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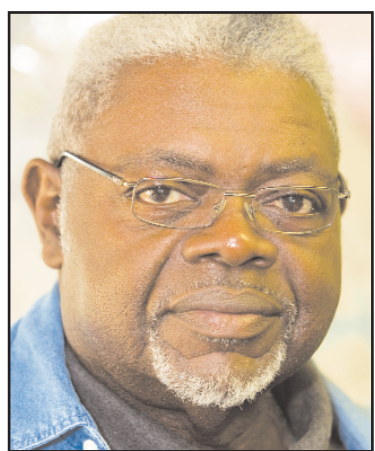
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BROKEN SCHOOL SYSTEM

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Brunswick County School System is one of the most twisted and illogical systems to which we, as citizens, have to send our children. There is a policy that doesn't make very good sense to those of us who have children in this public school system. My grandson has been bothered by school bullies most of the year, and the assistant principal knows about it. Some of the teachers know about it. He has had several "run ins" with these guys and has done all that has been asked of him as a student. He has reported the problems to the right people and has even tried to walk away

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STATE ELECTIONS BOARD SIDES WITH GOP COLUMBUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S CANDIDATE

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If incumbent Columbus County Sheriff Lewis Hatcher, a Democrat, is going to retain his seat after the State Board of Elections (SBOE) voted 4-1 on Monday to uphold last November's election victory by Republican challenger, Jody Greene, he'll have to appeal it in court.

And unless Sheriff Hatcher is, indeed, able to convince a court that the SBOE is in error, the way will be clear for the SBOE to officially certify the race in Jody Greene's favor.

Despite evidence of questionable residency and complaints of alleged ballot irregularities being considered, and ultimately dismissed, by the SBOE, Greene's unofficial 37-vote victory over Hatcher was upheld by the Democratic majority elections board.

The SBOE is Democrat majority 3-2.

Greene had been sworn in in December but then had to step aside after the case had been appealed.

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LEWIS HATCHER



JODY GREENE



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NAACP and NNPA lead protest against police brutality

BY STACY M. BROWN
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D elucca "Lucca" Rolle, the 15-year-old high school student who was punched and had his head slammed against the concrete by law enforcement officers last month, joined his attorney and several prominent civil rights activists in a peaceful demonstration in Florida to denounce police brutality.

Rolle and others chanted, "Justice will be served," as they marched toward New Mount Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale.

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"Our children's lives matter. No one seems to understand that but us," said Fulton, whose unarmed son, 17-year-old Trayvon, was shot and killed in

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New bill authorizes study of solitary confinement

BY CASH MICHAELS
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In the midst of a national push to end long-term solitary confinement in prisons and jail, especially given the large African-American population in each, a new measure in the NC House seeks to have the State Dept. of Public Safety "... study confinement of persons with mental illness."

HB 781 - the Study Confinement/Persons with Mental Illness Act, as it is titled, would become law

as soon as it is enacted. All findings and recommendations would be reported to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety "...no later than March 1, 2020," the proposed bill states.

According to a 2014 report by the Immigration/Human Rights Policy Clinic at the University of North Carolina School of Law, solitary confinement has been identified as a "...cruel, inhumane, and degrading form of punishment that is - or at the very least approximates - torture and a severe form of human rights viola-

tion *..."Prison and jail inmates are held in confined isolation from the rest of the population for 22 hours a day, for sometimes weeks, with virtually no human contact. The UNC Law report continues, "...Under North Carolina's State Constitution...the nation and State of North Carolina must not be complicit in any act that falls within this category of atrocity."

"Solitary confinement is hell," wrote a Central Prison inmate to the Weekly Independent newspaper in Durham in 2012. "I agree with the public. It is a form of torture. It is a

tiny cell about 6 feet by 8 feet. It has a steel toilet, with a sink built in the top. There is a steel bed, with an extremely thin mattress."

"We are in this cell 23 hours a day," the Central inmate continued. "We are allowed to come out for recreation five times a week for one hour. The "rec" is a cage. They just stick us in a little cage, and we can walk around. That's it. We are only allowed to take three showers a week. Only

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The Wilmington Journal is still partially operating from a remote area. Our building has much damage and some of our equipment is still inoperable. Please continue to bear with us as we work to return to normalcy.

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SPECIAL REPORT:
Mass incarceration of women and minorities a new crisis

BY STACY M. BROWN
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Although the number of people in prisons and jails in America has slightly declined, numbers released on Thursday, April 25, by the Statistics still show that nearly 1.5 million individuals were in prison by the end of 2017.

The statistics also note that the U.S. continues to lock up more people than any other nation. And, despite a narrowing disparity between incarcerated black and white women, females have emerged as the new face of mass incarceration.

"I don't think this should be much of a surprise as two of the main for-profit prison companies were founded around the same time," said Ron Stefanski, whose website prisoninsight.com, works to hold prisons accountable for the treatment of current, former and future inmates.

"When these for-profit companies were created, they found a way to generate revenue off of inmates and this led to a huge influx of prisoners, both male and female," Stefanski said.

In 2000, black women were incarcerated at six times the rate of white women, but in 2017, black women were imprisoned at less than double the rate of white women, according to the latest information.

The number of white women in prison has increased by more than 40 percent since 2000 while the number of black women incarcerated has fallen by nearly 50 percent.

The most recent report from the Prison Policy Initiative revealed that, looking at the big picture shows that a staggering number of women who are incarcerated are not even convicted with one quarter of the women behind bars having not yet gone to trial.

Sixty-percent of women under the control of local authorities have not been convicted of a crime and adding to the picture of women in local jails, aside from women under local jurisdictions, state and federal agencies pay local jails to house an additional 13,000 women, according to the Prison Policy Initiative.

For example, ICE and the U.S. Marshals, which have fewer dedicated facilities for their detainees, contract with local jails to hold roughly 5,000 women - so the number of women physically held in jails is even higher.

According to the Prison Policy Initiative, avoiding pre-trial incarceration is uniquely challenging for women.

The number of un-convicted women stuck in jail is surely not because courts are considering women, who are generally the primary caregivers of children, to be a flight risk, according to the Prison Policy Initiative report.

The far more likely answer is that incarcerated women, who have lower incomes than incarcerated men, have an even harder time affording cash bail.

When the typical bail amounts to a full year's income for women, it's no wonder that women are stuck in jail awaiting trial, the report's author said.

Even once convicted, the



PHOTO: COURTESY THE MARSHALL PROJECT/PBS
Incarcerated women, who have lower incomes than incarcerated men, have an even harder time affording cash bail.

system funnels women into jails: About a quarter of convicted incarcerated women are held in jails, compared to about 10 percent of all people incarcerated with a conviction.

Also, while stays in jail are generally shorter than in stays in prison, jails make it

harder to stay in touch with family than prisons do.

Phone calls are more expensive, up to \$1.50 per minute, and other forms of communication are more restricted - some jails don't even allow real letters, limiting mail to postcards.

This is especially troubling

given that 80 percent of women in jails are mothers, and most of them are primary caretakers of their children.

Thus children are particu-

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once or twice, but the bully took this as a sign of weakness, so he kept up the ordeal. Not much of anything happened, but, when my grandson retaliated, he was given 3 days out of school and told that the school had a No Tolerance Rule and that, if he is hit or confronted, he needs to tell an adult. How many times, however, is this to happen? When is the bully to be put in his place or stopped at his game?

I don't send my children to school to fight. They go to get an education for the life that's ahead of them, but I don't send them to be bullied by a kid that needs to be guided by a counselor or a group that will get him or her on the right track of life to be a productive person in

society. Bullying is a major problem in all schools. There has to be a set of rules that will deal with this problem besides no tolerance. That punishes both for one student's actions because the aggressor will think he has won and that every time an occurrence happens, he can get away with his bullying. There is also "No child left behind," which, used right, would improve the lives of school children. Then again, if not used properly, it can have a child go through school without a good education.

Brunswick County, your children are at risk! Your school system is broken! It's time to get it back on track! Election time is coming! It's time to vote again!

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



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STATE BRIEFS



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TRIAL AGAINST WAKE DEPUTY IN ABUSE CASE BEGINS
 [RALEIGH] The trial of a Wake County deputy, accused

of using his K-9 dog to viciously attack an unarmed black man in April 2018 while he was being beaten by state troopers, began this week. Deputy Cameron Broadwell has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious bodily injury and willfully failing to discharge duties. The victim, Kyron Hinton, who suffered serious lacerations and other injuries, has since died of a drug over-

dose one day after collecting an \$83,000 settlement in the case. Broadwell has defended his actions, saying that he was trying to protect the public, and his fellow officers, from Hinton.
DURHAM CITY COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTION HONORING MALCOLM X
 [DURHAM] After some controversy and lots of discussion, the Durham City

Council, Monday evening, passed a resolution paying tribute to Black Nation of Islam leader Malcolm X. The resolution was controversial because white members of the council did not want to support a measure that also seemed to promote the NOI - which many whites consider a hate group. After much discussion, the Malcolm X resolution was passed at midnight.

IS THE STATE LEGISLATURE WAITING FOR THE US SUPREME COURT ON GERRYMANDERING?
 [RALEIGH] Observers say it could be at least two months before the U.S. Supreme Court makes its decision on North Carolina's political gerrymandering case. The case, along with a similar one in Maryland, is critical because a ruling would define the

right of states to draw voting districts that overwhelmingly favor political parties, which is currently legal. Opponents say that doing so, however, denies voters of the other party their constitutional rights because they're drawn into voting districts that will not allow them to choose different leadership. Legislation in the NC General Assembly is pending the U.S. High Court's decision.

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Several weeks ago, the Democrat-led Columbus County Elections Board came to the exact opposite decision of the SBOE, based on doubts that Greene had permanently lived in an RV on his farm property near the town of Cerro Gordo a year before the November 2018 election, as required by law.

Opponents alleged that Greene had homes outside of Columbus County that actually served as permanent residences. Members of the Columbus BOE visited Greene's RV and inspected it. The majority of the board determined that, given the length of time Jody Greene claimed to have lived at the site with his wife, the couple did not live there permanently. The Columbus Elections

Board turned its findings over to the SBOE for final review, which it did on Monday. The State Board disagreed, saying that the Columbus BOE "put too much weight" on the RV issue. And neither did the fact that Greene used the services of controversial election "consultant" McCrae Dowless, who stands indicted for allegedly mishandling Bladen County absentee ballots in the Ninth Congressional District race, where Republican Mark Harris won, but whose victory was thrown out after evidence of the ballot tampering had been discovered. However, investigators for the SBOE testified Monday that, despite Dowless' dubious activity in Bladen County, they found no evidence that he did anything questionable in Columbus County.

There were also allegations of illegal mishandling of absentee ballots at a local nursing home. That case is still under investigation. And even though there were charges of serious problems at the Columbus County Elections Office with claims of ballot shortages and people being unable to vote as a result (the elections director confirmed those claims, also alleging that there were ballots "brought

in through the back door"), the SBOE still voted 3-2 (with the SBOE Democratic chairman voting with the board's two Republicans) to dismiss the claims. Attorneys for the complainants argued for a new election to be granted but lost. At press time, there was no word regarding whether, or when, Sheriff Hatcher would file an appeal in court to the SBOE decisions.

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community leaders in the African-American and Latino communities the lifesaving importance of blood donations and to encourage more churches and organizations to host blood drives to meet the

growing needs of our communities," Velva Jenkins said. She is a board member of the Cape Fear Area American Red Cross. The former Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development for Brunswick Community College has a new mission that aids local Red Cross offi-

cials in getting necessary health-related information to special populations. "Velva chairs our diversity committee," said James Jarvis, Cape Fear Area Executive Director of the American Red Cross. "We value her influences in community outreach, and getting volunteers and commu-

nity contacts." "She is incredibly well respected and her leadership skills brings our organization credibility," he said. According to Red Cross medical officials research and statistics, there are more than 600 known antigens besides A and B blood types. Rare blood types, and chronic conditions,

including sickle cell disease require closely matched blood types. Some patients face a lifetime of blood transfusions. One of the guest speakers, Judge Fred Gore has a child that was recently diagnosed with sickle cell disease. Another special guest speaker, Judge Ola Lewis is a liver

cancer survivor. Jenkins and Red Cross officials are asking area citizens to determine who will represent your church or faith-based organization at this important Blood Diversity Summit. For more information you may contact your American Red Cross Center.

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three! And we can only take 5 minutes. If we are lucky, we get 10 minutes."

It was two years after that UNC Law report that North Carolina prison officials announced the end of isolating inmates 17 years old and younger in what is known as

"restrictive housing" by Sept. 1, 2016. That January, Pres. Barack Obama ordered the practice ended for young offenders in federal prisons because of the proven likelihood of "lasting, psychological consequences."

Furthermore, almost a year before that, in 2015, at the urging of the ACLU, North Carolina was investigated by the U. S. Justice Dept. for put-

ting mentally ill inmates in solitary confinement. In January of this year, Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry McFadden, who won office last November, formally ended the practice of housing 16 and 17 year old suspects in solitary confinement, saying that it "...stripped teens of their dignity." According to a 2016 report by the nonprofit Sentencing

Project, "Among 40 jurisdictions providing data, Black women constituted 24% of the total incarcerated population, but comprised 41% of the female restricted housing population (across the nation)." Under HB 781, the study group will be tasked to examine: ** under what conditions inmates with mental illness

shall be housed in restrictive housing **the number of incarcerated individuals with a diagnosed mental illness **information on the types of confinement used for inmates diagnosed with mental illness **the average length of stay in restrictive housing for inmates with mental illness **types of mental health

treatment provided to inmates with mental illness **use of Therapeutic Diversion Units **the Safe Alternatives to Segregation initiative conducted by VERA Institute of Justice **ways to attract and retain qualified staff for all prison positions, including correctional officers and behavioral health specialists

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larly susceptible to the domino effect of burdens placed on incarcerated women, the report's author said.

