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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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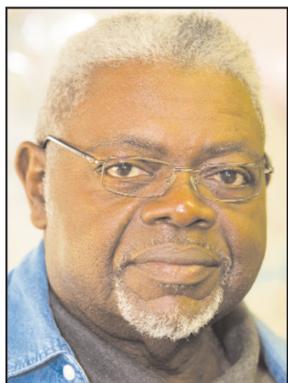


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BERNEST HEWETT

FOR WHAT DO YOU STAND?

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There seems to be a problem with my opinion on being a Black Republican that I wrote about in one of my articles, but I stand by my opinion because of the Republicans' reaction to the comments that President Trump has made in the last eight weeks, not to mention those made by him during his entire time in office. It is time you begin to ask your fellow Republicans questions about respectability, morality and their overall standards.

For what and for whom do you stand as a human being? It's your choice to be a Republican or a Democrat or whatever, but at what price? How does your faith measure up? On what do you stand? Read your Bible! Turn to Isaiah 10:1-3! This wasn't written by man's standards, nor is it based on what party to which you belong!

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Donald Trump views people of color as 'infestations'

He uses the word again in attack on Baltimore and its Black congressman

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY OF TRICEEDNEYWIRE.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) President Donald Trump has repeatedly used a form of the word "infested" as he refers to Black and brown people, clearly expressing his view of them as something less than human.

This was the observation of an emotional CNN anchor, who happens to be a Baltimore native, as well as activists, civil rights leaders and the general public in response to Trump's latest racial insult. This

time he was referring to Baltimore Rep. Elijah Cummings, chair of the House Oversight Committee, which has heavily monitored Trump and his administration, including on their treatment of immigrants.

"Cummings' District is a disgusting rat and rodent infested mess. If he spent more time in Baltimore maybe he could clean up this very dangerous and filthy place...No human being would want to live there," Trump ranted in an angry tweet Monday morning.

Baltimore-born CNN anchor Victor Blackwell, clearly fed up

with Trump's insults of people of color, issued a live, on the air rebuke, quoting the times the president has used a form of the word, "infested" in descriptions of people of color or where they live:

"Infested: That's usually reserved for references to rodents and insects, but we've seen the president invoke infestation to criticize law makers before. Do you see a pattern here? Just two weeks ago, president Trump attacked four

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PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP



Fourth grade students De'Andre Allen, Sandra Benitez, and William Johnson IV proudly show off their new binders.

Douglass Academy students celebrate new school year with new supplies

Douglass Academy students returned to school on July 18, 2019 and were surprised by brand new school supplies. The Roger Bacon Academy, Douglass Academy's management company, distributed high quality binders (free of charge) to over 2,200 students in its family of four charter schools. Each binder includes the phrase "excellent work" to provide students with positive reinforcement. Douglass Academy and The Roger Bacon Academy consider positive reinforcement to be one of the most effective methods in motivating students.

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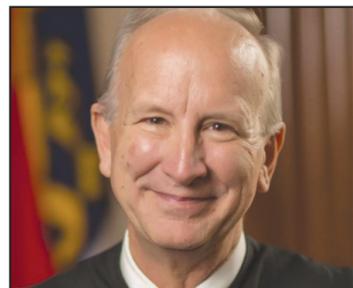
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JUSTICE TIMMONS-GOODSON



JUSTICE NEWBY

Former state high court justice blasts Newby for "AOC" attack

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

An African American former member of the NC Supreme Court has now joined in the fray to blast Republican Associate Justice Paul Newby for his recent, unprovoked verbal assault on his six Democratic colleagues on the State High Court, saying that the conservative jurist's attack was "...a threat

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New study measures Black voting power from 1976 to 2020

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

NBC News has released a new study documenting how the Black vote was pivotal in many key and historic Democratic presidential primaries and elections since the election of former President Jimmy Carter and how it could remain so going into the 2020 election, especially in North Carolina.

"Journey to power: The history of

Black voters, 1976 to 2020" gives "...a record of the Black vote for each competitive presidential campaign..." using exit polling from states that have significant African American voting populations.

"...[T]oday Black voters [have] emerged as a muscular political force," the report, written by author and MSNBC analyst, Steve Kornaki, says, adding "...In 2020, they are likely

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[FILE PHOTO]

Over 17 million Democrats voted in the 2008 primaries between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, with Obama garnering upwards of over 90% of the black vote in some states. Will the Black vote turn out like that again. in 2020?

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## BLASTS

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to the rule of law."

Patricia Timmons-Goodson, currently the vice chair of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, was an associate justice on the NC Supreme Court from 2006 to 2012. Prior to that, she served as an associate judge on the NC Court of Appeals from 1997 to 2005.

In 2012, Justice Timmons-Goodson stepped down from the North Carolina's High Court, allowing then Gov. Beverly Perdue to appoint then District Court Judge Cheri Beasley to finish out her term.

Today, Beasley is Chief Justice, appointed to the post in February of this year by Governor Roy Cooper. Justice Newby, the court's most senior member and only

Republican on seven-member body, angrily blasted Cooper for the appointment and vowed to oppose Beasley for the seat in 2020.

It was at a July 13 Republican fundraiser where Newby was recorded excoriating his six Democratic colleagues as "AOCs," the moniker given socialist Democratic Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, from New York, who is loathed by President Trump, conservatives and the Republican Party for her progressive socialist policies.

"Well, folks..." Newby continued jokingly, according to the tape recording, "... we got six. It's six to one...I'm the last man standing."

Later in his remarks, Justice Newby warned, "Keep your eyes open and your ears open for the next eighteen months and see what kind of judicial activism occurs on

your North Carolina [Supreme] Court."

Former Justice Timmons-Goodson, in an op-ed piece that ran in the Raleigh News and Observer last weekend, called Newby's remarks "troubling," and challenged her Republican former colleague for his indiscrete attacks on his colleagues.

"It is hard to watch a current justice who wishes to lead the judiciary and justice system of our State publicly ridicule those with whom he works each day," she wrote. "It is hard to watch our State's high court undermined from within. Not long ago judges campaigned with civility," Timmons-Goodson recalled, noting she is a 28 year veteran of the state judiciary and a five-time candidate for judicial office. "They emphasized experience, integrity, fairness, and impartiality. Times have changed, but the need

that judges campaign with dignity and reserve has not."

"Newby's statements about his fellow justices stepped over the line," she continued. "A charitable reading is that the remarks highlighted philosophical differences between Newby and the other justices. A fair reading is that the remarks were not intended to be positive or a compliment in any way to his colleagues.

Noting the need for a return to the tradition of judicial collegiality, Timmons-Goodson concluded, "The Supreme Court of North Carolina is our State's highest court, the court of last resort. To perform its constitutionally mandated function, the court operates as a collegial body. Authority is vested equally in each member of the court. Every justice is involved in every decision. Thus, cooperation, respect

and trust are necessary to accomplish the work of the court."

Has Newby violated any established code of conduct for North Carolina judges? According to the NC Code of Judicial Conduct, Justice Newby seems to be in clear violation of Canon Two - "A judge should...conduct him or herself at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary."

Justice Newby has not responded to press inquiries about his July 13 remarks.

Neither Chief Justice Beasley nor any of the other Democrats on North Carolina Supreme Court has responded to their Republican colleague's remarks about them.

However, Chief Justice Beasley has made it clear that she is running to retain her seat in 2020.

## STUDY

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to account for at least one out of every four ballots cast in the [Democratic] Party's presidential primaries, more than tripling - and perhaps even quadrupling - the share they accounted for just a few decades ago.

Beginning in 1976, just over a decade after the 1965 Voting Rights Act was signed by then President Lyndon Baines Johnson, exit polling tells the story.

Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter faced competition for the Democratic presidential nomination from civil rights leader Julian Bond, who dropped out early due to a lack of support, and other White Democrats. However, because Gov. Carter was known as a moderate Democrat who appointed many Blacks to his administration, he was very popular with Black voters in the South during the primaries, garnering large percentages, including 71 percent in Florida, 76 percent in Indiana, and 90 percent of African American voters in North Carolina.

That support would factor into Carter's win for the presidency.

Four years later, when Pres. Carter was running for re-election, his relations with Black leaders became strained because of a bad economy. He faced a strong challenge from Sen. Ted Kennedy, who courted Black voters on the strength of his brothers' - Pres. John F. Kennedy and Sen. Bobby Kennedy's legacy.

Ultimately, Black Democratic voters chose Carter, but he was ultimately defeated by California Republican Gov. Ronald Reagan. By this time, the White Southern and Northern blue collar vote had turned against Democrats.

In 1984, civil rights activist, Jesse Jackson, made a run for the White House, depending on Black voters to flex their power and catapult him to the Democratic Party nomination.

Against the advice and support of established Black leadership, Jackson ran, fueled by Black animosity towards the conservative Republican, Ronald Reagan.

In the early, whiter Democratic primary states, Jackson pulled measly single digit numbers, but in the multi-state Super Tuesday contests that swept through the South, Jackson racked up anywhere from 50% to 86% of the Black vote (in North Carolina, Jackson got 83%, and 25% of the total vote overall). Former Vice Pres. Walter Mondale ultimately won the

nomination but badly lost to Reagan's re-election effort.

Still, with the Jackson candidacy, the power of his Black voter showing gave the civil rights leader new standing in the Democratic Party and leverage he used again in 1988 when he made his second bid for the White House, announcing from Raleigh, N. C.

This time, Jackson consolidated his Black supporters and made a grab for White voters, as well, to create a "Rainbow Coalition." "My message is transcending ancient barriers," Jackson said then. "Whites all over the country have opened their hearts to me."

In the South, and particularly in North Carolina, White Democratic moderates, like Gov. Jim Hunt, were lining up behind Tennessee Sen. Al Gore. However, Black voter registration drives in states like Alabama and Georgia delivered Jackson over 95% percent of the Black vote (in North Carolina, 95% of the Black vote also went to Jackson).

However, up North in New York City, controversy over Jackson's "Hymietown" remark about New York City Jews exploded, denying Jackson the broad support he yearned and, ultimately, propelling Massachusetts Gov. Mike Dukakis to the nomination. Vice Pres. George H. W. Bush would ultimately defeat Dukakis behind the racist "Willie Horton" freed Black convict campaign.

The year 1992 saw the governor of Arkansas, Bill Clinton, overcome personal sexual controversies and friction with Jesse Jackson to attract large shares of the Black vote (including 77% in North Carolina, which was low compared to states like Texas (86%), Indiana (82%) and Alabama (86%)) in the Democratic primary, to go on and defeat Pres. George H. W. Bush in the fall.

