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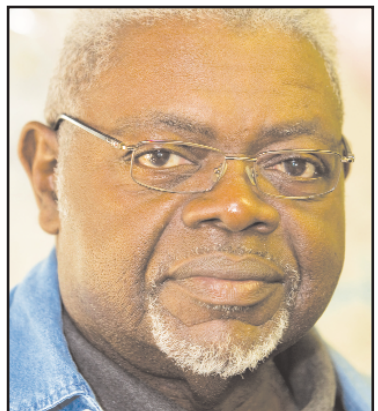
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BERNEST HEWETT

LAND

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I have been involved with land and its ownership since I was a small child. My family owned a couple of tracts of land that were considered to be large tracts, one on my grandfather's side and one on my grandmother's side. We were taught the land and the ownership represented an honor to the people who owned it. So my family always worked to keep our land, pay the taxes, and make the land pay for itself. I find that there are several Black families who used to own farms and land, in the last twenty years have had their land taken for nonpayment of taxes. Their land has been sold for little or nothing, stolen by slick people who have no care for the land except for making a dollar.

Today Blacks are told that it's easier to rent than to pay taxes every year, but that's not what I grew up with. I was told that every family should make a way for their own family. As long as you rent, you will never own anything to leave your

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What would NHRMC sale mean for African Americans in region?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

There seems to be little question in the minds of those who oppose the possible sale of New Hanover Regional Medical Center (NHRMC) by the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners that the cost of health care would go up, and the quality of health care, as a result, would go down.

NHRMC, the largest county owned hospital system in North Carolina, generates \$1 billion annually in New Hanover County's economy and contributes "...\$145 million annually to the care for the poor," according to the NHRMC.org website.

Among the many voices of concern expressing that beyond the New Hanover County NAACP, State Senator Harper Peterson and others, is clinical medical assistant, Islah Speller.

Ms. Speller, a native of Wilmington, who has worked locally in the healthcare field for over 30 years (14 of which were at NHRMC), told The Wilmington

Journal shortly after the NHC Board of Commissioners approved a controversial resolution to solicit RFPs (Requests for Proposals) to purchase NHRMC, that African American and other poor people living in the seven county region that NHRMC serves, would be greatly affected if it were sold.

"I'm heartbroken about it, Ms. Speller," an African-American, told The Journal by phone exclusively Saturday. "As a healthcare provider,

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ISLAH SPELLER



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CONSTITUTION DAY AT DOUGLASS ACADEMY

Douglass Academy celebrates the Constitution

Douglass Academy students celebrated Constitution Day with in-class lessons, historical reenactors, and a parade around downtown Wilmington. Students learned about the various aspects of the Constitution, its history, and the freedom it guarantees today.

Nikki Chaney, Headmaster of Douglass Academy, commented, "The Constitution is a remarkable document that enshrines our fundamental liberties. It ensures The United States of America is truly the land of the free. It is important students know and celebrate their

rights!"

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JOSEPH MCNEIL

Joseph McNeil to be honored by city

BY LINDA PEARCE THOMAS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last Thursday, the Wilmington City Council unanimously approved a resolution for an honorary designation of North 3rd Street as Maj Gen Joseph McNeil Way. This designation will appear on street signs from Davis Street to Market Street. As the gateway to our city, it is a very visible move by City Council to honor McNeil, a native son of Wilmington.

The City Council is, also, unanimously requesting that the North Carolina Department of Transportation Board of Directors, further, continue the honorary designation from Market Street south to Burnett Blvd.,

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Butterfield endorses Biden

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

One of North Carolina's two African American representatives in the U.S. Congress has now pledged his support for Democratic presidential frontrunner Joe Biden.

However, that endorsement comes amid growing concerns that the former vice president's popularity among older African Americans does not translate to younger Black voters, who polls show prefer less traditional politics.

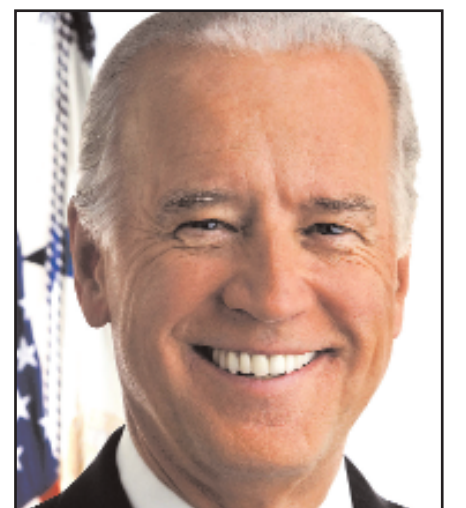
Seven term Rep. G. K.

Butterfield (D-NC-1), a former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, formally endorsed Biden last week, telling the Associated Press, "He can connect with the average American, Black, White or brown," said Butterfield, arguing that [Sen. Bernie] Sanders and [Sen. Elizabeth] Warren could threaten Democrats' prospects to defeat an unpopular Republican incumbent. "Warren and Sanders cannot win North Carolina," Butterfield said, because their policies veer too far left. "I have great respect for both of them, but

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I've always given my heart, my skill, my passion. If they privatize the hospital, the quality of care, love and dedication would be lost. We would become a number, and not a patient."

Ms. Speller went on to remind *The Journal* that NHRMC belongs to the people.

Per the history of NHRMC, according to its online page at NHRMC.org., it was by 1867, after both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, that the federal government commissioned Scottish builder, James Walker, to construct a hospital in the county. Meanwhile, in 1881, the NC General Assembly authorized the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County to build a joint hospital called "City-

County Hospital." In 1888, a separate building was opened for Black patients.

During the 1898 race massacre, many injured Black men were treated at City-County Hospital, which soon closed to make way for James Walker Memorial Hospital.

In 1902, Walker Memorial Hospital opened with a "colored annex," but "access to care was not equal," primarily because it was opened just a few years after the 1898 Wilmington race massacre.

Black doctors were forced to open Community Hospital in 1921 for Black patients.

By 1947, Walker Memorial was considered outdated, and the county was asked for funds to update but refused to comply. The New Hanover County Board refused again in 1953. In

1957, four White physicians came together to open private Cape Fear Memorial Hospital.

The following year, voters were asked to fund the building of a new hospital. Black leaders opposed, however, not trusting White leaders to deliver an integrated hospital. In November, 1961, African-American voters came out and supported construction of a new hospital.

Less than six years later, New Hanover Memorial Hospital opened the same day outdated Walker Memorial closed. The Black hospital, Community Hospital, also closed after 43 years. Since then, NHRMC evolved into NHRMC, merging with Cape Fear Memorial, and acquiring other local health service providers.

"We built that hospital," Islah Speller insists, refer-

ring to New Hanover County voters. "We need to fight for our hospital because we built that hospital."

So NHRMC today, according to the hospital's own website, was born when New Hanover County's Black voters approved construction of New Hanover Medical Hospital in 1961, with the promise that African-Americans would be given access to the same facilities and medical services as Whites.

Islah Speller says that African Americans have made an historic investment in NHRMC almost 60 years ago with a vote that brought vital medical services to all citizens and will certainly be affected if it is ultimately sold.

"How will those be served with no [health insurance]," she asked rhetorically. "Will all insurance be accepted?"

We fought for the right for all patients to be treated equally, regardless of their skin color or cultural background."

Ms. Speller warns that, if NHRMC is turned into a private hospital, it can decide whether it wants to serve an indigent population that is covered by Medicare.

Speller insists that NHRMC is not the county commission board's to sell. "It belongs to the people," she insists. "The board was just ...entrusted with it."

Ms. Speller recommends that the community seek legal advice, as State Sen. Harper Peterson has by filing a complaint with the State Attorney General's Office last week.

"It's so unfair, and it's heartbreaking," she said.

Potential buyers for NHRMC will have 60 days to submit their RFP bids.

## MCNEIL

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the end of 3rd Street in town. There will be designating signs on each end of 3rd Street and a plaque will be erected as well.

Born in 1942, Major General McNeil was an outstanding student at Williston Senior High School, the former segregated Senior High School for blacks in New Hanover County. He graduated with the Class of 1959 and received a full scholarship to what is now A&T State University.

It is there on February 1, 1960 that he spearheaded a sit-down at the local F.W. Woolworth Co. store in Greensboro soliciting the involvement of his roommate and two other freshmen. They were refused service after making purchases at the store. They continued their sit-in for months with other students joining in. It was the start of a national nonviolent movement. After several months, the Woolworth Manager had some black employees change clothes at the end of their shift and sit at the counter to be served. The store had been losing money because customers were reluctant to shop there because of the sit-down which grew expeditiously.

McNeil earned his degree in physics and went on to get

a lieutenant commission through the Air Force ROTC. He is the recipient of numerous medals, mainly because of his outstanding service as a navigator on a tanker plane. After serving in active

duty, McNeil continued his military experience in the reserves and went on to earn the rank of Major General. He also was a Deputy Director of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The ceremony to honor him is being planned for Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. outside Thalian Hall. Coincidentally, it occurs during the 60th reunion of his Williston class.

Major General Joseph McNeil is a national treasure and a civil rights hero. We are proud that he grew up here in Wilmington and look forward to this long overdue honor.



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**ALL THREE NC DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS MEMBERS BACK IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY**

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] All three Democratic congressional members are now on

record as to backing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's call Monday for a formal impeachment inquiry into Pres. Donald Trump's actions pertaining to a July telephone call with the president of the Ukraine. According to a whistleblower, Trump allegedly tried to pressure the official for dirt on 2020 Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden. The president says he did nothing wrong. Reps. Alma Adams,

G.K. Butterfield and David Price have now all backed Pelosi's announcement. The formal inquiry is expected to look at not just that, but previous allegations of wrongdoing by Trump.

**COOPER REQUESTS MORE FEDERAL HURRICANE DORIAN AID**  
[WILMINGTON] Gov. Roy Cooper, after touring coastal damage by Hurricane Dorian on Monday, has asked Pres.

Trump for additional federal assistance for New Hanover, Carteret, Dare, and Hyde. "We are working to get people who are recovering from Dorian the help they need," the governor told reporters. "Dorian's flood waters and its winds damaged many homes, and we are requesting federal assistance to recover." Cooper is asking for FEMA Individual Assistance grants to residents who suffered damage.