Black and American Indian women are markedly overrepresented in prisons and jails, according to the report.

Incarcerated women are 53 percent White, 29 percent Black, 14 percent Hispanic, 2.5 percent American Indian and

Alaskan Native, 0.9 percent Asian, and 0.4 percent Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander. "While we are a long way away from having data on intersectional impacts of sexuality and race or ethnicity on women's likelihood of incarceration, it is clear that Black and lesbian or bisexual women are disproportionately subject to incarceration," Prison Policy Initiative Author Aleks Kajstura said. Three out of four women under control of any U.S. cor-

rectional system are on probation, according to Kajstura. Probation is often billed as an alternative to incarceration, but instead it is frequently set with unrealistic conditions that undermine its goal of keeping people from being locked up, she wrote for the Prison Policy Initiative. For example, probation often comes with steep fees, which, like bail, women are in the worst position to afford. Failing to pay these probation fees is often a violation of

probation. Childcare duties further complicate probation requirements that often include meetings with probation officers, especially for women with no extra money to spend on babysitters or reliable transportation across town. "All of these issues make women particularly vulnerable to being incarcerated not because they commit crimes, but because they run afoul of one of the burdensome obligations of their probation super-

vision," Kajstura said. Still, she noted in the report that the picture of women's incarceration is far from complete, and many questions remain about mass incarceration's unique impact on women. "Based on our analysis in this report, we know that a quarter of incarcerated women are un-convicted," she wrote in the report. Kajstura continued: "But is that number growing? And how do the harms of

that unnecessary incarceration intersect with women's disproportionate caregiving to impact families? "Beyond these big picture questions, there are a plethora of detailed data points that are not reported for women by any government agencies, such as the simple number of women incarcerated in U.S. Territories or involuntarily committed to state psychiatric hospitals because of justice system involvement."

PROTEST

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Miami Gardens in 2012 by neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman simply because he "looked suspicious" and was wearing a hoodie.

"So, we have to fight for our children," Fulton said.

The NNPA was "pleased to join in with the NAACP, Black Clergy, and Florida elected officials to protest the racially-motivated and vicious police assault on Delucca Rolle in Fort Lauderdale," said Chavis, a longtime civil rights activist and member of the famed Wilmington Ten, a group who were wrongly arrested and convicted in 1971 of various charges.

After serving nearly a decade in prison, Chavis and the group were exonerated and ultimately pardoned. "We demand the immediate arrest and prosecution of Broward County Officers Christopher Krickovich and Greg LaCerra," Chavis said. Last month, Rolle, an African American, was pepper-sprayed, punched and had his head slammed against concrete by Broward County Sheriff's deputies Krickovich and Sgt. LaCerra, who are white. Rolle suffered a fractured nose in the incident which occurred after the teen attempted to recover a cell phone of another teen after a fight. The incident was caught on video and sparked a firestorm after it was shared

on social media. Sheriff Greg Tony suspended the two officers, but many, including some local elected officials, said they should face criminal prosecution. "We will not stop until those officers are fired and charged," Broward/Fort Lauderdale NAACP president Marsha Ellison said. "We will remember the choices [Tony] makes when it comes to justice for Lucca," Ellison said of the sheriff who, like the local District Attorney, is up for re-election in 2020. Henry, whose Westside Gazette newspaper has continued to be a strong voice for the African American community throughout Broward County, said attending the march and

calling for justice for Rolle is important. "To have an iconic Black History freedom fighter in Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., to join us in this march was like a step into time when black people felt important, stood up for each other and weren't going to let anyone turn us around," Henry said. "Say it loud, I'm Black and I'm proud, was a shot to the bodies that vibrated to the core as everyone Black, white, brown, young and older, male and female, were in unison in reaffirming our pledge to continue our fight for justice against police brutality," he said. Henry continued: "We will march from the streets right into the court houses. This was a wake-up call and it ain't over yet."

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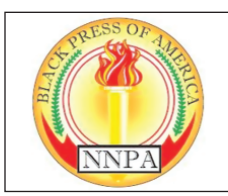
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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

Our democracy is on the line, Congress must act now

(Via NNPAnewswire.com)

While the debate whether President Trump obstructed justice should be over with the release of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report, unfortunately, it is not. In fact, it has just begun as Congress prepares to conduct exhaustive examinations into these breathtaking revelations.

Given the overwhelming evidence to the contrary, Attorney General Barr's attempt to exonerate Trump is simply stunning. It is crystal clear that Trump interfered with the Mueller investigation. Even the redacted report contains a multitude of actions in which Trump obstructed justice in one of the most consequential investigations ever conducted regarding the state of our democracy.



Derrick Johnson

We warned the nation about Attorney General Barr when we opposed his confirmation to the position. We told the Senate that William Barr "can never overcome the public perception that he endorsed Trump's efforts to hold himself above the law. William Barr simply cannot serve as the independent leader our country needs at this critical time." We were correct.

Barr's lack of independence and Trump's obstruction raises critical questions about the rule of law. But this is also about the integrity and security of our democracy. Just as important in the Mueller report was the astounding disclosure that our country was subjected to a full-scale attack on our democratic process.

Astonishingly, the Mueller report concluded that Russia "interfered in the 2016 presidential election in sweeping and systemic fashion." Russia intended to benefit and did in fact benefit Trump. We also know that the Trump campaign knew about Russia's assistance and welcomed it with open arms. Russia helped Trump win the presidency by manipulating voters, fomenting racial division, and targeting the African-American community to suppress voter turnout.

Back in December 2018, we led a boycott of Facebook. We called upon Congress to conduct further investigations into Facebook after a report released for the Senate Intelligence Committee revealed that the Russian influence campaign "made an extraordinary effort to target African-Americans" using an array of tactics to suppress turnout among Democratic voters.

Now, with the results of Robert Mueller's report, the outrage should be palpable. Congress must fully investigate, take all appropriate action, and ensure the integrity and security of our democracy. This must be done with the urgency it requires. The 2020 election has already begun. Candidates are making pitches. Voting machines are being purchased. Yet our democracy is not safe from the external forces that want to cause us harm.

Congress begins their examination and investigation without a full record, and completion of that record must be a top priority.

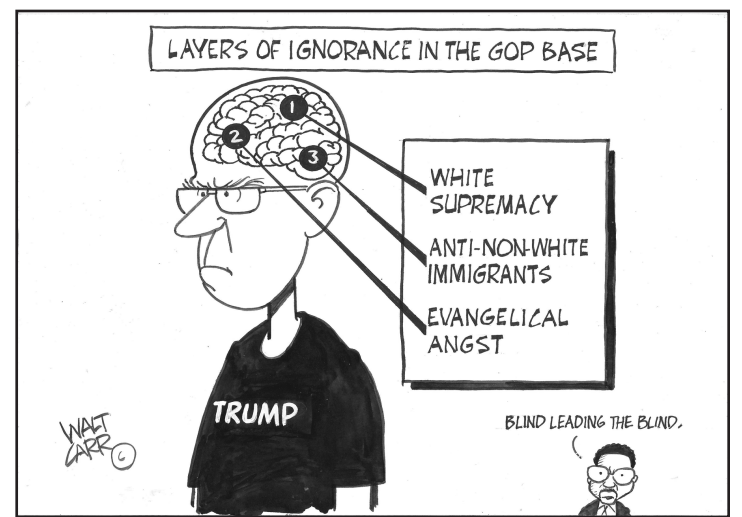
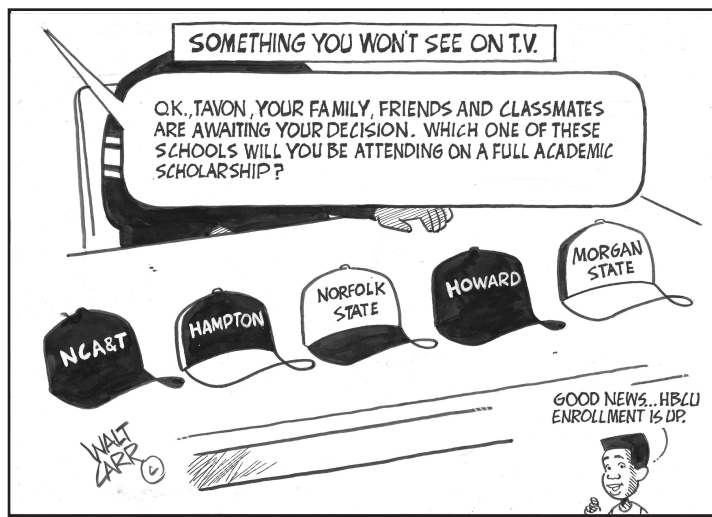
The redacted report released by Attorney General William Barr falls woefully short of what is owed to Congress and to the American people. It shows that the Trump administration is intent on hiding facts and covering its tracks. Mr. Barr should immediately release the complete Mueller report in unredacted, unedited, and unvarnished form. The American public deserves the truth.

We are also troubled by Special Counsel Mueller's decision not to press for a subpoena or interview of Trump. Trump has caused infinite damage to the office of the presidency by impeding justice and subverting the rule of law. He should be called to answer and held accountable for his actions to harm our democracy.

Our democracy is in a holding pattern. We need answers and we need them fast. The Trump administration has already harmed our civil rights in devastating ways, and it will take us years to recover. But we cannot, and must not, allow the foundations of our democracy to be undermined, knowing full well of the threat. This is our democracy, and we must act to protect it.

Derrick Johnson is the NAACP President and CEO

Visual Voice



MATTERS OF OPINION

Imagine a nation of equality and justice for all!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Those of us of the darker hue in the USA have never known what a nation of justice for all looks like. That doesn't stop us from seeing the difference in how others are treated and how different it is for us as others enjoy unearned protections.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Like many Americans, I watched the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing with Atty. General William Barr on May 1st. If we even imagined the attorney general was there to represent the American people, we were so wrong. He personally took on the responsibility of representing our known corrupt president. As if that were not enough, Sen. Lindsey Graham took on the role of Mr. Barr's protector-in-chief.

To put this craziness of Mr.

Graham in perspective, he spoke the truth in 2016 about Mr. Trump when he was running for office. Mr. Graham is the same person who was bashing the man then running for president. He said horrible but true things about Trump. Now, Graham is trying to protect Trump and Barr from having to live within the laws of our land. Graham is the same person who said the following, "I'm not going to try to get into the mind of Donald Trump because I don't think there's a whole lot of space there. I think he's a kook. I think he's crazy. I think he's unfit for office." I wonder what changed since Trump has been in the White House.

I know President Barack Obama set such high standard for honesty, integrity and respect for the American people that it's extremely hard to live up to who Mr. Obama was, and still is. Barr, Graham and Trump together with all the privileges they have enjoyed as a result of just being white can't even come close to the way President Obama represented and inspired our coun-

try and people around the world.

Graham is floor showing that he's had enough, but fortunately he doesn't have the last word about what happens with the Mueller Report or what happens with our corrupt president who has obviously corrupted the attorney general. I believe judgment day will come for them. The majority of the people surely don't want their children to grow up thinking laws don't apply to them. A policy about not being able to indict a sitting president is ludicrous. Everybody who commits such immoral acts as this president should have long been kicked out of office. Nobody should want their son or daughter to be like him!

Dick Gregory warned us about this chaos we would experience under Trump. A lot of people probably didn't believe him. Even I was a bit reluctant for a while because I couldn't see how somebody like Trump could possibly be elected—and I don't believe he actually was elected. Everything points to serious cheating. He got into the White

House to disrupt our democracy with the help of a lot of crooks. I continue to hear that nothing has happened to prevent the same thing from happening again. With the use of the term diversity, some of us were lulled into thinking we were approaching equality and justice for all, at least moving in the right direction—but we have been fooled again. When Trump is finally out of the White House, instead of moving forward as we should, we'll have to go back and recoup some of the rights we thought had been secured.

Barr didn't read the underlying evidence before he concluded that Trump was cleared in the Mueller Report! I'm fairly confident that everybody on the Mueller Team isn't crazy and isn't a crook trying to hide something. It's obvious who the real crooks are!

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TO BE EQUAL

Judge Damon Keith: The nation mourns a peerless champion of justice

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"By denying the most vulnerable the right to vote, the Majority shuts minorities out of our political process. Rather than honor the men and women whose murdered lives opened the doors of our democracy and secured our right to vote, the Majority has abandoned this court's standard of review in order to conceal the votes of the most defenseless behind the dangerous veneers of factual findings lacking support and legal standards lacking precedent. I am deeply saddened and distraught by the court's deliberate decision to reverse the progress of history. I dissent." - Judge Damon J. Keith, dissenting in the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals decision on *Northeast Ohio Coalition, et al. v. Husted, et al.*

As the National Urban League prepares to release the 2019 State of Black America - focused for the first time on the state of the Black vote - we mourn one of the greatest champions of voting rights in American history: Judge Damon J. Keith.

Keith, the grandson of former slaves, was Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and a former Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. He died this week at the age of 96.

