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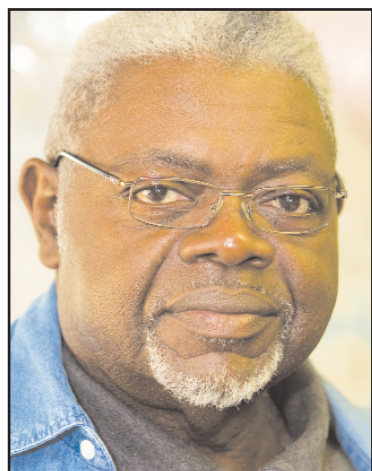
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JUNETEENTH EVENT

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

One of the greatest legal minds is coming to St. James Plantation the first Saturday in June. Attorney Irving Joyner will be the speaker of the evening for the Juneteenth Dinner. If you are a lawyer, judge, or even a governor, you know of Attorney Joyner and his work at North Carolina Central University's School of Law. He is a professor of law, who's well known for his legal knowledge and abilities in and out of court where he has

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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IN CONTROVERSIAL VOTER ID COURT RULING?

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A Wake County Superior Court judge has denied a motion by Republican legislative leaders to stay his Feb. 22 order to void a constitutional amendment, passed by North Carolina voters during the 2018 November midterm elections, to make voter photo ID law in North Carolina.

Judge G. Bryan Collins, Jr., a Democrat, effectively refused to place a hold on his own order, thus setting up a huge legal battle over whether the State legislature was even legally constituted to place the amendment on the 2018 ballot, let alone later passing laws codifying voter ID.

The argument, put forth by the NCNAACP and other groups in their lawsuit before the court, argued that, because many State lawmakers were deemed to have been illegally elected from racially gerrymandered voting districts, they did not have the authority to act on behalf of the people, as the NC Constitution mandates.

Judge Collins' original order struck down the amendment empowering the subsequent voter ID laws that were passed, not those laws themselves. That's the argument attorneys for Republican legislative leaders now argue, that the voter ID laws, separate from the voided constitutional amendment, still exist.

Opponents have wasted no time in "going after" the voter ID laws.

Filed almost immediately after the Republican-led General Assembly Special Session last December, the Southern Coalition for Social Justice filed suit on behalf of six plaintiffs, charging that the new voter ID laws violated the N. C. Constitution by:

***purposefully discriminating against and disproportionately impacting African-American and American-Indian qualified voters, in violation of the Equal Protection Clause in Article 1, § 19;

***unduly burdening the fundamental right to vote, in violation of the Equal Protection Clause in Article 1, § 19;

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JUDGE G. BRYAN COLLINS, JR.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

TRAILBLAZING CRA OFFICER DISPLAYS DILIGENCE, INTEGRITY



Regional CRA Officer Arlene Lawson was one of the first African American women employed by First Citizens Bank.

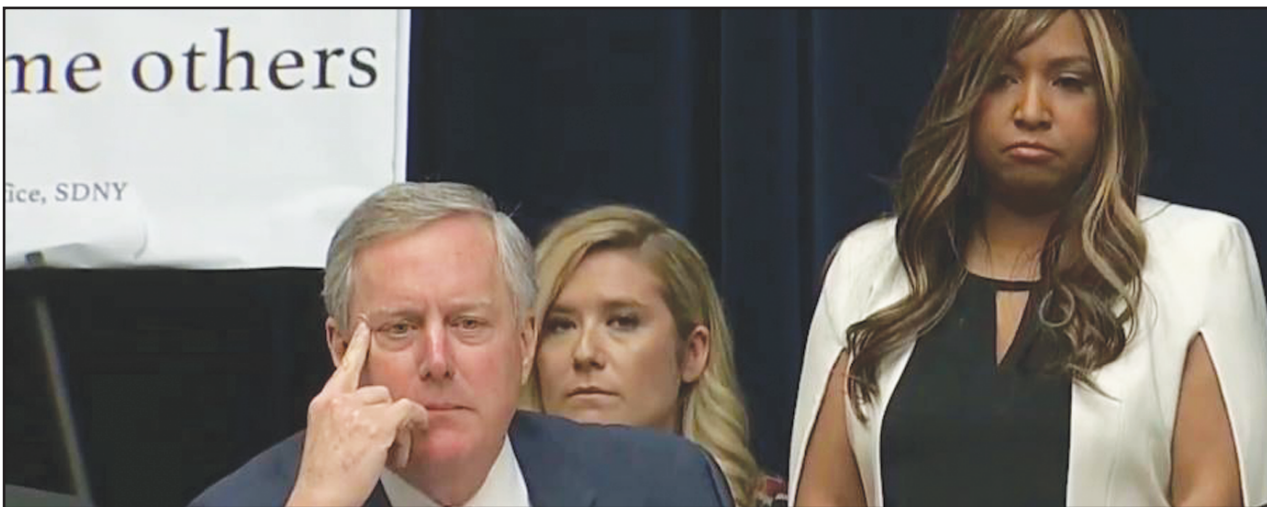
Editors Note: This is a reprint from First Citizens Bank's newsletter, February 2019

She was one of the first African-American women ever hired by the Bank. She was THE first female African-American officer of any bank in Eastern North Carolina, possibly in the entire state, and she felt the weight of an entire community on her shoulders.

For Arlene Lawson, the stakes were so much higher than many others who were hired for entry-level positions by financial institutions. Just six months after First Citizens hired its first African-American

woman in the history of the Bank, Arlene was brought on fresh out of high school. The year was 1972 and there was an industry-wide push to hire minorities at the time.

"I would say the most difficult part of coming on as the second black woman was fear of making it, or really not making it, especially during that time," she said. "I had many who were counting on me and I didn't want to disappoint them. I say fear of making it because I was hired during the time when financial institutions were mandated to hire minorities. I really feared being the first one fired; not because of my work, but because of the racial biases at that time."



REP. MARK MEADOWS (R-NC- 11)

Meadows' use of Black "prop" to help Trump fails miserably

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A North Carolina conservative congressman who once urged voters to send Pres. Obama "...home to Kenya," won few, if any, friends in the Black community last week when he had a former employee of President Trump's - a Black female Republican - to come stand next to him during the House Oversight

Committee hearings focusing on former Trump personal attorney, Michael Cohen's, contention that the President was a racist.

Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC- 11), known to be close to, and protective of, Trump, justified having Lynne

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AT PRESS TIME

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BRANDON WEBSTER



TROOPER S. A. COLLINS

No word from DA's office on trooper shooting of Webster

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

There had been no determination announced by District Attorney Jon David by press time Tuesday as to the trooper shooting death of Brandon Lovell Webster of Shallotte. On Tuesday, The Wilmington Journal called the office of District Attorney David, who oversees Brunswick County,

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served in a legal capacity. He has served as associate dean at North Carolina Central School of Law.

Attorney Joyner has set a standard that's very high for lawyers who practice law and call themselves lawyers in today's court system. His work is of high standards and dependability. Come out and communicate with him at this event on June 1, 2019 at St. James Center on Southport-Supply Rd., Southport, N.C.

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

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***creating separate classes of voters, treated differently with respect to their access to the fundamental right to vote, in violation of the Equal Protection Clause in Article 1, § 19;

***imposing a cost on vot-

ing, in violation of the Free Elections Clause in Article I, § 10;

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***impeding voters' ability to engage in political expression and speech by casting a ballot, in violation of their

Right of Assembly and Petition and Freedom of Speech as afforded by Article I, §§ 12 and 14.

"It is the legislature's duty to balance competing demands in the State Constitution. It has failed miserably in its exercise of balancing the new ID constitutional amendment, which explicitly allows for exceptions, with the numer-

ous other State constitutional demands that have been interpreted to aggressively protect the right to vote," said Attorney Allison Riggs of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice. "Any legislative scheme that requires voters to present ID when voting must have failsafe measures to ensure that not one single eligible voter is disenfranchised.

Our State Constitution demands it. This legislation does not do that. It simply replicates a scheme that we know disenfranchised approximately 1,400 voters in the March 2016 primaries."

Attorneys for Republican legislative leaders are now hoping to appeal Judge Collins, hoping, in the end, to overturn it.

MEADOWS

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Patton, a HUD employee and former Trump associate who once worked as an event planner, to stand by him because "...she would never work for a racist."

Meadows added that Patton was the daughter of a Black man born in Birmingham, Alabama, signifying that she knew racism and would not countenance it.

The conservative congressman became irate to the point of tears when a Democratic freshman congresswoman publicly accused him of performing a "racist act" for using

Patton as a "prop." She later backed off when pressed by committee Chairman, Rep. Elijah Cummings.