**STATE HIGHWAY PATROL DISMISSES ALLEGATIONS OF PROMOTIONS IMPROPRIETIES**  
[RALEIGH] The NC Highway Patrol has announced that despite allegations of improprieties with its promotions process, it will "move forward as is" after not finding any evidence of such. The Patrol confirmed that an internal probe was underway July 28 after receiving a complaint that the process had been "compro-

mised." All promotions were temporarily suspended during the investigation. However, a graduate student at NC State University involved with proctoring the promotions tests, reportedly "prematurely released promotion scores and rankings." That graduate student is no longer affiliated with the process.

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they cannot win North Carolina. Joe Biden can."

Congressman Butterfield's North Carolina colleague, Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12), has said that she will endorse the Democratic candidate who pledges to support historically Black colleges and universities.

According to published reports, despite

Butterfield's view that Joe Biden is a politically safe Democratic candidate for President, it is exactly because Biden, 76, is a centrist, that younger voters dismiss him, even though he is well liked and regarded for serving under the nation's first African American President Barack Obama for eight years.

Biden's moderate positions on affordable healthcare, college debt, or tackling climate change, fly in the face of suc-

cessful progressives like Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), who defeated a 10-term moderate incumbent Democrat to win office in 2018.

"The future of the Democratic Party is clear, and Biden is in the way," said Progressive.org in an April 2019 online article, "Why Joe Biden's Centristism a Liability."

And then, despite Biden's proven popularity with older Black voters and his

strong pronouncements against white supremacy, his history when it comes to matters of race raises questions, critics say.

Biden's admission that, as a young U. S. senator from Delaware in the 1970's, he sought compromise with virulently racist senators from the deep South on several issues.

Indeed, during their first 2-19 Democratic debate, opponent, Sen. Kamala Harris, confronted Biden on his stat-

ed opposition to school busing during the 1970s.

Furthermore, Biden is also remembered as being a key sponsor of the 1994 Crime Bill, which many say helped to imprison a generation of Black people wholesale.

With the Democratic primaries starting just months away, recent polls show Joe Biden still with a significant lead over closest rivals, Senators Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders and Kamala Harris, but that lead is fal-

tering.

Still Biden is garnering significant Black establishment support, with two other former Congressional Black Caucus chairs, Reps. Emmanuel Cleaver (D-Missouri) and Cedric Richmond (D-LA), also throwing their support to the former vice president.

They, like others, cite Joe Biden's "electability" and ability to defeat current Republican President Donald Trump.

**Rev. Barber says he "stands" with NC NAACP women elders in complaint**

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The former longtime president of the NC NAACP has issued a statement saying that he "stands" with the "integrity-filled women elders" of the state chapter of the nation's oldest civil rights movement in their demand to have a member accused of sexual harassment removed from the organization.

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, currently the co-chair of The Poor People's Campaign, issued his statement after the "Elder Women of the North Carolina NAACP" held a press confer-

ence Sept. 18 at Trinity AME Zion Church in Greensboro and vowed that "...we can no longer stand in the shadows," noting that many of them have been victims of past sexual harassment themselves.

Allegedly, two years ago, an unnamed supervisor in the NC NAACP office was accused of sexual harassment by a young female field organizer. Rev. Barber, who was president at the time, had the accusation fully investigated by an employment attorney and law professor, and, after a five month probe, confirmed it. The supervisor then resigned his position.

According to national NAACP bylaws, only the national NAACP can formally and legally remove an NAACP member for cause, but the Elder Women say the national office never did, even though all internal efforts were being exhausted.

Having the former supervisor still attend various NC

NAACP events as a member was disturbing to the alleged victim and those who supported her, the elders said. They petitioned Derrick Johnson, president/CEO of the national NAACP, to remove the member. However, thus far, nothing has happened.

"I agree with these women,"

Rev. Barber said in his statement released Friday. I support their efforts and their unwavering call for action. This has gone on too long, and, if those who have power to act do so, we will be stronger because of their call to action."

Reportedly, while the NC NAACP has a policy against sexual harassment, the

national NAACP does not, even though, as an organization, it pushed Congress in 2018 to pass legislation outlawing the practice in the workplace.

Several of the Women Elders at the Greensboro press conference, including O'Linda Watkins-McSurely, president of the Moore County NAACP, Anna Richards, president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP, and Ana Blackburn, of the State NAACP, said that, if they don't see resolution of the situation soon, in addition to a new policy addressing sexual harassment from the national NAACP, they will organize a bus trip to the Baltimore headquarters, and hold a press conference there to ratchet up pressure.

"What we know is that we can no longer stand in the shadows," said NC NAACP board member, Rev. Toneyla Rawls, of Charlotte.

Rev. Barber, though he is a former president of the NC NAACP, is still a member of the national NAACP Board of Directors.

"As a member of the National Board," he said in his Friday statement, "I intend to stand with this call and work with these powerful women, representing some of North Carolina's finest leaders..."

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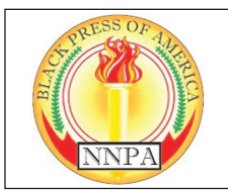
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### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Debt collectors target consumers of color, people making less than \$50K

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

A new survey asked likely voters across the country what they thought of a proposed debt collection rule. The response was strong and broad opposition.

Proposed earlier this year by Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Director Kathleen Kraninger, the rule would authorize debt collectors to expand how often consumers could be contacted as well as the ways such contacts could be made: email, text messages, and more.



Charlene Crowell

Conducted by Lake Research Partners and Chesapeake Beach Consulting, the poll was jointly commissioned by the Americans for Financial Reform (AFR) and the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL). The results, released on September 11, found stark opposition by consumers to regulatory reforms announced by the CFPB. Consumers are strongly united in wanting more and better protection in this area of financial regulation.

One in five poll participants were contacted by a debt collector in the past 12 months for different types of debt – including medical. Consumers of color, lower-income consumers and military families were contacted at higher rates. More than one in three Black consumers (34%) or consumers with incomes less than \$50,000 (33%), were contacted. Among Latinx consumers, nearly half or 48% were contacted.

Likely voters were most concerned about three specific changes included in the CFPB debt collection proposal:

76% opposed allowing debt collectors to leave messages for people in places that are not private;

74% opposed allowing debt collectors to contact consumers by private direct messaging on social media platforms like Facebook or Twitter; and

73% opposed allowing debt collectors to phone people as often as seven times a week for each debt in collection.

“It should not surprise any of us that Americans don’t support government-sanctioned harassment by debt collectors via phone, email, or text,” said AFR Senior Policy Counsel Linda Jun. “And yet that’s exactly what the Kraninger CFPB is proposing. The agency needs to withdraw this plan and come up with one that actually protects consumers.”

The real irony with CFPB is that for six years, consumers benefitted from a series of actions that helped 29 million consumers to receive nearly \$12 billion in restitution and/or forgiveness. Additionally, multiple public forums held across the country on a variety of issues gave consumers and all stakeholder interests meaningful opportunities to help shape public policy developments. Research released by the CFPB have documented the harm of abusive debt collection practices and shown the rippling consequences of financial services practices as large as mortgages and as small as payday loans.

Under the Trump Administration, a consistent and focused deregulation effort has been underway to turn CFPB into a toothless tiger. It’s almost as if CFPB now stands for Corporate Financial Protection Bureau. Rather than living up to its name, CFPB eschews consumers and defers to companies and their preferences as to what financial regulation should look like.

The Administration has also repeatedly emphasized consumer information and education while predatory lenders pick the pockets of unsuspecting consumers. The error in this approach is that being aware of what should occur will not and cannot change punitive practices that earn billions of dollars for the corporations abusing consumers.

These actions are particularly suspect when one considers that debt collection complaints have been among the chief consumer complaints filed at both the CFPB and the Federal Trade Commission. Under CFPB’s first director, the agency filed more than 25 federal enforcement actions against debt collectors and creditors that deliver \$300 million in restitution and another \$100 million in civil penalties due to deceptive and abusive debt collection practices.

From weakening the Bureau’s Office of Fair Lending, to rewriting the long-awaited payday lending rule that required lenders to ensure that borrowers can afford to repay these small-dollar loans that come with big costs, businesses and corporations are being coddled while consumers remain caught in harassing debt collection practices and debt trap loans.

“Bad policies from Washington are often the brainchild of people who aren’t personally impacted by them,” said Jeremy Funk, spokesman for Allied Progress, a consumer advocacy organization. “Maybe spanning the spammer-in-chief at the CFPB will help them realize the massive invasion of privacy that are inviting with this plan...Congress should get prepared to hold them accountable.”

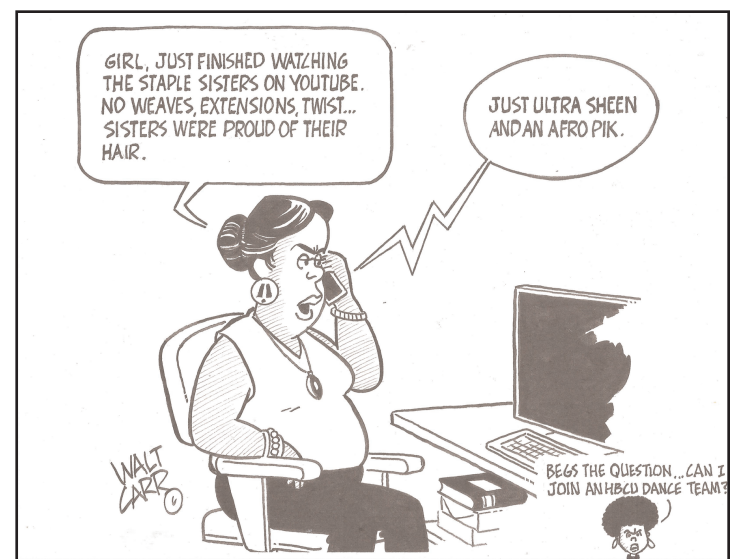
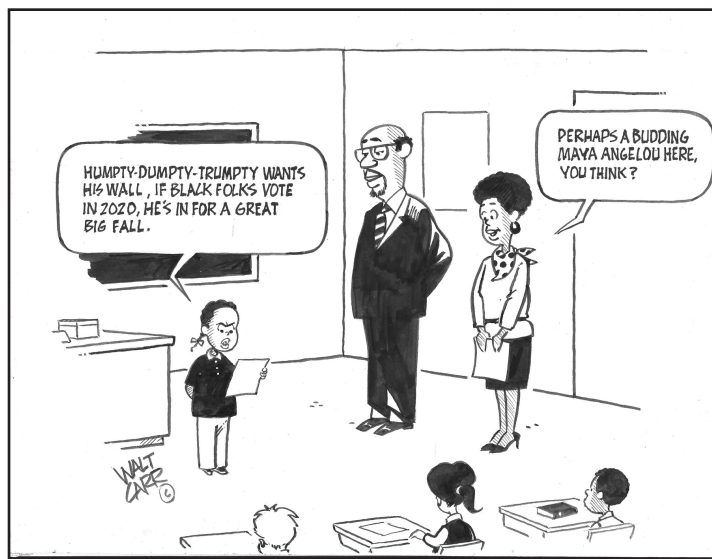
Speaking for the Center for Responsible Lending, Melissa Stegman, a Senior Policy Counsel said:

“The poll is clear – Americans don’t want CFPB Director Kathy Kraninger to give debt collectors a license to harass and intimidate consumers,” said Stegman. “A consumer-first debt collection rule should protect people – and particularly people of color and active duty military members, veterans and their families – from time-barred ‘zombie debt.’”

