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EBONEE SPEARS

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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OUR VOICE



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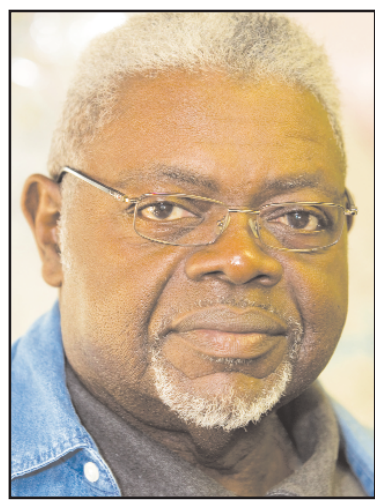
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BERNEST HEWETT

ON VACATION

Will return next week. Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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NC HIGH COURT HEARS STATE REDISTRICTING CASE MONDAY

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Last week, in a disappointing ruling for many, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 in Rucho v. Common Cause not to weigh in on the "extreme" partisan Republican gerrymandering of North Carolina's 13 congressional districts, saying effectively that federal courts should have no role in what are essentially political decisions.

However, on July 15, the N.C. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments in the partisan gerrymandering of North Carolina's legislative districts, and Democrats, who are still licking their wounds from last week's disheartening federal decision, are hoping for, if not expecting, a more positive outcome.

If partisan legislative districts in the NC House and Senate are struck down because they violate the NC Constitution, new districts could be in force for the 2020 elections, giving Democrats hope of reclaiming the majority in the NC General Assembly.

Republicans have been able to maintain a



JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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D.C. VIRGO PREPARATORY ACADEMY TAKES ON A NEW LEARNING PLATFORM.

D.C. Virgo highlights action based learning

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A special space and way of teaching that shines brightly in Charleston's Charles H. Pinkney Elementary School is also a part of D.C. Virgo's newest learning platform.

Action Based Learning is now the name of the game plan.

David Spurlock, retired Charleston Schools' coach and physical education instructor now travels across the nation lecturing and training educators about teaching techniques that target reform needs for best practices linking better learning and behav-

ior to physical movement.

"Exercise grows brain cells," Spurlock said during a workshop for more than fifty educators from the Carolinas that attended action based learning workshops on the campuses of D.C. Virgo and UNC Wilmington.

Rebecca Clark, a long-term D. C. Virgo educator served as a coordinator for the multi-sensory hands-on professional development project.

Learning and emotional management are often positively affected by students' movement potential, and heavy duty aerobics. Cognition and appropriate kinesthetic connections can change dynamics for

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CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS

Waters convenes hearing on need for diversity on federal and corporate boards

NNPA NEWSWIRE

WASHINGTON - At a full Committee hearing entitled, "Diversity in the Boardroom: Examining Proposals to Increase the Diversity of America's Boards," Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Financial Services, gave the following opening statement:

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Will White House Advisory Council act to end America's affordable housing crisis?

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Nearly 90 years ago, Kelly Miller (1863-1939), a Black sociologist and mathematician, said, "The Negro is up against the white man's standard, without the white man's opportunity." As the first Black man to

enroll as a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University in 1908, Miller also authored a book entitled Race Adjustment, published in 1908.

Ironically, despite the passage of time, Miller's words express the same sentiment held today by many Black Americans. As a people and across succeeding generations, we have

held fast to our hopes for a better life. Yet it is painfully true that many opportunities enjoyed by other Americans have been elusive for people of color.

Noted author and journalist Ta-Nehisi

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creating a functional class-  
room or learning lab, organ-  
izers said.

Discussions regarding  
how allowable movement  
can link to better grades and  
behaviors were received posi-  
tively by attendees. Sitting  
at desks for hours is like put-  
ting students in a cell and

asking them to be still and  
quiet, Spurlock emphasized.

D.C. Virgo's Action Based  
Learning Lab units are  
bright and colorful with sev-  
eral two and three dimen-  
sional gadgets and learning  
tools that allow students to  
unwind while mastering  
subjects like Reading,  
Spelling, Mathemat-ics and  
Science.

"I've learned that activi-  
ties like yoga can also be

very calming and keep a  
classroom of twenty stu-  
dents quiet," said partici-  
pant Pam Hutsell, a Blair  
Elementary School teacher.

"I love the diagnostic piece  
of this workshop. Knowing  
that a student's decision mak-  
ing process and movement can  
be connected to positive behav-  
iors."

Hutsell and others said they  
realize that historical instruc-  
tional models for quietness,

stillness, and academic reten-  
tion must incorporate updated  
techniques that can work for  
diverse learning styles and  
emotional needs.

"How the brain functions  
as a child is in movement  
rather than stillness is good  
to understand," said another  
D.C. Virgo workshop  
attendee, Chloe Thomas,  
occupational therapist from  
Summerville, S.C.

Wayne Branch was one of a

few male participants. He is a  
D.C. Virgo African-American  
teaching assistant who was  
impressed with Spurlock's on-  
site presentation.

"We must become educat-  
ed about other ways to teach  
a child," Branch said and  
stressed, "Educators must  
also be willing to change and  
implement new concepts for  
learning."

"Everyone's goal should be  
to help a child," he said.

## WATERS

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## As Prepared for Delivery

Today, this Committee con-  
venes for a hearing on the lack  
of racial, ethnic and gender  
diversity on federal and corpo-  
rate boards.

Strong diversity in the  
boardroom is critical to con-  
tinued U. S. competitiveness  
and to ensuring that con-  
sumers of all backgrounds  
are served and not excluded.  
Unfortunately, corporate and  
federal boards are not living  
up to their responsibility to  
reflect America's rich diversity.

According to the Alliance for  
Board Diversity, over 80 per-  
cent of new board directors at  
Fortune 500 companies in 2017  
were white males. The Federal  
government also has a long  
way to go. For example, our  
own Federal Reserve System  
has been in existence since  
1913, but it wasn't until 2017  
that Raphael Bostic became the  
very first African-American  
and first openly gay man to  
serve as a Federal Reserve  
Bank president.

At the same time, America  
continues to become more  
demographically diverse.  
According to the 2018 Census  
projections, youthful minori-  
ties will be the leading source  
of future workers, taxpayers  
and consumers.

In our May 1 Diversity and  
Inclusion Subcommittee hear-  
ing entitled, "Good for the  
Bottom Line: Reviewing the  
Business Case for Diversity,"  
we set the record straight that  
highly inclusive companies:

\*\*\* Outperform their  
competitors;

\*\*\* Rate themselves 170%  
better at innovation; and

\*\*\* Generate 1.4 times  
more revenue.

Despite the clear benefits of  
inclusivity and diversity, white  
males still remain in the major-  
ity of seats on corporate and  
federal boards. Women of color  
in particular have been exclud-  
ed from participation on  
boards. Although some reports  
show that the percentages of

women on boards may be  
increasing, the raw numbers  
reveal that compared to white  
males and white women,  
African-American, Asian  
and Latina women still have  
the fewest seats. In order to

understand these trends, we  
must continue to have access  
to board diversity data.

Diversity is one of the best  
investments a company can  
make. Diverse boards help  
intentionally guide compa-

nies and industry toward  
business solutions that maxi-  
mize returns on that diversi-  
ty investment.

Before us today are wit-  
nesses who can share per-  
spectives on the status of

board demographics. I look  
forward to drilling down on  
the current state of board  
diversity and discussing solu-  
tions so that more women  
and minorities can be  
appointed to board seats.

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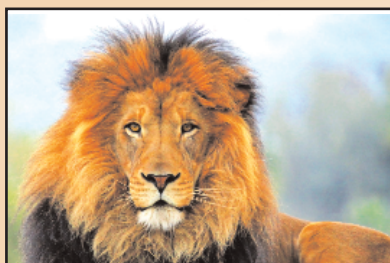
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then the hunters will get all the credit.”

----AN AFRICAN PROVERB



**STATE BRIEFS**



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**REP. BUTTERFIELD REACTS TO DEATH OF PHIL FREELON**  
[DURHAM] U.S. Rep. G. K.

Butterfield joined hundreds of thousands of mourners across the nation Tuesday, in paying tribute to Durham architect Phillip Freelon, 66, who died of complications from ALS.

"I was greatly saddened to learn of the passing of a man of great vision and talent, North Carolina's own, Phil Freelon," Butterfield said in a statement. "Well-known for his architectural genius, cre-

ating projects across the country with a targeted focus on the story-telling of the African American experience; he was able to culminate some of his greatest work as he thoughtfully and solemnly crowned the expanse of the black experience through his vision and execution of the widely popular Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and

Culture." "A celebrated architect, artist, husband and father, Phil Freelon will forever be immortalized by his incredible contributions to the state of North Carolina, his indelible mark left throughout the city of Durham and his monumental impact that continues its far and wide reach. Phil Freelon was a true treasure who will be dearly missed, but never forgotten."

**STILL NO MOVEMENT TOWARDS VETO OVERRIDE IN LEGISLATURE**

[RALEIGH] After seven black Democrats helped to pass the Republican-led legislature's \$24 billion budget last week, only to have Gov. Cooper veto it because it had no funding for Medicaid expansion, the House GOP has been trying since Monday to override Cooper's veto, but has failed to muster

up enough Democrats to help. The governor met with Republican legislative leaders Tuesday morning in hopes of a compromise, but both sides agreed to disagree. The House worked Wednesday to pass a budget stopgap measure to keep state government in operation. Democrats are confident they will be able to hold the line not to help override Cooper's veto.

**NC COURT**

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majority in the NC Legislature since 2011 because of the way voting districts were drawn. Common Cause v. Lewis, the case before the North Carolina Supreme Court where the nonpartisan Common Cause NC is suing NC Rep. David Lewis (R-Harnett), the architect of North Carolina redistricting, challenges that.

"Now the fight against extreme partisan gerrymandering that undermines democracy moves to state

courts and the ballot box," said Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, in a statement. "The battle is far from over."

"Nothing bars the North Carolina Supreme Court from banning blatant partisan gerrymandering from our state elections," says Rick Glazier, executive director of the NC Justice Center. "Ongoing litigation challenging partisan gerrymandering of our state's voting maps should proceed with deliberate speed to finally firmly end gerrymandering in North Carolina."

North Carolina Republican legislative leaders are, understandably, a bit nervous, The North Carolina

Supreme Court is comprised of six Democrats, three of whom are Black, and one Republican. So, unlike the U. S. Supreme Court, where Republicans enjoy a 5-4 majority, partisan advantage for the GOP in Common Cause v. Lewis, is virtually out the window.

So last week, filled with glee that the U.S. Supreme Court allowed North Carolina's partisan gerrymandered GOP-leaning congressionals to remain (10 out of 13 are Republican), Lewis told reporters that Democrats needed to stop going to court, litigating against voting districts they can't win.

Rep. Lewis even urged Common Cause to drop its pending lawsuit in the North Carolina Supreme Court in consideration of his considering nonpartisan redistricting reform in terms of a nonpartisan commission.

On Monday morning, a week before the case is scheduled to be heard, Bob Phillips, executive director of Common Cause NC, issued a press release effectively saying dropping the suit was a possibility....but at a high price.

"If Rep. Lewis is sincere about pursuing redistricting reform, he can start with the 2009 'Horton Independent

Redistricting Commission' Bill, which he, along with now Speaker Tim Moore and Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger, sponsored at the time," Phillips said in the release. "That bill called for adoption of a state constitutional amendment creating an independent citizens' commission to draw North Carolina's legislative and congressional districts free from partisan politics, with full transparency and robust public input. That was their proposal, which we supported."