His extraordinary career

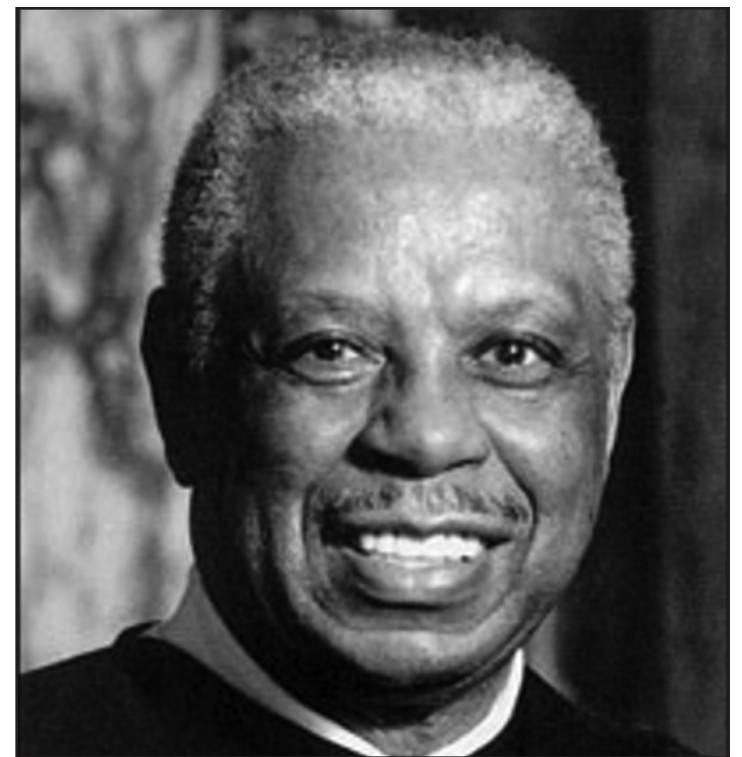
included the desegregation of a public schools in Pontiac, Michigan, establishing affirmative action in police departments, and halting President Richard Nixon's illegal wiretap program.

Following his desegregation order, Judge Keith received death threats and 10 Pontiac school buses were firebombed by Ku Klux Klansmen.

His dissent in *NEOCH v. Husted*, which upheld, Ohio's draconian voting restrictions on early in-person and absentee voting, included a photo gallery of voting rights martyrs.

"I wanted to dramatize the racist attitude of the majority," he told a reporter shortly after the decision. "Look at those pictures. These are men and women who died for the right to vote. I was really so hurt by the decision of the majority of the court. My grandparents lived in Georgia, and they were not allowed to vote because of racism. I thought about them."

Judge Keith was born in Detroit, the son parents who were part of the Great Migration from Georgia. His father worked for \$5 a day in a Ford Motor plant. He served in the segregated U.S. Army during World War II, working mainly at kitchen duties, and was discharged as a sergeant.



JUDGE DAMON KEITH

While studying the law, he worked as a janitor at a newspaper, where a white reporter told him "keep mopping," rather than strive for a legal career.

He earned his law degree at Howard University, where future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall was a mentor.

"He used to tell us to remember those four words engraved on the Supreme Court: Equal justice under law," Judge Keith said of Justice Marshall. "He'd say, 'The white man wrote those letters on the Supreme Court. Now use those words to make to make equal justice

under law a reality' Thurgood also used to tell us: 'Use the law as a means of social change.' I tried to do that throughout my judicial career."

We in the National Urban League join his family and friends in mourning his passing. His landmark decisions reflect the highest ideals of the equitable, honorable nation we strive to be. His life and work stand as an example of dignity, integrity and determination. As a civil rights organization, we strive to uphold his legacy.

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



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THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

How strong is our economy?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The April unemployment rate, at 3.6 percent, is at its lowest rate since December 1969. Payroll employment increased by more than 250,000, outperforming expectations and reversing the disappointing job creation numbers of last month. First quarter growth was reported at 3.2 percent, a robust figure that exceeds estimates, earlier this year, that growth would be slower. This perhaps gives the man who lives in the House that Enslaved People Built something to crow about since he so enjoys crowing.

But many economists are waiting for the other shoe to drop, having workshops and forums about the coming recession. And as positive as the numbers seem, there are always gaps and inequities reflected in the fine print. Take the unemployment rate. It declined overall, and for adult men and women, Whites, Asians and Hispanics. At the same time, the unemployment rates for African-Americans and teenagers were unchanged. The Black unemployment rate, at 6.7 percent, is more than twice the white rate of 3.1 percent. This ratio of 2.16 percent is higher than the

usual 2:1 unemployment rate, widening inequality.

Should African-Americans really celebrate a strong labor market when so many are sidelined from it? Despite claims of economic improvement and an improvement in some of the indicators, the fact that others remain stagnant is telling. For example, 1.2 million people have been out of work for more than half a year. They represent one in five of the unemployed.

The number may seem small, but the persistence of unemployment for some individuals should be troubling for those who make public policy. The number of people who are considered "marginally attached" to the labor force, which means that they'd work if they could find work, but they've ceased to look, is the same as it was this time last year.

These marginally attached workers include discouraged workers, and there are nearly half a million of them, again the same as last year. With these numbers being at the same level as they were a year ago, there is an indication that the 3.6 percent unemployment rate that is being hailed as so historic is a false indicator of progress.

While employers are clearly hiring, they aren't hiring enough people to make those at the bottom confident enough to look for work! The labor force participation rate is also falling, again suggesting that our "strong economy" is not pulling enough more people

into the labor market.

Instead, some are leaving! Why? Even though wages grew at 3.2 percent last month, which is more than they increased last year, they have not yet reached the 3.5 percent level that the Federal Reserve Bank would consider healthy. Thus, the Fed indicated that they change the interest rate, although 45 has pushed for a full percentage point drop in the interest. I'm not sure what part of the Fed's independence he fails to understand!

The Fed's decision to hold interest rates constant is partly a result of weaknesses in the first quarter growth report. It's always good news when the growth rate is more than 3 percent, but consumer spending is down for the third straight quarter. While the words "government shutdown" have not been uttered recently, the 2018-2019 35-day shutdown clearly had some impact on consumer spending.

Many expected that purchases deferred in January and February might be realized in March, but too many consumers who are still recovering from the shutdown and many, who are not government employees but contractors, who lost roughly 12 percent of their annual income. They won't be doing much discretionary spending this year! How strong is our economy? It is undoubtedly stronger than it was a year ago, but it's not as strong as some claim that it is. Labor market weaknesses and inequality are of particular concern to African Americans.

Companies are hiring, but they aren't hiring enough African Americans to close the unemployment rate gap. There is legislation that might improve the economic status of African Americans. HR 7, the Paycheck Fairness Act, would provide remedies to close the gender pay gap. Congressional Black Caucus member Bobby Scott (D-VA) introduced the Raise the Wage Act, HR 582.

It would provide increases in the federal minimum wage to \$15.00 by 2024. According to the Economic Policy Institute, the legislation would give African American workers a 38 percent pay increase (compared to 23 percent for white workers). And when workers earn more, they can spend more, strengthening economic growth. Whenever you hear the words "strong economy," think of the folks at the bottom.

While the top one percent are certainly benefitting from growth and expansion, those at the bottom haven't yet benefited. Indeed, some have yet to recover from the Great Recession. Why aren't the needs of those on the bottom, those who are poor (the data says 40 million people, but Rev. William Barber says it's more like 140 million) significant enough to address?

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES The danger to Black kids just made a monumental jump

The Florida legislature just passed a bill that will make it legal for teachers in that state to carry guns. The Republican-led House passed the measure by a 65-47 margin, and Gov. Ron DeSantis is expected to pass it into law. (<http://time.com/5581325/florida-bill-armed-teachers-guardian/>)

GOP lawmakers are touting the now-familiar line that teachers who carry guns will be the "good guys" with guns who be equipped to stop the "bad guys" with guns. Under the law, teachers will not be required to carry guns, but those who wish to, will be able to legally do so. They will undergo training, as well as psychiatric and drug screening.

If that's supposed to make this OK, it doesn't.

With the spirit of racial hatred bubbling in this nation, the last thing angry white people need is a legal reason to use a gun against a black child. One of the reasons that the Black Lives Matter movement came into being is because of the preponderance of black people being shot by white people who have stated they were "in fear for their lives." From George Zimmerman, who shot Trayvon Martin after he followed and harassed the young man who was minding his own business in a gated community, to the shooting death of Michael Brown by St. Louis Police Officer Darren Wilson, to North Charleston Police Officer Michael Slager, who shot and killed Walter Scott even as Scott was running away from him, black people have been shot and killed in alarming numbers.

The issue of fear of black people is real; white people, especially those with limited contact with African Americans, believe, or say they believe, that black people are inherently dangerous. In the current political climate, white fear is being stoked and manipulated by the president, causing many in the African American community to be constantly in fear of their lives. In the United States, African Americans have historically been portrayed as being inhuman and brutal, thereby justifying white violence against them and even for asking them to leave public spaces. (<https://www.npr.org/2018/05/27/614730785/on-white-fear-being-weaponized-and-how-to-respond>) (<https://qz.com/1288067/us-history-explains-that-white-fear-of-black-people-is-just-another-tool-to-enforce-racial-segregation/>)

The bar for lethal force being "justified" is so low that African Americans walk in continual and ongoing danger. The killing of blacks is, frankly, not a problem for too many white people. The prevailing thought seems to be that if a black is shot and killed by a white person - police officer or otherwise - then that shooting was probably justified because the victim was probably doing something wrong.


Teachers in schools have had to deal with precocious children for as long as there have been schools and children. Children come to school carrying a plethora of issues that may and probably do affect their behavior, especially poor children in urban areas. Some live in cars or hotel rooms; some have parents who are on drugs, some are suffering from physical conditions that they cannot get fixed because their parents do not have health care. Children come to school wanting to learn, wanting to be loved and affirmed - even black children - but when they come with so much baggage, their behavior may be the only way they can cope with their troubled lives. Some children have mental illness that has not been diagnosed; some cannot hear; some need glasses and some are hungry. White teachers, however, who teach them are quick to label them as "bad" and react to their reactions with discipline that far outweighs the behavior, too often without question or regard for what the child is going through.

There is a fair amount of resentment of white teachers who are "assigned" to teach in urban schools, and there is very little tolerance in general for African American students who dare stand up for themselves. Too many teachers with guns will find a reason to use those guns against children whom they resent and dislike.

This law is ominous for black children. It is yet another way this country lives in its legacy of white supremacy.

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TO THE EDITOR,
TODAY!

REALITY CHECK

A farewell to Earl Grant, A Pan-African warrior

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Earl Grant, 89, a courageous and committed Pan-African warrior, died of what his doctors labeled heart failure on April 7, 2019 in Los Angeles. Those of us who knew Earl know that his heart didn't fail; it just closed down after enabling him, for many years, to make a productive and valuable contribution to the ongoing battle against white supremacy/racism. Earl, a brilliant mathematician, jokingly described himself as a "descendant of a long line of distinguished cotton pickers. His family had been one of those who fled the overt terrorism of East Texas to the more covert of the same in California.

He moved on to become one of the most important aides and supporters of Brother Malcolm X, another great Pan-African warrior. Their close friendship and collaboration in the battle against white supremacy/racism in North America (aka USA) and race-driven colonialism in Africa is clearly reflected in the following excerpts from a letter Brother Malcolm wrote to Earl in October 1964 while in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"My Dear Brother," wrote Brother Malcolm, "Your letter was awaiting me upon my return to Addis two days ago. And I was very pleased to hear from you, especially to learn that you are expecting an addition to your family. This is a blessing and proves that what we oft-times are told by others is impossible is actually made very easy as long as we don't become discouraged and give up. No one knows what can or cannot be accomplished until all efforts towards that end has been expended...I pray Allah will bless you and your wife with a very healthy child that may bring you much deserved happiness. It hurt me to think that you feel you have outlived your usefulness to me. Usefulness is not the yardstick I use to measure what I feel has always been a warm personal friendship between us. Ours has never been a minister to Muslim relationship. It has always

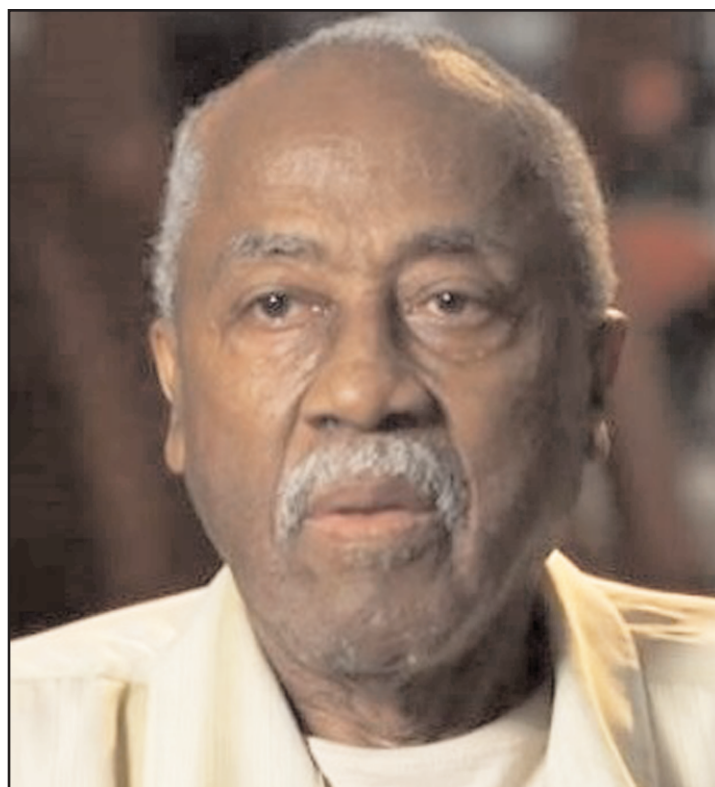
been brother-to-brother and on that basis you have confided many of your personal feelings and problems to me and, in turn, I have done likewise to you. As for my part that warm brotherly relationship has never faded."