Government is supposed to be ‘for the people’ – not for corporations.

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## Visual Voice



## YOUR VOICE

### WITHOUT WARNING

Can you believe the City of Wilmington came to my house at 8:00 in the morning and turned off the water without giving us any warning?

I'm in my eighties, in poor health, living with a son who is mentally challenged. They

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they charge an extra fifty dollars for turning the water off and then coming back to turn it on. But what does it cost a handicapped person to miss out on his medication? Does anybody care? If so, pick up the phone and call somebody. Ask them why does this happen to the elderly and dis-

abled or to anyone at all?

Other people are often late paying other bills, but only the City of Wilmington is able to hold back food and water until the bill is paid. Is there a reason for this?

Ruth Johnson  
 Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Why are we excluded?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Many years ago I moved to the District of Columbia and became aware that people in DC were not accorded voting representation in the House or Senate. I wondered how this could be when we're American citizens. The right to representation is sacred. I asked a lot of question



Dr. E. Faye Williams

about our being denied to have representation. The most popular response was simply that we wouldn't get statehood until a Black person (meaning Marion Barry) was no longer at the head of our city and we were no longer a predominantly Black city.

Well, those two requirements have been fulfilled, and we're still not recognized as a state. I wonder what the holdup is! There seems to be a problem about being a majority

Democratic city. Republicans didn't want to allow the Democrats to get two more Democratic Senators who would most likely vote in favor of statehood for Washington, DC! I am mindful that we couldn't get the bill passed under either Republican or Democratic leaders! What's next?

Since we never give up what we believe we deserve. On 9/19/19, the Congressional Committee on Oversight and Reform held a historic hearing on D.C. Statehood, - **H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act**. This is the first vote taken on Statehood in over 25 years!

H.R. 51 has Democratic leadership support with 220 co-sponsors. That's still not a majority of the House, not even a majority of the Democrats!

From the beginning, many Members of Congress opposed D.C. having Statehood. Some both directly; others indirectly said that D.C. was incapable of governing itself! Congress decided to treat us like slaves.

In the 1870's a Senator from Alabama said that it had been done (stripping DC of our local governance rights) "to burn

down the barn to get rid of the rats--(the rats being us and the barn being the government of the District of Columbia." About 100 years later; D.C. was more than 70 percent Black. A Rep. from Louisiana said that D.C. was a "sinkhole, rat infested, the laughing stock of the free and Communist world." This was said Rep. John Rarick. He wasn't finished. He said that allowing the District to govern itself could result in a Black Muslim "takeover" of the capital....

It seems that we have much of the same rhetoric today, but here's what witnesses had to say at the recent hearing:

Eleanor Holmes Norton said, "There's no doubt that the Washington, D.C. Admission Act is constitutional and the state would meet all of its financial, economic and other obligations. The 700,000 Americans living in the District of Columbia would be made whole. The next step is also - H.R. 51 will be marked up to move to the House floor."

"D.C. residents are American citizens. They fight honorably to protect our nation.... They pay taxes. Not

many people know this, but D.C. pays more in total federal taxes than 22 states. It pays more per capita than any state in the nation. D.C. residents have all the responsibilities of citizenship, but they have no congressional voting rights and only limited self-government," said Rep. Elijah E. Cummings.

"Finally, there's but one conclusion - that D.C. military veterans have a fundamental right and earned benefit to have a voice in the election of those representatives who make our laws. Congress must now do the only right thing and stand up for our D.C. military veterans who have stood up for you," said Kerwin E. Miller a DC retired Naval Reserve Commander.

There are plans to markup the bill in the coming months. You can help by ensuring that your Member of Congress is voting "Yes" on HR. 51.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women and host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-FM 89.3.

### RAINBOW COALITION

## Workers are asking, whose side are you on?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

More than 2,200 nurses at the University of Chicago Medical Center went out on strike last week, but they are not alone. American workers are waking up and walking out. On Sept. 15, 46,000 hourly General Motors' United Auto Workers employees went on strike, the first time in 12 years. Striking British Airways pilots grounded 1,700 planes. In Republican states like Oklahoma and West Virginia, teachers shut down schools to demand that state legislatures reverse the deep cuts exacted from public education. Marriott hotels were hit with the largest hotel strike in U.S. history, a walkout of 6,000 hotel workers in four states.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that a soaring number of workers went on strike or stopped work in 2018 - 485,000 - the most since 1986. The rising number of strikes reflect the reality of Trump's economy: Despite all his boasting about the "economic miracle," most workers aren't experiencing it. Corporate profits have soared, but workers haven't shared the

benefit.

Trump's tax scam went largely to the rich and the corporations. Corporate promises of wage and investment hikes were largely discarded, with CEOs using the tax breaks mostly to buy back stocks, boosting their stock bonuses and shafting their workers. Gilded age inequality is combined with rising insecurity for working people.

Even now, wages have finally begun to rise, but still are not catching up to soaring costs in basics like health care and education. Just 22 percent of workers have a pension plan of any kind at work. 40 percent of Americans say they would be forced to borrow or sell something to cover a \$400 emergency. One in five say they know someone addicted to opioids or painkillers. The GM strike comes after workers sacrificed big-time to help GM out of bankruptcy during the Great Recession. Now GM's profits are up, CEO bonuses are up, but workers who shared the pain haven't shared in the gain.

They are striking for decency, for higher wages, for strong health care plans, for turning more temporary workers - who get no benefits - into permanent workers with pensions, health care and vacations. The strike wave last year was led by teachers in deep red states. In each state, Republican legislatures had slashed spending on education during the Great Recession and

cut taxes on the wealthy. When the economy turned around, they didn't restore the spending cuts.

Teachers sick of futile negotiations with local school boards walked off the job and took their case directly to the legislatures. They demanded not only higher salaries, but in many cases, smaller classes, and greater spending on their students. They got massive support from parents and the community. In each case, right-wing state legislators were forced to respond by increasing spending, although not to the levels sought by the striking teachers. The wave of strikes is increasingly propelled by younger workers. Fight for \$15, the movement to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, was led by young workers in fast-food restaurants and other service industries.

Young people, often burdened with college debt, entering workplaces characterized by wages and benefits that don't keep up with costs, are particularly aware of how the economy has been rigged against them. Large majorities think CEOs are greedy and irresponsible. Large majorities think politicians have been corrupted by entrenched interests and big money. They are driving the demand for change. Smart business leaders are waking up to the fact that they are losing the support of Americans, particularly the young.

The Business Roundtable, a gathering of some of the most powerful CEOs in the country, recently called on corporations to move beyond a single focus on "shareholder value," but also invest in their workers, protect the environment and deal ethically with suppliers and customers. Whether this is anything beyond a public relations gambit remains to be seen, but the mere fact that the CEOs thought it necessary to publicly release that statement likely suggests that they know they have gone too far. These stirrings are beginning to be reflected in our politics.

Trump, for all his populist posturing, remains oblivious, wedded to the conservative Republican agenda, opposed to unions, to raising the minimum wage, to investing in teachers, education and getting health care costs under control. But every leading Democratic contender for president champions worker power, calling for reforms to make it easier to organize, for lifting the minimum wage, for making vital public investments, and for cracking down on the entrenched interests that have rigged the economy against working people. The words of the old union ballad "Which Side Are You On?" once more echo across the country.

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



**TO BE EQUAL**

**Passing of Juanita Abernathy inspires gratitude and inspiration**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*"I started when there were no cameras and no newspapers writing nice things about you, instead they were writing all sorts of ugly things. But we kept going. It wasn't about us. It wasn't about me. It has always been about right and righteousness. Justice and equality. Not just for me and my family, but for all of God's children."* – **Juanita Jones Abernathy**

In this digital age, we can organize a protest march, urge a boycott or raise awareness about social issues with a click of a mouse.

In the dark and dangerous days of Jim Crow, half a century ago, civil rights activism was more labor intensive. And nothing embodies the boots-on-the-ground labor that was involved more than the image of Juanita Jones Abernathy, pounding away at her typewriter, creating fliers for the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

"She said that if she typed with a heavy hand, she could make seven copies at once," her son Kwame Abernathy told the New York Times.

And the image of the Abernathys' firebombed home illustrates the danger of such work.

Juanita Abernathy, who passed away last week, was not only a stalwart of the 20th Century Civil Rights Movement, she was a champion for marginalized people, a brilliant businesswoman and a dedicated community servant.

Her husband, Ralph Abernathy, who died in 1990, was known as Martin Luther King, Jr.'s close friend and collaborator. She, like most of the women of the Civil Rights Movement didn't receive their due recognition at the time, as Mrs. Abernathy would be the first to tell you.

"The men ran the movement, but we were the actual bodies that made it happen," she once told an interviewer.

Mrs. Abernathy worked in the Alabama chapter of the NAACP when Rosa Parks was arrested, sparking the 381-day Montgomery Bus Boycott. In addition to typing up fliers, she organized a transit plan to get people to work without patronizing the buses, arranging intricate car pools using extra cars lent by a local funeral home.

A few weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, in *Browder v. Gayle*, that bus segregation was unconstitutional, a pregnant Mrs. Abernathy was at home with her toddler daughter. Her husband was away with Dr. King, organizing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Ku Klux Klan members, enraged by the desegregation ruling, firebombed her house and First Baptist Church, where Ralph Abernathy served as pastor.

She and her daughter escaped the house unharmed. The church was destroyed. The white supremacist terrorists who confessed to the bombings were acquitted by an all-white jury.

Her grace, determination and bravery in the face of life-threatening danger remain overwhelmingly inspirational.

