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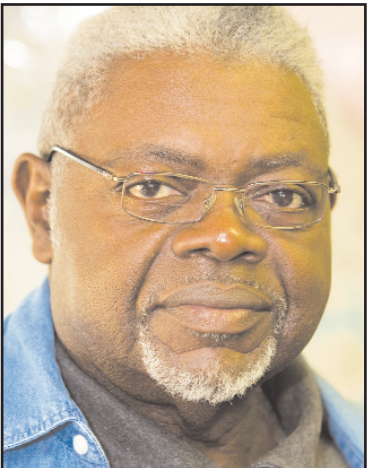
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ELECTION TIME

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We are now moving toward election time again. I am invited to closed events (also called getting the leaders of the Black communities together) to explain what the benefits of the elected people in office are and what they can do for the good of my people, what their moral clarity is, and what Blacks, or people of color, should be about if they want a place in their society. However, I have problems with this theory. I can't forget about slavery and its hold over the lives of people of color today.

I lived through the times when, if Blacks went to a restaurant, we had to go to the back door. If we were at the grocery store and in the line to check out, Whites were called out of the line and served first.

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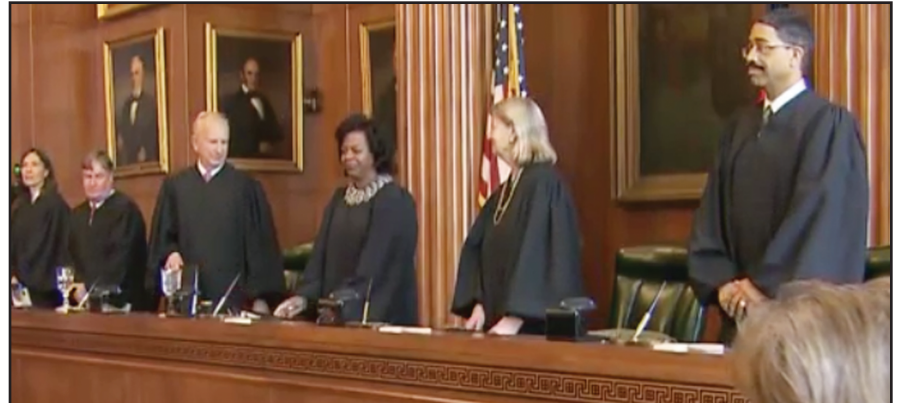
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AS HER HUSBAND, CURTIS OWENS, HOLDS THE BIBLE, CHIEF JUSTICE BEASLEY RAISES HER RIGHT HAND TO TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE.



THE ENTIRE NC SUPREME COURT

HISTORY

INVESTITURE OF CHIEF JUSTICE CHERI BEASLEY

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It was as if all of North Carolina state government had stopped on March 7, 2019, at 2:00 p. m. to recognize that a true moment in history was about to take place.

Over a thousand well wishers, including Democratic Governor Roy Cooper and Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court Emeritus Henry Frye, the first African-American ever to hold that esteemed title, assembled in the State Supreme Court chambers and overflow satellite locations at the State Capitol and First Baptist Church across the street, to witness the formal swearing in of

Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, the first African-American woman ever to officially lead North Carolina's High Court.

The court remained all white for 155 years prior to Frye's appointment by then Governor James B. Hunt. There have been seven African-Americans in all, as well as eight women, to serve on the State Supreme Court.

Beasley was officially sworn in on March 1, 2019, in her office during a private ceremony, so this was her public investiture as North Carolina's 29th chief justice in the 200 year history of the court. She was appointed by Governor Cooper to finish out the unexpired term of former Chief Justice

Mark Martin when he recently retired to become a law school dean in Virginia.

Chief Justice Beasley is only the fourth African-American woman in the nation to ever serve in her capacity on a state Supreme Court. As chief justice, she leads the third branch of North Carolina government, and is responsible for running North Carolina's court system, in addition to determining the Supreme Court calendar and rendering decisions with her colleagues on the court.

Beasley is also one of three African-Americans on the N. C. Supreme Court, the most of any state in the nation.

After remarks from various dig-

nitaries, including Gov. Cooper, as she stood with her husband and twin sons, Chief Justice Beasley formally took the oath of office from Senior Associate Justice Paul Newby, before going to chambers amidst a round of applause, re-emerging in her judicial robe, and taking the center seat on the court to offer remarks.

"I am honored and humbled to receive Governor Cooper's appointment as Chief Justice. The magnitude of this opportunity to serve all North Carolinians is certainly not lost on me," said Chief

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For more than 14 years, no one has championed the cause of a good education for African Americans and other underserved students better than Dr. Michael Lomax, the president and CEO of the United Negro College Fund.

Dr. Michael Lomax and the UNCF continue to champion HBCUs

BY STACY M. BROWN NNPA NEWSWIRE CORRESPONDENT

For 75 years, the United Negro College Fund has been lighting the way to better futures for young people and leaving little doubt to the importance of its catchy but all-too serious slogan: "A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

And, for more than 14 years, no one has championed the cause of a good education for African Americans and other underserved students better than Dr. Michael Lomax, the president and CEO of

UNCF, which counts as the country's largest provider of scholarships and other educational support for students of African descent.

"Many [African American students] are choosing historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs)," Lomax said this week after hosting a luncheon where he helped to deliver a State of HBCUs address.

"HBCUs have more enrollment today than in the era of segregation. We had a decline in enrollment of about 10 percent because of the Parents Plus loan fiasco in 2012, but enrollments are growing," Lomax said.

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New allegation against Black Bladen PAC raised

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It's been three weeks since the NC State Board of Elections (SBOE) voted unanimously to hold a new election in the Ninth Congressional District because of clear-cut evidence of "tainted" election fraud with absentee ballots in Bladen County.

Thus far, five people have been indicted, and two arrested, by state authorities, including Leslie McCrae Dowless, the two-time convicted felon and political operative, now charged with the illegal tampering of absentee votes on behalf of the Republican candidate.

However, two weeks ago, on his Charlotte WBTB-AM radio show, former Governor Pat McCrory, after announcing that he will not seek election to the Ninth District seat, which is still open, demanded that the SBOE and the media reopen an investigation into his dramatic 2016 re-election loss.

"It is time for the media and the elections board to reopen this investigation in public. Don't wait for the federal or state authorities and ask the question, "Who did

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Blacks were treated as second class citizens! Black farmers were paid less for their crops than White farmers were! If you tell me to forget this treatment and move on from this moment forward, then why is there such an effort to take away my right to vote? Why did the North Carolina House of Representatives and Senate repeal the Equal Rights Amendment? All it said was that, if one could prove that, because of the color of his or her skin, he or she had received an excessive sentence for a crime committed, he or she could get a new trial.

When it has been proven that voter districts were drawn so that it would decrease Black voter strength, it indicates another act of racism. How can I forget these acts of racism? People of color must remember such acts against them so that they can make sound decisions regarding the people who greatly affect our daily living and our children's future.

I have never entered a fight for freedom asking for more than anyone else, but I have entered a lot of fights asking to be free and equal! Give me the same chances at life as all other humans here on earth. We are people who have overcome a great deal of pain and unjust treatment! We must not let idle talk take away our rights. We must learn who they are who engage in it and then find out what it is that they want! *Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.*

## HISTORY

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Justice Beasley. "I look forward to continuing to work to improve access to the courts and to ensure that our citizens have a judiciary that they trust to administer justice fairly, equally,

and swiftly."

Citing Chief Justice Emeritus Henry Frye when he was sworn in twenty years ago as her inspiration, Beasley quoted him as once saying, "My philosophy is this world is full of problems."

"I believe we should treat our problems as challenges and opportunities to do

what is right and good. I'm prepared to treat our problems as challenges."