Later in the letter Brother Malcolm wrote that Earl "should be the happiness of those whom I left behind because you have the most mature outlook over things, especially in the international context. Everything that I came here to do has been done with maximum success...we are now more firmly fitted into and supported by world forces more than we could imagine previously. And I had to remain here this long to rightly lay the foundation. It has been a great personal sacrifice for my family because I left them at a time when they actually needed me the most. But the potential gain has been worth the risks. You and many others have also made great sacrifices but I believe no one will regret it in the long run."

Earl's equally deep feelings about their friendship is reflected by excerpts from his essay, "The Last Days of Malcolm X," in the book Malcolm X: The Man and His Times. That's a book conceived and formatted by Earl and myself as a response to what we considered efforts by other forces to gain control of Brother Malcolm's legacy. When we were totally rejected by several publishers we met with Dr. John Henrik Clarke who liked the project. With him onboard we finally got a publisher.

In his contribution, which is required reading for anyone dealing with Brother Malcolm's life and legacy, Earl included the following about a visit to his home by Brother Malcolm. "...coming to my home was the one black man in the United States who was able to understand, define and identify with the problems of black Americans in the twentieth century..."

He also wrote that "Brother Malcolm called a business meeting for Saturday night, February 20, 1965 at a sister's house. There were about a dozen of us present. Malcolm was very tired and restless but he said it was important that the meeting be held. He said he wanted a complete reorganization of the OAAU to be made. It had not been operating to his satisfaction. Also



EARL GRANT

he wanted women to be given a more clearly defined role in the OAAU."

I was not at that meeting but I do remember Brother Malcolm saying to those of us backstage on February 21, 1965 that right after a trip to Mississippi that week at the invitation of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), he was going to spend six months building up the Organization of African American Unity (OAAU).

Earl's reaction to the assassination of Brother Malcolm on February 21, 1965 is clearly revealed in the following quotes from his essay "...As I stood by his coffin, I looked upon the face that I had loved so much. The tears were streaming down my face as I said 'As Salaam Alaikum' to him for the last time. I thanked him for allowing one, so unworthy as I, to share his life with him. I asked for forgiveness for my being unable to have done more for him."

Through the past 54 years Earl attended and or participated in celebrations on May 19, Brother Malcolm's birth date and commemorations on February 21, the day he was assassinated by Negroes who willingly collaborated with proponents of white supremacy/racism. Besides conceiving and formatting the book, Malcolm X: The Man and His Times, in 2006 Earl and I, along with former OAAU secretary Sara Mitchell, pulled together a reunion of former OAAU members. Eighteen

Brothers and Sisters and their families experienced a powerful and memorable reunion.

In 2009, I amtraked to Los Angeles and spent five days with Earl discussing ways to sustain and advance Brother Malcolm's critically important legacy. Tehuti Hughes, who basically looked after Earl during the last years of his life, interviewed us for nearly three hours. The last time I spoke with Earl was a few days before his death. I told him about a book I was doing that will focus on Brother Malcolm's international agenda. Earl couldn't speak but Tehuti said he was responding with body movement as I spoke. Earl and I will be listed as co-authors of the book since he has provided me with critical information and insight. Earl ended his "Last Days" essay with the following quote describing how he felt after the burial of Brother Malcolm. "I returned home and fell into a deep sleep. It was the first real rest I had been able to get in months. There was no longer any reason to jump when the phone rang or to sleep with a loaded gun. The best year of my life was at an end. But, I along with all of the brothers and sisters, would live it again, Allah willing."

Rest in peace, our warrior Brother.

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

New Hanover County

Narconon New Life Retreat would like to remind families to stay educated on the signs and dangers of drug abuse. Methamphetamines and opioids are on the rise in both rural and city areas. Learn the signs and protect your loved ones from drug abuse and addiction. The amount of deaths caused by Methamphetamines has almost tripled since 2014. To learn more, visit: <https://www.narcononnewlifere-treat.org/blog/the-other-drug-epidemic.html>. Narconon provides free drug education materials covering a wide range of topics. Please call today for your free drug education materials at: 1 (800) 431-1754.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, May 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. The New Hanover NAACP branch proudly turns 100 years old in May and information on their Centennial Celebration May 31st, 7:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Convention Center, 515 Nutt Street, 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.

Pender County

Pender County Training School/South Pender High will hold "A Community Fun in the Sun Day" on Saturday, May 25th at 11:00 a.m. at the Museum Center Alumni Building, 1814 Shaw Hwy., Rocky Point, NC.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Medicare and Mother's Day

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND
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On a warm and clear day we the Senior Citizen Fellowship met once again. Our meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Mrs. Margie Robinson lead us in our devotion. We opened by singing, "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was given by Mrs. Marie Stitt. We next sang, "O How I Love Jesus." Mrs. Doris

Nixon introduced our guests who were, Mr. Ernie Gaskins and Mr. Geoffrey Gadsen, representatives from Heaven Angels Insurance Agency, Inc. We were given great information about United Health and Medicare plans. The information was very appreciated. There was a question and answer period. They were thanked for being at our meeting.

We had expressions and testaments. They are always encouraging. Minutes were

read by Mrs. Mary Green. Mrs. Evelena Jennings read a poem about Mother's Day. Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow also read us a poem on Mother's Day. Callers were done. The winner was Mrs. Gladys Taylor. The sick report was given by Annie Haskins. Continue to pray for everyone. Mrs. Michelle Brooks said God was good to her. She was involved in an accident. Mr. George Hill is not feeling well. We were then given a report on Fun Day by Sheila

Ross. Mrs. Cherry Pearson was presented with a gift from her daughter Tiffany. Our laughter time with Mrs. Mary Martin was great as usual. We had no visitors today. We had a great meeting. Everyone was thanked for their participation. We all wished a very Happy Mother's Day with lots of love. Our circle was formed and we sang, "Bind us Together." Prayer was given by Mildred Ellerby. There were 35 in attendance.

YMCA and Wilmington Hammerheads partner

WILMINGTON, NC - The YMCA of Southeastern NC and the Wilmington Hammerheads have partnered to serve even more kids and families through recreational soccer. This new partnership brings together two of the largest youth soccer providers in the region. Both organizations currently serve more than 2,000 youth athletes annually ranging from ages 3 to 18 years.

Beginning fall 2019, the YMCA will operate all of the recreational soccer programming while the Wilmington Hammerheads focus on their classic programming. Together, the two organizations will provide a clear pathway for all youth soccer players of all ages and all levels that begins at the YMCA recreational level and continues through the Wilmington Hammerheads Classic Program, which is designed for those players who want to continue their soccer the recreational level. The two organizations will work together in providing coaching education, player clinics, volunteers and parent education.

The partnership between the YMCA and Wilmington Hammerheads will allow for more teams in each age group and more locations for games and practices, making it more convenient for kids, families and volunteer coaches.

Happy 50th Birthday



Michelle R. Graham
5-14-69

Gone but not forgotten
We miss and love you
always

Norman III
DaMarcus
Sandra Renee
and family

In Loving Memory Of



Vivian White-Waddell
August 21, 1932 - May 15, 2006

The strongest limb has fallen from our family tree.
We keep hearing her sweet voice that says,
"Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times, the laughter; the song.
Remember the good life I lived with you,
while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remembering all of you and how I truly was blessed.
Please continue our traditions, no matter how small.
I'll be watching all of you, from the heavens up above.
So take good care of each other and carry all my love.
When your way seems dark and dreer, don't have to worry
cause God is near.

If in your heart there is no song, just keep the faith and
keep holding on.

Turn your plate down, fast and pray.
Jesus will always make a way.
There's a bright side
somewhere.

It's been so very hard these twelve years without you.
But we're glad that Jesus knows.

He knows just, just how much we can bear.
We are still holding on and we're looking up,
giving you a smile, Because we will always remember,
"There's a Bright Side Somewhere".

We Miss You and Love You Always,

Children:

Patricia A. Waddell, Eleanor M. Waddell,
Richard B. Waddell, III, Carolyn Waddell-Mack,
Atty. Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell (Gary)

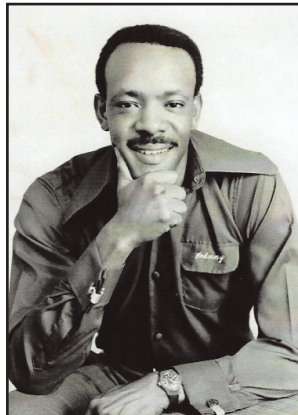
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Richard Waddell, IV, Samuel T. Waddell, Jillian N. Waddell,
E. Michelle Waddell, Jordan C. Waddell, Sharease Berry,
Krystal L. Mack, Gordan E. Burrell

Great-Grandchildren:

Rodja, Ja'Mez, Ja'Qurion, Zoei, Ja'Tori, Kailynn
and Mackenzie

In Loving Memory Of



Johnny N. Smith, Jr.
Sunrise: 10-6-1938
Sunset: 05-7-2017

The best things in life are
the people we love, the
places we've been and the
memories we've made.

I believe that tears can
heal, memories can
comfort and love lives on
forever. We are forever
thankful for all the good
memories you gave us.
We hope you knew how
grateful people were
for what you did for
our country.

Miss and love you always,
Your wife Priscilla

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Wilmington District 'Retools' at Annual Lay Person of the Year Celebration

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Using the theme 'Retooling the People', the Wilmington District Lay Council celebrated 22 people recognized by their home church as their Lay Persons of the Year. This year's event was held at Brunswick Senior Resource Center in Southport, NC.

After the Call to Order by Athelston Bethel, 2nd Vice President, the devotion was led by the youth of the district.

Maddox Boswell of Summerville AME Zion Church, Leland presented the scripture reading; Joshua White, Jr. of Browns Chapel AME Zion Church invited the Spirit of the Lord and gave Him praise; Love' Greene of Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church led the Affirmation of Laity. The Moores Chapel AME Zion Church Youth Choir sang to the glory of God. After being introduced by 1st Vice President, Alphonso Robinson, Sister Naomi Johnson of Evergreen AME Zion Church gave the meditation that called the laity and pastors to examine first what we are doing and to improve on it by retooling with the tools God has already given us. Mrs. Johnson admonished us to remember that we have been brought to the kingdom of God for such a time as this to increase our efforts to help other know Jesus Christ and our blessings will increase.

Having dined very well, the awards were presented by President William Evans and Presiding Elder Alexander Jones assisted by the 2019 Chairperson, Tarita Nelms (St. Luke, Wilmington) and Co Chairperson Pamela Ferguson (St. James, Southport).

The awards were guided by a program that contained the testimonial evidence of each persons efforts to get others to

come with us to Christ. Efforts ranged from keeping neighborhoods and church grounds beautified and free of debris to taking piano lessons in order to provide a consistent music ministry to repairing sanctuaries after Hurricane Florence, to lifetimes of service, to chairing outreach efforts and teaching the word of God and the Discipline of the AME Zion Church, to establishing support groups answering the call to serve in any capacity. The persons who were celebrated were quiet prayer warriors who possessed generosity of spirit that fueled generosity of finances. Those who were celebrated this year were: Dennis Waddell of Blackwell Chapel; Linda Kelly of St. Phillip, Marion Brown Carter of St. Mark; Jackie Smith of Price Cathedral, Robert Benson of Mt. Zion; Barbara Campbell of Bowen Chapel; Ernestine Bennett of St. Andrew; Maria Boykin of Evergreen; Judy Gordon of St. James, Southport; LaShonna B. Dyson of Johnson Chapel; Cedron Emerson of St. Luke; Loretta James of Christian Chapel; Richard Bennerman of Moores Chapel; Melanie Robinson of Walters Chapel; Constance White of Browns Chapel; Lovatta Smith Robbins of Summerville; Meller Rese Freeman of Lees Chapel; Harold Boone of Mt. Hebron; Shirley Wooten of Warner Temple; Robert Edward James, Jr. of St. James, Leland; Mary Thompson of St. Paul; and Nathaniel Brown of Zion Chapel. Cedron Emerson of St. Luke, Wilmington was celebrated as the Wilmington District Lay Person of the Year. Brother Emerson has made his Just Cut It Barbershop an instrument of his ministry by allowing it to be used in partnership with New Hanover Regional Medical Center to provide health care assistance



Wilmington District Lay Council President, William Evans congratulates Cedron Emerson on being selected the Wilmington District's Lay Person of the Year.

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to the community. He has established Sensory Day to provide services to the special needs clients on Wednesday by appointment. He also holds no less than five offices at St. Luke including videographer and steward.

Tarita Nelms of St. Luke Wilmington was awarded the 'Keeper of the Flame' Award for her services as Co Chairperson at the 2018 Lay Person of the Year Celebration and for Chairperson of the 2019 Lay Person of the Year

Celebration.