Mrs. Abernathy was the youngest of eight children born into a farming family designated by Tuskegee



**JUANITA ABERNATHY**

Institute as the most successful Black farmers in the Black Belt in the 1940s. She earned a bachelor of science degree in business education from Tennessee State University in Nashville and married Rev. Abernathy in 1952.

In 1961, the family left Montgomery for Atlanta, where she worked to integrate the public schools and fought for the creation of the Food Stamp program and a National Free Meal Program for public school children.

She stepped back from the Civil Rights Movement following the assassination of Dr. King, and became a successful saleswoman for the Mary Kay cosmetics company, eventually rising to National Sales Director and proudly piloting a series of

pink Cadillacs, the company's signature high-sales award.

Her activism continued, however, as she traveled the world on peace missions, risking her life in Northern Ireland in 1972.

She fittingly occupied a place of honor at President Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009.

Mrs. Abernathy's passing touches me personally, as she was a contemporary of my parents -- also NAACP members during those turbulent years, and who also faced death threats as a result of their work. She, like they, have my eternal gratitude and continue to inspire not just myself but everyone in the Urban League Movement.

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



**Marc Morial**

**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**

**When Black police officers feed racial injustice**

There is no reason any 6-year-old child who has misbehaved should be arrested, handcuffed, and fingerprinted.

And while incidences of black children being arrested by white officers are not all that uncommon, it is reprehensible when the officer arresting and handcuffing a black child is a black police officer.

Kaia Rolle, 6, was arrested after having a temper tantrum. The arresting officer, one Dennis L. Turner, arrested another child in the same school on the same day. The identity of the second child has not been revealed. Turner is a black man.

Reports say that Kaia, a student at the Lucious and Emma Nixon Academy, kicked another student during a tantrum. Officer Turner, an Orlando police school resource officer, arrested her, going so far as to handcuff and fingerprint her. (<https://heavy.com/news/2019/09/dennis-l-turner/>) (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/22/us/6-year-old-arrested-orlando-florida.html>)

Turner apparently has a reputation for being violent and abusive, even toward his own children. In 1998, he was charged with aggravated child abuse in an incident involving his own son who was 7 at the time.

It is one thing to see white officers brutalize black people, including children, but when the officer perpetrating violence against a black person and more specifically, a black child, the disgust is palpable.

From the outside, it looks and feels as though police officers have unbridled authority to be violent. I have long argued that all a police officer has to say to avoid being held accountable for their violent is "I was in fear for my life." That sentence is a deal-breaker when it comes to the victim of police violence seeking justice.

But what is it in the psyche of a person that results in his committing violent acts against children, even those as young as 6 years of age?

Times have surely changed. In my young life, I saw some of my classmates and other students as well commit what looked like violent acts toward each other, but nobody was arrested. At best, you were put into a corner; at worst, you were sent to the principal's office. You were made to understand that what you had done was wrong, but nobody was branded as a criminal.

What makes today's officers - and perhaps school officials - think that criminalizing children for doing what children do - is acceptable behavior? How can those who are charged with taking care of and teaching children be all right with this heinous practice, and how can police departments sanction it?

It will not work to say that "kids are badder" than they used to be. Every generation thinks that children are worse than they used to be. They attribute the erosion and disappearance of "good" children is due to a number of things, including the absence of prayer in school.

Never mind that prayer in school never stopped children from misbehaving.

It is through misbehavior that children learn what is right and what is wrong, what is acceptable and what is not. Children have to be held accountable, or they do not learn, and that causes problems for them later in life.

But misbehavior is not a crime, and children who misbehave are not criminals. If they were, or if misbehavior was a crime, all of us would have police records.

The fact that Officer Dennis L. Turner is a black man living in a white world chose to arrest this little girl and another child, age 8, in the same day, says something about the mindset of police officers in general, and about this man in particular. The sanction of police brutality is an abuse of power; but when the brutality (or excessive force) involves children this young, it indicates that living in a violent world controlled by white supremacist mores, does severe psychic damage to white officers in general and specifically to black officers, who work hard to assimilate into the police officer culture.

Our children need someone "out there" to protect them. They are sitting targets for all kinds of unfair treatment due to what's accepted as normal in a society which does not value them. No officer who commits excessive force should be allowed to continue working, but officers who accost children need to be fired. Child abuse is never acceptable.

And it is even less acceptable when the officer accused of abusing a young black child is him or herself black.

Officer Turner should be kicked off the force. Perhaps he should have been kicked off a long time ago.

*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.*



**Rev. Susan K. Smith**

**Cartoonist new book, 'Just Us!' should have everyone 'Laughin' and 'Signifyin'**

*Walt Carr Jr. Releases a Collection of his Legendary Cartoons*

(Via NNPAnewsWire.com)

Ebony magazine's "Strictly For Laughs" page may be gone but Walt Carr, the cartoonist responsible for bringing smiles to the faces of millions of Ebony readers is still around.

Carr's new book, "Just Us!" is now available and it's a collection of his previously printed editorial cartoons that have intrigued countless readers over an award-winning 50-year career.

Carr said he had more than 1,200 cartoons to select from for "Just Us!," which is a play on the word "justice."

"I've been a freelance cartoonist for over 50 years and started drawing political cartoons in 1993," Carr said.

Aside from being a long-time contributor to Ebony, Carr's cartoons have appeared in Playboy, Negro Digest, Metropolitan, Homecoming, Jet, Black World, the ribald Players Magazine and numerous black newspapers across the country, like the *Washington Informer*, *New Pittsburgh Courier*, *Pasadena Journal*, *Norfolk Journal & Guide*, *Sacramento Observer*, *Philadelphia Tribune*, *Michigan Chronicle*, *Wilmington Journal*, *Cleveland Call & Post* and the *Baltimore Afro-American*.

Born in Baltimore in 1932, Carr's family was one of the first to move into the Gilmor Homes, a new housing project at that time that's now scheduled for demolition.

In 1944, his family moved to Philadelphia - thus when asked where he's from, Carr says he's a "Balti-delphian."

Carr's father, Walter Sr., worked as a circulation manager for the Afro-American newspaper and his great-grandfather, Josiah Diggs, was the first African American to build a movie theater in the city of Baltimore - the Dunbar on Central Avenue.



**WALT CARR, JR.**

A Morgan State University graduate, Carr played football and ran track at the school where he was also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., and a charter member of the 100 Black Men of Maryland, Inc.

"Just Us!" counts as one African American's perspective on the condition of blacks in America and the 193-page book spotlights Carr's style of drawing and wit.

The book is broken down into nine categories: Obama, GOP, Racism, Crime, Sports, Cops, Youth/Education, Transition and Entertainment.

"There's a brief narrative before each category that helps define who I am and how my life experiences shaped me, my concepts and beliefs," Carr said.

"I'm a firm believer in the effectiveness of visual commentary and the relevancy of a strong black press. I believe my drawing style and wit captures, highlights and exposes the underbelly of the hypocrisy and racism that has engulfed this seemingly rudderless nation for decades.

Over the years, Carr said he rarely saw people of color in cartoons on the editorial pages of mainstream press unless it was something catastrophic or negative.

"You never see the black spin, the black perspective, if you will, on national issues and how they impact the black community and the black condition in America as we live and breathe it every day," Carr said, adding that he determined that was a glaring omission.

"When I retired from the Social Security Administration in 1990, where I was chief of the Visual Graphics Section, I decided to switch from single-panel gag cartoons to political cartoons," he said.

His said his motivation for writing the book was quite simple.

"I thought I had something that was worthy of sharing and not just with a black audience," Carr said.

"The direness of so many issues the black community faces on a daily basis sometimes makes it difficult to provoke a laugh or a smile but, perhaps, the cartoon will inform, educate or, hopefully, inspire the viewer," he said.

White people also can learn something from the book which should help them to have a better understanding of where African Americans come from, Carr said.

Finally, Carr said his source of inspiration remains his parents, particularly his father.

"[Dad] planted the activist seed in me when I was 11 years when he told me I was going to have to be ten better than the white man to make it in this world," Carr said.

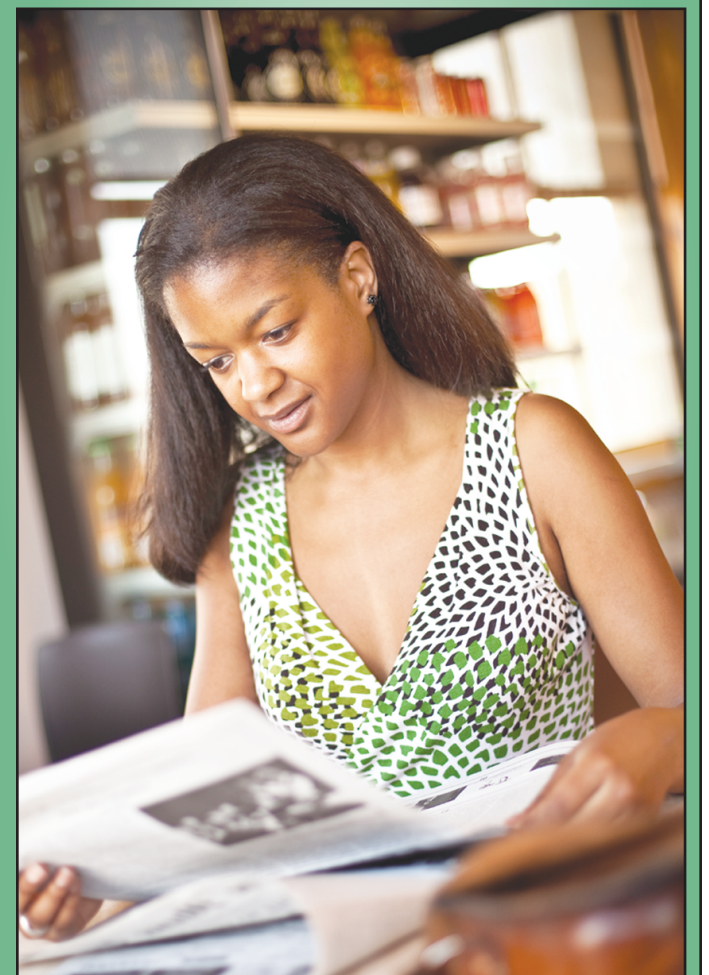
"He and my mother were arrested for protesting police brutality in Baltimore in 1941 - almost 20 years before the civil rights movement. His activism never died. From 1960 until 1993, he published a weekly tabloid called 'The Nitelifer.' Which carried ads for all the black nightclubs, bars, black beauty shops and barbershops, black car salesmen, dances, and concerts in Baltimore," Carr said.