In 2000, because of their strong loyalty to two-term President Clinton, Black voters got behind his Vice President, Al Gore, in impressive numbers, ranging from 74% to 94% from New York to Texas. Nevertheless, ultimately, it was the U. S. Supreme Court that "selected" the next President, George W. Bush, after an election controversy in Florida.

2004 saw Black voters dismiss two Black candidates, The Reverend Al Sharpton and Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, the first Black woman ever elected to the U. S. Senate.

Black voters, instead, went with the party's nominee, Sen. John Kerry, who ultimately failed to unseat Republican incumbent, Pres. Bush.

2008 saw perhaps the most

aggressive play for the Democratic Black vote in history during primary season between favored frontrunner, N. Y. Sen. Hilary Clinton, and the fresh face, a young senator from Illinois named Barack Obama.

Obama had made a name for himself after delivering a stirring "One America" speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Entering 2008, there was no question that Sen. Clinton had the support of Black leadership and certainly a lion's share of the Black vote in her back pocket.

As he was 24 points behind (and 40 points behind Clinton with Black voters), few gave Obama a chance.

However, coupled with a brilliant campaign strategy that was not only inspirational ("Yes we can") but aspirational, Obama whittled down Clinton's overall lead with impressive wins in the lily-white Iowa caucuses against Clinton and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards. That sent a strong message to the Black Democrat rich South Carolina, who embraced Obama with 78% of their vote, reverberating

throughout the primary season to the decisive May 6, 2008 North Carolina contest that saw Obama garner an amazing 94% of the Black vote over Sen. Clinton, effectively cinching the Democratic nomination, and making history becoming America's first Black President.

After two terms of Pres. Obama, the presidential race was wide open again in 2016, with now former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton seen as a shoo-in for the nomination in her bid to make history as the first woman President of the United States.

Clinton was up against a weak field but eventually would be tested by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. As Clinton was seen as being supported by Pres. Obama after she left the administration, Sanders would prove to be no match for her when it came to Black voters. In North Carolina, with African Americans, Clinton got 80% of the vote, compared to Sanders' 19%.

It was the same sad story Democratic primary after primary for Bernie Sanders when it came to the Black vote.

Nevertheless, in November 2016, Clinton ultimately lost to Republican Donald J. Trump for the presidency. According to the New York Times, eleven percent of Black voters who supported Obama in 2012 stayed home in 2016, instead of supporting Hillary Clinton.

As the Democratic candidates for 2020 continue their debates this week and in September, the Black vote is already shaping up as being critical, with top candidates, Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren vying aggressively for it.

Former Vice Pres. Biden, thus far, has the lion's share of the Black vote because of his many years of serving with Pres. Obama, but Sen. Harris is working hard to chip away at that with her overtures to Black sororities and others.

Ultimately, the Democratic Party nominee will need every Black vote available in order to unseat Republican Donald Trump next year.

To read the full NBC News report, go to <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-election/journey-power-history-black-voters-1976-2020-n1029581>

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**STATE BRIEFS**



**SBOE CHAIRMAN RESIGNS AMID OFF-COLOR JOKE**

[CARY] Robert Cordle, the chair of the State Board of

Elections has resigned after telling an off-color joke about cows and women to open up the session Monday in Cary in front of over 700 election board officials from across the state. Cordle tendered his resignation to Gov. Cooper after the incident, stepping down Tuesday. The governor's office says a replacement will be forthcoming,

but meanwhile an important SBOE vote is pending today concerning certification of voting machines with paper ballots for the 2020 elections.

**PASSAGE OF NEW BUDGET STALLS AS COOPER, GOP LAWMAKERS FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT**  
[RALEIGH] It's been about

a month since the Republican-led NC General Assembly passed its \$24 billion budget, but Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed it because it does not expand Medicaid to almost 500,000 needy North Carolinians. Republicans are trying to convince enough Democrats to vote with them to override Cooper's veto, but thus far, it's not happening.

**RALEIGH WOMAN'S RACIST ATTACK TAPED, AND GOES VIRAL**

[RALEIGH] A 71-year-old white Raleigh woman, caught on tape calling a group of black women "stupid niggers" during a Happy Hour at a local restaurant because they were allegedly loud, then told a local TV station that she was not

sorry, would not apologize and would do it again. Nancy Goodman, the white woman, has been banned from the restaurant for using the racist slur. She says the black women were "the rudest individuals I've ever seen."

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**TRUMP**

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minority Congresswomen: "Why don't they go back to the totally broken and crime-infested places from which they came?" Reminder: Three of them were born here. All of them are American."

Blackwell continued, "Infested". A week before his inauguration, January 2017, Congressman John Lewis should spend more time fixing and helping his district which is in horrible shape and falling apart; not to mention crime infested. Donald Trump has tweeted more than 43,000 times. He's insulted thousands of people. Many different types of people. But when he tweets about infestation, it's about Black and Brown people.

He continued, "Sept. 2014 at the height of an urgent health emergency: 'Why are we sending thousands of ill-trained soldiers into Ebola-infested areas of Africa. Bring the plague to the U. S.? Obama is so stupid.'"

Finally, "There's a revolution going on in California. So many sanctuary areas want out to this ridiculous crime-infested and breeding concept," Blackwell quotes before speaking directly to Trump from his anchors chair.

"The president says about Congressman Cummings' district (emotional pause) "That no human would want to live there. You know who did, Mr. President? I did. From the day I was brought home from the hospital to the day I left for college. And a lot of people I care about

still do. There are challenges, no doubt. But people are proud of their community. I don't want to sound self-righteous, but people get up and go to work there. They care for their families there. They love their children who pledge allegiance to the flag just like people who live in districts of Congressmen who support you, sir. They are Americans too."

Blackwell wasn't alone by a long stretch. The President's latest racist remarks drew ire from Black Republicans and Democrats alike. Trump's latest tweets comes from the heels of the U. S. House of Representatives' condemnation of his Twitter attacks on four Congresswomen of color as 'racist'.

National Action Network's Al Sharpton, Trump's fellow New Yorker, in Baltimore for a meeting and press conference that had been planned weeks earlier, blistered the president for his attacks on Cummings and Baltimore.

"Little did I know that Mr. Trump was going to, on the eve of this, attack the Congressman from this city. And not only the congressman, but the people of this city in the most bigoted and racist way," said Sharpton at the early morning press conference. "He attacked everybody. I know Donald Trump. He is not mature enough to take criticism. He can't help it. He's like a child. Somebody says something, he reacts. He's thin-skinned and not really matured that well."

Sharpton concluded, "But he has a particular venom for Black and people of color. He doesn't refer to other oppo-

nents or critics as infested. He does not attack their districts. He attacks Nancy Pelosi, he attacks Chuck Schumer, he attacks other Whites. But he never said that their districts or their states are places that no human being wants to live."

Republican businessman and political operative Elroy Sailor, co-founder, CEO and Managing Partner of the Watts Partners, named for former Republican Congressman J. C. Watts, opened the press conference by describing a partnership in which Sharpton had reached out to the Bank of America to begin discussions on ways to develop Baltimore; especially its housing stock in the wake of the demise of Black home-

ownership across America. Jimmy Kemp, the son of former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, also at the press conference, is a leader in the project.

Also, at the press conference, former chair of the Republican National Committee and former Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, called Baltimore a "wonderful city" and was highly critical of Trump's remarks.

"Mr. President, your reprehensible comments are like water rolling off of a duck's back when it comes to this community. It just washes over them. It doesn't stick to them. It doesn't stain them," Steele said. "Let's walk this community sir.

Let's talk to them face to face. And you'll begin to realize and appreciate the hard work and the commitment they have made. The resources that they need, you can help with. The energy that they have, you will benefit from."

Steele pointed out that three million people lost their homes in the 2008 housing crisis and a million were evicted. Their Baltimore meeting had intended on fixing issues that still stem from that crisis. He urged the public to keep their eyes on the potentially powerful outcome of the project and not on Trump's tweets.

"We got side-tracked, but

we should not be distracted," Steele said. "Because the work that need to be done that will then benefit and flow out in education, in business and health and other things, it matters. It is the time now to do this. That's why we were gathered here...Don't get distracted by the Tweet. Don't get blinded by the noise...You do that, and this all gets lost."

As Sharpton and Steele had prepared for the press conference, Trump also attacked Sharpton on Twitter, calling him a "con man" and "troublemaker."

Sharpton responded in part, "Called me a troublemaker. Yes, I make trouble for bigots."

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### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Trump was not exonerated!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

House Judiciary Committee Chair Jerrold Nadler conducted a very fair, disciplined and level hearing with Special Counsel Robert Mueller. It's no surprise that the first point made was Donald Trump was not exonerated in the Special Counsel's report. Despite what we're hearing from some, Democrats got what they needed to begin impeachment hearings by the end of the hearings of both committees.

Democrats sought facts and were never rude. Republicans were rude and sought to discredit Mr. Mueller and his team. I'm pleased with the courteous way the Democrats sought answers. I'm not so pleased with the way the Republicans hounded Mr. Mueller.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

The hearing established that we have a non-convicted felon in the White House and but for the OLC policy that a sitting President cannot be indicted Mr. Mueller gave us what we needed to know. Trump committed multiple acts of obstruction! All of the elements were met.

Intel Committee Chair Adam Schiff established that the Trump team knew about Russian meddling and endorsed it. They invited it and made full use of it. There may not be a provable crime on Trump's part, but the Trump team certainly gave the Russians a boost.

Trump wanted a Trump Tower in the middle of Moscow. It's clear he would do anything, including going against laws and spirit of our country, to make the Tower happen. That meant more to him than any loyalty to our country. The Trump team welcomed Russian dirt on Secretary Hillary Clinton. Trump called on Russia to find Clinton's emails.

Flynn, Manafort, Gates, Cohen and others have been convicted of lying. It's clear there was no witch hunt. Russian interference was not a hoax. When Trump said he had no business dealings with Russia, he was lying. Trump's team did not inform the FBI of the contacts. Messaging for Trump's campaign was built around the stolen information. Mr. Mueller said the Russians interfered in our election in and they're still doing it! That's highly concerning, and should be to every American citizen. How Trump's supporters can cheer his gross behavior is also highly concerning.