Dr. Mary Matthews, International President of the Connectional Lay Council gave words of encouragement to all the attendees and congratulations to the 22 Lay Persons of the

Year. Brother Oliver Dobson, Cape Fear Conference Lay Council President echoed like sentiments.

The celebration was adjourned with the singing of Onward Christian Laity and the Laity Prayer.

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**In Loving Memory Of
Mrs. Edna Price Pearce
December 25, 1904
May 10, 1995**

Sadly missed by your daughter,
Linda A. Pearce
Happy Mother's Day



Nannie E. Mapson

To a beautiful woman on
Mother's Day
You are so very
special and dear to us.
You have guided us to
become the persons we are
today. You have loved us
unconditionally.
So we thank you for being a
great and wonderful mother.
A remarkable woman.
We love you.
Happy Mother's Day!
Your children and
grandchildren



Zenobia Mapson Rhea

A thoughtful daughter
A loving mother
A caring sister
A remarkable woman
You are deeply loved
and missed

Happy Mother's Day
In Heaven

The Mapson Family

**Joselia Davis
Priscilla Bell
Chaquandia Bell
Lameka Zanders
Stephanie Mapson**

God bless you with
the beautiful day
you deserve for
being the
special women you
are.

Happy
Mother's Day!

The Mapson Family



Matilda Moseley Kirby

Mama

We are so blessed to have
had a mother who taught us
some of life's biggest lessons
like--
Treat people right and share
kindness wherever it is
needed!
Mama, we're trying to live
up to your example!
Thank You Til!!

Much, Much, Much Love,
Kojo, Gloria, and Junebug



**A Mother's Day Memory Of
Mae Rachel Freeman**

A woman who was a lot of things,
for a lot of people. For us,
she was "Mom".

Children, Rodney,
Darnell, Sharon, Elise and Missy



Annie Marie Brinkley

I Knew A Woman

I knew a woman of faith, strength and beauty,
I watched her for years, I want to be like her.
A woman who walked this earth with a stride
that said, "I have arrived". A woman who
loved the people around her with such power
that seemed to melt away their troubles.
That woman was my role model, my hero,
that woman was my best friend.
I Love and Miss that woman every day and
I always will.
I am Proud to be that woman's daughter,
yes that woman was my Mother, and that
woman was and always will be the
Wind beneath My Wings.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, LADYBUG!
I LOVE YOU.

Your Daughter,
Gloria Brinkley Caldwell



Eleanor Caldwell

For You Mama

Your heart was always filled with
peacefulness. The way you comforted and
encouraged our family was a gift from God.
You were always there for us and you always
tried to make everything right in our worlds.
We knew what it meant to feel secure.
Now whenever life starts to get us down,
we think of your strength and love and that
warm sense of Peace surrounds us again.
You were a very important part of our lives and
you always will be. You are forever in
our thoughts and in our hearts.
You were a blessing to us and
we are blessed because of you.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MAMA!

We love you,
Chris, Roy, Ida, Matthew and Jessie



**In Memory Of
Mrs. Mamie Locke Henry
March 30, 1900-May 2, 1977**

Mother our hearts are heavy but the never
ending love and all the years the nurturing
you gave, finds us eternally grateful to our
loving Savior Jesus Christ. God gave us a
God fearing mother, who guided her
through life. She trusted God's word and
their relationship was strengthened daily.
Parenting was a blessing for her. She
knew that through prayer and under the
guidance of the Holy Spirit, the life her
family lived would be blessed. She always
encouraged us to listen to God and
encouraged us to follow His instructions.
We are forever thankful to God and to
our mother for all of her kindness, love,
and great deal of admiration shown
throughout her life.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom

Lovingly your daughters, Marian Henry
Simon, Carey Henry Cummings and
Joyce Henry Sutton; Daughter-in-law,
Josephine Henry; grandchildren
and great grandchildren



Annie Maggie Brinkley



Tempie (TC) Brinkley



**Panthea
(Pansy) Brinkley**



Bertie Brinkley Fillyaw

Bertie B.....

Remembering your laugh,
Remembering your love,
Remembering
your frinedship,
and keeping your
legacy alive -
With All Our Love!!

Your girls,
Linda, Diana, Poopie,
and Pat
Grands and
great-grands too!



Dorothy B. Waring



Sylvia Brinkley



Earline L. Brinkley

The special people in our lives are never really gone, they have a cherished
place in our hearts where they will always be remembered.

We come from a long line of women who have always been workers and
survivors, women of color and courage, women of spunk and spirituality,
women whose faith kept them going, women who lifted up their eyes to God
in prayer because they knew He would answer even in their darkest hours,
women of honor and pride, women of wisdom and ideals, women of peace
and passion, women of strength and courage, women of laughter and love.

For all that you were, for all that you are, for all that you have done,
and for all that you do to Bless and Inspire others, we celebrate You.

To All Women, To All Mothers
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
Love, The Family



WE HONOR AND LOVE YOU



WE HONOR AND LOVE YOU



Vivian White-Waddell
August 21, 1932 - May 15, 2006

Our Mother's Crown

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence,
as the Angels all looked down.
Today the Lord was placing the jewels
Into our mother's crown.
He held up a golden crown,
as our darling mother looked on.
He said in His gentle voice,
'I will now explain each one.'
'The first gem,' He said, 'is a Ruby,
and it's for endurance alone,
for all the nights you waited up
for your children to come home.'
'For all the nights by their bedside,
you stayed till the fever went down.
For nursing every little wound,
I add this ruby to your crown.'
'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby,
for leading your children in the right way.
For teaching them the lessons,
That made them who they are today.'
'For always being right there,
through all life's important events.
I give you a sapphire stone,
for the time and love you spent.'
'For untying the strings that held them,
when they grew up and left home.
I give you this one for courage.'
Then the Lord added a garnet stone.
'Till place a stone of amethyst,' He said.
'For all the times you spent on your knees,
when you asked if I'd take care of your children, and
then for having faith in Me.'
I have a pearl for every little sacrifice
that you made without them knowing.
For all the times you went without,
to keep them happy, healthy and growing.'
'And last of all I have a diamond,
the greatest one of all,
for sharing unconditional love
whether they were big or small.'
It was your love that helped them grow
Feeling safe and happy and proud
A love so strong and pure
It could shift the darkest cloud.'
After the Lord placed the last jewel in,
He said, 'Your crown is now complete.
Happy Mother's Day

Children: Patricia A. Waddell,
Eleanor M. Waddell, Richard B. Waddell, III,
Carolyn Waddell-Mack,
Atty. Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell (Gary)

Grandchildren: Reginald E. Waddell,
Rodney L. Waddell (Latasha), Richard Waddell, IV,
Samuel T. Waddell, Jillian N. Waddell,
E. Michelle Waddell, Jordan C. Waddell, Sharease
Berry, Krystal L. Mack,
Gordan E. Burrell

Great-Grandchildren: Rodja, Ja'Mez, Ja'Qurion, Zoei,
Ja'Tori, Kailynn and MacKenzie



Lula Waddell Clemons
"MaMa Lula"
April 5, 1913 - March 1, 1998

Gone But Never Forgotten

No matter how old we are,
losing a grandmother is one of the deepest
sorrows a heart can know, but her goodness,
her caring and her wisdom live on.....
like a legacy of love that
will always be with you.
As we look upon your picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Our grandmother was a precious gift
from our glorious Lord above,
but the Lord chose to take her,
nineteen years ago
and give her all His love.

Grandchildren:
Patricia A. Waddell, Eleanor M. Waddell,
Richard B. Waddell, III,
Carolyn Waddell-Mack,
Atty. Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell (Gary)

Great-Grandchildren:
Reggie, Rodney, Richard IV, Samuel,
Michelle, Sharease, Jillian,
Krystal, Jordan, and Gordan

Great-Great-Grandchildren:
Rodja, Ja'Mez, J'Quiron, Zoei,
Ja'Tori, Kailynn and Mackenzie



Rachel Hargrove Barnhardt
Sunrise: December 17, 1923
Sunset: March 25, 2019

First Mother's Day without you
This is the first Mother's Day without
you. It brings back memories that are
unforgettable. We know that Mother's
Day will never be the same. We miss you
more than words can say. We're grateful
for the times we had together. They mean
more now than ever. Nothing can take
these memories away. We will treasure
them this
Mother's Day and always.

Love,
Carol, Cynthia, Angela, Delores, Eddie
and family

Happy Mother's Day
Dolly Holmes
Dorothy Waddell
Gwendolyn Hargrove



Mrs. Ezmas Marscine Carmichael, Ms. Ezmas Juanita Carmichael, Mrs. Julia C. Johnson, Ms. Wanda F. Carmichael and Victoria Sweat

Mother's Day will be a special day in heaven

because our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and sisters are together.
If only we could hear our Mothers pray, sing, talk or laugh again,
how happy we would be but those memories have been engraved into our hearts.
Shirley Caesar sings-"I remember Momma" so do we.
Each had their own type of smile, their way of helping all of us to enjoy each other,
respect our elders, trust in God and try to do the right things.
Up above my head, I do hear singing in the air, so I do believe there is a heaven somewhere and we will see them again.
All we ask Dear God is that you will allow us to serve you so that we can all join hands again, no more departure, holding hands forever.
There is never a Motherless Mother's Day because even if they cannot speak to us they are still in our hearts.
Rest in Peace, Moms!!!

Happy birthday Ezmas Marscine on the 13th and Ezmas Juanita on the 22nd.
Submitted by the family



Capitol Hill hearing takes up the war between the needy and the greedy: The future of payday loan regulation

At an April 30 Capitol Hill hearing, the multi-dimensional problems wrought by small-dollar, high-cost loans were brought to the attention of lawmakers serving on the powerful House Financial Services Committee. A witness panel representing bankers, consumers, clergy, and public policy organizations taught, recounted, reasoned and preached to lawmakers on the rippling and disastrous effects of debt-trap loans.

Charlene Crowell

Each addressed the industry that reaps billion-dollar profits from the poor: payday, car-title, and other triple-digit interest small-dollar products. The average annual interest rate for payday loans in the United States is 391% although in more than 17 states, many of them home to consumers of color, the APR is even higher.

As consumers suffer financially, it's a different story for payday lenders: \$4.1 billion in fees every year in the 33 states that allow these debt traps, according to the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). Similarly the annual fees generated on car-title loans was found to be \$3.8 billion.

The session occurred as the current Administration seeks to permanently reverse a payday rule that was developed over five years of public hearings, research and comments that sought the input of consumers, financial institutions and other stakeholders. Announced by the first Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Director, the rule would require lenders to determine

if a consumer could repay the loan, also known as the ability-to-repay standard.

With a new CFPB Director, the rule's suspension was accompanied by an announcement of an intent to begin rulemaking anew. For the industry, the suspension provides yet another opportunity to take the teeth out of financial regulation. For consumers, long-awaited consumer protection that would have taken effect this summer is now indefinite.

With the average borrower earning \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year; whatever difficulty led them to a payday loan store or web site, made their lives even worse.

For Detroit resident Ken Whittaker, the hearing was a high-profile opportunity to share his personal experience with a \$700 payday loan that wound up costing him \$7,000, in addition to debt collections, a court judgment, and his tax refund garnished.

"I found I could not afford to pay off the first loan without taking out another one. Then I began a cycle of debt which lasted over a year," testified Whittaker. "Soon I was paying \$600 per month in fees and interest. I eventually closed my bank account to stop payments from being drawn out and leaving me without cash for my family's rent, groceries and other essential bills."

In the hearing's most poignant moment, Whittaker appealed to the lawmakers saying, "Please support strong reform of predatory payday and car title lending for people like me. We work hard to support our families and make our finances stable, and this kind of lending only makes it harder."

For one lawmaker, Boston's Rep. Ayanna Pressley, Whittaker's plea was heard loud and clear.

"Any universe with payday

lending is answering the question of how to make poverty a sustainable profitable enterprise," noted Rep. Pressley. "Well a lot of people are getting rich off of keeping people poor. And so how do we reform anything that's based on that premise? The short answer is, we don't."

Todd McDonald, Senior Vice President and Board Director of the New Orleans-based Liberty Bank and Trust, a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) spoke at the hearing from the perspective of community banks. His own firm operates in eight states through 15 branches. He is also a board member of the National Bankers Association, the leading trade association for the nation's Minority Depository Institutions.

"As a CDFI that serves a largely low and moderate-income consumer base that often utilizes these high-cost, small dollar loans," testified

McDonald, "Liberty often works to help our customers get out of these predatory loans and into more manageable products."

Since 2008, Liberty Bank has offered a payday and car-title loan alternative known as Freedom Fast loans that averages just over \$6,000 and comes with an average interest rate of 12.6%. Liberty provides these loans to customers with credit scores ranging from a low of 500 to higher than 700. It also reports payments to the credit bureaus so that customers can also build their credit ratings.

For the Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III, senior pastor of Dallas' Friendship West Baptist Church and a leading partner in the Faith and Credit Roundtable facilitated by the Center for Responsible Lending, predatory lending is a matter of economic justice that deserves actions and not just hearings.

"Payday predators are a part of a hostile takeover of the economy of the unbanked and underserved. This exploitative industry targets and saturates communities that are already suffering from economic apartheid," said Rev. Haynes to the lawmakers. "When the vulnerable are drowning in desperation the payday industry throws a 'life preserver' weighted with the iron of usurious interest rates."