"Today is really a day of hope," Beasley later said. "It's a day of hope for justice - really for all of us, hope for accessibility to the processes that we have in our justice system and to the practices in our justice system, and, most importantly, to

treat everybody - everybody - fairly, regardless of what matter they bring before the courts," she said.

Chief Justice Beasley was originally appointed to the NC Supreme Court as an associate justice in 2014 to finish out the term of Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson. Beasley then ran and won her election in 2014

to a full eight year term. Prior to that, she served as a North Carolina Appellate Court judge and a District Court judge for ten years in Cumberland County.

By becoming chief justice, Beasley finishes out Mark Martin's term and has indicated that she will run to be elected for that seat when it expires in 2020.

## HBCUs

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A large number of African American millennials are applying to HBCUs but many are finding that they can't afford to attend without the benefit of more scholarships and grants, he said.

"That's why we've called on Congress to double the Pell Grant, not just for HBCUs, but for all private institutions which are endangered species in this country," Lomax said.

Since its founding, UNCF has raised more than \$4.8 billion and has helped at least 450,000 students earn degrees at UNCF-member HBCUs.

With 37 member colleges and universities, the UNCF also advocates for the importance of minority education and college readiness.

Lomax pointed out that UNCF institutions and HBCUs remain highly effective, awarding nearly 20 percent of African American baccalaureate degrees.

UNCF awards more than \$100 million in scholarships annually and administers more than 400 programs, including scholarship, internship and fellowship, mentoring, summer enrichment, and curriculum and faculty development programs.

Currently, UNCF supports more than 60,000 students at

more than 1,100 colleges and universities across the country.

"There are more small white colleges that are being threatened with closure and shutting down and a member at Harvard University has predicted that half of all private colleges will be closed over the next decade," Lomax said.

"These are all part of the higher education landscape in this country. We're going to fight for ours and we're going to join these other institutions who are modestly resourced and we are going to fight," he said.

It's that same spirit that led UNCF and many others to respond when the historically black and all-girls Bennett College was given just 60 days to raise \$5 million in an attempt to keep its accreditation.

"There are 95 standards [the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) hold its institutions to and they include education programs and faculty requirements. Bennet had 94," Lomax said.

"They missed one and the one they missed was the standard on finances and even when they did what they were directed to and out-did it, [the association] still withdrew accreditation," he said.

Lomax continued:  
"I consider that to be biased and inequitable and I've called on Congress to

intervene. We're in court. We're not going to allow Bennett to be destroyed because the actions taken are actions to destroy Bennett and it's inappropriate, biased and unfair and we will fight it and we stand with Bennett."

Fighting for Bennett is of little surprise as UNCF continues to press its vision of a nation where all have equal access to a college education that prepares them for rich intelligent lives, competitive and fulfilling careers, engaged citizenship and service to the nation.

One of UNCF's primary objectives is to increase the total number of African American college graduates by focusing on activities that ensure more students are college-ready, enroll in college and persist to graduation.

That mission includes helping to eradicate much of - if not all - student debt.

"Student loan debt is an enormous financial and psychological toll on students. We must invest in students and keep them from being in the red," Lomax said.

An alumnus of an HBCU (Morehouse College graduate), Lomax formerly served as president of Dillard University in New Orleans and he worked as a literature professor at UNCF-member institutions Morehouse and Spelman colleges.

other Democrat funded Black PACs across North Carolina were also guilty.

In fact, it was none other than Leslie McCrae Dowless who made the complaint on behalf of McCrory and the State Republican Party.

"Should the election board find that these are absentee ballot mills, with the purpose of fraudulent voting, those people should go to jail," Dallas Woodhouse, NCGOP executive director told a radio show in 2016. "They should spend the first term of the Trump administration behind bars."

The campaign of the 216 gubernatorial winner, Roy Cooper, shot back, "The truth is this election was administered by Republicans appointed by Gov. McCrory himself."

However, thus far, even though McCrory is pressing his case, no one...not the SBOE, not the State Bureau of Investigation, and not even federal authorities,

have seen any evidence that convinces them that the former Republican governor did anything but lose re-election on his own.

In fact, it was the GOP-led SBOE in 2016 that looked into McCrory's claims then and turned their findings over to federal authorities. The charges were unfounded but had a chilling effect.

"The election challenges that have been filed are in areas where we have strong African-American political organizations," Executive Director Melvin Montford of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, said in a news release. "Calling these votes into question is an obvious effort to cast doubt on election results with no good reason to do so and disenfranchise Black voters."

Furthermore, the fact that McCrory and the North Carolina Republican Party continue to allege voter fraud on a statewide scale in his 2016 election, infuriates

Attorney Irving Joyner, attorney for the BCIA.

"The Bladen County Improvement Association did not engage in any illegal conduct during either the 2016 or 2018 campaign," Joyner said in a statement two weeks ago. "McCrory is lying about what happened to him in 2016. He lost the governor's race and is attempting to falsely cast blame on others for his inept campaign."

In a heretofore unknown Feb. 19 letter to the SBOE for the record after the hearings began, Attorney Joyner reiterated that the BCIA had done nothing illegal during the 2018 elections, even though one of the hearing witnesses, Lisa Britt, testified that the BCIA PAC president, Horace Munn, "...had visited with McCrae Dowless ...to deliver absentee ballots and that he had called Dowless at a later point and directed that a signed absentee ballot form be returned to [a voter]."

"That testimony was a deliberate lie," Attorney Joyner emphasized. "At no point during the 2018 election did Mr. Munn have any contact with McCrae Dowless or Lisa Britt regarding absentee ballots or anything else."

Joyner continued that Munn had been subpoenaed to appear at the SBOE hearings and did attend to refute Britt's false testimony but was then "dismissed by the SBOE staff."

The BCIA, Joyner maintained "...did engage in 'get out the vote (GOTV)' activities during the 2018 elections...." and legally paid people to do so. "...[N]one of those efforts involved the gathering or harvesting of absentee ballots," he added.

Joyner sees the 2018 allegation as a continuation of what McCrory and the State Republicans allege about his 2016 contest involving the BCIA and other Democratic Party funded Black PACs across North Carolina.

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**GOV. COOPER APPOINTS APPELLATE COURT JUDGE TO STATE SUPREME COURT**

[WILMINGTON] Right on

the heels of the investiture last week of Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, Gov. Roy Cooper on Monday appointed state Appellate Court Judge Mark Davis to fill the unexpired term of Beasley when she left that seat to lead the High Court. Justice Davis will be officially sworn-in on April 8th. Many will recall that Davis previously served as Special Legal Counsel to Gov. Beverly Perdue, and at her direction, investigated the

case of the Wilmington Ten as she considered pardons of innocence. Per his recommendation, on Monday, Dec. 31st, 2012, Gov. Perdue indeed pardons of innocence for the Ten. She also appointed Davis to the NC Court of Appeals. On Monday, Justice Davis said that it has always been his dream to serve on the NC Supreme Court.

**CONTROVERSIAL "SLAVERY" GAME SPURS**

**INVESTIGATION HERE**

[WILMINGTON] Three weeks ago, Loudoun County, Va. elementary school sparked controversy when parents and the local NAACP complained about a "game" based on the Underground Railroad was being used to teach students about slavery. The controversy forced school's principal to issue an apology to parents, saying in a letter that the "lesson was culturally insensitive."

Now, that same "slavery game" is reportedly being used at Codrington Elementary School in Wilmington, and a fourth-grade student's grandmother has complained, telling a local television station that "...slavery is not a game." But unlike Virginia, officials at the school at first defended the use of "Escaping Slavery," saying that it was used in small groups of students for Black History Month "...to dispel

myths about slavery, and to have students "play a role to increase interest and enthusiasm for historical events." On Monday, School Board Chair Lisa Estep issued a statement saying that the board "...shares the community's concern." She added that using the game "was not appropriate" for teaching about slavery. The superintendent has been asked to investigate. *The Journal* will follow-up on this story next week.