For his father, writing the weekly editorial was his main goal - his pride and joy - as was "staying on black folks cases about what we needed to do to improve our lot," Carr added.

"My ideas have to come from my personality and make-up. I love a good joke and I love to make people laugh, which is the best free tonic in the world, and the cats I've hung out with over the years are an awesome bunch of guys. I eat out twice a week with these guys - we call it 'laffin', 'lyin' and signifyin'." I've stolen gags from them from time to time and I'm an avid reader," Carr said.

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

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





## New Hanover County

**On-Time Ministries, Inc.**, will hold East Wilmington Community Day (Weekend event to unify the community) on October 12th at 12:00 p.m. and October 13th at 3:00 p.m. on the corner of 30th and Princess Place Sts. Entertainment, food, fun, fellowship and more. Weekend event to unify the community.



## Community Briefs

**The New Hanover NAACP** monthly meeting is Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on municipal elections in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties November 5, 2019 and other important state and community issues will be on the agenda as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch activities and events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

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## Cape Fear Region MED Week celebrates Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses

Cape Fear Region Minority Enterprise Development Week is returning to UNCW for its fifth year Oct. 2-4. The three-day conference illustrates the university's commitment to equal opportunity and economic inclusion by focusing on the growth and achievement of local minority- and women-owned businesses.

MED Week recognizes the impact of these businesses and provides opportunities for networking, contact with purchasing agents and business development workshops. New opportunities this year include additional events hosted by Cape Fear Community College and tekMountain.

Keynote speaker J. R. Gorham, the first African American brigadier general in the North Carolina National Guard, will give insights on "Getting Unstuck, Reaching the Next Level." Gorham is the author of the book "Sharecropper's Wisdom: Growing Today's Leaders the Old Fashioned Way."

On Oct. 2, the Greater

Wilmington Business Journal and The Coalition, a group of organizations with the goal of helping small business owners and entrepreneurs, will host the Small Business Coalition

Roundtable Breakfast at Cape Fear Community College's Union Station. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with local resources and business leaders. The roundtable breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

Local minority entrepreneurs will have further opportunity to network with other small business owners and Cape Fear MED Week sponsors on Oct. 3 at a reception hosted at tekMountain. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m.

Expanding the conference into the community "allows us to recognize the economic impact from the depth and variety of minority businesses in throughout our region," said Dr. Kent Guion, UNCW's chief diversity officer. "It gives us a common rallying point to continue progress together and allows for broader collaborative

opportunities."

On Oct. 4, the conference will take place at UNCW's Burney Center, starting with a networking breakfast and opening remarks at 8 a.m. A "fireside chat" and panel discussion will feature five experienced local panelists who will discuss capital acquisition. The afternoon will consist of breakout educational sessions, a luncheon and the keynote speech. Throughout the day, local entrepreneurs will be honored in spotlight recognition ceremonies.

Rachel Bodkin-Fox '16M, CEO of The Foxes Boxes and executive director of The Foxes Boxes Externship Academy; Calvin Stevens, director of business development and diversity, Balfour Beatty Construction; and Frankie Roberts, co-founder and executive director of LINC, Inc. will be recognized for demonstrating excellence in business standards and ethics, while possessing the ability to bridge strategic partnerships.

Cape Fear Region MED Week events are free, but reg-



J.R. GORHAM

istration is required. Register by Sept. 29 at [uncw.edu/medweek](http://uncw.edu/medweek). The conference is a part of the national observance of Minority Enterprise Development Week, created by presidential proclamation in 1983.

## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

## Where's the MONEY!

That is the question and that is what we need to know... So many GREAT programs are running out of funds for the ones that need it the most. This week I want to highlight a few of those great programs so you are aware of their ever-changing status. These programs range from local municipalities to State, to Federal. So they all say they are out of funds, reallocating funds or have very limited funds left available. Let's start with the ones that are out of funds.

Weeks ago I highlighted a great program for 1st-time buyers that the City of Wilmington has called the HOP program. This program was for families that wanted

to purchase in the City limits of Wilmington. The program offered \$25,000 free downpayment money for single-family homes and \$35,000 for condos/townhomes. In addition to that, 40-50% of the money was interest-free, ZERO INTEREST. This program was as close to a DIVINE encounter that you could receive with a 1st-timers program, lol. It was so good and I am proud to say that I helped 3 families take full advantage of this program and they all now own. I went out and shared the good HOP news with everyone I could and just as momentum started to build, BAAM! I got an email saying "HOP PROGRAM IS OUT OF FUNDS until Spring 2020... OMG, so many families

where floored, sadden and regretful that they did not take advantage of these funds sooner. As a HOP certified



Brenda Dixon

Broker, I was equally saddened because I saw 1st hand the positive impact this program made in family's lives. Without this program, the 3 families I helped could not have afforded

the price point of the home they purchased. This program will surely have a line of families awaiting its return and we will hurry up and tap that well before it runs dry again.

The next program is the 4-1 match program that helped people that are in the military, school systems, law enforcement, health care, and other service provider professions. This program matches everything a family put into the purchasing process of buying a 1st-home up to \$8000. This was a great program as well that helped so many but they just ran out of money also until further notice.

The last program I'm going to mention has absolutely nothing to do with homeownership at all but it does have all to do with the well-being of families. A 65-year old disabled cousin of mine that can barely walk that makes less than \$800 per month received a letter this week that his

SNAP food stamps were being reduced from \$130 per month to \$105 due ??? (no explanation given). So, food prices are increasing but the benefits are decreasing? Ummm, okay... Back to housing, I mention all of this to say, the ones that need it the most are often battling to get the help before the funds run out or fighting to keep the same level of help they truly need. All I can end with is how I started out, "WHERE'S THE MONEY?" ... It's so needed and there is a line waiting on it. Keep a watchful eye out family on the emerging programs around you and take this time to position yourself to take well advantage of them once the funds replenish. Your family deserves it, GO GET

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# AKA raises \$1 Million for HBCUs in one day, announces collaboration with the Black Press of America

BY STACY M. BROWN  
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For the second year in a row, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women, raised \$1 million in just 24 hours during this month's HBCU Impact Day. The AKA Sorority, Inc. also has agreed to collaborate in the planning for the upcoming 80th-anniversary celebration of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) in 2020.

Dr. Glenda Glover, International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., said the sorority would work with NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards and NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., during the NNPA's annual convention June 23-25, 2020 in New Orleans.

"When you need to know the positive stories – the real stories – about African Americans, then you understand our dependence on the Black Press for our news," said Dr. Glover, the international president of AKA and president of the historically-Black Tennessee State University.

"It is my honor to be a part

of this. Alpha Kappa Alpha has been a partner to the Black Press even right here in Nashville with the Tennessee Tribune," she said.

While the first African American-owned newspaper was founded 192 years ago, the establishment of the NNPA took place in 1940 during a meeting in Chicago.

Since its founding, the NNPA has advocated for the Black Press of America and delivering news to millions of people daily and weekly from the African American perspective. The NNPA is the national trade association that currently represents a vast conglomerate of more than 223 Black-owned newspapers throughout the country that comprise the Black Press of America.

For her part, Dr. Glover and the AKAs have steadfastly continued to promote support of HBCUs across the nation.

Dr. Glover has led that challenge for contributions as part of a four-year \$10 million fundraising goal to benefit HBCUs.

"As a college president, I need to recognize the need for HBCUs. I need to recognize the operating needs, and the financial needs because we need funds to survive," Dr. Glover said.

"I asked my membership to support this initiative. We

galvanized members, individuals, and corporate sponsors. We kept going back again, and again," she said.

"It's a tremendous feat to raise \$1 million in one day, but we knew HBCUs needed to have funding, sustainability, and we have to make sure to secure the endowments of each university," she said.

In February, AKA gifted \$1.6 million from their AKA-HBCU Endowment Fund to 32 HBCUs.

As an HBCU graduate, Glover said she has dedicated her life's work to the HBCU community.

"I understand the impact personally that establishing an endowment has on a student's enrollment and graduation prospects," Dr. Glover said.

"The actions of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will go a long way toward ensuring that HBCUs remain open and able to encourage the best black students to choose them as a first option," she said.

AKA began on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1908. Today, nearly 300,000 members make up the sorority in approximately 1,018 graduate and undergraduate chapters in the U.S., the U.S. Virgin Islands, Liberia, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada,



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The other four plan points include a women's healthcare and wellness plan; building your economic legacy; the

Arts; and global impact.

"We try to make sure that we handle certain national and international issues," Dr. Glover said. "We have a program of wellness and health. We have a breast cancer mobile unit that travels around the country giving free mammograms to African American women," she said.

"We know that breast cancer tends not to be found in black women until it reaches stage 4," Dr. Glover said.

"With all of our initiatives, we want to make sure that African Americans don't get lost in the shuffle. That is why we have programs and services that benefit the community," Dr. Glover said.



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## Why is suicide a growing problem in the Black community?-Part 1

BY STACY BROWN  
NNPA NEWS  
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It's no secret that African Americans – particularly teens – are committing suicide at record levels. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide rates have increased by 30 percent since 1999 and nearly 45,000 lives were lost to suicide in 2016 alone.

A June 2019 study conducted by the Journal of Community Health re-vealed that suicide deaths among black females aged 13 to 19 rose 182 percent between 2001 and 2017, while the rate among black teen males rose 60 percent during that same period.

From 2015 to 2017, 52 percent of black teen males who died from suicide used firearms, a method with a fatality rate of nearly 90 percent. Another 34 percent used strangulation or suffocation, which has a fatality rate of about 60 percent.

Among the 204 black teen females who died by suicide from 2015 to 2017, 56 percent used strangulation or suffocation and 21 percent used firearms, according to the study.

Experts and others have tried to determine why African Americans increasingly are choosing to end their lives. Theories have run the gamut – from the lack of strong father-figures to racism and social media and even the increase in black wealth.

Whatever the reason, the CDC said it's important to note that suicidal thoughts or behaviors are both damaging and dangerous and should be

treated as a psychiatric emergency.

CDC officials also caution that those who have suicidal thoughts should understand that it doesn't make one weak or flawed.

"Why are we killing ourselves? The lack of treatment of mental illness is the key factor to why suicide is on the rise in the black community," said Clarence McFerren, a mental health advocate and author who admits to previously having suicidal thoughts as a teenager.