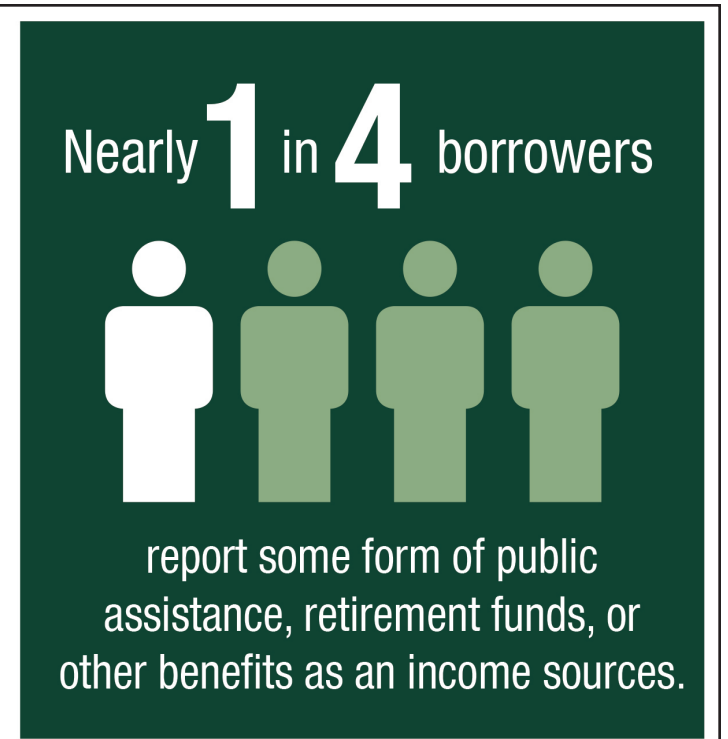
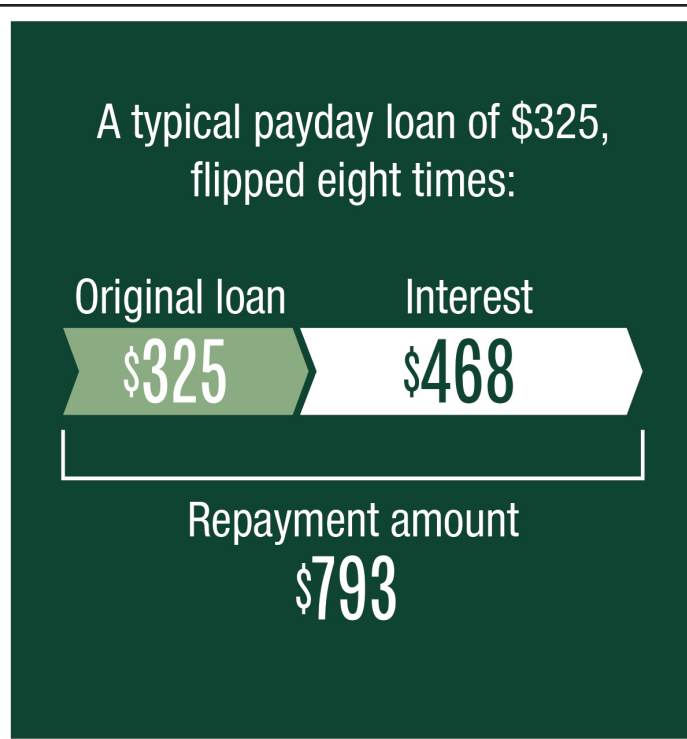
"We are calling for strong protections so that those who experience an emergency don't end up drowning in debt they cannot repay," added Rev. Haynes. "The pastor forcefully called for the CFPB to implement its 'common sense rule' and for enacting legislation, like a bill introduced by Illinois' Senator Richard Durbin, that would establish a national 36% interest rate cap while allowing states to have lower rate ceilings."

"Borrowers have described

the debt trap, in their own words, as 'a hole that you can't get out of, 'soul-crushing', and a 'living hell', Diane Standaert, a CRL EVP testified. "And research has shown time and time again, that these high-cost lending storefronts are disproportionately situated in Black and Latino communities, even when they have the same or higher incomes than white communities."

The good Reverend Haynes agreed, adding, "The Bible teaches that nations will be judged by how they treat 'the least of these'. It must not be said of this nation, 'I was hungry, and you gave me a payday loan...I was given a bad hand and you gave me a bad plan.'"

Amen, Reverend!
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STOP THE DEBT TRAP PAYDAY LOAN

FedEx partnership aims to grow 75 black businesses

BY DENA L. OWENS
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"Grow or die," says Richard Smith referring to future economic growth in Memphis.

Smith, president and CEO of FedEx Logistics and board chairman for the Greater Memphis Chamber, revealed plans to identify and support 75 black entrepreneurs wanting to grow their small businesses through a public/private partnership.

The announcement came

last Thursday (April 18) as partner executives, minority business owners, Mayor Jim Strickland and other officials gathered for a breakfast meeting.

Smith explained the rationale for the effort as concerns mount about the need for investment in underserved areas of the city.

While large-scale developments enjoy extensive tax incentives in Downtown, Midtown and East Memphis, disadvantaged African-American communities such as New Chicago in North

Memphis and others could use more capital support for small business growth. Investment in these areas can create jobs where needed and build a stronger Memphis economy, inclusively.

"Our new-found momentum can be easily derailed," said Smith, referring to the economic momentum often touted by Strickland.

"We 'must be intentional' as we expand (opportunities) to more minorities and disenfranchised groups," Smith added. "We have to do better."

The capacity-building plan

is the result of an alliance between FedEx, Regions Bank, City of Memphis and the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC), a national driver of urban economic prosperity. ICIC began its Memphis work in 2014 with Regions Bank providing capital coaching. In 2015, the partnership expanded to include FedEx.

This year, Memphis will participate in ICIC's tuition-free leadership program called Inner City Capital Connection (ICCC) to prepare entrepreneurs for lasting, sustainable growth.

ICCC provides instruction to minority and women owned business enterprise (MWBE) owners with a focus on: (1) capacity training, (2) one-on-one coaching and (3) connections to capital providers.

Approved applicants must complete 40 flexible training hours in three to six months. Instruction includes a day-long opening seminar, webinars and a national conference.

To qualify for ICCC, an MWBE must have five or more employees, be two or more years operational in low-income neighborhoods across Memphis, and satisfy other criteria as required. Revenue of at least \$500,000

annually is preferred. However, ICCC officials say this condition is negotiable.

MWBE owners may nominate themselves or to six other MWBE owners, or be nominated through a small business developer, such as the City of Memphis Office of Business Diversity and Compliance.

Jiljuana Coleman, a certified MWBE owner and head of Jamerson Strategic Consulting in Memphis, is one of 4,000 ICCC alumni nationwide. Coleman, who once held a career in banking, decided in 2017 to open her own company assisting MWBE owners with financial strategy and training.

After only two years, Coleman is poised to move her company from serving local and national clients to pursuing global customers. She gives ICCC credit for her growth.

Memphis, a city that is more than 60 percent African American, has faced decades of stagnant economic growth with only 1 percent of local revenue going to minority owned businesses, according to a 2015 census. Currently, several public/private partnerships are working side-by-side to address the issue.

For example, FedEx, an ICIC partner, is also aligned

with the 800 Initiative, a program led by the City of Memphis to grow minority business revenues by \$50 million in five years. Participation in ICCC could in fact support the goals of the 800 Initiative, which is backed by a \$1 million investment from FedEx and \$500,000 in funding from the City.

Simultaneously, FedEx, which spent \$9.5 billion with minority suppliers across the U.S. in 2018, is seeking to expand local minority supplier contracts since Memphis is home to FedEx headquarters and the expanding FedEx Logistics operation.

Pat Hopper, managing director of Sourcing and Supplier Diversity for FedEx, encourages local MWBE owners to "get prepared" to fill large-scale needs that companies like Fed-Ex might require.

ICCC can help MWBE owners move into greater levels of service in order to bid on larger, sought-after contracts.

To learn more about ICCC, visit <http://icic.org/urban-business-initiatives/inner-city-capital-connections/memphis/>. Follow the prompts to apply for ICCC training or to nominate MWBE owners for the free program. The deadline for nominations is July 26.



NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. 17 AT N.C. 211 INTERSECTION TO INTERCHANGE IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

TIP PROJECT NO. U-5932

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed conversion of the U.S. 17 (Ocean Highway)/N.C. 211 (Southport Supply Road Southeast) at-grade intersection to a grade-separated interchange in Brunswick County.

The meeting will be held **Thursday, May 16** from 5-7 p.m. at the **Brunswick Senior Center** located at **101 Stone Chimney Road S.E. in Supply**. The public may attend at any time during the meeting hours. Please note there will be no formal presentation.

At the meeting there will be maps of the proposed plans as well as project team members who will be available to answer your questions and receive feedback. All comments will be taken into consideration as the project progresses. The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided at the meeting or may be done by phone, email or mail no later than **June 17**.

As information becomes available, it may be viewed at the NCDOT public meeting webpage: <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings/>.

For additional information please contact NCDOT Project Manager Brian Harding, P.E. at (910) 341-2000 or bjharding@ncdot.gov, or consultant Project Manager Alison Nichols at (704) 940-4725 or alison.nichols@rsandh.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Lauren Putnam at Inputnam1@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6072 as early as possible, so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

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Notice is hereby given that the City Manager of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina has submitted to the City Council a budget for fiscal year 2019-20 and that the City Council will hold a public hearing on this budget on the 21st of May, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall.

Citizens are invited to attend this hearing to present oral and written comments, and to ask questions regarding the budget.

The following is a summary of the City Budget proposed for 2019-20:

GENERAL FUND	\$	113,480,412
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	10,165,117
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT	\$	963,254
CDBG/HOME GRANT AND LOAN FUND	\$	692,356
PARKING FACILITY FUND	\$	4,177,462
FLEET MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT FUND	\$	7,603,073
GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND	\$	1,489,019
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND	\$	979,346
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND	\$	11,471,804
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FUND	\$	12,081,600
TECHNOLOGY REPLACEMENT FUND	\$	1,113,313
DEBT RESERVE FUND	\$	24,333,514
CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND	\$	8,765,309
SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND	\$	2,951,919
SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT	\$	425,960

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk

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Mozella Nixon

On March 5, 1948, Mozella Nixon was born to Dave and Rosa Lee Nixon in the Hampstead community. She quietly departed this life on March 28, 2019 at 11:35pm, at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center surrounded by her devoted and loving family.

Maude or Ms. Mo as she was called, accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of St. John Church of Christ Disciple of Christ where she served as an Advisor for the Jr. Choir, Member of the Young Adult Choir, Vice President of the Usher Board, and President of the Pastor Aide Committee. She sang with the J.B. Ensemble for Christ. She was a member of the St. James Salem Lodge #7. Our mother worked for Davis Nursing home as a CNA until 1984 when she suffered a stroke at the age of 34.

In the early part of 1985 she opened an in-home daycare in which she cared for and looked after many children. You could always find our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend ushering either at her local church or at the Goldsboro-Raleigh headquarters, or attending a Lee Williams concert.

She would say "Lee knew when she was in the building because he would bail out I CAN'T GIVE UP, I'VE COME TOO FAR TO TURN AROUND".

She was preceded in death by her parents, two daughters, Karen and Franceina, Two brothers, two sisters and many good friends.

To celebrate her loving memories are, two sons, Barry Smith of Wilmington and Johnnie Lee Smith of the home, four grandchildren Johnathan and Tiahna Smith of Wilmington, Alexis Smith of Winston-Salem and Cory Noland of Greenville NC, two adopted grands Nairi Miller of Gardner and Joshua Tate of Wilmington NC, four great grands, four sisters Ann (Thomas)Toby, JoAnn Batts, Doris Cogdell, all of Hampstead, Renee Nixon of Wilmington NC. Four brothers, Luther and David Nixon of New York, Curtis Nixon, Louis (Tina) Nixon of Wilmington, special nephew Dec. Herbert (Sandra) Nixon of Wilmington, Adopted sisters, Arlene Hansley of Wilmington, Daphne (Thurman) Newkirk of Rocky Point, two brother-in-laws Trever Braithwait of New York and Jerry (Betty) Smith of Wilmington, one aunt Mrs. Lizzy Nixon Scotts Hills and a host of other relatives and friends' special friends: Patricia Bell, Alma Waddell, Debra Taylor, Alice Howard, Mrs. Flood, Edna Miller, Claretta Murphy, Willie Mae Brown, Alice Marie Howard and Lamont Hawes; special cousin: Barbara Braggs. Ms. Mo was also survived by many special children. *Final Arrangements Entrusted to the Caring Staff of Smith's Funeral Home, 306 S JK Powell Blvd, Whiteville, NC.*



Shirley Mae Addison Small

A Time To Be Born

Shirley Mae Addison Small, daughter of the late Thomas Addison, Sr. and Ruth Bowman Addison was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on December 16, 1934. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, the late Nathaniel Bowman and Thomas Addison, Jr. They smothered her in brotherly love and protection throughout their lives. She devoted her life to Christ and was confirmed at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Wilmington, North Carolina at an early age. In her adult life she was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina.