Phillips continued, "So, we call upon Rep. Lewis and his fellow Republican legislative leaders to enact a

true citizens redistricting commission now, and only, after passing into law a gold-standard model of reform, would we consider his request."

Lewis, however, seemed unmoved.

In a tweet later Monday, Rep. Lewis replied, "The only commission bill filed in the House would let Democrats pick roughly 2/3 of the commission. Not a good basis for a conversation and far from a 'gold standard.'"

The case, *Common Cause v. Lewis*, is to be heard Monday in State Supreme Court.

**CRISIS**

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Coates expressed a similar view during his June 19 Capitol Hill testimony on reparations.

"Enslavement reigned for 250 years on these shores," noted Coates. "When it ended, this country could have extended its hallowed principles-life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness-to all, regardless of color. But America had other principles in mind. And so for a century after the Civil War, black people were subjected to a relentless campaign of terror, a campaign that extended well into the lifetime of Majority Leader McConnell."

While economists, public policy think tanks and other entities may sing a chorus of how well the American economy is performing and expanding, people of color - especially Blacks and Browns - have yet to see or feel economic vibrancy in our own lives - particularly when it comes to housing and homeownership.

On June 25, Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS) released its annual report, *The State of the Nation's Housing*. One of the housing industry's most broadly anticipated and cited reports, it once again chronicles recent trends and issues.

"The limited supply of smaller, more affordable homes in the face of rising demand suggests that the rising land costs and the difficult development environment make it unprofitable to build for the middle market," said Chris Herbert, JCHS's managing director.

Among this year's key findings:

Since 2018, the monthly housing payment on a median-priced home has been \$1,775;

In 2019, the cost of a median-priced home rose by 4% to \$261,600 when a comparable home in 2011 was priced far lower at \$177,400.

This rise in home prices is also the seventh straight year that median household incomes have failed to keep pace in 85 of the nation's largest 100 markets.

Nearly \$52,000 would be required to make a 20% down payment on a median priced home. Even if buyers opted for an FHA 3.5 percent down payment mortgage, more than \$9,000 would be needed to pay it, closing

costs, and related fees;

... In rental housing, four million units of housing priced at \$800 or less were lost between 2011 and 2019. Also, since 2010, renters now include consumers earning \$75,000 or more.

Families who already own their own homes, these findings signal that their investments are appreciating, growing in equity and wealth.

But for those trying to make that important transition from renting to owning, it's a very different outlook. As rental prices continue to soar and moderately priced apartments disappear from the marketplace, both prospective homeowners and current renters face a shrinking supply of affordable housing.

When homeownership is possible, housing costs can be better contained with fixed-interest rate mortgages, tax credits, and eventual equity. Even so, the Harvard report finds that only 36 percent of all consumers could afford to buy their own home in 2018. With higher priced homes in 2019, the affordability challenge worsens.

"It is equally noteworthy that once again this key report shares how consumers of color continue to face challenges in becoming homeowners, noted Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for Responsible Lending. "According to the report, only 43 percent of Blacks and 47% of Latinx own their own home, while white homeownership remains at 73 percent.

"This 30% disparity deserves further examination and proportional remedies," continued Bailey. "Greater access to safe and affordable credit, better fair housing enforcement, preservation of anti-discrimination laws - including disparate impact - can play a role in eliminating homeownership gaps. Further, as the future of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are publicly debated, a renewed commitment to serve all creditworthy borrowers must be embraced."

Calvin Schermerhorn, a professor of history in Arizona State University's School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies and author of *The Business of Slavery and the Rise of American Capitalism, 1815-1860*, holds similar views to those

expressed by Bailey. In a recent Washington Post op ed column, Schermerhorn addressed the historic disparities that Black America continues to suffer.

"One-fifth of African American families have a net worth of \$0 or below; 75 percent have less than \$10,000 for retirement," wrote Schermerhorn. "The enduring barriers to black economic equality are structural rather than individual.... "Escalators into the middle class have slowed and stalled, and the rung of the economic ladder one starts on is most likely where one will end up."

On the same day as the Harvard report's release, President Donald Trump signed an executive order that establishes a new advisory body that will be led by HUD Secretary Ben Carson. A total of eight federal agencies will work with state and local government officials to remove "burden-

some governmental regulations" affecting affordable housing.

"Increasing the supply of housing by removing overly burdensome rules and regulations will reduce housing costs, boost economic growth, and provide more Americans with opportunities for economic mobility," stated Secretary Carson.

If Secretary Carson means that local zoning rules favor single family homes over multi-family developments is a fundamental public policy flaw, he may be on to something. However this focus misses the crux of the affordable housing crisis: Wages are not rising in line with increasing housing costs.

And now, after the housing industry continues to cater to more affluent consumers, while many older adults choose to age in place, the market has very little to offer those who want their own American Dream, including some who are anxiously awaiting the chance to form their own households.

Builders have historically, not just of late, complained about the time it takes to secure permits or the series of inspections that must be approved during construction and before properties can be listed for sale. What is missing from this new initiative is a solution to the financial challenges that average people face.

It was scant regulation and regulatory voids that enabled risky mortgage products with questionable terms that took our national economy to the brink of financial collapse with worldwide effects. Taxpayer dollars to rescue financiers while many unnecessary foreclosures stripped away home equity and wealth from working families.

Time will tell whether new advisors and proposals remember the lessons from the Great Recession.

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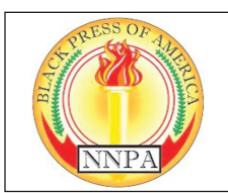
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GUEST EDITORIAL

### RAINBOW COALITION

#### “Equal Pay, Equal Pay, Equal Pay”

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

As the exhausted and thrilled U.S. women’s soccer team celebrated its victory in the finals of the 2019 Women’s World Cup, the cheers of the crowd in the Stade of Lyon soon turned into a chant: “Equal Pay, Equal Pay, Equal Pay.”

Even as they fought their way to the fourth U.S. Women World Cup championship, the U.S. team was waging a battle — in the court of public opinion and the courts of law — for equal treatment in wages, working conditions and investment in the women’s game. And if there is any justice or common sense in the team’s employer, U.S. Soccer, they will be as victorious in the quest for equal pay as they were in their quest for the World Cup.

These are truly American champions. It took immense courage — and no small amount of moxie — to file a class-action lawsuit — joined by all 28 members of the team — alleging gender discrimination by their employer only 93 days before their opening match in the World Cup. This only added immensely to the pressure on them to succeed on the field.

They would be playing for their country, for themselves, but also for all those who will come after them.

One of their leaders — Megan Rapinoe — won the “golden boot” as the top scorer in the World Cup, as well as the Most Valuable Player Award. She accomplished this even while expressing her own values. Trump criticized her for deciding not to sing the national anthem. She announced that she wasn’t interested in going to the White House. Her lavender hair symbolized her celebration of LGBTQ rights.

She naturally became a target of some on the right. She dismissed charges that she was un-American: “I’m particularly uniquely and very deeply American. If we want to talk about the ideals we stand for, the song and the anthem, and what we were founded on, I think I’m extremely American.”

She surely got that right. She also had the unified support of her teammates, who praised her as a “warrior” on and off the field, calling it a privilege to be her teammate.

As Christen Press put it, “It’s been beautiful to see her fearlessness as we get to the highest level and the highest stages, that she doesn’t back away, she doesn’t shy, but the opposite: She gets even bigger.”

As did the entire U.S. women’s team. Inspired by the example set by Billie Jean King and Venus Williams in women’s tennis, they took on their employers, criticized FIFA for its unequal treatment of the women’s game, and stood up for equal rights, waging a fight that would benefit their successors if not them.

As Alex Morgan, one of the team’s biggest stars stated, “My hope is that we have equality within football in my career, but I think ultimately it would be good in my lifetime. Even if I don’t reap the benefits, my hope is that the next generation’s sole focus is what it’s meant to be: And that is to play football.”

On Wednesday, the champions will be celebrated with a classic Manhattan tickertape parade through the “canyon of heroes” on Broadway. The cheers will be deafening; confetti will fill the air. Lavender hairdos will be seen throughout the crowd. And once more the chant will begin: “equal pay, equal pay, equal pay.”

Let us all pay tribute to the skill, the courage and the grit of these remarkable young women. They won the cup, even as they waged the fight for justice. They have inspired an entire generation of youngsters who watched their epic play on the field. They have earned the respect of their peers across the world.

Remarkably, the Dutch team posted its own tribute video to the American women before the final game, stating, “You showed us where dedication and ambition can bring you.”

Inspired by the Americans, the level of play is rising across Europe and across the world. And now we must all support them to ensure that they gain justice at home even as they have gained victory abroad.

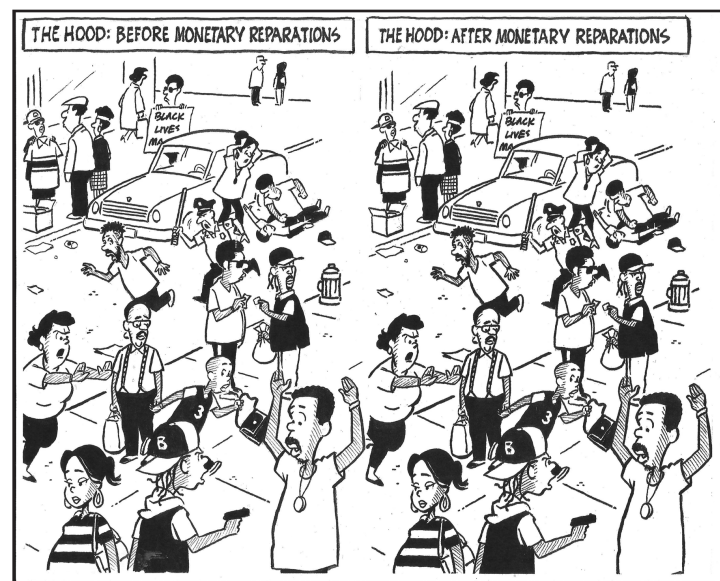
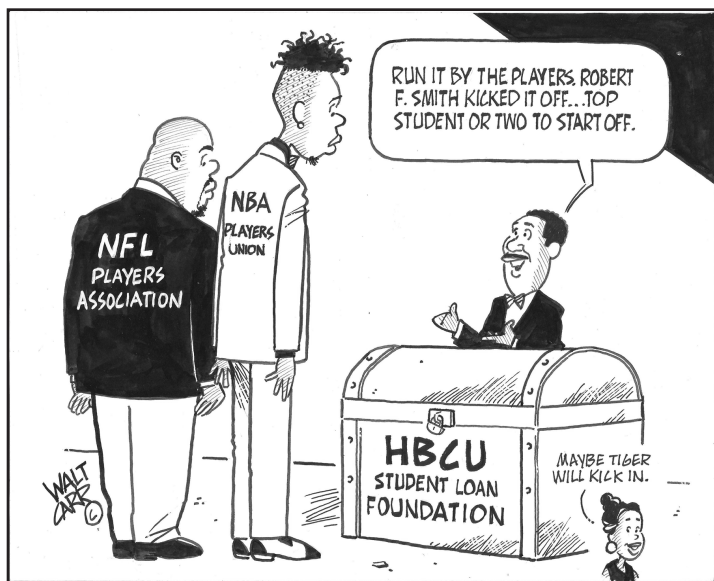
Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

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## YOUR VOICE

### Governor George Wallace changed toward his end, but Rick Holiday never changed

I filed three complaints against Rick Holiday with three different Superintendents when I was teaching. None of them did anything to stop him. They just kept promoting him.