In his opening statement, Cohen, who has been convicted of lying to Congress during previous testimony and tax evasion, maintained that his former client, Trump, was a racist as well as a "...con man and cheat."

While Cohen drew plenty of fire from Republican lawmakers on the panel, African-American North Carolinians and others on social media, especially Facebook, had a field day "going at" Meadows for his use of Patton to prove that Trump was not a racist.

Patton, being a Black woman, drew particularly nasty reviews.

"Well, massa always had one that worked in the big house....." quipped Odessa.

"She stood there like a slave on the auction block," quoted Carol from Black Twitter.

"As a White woman, I resent anyone being used this way," wrote Ann. "It is sexist and racist. Why didn't he use a Black male? She sold herself but might have lost her job if she didn't cooperate. He has insulted women, and Black women especially. Jesus does not foster these things!"

A poster named Regina

wrote, "Her Trumpian Journey... from wedding and event planning to HUD administrator to House Chamber Jester

An outraged poster named Pebbles from Charlotte wrote in mostly caps, "THEY HAVE NO RESPECT FOR THE OFFICE. They just put anyone in the position. She looks like a "PET" ...DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH....DISGUSTING!"

"She was a token Black woman being used by a political hack, defending a waste of human skin-TRUMP, wrote Linda..

A White man named Tim went after Meadows, writing, "I was disgusted by

Meadow's behavior. He exploited the young African American lady, made her a token like she was on display. What a show it was! I haven't seen this type of racism or false enlightenment. The young lady barely said anything. My mother was born in 1926. I would expect this type of behavior, prejudice, and discrimination from her generation.

Finally, an angry woman named Lillian wrote, "Working for the White whiteboy is bad enough, but when they drag you before the world and say SEE I AM NOT RACIST, it's damn embarrassing. The spook who sat by the door! Girl!

SHOOTING

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for an update as to whether any charges were expected. According to published reports, officials were waiting for toxicology and autopsy reports before making a final determination. The State Bureau of investigation, which normally investigates shootings by law enforcement across the state, reportedly finished its initial review of the incident.

The SBI normally reports its findings to the county District Attorney for an assessment of the evidence, and final determination as to whether criminal charges are warranted.

The North Carolina Highway Patrol normally conducts its own internal review of such incidents to determine whether agency policies and procedures were followed.

Webster, 28, was fatally shot by NC State Trooper S.

A. Collins on January 1 right outside the Civietown Mini Mart. He had been pulled over by Trooper Holden on Holden Beach Road at around 8:55 p.m..

Authorities allege that, when Collins approached Webster's vehicle, Webster "accelerated toward the officer."

A cellphone video, purportedly of the incident, doesn't show the shooting, but a man's voice can be heard yelling "Stop...! I'll shoot," followed by

shots as a white truck moves forward and pulls away from a stationary Highway Patrol vehicle with its lights flashing.

Webster, who was reportedly with a female friend in the truck, later died of a gunshot wound at Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center.

Trooper Collins, who has been with the State Highway Patrol for one year, has been placed on administrative duty since the shooting, pending results of D. A.

David's determination and the internal agency review.

Since the incident, there has been a candlelight community tribute to Brandon Webster, in addition to at least one march demanding justice in the case.

Family and friends of Webster say there was no reason for the trooper to shoot the young man and that he could have been chased, if he had committed a crime, and forced to surrender.

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WILLISTON ARTS SCHOOL PROPOSAL OFFICIALLY DROPPED
[WILMINGTON] It's offi-

cial. The NHC School Board, as of Tuesday, has officially dropped its proposal to turn Williston Middle School into a performing arts high school. School board members credit the concern expressed by the community, urging that if Williston is to be changed all, it should become a top academic and vocational school, similar to its his-

toric namesake, Williston Senior High School, which was unceremoniously closed in 1968 by the board. Members say Williston Middle will be subject to the new middle school redistricting plan once that's developed, and efforts will be made to improve Williston Middle low-performing status.

VANDALS SPRAY PAINT RACIAL SLURS, SYMBOLS ON THE BRIDGE CHURCH
[WILMINGTON] Wilmington police are probing who is responsible for spray painting racial slurs, obscenities and symbols on the rear of the multi-ethnic The Bridge Church on Market Street last week. Authorities suspect that the

some person or persons responsible for putting graffiti recently on Flytrap Downs downtown, may have vandalized The Bridge Church as well. If you have any information as to a possible suspect, please contact the Wilmington Police Dept.

YOUR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION FEE IS GOING UP
[RALEIGH] Get ready to

dust off another dollar from your wallet when it comes time to pay for your annual vehicle safety inspection. The state house Transportation Committee voted to approve the dollar increase Tuesday. Keep in mind that your vehicle must also pass emissions testing as well. The increase still has to be voted on in the full House, and then be sent to the state Senate before becoming law.

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Selma, the birthplace of modern democracy in America

This past weekend, political leaders from across the country gathered in Selma, Alabama, to commemorate "Bloody Sunday," the 1965 march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge where peaceful demonstrators, attempting to cross the bridge, were violently driven back by Alabama State Troopers, Dallas County Sheriff's deputies and a horse-mounted posse wielding billy clubs and water hoses to savage the crowd.

The horrors played on TV sets across the country generated a national outrage that provided the final impetus for passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

In many ways, Selma is the birthplace of modern democracy in America, helping to secure the right to vote for African Americans and the young, and for providing the foundation for future battles for equality, including the equal rights of women.

When former Alabama Gov. George Wallace was ill late in his life, I joined him for prayer. I asked him why he unleashed the troopers on the demonstrators in 1965. He said, "I did them a favor."

Wallace argued that the mob would have been much worse on the peaceful marchers. He never even considered that he might have used the troopers to protect them from the mob. That was a mentality that, as Dr. Martin Luther King taught, could only be challenged by nonviolent protest that demonstrated our humanity while demanding our rights.

In the commemorative ceremonies this year, presidential candidates Sen. Bernie Sanders and Cory Booker, as well as Sen. Sherrod Brown and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton were joined by many legislators and political leaders. They sensibly called on participants to rise up again to challenge the revival of systematic efforts to suppress the vote and to push back against the outrageous Supreme Court decision in Shelby v. Holder. This decision gutted enforcement provisions of the Voting Rights Act, and opened the floodgates to a wave of discriminatory state laws meant to keep people of color from exercising their right to vote.

There are laws that now require new forms of ID, voting districts have been gerrymandered and voter rolls purged. Laws now limit early voting and polling places have been closed or move without notice, and much, much more. The brave marchers in 1965 did their part for democracy, now it is up to us to defend it and extend it.

At the same time, while Selma is the birthplace of modern democracy, it is in danger of becoming a prop. Selma is the ninth poorest small town in America and 40 percent of its residents live in poverty. It exemplifies the rural and small-town America that has been left out of the recovery.

Democrats tend to see rural America as Trump country. Trump appealed to rural voters by stoking their fears and turning them against each other, but he has come up with no plan to help them. Trump offers only hate, not hope.

The new Democratic majority in the House is in many ways the fruit of the sacrifices made at Selma and elsewhere. Democrats should see Selma and rural America as both an obligation and an opportunity. What's needed is a comprehensive rural reconstruction plan, a modern version of what Franklin D. Roosevelt did when he built the Tennessee Valley Authority and modernized the Department of Agriculture, which literally electrified rural America.

Today, the Department of Agriculture has the authority and the capacity to invest in water and sewage systems, modernize utilities, provide broadband to underserved communities, offer zero interest loans to community centers and subsidize affordable housing. What we need is a plan and a budget to get this done. House Democrats should make this a priority.