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## OUR VOICE

### TO BE EQUAL

**Senate must pass Background Check Bill, passed by House, supported by 92 percent of voters**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*Defenders of the status quo - advocates of the gun industry & the politicians paid to defend it - will tell you that events like these are virtual acts of nature, products of mental illness or bad parenting, beyond our ability to control. This couldn't be further from the truth. Every day we fail to take action, we chose this fate. We tolerate politicians who fail to acknowledge this crisis and vote against our safety. We let our gun violence epidemic continue day after deadly day. - Former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords, responding to the February 2018 mass shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.*

A policy supported by 92 percent of American voters has just come before the United States Senate. It's supported by 89 percent of Republicans and 95 percent of Democrats.

But, because it's opposed by 100 percent of gun industry lobbyists, it will be a fight to pass it.

H.R. 8, The Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, is the most significant gun safety bill approved by the U.S. House of Representatives in more than two decades. The legislation requires background checks on all firearm sales in the country. Currently, only licensed dealers are required to conduct background checks on firearm purchasers.

Timing of the bill was especially significant for freshman U.S. Rep. Lucy McBath of Georgia. This month would have marked the 24th birthday of her son, Jordan Davis. He was 17 when he was fatally shot by a man who opened fire on a car of unarmed teenage boys at a gas station in Jacksonville, Florida, in 2012.

"H.R. 8 will ensure mothers and fathers have one less reason to worry," McBath said during debate on the House floor. "It will give students one less thing to fear when they walk into a school. Most importantly, it will make our communities and our nation a safer place to live. And every human being in America deserves that."

More than 2,400 Americans have died in gun-related violence so far in 2019, an average of about 37 people per day, according to the Gun Violence Archive. Almost 480 children and teenagers have been killed or injured by guns this year.

Background checks have stopped more than 3 million illegal gun sales since 1994, according to the Department of Justice. But anyone who is not legally permitted to purchase a gun easily can acquire one at gun show, through an online seller or via a person-to-person "private" sale. An investigation by the firearm safety organization Mayors Against Illegal Guns found that people who bought guns from the online seller Armslist.com were nearly four times as likely to have a criminal record that would prevent them from passing a background check.

Approximately one in five guns is sold in an unregulated transaction, and 80% of all firearms acquired for criminal purposes are bought through unlicensed sellers, according to the Center for Gun Policy and Research at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

No one argues that universal background checks alone can end the epidemic of gun violence. But it can restrict the illegal gun market. In states where private sales are regulated, there is less flow of guns from legal owners to criminals.

If the Senate fails to pass H.R. 8, it will be placing the financial interests of the gun industry above the interests of everyday Americans, including gun owners, who simply want to keep their families safe. Please call your Senators at (202) 224-3121 and tell them to vote to make America safer.

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

**THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!**



## Visual Voice



## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Leave it to Democrats!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Let me say up front that I am a Democrat. I am a Black woman, and there is no other existing party in which I would rather be. Black women are the soul of the Democratic Party. We can be depended upon when most others go south in elections, but I just have to ask, "What is it about our Party that gets so weird when everything seems to be going



**Dr. E. Faye Williams**

right for us?"

Congresswoman Ilhan Omar is a talented young woman who recently came to the Congress. From the time she arrived, she has been targeted not only by our adversaries, but she's been harassed from within.

What she's being harassed about now is beyond the understanding of those of us who are the most loyal

Democrats. Calling attention to the fact that so many are more concerned about policies that benefit Israel than about policies that benefit our country. Whether or not you believe everything she says is your business, but are those thoughts worth tearing our Party apart?

I'm not afraid to say that so much of what Party members are fighting about is true. Let me give you a personal example of attacks against me over the same issue. Years ago, I ran for the U.S. Congress. I was leading my Republican opponent by at least 20 percentage points and was attacked by a gentleman who'd served on the AIPAC Board of Directors. I was targeted as one of the top 10 people to defeat. What was my sin? In law school I had two best friends who assisted me in my campaign. My Campaign Manager was Palestinian. My Policy Director was Jewish. Jewish friends supported me. Arab American friends supported me, and neither group was disturbed by anything I said about U.S. policies toward

Israel.

Just days before the election, I was contacted by the labor chief in my state and told to sign a document that in essence said I was to pledge my allegiance to Israel. When I refused a headline appeared in the paper that I was a PLO terrorist sympathizer without proof. Obviously, that was not true, but it was enough to elect a well-known racist Republican instead of me. Some of the same people in Congress today didn't say a mumbling word in my defense. I am not opposed to the resolution proposed to protect people from anti-Semitism, but what about racism, misogynists, Islamic haters, and the man in the White House who seems to hate everybody?

Certain Democrats need to grow up. When they begin to have concern for others, all of us will be there supporting a resolution about anti-Semitism.

I know there're people who will make an effort to threaten me for saying what so many people believe. Many have told me there is an unfair overkill

about Israel, while saying nothing about other evils. I know because they've told me they are too afraid of being targeted. As a writer once said, "We're all human beings and nothing human should be alien to us." Let's stop the fighting over the feelings of one group of people while ignoring the rest of us.

Let us who call ourselves leaders have a conversation about how we end all of the hate against all of us. No, I am not afraid of being targeted by anybody because I have already been through and survived that fire. Those of us who work for the benefit of all people do not deserve all of this Democratic Party bickering and hatefulness toward certain groups for speaking out against unfair policies or words about any country. We're better than that. Let's prove it.

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### Michael Cohen told a degree of truth to acknowledge Trump's corruption

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)

Can anyone tell us why President Trump's "Fix it Man" Michael Cohen decided to spill the beans on his boss after ten years of dedication? Last week was a time of truth-telling, and Cohen's testimony will uncover some of the president's dirty deeds and criminal activities.



**Roger Caldwell**

As Americans we believe in the rule of law, but the system is damaged when over 34 of the president's senior advisors and directors are charged with breaking the law. Something is fundamentally wrong with the system and many of the leaders are walking around with blinders on their eyes.

"I am ashamed that I choose to take part in concealing Mr. Trump's illicit acts, rather than listening to my own conscience. I am ashamed because

I know what Mr. Trump is. He is a Racist. He is a con man. He is a cheat," said Michael Cohen, President Trump's former personal lawyer.

The president should be an individual with the highest level of moral character, but President Trump is an international criminal and operates as an organized crime boss. Michael Cohen acknowledges throughout his entire hearing, that our president is a liar.

Even though this information has been made public, over 85% of the Republicans still trust their leader and support the majority of his policies and his ideology. Most Republicans believe that most liberal media is fake news.

There is no way the Republicans or Democrats can trust everything that comes out of Cohen's mouth, because he is starting a three-year prison term for lying to Congress, tax crimes, and campaign finance violations.

In a statement, Cohen said he agreed to testify in "furtherance of my commitment to cooperate and provide the

American people with answers. I look forward to having the privilege of being afforded a platform with which to give a full and credible account of the events which have transpired."

There is a lot to unpack with the statement from Mr. Cohen, because everyone knows he is a criminal with very little character and credibility. He worked with shady characters, and he was paid for cleaning up messes that had been created by his boss, President Donald Trump.

Many of these dirty deeds were close to being illegal and many of the clients were members of organized crime. Many of President Trump's father's associates were members of organized crime and they were introduced to President Trump when he was a young man.

The President's father was a racist, and he has been documented as going to a KKK meeting. It has been also documented that President Trump's father discriminated against Black families and

refused to rent them apartments.

If President Trump is a racist, then Cohen must be one also. If President Trump is a cheat, then Cohen must be one too. And if President Trump is a con man, then Cohen must be one too. There is no way that Cohen is a changed man, and everything he said in his public hearing is the truth. Last week, Cohen told the truth some of the time and other times he lied.