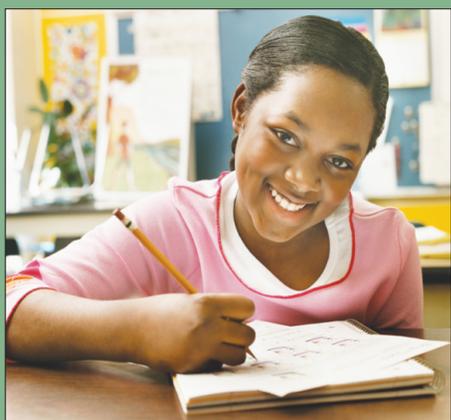
Without a doubt, Trump ran for President to make money and nothing was going to stop him. There was definitely a quid pro quo. Putin wanted sanctions lifted on Russia. It's obvious that greed corrupts. No disruption of our elections or doing damage to our country would stop Trump from getting what he wanted—to insure whether or not he had the votes he would get credit for the win and he would make money.

Trump has continued to say the investigation was a witch hunt and a hoax. Mueller firmly denies that is a lie. What's clear is Trump's concern was his billion-dollar deal to build that Tower in Russia. Mr. "Make America Great Again" couldn't resist that! There was an attack on our democracy, and Trump and his team were all tied up in it, welcoming Russia's help. It was confirmed that the interference was intended to benefit Trump.

It's clear that Wiki Leaks is a hostile intelligence service; yet, Trump loves Wiki Leaks. He didn't care who was hurt or whether the information was true or false. He didn't care if he were helping Russia get what Russia wanted—that is lifting sanctions. Trump's behavior hampered the investigation. Mr. Mueller wanted to interview Trump in person, but was never allowed to do so. Does this sound like an innocent person? Mr. Mueller was obviously constrained by DOJ, but we could extract the answer if he were able to discuss everything he investigated. It's my prayer that impeachment would begin soon without regard to whether the Senate would do the right thing.

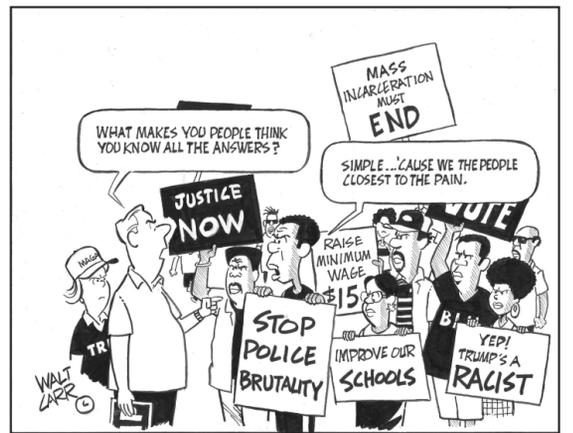
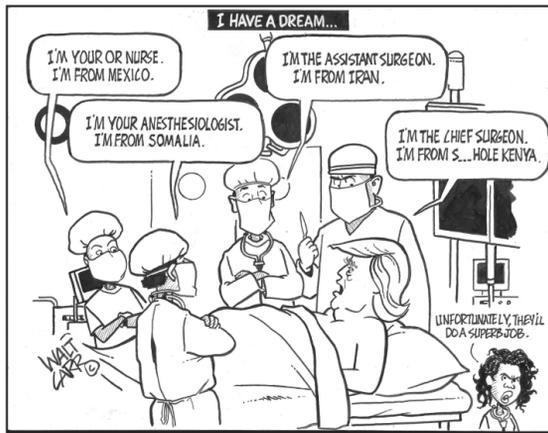
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## Visual Voice



## YOUR VOICE

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE OR ITEMS THAT WILL TOUCH YOUR LIFE.

For Christians they are the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For ladies they are fashionable outfit, flawless make-up and trendy hairstyle. For players they are Michelob Beer, French wine and Tangueray Gin (smile).

For wide awake people they are the two U.S. Senators and one U.S. House of Representatives member who control over 80% of our lives. The three, public servants, who are paid over \$200,000 a year to represent me are Senator Richard Burr and Thom Tillis. My Congressman is David

Rouzer. I have never and will never vote for these three greedy, cowardly GOP parasites. You all need to learn the names of your three and study them until they become familiar. Put their picture on your refrigerator. If you do not know them, you will make a deadly mistake and blindly vote for them just like the people who voted for TRUMP. In North Carolina, we call it buying a pig in a poke.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

**James J. Hankins**  
Wilmington, NC  
Praying is not enough

Last week I wrote about my nephew who has been in prison

for nearly twenty years for a crime he did not commit. I recently learned that America has more people in prison than any other country around the world. I also learned that keeping people in prison is a very profitable business. But don't take my word, check it out for yourself.

The longer a person is kept locked up the more money a prison makes. So why don't we have more halfway houses and less solitary confinement? How would we establish a halfway house? Take a look at some of the half-filled churches in the area. If we could combine some of them, we could use the empty buildings as halfway houses for ex-cons. If

the church is interested we could establish a few halfway houses here in Wilmington.

This would relieve some of the overcrowded prisons and give the Christian community some responsibility for returning these young people to a normal life.

I realize this is a lot to ask and most churches would not want to get involved. But on the other hand, we can't just be bench warmers all of our lives. We need to get involved in the world around us in any way we can. We are not just believers. We are doers! Praying is not enough.

**Ruth Johnson**  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### What we can learn from schools that educate military children

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

It is not uncommon for military programs to be adopted for use in civilian life. Schools in Virginia Beach, VA, that have some of the highest percentages of military children in the country, are doing an incredible job helping those students cope with the added stresses of having parents in the military. Other schools and communities can learn from Virginia



Dr. Elizabeth Primas

Beach City Public Schools. I recently spent a day with families and educators from Shelton Park Elementary School. About 70 percent of the students there were children with a parent in the military or a defense contractor. There is a large population of special forces personnel in Virginia

Beach and at any moment, a parent can be called on for deployment to a warzone. Their families often do not know to where they are deployed, which compounds stress and anxiety.

A unique program in Virginia Beach public schools includes 28 Military Family Life Counselors, who work closely with schools' staff and families to support students. One mother we spoke with, talked about the fears her five-year-old daughter had while her father was deployed. After a particularly bad night, the mother let the school staff and the assigned counselor know that her daughter was going through a very difficult time. However, mom was able to send her daughter to school knowing that the school community would play an active role in engaging with her to help her work through her fears. The Virginia Beach counselors, funded under a program by the U.S. Department of Defense, are licensed and specialize in child and youth behavioral

issues.

It's not just supporting students through the stress of having a parent deployed where Virginia Beach schools excel in supporting this population of students. A report from The Lexington Institute looks at how schools and districts with high percentages of military families are supporting students, who, on average, move every 2-3 years to far and distant places. Uprooting and moving so often is disruptive to a child's educational progress, and it can stall their academic achievement.

However, moving is not the only thing that can disrupt educational progress. Low teacher retention, frequent absenteeism, and unsafe school environments are all factors that can also inhibit academic progress.

The Every Student Succeeds Act, a federal education law, requires schools and districts to have a well-rounded curriculum. Too many schools have eliminated music, art, drama,

and essential academic courses like social studies and science to give more instruction time to reading and math. Math and reading are critical, but these other subjects enrich the learning experience and help make a well-rounded, whole human being.

From the very beginning, students at Shelton Park Elementary School are exposed to art, music, leadership strategies. The well-rounded curriculum combined with support from the military counselors creates a school environment that can – and should – be modeled across the country.

As a lifetime educator, I am inspired to see how Virginia Beach Public Schools are supporting military children. They are truly a model to be emulated by any school, because every kid—military or not—deserves this kind of high-quality support and instruction.

Dr. Elizabeth Primas is the ESSA Program Manager for the National Newspapers Publishers Association.

### RAINBOW COALITION

## America's democracy facing multiple threats

Our democracy is in peril, but we the people can preserve it.

The Senate Intelligence Committee last week startled the nation with a democracy shaking report entitled "Russian Efforts Against Election Infrastructure."

The independent Mueller Report had previously indicated, "The Russian government interfered in the 2016 election in sweeping and systematic fashion," and last week Robert Mueller testified before the House Judiciary Committee that Russia was continuing to intervene in our voting infrastructure.

Americans had already been made aware of Russian efforts in Illinois, Arizona and certain counties in Florida in 2016. The Senate report was shocking because it documented that Russia's efforts had actually targeted

all 50 states. The U.S. has a "states' rights and local control" voting system. Voting is a state right, not a citizenship right, with no real enforceable national standards.

We've ended up with multiple and varied election systems in the 50 states (plus the District of Columbia), 3,143 counties, 13,000 local voting jurisdictions that administer approximately 186,000 precincts, all organized in what amounts to a "separate and unequal" voting system, mostly controlled and managed by partisan local election officials.

Some argue that such decentralization protects against a systematic corruption of our election system, until you look at the reality.

With no federally mandated rules, national canons or even voluntary national standards, the reality is states, counties and certainly most local voting jurisdictions are left unprotected and are no match for a sophisticated cyber-actor performing on behalf of a foreign government determined to alter an election outcome, actions by an institution with private

interests or even a talented individual with a personal grievance or political agenda.

Interfering in all 50 states is not required.

The strategic interference in a limited number of key states, counties, local jurisdictions and in some instances even precincts, could swing an entire state and alter a national election in favor of a desired winner.

The Mueller Report said the Trump campaign shared detailed polling information with the Russians and highlighted Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota as their key states for victory. Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin favored President Donald Trump by only 77,000 votes totally and swung the election to him in 2016.

Immediately following Mueller's testimony, Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) attempted to pass the FIRE Act asking for unanimous consent. The Fire Act was a simple, narrowly targeted bill. All it did was make sure that foreign attempts to interfere in future presidential

elections are promptly reported to the FBI and the FEC.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) instantly killed it, claiming it was a partisan effort to defeat Trump. McConnell's maneuver amounts to an open invitation for outsiders to again meddle in our presidential election.

The Senate Intelligence Committee then released its report about the Russians targeting all 50 states. The first House Bill passed in the 116th Congress was a comprehensive voting bill (H.R. 1) that would have increased voter security, made voting easier for all eligible voters, established a national holiday for voting and much more, but McConnell, the self-declared grim reaper, said this bipartisan legislation was dead on arrival.

McConnell and Senate Republicans have adopted Republican strategist Paul Weyrich's maxim: "I don't want everybody to vote.

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Elections are not won by a majority of people. "They never have been from the beginning of our country, and they are not now. As a matter of fact, our leverage in the elections quite candidly goes up as the voting populace goes down."