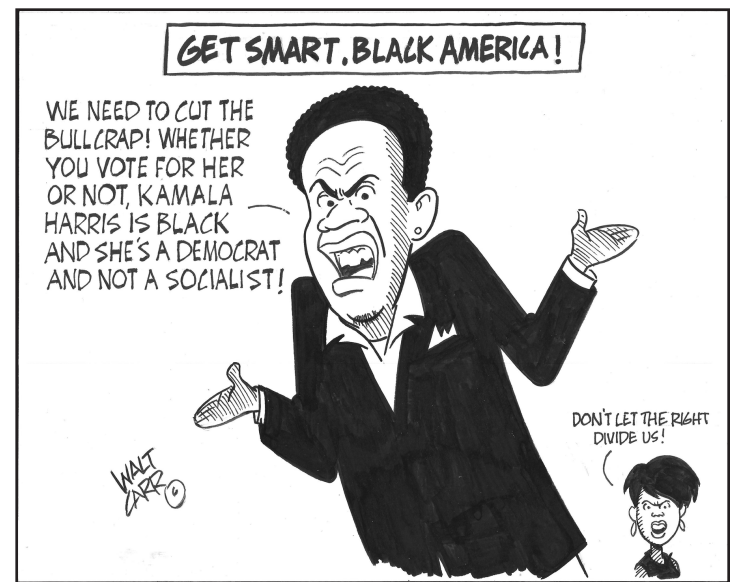
Let's honor those who sacrificed so much by repealing voter suppression laws. But let us also make Selma the birthplace of a new economic justice in rural America. Selma should be more than a symbol of past struggles; it must also become a beacon for a new hope.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

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MATTERS OF OPINION

The smoking guns

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Michael Cohen gave us the several smoking guns in his testimony this past week before Congress. He came to the hearing confessing his sins, asking for forgiveness and armed with provable facts. Showed a copy of the check that Trump reimbursed him for paying women to keep quiet about #45's lies about sleeping with women other than his wife and lying about it. Looks like #45's hush-money didn't hush a lot.

Many of us were glued to our televisions as Michael came before the House Oversight Committee of the U. S. Congress. He was remorseful and admitted his own faults before telling the Committee that #45 engaged in multiple criminal acts. He told us about the bank fraud,

insurance fraud, tax evasion and suborning perjury. He laid out evidence of a cheat, a racist, a con-man. Nobody I know was surprised. In 2016 Dick Gregory told us how the election was going to come out. He said we were going to experience chaos—and we all know that prediction came true.

No matter what you've thought of Michael in the past, at the hearing he was on it, and I believed him. After he sat before that Committee for several hours with Republicans hurling every insult possible at him and never mentioning the real culprit, #45, Michael just kept on giving up information the public needed to hear. The Republicans just kept on trying to pretend the President wasn't the lead bad guy.

Democrats who were doing the questioning, were well prepared. They brought out the facts and left no doubt that #45 committed criminal acts.

#45 thought the campaign was a great marketing opportunity, and never believed he was going to win. At the end of Michael's testimony, I

think #45 is wishing he had not won, and I say won cautiously because it's obvious somebody messed with the votes.

We heard that executives at the Trump organization knew #45 inflated assets when he wanted to look important. On the other hand, he pretended he had fewer assets to avoid higher taxes.

That hearing must have been the worst day of #45's days living in public housing! This was pretty clear as he strutted around in Hanoi with his new friend. In fact, he said he'd fallen in love with the North Korean leader.

Michael was in a room with #45 when Don, Jr. came into the room, walked behind #45's desk and said, "The meeting has been set." He testified that it is most likely they were talking about the infamous Trump Tower meeting. We heard strong evidence that #45 committed crimes.

While the Republicans behaved badly with no intention of seeking the truth from Michael, it was painful to watch the show intended to

suppress the truth. The show reached the pit several times, but one of the most insulting acts was Rep. Mark Meadows bringing in a Black woman prop and told her to stand up so we could inspect her as though she was a slave on the block to prove #45 was not racist because he'd hired her.

Rep. Elijah Cummings made us proud in running that hearing. He directed his closing remarks to Michael when he thanked him for his testimony and reviewed the scenario of Michael leaving the courthouse with his daughter. Mr. Cummings told us it hurt him as he thought about his own daughters. He concluded by hoping this part of Michael's destiny will lead to a better Cohen, a better Trump, a better country, a better world. He said "When we're dancing with the angels the question will be asked, 'What did we do to keep our democracy intact?'"

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TO BE EQUAL

#OscarsSoWhite beginning to yield much-needed change

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"When film and television privilege white stories over other stories, they reinforce a racial hierarchy that devalues people of color. Not only do dramatic racial disparities indicate employment discrimination in Hollywood, the underrepresentation of people of color in film and television can also have wider societal consequences ... When Audiences never see actors of color in major roles, they are less likely to perceive them as on equal footing with whites. Inversely, when whites and their stories are celebrated more than their fair share, audiences begin to associate significance, admiration and power with that group over others."

– Nancy Wang Yuen, Reel Inequality: Hollywood Actors and Racism

The Academy Awards ceremony on Sunday marked a paradigm shift for an industry that has struggled with diversity. Of the four acting awards, three were won by people of color: Mahershala Ali, Regina King and Rami Malek; Black Panther's Ruth Carter was the first African American to win an Oscar for Costume Design and Hanna Beachler the first to win for Production Design;

and the writing team behind BlacKKKlansman included two Black artists, Spike Lee and Kevin Willmot. The industry made significant steps in the last few years. Following two years of Academy Awards voting that produced no acting nominees of color, the National Urban League responded with blistering criticism. In a 2016 letter to then-President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, I pointed out that the overwhelmingly white, male, and older membership of the Academy dismally failed to reflect the vibrant creative filmmaking community. At the time, the Academy was 94% white, 77% male, 86% age 50 or older, and had a median age of 62. Activist April Reign created the hashtag #OscarsSoWhite in 2015, but the industry resisted change and when the following year produced no acting nominees of color, pressure – including our demand for a clear and specific blueprint for change – intensified. Fortunately, our efforts

produced results, and the Academy changed its membership rules. The class of members admitted in June 2016 comprised 46% women, and 41% people of color. The June 2017 class comprised 39% women and 30% were people of color. In 2018, 49% of new members were women and 38% were people of color.

The percentage of voting members of the academy who are people of color has doubled since 2015, from 8% to 16%.

That's still far below the 27% of the U.S. population that identify as non-white, but it is a welcome development.

Asked if lack of racial diversity is still an issue in Hollywood, April Reign answered, "Absolutely yes."

"Until we are no longer having these conversations about firsts in 2019, until we see everyone having the opportunity, whether it's race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, indigenous people in this country. Until we all have an opportunity to see ourselves represented on screen, not just during awards season but all year long, I'll still continue to talk about #OscarsSoWhite."

"The work continues, but I am thrilled to be able to celebrate the incremental progress that has been made,

even if only for a night," she added.

It's worth noting that change began only after the Academy instituted specific rules designed to increase diversity. A vague push for diversity after the #OscarsSoWhite campaign began appeared to produce no significant results.

"It seems that the Academy's board of trustees believes diversity is a problem that will resolve itself," we wrote in our 2016 letter to the Academy. "The nominations show otherwise."

As we noted at the time, a lack of diversity in the entertainment industry is a complex issue without a simple solution, and we are well-aware the problem neither begins nor ends with awards nominations. But award nominations translate into box-office success, and the potential for box-office success determines which projects are greenlighted. Black Panther, with a nearly all-Black cast and a Black director, broke box-office records for 2018.

We hope its success, both critically and financially, bodes well for the future of diversity in American cinema.

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

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The tax surprise

(Via NNPANewswire.com)

The mainstream news has been covering an interesting story. People who were expecting significant tax refunds are, in very large numbers, either getting a minimal refund, no refund or having to pay the IRS. This, after the man Spike Lee has named "Agent Orange"—Donald Trump—promised a massive tax benefit for middle-income people.

When I first starting reading and seeing these stories I wondered why anyone was surprised. After all, in the lead up to Trump's tax bribe, economists across the board

were warning that this was a scam to benefit the rich. They were telling the average taxpayer that this was not going to work to their benefit. And, while the majority of the public has generally opposed the tax bribe—reform—it was still the case that the actual implications of the tax bribe took too many people by surprise.

After more than 40 years of listening to right-wingers call for tax cuts and watching the public's reaction I have come to a few conclusions.

First, when it comes to taxes, much of the public hears what it wants to hear. If someone says that there will be a cut and they can provide minimal evidence to that effect, such an argument can be a winner. Even when one demonstrates that it is a lie, the possibility of tax relief serves as a seductive song that softens the brain.

Second, there are those who wish to believe that tax cuts for the rich really are positive because they themselves, despite not being rich, may at some point be rich. I realize that this sounds completely convoluted, but it turns out that there are those who believe that they will at some point in the future be rich and they do not wish to be penalized. This is called magical thinking.

Third, there is a disconnect in the minds of many people between public services and taxes. There is also a racialized element here, by the way. A friend of mine told me a story about arguing with some Trump supporters and they were suggesting that they only wanted to pay for the things that they needed and not pay "...for someone else..." He asked them whether they drove on roads, pointing out that those roads

were paid for by the taxes of many people who may or may not use particular roads. The discussion came to an abrupt halt.