At this point in the Trump investigations, everyone is lying, and the prosecutors are making deals to find some measure of the truth. The criminal justice system is corrupt and broken and no one really knows where truth starts and ends.

Everyone is doing a lot of talking about collusion and obstruction of justice, but everything appears to be at a standstill. It is time for action, and President Trump should be impeached and brought to justice.

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## House Chair Waters leads charge to return consumer protection to CFPB

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

On March 7, the House Financial Services Committee, chaired by Congresswoman Maxine Waters marked the first time that the new Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) appeared for a hearing in this capacity. Entitled, "Putting Consumers First? A Semi-Annual Review of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau," the session is the first of two mandated by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Financial Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Twice a year, CFPB's Director must report to each chamber of Congress.

But before the hearing, other actions signaled that Director Kathy Kraninger would likely be forced to defend both the Bureau's actions and inactions that occurred at the hands of Trump political appointees.

Under Mick Mulvaney, CFPB's former Acting Director, a series of actions turned the agency's focus away from consumers, regulation and enforcement to make its policies and structure more favorable to deregulation and business.

One day before the hearing, Congresswoman Waters and other majority members of the Financial Services Committee held a news conference to announce the reintroduction of the Consumers First Act. Initially filed in 2018 by Waters, the 2019 version has the same intent: to block and reverse the Trump Administration's anti-consumer agenda. This year, Waters has the support of co-sponsoring lawmakers representing 19 states as diverse as California, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina and Virginia. Another boost – the bill is also supported by 51 consumer, civil rights, and labor advocates.

"The bill reverses the harmful structural changes Mulvaney and his deputies made to damage the agency one-by-one," said Chairwoman Waters at the news conference. "We will be asking all of the questions that our members

deem necessary to find out whether or not she is on the road to restoring much of the damage that was done by Mr. Mulvaney."

Ohio's Rep. Joyce Beatty, one of the bill's co-sponsors, took direct aim at the Bureau's changed perspective on payday lending adding, "Under Trump's CFPB director Mulvaney, the CFPB has reduced transparency and accountability, weakened enforcement...and became more interested in helping payday lenders who allegedly misled consumers and charged exorbitantly high interest rates, rather than protecting the American consumers they were sworn to serve."

Readers may recall that during Black History Month, Director Kraninger announced the Bureau's intent to suspend the August 2019 effective date of the long-awaited payday rule. After more than five years of public forums, rulemaking, research and thousands of public comments, Director Kraninger still intends to begin the rulemaking process anew.

In response, consumer, clergy, and civil rights advocates received updated information

from the Center for Responsible Lending that pinpoints state by state, how current triple-digit interest rates (APRs) continue to harm consumers across the country. Regardless of a state's population size or average incomes, the cost of borrowing payday loans remains a debt trap. Further, in states where these loans remain legal, lenders continue to squeeze billions of dollars of fees from borrowers whose annual average earnings are \$22,500.

Prepared by Charla Rios, a researcher with the Center for Responsible Lending, the updated payday map reveals that in 2019, 31 states charged 200 percent APRs or higher on payday loans. Of these, 18 states have APRs of 400 percent or more, three more – Idaho, Nevada, and Texas charge in excess of 600 percent.

The Lone Star State can rightfully claim one other distinction: its 661 percent APR is the nation's highest. That claim becomes even more curious when that figure is com-

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## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

### Forty-seven months

It's been a bad week for the cause of justice in this country. In Sacramento, District Attorney Anne Marie Shubert announced that prosecutors would not charge police officers Terrance Mercadal and Jared Robinet in the shooting death of 22-year old Stephon Clark in 2018. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra likewise announced that he would not be filing criminal charges against the young man, who was running from police when he was shot, but who was unarmed.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

And in Alexandria, Virginia, Federal Judge T.S. Ellis, a Reagan appointee to the federal court, sentenced former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort to 47 months for crimes, which included bank and tax fraud.

The judge said that he believed the recommended sentence of 19-25 years was excessive and that other than the crimes for which he had been charged, he had led a "blameless" life before being caught for his financial crimes.

Many Americans are furious; many more African Americans are not only angry but insulted as once again, police taking the life of an unarmed black person has been determined to have been justified. The officers charged will be released back onto the streets and at their hands, and the hands of other white officers, black lives will again be in jeopardy of being snuffed out.

It is perhaps propitious that both these cases were determined this week, because it allows them to be juxtaposed against each other in the conversation about how there is great disparity in the way America's justice system treats white and black people accused of crimes.

In both these cases, the accused white men were let off easy. Yes, Manafort got 47 months, but that sentence is insultingly short in light of the recommended minimum sentence. Manafort is still a wealthy man; he will go back to his life and do what he wants, probably with little concern about being caught or held accountable. The police officers accused of Stephon Clark's death still have their jobs, with benefits.

Manafort stole millions; he cheated the government, he lied - and got 47 months. Meanwhile, the history of black people includes too many stories like that of the teen who got five years for stealing a pair of sneakers. (<https://www.theroot.com/georgia-teen-with-no-prior-record-sentenced-to-5-years-1826480462>) Crystal Mason, who had served time in jail and who thought she was eligible to vote, was sentenced to five years in prison for her mistake. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/13/us/texas-woman-voter-fraud.html>) (<https://newsone.com/playlist/paul-manafort-crystal-mason-sentence/>)

The disparate sentences speaks to the truth of what Bryan Stevenson, the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) has said: "It is better for one to be rich and guilty than poor and innocent."

The travesty of the Manafort sentencing is sending shock waves throughout the nation. Manafort's crimes apparently had little to nothing to do with the accusations of collusion by the Trump administration with the Russians, but his involvement with the Russians was well-documented, as well as his defrauding of the United States government.

Meanwhile, another black family has been left in emotional shambles as they deal not only with the loss of their loved one but with the reality that in this country, there is still very little justice for black people.

Forty-seven months in prison for Manafort is an insult to the very concept of "liberty and justice for all." His sentence was far from just - unless this judge is saying that bank and tax fraud are no big deal and that it's OK to disrespect one's own government when it comes to money - but it is a big deal for a young teen to shoplift a pair of sneakers or for a young woman to vote when she believed she could.

Those who fight for justice get weary and ask "how long?" How long will it be before this white supremacist government begin to be a democracy for everyone and practice justice for everyone, as opposed to giving privilege to rich, white people who can afford to buy their freedom?

One last thing: What happens to Manafort if he resorts to his old tricks? Will he feel relaxed enough now, feel like he is under the radar, and feel like even if he gets caught again it won't be so bad? Will he walk in the arrogance of white supremacy and white privilege as he has done up to this point?

The unfortunate thing about that question is that in this country, we cannot be sure that for him and others like him there will ever be the demand from "the law," from police officers to prosecutors to judges - that he pay for his crimes.

That, as law enforcement officers and the courts continue refuse to give second chances to black people who make mistakes, or to let officers off the hook for slaughtering unarmed black people. "Forty-seven" months says a lot about the foundational beliefs of this country and about the reality that in this country, "the least of these" are still taken advantage of by those claim to love the God of all of us.

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pared to the actions of more than 40 cities that have adopted some kind of regulation on these predatory loans. In 2011, the City of Dallas led the municipal curbs with an ensuing unsuccessful legal challenge. Fortunately, the Texas Supreme Court upheld the city's restriction.

Despite these disappointing numbers, there have been recent and notable consumer victories on payday lending. Colorado and South Dakota successfully approved by voter referendum 36 percent payday rate caps. In each of these referenda, voters supported rate caps by 75 percent majorities.

"When no rate caps exist, payday lenders become more predatory as they charge even higher triple-digit interest rates that financially bury people in debt," said Rios. "The 2019 map shows just how much a real reform is needed at the state and federal levels."