I've advocated adding a right to vote amendment before, basically in the name of democracy and good citizenship. Now, however, it's becoming clear that it's also a national security issue. Our representative democracy, our Republic, is threatened and being undermined by Russia and possibly other countries. Americans should be able to elect the people they want to

govern them without external interference. And yes, we've done it to others in the past and it was wrong. While allowing for local administration of elections, adding a right to vote amendment would mandate Congress to pass legislation and provide the money to set minimum common sense national standards, such as requiring modern secure vot-

ing machines, secure voter registration files, a backup paper record of your vote from voting machines, risk-limiting post-election audits, automatic voter registration at age 18, same-day onsite voter registration and more. That is what democracy looks like. *Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.*

**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**  
**America will never heal**

Over and over, individuals on cable news programs have been asked, "Is Donald Trump a racist?" and over and over, they have, for the most part, demurred, not answered at all, or deflected to another subject. We hear "the president is not a racist." We hear other lawmakers say that not only is the president not a racist, but neither are they.

And just this morning, the president, who played the race card from the beginning of his run for the presidency, said that the "Democrats always play the race card" when things are not going their way. (<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2019/07/28/democrats-denounce-trump-baltimore-tweets-elijah-cummings/1851396001/>)

The New York Times wrote that Trump is using race as a political tool to win the 2020 election. It is something, says the newspaper, that he has frequently used. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/20/us/politics/trump-race-record.html>)

What is troubling is that all of these white lawmakers are refusing to admit their own racism, even as they cower in fear of the president. And what we do not own, we cannot heal.

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It is significant that the president is in fact "draining the swamp," i.e., getting rid of all that were mainstays of the government, and replacing the swamp with loyalists. He will use the word "socialism" to fight his opponents, but what he is putting in place is a totalitarian government, where racism, it seems, will be allowed to flourish. The policies he will put in place, and for which he is putting people in place to form and enact, will disproportionately adversely affect people of color. He has said that if re-elected, there will be significant budget cuts - and those cuts will presumably come in the areas of Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. Funding for food stamps for the poor is being cut (<https://www.npr.org/2019/07/23/744451246/3-million-could-lose-food-stamp-benefits-under-trump-administration-proposal>), which will adversely affect an estimated 3 million people. Policies being put in place, or desired, are policies which will only augment the economic and social oppression of people of color.

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And as that is the case, the sad truth is that America will never heal. It's worth repeating: what we will not admit we cannot eradicate. If America does not own her racism - something which has been studied by cultures all over the world - America will never heal. *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.*

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**TO BE EQUAL**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The U.S. "war on drugs"— a decades-long policy of racial and class suppression hidden behind cannabis criminality — has resulted in the arrest, interdiction, and incarceration of a high percentage of Americans of color. The legal cannabis industry represents a great opportunity to help balance the detrimental effects of the war on drugs by creating an equal playing field for all people to benefit from the changing legal landscape." — **Minority Cannabis Business Association**

It's difficult to overstate how devastating America's racist "War on Drugs" has been for communities of color. Although Black and white people use marijuana at similar rates, Black people have been four times more likely to be arrested for marijuana possession. In Michigan, which has already legalized marijuana for recreational use, a 68-year-old man named Michael Thompson is 25 years into a 40-to-60-year sentence stemming from the sale of three pounds of marijuana to an undercover officer. Last week, Illinois made history when it passed a marijuana legalization law that seeks to atone for the injustice of the War on Drugs. Illinois' law gives low-income communities of color

**Legalizing marijuana**

— the very communities ripped apart by decades of racist drug policies — a fair shot at dispensary and grow-shop licenses. A portion of tax revenue generated by cannabis sales will be directed to investment in those communities through the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program.

Under the new law, arrest records for possession of small amounts of marijuana will be expunged automatically, and the board that makes clemency recommendations to the governor will receive a list of everyone convicted of minor possession offenses. Nearly 800,000 criminal histories could be erased under the law.

We applaud Illinois historic achievement. We stand ready to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the law. We urge other states to follow Illinois' lead when crafting legislation to legalize marijuana by looking comprehensive at redress for past wrongs and creating economic opportunities for communities that bore, and continue to bear, the negative effects of the War on Drugs. The history of cannabis in

the United States — which became known as marijuana in the early 1900s — is fraught with racist hysteria. Following the Mexican Revolution, more than 890,000 Mexican people legally immigrated into the United States between 1910 and 1920. Even though cannabis long had been used in the United States as an ingredient in unregulated "patent medicines," the Spanish term marijuana became associated with fear and prejudice against new immigrants. By 1930, 16 states had outlawed prohibited marijuana as a way to target the growing Mexican community.



**Marc Morial**

In 1971 President Richard M. Nixon launched the "War on Drugs," which was exposed in 2016 by White House Counsel John Ehrlichman as a political ploy to target African Americans and anti-war protesters. Two years after Nixon proclaimed drugs "public enemy number one," presidential hopeful Nelson Rockefeller, Governor of New York signed the most draconian drug statutes in the nation, setting the sentence for selling two ounces of certain drugs, including cannabis, or possession of four ounces, at a minimum of 15 years to life in prison. The laws have been blamed for tripling New York's prison population.

Even now, as states have begun legalizing recreational marijuana use, recent investigation by the New York Times found that Black people were nearly 15 times more likely than whites to be arrested in New York City for low-level cannabis crimes. It's going to take much more than simple legalization to level the playing field — and Illinois' new law recognizes the challenges. Illinois will waive half of the application fee for license-seekers who are either long-term residents of a "disproportionately impacted area" or who have been incarcerated for a minor pot crime that is eligible for expungement under the bill.

These applicants who receive a license to grow or sell marijuana in Illinois will also be eligible for special low-interest loans from the state, direct grant aid for start-up costs, and other benefits.

As Illinois state Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth said, "What we are doing here is about reparations. After 40 years of treating entire communities like criminals, here comes this multibillion-dollar industry, and guess what? Black and brown people have been put at the very center of this policy in a way that no other state has ever done."

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

**Red summer and its reverberations**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

One hundred years ago, starting on July 27 and for thirteen more days, Chicago was engulfed in violence. White mobs wantonly attacked Black people, and Black people fought back. It started when a Black teenager, swimming in segregated Lake Michigan, drifted to the "wrong" side of the lake. Whites stoned him, and he drowned. The Chicago police refused to take action, even though the white man who threw the fatal rock, George Stauber, was identified. A police officer, Daniel Callahan, declined to arrest the murderous Stauber. Word of the drowning and police indifference spread quickly, and it was "on" with white supremacy and unequal justice on full display. For example, Callahan, the racist cop who would not arrest George Stauber, arrested a black man in the crowd based on just one white man's complaint.



**Dr. Julianne Malveaux**

Cameron McWhirter recounts the jarring events of the 13-day Chicago manifestation of white supremacy and the Black response in his absorbing book, *Red Summer: The Summer of 1919 and the Awakening of Black America*. Chicago was the site of the deadliest violence in the Red Summer. It claimed 23 Black lives and 15 white ones, with whites being aggressors who just beat, killed, and burned out Black people because of their seg-

regationist rage and economic envy. The deadly violence in Chicago was but one of at least thirty-eight deadly attacks by whites on Black people. NAACP Secretary James Weldon Johnson (the author, with his brother J. Rosamond, of the Negro National Anthem, Lift Every Voice) dubbed the Summer of 1919 the "Red Summer" because so much blood flowed. And while whites were accustomed to attacking Black folk without consequence, during the summer of 1919, with recent veterans on the scene, Black people weren't having it. We fought back!

Most of the attacks took place in the South, and Chicago, with its teeming ethnic clashes and high Black population, might be considered "up South." But the so-called liberal North was no stranger to the racism that gripped our nation. Black people were also attacked in New London, Connecticut, led by white navy members. We were attacked in the cradle of democracy, Philadelphia, when a Black family moved into a white neighborhood. We were attacked in Omaha, where a Black man was accused of raping a white woman. The courthouse was burned by warped whites, and there was more than a million dollars' worth of damage. In Chicago, mobs of depraved white outlaws destroyed Black homes and businesses, leaving hundreds of Black families homeless.

The white thugs who attacked Black people were rarely arrested and didn't experience any consequences for their lawlessness. But the Black folk who fought back were sometimes arrested, beaten, or killed. In

Washington, DC, the rumor that a young white woman was "attacked" (she admitted she was merely jostled) started white servicemen on a rampage, attacking random Black people, pulling them from streetcars and attacking them on the street. The white men were primarily members of the military, and the military too often turned a blind eye to their criminal members.

The Washington Post journalist Jefferson Morley recently wrote about the father and daughter Ben and Carrie Johnson, who shot and killed a police officer who invaded their home. They were charged with murder and spent 18 months in jail, but charges were dropped against Ben, and when Carrie stood trial she was found guilty of manslaughter, not murder. Her attorneys appealed, the appeal was granted, and there was no new trial.

The Red Summer occurred because Black men were coming home from World War I and were not inclined to tolerate white foolishness. It occurred because we had a president, Woodrow Wilson, who was a virulent racist, much like the current occupant of the House that Enslaved People Built. White people, brainwashed to believe in the fallacy of white supremacy, felt emboldened to attack Black people for simple acts of self-determination.

Fast forward. Emboldened whites are still attacking Black people, some violently. Eric Garner lost his life because he was selling loosies (single cigarettes) in Brooklyn and because an out of control madman masquerading as a police officer

Daniel Pantaleo attacked him with an illegal chokehold. While Department of Justice attorneys recommended trying Pantaleo in federal court, Attorney General William Barr, the acknowledged sycophant of the racist Occupant, declined to move ahead.

Fast forward. Roland Martin Unfiltered features a segment, "Crazy A\$\$ White People" that features the microaggressions that are a natural byproduct of virulent white supremacy. As a man attempted to propose to his fiancé at the Angry Orchard in New York, he was interrupted three times to be accused of stealing. The orchard has apologized (too little, too late) but it is yet another example of ignorance and stupidity. A deranged white woman, Nancy Goodman, approached three Black women dining at a Bonefish Grill and used the n-word on them because she thought they were loud. The warped white woman says she'd use the slur again. Let's not even get into the BBQ Beckys and other fools.

Bottom line. One hundred years ago, enabled and emboldened by a racist president, white folks went buck wild on Black people. Here we go again! Red Summer has reverberations, but please remember that during the Red Summer, Black folks fought back. Let's do it again, fighting with our vote, with our activism, and, when necessary, with our retaliation. The struggle continues.