Many of us act as if "things" happen on their own and that they need not be funded. Or, worse, that our tax money is being used for allegedly undeserving populations. Thus, there is a willingness to go for the right-wing arguments for tax cuts even when such tax cuts may cut one's own throat.

Welcome to another day in the United States of Agent Orange. Make sure that you test that bridge before you cross it. There may not be enough tax money to keep it standing.

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Bill Fletcher

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES Owing Liberalism

In case you haven't noticed, the GOP is rearing up and planning its attack strategy for the 2020 general election. Perhaps because of the policies being touted by Democrats, including universal health care, free tuition for those who attend public colleges and universities, environmental issues and more, the GOP has declared that the goal of "the left" is to have a socialist country, and to that, they are beginning to tout, regularly, "We will never let the United States to become a socialist country."

They say that even as capitalism is ravaging the lives of the masses. There is, for all intents and purposes, no middle class. Policies being passed by the current administration are attacking all of the programs intended to help the masses, and those policies are being targeted and, in many cases, eliminated. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/politics/trump-rolling-back-obama-rules/?utm_term=.5eadcdcecf8)

All this is happening even as the president acts independently to enact his desires; he is ignoring Congress and acting more and more like a dictator, with Republican lawmakers falling in line behind him like ducklings following their mother.

In the midst of all that this administration is doing and the GOP is endorsing is disdain for anything deemed to be "liberal." To them, too much has been done for "the least of these," many

of whom, they believe, are lazy and ignorant and not worthy of any more government help - aka "entitlements." Never mind that the wealthy corporations receive entitlements all of the time; never mind that the fortunes of those very companies are built and have been built on the labor of the masses they disdain. The tax cut passed by this administration is helping the most wealthy while the masses are finding that their tax advantages have been severely curtailed and many, instead of getting bigger refunds, are having to pay taxes, many for the first time in their lives. Corporate welfare is the only way many of the wealthy gain and keep their wealth. (<https://www.taxpayer.net/budget-appropriations-tax/4-examples-of-corporate-welfare-in-action/>)

The fight between Conservative and Liberal policies and ideologies has been around for a long time, with Conservatives waging an effective campaign decrying Liberals, but it is really time for those who believe in the worth of all human beings and not just some to speak up and own their liberal viewpoints. While Conservatives claim to be deeply Christian, in reality, their disdain of and discrimination against "the least of these" seem to be as far from the precepts taught by Jesus as the east is from west. The Jesus of the Bible advocated for the downtrodden; modern-day Conservative Christians criticize that same group of people and do all they can to thwart their access to equality and dignity.

Rev. William Barber, the architect of the present-day Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, has said that the "Christian right" is wrong. (<https://www.cnn.com/video/2016/07/28/rev-barber-some-issues-arent-liberal-or-conservative-but-right-vs-wrong.html>) Religion as a "right" or "left" cultural reality does little to bring people to God or to desire the best lives for those who are economically, culturally, socially, and otherwise compromised. "Right" religion has been responsible for supporting some of the most destructive policies in our history, including racism, sexism, homophobia, and xenophobia. Liberals have been largely responsible for passing laws that have helped the masses, including the Civil Rights Acts (throughout history), the Voting Rights Act. There have been Conservatives who have passed what might be considered "Liberal" causes as well, but the scale in this area tilts toward the Liberals. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/us-policy-has-gone-liberals-way-for-70-years/2014/04/08/8dffa2b2-b906-11e3-9a05-c739f29ccb08_story.html?utm_term=.6fa16acd4fca)

The point is, being Liberal is not a bad thing. To be sure, there are some policies supported by Liberals which are not good, but the Liberal platform should not be a cause for shame. In this moment, when the administration is leaning toward being authoritarian, there is a need for Liberals to stand up and speak up, not stand down. While Conservatives say "we will not become a socialist country," the Liberals ought to be just as vehement in the declaration that "we will not be an autocratic country." While our democracy has many flaws, it has been the best bet so far to protect people against tyranny. It is time for Liberals to own that label and work it for the good of the masses of Americans.

"We the people" means "all of the people," not just wealthy, white, heterosexual males, and if politicians believe that, they ought to own it and say it out loud. It is critical that those running for office don't spend time focusing on the current president, but on saving the government which he seems intent on destroying.

We have come too far for politicians to do otherwise. Rev. Susan K Smith is available for lectures, workshops and preaching. Contact her at revsuekim@sbcglobal.net, or visit her page at www.crazyfaithministries.org.

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WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR, TODAY!

NBA legend Abdul-Jabbar talks auction to help kids in STEM

(Via NNPANewswire.com)

When Kareem Abdul-Jabbar left the NBA in 1989 at age 42, no NBA player had ever scored more points, blocked more shots, won more Most Valuable Player Awards, played in more All-Star Games or logged more seasons.

NBA.com reported that Jabbar's list of personal and team accomplishments is perhaps the most awesome in league history: Rookie of the Year, member of six NBA championship teams, six-time NBA MVP, two-time NBA Finals MVP, 19-time All-Star, two-time scoring champion, and a member of the NBA 35th and 50th Anniversary All-Time Teams.

He also owned eight playoff records and seven All-Star records. No player achieved as much individual and team success as did Abdul-Jabbar.

On Saturday, March 2, Jabbar auctioned off his championship rings, MVP and All-Star trophies and other rare items to benefit Skyhook Foundation, whose mission per Jabbar, is to "give kids a shot that can't be blocked."

"We do this by sending children from economically challenged schools to five days in the Angeles National Forest to experience the wonders of nature and learn the basics about science, technology and engineering, Jabbar told NNPA Newswire in an exclusive interview.

He said the children participate in an "immersive hands-on experience that takes kids out of school for five days and four nights."

They go from auditory learning to utilizing all of their senses in the great outdoors. "Our hope is not just to get them out of the city to commune with the outdoors, but to stimulate an interest in the sciences that might lead them to fulfilling careers," Jabbar said.

He said he decided to sell the items because his founda-

tion has struggled for a number of years and can use the funds. "I need to keep it working and I have these wonderful mementos of my career and they take up space, need to be insured and you have to take care of them," Jabbar said.

"I'd rather use these to make sure the foundation gets the funding," he said. At auction, Jabbar's 1971-72 NBA MVP Trophy sold for more than \$76,000 while his 1987 NBA Championship went fetched more than \$260,000.

When final accounting is performed, the auction should easily net more than \$1 million for the foundation. The funds will keep the foundation afloat, allowing underprivileged children a chance at an education in the STEM field.

"So many young people think they have to be extremely talented like a LeBron James, Stevie Wonder, or Beyoncé. They don't have realistic ideas on what their potential is and giving them this opportunity is showing them where the best jobs will be in the 21st century," Jabbar said.

Services Committee, Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) who chairs the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, Robert "Bobby" Scott (D-VA) who chairs the Education and Labor Committee, Bennie Thompson (D-MS) who chairs the Homeland Security Committee, and Elijah Cummings (D-MD) who chairs the Government Oversight Committee. Cummings was the only one of the five who was not present, understandably so when one reflected on his leadership in the hearing that examined Michael Cohen, the jail-bound attorney who formerly represented the Nation's Prevaricator-in-Chief.

Each of them talked about the challenges they face in their roles, especially the fact that progressive legislation that leaves the House of Representatives is often unlikely to pass the Republican-dominated United States Senate and the obstreperous Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (my words, not theirs). But each also talked about issues they will address in their leadership. Congresswoman Waters can subpoena tax returns and bank records. She spoke of the many ways banking boards lack diversity and plans to establish a diversity and inclusion subcommittee as part of the Financial Services Committee. Bennie Thompson and Eddie Bernice Johnson talked about directing money to HBCUs and about the ways that some universities are able to get the

majority of federal dollars. Congressman Bobby Scott intrigued me when he talked about the way the media is interested in drama, not substance. On a day when he dealt with both the minimum wage and higher education legislation, most of the questions he got from the media were about Blackface and other scandals in Virginia.

The search for the salacious has been the theme of the 45 administration. One does not have to search far to find payments to prostitutes, pandering to potentates, and other chicanery. The real trickery, however, is happening when our regulatory structure is being decimated, when payday lending rules are hanged by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to make predatory lending easier and more exploitative; when education regulations are being changed to make access for Black and other students of color even harder than it is now; when labor regulations are being changed to exploit unions. The federal minimum wage, at \$7.25, has not increased in a decade. As such, the Raise The Wage Act should be making headlines. Instead, all cameras, all eyes are on the scandals that dominate this administration.