Although Director Kraninger announced a plan to suspend the payday rule, changes in how the Bureau operated with regard to these lenders began under

Mulvaney. While at CFPB, he urged Congress to repeal the rule and joined a lawsuit brought by a payday lender that sought to indefinitely suspend the rule. Earlier and as a member of Congress representing South Carolina, Mulvaney opposed the idea of creating the CFPB and counted payday lenders among his top donors.

The 2017 payday rule was promulgated after five years of hearings from a variety of stakeholders and everyday citizens. There was also extensive research, and a public comment period where literally thousands of statements documented this financial exploitation wrought by payday loans.

"Eliminating this protection is plain and simple a huge gift to predatory lenders so they can keep borrowers trapped in unaffordable debt with interest rates exceeding 300 percent," concluded Diane Standaert, a CRL EVP and Director of State Policy.

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## RAINBOW COALITION

### To help Venezuela, the U.S. must use diplomacy, not a military coup

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The United States is pushing for an overthrow of the government of Venezuela. The Trump administration has denounced Nicolas Maduro as a "dictator," dismissing the 2018 election, which the opposition boycotted.

Instead of a good neighbor policy or a policy of non-intervention, the Trump administration has set out intentionally to overthrow the regime.

Long before Trump, the United States was a bitter opponent of the Hugo Chavez regime.

The fact that Chavez was wildly popular and freely elected made no difference. He represented a revolution that embraced Fidel Castro's Cuba and implemented plans to redistribute wealth and empower the poor. In 2002, when the Venezuelan military moved to overthrow Chavez, an official in the Bush administration reportedly met with the coup leaders.

The coup attempt was frustrated, however, when Venezuelans rose up in mass against the plotters. Now

with Chavez gone, the current president Nicolas Maduro unpopular, the economy a mess — in significant degree because the price of oil is near record lows — the Trump administration is apparently orchestrating another attempt. It has continued to ratchet up pressure.

It has imposed brutal sanctions on Venezuela, making a bad situation far worse, all the while blaming the government for the misery. Trump has openly threatened a "military option" for Venezuela. His bellicose national security adviser, John Bolton, boasted that "The troika of tyranny in this hemisphere — Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua — has finally met its match."

The New York Times reported that Trump administration officials met with Venezuelan military officers who were considering a coup attempt. Then, Juan Guaido, an obscure politician from a right-wing party, declared himself interim president, claiming that he had that right as head of the National Assembly. The U.S. immediately recognized Guaido, and right-wing governments across the region did the same.

Trump then named Elliott Abrams, infamous for committing perjury before Congress over the Iran-Contra fiasco, and for championing vicious military and

paramilitary repression across Central America, as special envoy for Venezuela. Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Florida) pumped up demands for intervention, growing so rabid that he tweeted a gruesome picture of the murder of Libya's Qaddafi as a prediction of Maduro's fate.

Bolton admitted that he was "in conversation with major American [oil] companies now," stating that "it would make a difference if we could have American companies produce the oil in Venezuela. We both have a lot at stake here." Now Venezuela has been hit with a power blackout, taking out electricity, phone service and internet. In Forbes Magazine, an expert details how easily this could be done by the U.S. in a cyber first-strike.

The U.S. has a long and shameful history of intervention in this hemisphere, too often aligning itself with rapacious elites and the military against the vast majority. In the '50s, the CIA overthrew a popularly elected government in Guatemala. After the Cuban revolution, the U.S. launched an invasion, terrorist attacks, economic sabotage and boycott, and assassination attempts to get rid of Castro. In 1973, the U.S. embraced the brutal Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet when he led the overthrow of the popularly elected government of

Salvador Allende.

As recent as 2009, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton endorsed the overthrow of the elected government of Honduras, a disaster that has resulted in bands of desperate Hondurans seeking refuge in this country. Now Trump and his bellicose advisers seem intent on adding another chapter to this shameful history. There is another way. Instead of starving the Venezuelans into submission, we should be engaging with them. Instead of seeking to control their oil, we should recognize their national sovereignty.

Instead of fanning coup attempts, we should be leading international negotiations to seek a diplomatic settlement that might lead to new elections. Nicolas Maduro is far from blameless, but no one nominated the United States to decide who should govern Venezuela. Fomenting regime change — by a soft coup, by economic sabotage, by fostering a military revolt — is likely to lead to more violence and more suffering. It is time for Congress to step up — to investigate exactly what the Trump administration is doing overtly and covertly, and to call for a return to diplomacy before it is too late.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

## Let's clamp down on tobacco and vaping product access for young people

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Nearly half a million people die every year from complications from smoking. About a tenth of them never put a cigarette to their lips — they die from exposure to second-hand smoke. Death from tobacco is, according to the Centers for Disease Control, the leading cause of preventable death. But too many people, enticed by advertising, think that smoking is so "cool" that they embrace it. And the tobacco industry spent more than \$9 billion on smoking advertising, or about a million dollars an hour.

For too many, cigarettes are a desperate addiction, encouraged by pernicious advertising. The addiction hits folks of color — Black and brown folks — hardest. We are more likely to be exposed to heavy advertising, more likely to become addicted, and more likely to die from complications of smoking addiction. Public policy can help ameliorate this challenge, perhaps, by further restricting who can buy tobacco and when. Because addictions start early, public policy

can help by supporting efforts underway to limit the sale of nicotine to those who are under 21.

Instead, unfortunately, some would prefer to restrict the sale of vaping products in particular to keep them out of the hands of children. Why not just further limit the sale of all tobacco products? The companies that manufacture vaping products, like the market leader Juul, are to be commended for attempting to protect young people from the deleterious effects of their products. But their recently accelerated activism is only one small step toward ensuring that young people are protected from the harmful effects of smoking, and they cannot do it alone.

Very recently, the head of the Food and Drug Administration, Scott Gottlieb, resigned for "family reasons" (don't you love it when white men suddenly discover their families when they are in hot water). At the same time, we learned that too many chains, like Walmart, Kroger and Walgreens, along with gas stations, are breaking the law by selling cigarettes and other nicotine products to young people.

But here's the deal. It doesn't make sense to regulate the sale of nicotine products, like vaping, without looking at the sale of nicotine products, like cigarettes. Children (yes,

despite their protests, I think of anyone under 21 as a child) shouldn't be purchasing alcohol or tobacco. Period. End of conversation. They aren't grown. They are susceptible to addiction. The law should protect them and penalize those who make it easy for them to access these products.

But the law does not protect. Instead, legislators selectively go after some products, while protecting others. If legislators understood the damage that nicotine and tobacco products do to people, especially young people, they'd be rushing to outlaw them. Instead, because tobacco is big business, the industry is protected. Furthermore, products that attempt to ameliorate the harmful sides of smoking, like vaping, are subjected to unreasonable scrutiny, even outlawed. To their credit, vaping companies are owning their role in possible addiction and standing for a ban on selling any nicotine products to children.

Part of this is personal for me. I've written before about my mom's smoking addiction, which has led to her developing COPD and emphysema diseases in her ninth decade. But it's more than the personal. It's about the ways that public policy can protect young people, even as they make poor choices.

Follow the money, goes the trope. Who benefits from

youngsters buying tobacco and nicotine products? Why do legislators protect them? Why would legislators crack down on vaping, but not cigarettes? Who benefits? If we follow the money, we have to monitor the lobby. Who has power in this game?

We always need to follow the money when we look at the ways that some products are offered to the market and others are restricted. We always need to follow the money when we realize that there are always beneficiaries in a society that has predatory capitalism at its roots. We don't need more children being exposed to addiction. We shouldn't outlaw vaping products without outlawing the sale of tobacco to children. I appreciate some manufacturers for joining many others in standing up against companies like Walmart, Walgreen's and the others that are making big dollars selling tobacco and nicotine products to children. It needs to stop. Now. Legislators need to step up and protect our children from this destructive addiction!