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**USE It or LOSE It!**

## YWCA Lower Cape Fear announces Interim CEO

The YWCA Lower Cape Fear announces the selection of the organization's Interim CEO, Velva Jenkins, as unanimously appointed by the YWCA Board of Directors. Jenkins recently retired from her position as Vice President of Continuing Education, Economic and Workforce Development at Brunswick Community College, and has served on the YWCA Board of Directors. Jenkins brings over 30 years of organizational leadership and a wealth of expertise in nonprofit management, business development, project management, and outreach programming to this transitional role.

A Brunswick County native, Velva Jenkins has degrees in Business with a concentration in Marketing from the Cameron School of Business at the University of

North Carolina Wilmington and a Masters in Business Administration from Webster University. Jenkins began her career as the Director of Small Business Center at Brunswick Community College in 1986. Under her leadership, she secured over \$1.5 million in grant funding. She has served on numerous boards and committees, volunteering her time with local non-profit agencies, university and educational institutions, and civic leadership committees. She was recently appointed to serve on the North Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council. Jenkins has received several recognitions and awards, and most recently was presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Roy Cooper, reserved for individuals who have made significant contri-

butions to the state and their communities through exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments.

"The YWCA has been a part of my life for over 35 years and I am so excited to be able to give back," said newly appointed Interim CEO, Velva Jenkins. "This organization has made tremendous gains under Charrise's leadership. I want to ensure that the momentum continues and objectives are met until the right leader is selected to take the helm."

"We are privileged to have Velva's leadership and support through this transition," said Carol Kennedy, YWCA Board President. "Velva is well-respected in our community as a leader and has maintained strong relationships with various local agencies and institutions. She is a trusted advocate for the

YWCA's mission and programs, and will faithfully further the organization's positive, forward momentum as we search for the next leader of the YWCA."

The YWCA Lower Cape Fear Board of Directors will assist in the transition of leadership for the organization, as well as steer the process of hiring the new CEO. A national search will be conducted and launched in the coming month. Questions about the leadership transition can be directed to YWCA Communications Manager, Lauren McConville, at communications@ywca-lowercapefear.org.

For questions or more information about the YWCA mission and services to the community, visit [www.ywca-lowercapefear.org](http://www.ywca-lowercapefear.org) or contact the YWCA at 910-799-6820.



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VELVA JENKINS

### GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

## Buy it, enjoy it, then rent or sell it?

That is the question I was asked this past week from a young lady that has owned her home for about 5-6 years now. She wants to relocate to another area and buy again and asked if it was wise for her to rent the current home vs. selling it.

Well, I told her that was a loaded question that would not have just one answer so we dove into it. I told her the 1st thing she should consider was what would the lender say about her keeping this current home when trying to purchase the next. After all, she is no longer a 1st-time buyer so the perks that she got when purchasing this 1st home likely is no longer available to her.

These perks are like 100% Non-VA financing, down payment grants, low down payment assistance loans, tax break certificates, and more.

These are the types of perks 1st-time buyers have the privilege of tapping into but once you own, that is gone. The only exception is that you sell the property and do not own for at least 3 years, then you can be considered a 1st-time buyer again. Well, not owning and going back to renting for 3 years just to get the 1st time designation back was not worth it to her. Her words exactly "I will never go back to renting again!". LOL. I truly understand that because once you get a taste of the other side, it's hard to go back.

So back to the topic at hand, she is a veteran so she used her VA loan to purchase this cur-

rent home so that is great in itself because she got 100% financing on it. What's even better is that if she does decide to sell this current home, her full VA certificate will be restored and 100% financing will be available to her again. No waiting period with VA, that no money downs roll over to the next house. However, she is weighing if better to hold/rent it. So if she does that, and if she does not have enough VA eligibility left over from the 1st house purchase, then she can't use the VA financing again and would have to find another source to purchase this next home. That puts her back considering the fact that a 3-10% down payment may be required to do this next home so that fact will have a weigh-in her decision. The other side of this coin is how the lender for the next

house will tell her how the current house has to be handled in order for them not to include that existing mortgage in the calculations to determine how much she can afford for house #2. That calculation is called Debt-Ratio and it's where the lender looks at your current income and current bills and tell you how much they feel you could safely pay each month without stressing. Well having a current mortgage and seeking to have an additional mortgage would throw most folks debt-ratio into the dirt. So, the remedy would be providing proof that you could rent the current home for an amount that is over and above the current mortgage payment. In this case, her mortgage was about \$1100 and the going rate (in her estimation) in her area is about \$1500 for rent. That is great if that is the actual going rate so I

told her a reliable website she could go to find out for sure what the going rate really is in her area and plan from there. Most times the lender will want to see a signed lease for a tenant to go right into the current home as soon as she closes on the next one. Having this lease will make them feel more comfortable in lending you money to purchase the next home and it will also help you to borrow more money for this home #2. Lastly, I told her that if she did decide to rent it out, wisdom would be to hire a property management company. That, in my opinion, is worth every dime for the company to advertise/find a qualified tenant, collect the money, do the inspections, handle the repairs, file the evictions, and on and on. Being a 1st-time landlord is not a bed of roses but it can be rewarding if you put all of

your ducks in a row. So by now, I'm sure you see why I told her that was a "loaded" question and not one answer would do.

There definitely are pros and cons to both including that holding and renting it will definitely gain her more and more equity year after year as the property values go up. She hung up with a lot to think about and I'm sure she will come to the best decision for her: If you have been thinking about doing the same time, you too now know what all has to be considered and evaluated.

Until next week, please share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to also reach out for their Free personalized Action Plan to OWN in the next 18 months or less!

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### Prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine awarded to Chris May, Executive Director of the Cape Fear Council of Governments

Christopher "Chris" D. May, Executive Director of the Cape Fear Council of Governments (CFCOG), has been awarded the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Roy Cooper. Chris Boney, Chair of the USS North Carolina Battleship Commission, presented the award to Chris on behalf of the Governor at a celebration held in Chris' honor at UNCW's Clock Tower Lounge on Monday, July

29, 2019. In addition to many co-workers, friends, and family, the event was attended by a large number of current and former state and local government officials with whom Chris worked closely over his distinguished career.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is among the most prestigious awards conferred by the Governor of North Carolina. It is awarded to persons for exemplary service to the

State of North Carolina and their communities that is above and beyond the call of duty and which has made a significant impact and strengthened North Carolina.

Chris May has a long history of service to the people of North Carolina. He worked for Watauga County, Seven Devils, and Blowing Rock before joining the CFCOG as Executive Director in January 2001. Since joining the CFCOG, Chris has been a strong voice for the 44 local governments in the Cape Fear Region. He has also served as adjunct professor for Public Administration at Appalachian State University and as a guest lecturer for the UNC-WPA Program, on whose Community Advisory Board he currently serves as chair. Chris also served

40 years as a US Coast Guard Reservist, retiring as a Commander (CDR) and Senior Reserve Officer for Coast Guard operations in North Carolina. He is certified as a USCG Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Professional. He holds an Associate in Science from Lees McRae College and Bachelors and Masters degrees in Political Science and Public Administration from Appalachian State University.

Chris retires as CFCOG's Executive Director on July 31, 2019. His contributions to excellence in public service will continue to have a lasting impact on the citizens of the Cape Fear region.

For more information contact April Radford, [aradford@capefearcog.org](mailto:aradford@capefearcog.org) or 910-395-4553.



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Mr. Chris May and his wife Mrs. Janice May with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine at recent celebration.

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power of forgiveness  
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and to strive to be our best  
You taught us to persevere, to speak up, and to speak out  
You taught us to trust God no matter what and no matter where  
The power of your prayers and your words lead us  
and guide us daily  
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your spirit  
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## Jephthah Chapter IV celebrates Star Day

BY GERALDINE ARMSTRONG  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Sunday, July 21, 2019, members of Jephthah Chapter IV celebrated with other members, the 22nd Annual Star Day. This wonderful celebration was held at Lee's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 7501 NC Hwy 50, Maple Hill, North Carolina.

What a spiritual heart-felt celebration. Pender Processional: Masonic brothers and sisters; Mistress of Ceremony: Sister Ruth King (Priscilla Chapter #248; Opening selection, "I Owe God A Praise" (OES Choir members); Scripture (Psalm 100), Sister Cynthia McIntyre (Love & Union #551); Prayer, Sister Camesha James (Sunlight Chapter #634); Welcome, Sister Lenora Watkins (Sunlight

Chapter #634); Response, Bro. Reginald Hagans (Priscilla Chapter #248 and Middle Chamber #169 of Burgaw); History: Sister Felicia Watkins; Star Day has been celebrated for twenty-two years. The first Star Day was celebrated at Kendall Chapel in Winnabow, North Carolina with twelve chapters in fellowship. Rose of Sharon Chapter #555 were host and Sister Jacquelyn Bellamy was Worthy Matron. The three counties (New Hanover, Pender and Brunswick) host this affair each year, each county separately. This year was Pender County and what a celebration!

Following the offering (I Love to Praise Him), Introduction of the speaker was given by Sister Alicia Bynum (Sunlight #634). Following, "I Love to Praise Him", by Sister Mary

Ratchford and OES Choir Members, what a word--what a word!

The sermon message ("Jesus I Will Never Forget What You Have Done for Me; sub-topic, "I Am a Star, I'll Always Come Shining Through." Scriptures: I Samuel 2:1-2; Matthew 5:16. Elder Sonobia Sharpless really expounded of the virtues of A Eastern Star and asked if they were letting their brightness shine by following and obeying

God's word; don't talk it, but show others the "light shining in you." The challenge, "Are you living your life as a star? Are you letting your light shine?" You should never forget what God has brought you through and is still working things out in your life. You're put in certain positions to see

God's power (ESTHER). What a word!

Special thanks to Sister Goldia Jordan, who has served--and still serving, Sunlight #634, for so many years. Also, to Middle Chamber #169 for sharing this wonderful Star Day! Representation were from the other chapters of District 19, as well. Jephthah Chapter members, you are appreciated more than you realize; Sisters: Linda Moore (Worthy Matron), Deborah Bromell, Johnnie Mae Pridgen, Geraldine Armstrong, Carolyn Hedgepath, Eva Battle, Dorene Crumpler and Bro. Alphonso Robinson. Following remarks from Sister Ratchford, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 19, refreshments were served and the fellowship was great.