In celebrating the Congressional Black Caucus, I'm not touting their perfection, because the collective caucus is flawed as any other organization. My biggest bone to pick with Caucus members is all of them won't

sign or align themselves with HR 40, the reparations legislation that Congressman John Conyers (D-MI) introduced thirty years ago. Many say the reparations conversation is impractical. From my perspective, if you are interested in economic justice, you must be interested in restorative and reparatory justice for the descendants of the enslaved people who built this country. That means developing public policy to close the wealth gap. That means developing public policy to increase access to education. That means educating a nation with leaders and teachers who seem to think it is okay to run around in Blackface, hand children cotton bolls or more alarmingly, have children (in South Carolina) actually pick cotton and sing slave songs. That means examining the ways that racist (yes, racist) legislation has exacerbated, not closed the wealth gap.

Our Congressional Black Caucus and, indeed, the Democratic Party that all of them belong to, is flawed, but there are accomplishments, as well. The challenge for us is to lift up the accomplishments amidst a culture that values scandal instead of achievement.

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Stacy M. Brown

The Congressional Black Caucus: Not always in headlines, but never on the sidelines

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

What does the Congressional Black Caucus do?

It takes Majority Whip James Clyburn to make it understandable. "It's not only what we make happen, but what we stop from happening," Clyburn told a standing room only crowd at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Black History Month Celebration on February 26. His words are instructive for folks who get their news from sound bites and tweets. The legislative process is rarely fully televised, and those who put brakes on nonsense proposals never make the headlines. The February 26 event made it clear, in celebration, that the Congressional Black Caucus is often effective on the front lines and the sidelines.

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Takes 1 to buy, 2 to sell

Real estate and marriage: This week I want to discuss selling property when owned with a spouse. Over my 28-yr career

I have come across several scenarios and some have been very interesting to say the least.

Let's begin by me informing you that in NC, if married, you can purchase real estate without a spouse's involvement.

However, that's only if no loan financing is involved in the purchase.

If a loan is involved, the lender will require the spouse to sign the deed of trust. The reason is that if lender has to foreclose, they will already have both signatures giving them the right to do so. You see, in North Carolina we are a marital state. That means both spouses have interest in all properties owned by each other, even if the property was owned by 1 spouse way before they ever met. It is for that reason that if you are married, it will always take both spouses signing over a deed to the new owner. Some questions I get: What if 1 of the spouses refuse to sign? Then there will be no selling of that property, point blank period. What if we are separated, and I don't know where they are? Then there will be no selling of that property, point blank period. Are there any exceptions to the point blank period? "Yes"... Now wait a minute, I know I said point blank period BUT..... If there is a legal

binding document that states the spouse never was to have or no longer have marital rights to said property OR if some kind of court involvement settles the matter, then those are the exceptions... What if we brought some property together, and now we are divorced and I want to sell it? You need to check with your attorney. You need to refer back to that divorce decree and see what agreement was reached during the distribution of the assets. What if we didn't do all that lawyer stuff when we divorced and just filed papers ourselves to be done with the union? You need to contact an attorney. What if we had formed a Family LLC, or Corporation and bought property under that? Then this is no longer a personal transaction, it's a business transaction and you need to consult with your attorney.

I could go on and on but I'm going to put a pin in this for now and expand more in future articles. Let me end this week by saying that if you are married and plan to purchase or sell real estate, seek some clarity, seek transparency, seek counsel. A lot of confusion and headache could be avoided.

Until next week, help me help others and share this article with at least 3 people. For anyone you know sick of throwing away thousands and ready for a Free game plan to OWN in the next 18 months or less, tell them to just reach out and it's done...

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Living on a farm and gardening

Editors Note: This is a reprint from March 8, 2018. Mrs. Verniece Stanley is home recovering from being hospitalized. Please keep her in your prayers.

I grew up on the farm, and living on the farm involved hard work.

There was much work to do every day, and much of it involved planting and growing seeds. This was in the fields where crops were planted and cultivated and in the garden, where flowers, fruit, and vegetable. The gardens were usually a smaller plot of ground usually located nearer the house and yard.

Once we got out of bed in the mornings, the day usually started with the prepara-

tion of a good hot breakfast. After we got a good breakfast, the next thing was usually to feed the farm animals and the pets. This was a task one was not likely ever to forget. The pets were most normally separated from the work animals and were fed in separate locations.

Weeding plants was very important because weeds sometimes grow tall and cover the plants. The roots from the weeds also have a tendency to choke out the plants. This happened with the various types of plants and vegetation, cotton, peanuts, corn, etc. Today organic products may be applied to the plants in order to retard the growth of weeds and promote the growth of the beneficial plants. Plants need plenty of sunshine and water for the enhancement of growth.

In flower gardens, all kinds of flowers are grown. This may include roses, daisies,

geraniums, tulips, etc. These flowers are grown beautifully and are often cut or picked and taken to others as a symbol of love or honor. Sometimes they are taken to hospitals and given to patients or to senior facilities and given to senior citizens. This often leads to outbreaks of happiness among the sick or the elderly.

Growing fruit and vegetable gardens is just another step toward the advancement of healthful living by promoting healthful eating. Fruit and vegetables are often harvested from the gardens and used to feed our families or distribute to families in the community. This is a noble deed, particularly since there are those who need good fresh fruit and vegetables but have no access to them. According to a study done by the hunger relief organization, Feeding America, 2.7 rural households face

hunger thought, especially when we consider we live in the richest nation in the world. At other times, produce is harvested and taken for sale to farmers' markets, but still far too much food is wasted in America every day.

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



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Zalleux Johnson, Jr.

Zalleux Johnson, Jr., funeral services were held Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Zalleux Johnson, Jr., son of Yolanda Hayes and Zalleux Johnson, Sr., was born January 12, 2001. "ZJ" or "Young Juvie" as he was known to family and friends, departed this earthly life on February 21, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Zalleux was educated in the New Hanover County School System and had many goals and dreams. He was a well-mannered child whose smile could light up a room. "ZJ" loved his family and friends as much as they loved him, if not more. If you were ever one of them, you knew he was loyal. "ZJ" was a little cocky and a jokester. His nephew, Messiah was his pride and joy! All he wanted to do was protect him and everyone he loved from harm. If you ever had a chance to encounter him you were blessed.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Yolanda Hayes; his father, Zalleux Johnson, Sr.; sisters, Nila McBride, Zataya Johnson, Zatia Johnson; grandmothers, Sherry Hayes and Helen Johnson; nephew, Messiah Williams; aunts, Angel Daniels (Styrus), Tammy Hayes, Tricia Hayes and Alisha Johnson; uncles, Michael Hayes (KaSonya) and Maurice Hayes; very special cousins, Daryon Williams, Yamir Hayes, Tanniya Hayes and Alek Bryant; "ZJ's" boys: Nathaniel Thompson, Kevin Green, Ray, Bap, Michael, Kevin Spears, Taty, Da Da, Tunis, TyQuan Grady, and Naszeon; special friend, Serenity McCrae; cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Florence Ann Ashe

Florence Ann Ashe funeral services were held Friday, March 1, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

She is survived by three children, Kemonnie Eason, Keianas Eason and KeiAsia Nesbitt; four grandchildren, Ayden Gibbson, Milan Heyward, Karter Heyward and Kamyla McIntyre; six brothers, Michael Ashe (Alice), Thomas Ashe, Jeffrey Fullwood, Kevin Fullwood (JoAnn), Andre Fullwood (Melinda) and Thomas Keith Ashe (Danielle); aunts, Lorraine Fullwood, Reha Hawes, Leola McInyre and Doris Ashe; special sisters, Shadrecka and Denise; special friends, Terri, Venice, Jasmine, Eric "Unit", Duane and Zanika; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Benjamin Mitchell

Benjamin Mitchell funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Macedonia FBH Church. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

John McClean

John McClean funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Blair Nicole Grissom

Blair Nicole Grissom gained her angel wings on February 24, 2019, at Onslow Memorial Hospital

in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Funeral services were held on March 2, 2019 at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, Winnabow, North Carolina. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Blair was born August 21, 1989, at Brunswick Community Hospital, to Billie Gene Grissom and Terry Louise Garvin. In 1998, Blair moved to Carobell, Inc. in Jacksonville, NC and resided there until her passing. In spite of her challenges, Blair received her High School Certificate from Swansboro High School on June 10, 2011. A few of her hobbies included listening to music (she liked Prince), and the enjoyment of sensory activities. Blair had the gift of a smile that could touch the heart of many, and eyes that were so big and bright, that could light up any room. She will continue to live on in our hearts and finally have life eternal in the presence of the Lord.