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Dr. Julianne Malveaux



## New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on the NC NAACP training workshop in Raleigh April 6, the upcoming Mind, Body & Soul Health Fair April 13, 11 am - 3 pm at the MLK, Jr. Center, and the New Hanover NAACP Centennial Celebration May 31st will be provided. Other important state and community issues will also be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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## NHCS Career and Technical Education to participate in Students@Work Month

New Hanover County Schools, Career and Technical Education department is pleased to join businesses across North Carolina and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for Students@Work? Month. This program serves a critical role in our state's work-based learning efforts as it helps middle school students become aware of potential careers and the skills needed to be successful in those careers.

The 2019 Students@Work initiative includes more than 280 employers and 46,000 students statewide. Throughout the month, students will hear from guest speakers or take part in worksite visits that will help them learn firsthand about the careers available in their local community.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is participating in the program through various extended learning opportunities throughout the month of March. Students will be able to visit employers in Wilmington and gain insight on career opportunities.

Students@Work is a joint initiative between the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE) and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and is made possible by a grant from GSK.

For more information about CTE's participation in Students@Work?, contact Shemeka Shufford, CTE Director at shemeka.shufford@nhcs.net. For more information about NCBCE, visit ncbce.org.

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Kindness is a good way to live

You cannot buy kindness with money. It's that inward feeling of an individual that is displayed on the outside. Sometimes that action can speak louder than words.

Your personality will give me the opportunity to make a final decision and it can be the right decision. This should not be a quick decision because there are qualities you may have overlooked. This could include a person's hidden justification given to you by the Almighty. Share your kind-



Verniece Stanley

ness with both non-Christians and Christians.

In today's world we need to meet and be in the presence of more kind-hearted people. Yes, we do meet different people in our religious organizations in different places and it is the demonstration of tolerance of our differences that test the Christian faith.

In many worldwide programs people are being more opened minded about accepting Christ as their only way to make it into God's Kingdom. Their hearts are in the process of changing or they have made the change with faith. Faith is a great forward movement to peace of mind.

We do not have to draw a line between the righteous and the unrighteous because

it is clear to see without a doubt. There are weak signs of kindness and there are gentle hearted people around us every day in large numbers that can easily be identified.

Fortunately the kind-hearted person will outnumber most in a variety of ways every time. Think of that long line of people standing alone and waiting for a better life to live with their families in harmony. Peace and kindness will make its way into your silent atmosphere of helping people in need of a strong powerful life to live. It is my hope that the fullness of the next day will bring one of kindness. Let those good signs of kindness be deep rooted in our hearts to last

forever.

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

## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

### SNEAK PEEP!

Greetings, this week I'm not going to be before you long.. I just want to highlight some of the upcoming articles I will be sharing over the next few weeks. I just want to give you a little "snap chat" sneak peep so you can be on the lookout. Here goes:



Brenda Dixon

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Yes, we have quite a bit to talk about and we shall. Let me invite you to also email any topics you would like

for me to cover in 2019. It's your paper I would be happy to share anything I know about it. Until next week, help others and share this one with at least 3 people. For anyone sick of throwing away thousands and ready for a Free game plan to OWN in the next 18 months or less, just reach out and it's done.

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## Sea Devils sweep the NCJAA Region X Tournament

Both men's and women's basketball Teams Head to National Tournaments

Wilmington, NC - The Cape Fear Community College Sea Devils reign supreme in the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) Region X. Both the women's and men's teams climbed their respective ladders to cut

down the net at their tournaments over the weekend. For the second consecutive year, they head to the national tournaments - Hutchinson, Kansas for the men, and Harrison, Arkansas for the women.

"What an amazing achievement," said Jim Morton, CFCC president. "Because of the extensive renovation to the Schwartz Center this year, both teams have been playing and practicing away from their home court until just last month, yet they still came out on top. I'm thrilled for all our hard-working athletes - I

can't wait to see them compete on a national level."

"Of our six recent NCJAA Region X championships, this one is the sweetest. These young men have worked so incredibly hard and I am thrilled for them to get to experience this special tournament," said Ryan Mantlo, head coach for the Sea Devil men's team.

"I couldn't be more proud of our veteran team for winning the Region X Championship. We are going back to Nationals with a lot of maturity and experience, so the expectations are high," said

Lori Drake, head coach for the Sea Devil women's team.

A send-off celebration is planned for Friday, March 15 at 11 a.m. at the Schwartz Center.

The Sea Devil men will play in Kansas Monday at 10:00 a.m. (Central) vs. Arizona Western. Cape Fear is the number 17 seed in the tournament and Arizona Western is the number 16 seed.

The Sea Devil women will play Tuesday in Arkansas - game time and opponent to be announced. For game schedules and updates, visit [www.goseadevils.com](http://www.goseadevils.com)

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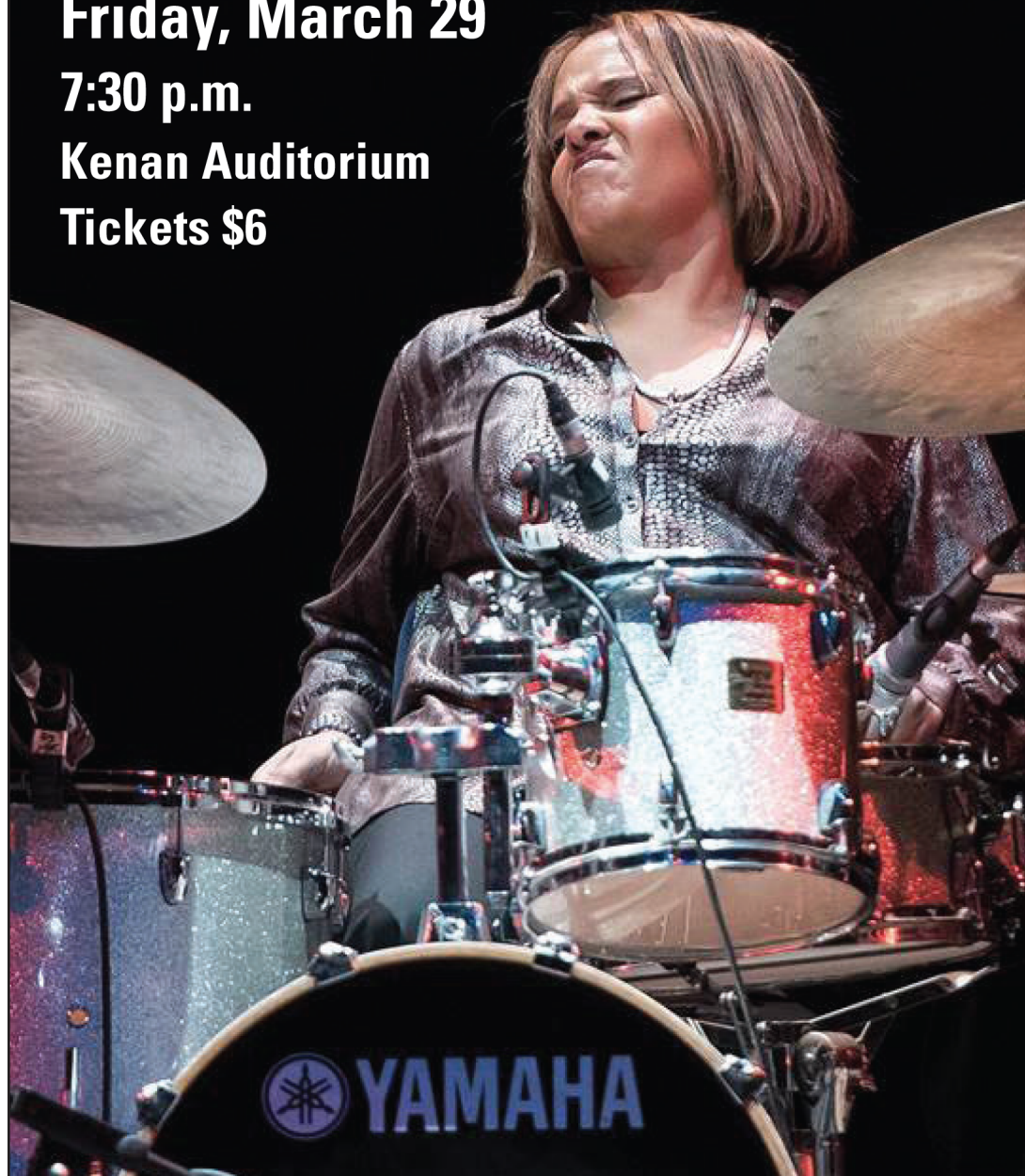
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**Benjamin Frank Mitchell**

Benjamin Frank Mitchell funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Macedonia FBH Church.