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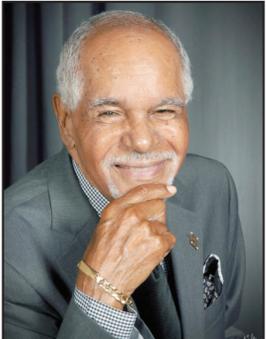


**Cleopatra Bennett**

Cleopatra Bennett, known as Pat or Cleo, passed away July 28, 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Cleo resided at 718 Wooster Street, Wilmington, NC until she relocated to Kansas City, Missouri in June 2009.

Visitation: August 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and home going service immediately following at 11:00 a.m. at Sheffield Family Life Center, 5700 Winner Road, Kansas City, MO. *Elite Funeral Chapel.*



**Donald Lorenza Greene**

Donald Lorenza Greene was born to Howard Washington Greene Sr. and Joyce La Roar Richardson Greene at Garfield Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C. After an extended period of declining health, on July 14, 2019, Donald quietly transitioned and was received into the loving arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ. Funeral services were held on Friday, July 19, 2019, at Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Suitland, MD.

A Memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2019, at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Wilmington, N.C.

The unconditional ancestry of love that rooted the Greene Family tree included 11 uncles, 3 aunts and 16 first cousins. As a young child, Donald expanded his familial horizon when he joined the household of his Aunt Jennie Greene Smith and Uncle Abraham Stanley Smith, affectionately known to all as "NaNa" and "PopPop". NaNa and PopPop instilled in Donald a love for God, a desire for learning and an uncompromising commitment to excellence that forever shaped his life.

Donald's superlative career and achievements began as a student at Birney Elementary School and upon graduating from Dunbar Senior High School. After a brief period at Morgan State University, Donald returned home, transferring to Miner Teachers College (renamed in 1955 to D.C. Teacher's College). Undaunted and determined, in 1957 Donald began his career as an educator, consultant and administrator. Upon demonstrating his command and passion

for teaching, he was given an opportunity that would forever shift his employment trajectory. The Model School Division of the D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) was established to focus on "inner-city" youth. Recognizing his natural gifts, Principal Lillian Glasco recommended Donald to serve as Instructor.

The Model Class Program was a success, and led to participation in an educational think tank called the Innovation Team. DCPS teachers: Donald Greene, Ralph Jenkins, Irvin Gordy, Ted Beam and Jacqueline Robertson were selected to attend the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. They each obtained their Masters and Ed.D's in educational leadership and administration, and their revolutionary research advanced the economic progress and academic success of students within their communities and throughout the nation. After leaving DCPS, Donald served at the D.C. Teacher's College, the Federal City College, and the Washington Technical Institute. In 1977, these public colleges merged to become the University of the District of Columbia (UDA). Under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Greene, thousands of D.C. youth were given the opportunity for an advanced education. His UDC team included: Dollie Ellis, Velma McDowell, Dolores Davis, Georgette Hardy, John Gambell, LaHugh Banks, Frank Williams and Purnell Pinkney to name a precious few. They were more than an employment team, they were family. The seeds planted in Donald as a child, were blossoming into a forest. During his professional career he was involved in many educational and instructional programs for youth and adults and authored numerous publications. He retired from UDC as Associate Dean of University College.

Donald and his former wife Sylvia, remained steadfastly committed to their family and the responsibilities of parenting. This included grandchildren, and great-grandchildren whom they unconditionally loved, doted on and supported in every way they could.

It was in 1981 at UDC, that Donald met Constance (Connie) Yvonne Drain. That chance encounter led to their marriage in November 1991. Donald loved people and enjoyed being with his friends. With Connie by his side they participated in a host of social activities and events, and he continued to pursue educational and mentoring programs where ever he was needed. As Donald, Connie and their beloved dog "Tipper" settled into life in North Carolina in 2004, his lifelong love of horses and a chance meeting at the Bill Picket Rodeo, many years prior, led him to the Triple K Ranch Saddle Club. Along with his prized horse Frisco, Donald found his niche.

While Donald was raised in Zion Baptist Church, he celebrated his love for God in many houses of worship during his lifetime. As a child, he was baptized at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Washington, D.C. and received his first Holy Communion at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. After settling in Wilmington, he joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. His call to service included, membership in the Men's Choir, the Trustee Board, and the Men's Leadership Committee.

His affiliations were numerous including: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; Ionic #17, Jonathon Davis Consistory #1 Mecca Temple #10; Greater

Washington, D. C. Chapter 9th and 10th (Horse) Calvary Association; Triple K Ranch Saddle Club; National Center for Therapeutic Riding; Board member; New Hanover County Community Action, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers of America.

In addition to his parents, preceding him in death were his aunt Jenny and Uncle Stanley Smith, who raised him, his first wife Sylvia, his son Ronald, and his brothers, Howard William Greene, James Alphonso Greene and Jerome Malcom Greene.

He is survived by his wife Connie; children: Donna (Tom), Alvin (Kathy), Jeannette (Anthony); grandchildren Sean, Gemal, Tommy, Daniel, Sophia, Nevolie, Nicholas, Kristopher and Eron; great-grandchildren: Sean, Jr., Brandon, Baile, Makayla, Sydney, Braylon, Tommi, Charlie Rose, Dallas Marie, Simi, Zmir, Zaya, and soon welcoming Lyric; great great-grandchildren: Miguel and Haile; sister Kyle Camille Greene; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, extended family and friends. *Arrangements by McQuire Funeral Home, 7400 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Local arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Barbara Ann Woodberry Highsmith**

Barbara Ann Woodberry Highsmith affectionately known as "Barbran" was born in Wilmington, NC in 1943 to Henry and Gracie Woodberry. She was the oldest of 8 children. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

She was previously married to Joseph Highsmith Jr. and out of this union, she had 4 children, Michael, Kelvin, Ronnie and Diedra.

Barbara heard the gentle whispers of the Lord calling her home, and she took His hand and left us on Monday, July 15, 2019.

Barbara was a lifetime educator for New Hanover County Public Schools, where she spent the majority of her career at Wrightsboro Elementary and Gregory School of Math, Science and Technology. She had a passion for children and music. She was not only a classroom educator; respected by both the school community and her peers alike, but she had also been recognized as a para Educator of the Year and served as a past President of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

Barbara started singing in the church and school as a child. Everyone loved her harmonious voice as she sang around the city of Wilmington. She was an active member of Mt. Olive AME Church and was raised in New Covenant Holiness Church.

Barbara leaves a legacy to cherish her fondest memories, her four devoted children, Michael, Kelvin (Leslie), Ronnie and Diedra (Giovanni); grandchildren, Pamela Velasquez (Wilson), Joey Highsmith, Daniel Highsmith, Kalia Highsmith, Samiya Hollins and Grayson Hollins; great-grandchildren, Iyanna Carter, Jeremiah Velasquez and Josai Velasquez; siblings, Linda Francis (Eugene), Sam Woodberry, Mark Woodberry, Flora Willis (London); aunts, Alease McCormick, Sarah Willard (Norman) and Dorothy Spain; uncles, Donald Vaught and Richard

Vaught; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Gracie Woodberry; sisters (twins), Jeanette Woodberry and Annette Wilder; brothers, Henry "Tim Boy" and Daniel "Danny Boy." *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Lila Ruth Sanders**

Lila Ruth Sanders, our beloved "Ruth" completed her earthly journey at age 94 on Friday, July 12, 2019 at the Leland House in Leland, North Carolina. Lila Ruth was born January 14, 1925, in Darlington, South Carolina to Elizabeth and Fred Fulworth. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc. Burial was in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Lila Ruth began her formative education in the south and completed the ninth grade, which was considered a fair accomplishment in her modest environment at that time. Lila Ruth diligently worked in hospitality at luxury hotels in the south before residing in the north. However, it was apparent that she preferred living in the south, where she resided much of her life. She was a member of the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.

Lila Ruth is the last of her generation. In addition to her parents, Elizabeth and Fred, she was predeceased by her three siblings, Cleveland, Josephine and Mable. She is also predeceased by grandson Darryl, grand-daughter-in-law Gloria and great grandson Dalton.

Lila Ruth overcame great circumstances during her lifetime. Despite her challenges, she continued to emanate a gracious smile and warm hello, especially when greeting new friends and helpers. Lila Ruth leaves to cherish fond

memories to her devoted daughter Betty and son-in-law Robert, grandchildren David (Gloria), Kenny, Donna (Ezell) and Charles; great-grandchildren Kenny Jr., Zaire, Lawrence, Salson, Joshua, David, Ezell, Diante, Kasa and Asher; great-great grandchildren Kaia and Marcus and a host of nephews and nieces. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Albert Wilson Canty**

Albert Wilson Canty died July 10, 2019. Memorial services were held Monday, July 29, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Albert was born on April 19, 1950 in Wilmington, NC to the late Hannah Wilson Keitt and Larnie Canty, Sr. Albert completed school at Hampton High School, New York in 1969. He entered the United States Navy in 1970 and was honorably discharged in 1972. For many years, Albert's culinary skills were used at several local eating establishments.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories: a sister, Margie MacRae of Wilmington, NC; a brother, Larnie Canty, Jr. of Wilmington, NC; a stepfather, Eugene M. Keitt, Jr. (Carol) of Sacramento, CA; an uncle, George Wilson of Decatur, GA; two nephews, Desmond MacRae of Charlotte, NC and Byron MacRae of Charlotte, NC; a niece, Kishanda Canty of Wilmington, NC; a grandniece, Ella Grace MacRae of Charlotte, NC; a very close and special friend, Jeanette Hines of Wilmington, NC; a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Nellie Ruth Williams Foster**

Nellie Ruth Williams Foster died July 18, 2019. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Nellie, daughter of the late James Howard and Laura Smith Howard, was born on April 14, 1929 in Belmont, North Carolina. She was educated in the Gaston County School System, graduating from Reid High School. In 1946, after World War II, she married John Williams, Sr. and moved to Wilmington, North Carolina. About twenty years later she and her family moved to New York. Finally, she relocated back to Wilmington, North Carolina where she resided until her passing. She loved and enjoyed cooking for everyone. She never met a stranger and would give you anything she had. Her excellent cooking ability afforded her a position as Cook at the Wilmington Treatment Center for many years. Nellie Ruth loved the Lord and enjoyed going to church. She was a member of Mt. Roney Missionary Baptist Church. Ruling with a stern hand but gentle heart, Mrs. Nellie made sure her children and children in the neighborhood grew up in the neighborhood and knowing the consequences of their actions. She lived a great life and enjoyed spending time with her family. Everyone loved her and she will be greatly missed.