One infamous School Board came close to naming him Superintendent.

The State Board of Education, SBI and FBI need to go back to his years as a teacher and investigate every supervisor, principal, superintendent and school board member who turned their heads and allowed him to behave in a

TRUMP like manner. The Board of Education is supposed to be an asset, not a liability. They could get a fresh start, for all our students, tomorrow if they fire Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley and hire a real leader. Some New Hanover County School Board members still want to close Williston and change it to a school of the

Arts. That plan may be out of sight, but it is not out of their minds so we must stay alert. They need to “wake-up” and take 54 hours of diversity training. If they can’t accept that this is 2019, not 1953 they need to resign.

James J. Hankins  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Can you believe it?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Can you believe #45 who went to the White House with the help of Russians stood before the world and bragged about Frederick Douglass with no recognition of why Douglass didn’t celebrate the 4th of July? He bragged about Harriet Tubman—a woman he refuses to place on the \$20.00 bill simply because President Obama set it up. Does he know the student protesters who sat in at the Woolworth counter in North Carolina were not bragging about how great America is? As he put on his expensive show, I wonder if he thought about the men in New York that he declared were guilty, but still hasn’t said he was sorry or wrong. Do you think they were celebrating with Trump



Dr. E. Faye Williams

about the wonders of America’s justice system?

He had the unmitigated gall to brag about women gaining the right to vote and about the Civil Rights Movement. Women are still trying to get an Equal Rights Amendment and daily we work to save the rights our ancestors often died to gain. Many of the things he uttered are things his party and he are trying to destroy.

Children at the border are crying out to be treated like human beings, and he never mentioned their plight that “only he can change” but doesn’t. All he has to say about the family separation and squalid conditions in which they live is they should’ve stayed where they came from. Forget about America’s welcoming words of “Give me your tired, your poor...”

Did he even notice only a handful of people of color were there in his cheering squad? He only invited special friends and donors. We do not even matter, but we knew that before he read his often-erroneous lines. Like slaveowners, lynch mobs

and other racists he did nothing to make us feel better or believe he had anything in mind to improve our lives. Obviously, he’s never read Frederick Douglass’ “What to the Slave is the 4th of July?” What Douglass said long ago still has meaning to this day.

Trump was okay having people he invited to make him look good sitting in the rain while he bragged about things somebody wrote for him and that he showed no understanding of what he was saying. He said there’s nothing America cannot do, so what is he waiting for?

Where’s his health care plan for all? Decent home for all? Livable wage plan for all? Climate change plan? Structural improvement plan? Where are his aspirational words for the future of all Americans? He read from a teleprompter words someone wrote for him without even recognizing the errors.

We could’ve read what he said much faster because we wouldn’t have had to constantly stop and applaud ourselves. Who brags about war and destruction? This wasn’t a day

celebrating our military. We do that on Veterans’ Day because all of us have had kin who fought and died in America’s wars.

This was an occasion to soothe his fragile ego. It was a waste of taxpayers’ money. We gained nothing from a flyover where most of us were indoors avoiding the rain. Those of us who live in the District of Columbia just had more of our tax dollars spent to make him feel like his “strongman” buddies Putin, Kim Jong-Un and others.

His salute wasn’t for the masses. Most of what he talked about we learned in our history classes in grade school. He claims the generals are his while he was a draft dodger who now pretends he loves the military!

There comes a time when you just can’t take it anymore. Come on people, Congress and Courts. Do something.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women ([www.nationalcongressbw.org](http://www.nationalcongressbw.org)) and host of “Wake Up and Stay Woke” on WPFW-FM 89.3.

## Running for exposure

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Twenty-four people are running for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. From where I sit, at least half of them are only running for exposure, for the Vice-Presidential nod, for Cabinet secretary, to push a platform, or to simply be seen. Their ambitions have made the process turgid and impractical, often amusing and only sometimes illuminating.

### Dr. Julianne Malveaux

The candidates do best when they have time to expound on their ideas, as they did at Rev. William Barber’s Poor People’s Congress on June 17, or at Rev. Jesse Jackson’s National Rainbow Coalition International Convention June 28-July 2. Barber’s meeting drew nine candidates, each who had the opportunity to give a four-minute speech and 26 minutes of questioning from Rev. Barber. The Rainbow PUSH gathering drew seven candidates who had about 15 minutes to address those assembled. Vice-President Biden, Senator Elizabeth Warren,

and Mayors Bill Di Blasio and Pete Buttigieg had press conferences with Rev. Jackson. Senators Harris and Booker did not attend Rev. Jackson’s meeting, although Harris did get to Rev. Barber’s and pledged to support a debate dedicated to poverty issues. With a crowded field and calendar, it is clear that everybody can’t be everywhere, but I’d like the two African American Senators to explain why they snubbed Rev. Jackson, a leader who provided the very foundation for them to run for office.

Memo to Andrew Yang, Marianne Williamson, Montana Governor Steve Bullock, Miramar, FL Mayor Wayne Messam, and a few others, what are you running for, really? You’ve got ideas — doesn’t everybody? But you have about as good a chance of being President as the proverbial snowball has a chance of surviving Hades. You’ve raised a little money, and you’ve got a skeleton staff. Why not sit home and write op-eds about your good ideas? Somebody will publish them.

Memo to California Congressman Eric Swalwell — age baiting is neither thoughtful nor cute. It’s fine to tell Vice-President Joe Biden to “pass the torch” once, but to say it more than once seems like badgering

and makes you look like a junior high school heckler. Biden should have come back at you for hedging your bets. You told the San Francisco Chronicle that, while you are running for President, you haven’t closed the door on keeping your congressional seat. You have until December to decide, you say. Do us all a favor. Decide now!

Memo to Beto O’Rourke. Just like the South lost the Civil War, you lost the Senate race in 2018. Losing a statewide competition is hardly the foundation for a successful Presidential run. You were a nondescript Congressman that sponsored little legislation, a Democratic sensation mainly because you came close to toppling the odious Senator Cruz. But what do you stand for other than white male exuberance, jumping up on tables with the wild hand gestures? Run for Senate in Texas again. Maybe you’d win and really make a difference!

Memo to Julian Castro. Don’t patronize your own community by speaking Spanish poorly. I think Latino people care more about your policy positions than your Spanish language ability. Good move in going after Beto O’Rourke in the debates on immigration issues. Wrong move in missing the Poor People’s Congress after

confirming that you’d be there.

Memo to Vice-President Biden. You’re better than your act, better than your debate performance, better than your wandering, long-winded speeches. I know you’ve been doing you for a long time, and the wordy gaffes seem to work for you. Actually, they don’t. There’s nothing wrong with saying you made a mistake, nothing wrong with apologizing to Anita Hill, which you haven’t done yet, nothing wrong with talking about busing unapologetically. If you don’t get your act together, Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris are going to make mincemeat out of you.

It’s only July, seven long months before the February 3, 2020, Iowa caucuses. Only July, eight months before the delegate-rich Super Tuesday, March 3, 2020, when at least 15 states, including Texas and California, will hold primaries, and 1321 Democratic delegates will be up for grabs. It’s the beginning of July, and by month’s end, there will be yet another debate with 20 people on the stage in two clumps. We won’t learn much at these debates, because they are less debate than guided conversation with interruptions and

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outbursts. What we must know, even at this point in July, is that all twenty-four candidates aren't running for President. At least

half of them are simply running for exposure, and most of the nation is not paying attention. Can you name all 24 candidates without the use of Google? Probably not. I got to 21 before I had to check. I left out Massachusetts Congressman Seth Moulton, former Alaska

Senator Mike Gravel, and Montana Governor Steve Bullock. They've made quite an impression! Running for exposure is a costly venture and a Constitutionally guaranteed right. I'm not so sure it's a good idea, at least where some of these candidates are con-

cerned. *Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest project MALVEAUX! On UDCTV is available on youtube.com. For booking, wholesale inquiries or for more info visit www.julian-nemalveaux.com.*

**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**

**Irreconcilable differences:**

**Biden, Harris and the issue of busing**

Sometimes, in spite of the best intentions, relationships just do not work out. The two parties involved cannot see eye to eye on at least one issue important to them both; sometimes, there are more. The two try to "talk it out," but they remain entrenched in their own positions. They do not hear each other because they do not listen to each other - i.e., they hear the words being said by the other but they do not have the capacity or desire or perhaps either to internalize what the other is saying - which is what "hearing" is about. Each grows more and more frustrated, then angry, and then finally give up. There is no common ground, no large enough area for them both to stand on, and they end up walking away from each other.



**Rev. Susan K. Smith**

It is the failure of Vice President Joe Biden to hear what Senator Kamala Harris is saying which is causing the seemingly unending conversation about busing. Harris has said that she does not believe that Biden is a racist, but she is adamant about him not understanding what his - and other white lawmakers' - stance on busing meant for her as a black child. Contrary to her "attacking" him, as the media and Biden himself have charged, Harris took an opportunity to challenge Biden on his actions as concerns racism and busing that caused a lot of pain for a lot of black people. There really has been no need for Biden to be defensive. He was entrenched in a system of white supremacy that was bold in its attacks against freedom and equality for black people. He was part of the group that resented federal intervention in trying to get schools to desegregate - so that black children would have the same opportunities as did whites. It was really black children who suffered; it was they who were bused miles away from their homes for the most part, into neighborhoods and schools that did not want them. That is the way it was. White America was incensed about Brown v Board of Education, and were adamant that they would not obey the law.

But it was the children, especially the black children, who suffered, and Senator Harris was one of those children. She spoke from her pain; she spoke from her raw experience of having to act like she was not afraid, or bothered, or maybe even angry that she and others had to be taken by a bus to an all-white school because state and local governments would not do what needed to be done to get enough funding for predominantly or all-black public schools to make them as top-notch as were white schools. The federal government stepped in because the U.S. Supreme Court had made a ruling, a law, that said "separate but equal" was unconstitutional. Schools for black children were not only separate but totally unequal, and white-run governments were not going to do anything about it.

When between couples there is a disagreement of this sort, it takes one of the two parties involved to stand down, to stop talking and start hearing. When the other person feels affirmed, the tension goes away or at least greatly diminishes, and the relationship has a chance of being saved. It often is.

But when both sides dig their heels into their positions, the outlook for the relationship is bleak. In our country, white people have often thought that the complaint of racism has been overused, forgetting that racism and white supremacy were written right into the Constitution. They do not see because they do not want to see what white supremacist laws and policies have done to black children for hundreds of years. To say that black children have an equal opportunity to be successful as do white children is to admit that one has no clue about the power of white supremacy. All of us - black as well as white - have been taught history and social values according to the white supremacist model, but white supremacists have had the power to make and enforce laws that have ensured that they will remain in power, no matter what. One only has to read one of Jonathan Kozol's books on the state of education for black children in this country to understand how grave is the issue of substandard education - which includes dilapidated buildings, old books, and insufficient supplies - for black children, even now, 65 years after Brown v Board of Education passed.

The issue would be quelled if Mr. Biden would say, "You know, I did vote that way. I thought that way back then, about busing. But I have evolved and I have changed how I think about it...and I don't understand how the whole busing debacle affected black children but from what you are saying, I see that it was very damaging. I cannot undo what I did and how I thought back then, but I can say, moving forward, that the lessons I learned back then will help me in anything I do going forward..."

Or something like that. That Mr. Biden is so defensive is a problem. Until someone stands down, the media is going to continue to spin this story, day after day after day after day. Senator Harris exposed her pain from being bussed. Mr. Biden would do well to acknowledge it, affirm her as a person who has succeeded in spite of white supremacy, and continue to get to the business of running for president. Not reconciling this issue will only be bad for them both, but perhaps more for Mr. Biden because black people do remember the pain of being the objects of scorn and hatred - just because we wanted our children to get a good education.