"Frank", affectionately known as Mr. Man or Mr. Frank, was born on July 28, 1924 in the Seabreeze Community in Wilmington, NC to the late Thomas and Susie Mitchell. He was preceded in death by his son Carl Mitchell; four brothers, James Allen, Lee Blanche, Louis Mitchell and Carl Mitchell; and three sisters, Alberta Futch, Elizabeth Lewis and Bernice Rogers. He was a quiet man with a big heart who loved his wife dearly, loved to watch Sanford & Son and eat fish. Brother Mitchell worked tirelessly to provide for his family. At an early age, he loved fishing, clamming and oystering with his father and brother. He later worked for Carolina Beach for 20 years and upon retiring he purchased a fish market. He worked the fish market and recruited his family to help until he decided to begin a lawn care and cleaning service. He was a faithful member of Macedonia FBH Church for many years. He loved Pastor Frazier, First Lady Frazier and his entire church family. His quiet giving spirit will be remembered and forever missed.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of 70 years, Annie Mitchell who he called "Baby Cakes"; children, Emma Wells of the city, Barbara Johnson of New York, Peggy Gordon (Maurice) of Michigan, Frank Jr. (Geraldine) of Maryland; Betty Brunson (Moses) of Virginia, and Delores Baldwin of the city; siblings, Ethel Corbett of Georgia, Anna Lewis of Ohio, Wilbert Mitchell (Earlene) and Lottie Thomas both of the city; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren; one very special goddaughter, Carolyn Bennett; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**John David McClean, Jr.**

John David McClean, Jr., funeral services were held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Willie L Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

John, the first of seven children born to the late John David McClean, Sr. and Margaret Anderson McClean was born on April 15, 1941, in Wilmington, NC. John, known as "Pop" received his education in the New Hanover County Public School System. He had a love for drawing, writing poetry and playing chess. In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his

sisters, Virginia Hines Fullwood, Viola Givens and Dorothy McKoy; and brother, Luther Aount McClean. When John took ill, his faith prevailed, and he never complained. Near the end of his journey, John turned his life over to Christ.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his wife, Joann Jones; brother, Sylvester McClean, Sr; sister, Marguerite McClean; special cousin, Herbert "Bozo" Anderson; special nieces, Veronica Spearman, Vanessa Parker and a host of relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Marie McClammy**

Marie McClammy died March 10, 2019 at Accordius Health at Wilmington. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Bush Cemetery, Rocky Point, NC. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Leroy Waddell**

Leroy Waddell died in Georgia. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**William Richard Poole**

William Richard Poole died March 11, 2019 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Charlotte E. Moore**

Mrs. Charlotte E. Moore, age 70, of Supply, passed away Monday, March 11, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia, 1705 Southport Supply Rd SE, Bolivia, NC 28422. A celebration of Mrs. Moore's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Little Macedonia Baptist Church, 246 Little Macedonia Baptist Rd. NW. Supply, NC 28462. Interment will follow in Galloway Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Janie E. Jones**

Mrs. Janie E. Jones, age 75, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, March 11, 2019. A celebration of Mrs. Jones' life will be conducted at 1:30 p.m.,

Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Gloria Sepulveda**

Gloria Maria Sepulveda, age 91, of Leland, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2019. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at St. Brendan's Catholic Church, 5101 Ocean Hwy W, Shallotte, NC 28470. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

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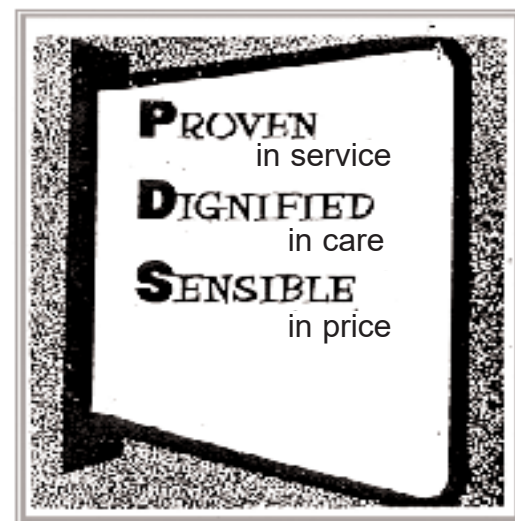
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## Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their Rev. Dr. Carozel Henry's twelve anniversary on Sunday, March 31st at 11:30 a.m. Rev. James Brown and The World Missionary Baptist Church Family of Wilmington Nc will be the special guest to render service. Dinner will be served immediately following the service.

Religious  
Briefs

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## "Move On"

Much has been said about the strong Black woman, but not so much about the man. A country woman, far from town, compared herself to a cat on the ground. The cat was injured, her hind legs were broken, but she was dragging herself home to feed her kittens.

The woman looked on with deep admiration, "If I was hurt and I had little children, could I put death aside and go home to feed them?" the reply in her heart was clear to the letter. "Anything a cat can do, I can do better."

So let's take a look at the

strong Black man. These are some mountains that he had to climb. His brother was whipped in front of a crowd. He watched on his knees til he cried out loud. His neighbor was beaten beyond recognition. When his casket was opened, Ebony took picture. Four little children were burned alive in a place that was called the house of God. That's what this man is living through but he's moving on and you can too.

Poem written by  
Ruth Johnson

## Cops in two cities not charged in shooting deaths of unarmed Black man and Black man with hands raised in surrender



STEPHON CLARK

### SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM NORTHSTARNEWS.TODAY. COM

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said yesterday that he will not charge two Sacramento, California, police officers who shot to death an unarmed black man in the backyard of his grandmother's home.

An independent investigation into the shooting death of Stephon Clark found that no criminal charges against the officers involved in the shooting can be sustained, Becerra said in a statement.

Sacramento police officers Jared Robinet and Terrence Mercadal, who is black, shot to death the 22-year-old Clark in March of 2018. The cops said they believed Clark was

armed with a gun. They were wrong. He held only a cell phone in his hand.

An independent autopsy found that Clark was shot eight times — six times in the back, once in the side and once in one arm.

Becerra announced his decision two days after Sacramento District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert said she would not charge the two cops.

During the same time period, the U.S. Justice Department said on Friday that it would not pursue civil rights charges against former Tulsa, Oklahoma, police officer Betty Joe Shelby, who shot to death Terrence Crutcher, 40, on September 16, 2016. Crutcher's car was disabled. Crutcher had his hands raised in the air to surrender when Shelby murdered him.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Senior Citizens Fellowship Group meet at First Baptist Church

BY DORIS ALSTON  
ALMOCTAR  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Prayer was led by Ms. Marie Stitt. Mr. George Hill led us in singing, "I am Thine O Lord" and "Lift Him Up." Doris Alston Almoctar shared a reading on The Power of Surrender. Mrs.