A Time To Learn, Grow and Inspire

She received her primary and secondary education in Wilmington and all through her formative years she was recognized by her teachers as a gifted student, excelling in her studies. She graduated from Williston Sr. High School in 1952 and matriculated to Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina, graduating with Highest Honors in 1956. She was the first in her family to attend college and receive a Baccalaureate degree. She was an inspiration to younger family members and encouraged all to pursue success through higher education. Also while attending "St. Aug", Shirley became a member of Gamma Xi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and she throughout her life she eagerly passed on the AKA legacy to her daughters, granddaughters, nieces, cousins, and sister-in-law.

A Time To Plant and Love

Shirley met her future husband, John Baggett Small, Jr. while attending Saint Augustine's and they married in 1956 and remained married for thirty-two years. To their union were born two daughters, Rochelle and Rosalind. She was a loving and caring mother all of her days and raised her daughters in this belief—"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

A Time To Work

Shirley's love of children and her belief that every child is capable of learning led her to a teaching career that began in Hampton, Virginia before returning home to New Hanover County. She retired from teaching primary grades in the public schools of New Hanover County in 1980.

A Time to Die

Shirley Mae Addison Small was a faithful servant of the Lord and lived her life rejoicing in all of God's blessings. She peacefully transitioned to eternal rest the afternoon of March 13, 2019 at the Autumn Care Nursing Home in Cornelius, North Carolina. She

was funeralized with the "Ivy Beyond The Wall" Ceremony of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. prior to the service on March 18, 2019 from the East Stonewall AME Zion Church in Charlotte, NC and interred in the Bond Family Cemetery in Windsor, NC on March 19, 2019.



John Baggett Small, Jr.

A Time To Be Born

John Baggett Small, Jr. ("JB") was born on August 27, 1934 in Greensboro, North Carolina to the late John Baggett Small, Sr. and Nellie Lillian Bond Small. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother; Angus D. Small, Sr. His older sisters, Rosalind L.

JB's full-time passion was carpentry and he was always and willing building or repairing for his family, friends brothers in need of his creativity and expertise.

A Time To Die

John Baggett peacefully transitioned to eternal rest the early morning hours of March 28, 2019 at the Edenton House Assisted Living facility in Edenton, NC. He was funeralized with Masonic Rites by members of Habib Temple No. 159 and Wilmington Consistory No. 63 prior to the service on April 6, 2019 at Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Edenton, NC by and interred in the Bond Family Cemetery in Windsor, NC.

A Time To Weep and Mourn

Shirley and JB loved their family and their family loved them. They leave to cherish many memories, their moving and faithful daughters and son-in-laws, Rochelle D. Small-Toney (Leroy, Sr. of Rocky Mount, NC and Rosalind B. Small-Reid (Norbert) of Charlotte, NC; their grandchildren, Rosalind S. Toney of Norfolk, VA, Leroy Toney, Jr. (LaQuanda) of Palmyra, VA, and Monica R. Reid of Alexandria, Va.; great-grandsons that affectionally called them "Nana" and "G-Papa", Isaiah J. Toney and Josiah N. Toney of Palmyra, Va.; sisters (n-laws) Rosalind L. Knight, Mathews, Va, Linelle B. Burton, Washington, D.C., Ernestine B. Small of Memphis, Tn, and Eva Bowman of East Elmhurst, NY and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

And A Time To Dance and Rejoice

Shirley Mae Addison Small and John Baggett Small, Jr. were faithful servants of the Lord and lived their lives rejoicing in all of God's blessings.

The Small family wishes to thank many family and friends in Wilmington who showered us with their love, calls, cards and prayers for comfort during the passing of Mrs. Shirley A. Small and Mr. John B. Small, Jr. A very special thank you to the members of Habib Temple No. 159 and the Wilmington Consistory No. 63 for their support

during the passing of both of our parents.

Carole Ann Moore

Carole Ann Moore died Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Moses Cone Hospital, Greensboro, NC. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Myrtle Grove AME Church, Leland, NC. Burial followed in the Grainger Cemetery.

Carole was born on November 11, 1947 in Leland, NC to the late Edison and Irene Moore. At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and joined Myrtle Grove AME Church, where she served faithfully as financial secretary, served on the usher board and headed up the children's hour until her health no longer allowed. Carole was educated in the public schools of Brunswick County and was a proud member of Lincoln High School Class of 1966. She furthered her education attending Harris Barber College, Raleigh, NC, completing her barber requirements in 1967. She returned to Wilmington and worked at Hankins, Moss and Barfield Barber Shops. In 1980 she began a career as a Teacher's Assistant that lasted 30 years with her retiring in 2010. Carole was a member of Order of Eastern Star Sisters of Giblem #646. She served on the Navassa Parks and Recreation for 8 years. Carole enjoyed sitting on her front porch watching the neighborhood children get on and off the school bus, trying out new restaurants and chatting on the telephone.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter; Terrace McGuire (Robert); four grandchildren whom she adored, Taisha'ne, Ayndaja, Kahliya and Matthew; one great-granddaughter, Camayni; two sisters, Lottie M. Beatty and Frances Bellamy; two aunts, Sadie Tichburg and Glather Robbins; two uncles, King Moore (Louise) and Clayton Moore (Mary) a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including her long-time devoted and cherished

friend, Dewitt McKoy, Sr. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Robert Boney "Punky Bill"

Robert Boney "Punky Bill" died Monday, April 29, 2019 at his residence. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Mt. Zion AME Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Robert Lee Boney was born February 24, 1935 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Maggie and Noah Boney, Jr. Robert, affectionately known to many as "Punky Bill", was educated in the New Hanover County School System attending Williston Industrial School. At Williston, he was an avid basketball and baseball player. He joined Mt. Zion AME Church at an early age. At Mt. Zion he was a member of Class #13 with Lola Waddell as his leader. He was formerly a member of Senior Usher Board No.1. "Punky Bill" also worked for many years as a longshoreman with ILA Local #1426, in #1 Gang and with Header Robert Washington, until his retirement. He was preceded in death by three sons, Thaddeus Conyers, Alton Myers and Roderick Boney; one brother, Alfred McKoy and one sister, Evelyn Davis.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his wife of 57 years, Mrs. Lucy Boney; ten sons, Willie Conyers (Gwen), William Boney (Jackie), Joseph Boney (Terry), Christopher Bowden (Cynthia), James Boynton of Wilmington, NC, Willis Boynton Jonesboro, GA, Dexter Conyers of New York, Rondro Boney (Barbara), and Raymond Boney (Regina) all of Durham, NC and Robert Boney (Vicky) of Virginia; five daughters, Jacqueline Conyers of New York, Carolyn Brunson of Raleigh, NC, Wanda Allen and Angela Morris both of Wilmington, NC and Emily Graham Gore (Ernell) of Leland, NC; daughter-in-law, Linda Boney of Wilmington, NC; fifty-eight grandchildren; ninety-seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Doris

Gaines of Wilmington, NC; two sisters-in-law, Annie Haskins and Barbara Carson both of Wilmington, NC; two nieces, Gloria Boney and Teresa Reed; one nephew, Darryl Boney; two very special friends, Joseph Harris and Robert Becton; a host of nieces and nephews which he helped to raise, and many, many, friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Keonte Lamar "Duke" Gause

Keonte Lamar "Duke" Gause, 34 died Sunday, May 5, 2019 in Raleigh, NC. 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.*

Eric C. Robinson, Sr.

Deacon Eric C. Robinson, Sr., age 61, of Castle Hayne, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2019. A

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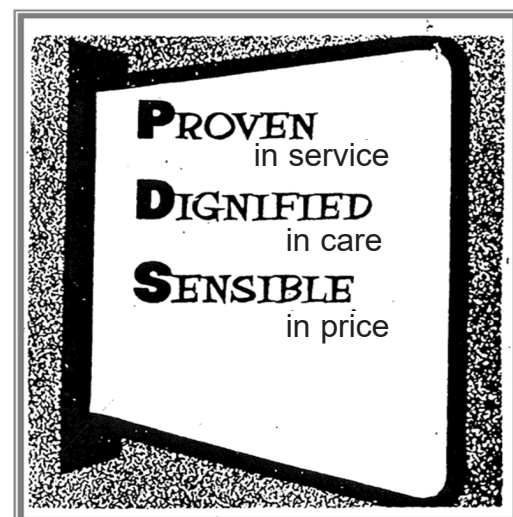
Appreciations

The family of Mozella Nixon would like to take the opportunity to express thanks and appreciation to the numerous caregivers and friends for our cards, telephone calls, food, flowers, and visits. We extend a special thank you to Dr. Dean Karras Elderhaus PACE and Elderhaus at the lake NHRMC 7th floor and 10th floor staff Lower Cape Fear Hospice Life Care Center For the excellent care and support given. GOD bless you all.

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Religious Briefs

New Hanover County

Central Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will celebrate Mother's Day & Women's Day on Sunday May 12th at 11:00 a.m. the guest speaker will be Elder Henrietta McGlenn, DD of Antioch United Holy Church, Rocky Point, NC.

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celebration of Deacon Robinson's life was held on May 1, 2019 at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. Interment followed in Christian Hope Cemetery

God presented Deacon Eric Clinton Robinson, Sr. as a shining, precious gift to the world May 23, 1957 to the late Mr. Gaston Jones and Evangelist Luvenia Pridgen in Wilmington, NC.

Equipped with many gifts and talents, he was ready to take on any and everything that came his way as Eric had served 4 years with distinction as a Marine. He worked for Container Products Corporation for over 20 years as a welder until an injury required him to retire. He knew at an early age where his blessings came from and did not take anything for granted.

So as it is in the natural, let it be in the spirit. Eric kept his vow and commitment not only to man, but to the Lord, by giving his life to God and giving it all he had. He became a member of Faith Temple COGIC where he faithfully served as an Usher, Deacon, and Sound and Production Team Member. In addition, Eric sung in Men's Choir and assisted anywhere his hands could be of help and doing the master's work. Eric never let God down and his work spoke for itself.

Eric loved his family. God blessed us with a wonderful husband, father, godfather, brother, uncle, and friend. In Eric's spare time when he was not enjoying his day with his Granddaddy Layla, you could find him bowling, working on his truck "Blue Betty" or spending the day sitting on the Wilmington shores fishing with his beloved wife Janzara. He was always ready to cook and show you why God made him an "excellent grill and cook master". He gave us a great road map to an amazing life and his legacy will be cherished forever.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Gaston Jones, Evangelist Luvenia Pridgen, and Rev. Bannerman, his mother-in-law Modessa Thomas, his brothers Cary Pridgen and Alfonso Pridgen.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 41 years Janzara Robinson; his children, Eric C. Robinson, Jr., Tonya (James) Sims, Vanessa Robinson, and Zaniyah Stukes (Great-niece); mother, (adopted) Virginia Bland; sister, Jean Brunson (Lester); brothers, Raymond Robinson, Willis (Janice) Robinson, and Morris Pridgen; sisters-in-law, Avery Rollinson, Yvonne Pridgen, Rhondetta Thomas, Adriene Thomas, and Dara Thomas; aunt, Irelia Robinson and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Amelia T. Jones

Amelia T. Jones, age 84, of Sneads Ferry, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2019. A celebration of Mrs. Jones' life was held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Pine Valley Church of God. Interment followed in Interfaith Community Cemetery.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, Floyd D. Jones, Sr., children, Gregory Jones (Sunnam) of Jacksonville, Terry Coleman (Clifton) of Camden, DE, Sheila Cannon Santos (Manny) of Leland, Floyd Jones, Jr. (Jaqueline) of Jacksonville and Eunice Amelia Dingle (Joe) of Germantown, MD, one grandchild, four great-grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th*

Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Morris L. Brown

Morris L. Brown, age 81, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2019. Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his daughter, Sylvia D. Shepard; brothers, Dr. Julius H. Johnson (JoAnn) and Dr. Joseph Johnson (Rowena); sister, Catherine I. Hayes (Whalen); two grandchildren, Antonio Walden and Briahna Nixon; three great-grandchildren, Ariel Walden, Zabriel Walden and Zariah Brown and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Kathi Gardner

Kathi A. Bryant Gardner, age 60, of Bolivia, passed away Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Angela Faye Cemetery.

Mrs. Gardner leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, Collin Dennis Gardner; children, Christopher Grissett of Shallotte, NC, Perty Dion Grissett of San Francisco, CA, Dennis LaRon Gardner and Sonya Gardner both of Bolivia NC; mother, Ruby Mae Bryant; siblings, Fred (Irene) Stanley of Goldsboro, NC, Hardy (Traci) Bryant of Leland, NC, Scott (Miranda) Bryant of Supply, NC, Anna (Reginald) Saunders of Hope Mills, NC, Carmel (Wellington) Wheaton of Bahama, NC, Cajuan Bryant of Atlanta, GA, William (Lois) Bryant, Jr., Otis (Brenda) Bryant, Mark (Melodie) Bryant and Steve Hardy all of Shallotte, NC, Hattie Bryant, Lionell Bryant and Mickey Bryant all of Seattle, WA; in-laws, Sam Goodman (Mildred), Marjorie Bryant, Carolyn Smith (Robert Lee) and Calvin "Bill" Gardner, Jr. and a special lifetime friend, Ciretta Johnson. *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.*

William I. Nixon, Jr.