"Throughout my life, I've been faced with difficult situations which festered into five mental illness diagnosis – ADHD, PTSD, severe depression, bipolar tendencies and anxieties – and I did not understand what was going on until I took the steps to get help," McFerren said.

Famed Beverly Hills family and relationship psychotherapist and author, Dr. Fran Walfish said she's treated hundreds of thousands of children and teens each year and recently she's seen the number of troubled teenagers who are cutters and dealing with suicidal thoughts, feelings, ideas, plans, and even attempts of suicide.

"There is nothing glamorous about suicide. The one common-denominator shared by all who cut, contemplate or attempt suicide is that they feel emotionally alone in their families," said Walfish, the author of "The Self-Aware Parent," and who appears regularly as an expert child psychologist on the CBS Television series, "The Doctors."

"They feel there is no one person they can talk to about



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their pain who will listen, validate, understand, and be a safe warmly attuned place for comfort," she said.

Sam Gertsman, the founder of Opinion-Lounge, a website for discussing politics, said he's had extensive experience working suicide hotlines.

"While suicide is a complicated topic, it's clear that the rise of social media is one of the main causes of the recent jump in suicide rates," Gertsman said.

"Social media show users pictures and videos of everyone living better lives than they

are; even though these pictures are often staged and paint an inaccurate picture, the brain isn't able to differentiate and simply sees that everyone else is better off," he said.

"Social media also puts numbers on your popularity – your followers, your likes, your replies. And, no matter how many you have, you'll always want more," Gertsman said.

Kevin Darné, the author of "My Cat Won't Bark! (A Relationship Epiphany)," believes that the suicide rate among young African Americans is due to the grow-

ing list of black millionaires and billionaires.

"Today, we have Oprah owning a TV network, Tyler Perry owning his own studios, Shonda Rhimes owning her night of television on ABC, Jaz-Z becoming a billionaire, Dr. Dre selling 'Beats' to Apple for \$3 billion, and a few Fortune 500 black CEOs, black doctors, lawyers, and entrepreneurs," Darné said.

"Although racism is still alive, it's impossible to deny the fact that the rise of a black upper middle class and an increase in black millionaires

[contributes to others having lower self-esteem]," he said.

"The irony is the more black success that someone sees in various industries could make a person start to wonder about what's wrong with themselves. Depression and lack of fulfillment can cause people in a rich country to consider suicide ... when there's a huge gap between one's expectations and their reality, life can seem miserable," Darné said. Next in this series: Possible solutions for those contemplating suicide.

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**Mrs. Connie Simmons**

Connie Simmons, (61) was called home too soon for us but in perfect time for God's plan on September 12, 2019. A memorial for friends, co-workers, and family was held on Friday September 20, 2019 at the New Hanover Medical Regional Facility Auditorium. A viewing was held on the same date at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service followed by a funeral service.

Connie was not perfect and was well aware of that. That never stopped her from trying to be the best version of her she could be. She was a natural leader and taught others to be better. Never one to claim she was always right, she learned from her mistakes and enjoyed her life every day. Educated the hard way, through life, she started young as the oldest of six always making sure her family was taken care of. She lived and loved hard. A young mother at the age of 15, she later made a hard decision to join the U.S. Army. Wanting to be there for her son she left service a few years later and was remarried. Living through some very tough experiences and with three children she found the love of her life in 1983, George Simmons. They would raise her children together and she continued dedicating her life to making sure her family always had what they needed and would give anything to give them everything they wanted. A woman of the best character she was never one to judge or deny. A friend to so many from all walks of life, she was always ready to help. One of her most important messages was to never judge a book by its cover or even the first chapter. We all make mistakes and should be allowed to grow past them instead of being held down by them. Everyone has a story and it's not our place to judge, we should only try our best to help everyone along and add positive things into their life. A very determined and passionate woman, she took pride in giving everything her best. Her only fear was not doing enough and she always did way more than anyone I know. She deserved so much better and way more time but she is now home with God.

Connie is survived by her husband George Simmons Jr., mother Wina Rae Hill, step father Joseph G. Griffin, and children Thomas C. Hinson, Melissa R. Sanders, U. Joseph Sanders, sister Ann, brothers Randy, Lonnie, Larry, Michael and 11 grandchildren including one she raised, her angel, Nevaeh G. Sanders. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N. C. Condolences may be made at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

**Ida Mae Josey**

Ida Mae Josey died September 11, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at Elah Baptist Church, Leland, NC. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Ida, daughter of the late Preston Josey and Virginia Scarborough Mitchell of Leland, North Carolina was born on December 28, 1960 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ida moved to Wilmington, North Carolina in 1970. She was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating from New Hanover High School in the Class of 1978. She was very athletic and participated in cheerleading, ran track and played basketball. Ida accepted Christ at an early age and attended First Baptist Missionary Church in Wilmington,

North Carolina. Ida moved to Raleigh, North Carolina and attended Saint Augustine College. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Ida was employed for many years with NCNB Bank. She was also a caretaker as a CNA and owned her own childcare service. Ida's was first united in holy matrimony to David Lydell Rogers in 1987, and was later married to Will Merriweather, Jr in 1993. A great daughter; mother and friend, Ida will be greatly missed. In addition to her father, Ida was also preceded in death by two brothers, Herbert Josey and Willie Josey.

Ida leaves to cherish loving memories: Seven Children: Shamaine Josey, Sharda Rogers, Charone Josey, Gabrielle Merriweather, Emmanuel Merriweather, Sarah Merriweather and Joshua Merriweather; eleven grandchildren; her mother, Virginia Scarborough Mitchell; one sister, Cynthia Faison; three brothers, Lendell Josey, Preston Josey and Christopher Josey; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Maggie Louise Carlos**

Maggie Louise Carlos died Monday, September 16, 2019. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Warner Temple AME Zio Church. Maggie was born on November 24, 1949 in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Maybelle Smith McDuffie and Washington Carlos, Sr. Maggie, affectionately known as "Bouche" was educated in the New Hanover County Public Schools. She worked for a number of years at Texti-lease Uniform Rental Service before her health failed. "Bouche" had a strong belief that family came first. She opened her doors to everyone and was the glue that held this family together. Maggie was also preceded in death by two brothers, Davis Lee Carlos and Franklin Carlos and two sisters, Annie Henry and Clara Hatcher.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her life-long partner, Willie Jerome Bellamy of the city; one son, Michael Carlos (Anita) of Concord, NC; four brothers, Washington Leon Carlos, Jr. (Regina) of Atlanta, GA, Marvin Patrick, Alex Carlos (Mamie), Ronnie Carlos, all of the city; sisters, Mable L. Brooks (Alphonso) of the city, Alberta Carlos of Las Cruces, NM, Janice McDuffie, Juanita McDuffie (Velma), Amy Reed, Jackie McCants, all of the city, Laiah Carlos of Richmond, VA; two step-grandchildren; host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Barbara Ann Vaught**

Barbara Ann Vaught died September 16, 2019. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Mt. Calvary AME Church, Navassa, NC. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Barbara Ann was born on April 30, 1956 at James Walker Memorial Hospital to the late Albert and Ozell Vaught of Wilmington, NC. Barbara received her education in New Hanover and Brunswick County Schools. She attended Brunswick Community College as a part of the Brunswick Interagency Program where she was awarded many ribbons and certificates. Her hobbies included puzzle books and drinking

Mountain Dew. She was a people person and enjoyed spending her time with family and friends. She was loved by so many in the community and adored by everyone she came in contact with. Barbara was also preceded in death by her grandmother, Carrie Nelson.

To carry on her memory she leaves behind: her brother, Ernest Nelson (Lisa) of the city; four aunts, Alease McCormick and Mazell Nelson both of Wilmington, NC, Sarah Willard (Norman) of Columbia, SC and Dorothy Stain of Conway, SC; two uncles, Richard Vaught of Little River, SC and Donald Vaught of Conway, SC; nephew, Ernest Nelson of Atlanta, GA; nieces, Tamika McKoy and Latrice McKoy both of Wilmington, NC; great-nephews, Derreon James Christopher Freeman, Demond Conyers and Amauri McKoy-Tate, all of Wilmington, NC, O'Mari Armstrong, Richard Alston, Jr., and DeMarion James all of Chesapeake, VA; great-nieces, A'keria James and Tionah James both of Chesapeake, VA; special cousins, Elder Ruthlene Freeman (Deacon Jerry), Duval Brown, Ricky Brown, Nancy Nelson, Carolyn Ballard, Ruth Ann Pulley and Sabrina Nixon; a special friend, Luther Chapman, Jr and a host of other cousins, family, classmates and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Hazel Artis Shaw**

Hazel Artis Shaw died September 18, 2019 at Autumn Care Rehabilitation Home in Wilmington, NC. Funeral services were held Monday, September 23, 2019 at Basilica Shrine of St. Mary. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Hazel was born June 3, 1934. She was preceded in death by her father George, her mother, Lillian, her brother George and her sister, Ruby. Hazel was a graduate of Wilmington College (now UNC-Wilmington) and retired as an elementary school educator after 30 years of proud service. She served faithfully in several organizations including, Zeta Phi Beta, Catholic Daughters of America, The Retired Teachers of the Cape Fear and the Eucharistic Ministers of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was an avid lover of gardening, traveling the world and often tutored the children of her neighborhood.

To cherish her memory, she leaves to cherish her memory: two devoted children Ashur and Yvonne; a devoted cousin, Herman Edge and cherished friends, Marie Boykin and Avery Rollinson. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Julia Fairs**

Julia Fairs died September 20, 2019. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 27, 2019 at Apostolic Tabernacle Church, Wellington Avenue, Wilmington, NC. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**David Wilson**

David Wilson died September 21, 2019. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 28, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Annie Flowers**

Annie Flowers died September 23, 2019. Funeral arrangements are

incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Leola O. Williams**

Leola O. Williams, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, September 14, 2019. A celebration of Mrs. Williams' life was held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas Ray Williams of the home; daughters, Latonya Southerland of Wilmington, Charnetta Williams of Jacksonville, FL and Kinta Manning (Travis) of Savannah, GA; siblings, Elizabeth Gore, David Oliver, Frances Lane and Margie Oliver all of Wilmington, 4 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.

**Rev. Dr. Roscoe Johnson**

Rev. Dr. Roscoe Anthony Johnson, age 48, of Houston, TX (formerly of Leland), passed away Saturday, September 14, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church. Interment followed in Christian Hope Christian Church Cemetery.