Cynthia Sparrow shared information on Carter G. Woodson. Mildred Ellerby shared her experience with racism as child while working at KMART. The minutes were read from last week's meeting. Mrs. Sparrow gave the treasurer's report. Roll call, dues and trip money was called. The Callers Report

was given. Mrs. Taylor acknowledged Ms. Haskins return to the fellowship following the loss of her daughter. Michelle Brooks presented a display from past events at various churches. Mr. Hill announced the opening of a Black owned store at 8th and Dawson Streets. Mrs. Sparrow announced the

Williston Alumni Community Choir's Spring Concert that will be held at New Beginning Christian Church. Next week's meeting will resume at the New Hanover Senior Center. Our circle was formed and we sang, "Bind us Together." The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Let the Words of My Mouth"

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight. O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

Once a word is spoken, it can never be retrieved, therefore, we should be ever so careful to watch the words that come from our mouths!

David, the great Psalmist, prayed for grace (unmerited favor) as he sought to live a life that was pleasing in the sight of the Lord. He prayed for God to give him an understanding of his errors, for he genuinely



Sylvia  
Hooper

wanted to know what it was that he was doing wrong. David was referred to as, "A man after God's own heart", because after he would sin, he would humble himself and repent (be Godly sorry) for his sins, and sincerely seek to be restored in the sight of the Lord. (Psalm 51)

David even asked to be cleansed from secret faults. He admitted that there were things in his heart, that only God could see. His earnest

and honest attitude toward God was often met with mercy, because he truly meant what he said. He truly wanted to be saved, and he truly wanted to be delivered from himself.

"Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Psalm 19:12-14

The words of our mouths as Christian Believers, should be filled with wisdom. This wisdom of words works harmoniously with wisdom of thought and mind. "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." Psalm 119:59

Ecclesiastes 5:2 says, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty (in a hurry) to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth:

therefore let thy word be few." If we were to limit ourselves to saying only the things that we know to be fact, and not what we hear from second hand smoke, our words indeed would be few!

Proverbs 18:21a says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." The words of our mouths should be carefully spoken and righteously weighed, for our speech reveals our true character. Jesus said that we will be accountable for the words we speak!

Matthew 12:36, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Through the wisdom of the Word of God, we are told repeatedly to put restraint on our tongue. "Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile." Psalm 34:13 "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." Proverbs 21:33 "Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou

art taken with the words of thy mouth." Proverbs 6:2

Prayer: Heavenly Father, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

Psalm 19:14 In Jesus'Name, Amen. Tell Somebody!

Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach

COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother!

She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

## A WORD FROM THE LORD

A Landmark Event and excerpts from Landmark Sermon:  
Published by Wallbuilders

The 13th Amendment passed on January 31, 1865, and The celebration on the floor of Congress following the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment. To commemorate that important event, the

House invited an African American minister, the Rev. Henry Highland Garnet, to preach a sermon in the House of Representatives. On February 12, 1865, Rev. Garnet preached his

sermon, becoming the first African American ever to speak in the US House Chambers. Rev. Garnet began that address with a recollection of his own experiences: What is slavery? Too well do I know what it is. I will present to you a bird's-eye view of it; and it shall be no fancy picture but one that is sketched by painful experience. I was born among the cherished institutions of slavery The first sight that met my eyes was my Christian mother enslaved.

He then reviewed the prominent leaders of both church (history) and state who strongly opposed slavery: Augustine, Constantine, Ignatius, Polycarp, Maximus, and the most illustrious lights of the ancient church denounced the sin of slaveholding. Thomas Jefferson said, at a period of his life

when his judgment was matured and his experience was ripe, "There is preparing, I hope, under the auspices of heaven, a way for total emancipation. (body soul and spirit).

"The sainted Washington said, near the close of his mortal career and when the light of eternity was beaming upon him, "It is among my first wishes to see some plan adopted by which slavery in this country shall be abolished by law. I know of but one way by which this can be done, and that is by legislative action, and so far as my vote can go, it shall not be wanting". Patrick Henry said, "We should transmit to posterity our abhorrence of slavery." So also thought the Thirty-Eighth Congress. Lafayette proclaimed these words: "Slavery is a dark spot on the face of the nation." God be praised, that stain will soon be wiped out.

Moses, the greatest of all lawgivers and legislators, said, while his face was yet radiant with the light of Sinai: Exodus 21:16, Whoso stealeth a man and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death

Rev. Garnet's sermon preached to Congress at the request of the Republicans upon passage of the 13th Amendment. The hearts of the noble band of patriotic statesmen leaped for joy, and this our national capitol shook from foundation to dome with the shouts of a ransomed people.

Rev. Garnet then called on the States to ratify the Amendment: Let the verdict

of death which has been brought in against slavery by the Thirty-Eighth Congress be affirmed and executed by the people. Let the gigantic monster perish. Yes, now, and perish forever! Let slavery die. It has had a long and fair trial. God Himself has pleaded against it. The enlightened nations of the earth have condemned it. Its death warrant is signed by God and man. Do not commute its sentence. Give it no respite, but let it be ignominiously executed".

Proverbs 14:12, (KJV) 12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. We are enslaved again through ignorant, of the immorality and extermination through abortions (abortion is anti-God and a crime against nature) that is destroying black lives by the millions which is undermining the growth of the race, the family, the community and the church (Black males killing black male unprecedented). It is now a spiritual crisis that no political party has an answer, nor the Constitution of the United States of America. The only answer that can eradicate the immoral conduct of a person, a community or nation of people is the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the vaccine through His shed blood on the cross not just black people but for the sins of the whole world. 1Corin. 12:1, (KJV) "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant". You don't haven't to stay the way you

are! John 8:32, (KJV) 32" And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free". Here is God's gift to the world (us, the black race) John 3:5-7, (ERV) 5 Jesus answered, "Believe me when I say that everyone must be born from water and the Spirit. Anyone who is not born from water and the Spirit cannot enter God's kingdom. 6 The only life people get from their human parents is physical. But the new life that the Spirit gives a person is spiritual. 7 Don't be surprised that I told you, 'You must be born again'".

True freedom can never be experience a part from being born again from above. "Matt.16:26, (KJV) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? ". Psalm 107:20, (KJV) He sent his Word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions (you). Will you now accept Jesus as Lord, This is the most-simplest decision you're ever make and yet it is the greatest decision you will ever make. It's so simple people are miss it! Your eternity with God is in it! Pray this simple prayer, Lord Jesus forgive me of my sins and I accept you now in my heart, my life as Lord and Savior. Amen. Well welcome into the Family of God.

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

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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  
Executor  
ESTATE OF E. Parker Hyman, Jr.  
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  
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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  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

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.  
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March 7,14, 21, 28, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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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, Executor  
117 Ore Ct.  
Washington, NC 27889

March 7,14, 21, 28, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Perry J. Whitman, 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 **14th 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 14th day of March, 2019

Teresa Whitman Nabours,  
Administrator  
67 Andalusian Trail  
Burgaw, NC 289425

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2019

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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  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE 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  
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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  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT  
OF JUSTICE  
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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 to 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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PO Box 696  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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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  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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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

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Abbie B. Fogle (19-E-002)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **June 12, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 6th day of March, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox  
Administrator CTA  
of the Estate of Abbie B. Fogle  
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
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March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Lillian Bellamy Boney**, 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 **14th 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 14th day of March, 2019.

Emmett Boney Haywood, Executrix of the Estate of Lillian Bellamy Boney  
3309 Old Saybrook Court  
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•Questions; E-mail to Chauntrell Burns no later than March 29th at 2:00pm to c.burns@wha.net.

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March 7, 14, 2019

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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 Administratrix 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

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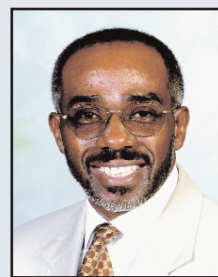
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