William I. Nixon, Jr., age 65, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Mr. Nixon's life will be conducted at 12:00 PM, Friday, May 10, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. 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.*

William D. Butts

William Douglas Butts, age 94, of Riegelwood, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Butts' life will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2019 at Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church, 1437 E. Arcadia Rd., Riegelwood, NC 28456. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the church 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.*

TELL SOMEBODY

"Honor Thy Mother"

"And God spake all these words, saying I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Exodus 20:1 "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12

Mother- One who gives birth to or raises and nurtures a child; A female parent; A woman who holds a position of authority or responsibility Honor - Recognition of one's right to great respect

"Men may work from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done!", Old Proverb

Mother's Day is a national holiday observed on the second Sunday in May of each year for the appointment of honoring mothers. Looking at



Sylvia Hooper

the history of Mother's Day, we find that Mother's Day was first proclaimed in 1870 in the United States. Julia Ward Howe called for it to be observed each year at the national level in 1872. The original idea behind Howe's Mothers Day was a call for Pacifism and disarmament by all the women. Later, Anna Jarvis, followed by her daughter, launched a quest to get wider recognition for Mother's Day. As the custom for Mothers Day celebration spread, its focus shifted from pacifism and reform movement to a general appreciation, and admirations of mothers. Later, on May 14, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill proclaiming

Mother's Day as a national holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

Here we are today, still observing Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May. While commercialization has taken over the initial concept of Mother's Day, many sons and daughters look forward to making phone calls, attending church with mothers, writing letters, and even sending gifts, cards, and flowers to their mothers to recognize their right to respect at this time of year.

While history credits both Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis with initiating the concept of Mothers Day celebrations, we still must refer to the Word of God where we see the original concept of "motherhood" was and still is, God's idea! In Genesis 3:20, scripture shows us that the first woman recorded in history biblically speaking is Mother Eve, because she was the mother of all living. In Genesis 4:1, after Eve conceived and bore her first child, a son named Cain, she said, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." Being the first "mother", we must take note of her knowledge, spiritual insight, and understanding, that while Adam, her husband, gave her the seed for that first baby, the Lord God, being the Creator and giver of Life, was the source of her blessing and the fruit of her womb."

When God created Eve, he gave her a womb, and built her with the capacity to conceive,

carry to term, and give birth to a child, a living soul. He also embraced her with enough strength, and courage to nurture, nourish, and love her child, as only a mother could do. Motherhood is one of the high callings of God, that comes straight from the heart of God.

When God gave his Law to his servant Moses for the people of God, in Exodus chapter 20, each and every law was given for their own good and posterity. When he referenced to bringing them out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage, today's church can relate to our deliverance out of sin and bondage into the kingdom of His dear Son, Jesus Christ. In Exodus 20:12, God said, "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." God's Word is eternal and His promise is true. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" We should all take heed to this commandment, that we may enjoy a long and fulfilled life.

If God has placed a special woman in your life who has birthed, raised, or nurtured you, why not seize the opportunity to honor her in some special way? Life is short and in order to live and die with no regrets, we must seek to hear

and obey God's Word to the best of our ability. When your mother is dead and gone, God will remember what he promised and will bless you for your obedience to His Word and faithfulness to Him. If she is still alive, do yourself a favor and love and honor her, because God said to do it! He will make it good! Tell Somebody ..Happy Mother's Day!!!

Prayer_ Father, we pray for all mothers who have birthed, raised, or nurtured biological or spiritual sons and daughters. We pray your blessings upon each and every one of them...For Your Glory! In Jesus's Name.. Amen.

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

Whose report will you believe?

I believe the report of the Creator; God, or EL. It is the root word of ELOHIM and it describes God's greatness and glory; it also displays God's power and sovereignty. He is the God who creates! As described in Genesis 1:1, (KJV)1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth". (AMPC)1 "In the beginning God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth. Omnipotent, unlimited, complete sovereignty; and complete creativity." Hebrews 11:3, (KJV) 3 "Through faith we understand that the



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear". (AMPC)3 :By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible." God's name, ELOHIM, is unique in itself, because it bears another striking characteristic that makes it even more distinctive: the Hebrew ending for ELOHIM is plural, because it describes the divine trinity of the Godhead-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Not one single word could convey this element of the personality of God. Several passages of scripture confirm this plurality. Genesis 1:26-27, (KJV)26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air; and over the cattle, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.27 So God created

man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them"

Notice what these verses are saying; God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit were all involved in the miraculous creation of the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1, gives us a vivid or graphic picture of the Holy Spirit present: vs. 2-3, (KJV)2 "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light". The question should be asked, why was the Holy Spirit moving upon the face of the waters? Waiting on the command to create! Jesus was also actively involved in the creation process also: John's gospel 1:2-3, (KJV) 2 "The same was in the beginning with God.3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made". Col.1:16, (KJV)16 "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist".

Col. 2:9-10 (AMPC)9 "For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].10 And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power]".

The Bible, which is the eternal Word of God: spirit, power and truth, is upholding the universe. We call them laws, but in actuality it is the Word of God. Notice again how it is being described in Hebrews

1:2-3, (AMPC)2 "[But] in the last of these days He has spoken to us in [the person of a] Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time [He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order].3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high",

In the book of Acts 17:23-28, (KJV) we have these astounding words 24 "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." We are whom God says that we are and not man. We are not on planet earth by chance, but by purpose. God has left His DNA or finger print on His creation that can never be abolished! You may try to ignore, deny or curse God, but the truth remains; you are the evidence of God. The atheist, agnostic and anyone else who is foolish enough to believe such garbage, the

Bible characterizes them as a fool. Let me conclude this lesson today from Romans 1:19-22, 19 "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools"; Psalm 14:1-2, (ERV)" Only fools think there is no God. People like that are evil and do terrible things. They never do what is right .2 The Lord looks down from heaven to see if there is anyone who is wise, anyone who looks to him for help".

Listen to this, you may have ignorantly accepted this lie of the devil, that there is no God. The devil is a liar and he is the father of liars. He wants to deceive you and cause you to spend eternity in hell. Today as you read this article, God is sending His word to you that you may be forgiven of all your sins and be healed from all sickness and diseases. Jesus death on the cross has provided the vaccine for your deliverance. You don't have to stay the way you are because change is now available. You can invite Jesus into your heart now? Pray this prayer, Oh Lord be mercy unto me a sinner; forgive me of my sins and cleanse me. I accept you now into my heart as Lord. Amen. If you prayed this from your heart, you are now a new creature in Christ Jesus!

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Carrie Neil**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of July, 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 25th day of April, 2019

Crystal R. Whittaker, Executrix
152 Elmira St. SW
Washington, DC 20032

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS
BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk
New Hanover County File
Number: 17-SP-699**

CHARLOTTE NOEL FOX, Administrator for the Estate of NORMA HEWETT, Petitioner, vs. KAY SMITH, CAROLYN MOSS, JENNIFER HEWETT, JESSIE HEWETT, ANTHONY HEWETT, RONTA BROWN, and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF NORMA HEWETT, Respondents.
To Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Norma Hewett:

TAKE NOTICE that a special proceeding seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

A Petition for Possession, Custody, and Control of Real Property and Sale of Real Property by Private Sale to Pay Debts of Norma Hewett. The real property sought to be sold is described as follows:

"BEGINNING at a point in the western line of Thirteenth Street One Hundred and three (103) feet South from its intersection with the Southern line of Castle Street at the Southern line of an alley; runs thence Westwardly along the Southern line of said alley and parallel with Castle Street One Hundred and fifty five (155) feet; thence Southwardly and parallel with Thirteenth Street Thirty one (31) feet; thence Eastwardly and parallel with Castle Street One Hundred and fifty five (155) feet to the Western line of Thirteenth Street; thence Northwardly and along the said Western line of Thirteenth Street Thirty one (31) feet to the point of beginning; the same being parts of Lots 2 and 3 in Block 84 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Subject, however, to an easement and right-of-way unto the owner or owners of the property immediately adjoining the above described tract on the South, their heirs and assigns, ever the extreme Western ten feet of the first above described tract and leading Southwardly from the alley above referred to."

Also being identified as Tax Parcel ID #R05410-008-024-000
Address: 606 S. 13th Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina 28401.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 28-A-13-3, Petitioner seeks to take possession, custody, and control of said real property and sell the real property at a private sale in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 29A of the North Carolina General Statutes and to apply the proceeds of the sale of the real property; first, to the satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and the costs of administration; and after satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and costs of administration, distribute to the heirs.

A hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., in room 219 of the New Hanover County Courthouse located at 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. If you fail to file a written response by or appear on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., any order entered by the Court shall be binding as if you were personally before the Court and any payment or distribution made by the Administrator under orders of the Court shall have the effect of fully discharging such personal representative and any sureties on the personal representative's official bond to the full extent of such payment or distribution as ordered.

This, the 9th day of May, 2019.

CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC
Charlotte Noel Fox
N.C. State Bar No. 32678
Administrator of the Estate of Norma Hewett
701 Market Street
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401
Telephone: (910) 815-0085
Facsimile: (910) 815-1095

May 9, 16, 23, 2019

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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 **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 **17th day of July, 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 18th day of April, 2019

Mary Belle F. Moore, Executrix
727 Spring Branch Road
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Administrators of the estate of **Margaret Anderson**, 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 **17th day of July, 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 18th day of April, 2019

Regina Anderson, Co- Administrator
317 North 7th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Catherine M. Anderson,
Co-Administrator
319 N. 7th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 288**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
K.P.J.S.
(D.O.B. 01/21/2015)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS:
SHANTELLE STOKES, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO
TO SHANTELLE STOKES**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following April 25, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR May 13, 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 25h day of April, 2019.

Karen F. Richards
Staff Attorney - New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
PO Box 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 798-3526

April 25, May 2, 9, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Flora Doub Burnette**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of July, 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 25th day of April, 2019

Robert Doub Burnette,
Administrator
3825 Canterbury Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Dena Ratcliff Beard, having qualified on the **29th day of January, 2019**, as Collector of the Estate of Samuel Harold Beard, Jr. (19-E-159), 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 **29th day of July, 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 25th day of April, 2019.

Dena Ratcliff Beard
Collector/ESTATE of Samuel Harold Beard, Jr.
David E. Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Virginia Blair Moore (19-E-482)**, 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 **July 31, 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 2nd day of May, 2019

Thomas Patrick Moore
Executor
of the Estate of Virginia Blair Moore
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
THE GENERAL
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18CVD829**

**OTTO GREENE JR., PLAINTIFF
V.
THEDDIUS EVETTE GAINES GREENE**

TO: THEDDIUS EVETTE GAINES GREENE, DEFENDANT

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief as follows: Absolute Divorce

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty(40) days after the first date of publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to this Court for the relief sought.

This the 2nd day of May, 2019

Otto Greene Jr.
704 Hanover St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 2, 9, 16, 2019

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ESTATE NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of **JOHN A. FABRIZIO, SR.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of such decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before three months from the date of publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of April 2019.

CHAUNCEY E. WILLIAMS
EXECUTOR
c/o Mark R. Bachara
BACHARA & ESSEY
200 Country Club Drive, Suite A
Oak Island, NC 28465

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
File 18 E 517**

The undersigned, having been duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Leroy McAllister**, 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 1554, Leland, NC 28451, on or before the **21st day of July, 2019**, or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the under-signed.

This the 11th day of April, 2019.

Leroy C. McAllister, Executor of the Estate of Leroy McAllister
TAMIKA JENKINS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
JENKINS LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 1554
Leland, NC 28451
(910) 547-9930

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Robert Peter Klerx**, 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 **17th day of July, 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 18th day of April, 2019

Melissa Lee Stephens, Executrix
10158 Stoneybrook Ct.
Leland, NC 28451

April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Kenneth L. Davis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of July, 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 25th day of April, 2019

Lisa Caple, Administratrix
51 Winding Way
Upper Chichester, PA 19061

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

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

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Joanne Marie Samara (18-E-1071)**, 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 **August 7, 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 May, 2019

Victoria ann Kristian & Mark Karol Groman
Co-Executors
of the Estate of Joanne Marie Samara
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2019

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Victoria Bailey Liles (19-E-393)**, 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 **July 24, 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 15th day of April, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator
of the Estate of Victoria Baily Liles
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **Emma T. Miers**, 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 **31st day of July, 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 2nd day of May, 2019

George T. Miers, Co- Executor
1727 Azalea Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403
Peter H. Miers
3913 Sweetbriar Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Lori Ann Skokowski**, 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 **31st day of July, 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 2nd day of May, 2019

Krystal Lee Ann Skokowski,
Administrator
613 Hillside Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **James Carroll Fox**, 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 **9th day of August, 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 9th day of May, 2019.

Katharine R. Fox, Executrix of the Estate of James Carroll Fox
124 Edge Hill Road
Wilmington, NC 28403
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Irmgard Haller Plyler**, 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 **9th day of August, 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 9th day of May, 2019.

Daniel Belk Plyler, Executor of the Estate of Irmgard Haller Plyler
3719 Grantham Court
Wilmington, NC 28409
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Hazel G. Smith**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of July, 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 25th day of April, 2019

Pamela Smith Kittredge,
Executrix
154 Ginger Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS
AND CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
19-E-103**

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **CHARLES B. KING**, late, of Castle Hayne, 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 **27th day of July, 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 25th day of April, 2019.

Brian Anthony King, Executor
Estate of Charles B. King
Harrison B. Freeland
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 19 JT 91**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.R.D. (DOB: 03-25-2019)**

**TO:
ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.**

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 thirty (30) days following **May 2, 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 ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR June 24, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Department of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 24th day of April, 2019

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
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