Reverend Dr. Roscoe Anthony Johnson was born January 31, 1971 in New Haven, Connecticut to Roscoe and Betty Sloan Johnson. He was the oldest of their two children.

Anthony, as he was fondly known, had a love for God at an early age and not only accepted Christ but led many others to the Lord. He accepted his call to the ministry and preached his initial sermon at age 18 at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop John O. Randolph. He served in many capacities in the church during his time there.

He received his early education in Brunswick County Schools and graduated from North Brunswick High School in Leland, NC in June of 1989 as class president. He then attended North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC, and graduated with his Bachelor of Arts, and Master of Arts Degree in 1994. Anthony later attended and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ with a Master of Divinity. He continued to pursue his dreams and goals by obtaining his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in 2018 from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN.

Dr. Johnson was an instructor for Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, NC from 2000 - 2005 before moving to Houston, Texas where he served two years as the President of the English Department and also as a Professor of English for over thirteen years at Lone Star College-CyFair until his death.

Reverend Johnson was the youth pastor at New Hope FWB Church prior to becoming the first pastor of Inspirational House Of Praise in Leland, NC where he served for two years. He also served as a Teaching Elder at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC, Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church in Laurinburg, NC, and Bethany Presbyterian Church in Lumberton, NC. He loved sharing and spreading the Good News to those he met.

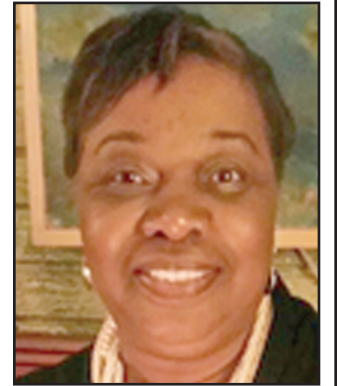
Roscoe A. Johnson is a published author of multiple books including: Leave Her Alone: The Christian Woman's Handbook For Recovery From Abuse, Detoxing The Soul: The Christian's Guide To Coping With Addiction And Substance Abuse In The Home, and The Jesus Approach: A Guide To God's Way Of Dealing With Emotional Pain And Psychological Trauma.

He leaves a wealth of love to cherish his memories: his parents, Roscoe and Betty Sloan Johnson of Leland, NC; one brother, Redderick Johnson of Leland, NC; grandparents, John Henry (Eliza) Sloan of

Leland, NC; nine uncles, James Johnson of Maxton, NC, Alton Johnson of New Haven, CT, Boyd (Denise) Johnson of Maxton, NC, Henry L. Sloan of Pensacola, FL, Willie E. (Mary) Sloan, Sr. of Leland, NC, Joseph Jenkins of Wilmington, NC, Ruben (Bonita) Sloan of Charlotte, NC, William Webb of Wilmington, NC and James Webb of Durham, NC; eight aunts, Nikita James of Leland, NC, L'Tanya (Joe) Spinelli of Manhasset, NY, Anne (Carl) Parker of Leland, NC, Annie Bea Stanton of Maxton, NC, Mary Harrington of Fayetteville, NC, Catherine Graham of Leland, NC, Hazel

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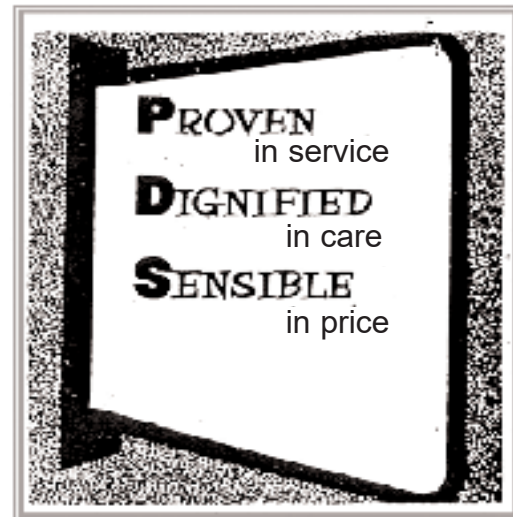


The families of the late Margaret Cuttino Harris (Pookie) would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for all of your acts of kindness. The love shown during her illness and passing will never be forgotten. The cards, visits, food, phone calls, monetary gifts and smiles will always have a special place in our hearts. So again we say Thank You and may God heap blessings upon you.

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## New Hanover County

**Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Ministries, Inc.**, 3701 Princess Place Dr., will hold their Women's Day on Sunday, October 6th during the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Theme: Kingdom Woman, Distinguishing is Calling! The guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Anthonette Wright of Community of Hope Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC.

**Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church** in conjunction with the Wilmington Police Department, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and area churches will host its Annual "Beyond the Wall Community Street Festival" on Saturday October 12th at 812 Harnett St. from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Sherry McZeek at 910-221-2243 or Deacon David Brown at 910-200-1955 for further information.

## Religious Briefs

## Bladen County

**The Laymen League of Baldwin Branch** invite men and male youth/teens of the communities to a breakfast at 9:00 a.m. October 5, 2019 in the Rev. G.F. Pone Fellowship Hall. Location: 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. The idea of the morning is to advocate "commitment" to any constructive cause that comes up in an individual's journey throughout life. RSVP to (910) 874-0096 on/before Tuesday, October 1, with number of attendees for planning purposes.

## Brunswick County

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church**, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., Leland, NC, will celebrate their Annual Homecoming Program on Sunday, September 29th at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Rev. Jeremy Buie of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Riegelwood, NC will be the special guest to render service. Dinner will be served immediately following the service.

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(Eddie) Barnes of Leland, NC and Lois (Carl) Hardy of Leland, NC; one nephew, Garrick Anthony Johnson of Leland, NC; one niece, Freda Monique Johnson of Leland, NC; a special cousin/sister, Carolyn Jenkins Blue (Eric) of Leland, NC; one sister-in-law, Takeila Johnson of Leland, NC; spiritual mentor, Rev. Jim Johnson of Maxton, NC; godmother, Vivian Scott of Leland, NC; 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.davisfuneralhome.com.*

## Rev. Dr. Dorothy Gibbs

Rev. Dr. Dorothy M. Gibbs (Founding Pastor of Speaks Temple AME Zion Church), age 83, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, September 15, 2019. Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at St. Andrews AME Zion Church. Interment followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Reverend Dr. Dorothy M. Gibbs, daughter of the late John Wilson Nixon and Louise C. Nixon was born on April 12, 1936. She departed this life on September 15, 2019.

Rev. Gibbs accepted Christ at the early age of 12. She grew up attending St. Andrew AME Zion Church. At St. Andrew she was a member of the Junior Choir, Junior Usher Board, a Sunday School Teacher for the seniors, Sunday School Superintendent, Senior Choir

Member, Senior Usher Board Member and served on Stewardess Board No.2.

Rev. Gibbs was educated at Williston Industrial School. She received her GED from Cape Fear Technical College and also her CNA degree from Cape Fear Tech.

Rev. Gibbs was married to Willie Gibbs who preceded her in death. From this union six children were born.

Rev. Gibbs was called into the ministry and preached her trial sermon on November 18, 1982. She was ordained as a Deacon in 1985 and ordained as an Elder in 1988. Also, in 1985, she was given a Certificate to start a new Charge. From this, Speaks Temple AME Zion Church was founded under the leadership of Bishop Ruben L. Speaks. After serving Speaks Temple for 14 years, she was given the Charge to pastor Brown's Chapel AME Zion Church in Southport, North Carolina. She pastored at Brown's Chapel for 6 years and retired in 2007. After retiring Rev. Gibbs went back to her home church, St. Andrew. Rev. Gibbs retired from Sears on November 3, 1997.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, six children, Willie Gibbs, Jr., Sylvia El-Amin, Chandra Gibbs, Jeffery Gibbs, James Gibbs and Kimberly Gibbs all of Wilmington, NC, ten grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, 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.davisfuneralhome.com.*

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## My review

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND  
SHELIA H. ROSS  
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Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness unto me. We met at our usual place and time and as usual we were glad to be together one more time. Our meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Mrs. Mary Green asked Mr. George Hill to come with our devotion. We opened with, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee". We were lead in prayer by Sister Eloise Chester. Thank you God for

hearing her prayer for Your children. Next we sang, "Pass Me Not". Minister Doris McQuillan came forth with this is the day that the Lord has made.

Elder Sharon Pollock was our speaker for today. She opened with prayer; Psalm 78:19 was her scripture for discussion. Review is an action word. Life becomes stressful and disappointing. Our health seems to decline. And if we are not careful, we will become discouraged; if we allow self pity, fear, bitterness, doubt, and anger to come into our lives. It can put us in a place of blindness. It will not allow us to remember what the Lord did for us yesterday and all

God has done for us. The Lord knows all our troubles and can take care of it all. God speaks peace to our households and to us. God created everything. There is no limit to God and His blessings. Give glory to God because what He said He would do, He can do! Minister Pollock was given a hand for such a great message.

We had expressions which were uplifting and informed us how the Lord has blessed. We had two visitors; Ms. Patricia Parker and Lorraine. They were welcomed by Mrs. Marie Stitt. Our members expressed how much they enjoyed the trip to Myrtle Beach. Minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Mrs.

Denise Hines and Mrs. Audrey Hines came in; they were welcomed by Mrs. Stitt. This meeting's call winner was Mrs. Gladys Taylor. All callers were given a hand. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave her sick report. She asked us to continue praying for those in the report and for her as well. Mrs. Cherry Pearson gave us information on upcoming trips. We were also given information on voting and the real IDs. Mrs. Mary Martin made our day again with her smiles presentation; thanks Mrs. Martin. Our circle was formed; and we sang, "Bind us together". Prayer was offered by Minister Doris McQuillan. There were 45 present.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Marriage is honorable"

"Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled." Hebrews 13:4a

Honorable - Worthy of respect  
Bringing recognition or distinction

*Marriage is honorable. "And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Genesis 2:18*

Why do so many marriages fail? There is no one answer that fits every situation, but one thing for sure, somebody failed, and that somebody was not the Lord! He cannot fail because he is God. Marriage is a sacred institution created by God. Marriage is honorable.

Marriages fail because one or more parties do not keep the wedding vows. Marriages fail because people fall in and then out of love. This downward spiral in the relationship can lead to infidelity and adultery. Sometimes a marriage fails because love was never in the picture. Some marriages fail when careers come first. Sometimes marriages fail when couples do not spend enough quality time together, and they drift apart. Some marriages fail because one or more partners may not cleave to one another because they still cleave to mommy or daddy. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Genesis 2:24

Marriage is commended by the word of God in Proverbs

18:22, : "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord."