This is no time to be wrestling with irreconcilable differences - especially when it comes to racism.

*Rev. Dr. Susan K Smith is nearing completion of a book, "On the Shores of America: Two Nations, Two Gods" and in November, her book, "Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul" will be released by Whitaker House Publishers. To inquire about booking her, contact cassady2euca@icloud.com.*

**Being Black and Republican in the era of Trump presents challenges**

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

It's likely that identifying as a Republican today isn't as easy as it once was, particularly with President Donald Trump's policies that have included separating children from parents; the administration's escalating racial rhetoric; and a special counsel report that strongly suggests the nation's commander-in-chief committed crimes that may not just end with obstruction of justice.

And, as tough as it is for White GOP members to identify with the party (See: Michigan Rep. Justin Amash's declaring his independence this month and leaving the party) African American Republicans may have an even more difficult task of letting people know where they stand.

In fact, prominent Republicans like South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott and Telly Lovelace, who once was responsible for African American outreach, press strategy and field engagement for the Republican National Committee, nixed requests by the NNPA Newswire to detail life as a Black Republican.

We also reached out to others without success including Herman Caine, Condoleezza Rice, Dr. Ben Carson, and Armstrong Williams.

Perhaps they weren't able to articulate what former RNC Chair Michael Steele could - "I mean, you know, people don't ask Democrats that question when they had their crazy left-wingers out

there," Steele said.

"But, you know in any political climate there are underlying arguments for being reasonable and in my view, which is why I remain a Republican, is that despite Donald Trump, there's still a balance and there's still underlying arguments for Republicanism that are still valid," Steele said.

"The principles are still valid," he said before offering a reminder of what he told a Washington Post reporter in 2018.

"You invite me over to a nice dinner and I come to your home. And during the course of that evening, I start breaking your china. I start slicing your drapes, tearing up your carpet, putting holes in your walls.

"So, at that point, do you leave, or do you kick my ass out? You're going to kick me out. That's where I am. I'm not leaving. This is my house.

"I know I gotta repair the drapes and patch up the holes in the walls and replace the carpet. But your ass will be gone and that's the goal," Steele said.

Shekinah Monee, of Perfect Vision PR Company, said as a Republican in the current climate it's often difficult when she discusses her views to fellow African Americans who don't favor her party.

"My mother blames my boyfriend for my party change, although my views have never changed," Monee told NNPA Newswire.

"I had to reevaluate my views and why I was with a [Democratic] party that did not support me. While I have

always been conservative, I was told as a black woman I must be a Democrat. I attempted to become a Republican several times, but the Board of Election kept keeping me as a Democrat. I finally became a Republican in 2019," Monee said.

"I think that the African American community truly needs to read and know their history. I think that a lot of people dislike a person and let it speak for the party," she said.

"There is no consideration taken about the entire picture. Also, we must hold everyone to the same standards," Monee continued.

Having worked in Republican politics for 15 years and being the head of the only black GOP political campaign consulting firm, Richard S. Holt said his experience shows that having an all-white administration makes many African Americans believe that the party is racist.

"My friends and family understand this narrative and how it works in terms of the politics of race," Holt said.

"My father was very conservative and hated the Democrats who he saw as holding back black progress. As I grew up, I began to get a better understanding of his ideas," said Holt, whose father was the first in his family to get a college degree and the first black chemist to graduate from his college," he said.

"I was taught a very 'up by the bootstraps' idea that we had to be smarter, be wiser, and work harder than whites

to get ahead," Holt said.

"Once I read the book, 'Conscience of a Conservative,' in college back in 1999, I was sold on conservatism overall," he said.

Holt did say he disagreed with the author's ideas on the Civil Rights Act, but the overall philosophy of conservatism just made the most sense for the kind of America he wanted to live in.

Jonathan Farley, whose father is a native of Guyana who holds a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics, and his mother who is Jamaican and holds a Ph.D. in American history, said he's an independent who voted Republican in the 2018 midterm elections.

"I decided to do that because of the Democratic Party's support for alternative lifestyle groups and the party's support for women who make false allegations against men like the #MeToo movement," Farley said.

Despite his conversion, Farley said he doesn't believe African Americans as a whole will ever be convinced that the Republican party has the community's best interest in mind.

"Republicans should make it clear that the Democratic party supports anti-Christian efforts like teaching kindergarteners about transsexuals and Republicans should stop taking the side of neo-Confederate groups and the party should publicly state that Confederate statues need to be removed," Farley said.

*Stacy M. Brown is a NNPA Newswire Correspondent.*

**Mental health stigma still affecting African Americans**

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

Historically, seeking psychotherapy has been difficult for African Americans, said Dr. Viola Drancoli, a licensed clinical psychologist who wrote a master thesis about the barriers to seeking mental health services in ethnic minority communities.



**Stacy M. Brown**

"It is not only a concept with European origin, but also a concept that does not fit the community-oriented, collective approach to healing and support that has been so helpful to this population," Drancoli said.

"Instead of finding healing in coming together, the client is separated, often sitting in a one-on-one session with a professional. The idea of being focused on, analyzed, can be perceived as threatening," she said.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health says poverty level affects mental health status and African Americans living below the poverty level, as compared to those over twice the poverty level, are three times more likely to report psychological distress.

Further, African Americans are 10 percent more likely to report having serious psychological distress than Non-Hispanic whites, and the death rate from suicide for African American men was more than four times greater than for African American women, in 2014.

A report from the U.S. Surgeon General found that from 1980 to 1995, the suicide rate among African Americans ages 10 to 14 increased 233 percent, compared to 120 percent for non-Hispanic whites.

Yet, experts said even as the conversation around

mental health has grown significantly with celebrities and others in the spotlight sharing their stories, most African Americans still refrain from seeking help.

"Unfortunately, among African Americans it remains taboo to talk about, and one reason is the fear of being labeled as crazy," said Arron Muller, a licensed social worker.

"The intense fear of being judged has been a huge deterrent," Muller said.

"In the African American community there is also an association that mental illness means weakness and the inability to handle your problems on your own or that anxiety or depressive symptoms should be addressed with praying and fasting," he said.

Prayer and a relationship with God have their place in the full picture of health and wellness and a connection to God and leaning on a higher power does promote tremendous benefits for the brain and brain health, said Dr. Catherine Jackson, a licensed clinical psychologist and board certified neuro-therapist in Chicago.

Jackson founded Dr. J's Holistic Health and Wellness at DrCCJ.com.

"While having the strength to work on your own problems is a good characteristic to have, not recognizing when to seek help can be detrimental to overall health," Jackson said.

"Turning to our pastors was needed in the past, but as concerns have grown, more resources are available," she said, noting also that many African Americans eventually visit hospital emergency rooms with complaints that are in fact mental health issues.

"Some hospitals give referrals to mental health practitioners, but without proper education and information shared, follow through is unlikely," Jackson said.

Educator and life coach Elaine Taylor-Klaus said there's something else that happens in the African

American community that should warrant consideration when discussing the stigma of mental illness.

"In all aspects of life, the African American community has had to appear better than the average person just to be seen as good enough," Taylor-Klaus said.

"African American families have long been conscious of a need to dress their kids a little nicer in public, to expect their kids to behave more respectfully in public, and to follow directions immediately," Taylor-Klaus said.

"The implications for the adults when kids don't behave has been a risk-factor - when an 'uppy' child acts out, an African American adult can get in serious, life-threatening trouble. It's not reasonable - but it's a reality of African American life in the United States," she said.

There are more than 200 classified forms of mental illness and some of the more common disorders are depression, bipolar disorder, dementia, schizophrenia and anxiety disorders, according to Mental Health America, the nation's leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness.

Symptoms may include changes in mood, personality, personal habits and/or social withdrawal.

Mental health problems may be related to excessive stress due to a particular situation or series of events.

As with cancer, diabetes and heart disease, mental illnesses are often physical as well as emotional and psychological. According to Mental Health America, mental illnesses may be caused by a reaction to environmental stresses, genetic factors, biochemical imbalances, or a combination of: Confused thinking Prolonged depression (sadness or irritability) Feelings of extreme highs and lows Excessive fears, worries and

- anxieties
- Social withdrawal
- Dramatic changes in eating or sleeping habits
- Strong feelings of anger
- Strange thoughts (delusions)
- Seeing or hearing things that aren't there (hallucinations)
- Growing inability to cope with daily problems and activities
- Suicidal thoughts
- Numerous unexplained physical ailments
- Substance use
- In Older Children and Pre-Adolescents:**
- Substance use
- Inability to cope with problems and daily activities
- Changes in sleeping and/or eating habits
- Excessive complaints of physical ailments
- Changes in ability to manage responsibilities - at home and/or at school
- Defiance of authority, truancy, theft, and/or vandalism
- Intense fear
- Prolonged negative mood, often accompanied by poor appetite or thoughts of death
- Frequent outbursts of anger
- In Younger Children:**
- Changes in school performance
- Poor grades despite strong efforts
- Changes in sleeping and/or eating habits
- Excessive worry or anxiety (i.e. refusing to go to bed or school)
- Hyperactivity
- Persistent nightmares
- Persistent disobedience or aggression
- Frequent temper tantrums

For detailed information about mental illness and where assistance is provided visit, [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org); [www.mentalhealthamerica.net](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net); or [www.minority-health.hhs.gov](http://www.minority-health.hhs.gov).

Part 2 in this series will tackle the growing number of suicides among young African Americans, an alarming trend that experts say is the result of poverty, racism, and post-traumatic stress syndrome both from military service and domestic and social problems.

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





## New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, July 25th at :00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on important state and community issues will be on the agenda, as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch events and activities. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email [naacp@gmail.com](mailto:naacp@gmail.com).



Chapter 885 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, in conjunction with The American Honor Guard of NC, is bringing the traveling memorial wall to Wilmington from July 26 to July 29, 2019. The opening ceremony will be at 10:00 am on the 26th and the closing ceremony will be at 8:00 am on the 29th. The wall will be located at the Mayfair Town Center at 1055 International Drive in Wilmington. The wall will be open 24 hours a day and FREE to the public. Please come out and share in this memorable experience.

## Community Briefs

The Class of '61 will have its 2019 third quarter class meeting on Sunday, July 28th (Fourth Sunday). SITE: Mount Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall (1001 S. 7th Street). TIME: 4:00 pm. We are inviting ALL graduates to participate in the meeting, as well as others who were "on track" with us at Williston but graduated from somewhere else. The meeting will address two issues: (1) election of officers; and (2) planning our next quarterly laughing-out-loud non-business get-together. We extend a special invitation to out-of-town classmates who will be in the Wilmington area on the 28th.

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

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## YWCA Lower Cape Fear hosts second Annual Youth-Focused Potluck for Peace

WILMINGTON, N.C.— The YWCA Lower Cape Fear will hold their second annual youth-focused Potluck for Peace, a quarterly dinner and discussion series that bring community members together to engage in an open dialogue about race relations and how to influence peaceful change in the community. The upcoming Potluck for Peace will take place at the Community Boys & Girls Club on Thursday, July 18, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Storyteller Joyce Grear will perform "Why Frog and Snake Never Play Together," an African folktale with themes and explorations of prejudice, tolerance, and friendship. Grear is the founder or co-founder of numerous arts organizations locally, including the Wilmington's Children's Theatre, The Senior Players, Art Camp, and The Annual Youth Storytelling Festival. Grear has toured Pender and Brunswick counties as a Living History Character and storyteller and is an Upperman Artist at UNCW's African

American Cultural Center. Grear won the first YWCA Women of Achievement Arts Award in 1985.

