the opportunity to meet the Balfour Beatty team one on one.

**Time: Wednesday, February, 20 2019 at 4:00 PM**  
**Location: UNC Wilmington Campus, Office of Facilities 5150 Lionfish Drive; Wilmington, NC 28403**

**UNC Wilmington Dobo Hall Repairs & Renovation**  
**Project Description:** This project consists of repairs and renovations to a 102,000 SF lab and classroom building damaged during the recent hurricane. Dobo Hall is a 2 story building with a mechanical mezzanine and includes building envelope repairs, MEP replacements, and new finishes. For any questions regarding this project contact Martin Reynolds 919-630-7344 or MReynolds@Balfourbeattyus.com.

**Scope Budget Bids February 2019**  
**Package C - Skin/Envelope:**  
081 Window Replacement \$300K  
04A Masonry \$650K  
06H Interior Wood Trim \$100K  
07A Waterproofing & Caulking \$300K  
Crawl Space Work \$125K  
07B Roof Replacement \$1.4M  
09R FRP Column Covers \$50K  
**Package D - Equipment: Bids March 2019**  
23B HVAC Equipment Pre-Purchase \$2.2M  
11P Lab Equipment \$1.5M  
26B Electrical Gear Pre-Purchase \$400K  
26C Lighting Pre-Purchase \$500K

**Package A - Primary Renovation: Bids March 2019**

03A Concrete \$50K  
05A Structural Steel \$350K  
06F Architectural Millwork \$100K  
06G Casework \$300K  
07C Fireproofing \$250K  
08A Doors & Hardware \$650K  
9A Drywall \$1.65M  
9B Acoustical \$450K  
9D Painting \$250K  
9E Flooring \$600K  
9L Tile \$200K  
10C Signage \$80K  
12A Window Treatments \$100K  
14A Elevators \$75K  
21A Fire Protection \$450K  
22A Plumbing \$2.5M  
23A HVAC \$5.5M  
23C HVAC Controls \$900K  
26A Electrical \$3.5M  
27A Telecom \$350K  
27B AV Systems \$50K  
28B Security Systems \$250K  
320 Landscape & Irrigation \$150K

**UNCW Parking Deck II**  
**Project Description:** This project consists of a 320,000 SF precast parking deck with 1008 spaces, 2 elevator/stair towers, and a surface parking lot with 98 spaces. It will be located at the current Surface Parking Lot L site and construction is expected to take place from May 2019 to Summer 2020. For any questions regarding this project please contact Zach Hall at 919-320-6326 or zhall@balfourbeattyus.com.

**Packages Bid February Budget April 2019**

**Scope**  
C General Trades \$400K  
1E Material Testing/Special Inspections \$100K  
3A Concrete \$1.8M  
4B Masonry \$200K  
5A Misc. Steel \$400K  
7A Waterproofing & Caulking \$600K  
7B Roofing \$70K  
8A Doors & Hardware \$50K  
8F Glass & Storefront \$500K  
9A Drywall & Metal Studs \$70K  
9D Painting \$100K  
10C Signage \$200K  
21B Fire Protection \$550K  
22A Plumbing/HVAC \$250K  
26B Electrical \$600K  
31A Sitemark/Utilities/Hardscape \$1.2M  
31J Deep Foundations \$600K  
32C Landscaping \$250K

February 7, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES****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 TO CREDITORS**  
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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 please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 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

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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

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February 7, 14, 2019

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**LEGAL NOTICES****NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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Having qualified as Executor 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 Marden  
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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 Craige & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 2019

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **David J. Robinson**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, who died on May 30, 2018, are hereby notified to present their claims to **Evelyn R. Richburg**, Personal Representative in care of the undersigned attorney at his address, on or before **May 8, 2019**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of February, 2019

Evelyn R. Richburg, Personal Representative  
John J. Peck, Attorney at Law  
428 Eastwood Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019

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**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

Lisa S. Murray, Executrix of the Estate of Evelyn M. Smith  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Charles G. Leonard (19-E-064)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at Graves May PLLC, c/o Attorney Kevin T. May, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina 28403, on or before the **7th day of May, 2019**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This the 5th day of February, 2019

Charles A. Leonard  
Kristin A. O'Neill  
Personal Representative  
Estate of Charles G. Leonard  
Kevin T. May  
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5700 Oleander Dr.  
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February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019

**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.  
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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:**

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

**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

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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, 2840

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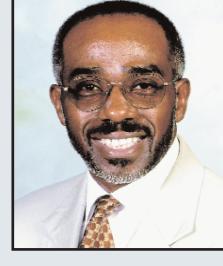
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