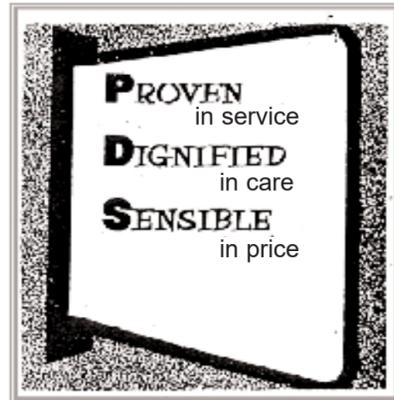
In addition to her parents and husband, Nellie Ruth was preceded in death by three children, Lamar Foster, Laurie Ann Williams and Margaret Williams Baldwin; two sisters, Mary F. Anthony and Betty Howard Armstrong and one brother, Carl L. Howard, Sr.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: two sons, John Williams, Jr. (Carol) of Wilmington, NC and MSGT Benito J. Williams, Sr., USAF Retired (Tangie) of Navarre, FL; four grandchildren, Michael Darden, Stephen L. Williams, Benito J. Williams, Jr. and Christopher A. Williams; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Emily Watkins of Dallas, NC and Dorothy Currence of Charlotte, NC; two brothers, Novel Lee Howard (Dezerea) of Gastonia,

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## New Hanover County

**East Coast Community Choir** formally known as Barry Smith and Company will host a 7:00 p.m. service on Sunday, August 4th at 4:00 p.m. at Way of Life, 1490 Village Rd. The speakers will be Elder Richard Johnson, Elder Lynda McMillian, Elder Cedric Tindall, Elder Daryell Jones, Elder Theresa Huffman, Elder Dianne Hayes and Deacon Bob Hayes. Music by guest choir. For more information please call 910-550-7475.



## Religious Briefs

## Brunswick County

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church** will hold their Youth Revival Wednesday, July 31st-Friday, August 2nd. Service starts at 7:00 p.m. Rev. John Langley, Mill Branch MB Church, Roseboro, NC will be the minister. Music Ministry will be rendered by Moore's Chapel AMEZ Church youth Choir-Wednesday, Mill Branch MB Church Youth Choir, Roseboro - Thursday and Crystal Spring MB Church Youth Choir, Northwest-Friday.

**Moore's Chapel AMEZ Church** will celebrate their homecoming on Sunday, August 11th. Pastor Rev. Valerie Robinson will bring the 11:00 a.m. message. Dinner will be served directly after the morning service. The culmination will be 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Dorian Daniels and the St. Andrews AMEZ Church family as the guest.

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NC and Bobby Howard (Lynn) of Charlotte, NC and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Betty Joyce Patterson

Betty Joyce Patterson died July 20, 2019. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Betty was born March 3, 1949 to George Murphy and Lotie Smith Joye in Wilmington, NC. As a young woman she met and married Lewis Patterson and together raised six children. Which she considered to be the greatest blessing in life. The love for her children reflected on how well they took care of her in return, especially during the last few years when it was needed. Betty accepted Jesus Christ at an early age at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Later in her adult life, she became a member of Soul Saving Station where she served faithfully as an usher and welcomed all with her beautiful smile. She attended the public schools of New Hanover County and was later employed by the New Hanover County Schools. She was genuinely a sweet and humble person, a friend and a mother-like figure to many; always with a word of encouragement but did not hesitate to bite her tongue when needing you to hear the truth. Passing her house, you would always find her sitting on the porch, reading the newspaper and drinking a Pepsi. Between the hours of seven and eight, you should know not to disturb her because she would be watching Wheel of Fortune. Another one of her favorite pastimes was looking out of the window or standing on the porch while the kids were in transit to school. Among her many hobbies were crossword puzzles, daily walks around the block and playing internet games.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, brothers; Herbert, Sammy and Lenwood; sisters, Rosa Lee, Ella and Betty.

Betty leaves to mourn; six children, Shima, Sherry, Lewis (Carolyn), Katrina, Lester (Sharon), Kim and one adopted daughter, Rafeeka; grandchildren, Tyese, Tyreke, Tyaan, Tyshawn, Chiquita, (Antione), Courtney, Kirby, Darius, Dominique, Montrel, Amisha, Amir, Kayla, Keba, and one adopted grandson, Tamir; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; her sister, Fannie Mae; a very special friend, Debbie Tindall; and a host of favorite nieces, nephews, cousins, many adopted grandkids and her Eleventh Street/Englewood Family. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Marvin Jones

Marvin Jones died July 23, 2019. Memorial services were held Sunday, July 28, 2019 at Fifth Avenue Missionary Baptist Church.

Marvin was born May 26, 1947. He was a man full of life and tenacity. He led a life full of service to and for others. Marvin served his country in the Vietnam War. He had a career serving his community while working for Coastal Horizons Outreach Center. There he lived out his passion for helping others beat the stronghold of addiction. He also had many other accomplishments. We will always love and keep Marvin alive in our hearts and memories.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Arnetta Bethea; sisters, Gail Bethea, Pastor Annie George; brothers, Ernest Bethea and son Zion Jones.

He is survived by his daughters, Renada Bowden (Eric), Nicole Eldridge (James) and Arnetta Jones; grandkids, Quentin, Erika, Jaisha, Jaden and Justin; great-grand, Isabelle; sisters, Jackie Morris and Mollie Shaw; brothers, James Jones and a special and close friend, Virginia Davis Jones; a host of other family and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Phillip Hooper

Phillip Hooper died July 24, 2019. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 28, 2019 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in the First Baptist Church Cemetery, Armour.

Phillip Hooper (Graham) was born to the late Juanita Everett Hooper and Allen "Al" Graham on October 2, 1967. Phillip grew up in the Armour Community and later moved to Wilmington, NC. He graduated from Acme-Delco Sr. High School in 1985. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Thelma, Adell and Carrie Hooper.

His memory will be forever cherished by his devoted daughter, Feodora Starr Cobb (Gareth) of Charlotte, NC; sisters, Debra Gibbs (Bill) and Glenda Teachey of Wilmington, NC and Kristie Graham of Charlotte, NC; brothers, Jerome Hooper of Wilmington, NC, Leslie Hooper of Maryland and Jeffery Hooper of Riegelwood, NC; aunts, Bernice Sutton of Riegelwood, NC and Willie Patrick of Delco, NC; uncles, Roscoe Everett of Delco, NC, Irving Everett of Greenville, NC and Leroy Everett of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Kenneth A. James

Kenneth A. James died July 25, 2019 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center in Wilmington North Carolina. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Kenneth, son of the late George James and Regnarda James was born July 17, 1949. Kenny was educated in the New Hanover County Schools and graduated from Williston Senior High School with the Class of 1968. He was employed with Singer/Climate Control for 23 years as Tool Inspector Supervisor and retired in 2014 from Leather Italia USA in Leland, North Carolina. He joined Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church on August 10, 1958 and served on the Board of Trustees. In addition to his father, Kenny was preceded in death by his brother, Morris James.

Kenny leaves to cherish his memory: an only child, his daughter, Rema James of Wilmington, NC; two grandsons, Lee Bozeman, Jr. of Charlotte, NC and Cashius Butts of Wilmington, NC; two great-grandsons, Antonio Bozeman and Kameron Bozeman; his mother, Regnarda James of Wilmington, NC; two brothers, George Roderick James and Gerald James both of Wilmington, NC; two sisters-in-law, Brenda James of Wilmington, NC and Judith James of Laurel Maryland; four nieces, Shawne, Nena (Floyd), Damita (Keith), and Toni; one nephew, Jamal; one aunt, Ollie Spicer of Wilmington NC; special cousin, Geraldine Durant; a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Kareem Thomas

Kareem Thomas died July 28, 2019. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Janice C. Webb

Janice C. Webb died July 27, 2019 in Raleigh, NC. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019 at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Benjamin F. Scott

Deacon Benjamin F. Scott, age 89, of Leland, passed away Saturday, July 13, 2019. A celebration of Deacon Scott's life was held on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at New

## TELL SOMEBODY

*"And one shall say unto him, what are these wounds in thine hands? Than he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." Zechariah 13:6*

*"For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.": Psalm 55:12-14*

**Pain** - Mental or emotional suffering or torment

**physical suffering or distress**

**Manage** - To handle, direct, control in action or use

**Friend** - A person whom one knows and with whom one has a bond of affection

**P**hysically speaking, pain management is a branch of medicine used for easing suffering and improving the quality of life for those living with chronic pain. If physical pain is not properly or professionally managed, drug addiction could result, where lack of pain management exists. If you do not manage your pain, it will manage you! We all have to deal with some type of pain, whether it is physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual. Sometimes, the source of the pain, increases the strength of the pain.

For example, the pain from

the wounds of a friend in your hands that have stretched out in response to someone else's need are particular distressful, because you care enough to help someone who in return



Sylvia Hooper

one needs to exercise Pain Management! (Zechariah 13:6)

It has been said, that an enemy cannot hurt you because you don't trust him enough to allow him to get close enough to do any considerable damage. When you know someone hates you, you have the foresight to hide yourself from him, and not expose your vulnerabilities to him.

But when it is someone you trust, follow because of admiration or respect, pain from this source can catch you unawares! You have shared with them, and they with you and you even went to church together. Some call it "church hurt". If you are ever going to heal from this type treatment, you must learn to practice. (Psalm 55:12-14) Pain Management.

Proverbs 27:5-7 says, "Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds

of a friend.; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."

Sometimes a true friend may have to hurt your feelings in order to help you! A false friend will tell you what you want to hear. A true friend will tell you what you need to hear in order to help you get the victory! They care enough about you to be honest with you, about you.

Elbert Hubbard was quoted as saying, "A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you."

Proverbs 18:24 says, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Jesus said in St. John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

Helen Keller was quoted as saying, "I would rather walk with a friend in the dark, than alone in the light."

The greatest Pain Manager in the history of mankind is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Sometimes we experience pain and suffering and speak out of our pain that no one cares or nobody knows the pain we bear. But, scripture and reality reminds us, that there is someone who suffered, bled, and died for each of us, while his pain was agonizing, his great love for us was everlasting. My friend, He not only knows what you are going through. He cares!!!

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man

will one die: peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died." Romans 5:6-8

So how do we manage our pain, when we feel we have been betrayed, hurt, despised and rejected by friends and loved ones? The answer is simple. To be perfectly honest, it is not easy, but it is worth it!