The focus of this Potluck will be to engage the youth in our community in the dialogue around the story's themes and to create discussion points for families to continue the conversation. The YWCA Lower Cape Fear invites students ages five to twelve to attend and join the potluck. All community members are welcome. Those planning to attend should bring one three items to share: a salad, a pizza, or a dessert. Beverages have been generously donated by the Coca Cola Bottling Company, Consolidated. The event is supported by New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Services provided by the program support the YWCA Lower Cape Fear's mission to eliminate racism and empower women. For more information on the Potluck for Peace series, the YWCA and its mission and programs, please visit [www.ywca-lowercapefear.org/potluck](http://www.ywca-lowercapefear.org/potluck).

## Deltas end the year with Big Hat Gospel Brunch



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### DELTA AND GUESTS AT THE BIG HAT GOSPEL BRUNCH

BY MARVA ROBINSON  
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Under the leadership of President Robin Moore, the Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated successfully concluded May Week 2019 presenting the 3rd annual Big Hat Gospel Brunch on Saturday, May 11, at the Ebenezer Empowerment Center. As guests adorned the event with a bevy of uniquely fashionable hats and complimentary attire, the program ensued with entertainment, a health and wellness presentation and recognition of Delta Violet

Honorees. Mr. Darryl Murrill, saxophonist, Ablaze Sound Productions, Abundance Praise Dancers of New Beginning Christian Church and Ms. Acquinetta Beatty, 1st Vice President of the chapter, rendered outstanding performances with Mistress of Ceremonies, Ms. Venice Price, Chapter Treasurer lending her talent as program president. Dr. Virginia Adams, chair of Delta's Physical & Mental Health Committee delivered healthy tidbits with an informative "Journey to Wellness" presentation.

Highlighting this event, the chapter recognized several

individuals for their efforts which impacted the community in those areas of the sorority's 5 point programmatic thrust- Education, Economic Development, Physical and Mental Health, Political Awareness and Involvement, International Awareness and Involvement. The Delta Violet Award was presented to Wanda Seed for staff support of Delta Gems at Hoggard High School; Charriese Hart, CEO of the New Hanover County Branch of the YWCA; Marissa Bryant, Dance in the Park; Deborah Maxwell, President

of the New Hanover County NAACP; Cindy Kaiser for designing and donating a quilt to raise funds to support a Delta School in Haiti.

The annual May Week Celebration is a period when Delta Chapters emphasize scholastic achievements, educational opportunities and the encouragement of higher scholarship. Through its activities during the month of May, the Wilmington Chapter strives to enhance the spirit of sisterhood in addition to providing public service initiatives for the community and surrounding areas.

## Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. inducts new members



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Newly inducted members of the Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Top row from left to right), Detra Johnson, Wanda Pugh-Trice, Tamika Brown, Crystal McDuffie, Adrianna Penley, Latasha Gaise, Gail Bryan, Candance Metcalf, Tyisha Sellars and Shequana Sidbury; (Bottom row) Tiffany Campbell, Daja White, Chelsa Stubbs, Jolanda Sidbury, Karimah Bradley, Makeba Shaw, Nakia Robbins, Panza McNeil, Jamie Jackson and Carolyn Blue.

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### NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT U.S. 17 AND HICKMAN ROAD NW (S.R. 1303) BRUNSWICK COUNTY

#### STIP PROJECT NO. W-5703H

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project to convert the U.S. 17 / Hickman Road NW Intersection to a Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI). The proposed improvements include adding U-turn movements and median crossovers at intersections to improve safety and traffic operations. The total length of the study corridor along U.S. 17 is about 4,400 feet.

The meeting will take place on **July 15, 2019** from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in the **Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School Gym** located at **250 Pea Landing Road NW, Ash**. The public may drop-in at any time during the meeting hours. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit comments will also be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by **July 30, 2019**. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

For additional information, contact Michael Bass, NCDOT Project Manager, at NCDOT Highway Division 3, 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, NC 28429, (910) 341-2000, or [mlbass@ncdot.gov](mailto:mlbass@ncdot.gov).

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### NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING PROPOSED INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE U.S. 17 AND U.S. 17 BUSINESS INTERSECTION JACKSONVILLE, ONSLOW COUNTY

#### STIP Project No. U-5951

The N.C. Department of Transportation is proposing to make improvements to the intersection of U.S. 17 and U.S. 17 Business in Jacksonville.

An open-house public meeting will be held at the **Jacksonville Center for Public Safety** located at **200 Marine Blvd** in Jacksonville from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, July 18, 2019**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide interested citizens the opportunity to review maps of the project, ask questions and provide feedback.

Interested citizens may attend at any time between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation. Maps of the proposed improvements will be displayed at the meeting and staff of NCDOT will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

A map of the proposal is available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings/>.

For additional information please contact NCDOT Project Manager, Brian Harding, P.E. by phone at (910) 341-2000, or by email at [bjharding@ncdot.gov](mailto:bjharding@ncdot.gov). Comments will be accepted at the meeting or by mail or email following the meeting but should be submitted by **August 17, 2019**.

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# Regulatory rollback on student loans takes away borrower protections

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

Every Fourth of July celebrates this nation's founding. But this year, only a few days before the annual freedom celebration, an ill-advised governmental action financially doomed rather than freed millions of student loan borrowers – as of July 1. Moreover, this action arrives as the cost of higher education continues to soar and household incomes remain largely stagnant.

On June 28, the Department of Education announced the end of an important student loan regulation that since 2015 has held colleges with career training programs accountable for failure to provide an education that resulted in marketable skills and earnings high enough to repay student loans.

Known as the Gainful Employment rule, it required career and technical training programs that receive federal financial aid to prove that students would receive the education promised or forfeit future federal funding dollars. Additionally, covered institutions and programs were required to disclose to prospective students the career earnings and student debts of recent graduates.

In other words, the rule was intended to rein in abusive schools before they could harm students or waste taxpayer-funded aid.

Finalized in 2014, the rule was too late to help the tens of thousands of student borrowers affected by the failures of huge for-profit institutions, Corinthian Colleges, and ITT Technical Institute. Borrowers at these now-shuttered colleges were left without degrees, or credits that could be transferred, but carried with them unaffordable debts that have devastated the stability of their families. These closures also resulted in massive losses to

taxpayers who fund federal financial aid.

Even so, the Gainful Employment rule has been effective in two other ways. First, it pushed many other for-profit institutions to cut their worst performing programs. Secondly, it controlled tuition costs. Either violation brought regulatory sanctions.

Now, instead of these protections, consumers are left on their own -- directed to an expanded web resources known as a 'College Scorecard' where information on student debt and earnings now includes 2,100 certificate-granting programs.

"These important reforms are a more complete and effective way to hold all types of higher education institutions accountable and make sure that students have a full suite of data when making a decision about their education," said Secretary DeVos in a statement.

Saying that information is the equivalent of regulation is simply not true. Effective regulations impose penalties, fines, and conditions on future actions -- all to deter bad actors from repeating behaviors. By contrast, information only discloses with no guarantee that what is shared will be truthful, complete, or current.

Elected officials and consumer advocates were quick to point out the shortcomings of student loan deregulation.

"[B]y eliminating this rule without enforcing any alternative standard the Education Department is giving low-quality, for-profit colleges a free pass to charge high tuition for worthless credentials that leave students with insurmountable debt," noted U.S. Representative Bobby Scott, chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor.

"Students need protection against unaffordable loans,"

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2 in 3 Students Graduate with Significant Student Debt



65% of the Class of 2017 graduated with debt. Nonprofit students and for-profit students graduated with \$28,650 and \$39,900 in student loans, respectively.

More than One Million Borrowers Default on Student Loans Each Year



One study predicts that by 2023, 40% of the sample group of 2004 college entrants will likely default on their student loans.

Student Loan Debt is Surging Among Older Consumers



Over 50% of baby boomers surveyed say college debt has damaged their quality of life in retirement.

200,000 Active-Duty Servicemembers Owe More than \$2.9 Billion in Student Debt



Servicemembers, veterans, and military families often file complaints with the CFPB about problems accessing affordable repayment options.

### STUDENT DEBT COLLECTION

said James Kvaal, President of The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS). "This rule rolls back the clock on those very protections. At a time when millions of borrowers are struggling with debt they cannot afford, the Department's repeal of the gainful employment rule is reckless and irresponsible."

The ills that TICAS' Kvaal points out are well-documented.

A 2018 research report entitled, 'The State of For-Profit Colleges,' by the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) analyzed student debt on a state-by-state basis. It concluded that investing in a for-profit education is almost always a risky proposition. Undergraduate borrowing by state showed that the percentage of students that borrow from the federal government generally ranged between 40 to 60 percent for public colleges, compared to 50 to 80 percent at for-profit institutions.

CRL also found that

women and Blacks suffer disparate impacts, particularly at for-profit institutions, where they are disproportionately enrolled in most states. For example, enrollment at Mississippi's for-profit colleges was 78 percent female and nearly 66 percent Black. Other states with high Black enrollment at for-profits included Georgia (57 percent), Louisiana (55 percent), Maryland (58 percent) and North Carolina (54 percent).

"Betsy DeVos' decision to eliminate this important education protection is a disservice to the public and only serves to put corporate interests ahead of struggling students and taxpayers," said Debbie Goldstein a CRL Executive Vice President, following the recent rescission of the Gainful Employment rule. "Completely removing oversight of these programs and leaving parents and students to navigate the college loan system is irresponsible and wastes federal money on

programs that aren't performing."

Similarly to CRL, the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) has found that for-profit college students borrow more, and more often. More than 80 percent of for-profit college graduates incurred nearly \$40,000 in debt at the time of graduation. Further, Black and Latino student loan borrowers were found to default on their loans at twice the rate of similarly situated whites.

"Repealing the Gainful Employment rule will cost taxpayers over \$6 billion over the next decade, and ending this rule will worsen the student loan debt crisis, especially for the people of color and low-income students who disproportionately attend career education programs and who are often targets of predatory recruitment practices," said Abby Shafroth, an NCLC attorney who works with its Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project.

"The Department's unfounded claims that students will benefit from "more access" as a result of the repeal are bogus: Students don't need access to more failing schools, they need a student loan system that doesn't set them up to fail."

With 44 million student borrowers owing \$1.5 trillion nationwide at the end of 2019's first quarter, removing federal guard rails against future borrower risk is as costly as it is unsustainable. As the federal government turns its back on these borrowers, perhaps another level of government can and will fill the void.

"Now more than ever," concluded Goldstein, "states have important roles to play in regulation, oversight, and enforcement."

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### NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE U.S. 17 / N.C. 172 AND U.S. 17 / OLD FOLKSTONE ROAD INTERSECTIONS ONSLOW COUNTY

#### STIP PROJECT NO. U-6065

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project to improve the U.S. 17 / N.C. 172 and U.S. 17 / Old Folkstone Road intersections in Holly Ridge. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow along U.S. 17 and address intersection safety concerns.

The meeting will take place on **July 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at **Folkstone Original Free Will Baptist Church** located at **133 Old Folkstone Road in Holly Ridge**. The public may drop in at any time during the meeting hours. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit comments will be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by **August 30, 2019**. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

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## Innocence Project: 2018 was record year for exonerations

BY **FREDERICK H. LOWE**  
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The Innocence Project reported in the most recent issue of its magazine that a record nine clients were exonerated and released from prison in 2018 for crimes they didn't commit.