Some of the duties of a husband are described in Ephesians 5:25. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." Ecclesiastes 9:9 says, "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun."



Sylvia Hooper

I Peter 3:7 says, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

Some of the duties of wives are described in I Peter 3:1, "Likewise ye wives be in subjection to your own husband; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives." Proverbs 31:27, "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness." Ephesians 5:22 says, "Wives, submit yourselves

unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

When husbands and wives both live in agreement to the Word of God, there can be marital bliss. When one or both parties do not esteem the Word of God above their personal wants and desires, then there is a problem. All marriages have problems of varying degrees. When two people come together from different culture backgrounds, there can be problems. A difference in socio economic status can also cause couples to clash at some point, no matter how much love is there. If marital problems are not solved or resolved wisely and quickly, it can lead to greater issues raising the potential for separation or divorce.

According to the Word of God, marriage is honorable. Some statistics say one half of all marriages may end in divorce. We commend every couple who have literally survived, for better or for worse; for richer or poorer; in sickness or in health! Countless couples have weathered the storms of life and remain married. Many couples are still very much in love, in spite of the faults and failures of their spouse. In spite of the statistics, there is a remnant who are yet holding on by faith, walking in forgiveness, and looking beyond the fault and seeing the true need of their spouse. This feat is accomplished through no goodness of our own. Longevity in mar-

riage is no accident! It is a result of unconditional love, patience, commitment, and hard work! It is by choice not chance that marriages endure the many tests of time. The truth be told, it is by the grace and mercy of God, that some married couples have remained together for 20, 30, 40 or 50 years!!!

Marriage is a covenant. When two people dare to touch and agree to honor God and one another, by asking him to make their marriage a testimony for His glory, God is able to keep that which we commit unto his hands. II Timothy 1:12b Marriage is honorable. 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

## What time is it? It's time to seek the Lord with all of our hearts!

*Matt. 16:2-4a, (KJV) "The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas."*

There is a great decline of moral values through the rejection of the God of the Bible in this country; first, it's seen in the genocide of human life, through abortions (killing) of the innocent helpless baby in the womb. The school systems throughout America have abandoned the Bible and prayer and the result is chaos. The Colleges, Universities and the Theological seminaries, churches and other religious institutions have also abandoned the God of the Bible and are training people to be anti-God (not all) but the majority

of them. The political arenas are filled with people who do not have a consciousness of God and especially those who are seeking public office and the Office of President. I have never seen so many expressions of vainness among candidates as we now see. They are anti-God! What is the problem?

Let's now turn to the teaching of the infallible Word of God. Again, it is the fountainhead of all spiritual truth and the revelation of the complete will of God for man. The Bible is the only history written in advance! It is the Book given by the Creator of the universe: 2Tim. 3:16, (KJV) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

1Timothy 4:1-2 "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." "The apostasy of the false teachers is serious, so serious that it should make us search our hearts. False teachers commit four tragic errors."

1. False teachers (depart from the faith). Note: they are

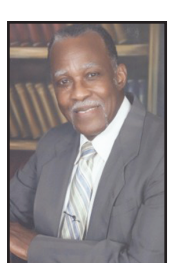
within the church, within the field of religion. This passage is not dealing with the philosophies and false teachings taught by the unbelievers out in the world. It is talking about false teachers within the church itself. The Spirit of God is warning us: some preachers and some teachers will turn away from the faith and become false teachers. They will turn away from the Lord Jesus Christ, away from the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus." (POSBC) They will not believe the writers of the Bible.

2Tim. 3:13, (KJV) "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (they are pastors and Bible teachers in sheep clothing, but inward they are raven wolves).

2. False teachers give attention to seducing spirits and teachings of devils. There are all kinds of evil spirits throughout the world, spirits that are set on seducing and deceiving people. They are set on leading people to follow them and their ideas and teachings. They do all they can to turn people away from the doctrine and faith of Christ. And note: the method they use is not a frontal attack, not a clear or loud declaration

against the truth. They mix some truth with error. Their method is to seduce, deceive, entice, lure, attract and appear as light and truth." (POSBC)

(2 Cor. 11:13-15) "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.



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And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works". (2 Tim. 4:3-4) "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables".

2 Tim. 3:1-5 "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobe-

ent to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away".

3. False teachers speak lies in hypocrisy. Very simply, they teach something different from what the Scripture says, and they know it. They know they are not teaching what Scripture says. In fact, some false teachers take pride in their stand against what they call "a literal interpretation" of Scripture. Some even mock and poke fun at those who believe and hold to the truth of Scripture. But note what is so often overlooked: "Speaking lies" means speaking and teaching what is contrary to Scripture. This is exactly what Scripture is declaring. In the eyes of Scripture, a lie is a teaching that is contrary to the teaching of Scripture. "In hypocrisy" means the teacher knows that he is teaching contrary to Scripture. He claims to be a minister or teacher of God, Christ, and the Word (Scripture), and yet he teaches something contrary to what

Scripture says. A hypocrite is a person who claims to be one thing but he is something else. The point is this: the false teacher is a person who speaks lies in hypocrisy. He denies, refutes, or ignores what Scripture says and he knows it; yet he claims to be a minister or teacher of Christ and the gospel. This is the person who is an instrument or tool of some seducing and deceptive spirit, who teaches the doctrines of evil spirits." (POSBC) Eph. 4:5-6, ) (KJV) "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."

Our Father in heaven, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ who has redeemed us from the curse. Touch the hearts of every person who reads this article with the power of the Holy Spirit and prick their hearts to receive you as Lord in their lives: "For by grace we are saved through faith." Amen

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Genevieve S. Smith**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of December, 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 5th day of September, 2019

Charlie Olen Smith, Jr., Executor  
4288 Penderlea Hwy  
Watha, NC 28478

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Josephine Grant**, 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 12th day of December, 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 12th day of September, 2019

Donna Wright, Executor  
649 Ashbury Dr.  
Bolivia, NC 28422

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **David Scott Morrow**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, this is to notify all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the estate to present same duly proven to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of December, 2019; otherwise, this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to the estate will please make prompt settlement with the Executor.

This 17th of September, 2019.

Estate of David Scott Morrow  
Cary Jay Morrow, Administrator  
5516 Merle Drive  
Trinity, NC 27370  
Brinkley Walsler Stoner, PLLC  
P. O. Box 1657  
Lexington, NC 27293-1657

September 19, 26, October 3 and 10, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Eva Shaw Mitchell**, 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 19th day of December, 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 19th day of September, 2019

Rona Denise Barnes, Administrator  
1111 Dock Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Henry J. Green**, 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 19th day of December, 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 19th day of September, 2019

Stephanie E. Green, Administrator  
223 South 11th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
In the Superior Court  
Before the Clerk  
New Hanover County File  
Number: 19-SP-441**

**CHARLOTTE NOEL FOX, Administrator CTA for the Estate of ABBIE B. FOGLE, Petitioner, vs. LANCE FOGLE, FELICIA M. FOGLE, ERIC A. FOGLE, SAUNDRA SCOTT, MELINDA WALKER, IVAN WALKER, BYRON WALKER AND MYRON WALKER, Respondents.**

To Felicia M. Fogle:

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

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

"BEGINNING at a point in the Eastern line of Fourteenth Street 220 feet Southwardly from the intersection of the Eastern line of Fourteenth Street with the Southern line of Castle Street; runs thence Eastwardly and parallel with Castle Street 155 feet to the Western line of a 20 foot Alley; thence Southwardly and along the West line of said 20 foot Alley and parallel with Fourteenth Street 33 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with Castle Street 155 feet to the Eastern line of Fourteenth Street; thence Northwardly along the Eastern line of Fourteenth Street 33 feet to the point of Beginning. Same being a part of Lot #4 in Block 511 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N.C."

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Address: 611 South 14th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

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

You are required to file a written response by Wednesday, October 30, 2019, and upon your failure to do so any order entered by the Court shall be binding as if you were personally before the Court and any payment or distribution made by the Administrator CTA under orders of the Court shall have the effect of fully discharging such personal representative and any sureties on the personal representative's official bond to the full extent of such payment or distribution as ordered.

This, the 13th day of September, 2019.

CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC  
Charlotte Noel Fox  
N.C. State Bar No. 32678  
Administrator CTA of the Estate of Abbie B. Fogle  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401  
Telephone: (910) 815-0085  
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September 19, 26, October 3, 2019

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Wayne C. Hickox**, 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 19th day of December, 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 19th day of September, 2019

Donald W. Hickox, Executor  
826 Timberview Dr. Unit D  
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified on the 17th day of September, 2019, as Co-Executors of the Estate of **FLORA S. TUCKER**, 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 Co-Executors, Deborah Gentry and Randall G. Tucker, at 479 Grand River Drive SE, Bolivia, NC 28422 on or before the 27th day of December, 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 18th day of September, 2019.

DEBORAH GENTRY and RANDALL G. TUCKER, CO-EXECUTORS  
Attorney for the Estate:  
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA  
Carolina Legal Counsel  
P.O. Box 12028  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
Telephone (910) 256-3364

September 26, October 3, 10, and 17, 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 JA 226**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
A.S. (dob: 03 June 2004)**

**TO: RESPONDENT-MOTHER,  
TERRA REYNOLDS**

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:

Adjudication of Juvenile Petition filed on September 18, 2019 alleging that A.S. is a neglected and dependent juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, September 26, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Attorney Alexis Perkins has been assigned to represent Ms. Reynolds. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 343-5400, 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING TO ADJUDICATE THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 24th day of September, 2019.

Jennifer G. Cooke  
Attorney - New Hanover Co.  
Dept. of Social Services  
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Wilmington, NC 28401  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Joyce Lambert Sasser**, 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 26th day of December, 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 26th day of September, 2019

Steven Daniel Sasser, Executor  
6901 Murrayville Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28411

September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Reynold Carrera, 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 27th day of December, 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 26th day of September, 2019.

Atlanta Marie Carrera, Executrix of the Estate of Reynold Carrera  
704 Tree Swallow Lane  
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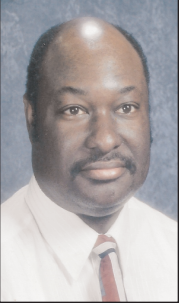

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