Blair leaves to cherish her memories her parents; Billie Gene and Terry Garvin Grissom; sisters; Tanetria D. Huffin (Terrance), Crystal Grissom; grandmother, Annie Pearl Garvin; niece, De'Ana Newton; Nephews; Tyrus Huffin and Taylen Huffin; special family friends; Ernest Faison and Heather Martinez; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. *A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Jeff Sidbury, Jr.

Jeff Sidbury, Jr., entered into eternal rest on February 23, 2019 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held on March 1, 2019 at Old Scotts Hill AME Church. Burial followed in Pollock Cemetery in the Scotts Hill Community.

Jeff was born on September 11, 1943, to the late Jeff Sidbury, Sr. and Naomi Sidbury. In addition to his parents, Jeff was preceded in death by his three brothers, Charles Sidberry, Odell Sidberry and Luther Sidberry.

Jeff was employed at S & G Concrete for many years before accepting employment with the North Carolina State Ports, where he retired after working for thirty years of service. Jeff was well known in his community, especially for his gardening and seafood. He would share whatever he had with everyone.

Jeff leaves to cherish his precious memories, his wife, Helen Sidbury, two sisters, Geraldine S. Galloway and Johnnie Mae Nixon; one daughter, Cindy Sidberry, three stepsons, Jermaine James, Rodney James and Rufus James; four grandchildren, Christopher Sidberry, Ryan Sidberry, Shankilya Sidberry and Shaekorian Sidberry; sixteen great grandchildren; a special niece, Katrina Nixon Greene; two special friends, James Fuller and Perry London; a special god daughter he helped raised, Glendina Davenport. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. *A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**National Mother
Dorothy Mae Witherspoon**

National Mother Dorothy Mae

Witherspoon died February 13, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on February 23, 2019 at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church. Burial followed in the National Cemetery.

Born and raised in Wilmington, North Carolina on July 28, 1928 to the late Frank B. Brown and Elizabeth Wilkerson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her two sons; James and Dennis and three siblings; Juanita, Elizabeth and Robert.

Mother Witherspoon was educated in the New Hanover County School System and furthered her education by studying nursing. On March 1, 1946, she was united in Holy Matrimony to James Witherspoon. This union was blessed with six children. Mother Witherspoon's spiritual journey started shortly after she and her late husband joined Macedonia Fire Baptized and Holiness Church where she served faithfully for 50 years.

Mother Witherspoon leaves her four daughters, Dorothy Ray (Rinzer); Cassandra Witherspoon, Denise McClammy (Michael) and Gwendolyn Davis (Wayne), five grands; nine great-grands; one great great grand; as well as a host of nieces and nephews, a very special niece and nephew, Cynthia & Lorenzo Williams; Spiritual daughters; Elect Lady Tammy D. Hawkins, Sis. Stephanie Hall, Apostle Carolyn Carter, Pastor Linda Pitts, The Late Pastor Lula Mae Webb, Apostle Edna Cavanaugh and a plethora of others too numerous to name. Spiritual Sons; Chief Apostle Erskine Hawkins, Jr., Bishop Jonathan Ballard, Apostle Devin Johnson, Pastor Lester Jacobs, Pastor Gonzales Harris, Rev. Harold Wright, Sr., Pastor L. Graham, Pastor J. Mallet; Special Sons and Daughters; True Life International Fellowship Ministries, Jacksonville, NC, Cedric & Cassandra Anderson, Nathaniel & Gwen Young, Darnell Barrow; special & close friend, the Late Evangelist Helen McCrae; special god child; Gabriella Negron. *A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Mae Frances Allen Yeoman

Mae Frances Allen Yeoman died February 23, 2019 at Peak Resources. Funeral services were held on February 28, 2019 at Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Leland, North Carolina.

On April 8, 1932, Robert Allen, Sr. and Ola Edwards Allen welcomed a new addition to their household, a beautiful baby girl who they named Mae Frances. Frances attended the public schools of Cabarrus and New Hanover Counties, graduating from Williston High School in 1951. She went on to attend the Community Hospital Nursing School, becoming a licensed practical nurse in 1954. During her employment at Community Hospital, she met George Starkey Yeoman, whom she married in 1954. To this union were born two children, Errol Keith and Angela Joy. Frances later moved to Pemberton, N.J. where she worked at New Lisbon Medical Center. While in New Jersey, she became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was also the co-founder of the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church in

Pemberton. Upon her retirement from New Lisbon Medical Center, she returned to Wilmington to make her home. She joined New Kelly's Chapel A.M.E. Church, where she faithfully attended until her health failed. One of the highlights of her retirement was being selected to be an extra for one of the episodes of the television show "Matlock," which were filmed in Wilmington.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings David Allen, Robert Allen, Jr. and Janie Allen Noble.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her children, Errol Keith Yeoman (Matlynn), Angela Joy Yeoman Watkins; her brother, Alphonso (Leola); her grandchildren, Errol Keith Yeoman, Jr. (Antoinette), Aaron Yeoman, Ayana Yeoman Gaines (Derrick), Daniel Watkins, Wesley Watkins, Kenneth Michel Watkins and Alicia Watkins; seven great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Ferrie Allen, Peggie Allen, Marion Morris, Catherine Arledge (Douglas) and Jerene Yeoman; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She will be greatly missed and will be forever cherished. *A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

Almeta Rogers

Almeta Newkirk Rogers, daughter of the late Elizabeth Simon was born June 9, 1928. She departed this earthly life on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Almeta accepted Christ at an early age. She attended Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church until her early 30's. She later joined

Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church where she became a faithful member. Almeta was a member of the choir and served as a deaconess. Her love for music moved her to start the "Gospel Loving Sisters" for which she served as the president.

She was a friend's friend and always willingly to lend a helping hand wherever needed. She married Reverend Robert M. Newkirk who preceded her in death. To this union four children were born. Almeta later married Archie Lee Rogers who also preceded her in death along with his children, Jimmy, Archie and Ronald Rogers.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her children, Robert Newkirk, Larry Newkirk (Judy), Shirley Dover (Clarence), and Melvin Newkirk; children of the late Archie Lee Rogers, Geraldine Rogers, Linda Rogers and Bernard Rogers (Brenda) and daughter-in-law Sara Rogers; eight grandchildren; seven great-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.

Carter Newsome

Carter Newsome, age 89, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, February 28, 2019. A

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In Loving Memory Of



Robert Jackson Briggs
Sunrise: November 28, 1948
Sunset: March 4, 2011

Many times we think of you,
Think of the things we use to do,
Think of the things we use to say,
Of each olden golden yesterday,
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The family

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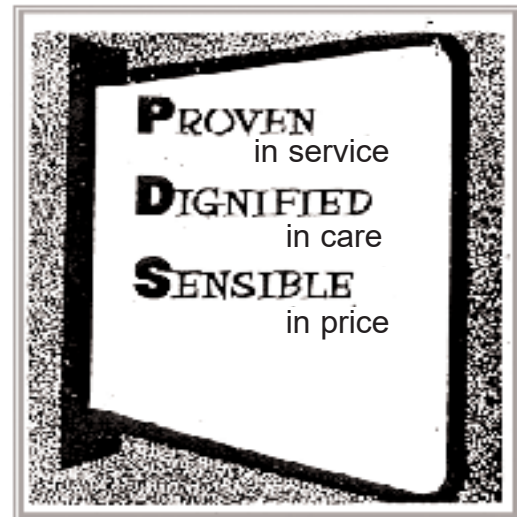


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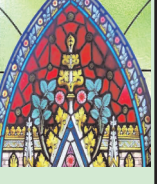
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Jennifer & Javoqe Terrell

New Hanover County

Mt. Nebo MBC, 801 S 10th St. will hold a Community Give Away on Saturday, March 9th from 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Clothing all sizes and other items. There will also be chili w/bread. All are welcome.



Religious Briefs

Brunswick County

Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church, 1492 Village Rd., will hold their annual Usher's Anniversary on Sunday, March 10th at 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Patricia Smith and St. James church family.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Women's history for March

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA H. ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was cool, cloudy and rainy but we felt the presence of the Son on the inside. We the senior citizen fellowship met at our usual place and time with glad hearts. Our meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Mr. George Hill and the choir opened with "Glory to his Name." Our Prayer Warrior was Minister Sharon Pollock, "He's done so much for me." This month is Women's History month.