Maddy DeLone, the Innocence Project's executive director, wrote in Spring 2019 issue of "The Innocence Project in Print" that the nine exonerations were most at one time in Innocence Project's 26-year history.

Exonerations continued into 2019 with three more men being released from prison for crimes they didn't commit. The incarcerations took a problematic toll on the 12 men who were locked behind bars for a total of nearly 300 years. "Time away from their homes, families and loved ones cannot be replaced," DeLone wrote. Gregory Counts, one of the exonerated said, "I want to

jail when I was 19. I did 26 years-over half of my life in jail. I need to see the world."

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. vacated rape, sodomy and kidnapping charges against Counts after a woman who claimed she was the victim admitted to lying. Semen and other physical evidence eliminated Counts as a suspect. Malcolm Alexander, another exonerate, said, "freedom is a new life. It's like being reborn. It's giving a chance to live a life I had been denied."

The Innocence Project determined Alexander's attorney was incompetent. Genetic testing eventually eliminated him as the rape suspect. He left prison with a smile on his face and his black pet Labrador Retriever named "Innocent." In another matter, New York created the first ever state-wide commission to study prosecutorial misconduct, such a failure to disclose exculpatory evidence or discrimination in jury selection.



The Innocence Project got Gregory Counts released from prison in 2018.



Malcolm Alexander was released from prison for a crime he didn't commit in 2018.

## NNPA publishers honor Marjorie Parham, a living legend of the Black Press

BY **STACY M. BROWN**  
NNPA NEWSWIRE  
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The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) honored Majorie B. Parham with the organization's Legacy Award during its annual convention in Cincinnati on Friday, June 29.

The NNPA is a trade association that represents African American-owned newspapers and media companies in the United States.

Parham, who turned 101 in February, spent more than three decades as publisher of the Cincinnati Herald, which was established in 1955 and counts as the longest running African American newspaper in the city.

"She was a real radical," said Dorothy Leavell, the publisher of the Chicago and Gary Crusader newspapers. "Marjorie Parham was something else and she was straight forward with her words and

you didn't have to guess what she meant ... she made it very clear. She is a wonderful human being and she was a great asset to the Black Press of America," Leavell said.

Parham was unable to attend the ceremony but was represented by the husband of her granddaughter Rhonda Spillers, and Parham was feted with proclamations and commendations from Ohio State Sen. Cecil Thomas, State Reps. Sedrick Denson and Catherine Ingram; Cincinnati City Councilman Wendell Young; and Hamilton County Commissioner Stephanie Dumas.

Former Ohio State Sen. Eric Kearney served as master of ceremonies and co-chair of the convention.

Kearney's wife, Cincinnati Herald Publisher Jan Michele Lemon Kearney, served as the host for the annual convention which this year celebrates 192 years of the Black Press of America.

The convention's partner and sponsors included Macy's; AARP; Procter & Gamble; Ford; General Motors; Chevrolet; RAI American Services Company; the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; American Petroleum Institute (API); Volkswagen; MillerCoors; Fifth Third Bank; Ascension; AmeriHealth Carita; Wells Fargo; and Pfizer Rare Disease.

Born in 1918 in Clement County, Ohio, Parham graduated from Batavia High School and attended Wilberforce University, a Historically Black College, according to her bio.

Later, she took classes at the University of Cincinnati before working as a clerk for the U.S. Veterans Administration.

In 1954, Parham married Gerald Porter and one year later he founded the Cincinnati Herald.

Within six years, Parham would retire from the Veterans Administration and take over as publisher of the Dayton

Tribune, which her son ran until he was drafted in the military, her bio said.

In 1963, Parham also became publisher of the Cincinnati Herald, where she became a legend and often noted for her work at the newspaper and in the community through her involvement in numerous civic organizations.

In 1982, Parham became the second African American to serve as a trustee for the University of Cincinnati, and she also chaired the board of the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio.

Active in the Urban League, the American Red Cross and various scouting groups, Parham also was known for her work as a member of NNPA where she served on the organization's board as treasurer.

"I know [NNPA leadership] will continue their high standards of excellence," Denson said.



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### NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD EXTENSION NEW HANOVER COUNTY

#### STIP PROJECT NO. U-4434

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project to extend Independence Boulevard (S.R. 1209) by 1.7 miles from Randall Parkway to U.S. 74 (Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway) in Wilmington. The purpose of the project is to improve connectivity and capacity by providing an additional 4-lane, north-south corridor that would provide an increase in the overall traffic capacity within Central Wilmington.

The meeting will take place on **July 22 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in the **Rachel Freeman School of Engineering Multipurpose Room** located at **2601 Princess Place Drive in Wilmington**. The public may drop in at any time during the meeting hours. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit comments will also be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by **August 19, 2019**. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at [www.ncdot.gov/projects/independence-boulevard](http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/independence-boulevard).

For additional information, please contact Krista Kimmel, NCDOT Division 3, at 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, NC 28429. You may also contact the project team through our toll-free hotline at 1-800-233-6315.

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### NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO N.C. 133 (CASTLE HAYNE ROAD) FROM I-140/U.S.17 (WILMINGTON BYPASS) TO DIVISION DRIVE NEW HANOVER COUNTY

#### TIP PROJECT NO. U-5863

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting to present information on the proposed improvements to N.C. 133 (Castle Hayne Road) from I-140/U.S. 17 (Wilmington Bypass) to Division Drive in Wilmington.

The meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 25, 2019** at the **Wave Transit Operations Center** located at **1480 Castle Hayne Road, in Wilmington from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Interested citizens may attend at any time during the meeting hours. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the project. Please note that no formal presentation will be made. All comments received will be taken into consideration as the project progresses.

As information becomes available, it may be viewed online at the NCDOT Public Meeting Website: <http://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Brian J. Harding, PE, NCDOT, Highway Division 3 Project Manager, at 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, NC 28429, by telephone at (910) 341-2000 or by email at [bjharding@ncdot.gov](mailto:bjharding@ncdot.gov). Comments should be submitted by **August 25, 2019**.

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**Bettie Burns Heyer**

Bettie Burns Heyer died Sunday, June 30, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Bettie was born on October 17, 1940 to the late William and Mary Elizabeth Burns. She was preceded in death by her husband, Spencer Heyer and two brothers, Bobby and Robert Lewis. She confessed Christ as her Savior at an early age and became a member of Mount Olive AME Church. Later, she joined New Covenant Holiness Church, under the leadership of Bishop Linwood Nesbitt. Bettie was educated in New Hanover County Schools. She was a proud graduate of Williston Senior High School Class of 1958, where she was a member of the glee club. During high school she met the love of her life, Spencer Heyer, whom she married on May 28, 1960. On January 23, 1966, they were blessed with their only child, a beautiful girl. Bettie became employed at Sally Frock Dress Shop in downtown. On October 15, 1967, she began a lifetime career as a unit clerk on the 5th, 6th and 7th floor with her final destination CCU where she worked until her retirement on July 28, 2007, with 40 years of service. Bettie had a contagious smile and an incredible work ethic. Her hobbies were singing, dancing, fishing, gardening and shopping. In 2005 she became a member of the Young at Heart Senior Club.

She will be truly missed by her family and friends. Her cherished survivors include: her daughter, Angela Heyer Richardson (Victor); granddaughter, Alanna H. Stokes (Ronnie); grandson, Xavier A. Richardson; great-grandchildren, TeShaun Heyer, Ronnie Lee Stokes, Jr., and Le'anne Stokes; sisters-in-law, Mittie Burns and Mildred Heyer; aunt, Evelyn J. Smith; special cousins, Henry B. Brown, Shirley Freeman Wynn, Sandra Sheridan (Earl), Carolyn Johnson, Delores Foreman and Harvey McKoy; godchildren, Cassandra Wilson, Rhine James and Ronnell James; special friends, James Riley, Peggy Murray, Tom Curley, Robert Turner, Carolyn Logan, Pearl Blackwell and a host of relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Geraldine Joe Robbins**

Geraldine Joe Robbins died July 2, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday July 6, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Geraldine was born February 12, 1942 in Bishopville, SC to the late Cubit and Louise Joe. She was preceded in death by three siblings, Charles Thomas, Johnny Joe and Walter Joe and her husband, James Robinson, Sr. Geraldine graduated from Williston Senior High School in 1959. She was also a graduate of Durham Business College. After graduating in 1961, she moved to New York where she was employed by the US Postal Service. Upon moving back to Wilmington, she was employed by Textile Industries where she retired. Geraldine was a faithful servant of St. Phillip AME Church, serving with a quiet spirit. She was president of the Gospel and Mass Choir, a member of the Lay Organization and Stewardess Board #3.

Those cherishing her memory are: three sisters, Ella Mae (John Kay), Virginia McDowell, Mary Clifton all of Wilmington, NC; uncle, Harry Joe (Louise) of Bishopville, SC; stepson, James Robbins, Jr.; goddaughter, Sherri Williams; four nieces; four nephews; a host of grand nieces and grand nephews, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Eva Mae Johnson Law**

Eva Mae Johnson Law died July 3, 2019. Funeral services were held 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 7, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Eva was born March 25, 1938 to the late Theodore and Emma Cobia Johnson of Summerton, South Carolina. She received her education in Clarendon County Schools, South Carolina and later became a resident of Wilmington, North Carolina. Eva was married to the late Bennie Law and to this union eight children were born. She was also preceded in death by five brothers, George, Victor, Hezekiah, Roosevelt and Lee; three sisters, Pearl, Virginia and Lorena and a granddaughter, LaDonna Rogers. Eva accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age. She was a member of Mt. Roney Missionary Baptist Church and later moved her membership to In God We Trust Church of Christ Ministries under the leadership of Pastor Willie R. Powell. She faithfully served as President of the Church Kitchen Committee and was always willing to help out wherever needed.

She was loved and respected by all who came to know her as "Mother Eva." Mother Law was a very special lady and always treated others with a kind demeanor. She loved the Lord and her children and family with all her heart. Aside from raising her own children, she was a foster parent. She loved to travel and spoke her mind. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Myrtle Davis**

Myrtle Davis died July 7, 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.*

**Leonard Waddell**

Leonard Waddell died July 8, 2019 at NHRMC. 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.*

**Joseph A. Locke, Jr.**

Joseph A. Locke, Jr., age 35, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2019. A celebration of Joseph's life was held on Friday, July 5, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Joseph "Joey" Allen Locke, Jr. was born on December 29, 1983, in Hagerstown, Maryland. "Joey" accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Union Missionary Baptist Church. He graduated from New Hanover High School in the Class of 2002. "Joey" went on to further his education from Cape Fear

Community College. At Cape Fear he obtained an Associates Degree in Architectural Drafting in 2006.

"Joey" was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, James Leroy Bloodworth, Sr.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Talilah Locke of the home; five children, Aneyja Locke, Anaya Locke, Ariyan Locke, Ja'Zyah Locke and his only son, Ayden Joseph Locke; his loving mother, Angel McKoy of Wilmington, NC; his loving sister, LaShae' Wilson (Anthony) of Grimesland, NC; his grandmother, Pauline Bloodworth of Wilmington, NC; his one and only niece, Reignah Wilson of Grimesland, NC; his only aunt, Carol Bloodworth of Charlotte, NC; his long-time father figure, Wayne Holmes; his father and mother-in-law, Stephan and Lisa Keaton of Wilmington, NC; and a host of uncles, cousins and special friends.