Read Matthew 6:9-15 We must cast all of our cares upon him, for he cares for us. He is able to heal us everywhere we hurt, when we trust the Lord to help us to Manage our Pain. 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

## Hypocrisy, hypocrisy, hypocrisy

**I**n the mid seventies, when the CB radio was very popular, my name or handle was "good news". I was on highway 17, headed home and spotted a state trooper parked on a side road. The CB radio was sometimes used to warn other truckers or travelers of their highway conditions. Of course I said, "breaker; breaker one nine, there is a Smokey parked on a side road to the left. Then I would end by giving a Scripture, and I would sign off by saying this is "good news"! When I finished, the voice of the Trooper came over the air and said hypocrisy, hypocrisy, preaching out of one side of your mouth and warning people who are breaking the law out of the other side of your mouth. I was convicted by those words and I decided from that day forward I would never do that again and I said thanks to the trooper.

Im ashamed of what I see continuously coming from the black leadership in Washington DC and throughout America. This word racist is being flung around on the campaign trail to get blacks stirred up. Don't we have greater problems than this? So let's talk about other greater problems which involve racism to a greater degree. It is being perpetrated by blacks against the black community: the killing of the innocent unborn and there is no serious discussion or plan to eradicate it within the black leadership, this is something to cry out about!

The CDC says "Black non-Hispanic women have the highest abortion ratio. Black women's abortion ratio has reached 444 abortions per 1,000 live births, while non-Hispanic white women's abortion ratio is 124 abortions per 1,000 births". That's not difficult to see what

the consequences have become. Someone's race becomes less.

I was embarrassed, to watch a black leader on television, with tears in his eyes over the comments that the President made about the conditions in the city of Baltimore. However, there was no notice when PBS aired a documentary called "Rat Film" about the troubled city last year, detailing the condition. There was no condemnation and no one said it was racist when it was aired.

Let's look at the Homicide rate in the city of Baltimore by yearly rate:

2015, 344; 2016, 318; 2017, 343; 2018, 309! We dare not mention the abortions which is the number one killer of the black race. How can a moral Society stand by and watch and condone the Killing of the most helpless in the womb of its mother and how can churches stand by and say nothing (the black church). There still remains in record over 50 million abortions in this country and 19 million were black babies since 1973. Abortion is murder; it's inhumane, barbaric, genocide, ungodly and its anti-God (Jesus). It is "systematic destruction of a significant part of a racial, ethnic group; it is an intentional action to destroy a group of people in whole or in part". This is what we should be crying about. Let me clear on the matter; my faith in the God of the Bible will not allow me to support any candidate Black or white that agrees with the inhumane killing of the unborn.

Let's be clear and truthful on

the matter; Mr. Trump should be the least worry that the black community should have, before he became President: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Bush, and Mr. Obama. The black on Black crime in the major cities in America is the second greatest tragedy in our communities and again it's not being addressed by the majority of the black leadership.

"As of July 27 of this month 293 blacks were killed in Chicago, 2018, 326; 2017, 413; 2016, 394; 2015, 270; 2014, 230; 2013, 238", that is the number for the first six months of each year. The question again should be asked, does black lives really matters to the black leadership in Washington, DC, NAACP, and other black civil organizations such as the church and the community! Why is there always an outcry against the policeman or a white person, why is there no outcry against the black on black crime in the black community. I believe that when a life is taken unjustly one should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law no matter who they are.

The black lives movement in my view has no credibility, because I've never heard them address the black on black murders throughout this country, the implication is that it is alright for blacks to kill blacks but if one is killed by a policeman or white then and only then does black lives matter. Again, Black lives ought to matter in the wombs of its mother first, second, in the church and third in the community among the black leadership.

What is the problem? What is the answer to this crisis? We have forsaken the God of the Bible and we are going about to establish our own

standard of moral behavior: True moral values come from the God of the Bible, who is the only true and living God. Men have forsaken the Lord, they turn away backward and worshiping and serving the creature more than Creator.

There is a word from the Lord: Jere. 29:11-13, (KJV) "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Jere. 33:2-3, (KJV) "Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name; Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knows not."

God is sending his Word to you (us) that we may be healed and delivered (black community included) from all our destruction.

Our Father in heaven we come today, into your presence through your Son Jesus Christ. You have authorized us to pray and You have obligated yourself to answer our prayers. Every person that reads this article, which is a word from the Lord, let something supernatural take place in them, because your Word is alive and full of power, sharper than any two-edged sword piercing and penetrating the heart (spirit) and soul. In Jesus

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

## OBITUARIES

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Hope Freewill Baptist Church. Interment followed at New Hope Church Cemetery.

Deacon Scott leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Vivian G. Scott; children, Herbert F. Scott (Patricia) of Tampa, FL, Milton B. McCracken of Southport, NC and Bobby McCoy of Leland, NC, 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

## Bobby Miller

Bobby A. Miller, age 79, of

Wilmington, passed away Sunday, July 14, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Miller's life was held on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Miller; children, Keith Miller (Renee) of Yonkers, NY, Kevin Miller (Tanasha), Bronx, NY and Aubry Miller of Bronx, NY; sister, Helena Lee of Charleston, SC, 5 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

## John Deaver

John G. Deaver, age 79, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, July 14, 2019. A memorial service was held on Saturday,

July 20, 2019 at St. John Baptist Church, 400 N. 30th St., Camden, NJ 08105.

Mr. Deaver leaves to cherish his memories, his children, Larry Deaver (Sheila) of Hampton, VA and Yolanda Deaver of Sicklerville, NJ; sister, Brenda Humphrey of Wilmington, NC; brother, Godfrey L. Deaver of Fayetteville, NC, 10 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and a host of 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.

## Betty A. Zimmerman

Betty Ann Zimmerman, age 83, of Wilmington, passed away Friday,

July 26, 2019. Arrangements are pending. 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.

## Matilda M. Atkins

Matilda M. Atkins, age 99, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Atkins' life was Thursday, August 1, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the Acorn Branch 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.

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The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA) invites separate and sealed bids from contractors for Re-Bid for Ground & Lawn Maintenance Services WHA Wide Please go to www.wha.net for a bid package and further information. Packages will be available for viewing 7/23/2019.

July 25, August 1, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 19 CVD 2510**

**EDISON LIONEL NORMAN, PLAINTIFF, v. LATONYA DENISE JACKSON NORMAN, DEFENDANT.**

**TO: LATONYA DENISE JACKSON NORMAN**

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: Absolute Divorce

You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than forty(40) days after July 25, 2019, the first date of publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 22nd day of July, 2019

David M. Godwin  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
8 South 6th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-762-0410  
NC State Bar No.: 15867

July 25, August 1, 8, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 19 JT 169**

**IN THE MATTER OF: E.J.G. (DOB: 06-22-2019)**

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

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:  
Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following July 25, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

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

This the 25th day of July, 2019

LeeAnne Quattrucci  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
Tel.#: 910-795-0230  
Fax #: 910-401-1485

July 25, August 1, 8, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Vernon 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 16, 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 12th day of July, 2019

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

July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joseph A. Ciquera**, 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 **25th 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 25th day of July, 2019

May-Anne Ciquera, Executor 2237 Wrightsville Ave. Wilmington, NC 28403

July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2019

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Joyce Christmas Baker (19-E-904)**, 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 506 Baytree Road, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28409 on or before **November 4, 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 August, 2019

Jeffrey R. Baker, Administrator and Personal Representative of the Estate of Joyce Christmas Baker Jeffrey R. Baker Attorney at Law 506 Baytree Road Wilmington, NC 28409

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 19 CVD 2264**

**DINA DOLORES ESPINOZA ABREGO, PLAINTIFF, v. OSEAS GARCIA FLORES, DEFENDANT.**

**TO: OSEAS GARCIA FLORES**

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: Absolute Divorce

You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than forty(40) days after July 25, 2019, the first date of publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 22nd day of July, 2019

Dina Dolores Espinoza Abrego 2401 Briarcliff Cl. Apt. 104 8 South 6th Street Wilmington, NC 28411

July 25, August 1, 8, 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 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Willodine M. Fash**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of October, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 18th day of July, 2019.

James William Fash, Executor of the Estate of Willodine M. Fash 1528 Radian Road Wilmington, NC 28405 MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC 1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101 Wilmington, NC 28403

July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2019

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Wilford Patterson, having qualified on the **24th day of June, 2019**, as Executor of the Estate of Bradford Eugene Worthington (19-E-638), deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at **DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC**, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **21st 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 18th day of July, 2019.

Wilford Patterson, Executor ESTATE OF BRADFORD EUGENE WORTHINGTON David E. Anderson Attorney at Law 9111 Market Street, Suite A Wilmington, NC 28411

July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Daisy Lee Woodbury Currie**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of November, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of August, 2019.

Neill A. Currie, II, Executor of the Estate of Daisy Lee Woodbury Currie 500 Bay Drive Vero Beach, FL 32963 MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC 1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101 Wilmington, NC 28403

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified on the 8th day of July, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of **JAMES PAUL SPIRKO**, 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, J. Christopher Spirko, at 3908 Ivory Rose Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612, on or before the **16th 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 11th day of July, 2019.

J. CHRISTOPHER SPIRKO, 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 18, 25, August 1, and 8, 2019

**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

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Robert J. Keenan (19-E-933)**, 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 30, 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 12th day of July, 2019

Anne K. Osborne, Executor of the Estate of Robert J. Keenan c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC 701 Market Street Wilmington, NC 28401 910-815-0085

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019

**Notice of Sale**

2007 BMW VIN: WBANE53577CW61106

Owner: KATHERIBE SAVANNAH GADDY

Place: Kirby's Garage Inc. 1513 Castle Street Wilmington, NC 28401 Date: 08-12-2019 Time: 9:00 a.m. Telephone: 910-762-3159

July 25, August 1, 8, 2019

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**IN THE MATTER OF: J.B.H. (DOB: 12/09/11)**

**TO: RESPONDENT: PUTATIVE FATHER, JERRY HUGHES AND ANY UNKNOWN-FATHER OF MALE CHILD BORN IN WAKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO ALISON NAYLOR**

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Attorney Margaret Jennings has been appointed as counsel for putative father, Jerry Hughes and can be reached at 1501 S. 3rd Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, 910-762-0850 or mjennings@ec.rr.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **October 7, 2019**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Court Room #100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 25th day of July, 2019.

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**IN THE MATTER OF: T.S.P. (DOB: 4/15/2016)**

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