Mrs. Gladys Taylor introduced Mrs. Eloise Chester as the speaker today. She gave thanks to God for whatever he has done for women. We don't want to lose sight of Jesus Christ that pilots us Psalm 19:14. When it comes to women no one size fits all. Most of us have made it through life that whatever size we are we should celebrate ourselves. We should give ourselves a pat on the back. A lot of women went to prison and in bondage have a lot to tell of their experiences. Women have a lot to tell of love and experience. There

are many women in business and on professional levels, many of whom we know. We should show them appreciation. We have all loved, lost and lived, whatever we have been through or what we have it is God's grace. Let us to continue to celebrate women and ourselves and give glory to God. Mrs. Chester was given a hand of applause and thanked for such a great message.

We had expressions, which were encouraging. Mrs. Taylor thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting. We will attend

church on Sunday, April 21, 2019 at Shiloh Baptist Church. Mrs. Doris E.A. Almoctar gave us more information on Black History Minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. The winner for callers was Mrs. Janice Gordon. Everyone was given a hand. The sick report was given and we were asked to pray for everyone. Smiles and laughter were presented by Mrs. Mary Martin. Our circle was formed and we sang, "Bind us Together." Minister Doris McQuillan gave prayer. There were 35 in attendance.

SENIOR MOMENTS

High hospital bills

To my fellow citizens,

It's me again, with more financial problems. This time it's about my daughter, Angelis Strong. She went to New Hanover Medical Center with chest pains back in September. She was there for three hours and then she saw the doctor for about ten minutes. A few weeks later she received a bill for \$4,289.49.

I called the hospital to find out if this was a mistake but they wouldn't talk to me. So I

decided to write about it. I would like to know if anyone else has received such a large bill for a short visit to the hospital. There is no way my daughter can pay this bill. So what will happen to her? Can they take her house? I they can do that to her it could happen to you. So the time to speak up is right now.

How can they do this to a woman with low income? Whatever happened to Legal Aid? If you or someone you know has had this problem, let's get together and seek a solution. I can be reached at 910-398-2790. Let's do this.

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



Ruth Johnson

OBITUARIES

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celebration of Mr. Newsome's life was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Carter Woodson Newsome, 89, of Wilmington, NC, the last child and son of the late Geno Newsome and Irene Viola Jenkins Newsome Yeates, and loving husband of the late Mercedes Ioma Jones Newsome, passed away at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC on February 28, 2019.

He is survived by his daughter otherwise known as the "Big Baby", Dr. Paula Renee Newsome and his granddaughter, otherwise known as the "Little Baby", Ayana Renee Washington.

After graduating from R. L. Vann High School in Ahoskie, NC where he played varsity basketball, he went on to attend Hampton Institute where he was a member of the Hampton Pirates. He often moonlighted earning money with his "Billy Eckstine" voice. In 1951, he earned a BS in Vocational Education. He furthered his formal education obtaining a Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision from East Carolina University.

Carter spent some time in Buffalo, NY before moving to Wilmington, NC to take a job teaching at Williston High School. He spent over 30 years working in education. In addition to teaching drafting and electricity at Williston, he was an ICT and VICA instructor, was in Administration at New Hanover High School, then was a Vocational Consultant for the State Department of Education. After retirement, he continued to do consulting work for the Department of Education doing evaluations in the area of vocational education.

Some of his most noteworthy accomplishments include developing the Extended Day program which was the first night high

school for students in North Carolina. This program was founded to insure that members of the Wilmington 10 could complete their high school education although they had been kicked out of traditional high school for their participating in racial uprisings. Additionally, along with Rock Sanders, he also founded an enrichment program to expose minority students to the engineering field entitled ROCAME. The program is over 30 years old and is still active now in several counties in Southeastern North Carolina.

Carter was an avid outdoors man enjoying hunting, golfing, fishing, and any type of sports especially watching the Carolina Panthers in person with the peanut gang. He won trophies for golf and helped break the color barrier in Wilmington on several of the golf clubs. He also enjoyed traveling with his family to various destinations especially to Charlotte. He also enjoyed spending time being an active member of 100 Black Men.

Left to cherish his loving memory are a host of nieces and nephews: E. Hawletta Newsome of Newport News, VA; Lee Askew of Newport News, VA; Lil Eaves (Robert) of Columbia, SC; Mark Newsome (Susan) of Cary, NC; Louis Newsome (Leadon) of Apex, NC; Candye Newsome of Ahoskie, NC; Timothy Newsome of Dallas, TX; L. Barbara Manning of Orlando, FL; Dr. C.G. Newsome (Lynne) of Charlotte, NC; Dr. Curtis Newsome (Barbara) of Charlotte, NC; Phillis Robinson of Buffalo, NY; Dr. Dennis Hollins (Suzette) of Atlanta, GA; Leta Carter of Buffalo, NY; Walter Smith of Smithfield, NC; Pocahontas Jones Reynolds (William Edward) of Washington, DC and host of other cousins, great nieces and nephews.

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TELL SOMEBODY

"The Rear Window of Life"

"Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth to the things that are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God through Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13

We all have a past. So, in order to make spiritual progress, we have to avoid looking back too long. It's ok to look back sometimes and appreciate or evaluate how far God has brought you. We need to give God the glory for whatever spiritual progress we have made that brought us from where we were then, back when, to where we are now.

A rear view mirror has a purpose. It has been designed to allow the driver to see the rear of the vehicle through the rear window. A rear view mirror also helps you to gauge the needed distance wherein it is safe to stop to avoid hitting an object or a person. Then, when it is time to go forward, one must stop looking behind, so they can

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Finding out what the truth (history) gives us by simply reading

I would not have you ignorant black Americans of your history, and who seeks to keep you ignorant and make you a slave of a political party, brainwash you by killing your next several generations of black Americans in the name of a woman's right to choose life or death. Over 40,000,000 black babies have already been killed. This is worse than the holocaust of 6,000,000 Jews by Hitler's regime! I continue to be amazed that there is no outcry from the black churches, black community, NAACP, nor the black leadership in Washington, DC. We are members of a political party that seek the



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

destruction of the black family and how can we continue to ignore the facts or statistics. I will not be silent on the inhumane killing of black babies, the killing of black males by black males which impacts the family and the black community and there is no outcry from our civil rights leadership in Washington DC.

This is my response, Isaiah 1:2-3, (KJV) Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel (black America) doth not know, my people doth not consider. Father God open our blinded eyes that we may know the truth and that the truth will set us free from the ignorance of your word and the bondage that is holding our mind in captivity so that we cannot discern the true gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let's continue our Black history lesson: The Start To Eradicating Slavery! By

focus on what is ahead.. The driver must change/shift gears and proceed to move forward with the assistance of the rear view mirror.

Looking too long in the rearview mirror of life can cause you to get stuck in a place of being stagnant. You may even want to move forward, but you cannot get your focus off of the past. When we understand, that we cannot look backwards and forwards at the same time! There must be a conscious decision to move forward no matter what. Then based on that decision, you must change your focus and start moving toward your future.

We also invite trouble when we focus too long on the present situation. Where you are is only temporary. Whether it is a good place or a bad place, it is only temporary. Things change and life happens to all of us. When life happens, we can go with the flow or get left behind. It is our choice. Don't get stuck in your past, by lingering too long in the rear

view mirror of life!

We invite trouble when we dwell on the past too long. The past has come to pass! Past mistakes can be corrected. If you are willing to profit from them. You can actually use the hard places you have been in the past, as stepping stones for your future. If you have done wrong in the past, forgive yourself and repent to your fellow man. Where it is possible, make amends for your wrong, pay what you owe, and restore what you stole. If someone has wronged you, forgive them, and get on with your life!

Don't live in the rear view mirror of life. Go there from time to time to check yourself and to maintain a safe distance from danger, but don't park there, don't stay there.

Letting go of the past allows you the freedom to reach forth towards the future God has in store for you! Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to

give you an expected end." Go ahead and check your rear view mirror from time to time, but don't get stuck in your past and lose focus on your future. What's coming is greater than what is behind you! Be encouraged, and 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!

the coast of Africa and in defiance of the most sacred laws of humanity tears his fellow creatures from his dearest connections and damns them to the most cruel bondage. He shall have more votes in the government instituted for the protection of the rights of mankind, than the citizen of Pennsylvania or New Jersey who condemn the practice of slavery."

Morris objected the counting slaves because he did not want to reward slaveholders and increase their power. Another ardent anti-slavery delegate at the Constitutional Convention, Luther Martin, similarly explained, "No principle can justify taking slaves into calculating the number of representatives that a state should have and the federal government. It's absurd to increase the power of the state in proportion as that state violates the rights of freedom! It encourages a slave trade. And it makes it in the interest of the states to continue in that vile traffic and it will prevent slaves from being considered either men or citizens."