"Joey" and his beautiful contagious smile will be missed greatly by everyone in his life. *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.*

**Lester V. Johnson, Jr.**

Lester Vernell Johnson, Jr. was born Friday, June 20, 1941 in Rocky Point, North Carolina to the late Reverend Lester Vernell Johnson, Sr. and Elouise Armstrong Johnson. He died on Thursday, June 27, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Johnson's life was held on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed at Johnson Family Cemetery.

During his youth he was a member of Mt. Moriah AME Church in Rocky Point, North Carolina. Lester was a student and graduate of Pender County Training School. Upon graduation, Lester went to New York and began working with his uncle, Henry Carter where he was trained as a butcher, food inspector, and a tractor trailer truck driver. He drove tractor trailers worldwide for more than 25 years.

Lester married Janette McGee in Sumter, South Carolina on June 20, 1979. They lived in New York before relocating to Rocky Point, North Carolina and later, Wilmington North Carolina, where they have resided since 2000.

Lester enjoyed TV time with family, yard work at home, fishing, hunting, and bowling. He also delivered Meals on Wheels for the Senior Center. Lester inspired others with acts of kindness, generosity, and being a great listening ear. Lester was a member of Warner Temple AME Zion Church at the time of his death, where he attended the 7:45 a.m. worship service and bible study.

Left to cherish his memories and cover one another is: his wife, Mrs. Janette M. Johnson and service dog, Suga of the home; daughters, Tonya C. Brown, Nakebia Marcelin (Mike), and Leslie Graham all of Wilmington, NC; 10 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; siblings, Thomas Johnson, Sr. (Joyce) of Rocky Point, NC, Rudolph Johnson, Sr. (Alice) of Hampstead, NC, Paul Johnson, Sr. (Curley Bell) of Rocky Point, NC, Ella Mae Anderson of New York, and Lillie McLean (Douglas) of Rocky Point, NC; brothers-in-law, Michael McGee of Birmingham, AL, Harvis McGee, Jr. (Inez) of Ellore, SC, Kipling McGee (Tia) of

New Jersey and Kevin McGee of Sumter SC; sisters-in-law, Ethel L. Johnson of Hampstead, NC, Denise York, Lillian Hastie (Kenny) and Sharon McGee, all of Sumter SC, Pamela McGee and Margaret A. McGee, both of Wilmington NC; mother-in-law, Margaret B. McGee of Wilmington, NC; uncles; aunts; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, 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.*

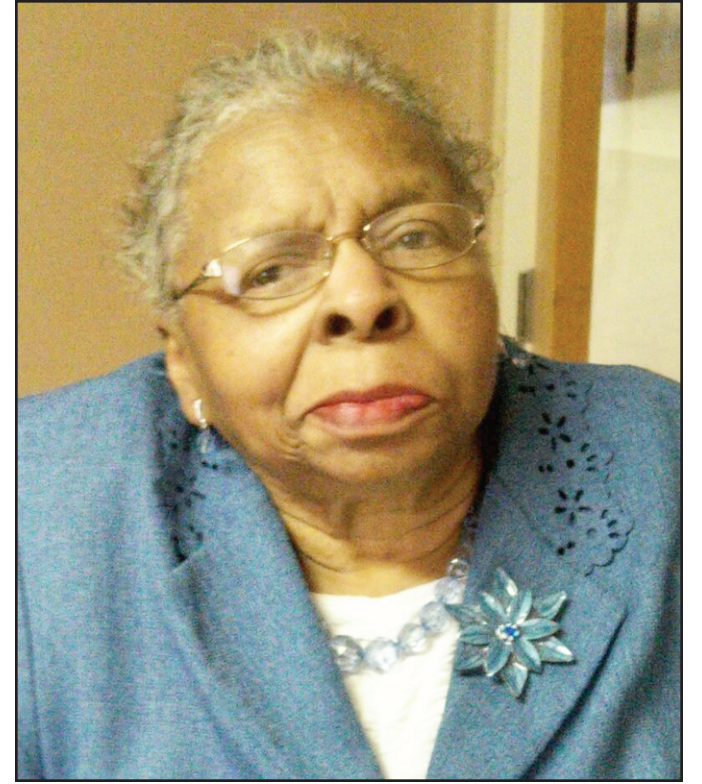
**Lillie A. Waddell**

Lillie A. Waddell, age 66, of Leland, passed away Friday, July 5, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Waddell's life was conducted Thursday, July 11, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment will follow at St. Thomas 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.*

**Samuel B. Williams**

Samuel B. Williams (CW3-Ret.), Chairman of the Trustee Board of Union Missionary Baptist Church, age 66, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, July 6, 2019.

Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Mr. Williams' life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 12, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will be held at 12:00 PM, Monday, July 15, 2019 at Sandhills State Veterans 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.*



**ANNIE MARIE BRINKLEY**

**HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY (JULY 13TH) IN HEAVEN, LADYBUG**

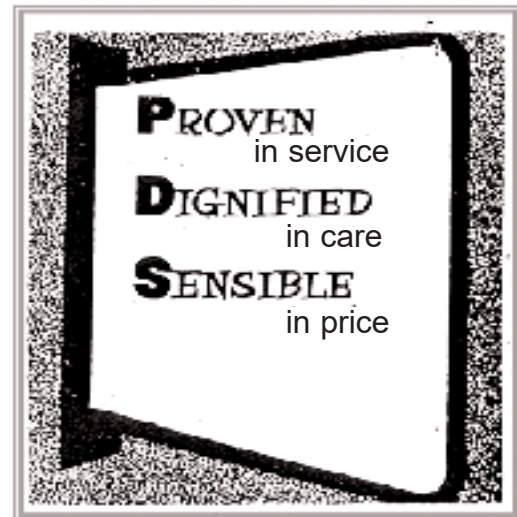
I think of you everyday ladybug, but I'm remembering you especially on this day, your 90th birthday-to love is to remember and my heart remembers you always. The times you cared, the joys you shared, your way of understanding things, your warmth and sweetness. A person can hear, but a mother listens for the meaning, a person can look, but a mother sees the heart, a person can know but a mother understands your dreams. You dreamed with me and for me, you helped me to be the best me possible by accepting the person I was. You were there for me to lean on, to share with, to count on. God doesn't make mistakes, he gave me the best mother for me. Yes, to love is to remember and my heart remembers you with every heartbeat. I will always love, remember and honor you.

**Happy 90th Birthday and thanks Ladybug for always being there for me, you were and always will be the wind beneath my wings.**

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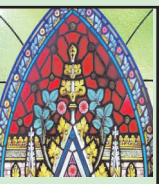
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## New Hanover County

East Coast Community Choir formally known as Barry Smith and Company will hold The Fruits of the Spirit on Sunday, July 14th at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Scott's Hill. The speakers will be Barry Smith, E. Daniels, Minister Tomeka Sidbury, Rev. Darlene Robinson, Malissa Smith, Minister Robin Gantt, Sara Barnett and Apostle Byron McKoy. Music will be by The Bethel mission Baptist Youth and Young Adult Choir of Winnabow, NC. For more information please call 910-550-7475.



## Religious Briefs

**Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church**, 812 Harnett Street, will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary, Sunday, July 14th at the following times: Speakers: 11:00 a.m.-Dr. Roosevelt Baxter, Jr., Pastor 3:00 p.m.-Rev. Carl Moore, Lakes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Atkinson, NC. His congregation will accompany him. Dinner will be served following morning service. Pre-Anniversary Fellowship will be held on Saturday, July 13th 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Brunswick County

**Moore's Chapel AMEZ Church**, 1492 Village Rd., Leland will hold their Annual Building Fund Rally on Sunday, July 14th at 3:00 p.m. The guest will be Christian Chapel AMEZ Church, Winnabow, NC. The speaker will be Rev. Carl Nichols.

**Way of Life Ministries**, 1490 Village Rd., Leland, Nc will celebrate Men's Month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in July at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, July 17th the speaker will be Elder Jay Bellamy of Salvation and Deliverance of Leland, NC. On Sunday, July 21st the speaker will be Pastor Ben Pittman choir and congregation of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Masonboro Sound Rd. For more information call 910-550-7475.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## Dallas Weekly publisher James Washington, releases book of popular columns

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes words alone cannot convey meaning and feelings the way we'd like them to, Dallas Weekly Publisher James Washington wrote in one of his popular "Spiritually Speaking" Columns for BlackPressUSA.com.

"Trust for example. The reference point for my meaning is 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all things acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight,'" Washington wrote, citing a passage from the book of Proverbs (chapter 3, verses 5-6).

As he has become well-known for, Washington provided his readers with a thorough explanation – one that likely encouraged and built up many.

"Trust is such a complex thing. Have you ever been betrayed by someone in whom you had total trust? Have you been able to totally trust another person since? You can see how easily misplaced trust puts you in a terribly vulnerable place. It's uncomfortable. It's abnormal. It ain't fun," Washington said.

Many argue that James Washington's style of journalism and talent for delivering simple straightforward advice is tailor-made for a book. And now, Washington has obliged, penning the new book, "Spiritually Speaking: Reflections for and from a New Christian," available on Amazon.com.

The 258-page book is written to give spiritual insight to the New Christian, Washington said.

It is not based on doctrine but rather unquestioned faith; the kind that answers the question, "Why me?" and understands the answer is and always has been "Why not you?" he said.

"Spiritually Speaking: Reflections for and from a New Christian," is a collection of some of the columns Washington has written under the heading, "Spiritually Speaking."

Each week, millions of readers find that they can easily relate to Washington's prose, which is as thought-provoking as it is rich in spiritual wisdom.

"This week allow me to talk about freedom," one of Washington's columns began. "The freedom I'm talking about is the freedom afforded you when you come to Christ. There is something quite liberating when you know or realize that you've been, as they say, 'set free.'"

Even though he writes regularly for the printed and digital press, writing a book hadn't



JAMES WASHINGTON

always been on Washington's radar. "It was a suggestion from a very good friend who reads the column regularly," Washington said. "I know it was not something that ever occurred to me and then I asked a few people who wholeheartedly agreed that it was a good thing," he said.

"I never knew how much support [the book] had until I began receiving emails for markets around the country who read the columns in National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) newspapers," Washington said.

The NNPA is the trade organization that represents African American-owned newspapers and media companies throughout the country, providing authors like Washington the opportunity to reach all 47 million people of African descent in the United States — along with the millions of others that read NNPA member content online and in print each week.

In addition to his family and supporters, Washington drew inspiration from a host of other people and places. "Inspiration comes from a myriad of sources; some from the pulpit, some from Bible study, but mostly from life situations," he said.

"Many columns have come from simple meditation, prayer and my Bible's concordance," Washington said.

When asked whether there's a primary or underlying message to be taken from his columns and book, Washington said it's a difficult question because he doesn't view himself as a minister.

"I am just a sinner who has come to grips with the blessing of being able to write. I began this journey to publicly declare this talent as a gift from God," Washington said.

"The result is personal and public evidence that God is indeed in charge. Anything that results from this declaration is His doing, including my first book. I'm just doing what I am led to do. It is truly humbling and amazing to see how folks are responding. I am overwhelmed at times," he said.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Time Management"

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4

**Time Management-** The process of planning and exercising conscious control of time spent on specific activities

For Christian believers, the need to manage our time while here on earth is mandatory to the success of life's mission and answering the call of God upon our lives. God's Word advises us to use time wisely and to manage it well, but not wasting time, but redeeming (to make up for) time. It has been said, that how we spend time is more important than how we spend money.

Psalm 90:12 says, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." James 4:14 says, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time and then vanishes

away."

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was the Master of Time Management! He purposefully planned everything that he spoke and everything that he did. Talk about a purpose driven life!!! He skillfully exercised total control of his time spent on earth. He never wasted time. His words were weighted and deliberate whether he was speaking to a woman at a well, or a thief on the cross.

He fully understood Ephesians 5:16, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." He understood time management even as a 12 year old child. On one occasion his parents lost sight of him and questioned why he was not found with family and friends. After three days, he was found in the temple, sitting in the midst of doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him was astonished at his understanding and answers. His parents were amazed, because they did not understand how or why he spent so much of his time in Jerusalem in the temple. His response was, "How

is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

If Jesus Christ had to manage his time, how much more should you and I, my Christian brothers and sisters? Like Jesus, we must be about our Father's business! We do not have time to be idle or to be busybodies in other men's matters. We've got to focus on Christ and him crucified for our sins. We must take the time or make the time to spend the time with Him.

Time as we know it is winding up, and in fairness to God we must admit that God has given each of us equal portions of time. Each day that He gives us has 24 hours or 1440 minutes to use as we choose. Therefore, if we fail to utilize spiritual time management, we will find our lives out of balance, and potentially out of time. Some of us have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. We must not be so busy doing the "Work of the Lord", that we fail to honor our time spent with "The Lord of the Work."

"And he spake a parable

unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; " St. Luke 18:1 Jesus led by example and would often steal way for time alone in prayer and communion with God the Father. This is essential to Christian Time Management. Be encouraged. Be Blessed. Tell Somebody!!!

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

## A WORD FROM THE LORD

## Whose word will you believe, God's or mans?

I will believe the Word of the God! The choice that Adam and Eve made in the garden was to follow the words of Satan the devil, disguised as a snake. They rejected God's Word which was filled with the blessings. They chose the curse with all its miseries; sickness, diseases, poverty, wars and death. Deu. 30:15, & 19 (KJV) 15 "See, I have set before thee this day

life and good, and death and evil; 19, I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

God is saying to us today that the choice is ours! The church, who is God's representation in the earth, is bowing down their knees to Political Parties who are anti-God and anti-Bible. They have chosen the god of this world and all sorts of ungodly practices and given their allegiance to them: Planned Parenthood, homosexuality and lesbianism which is adding to the destruction of the family and especially the black family! Statistics shows that these practices take many years off of the lives of those persons who choose to engage in them. Read for yourself.

However, there is a vaccine,

an antidote that is made available to us which is the Word of God and the Blood of Jesus Christ; God manifested in the flesh. Isaiah 53:5, (KJV) 5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed". You don't have to stay the way you are, change is available now, right now. When you're ready, know that God has been waiting. You can reach up now and touch the helm of His garment and you will be cleansed, healed, delivered and set free from the bondage of sin: Psalms 107:20, (KJV) 20 "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." Isaiah 34:16, (KJV) 10 "Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them". I, we will not compromise. Let it be known that true Christians stand on the authority of God's eternal Word. Psalms 19:7, (AMPC) 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Isaiah 35:8-10, 8 "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. 9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up there on, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk

there": John 14:6, (KJV) 6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father; but by me". Psalms 1:1-3 1 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." I have made my decision, I'm standing on the word of God!

Jeremiah 17:5-8, (KJV) "Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. 7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit".

You will have to make a decision today; you cannot serve two masters: Matt. 6:24, (KJV) 24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.

Ye cannot serve God and mammon". Matt. 6:32-33, (KJV) 32 "For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". Prov. 4:20-25 (ERV) 20 "My son, pay attention to what I say. Listen closely to my words. 21 Don't let them out of your sight. Never stop thinking about them. 22 These words are the secret of life and health to all who discover them. 23 Above all, be careful what you think because your thoughts control your life. 24 Don't bend the truth or say things that you know are not right. 25 Keep your eyes on the path, and look straight ahead". God's word is the truth, but will you, can you be bold enough to stand with its every saying even in these times of opposition? God loves you! The Lord has sent this fresh word to you! Our Father in heaven, Jesus authorizes us to pray in His name and He has obligated Himself to answer our prayer. Let us pray now. Father, I join with those who are asking forgiveness for their sins, and healing for their bodies and their minds. I agree with them in prayer in the Name of Jesus that it's done just as you have said. Thank you. Amen.

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

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This the 14th day of June, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox  
Administrator  
of the Estate of Bradley Robert Rodman  
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
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June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2019

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Elizabeth Daise**, 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 **27th day of September, 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 27th day of June, 2019

Rayana M. Wright, Executrix  
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June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Rolf H. Fisscher**, 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 **27th day of September, 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 27th day of June, 2019

Monique Fisscher, Executrix  
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June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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Having qualified on the 24th day of June, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of **ENNIS MYATT MOONEYHAM, JR.**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Donald A. Mooneyham, at P.O. Box 277, Castle Hayne, NC 28729 on or before the **2nd day of October, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 25th day of June, 2019.

DONALD A. MOONEYHAM, EXECUTOR  
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July 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Catherine H. Sanders**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **7th day of October, 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 4th day of July, 2019

Donna S. Pearson, Executrix  
42 Poplar St.  
Carrollton, GA 30116

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Haywood Kevin Merritt, Sr. (19-E-739), 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 **September 25, 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 14th day of June, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox  
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of the Estate of Haywood Kevin Merritt, Sr.  
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701 Market Street  
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June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Thomas C. Pigford, Sr.**, 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 **27th day of September, 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 27th day of June, 2019

Pamela F. McClain, Administrator  
91 Saunders Ct  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Janie Elizabeth Jones, 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 27th day of September, 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 27th day of June, 2019

Thomas Robert Jones, Executor  
PO Box 12084  
Wilmington, NC 28405

June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2019

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **William Randall 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 **7th day of October, 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 4th day of July, 2019

Sandra Gerstenmier, Administratrix  
1057 Forest Way NE  
Leland, NC 28451

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

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

Having qualified on the 29th day of March, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of **SANDRA COOPER SUMMERS**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Walter R. Summers, Jr., at 9 Logan Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429 on or before the **2nd day of October, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 25th day of June, 2019.

WALTER R. SUMMERS, JR., EXECUTOR  
Attorney for the Estate:  
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA  
Carolina Legal Counsel  
P.O. Box 12028  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
Telephone (910) 256-3364

July 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**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  
18 E 1214**

The undersigned having duly qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **JONATHAN EDWARD PETERSON**, late of Wilmington, 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 **11th day of October, 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 11th day of July, 2019.

Kenneth Edward Peterson,  
Administrator  
Estate of Jonathan Edward Peterson  
Jeffrey P. Keeter  
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed,  
L.L.P.  
P.O. Box 4  
Wilmington, NC 28402

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
JUVENILE SESSION  
FILE NO. 18 JT 99**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
A.E.F. (DOB: 05/21/2016)**

**TO: RESPONDENT-PARENTS:  
RESPONDENT-MOTHER,  
ELIZABETH GRACE  
STALLINGS; PUTATIVE  
FATHER, MICHAEL DAVID  
FORSYTHE AND ANY  
UNKNOWN-FATHER OF  
FEMALE CHILD BORN IN NEW  
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH  
CAROLINA TO ELIZABETH  
GRACE STALLINGS.**

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 **July 4, 2019**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Mark Ihnat has been appointed to represent Respondent-Mother, Elizabeth Grace Stallings. Attorney Ihnat can be reached at Mark@AtlanticCoastLaw.com, 314 Walnut Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, NC or at 910-769-6884.

Attorney Max Edward Ashworth, III has been appointed to represent Putative Father, Michael David Forsythe. Attorney Ashworth can be reached at max.e.ashworth@nccourts.org; 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC or at 910-343-5413.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **August 12, 2019**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 100, Wilmington, NC 28401.

This the 4th day of July, 2019.

Jill Cairo  
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co.  
Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
(910) 798-3511  
(910) 798-3772 \* fax

July 4, 11, 18, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Veron Watkins (19-E-727)**, 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 **October 9, 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 3rd day of July, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox  
Administrator  
of the Estate of Haywood Kevin Merritt, Sr.  
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2019

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

Having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of **James J. Sullivan**, late of 3722 Merestone Drive Wilmington, NC 28412, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 201 N Front Street Suite 408, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **October 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 1st day of July, 2019.

Nabi Sullivan  
Administrator of the Estate of  
James J Sullivan  
CASON CRUMMIE LAW FIRM,  
P.L.L.C.  
201 North Front Street Suite 408  
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 4, 11, 18 and 25

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Paula T. Smokonich, having qualified on the 15th day of April, 2019, as Executrix of the Estate of **Marian A. Tokar (19-E-494)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, C/O Attorney Kevin T. May, 5700 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **9th day of October, 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 9th day of July, 2019.

Paula T. Smokonich  
Executrix  
Estate of Marian A. Tokar  
Kevin T. May  
GRAVES MAY, PLLC  
5700 Oleander Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO TRADE  
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UNCW - VETERANS HALL -  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
- AUDIO VISUAL PACKAGE  
SCO ID# 16-15505-02A**

Sealed proposals will be received by Balfour Beatty/Metcon Construction, Allied Health - A Joint Venture for The UNCW Veterans Hall Project in Wilmington, NC. Bids for the AV Package will be opened on July 26, 2019 at 3:00PM. All bids will be received and opened publicly on the campus of UNCW at the office of facilities, conference room #01, Wilmington, NC 28403. Bids will not be accepted from bidders that are not pre-qualified. No facsimile or e-mail submissions will be accepted. Sealed bids are to be hand delivered to the bid opening location noted above. Sealed, mailed bids, can be delivered before 1:00 PM on the day of the bid at the address noted above. Owner/CM not responsible for ensuring bid delivery. On July 10, 2019 at 3:00PM a Preferred Alternates, HUB Outreach session & Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the campus of UNCW at the office of facilities, conference room #01, Wilmington, NC 28403. Bid Documents and Prequalification forms are available at the following link: <https://bbcus.egnyte.com/fl/BomZpg0XpG>

All requests should be directed to Jason Lovelace at [jlovelace@balfourbeattyus.com](mailto:jlovelace@balfourbeattyus.com) (910-742-5607). Bid documents will also be available for review at <http://www.cmd-group.com>; McGraw Hill Construction Dodge <http://www.fwdodge.com>; Balfour Beatty Construction located at 406 S McDowell St, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27601 during normal business hours. All Bidders are strongly encouraged to include opportunities for Minority Business participation wherever possible in their respective bid submission. Minority Business is a part of this contract and must comply with the State of North Carolina General Statutes. The CM and Owner reserve the right to add pre-qualified bidders and/or reject any and all proposals. In accordance with GS 133-3, Section 64 the following preferred brands are being considered: Sony projectors, Extron touchpanels, switcher/scalers, matrix switchers, and NAV AVoIP solution, Mersive collaboration system, Spectrum Furniture lecterns, Vaddio cameras and camera control, Echo360 capture solution, Biamp DSP systems, LG for all displays 65" and below (excluding video wall), Chief mounts.

July 11, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
FILE NO. 18 CVS 2594**

**LAUREN LOHMUELLER,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
JOHN MATTHEW BOOTH,  
Defendant.  
ATTENTION:  
JOHN MATTHEW BOOTH:**

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:

- Judgement against the Defendant for compensatory damages, special damages for medical and health care expenses, lost wages, future lost wages, future medical and health care expenses, and damages for pain and suffering in excess of (\$25,000.00) Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars.
- For punitive damages.
- For attorneys' fees and costs.
- For such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within 40 days from July 4, 2019, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 4th day of July, 2019.

Alexander M. Hall  
Caroline A. Rawl  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
Hall & Green, L.L.P.  
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