Several other founders, including James Wilson and Elbridge Gerry, even used the slaveholder's own arguments against them. For example, Luther Martin proposed, "If slaves are considered property then what renders this property different from any other type of property? That is why slaves as property should not be taken into account rather than horses, cattle, mules, or any other type of property."

Understanding The Three-Fifths Clause: These anti-slavery founders argued that if the South was going to count its "property," that is as slaves, in order to get more pro-slavery representation in Congress then the North would count its property, that is as houses, cows, and horses to get more anti-slavery representation in Congress. Of course, the South objected just as strongly to this proposal as the North had objected to counting slaves. The final compromise was that only

60% of slaves, that is three-fifths of slaves, would be counted to calculate the number of southern representatives to Congress. In other words, it would take 50,000 slaves rather than just 30,000 for slave holding states to get a representative in Congress, thus, greatly reducing the number of representatives to Congress from states with extraordinarily large slave populations. This then is the Three-Fifths Clause. It had nothing to do with the worth of any individual. In fact, free blacks in the north and the south often were extended the full rights of a citizen and regularly voted, both in the north and the south. The Three-Fifths Clause had to do only with representation. There was an anti-slavery provision designed to limit the number of pro-slavery representatives in Congress. This is why Frederick Douglass, unlike many today who have never taken the time to study the Constitution, could emphatically declare that the Constitution, all of the Constitution was anti-slavery. In 1789 following the ratification of the Constitution, Congress expanded its fight to end slavery by passing the Northwest Ordinance. That law forbade slavery in any other federal territories than held. And for this reason Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin all eventually came into the nation as free states. On the federal level progress was being made toward ending slavery and achieving full civil rights for black Americans.

My prayer is that we give ourselves the gift of finding out what the truth (history) gives us by simply reading what a trusted man, Frederick Douglas, took time to discover (in the truth) to share with us.

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

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Wayne Jr. Joyner**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of 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 14th day of February, 2019

Alayne Joyner, Administrator
2805 Bethune Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Judith E. Uppman**, 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 **28th 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 28th day of February, 2019

Karyn Adams, Executrix
9373 Fallen Pear Lane
Leland, NC 28451

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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BEFORE THE CLERK
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF: JOSEPH E. CHARLES, SR.
FILE NO. 19 E 000230**

The undersigned having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Joseph E. Charles, Sr.**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, or corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to Margie Charles, Administrator, at the address set out below, on or before **May 28, 2019**, or this notice may be pleaded as bar to recovery. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either addresses set out below.

This the 28th day of February, 2019

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jimmy Hughes Fulford**, 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 **28th 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 28th day of February, 2019

MaryBelle F. Moore, Executrix
905 Brewster Lane
Wilmington, NC 28412

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Jason Douglas Atkinson**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of 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 14th day of February, 2019

Gene Douglas Atkinson, Administrator
1546 Grandiflora Drive
Leland, NC 28451

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
File 18E001386**

The undersigned, having been duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Charles George Bowen**, Deceased, of New Hanover County, NC, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned at P.O. Box 81, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **15th day of May, 2019**, or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All person indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of February, 2019.
William Arthur Bowen, Executor of the Estate of Charles George Bowen.

Karen F. Richards, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 81
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Rebecca B. Hyman, having qualified on the 23rd day of January, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of **E. Parker Hyman, Jr. (19-E-040)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **3rd day of June, 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 will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 28th day of February, 2019.

Rebecca B. Hyman
Executrix
ESTATE OF E. Parker Hyman, Jr.
David E. Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Malcolm Campbell Moore**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of June, 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 7th day of May, 2019

Alison Phoebe Tseh, Executrix
601 S. College Rd. CB#20005
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Opal Langston Shephard**, 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 7th day of June, 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 7th day of May, 2019

Deloris C. Ryals, Executrix
906 Bayshore Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28411

March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Donna Bunting Armstrong**, 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 **7th day of June, 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 7th day of May, 2019

Joshua Daniel Armstrong, Executrix
117 Ore Ct.
Washington, NC 27889

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Allen David Moore, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of 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 14th day of February, 2019

Edwin Holt Moore III, Executor
2202 N Barker Street
Lumberton, NC 28358

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Robert Grady McDuffie, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of 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 14th day of February, 2019

Ms. Willie Mae McDuffie,
Administrator
6 High St.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the estate of **Ronald Wayne Butler**, 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 **28th 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 28th day of February, 2019

Nancy Simcox, Administrator CTA
905 Brewster Lane
Wilmington, NC 28412

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2019

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
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RBEFORE THE CLERK
19-E-252**

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **MICHALANN HOBSON**, late, of Kure Beach, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, with a copy to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **31st day of May, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 28th day of February, 2019.

Kent James Hobson, Executor
Estate of Michalann Hobson

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The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA) invites separate and sealed bids from contractors for RFP for Security & Surveillance Cameras WHA Wide & Re-Bid- IFB for New Construction of Dawson Loft Apartment Building. Please go to www.wha.net for a bid package and further information. Packages will be available for viewing 3/1/2019.

February 28, March 7, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Jennifer Darger, having qualified on the **19th day of February, 2019**, as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of Linda M. Clay (19-E-250), deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **3rd day of June, 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 will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 28th day of February, 2019.

Jennifer Darger
Limited Personal Representative
ESTATE OF LINDA M. CLAY
David E. Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Joyce Houston**, 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 **7th day of June, 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 7th day of May, 2019

Madeline N. Houston, Administratrix
2113 Gibson Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 15 JT 41**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
P. M. B. (DOB: 02/16/2015)**

TO: RESPONDENTS: KALI BROWN, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND BRANDWON LAWING, PUTATIVE FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO KALI BROWN

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 February 14, 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 Brian Moore has been appointed to represent Brandon Lawing, and he can be reached at 705 N. 4th St., Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 362-1100.

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

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

February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

**INVITATION FOR BIDS
SOLICITATION**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA**

**ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE
SERVICES WHA WIDE**

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below. Bids will be publicly opened and recorded immediately thereafter at the Central Office, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

•Bid Opening: Monday, April 1, 2019 at 10:00 am
Project Manual along with specifications will be available for pickup beginning on Friday, March 8th at the Central Office.
•Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 or you can Download Project Manual at no cost -- www.wha.net (under Business Opportunities/IFB).
•Questions; E-mail to Chauntrell Burns no later than March 29th at 2:00pm to c.burns@wha.net.

Upon written request to the Contracting Officer, bids will be available after contract award. NO BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE. FAX NEITHER COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The WHA does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

WHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

March 7, 14, 2019

**INVITATION FOR BIDS
SOLICITATION**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
NORTH CAROLINA**

**ELECTRICAL SERVICES-
WHA WIDE**

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•Pre bid conference/tour: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., beginning at the Central Office.
•Bid Opening: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 10:00 am
Project Manual along with specifications will be available for pickup beginning on Friday, March 8th at the Central Office.
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March 7, 14, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Georgia Cobb Joyner**, 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 **7th day of June, 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 7th day of March, 2019.

William H. Joyner, III, Executor of the Estate of Georgia Cobb Joyner
2101 Forest Drive
Charlotte, NC 28211
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019

BID REQUEST

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract DA00440 in Chowan & Gates Co.'s bidding on 3/20/19. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 03/11/19 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division1Letting.aspx>. For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

March 7, 2019

**INVITATION FOR BIDS
SOLICITATION**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
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**RE-BID NEW ROOF AND
OVERFLOW DRAINS AT
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(One or more contracts might be awarded)

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•Pre bid conference/tour: Friday, March 8, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., beginning at the Central Office.
•Bid Opening: Monday, March 25, 2019 at 10:00 am
Project Manual along with specifications will be available for pickup beginning on Friday, March 1st at the Central Office.
•Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 or you can Download Project Manual at no cost -- www.wha.net (under Business Opportunities/IFB).
•Questions; E-mail to Chauntrell Burns no later than March 18th at 2:00pm to c.burns@wha.net.

Upon written request to the Contracting Officer, bids will be available after contract award. NO BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE. FAX NEITHER COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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March 7, 14, 2019

EMPLOYMENT

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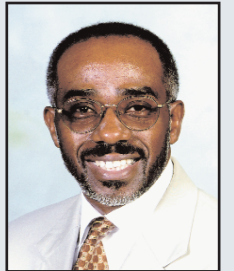
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