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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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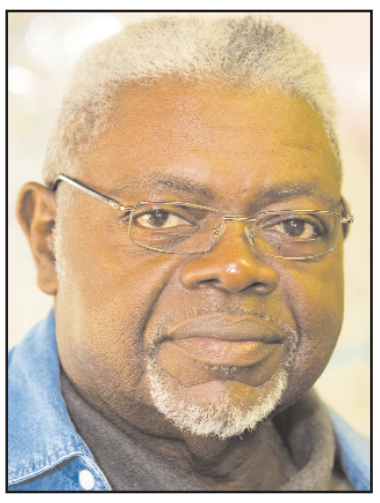

BERNEST HEWETT

ON VACATION

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

ALL PHOTOS BY JOHN DAVIS, WILLISTON CLASS OF '62

NORTH THIRD STREET FROM MARKET STREET TO DAVIS STREET IS NOW "MAJ GEN JOSEPH MCNEIL WAY".

Major General Joseph McNeil celebrated by City

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"It is a great day for Wilmington,"
Linda Pearce

Saturday, October 12 the City of Wilmington honored, celebrated and commemorated the life and legacy of Major General Joseph McNeil, the 1959 Williston Senior High graduate who joined three A&T State University students to begin the desegregation of the nation.

What began at Greensboro's Woolworth Lunch Counter as sit-in demonstrations and led to the successful US Civil Rights Movement really has roots in local education, according to Alvin Johnson of the Williston Class of 1959.

Celebrating their sixtieth class reunion, Johnson said to loud applause, "The genesis of what he did began in Williston in Mr. William Lowe's Government class."

Raised by popular Wilmingtonians, Alfred D. McNeil ("Cigar"), Edna McNeil Harris, a village of black educators, and religious leaders from Saint Thomas Catholic Church, McNeil's name has become a main thoroughfare in the Port City. North Third Street from Market to Davis becomes, "Maj General Joseph McNeil Way."

In 2018 Deborah Dicks Maxwell, county NAACP President, and Kojo Nantambu, local minister and activist brainstormed after taking McNeil to the airport. Planning began to determine and realize a significant way of honoring the civil rights icon in his beloved hometown.

"It means a lot to recognize a person while they are living," Maxwell said. Her sentiments were echoed by Nantambu who emphasized that young McNeil then known as, "Jo Jo," was not yet a man when he sat down that black people might stand up.

Wilmington Mayor Bill Safo recalled that McNeil has been honored by many others. A documentary from the Smithsonian Channel impressed him. He remembered McNeil stating simply, "You do what you have to do."

"I am pleased to honor such a good man," Saffo said.

Vernice Hamilton of the Williston Alumni Association presented McNeil with gifts and recalled a Dr. Seuss book title, "All The Places You'll Go." She thanked the honoree referring to him as a "Mighty, Mighty Williston Tiger."

"You changed our history," Hamilton said.

McNeil enrolled in N.C. A&T and graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Physics. In the 1990s and beyond he received numerous awards, including the honorary Ph. D. in Humanities from A&T.

He worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as a Flight Standards Operation Aviation Safety Inspector, and was promoted as an Eastern Region Flight Standards Manager.

As US Air Force Reservist, the civil rights leader became Vice Wing Commander of the 514th MAW, at New Jersey's McGuire Air Force Base.

Achieving the rank of Major General, McNeil's fellow veterans, Carlisle Grissett, Nick Rhodes, a former county school board member, and many from the military were present and stood to honor McNeil.

Rhodes and Tony Carter also represented the A&T Alumni Association. Carter came laden with commemorative gifts with university logos.

"This is a tremendous Day that should have been done twenty-five years ago," Rhodes said.

Councilman Kevin O'Grady seemed to agree as he mingled prior to the unveiling of the sign by municipal officials, and the Commission on African-American History. O'Grady said he had not realized McNeil was from Wilmington.

"I'm very proud we are telling the rest of the story," the city councilman said.

For one of UNCW's first African-American professors, and Wilmington native, Dr. Earl Sheridan, McNeil's image was always seared in his consciousness, and hung on his office wall in a poster.

"He had such a tremendous impact that changed this country forever," Sheridan said prior to introducing Major General McNeil who was flanked by wife, Ina, and family members.

Family spokesperson, Atty. Kebharu Smith was concise as he spoke of a multiplying effect the Greensboro students and decorated veteran had on the nation.

"You can take a stand, and still love your country," Smith said

Elegantly dressed, humble and with graceful dignity, the soft spoken civil rights icon and military leader's first words to the audience were, "Thank you for letting me share in these events."

Speaking of his admiration for, "The Little Rock Nine," students who suffered indignities attempting to integrate public schools, and personal respect for Saint Thomas Catholic Church that helped him, "form a moral base," McNeil concluded.

"Wilmington has undergone some difficult seasons. We must go on."

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MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH MCNEIL ACCEPTS THE HONOR.

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

WAKE SCHOOLS LEADERS PRAISE BLACK STUDENT FOR EXPOSING RACIST CHAT GROUP

[CARY] The superintendent and school board of the Wake Public School System lauded a 14-year-old black student for exposing a racist student chat group that pushed "#bringslaverybback." Now the family of Cenayia Edwards, who attends East Wake High School, wants the school's principal held accountable for not doing anything when first told. Cenayia was able to infiltrate and expose two kids from her school, and five from Corinth Holders High in Johnston County. The Johnston County students were disciplined, according to the system there, but nothing happened to the two East Wake High students. The Wake system said it could not say if anything happened to them at all because of federal law. Cenayia's family say they fear for her life.

SHAW BASKETBALL COACH QUITS RIGHT BEFORE SEASON STARTS

[RALEIGH] It's just a few weeks before the start of the 2019-20 CIAA basketball season, and the Shaw University men's basketball team is already looking for a new coach. Joel Hopkins quit his position, after serving as head basketball coach twice, from 2000-02 and won a CIAA championship, and then 2015 until now, where he has led the Bears to three-straight CIAA Southern Division titles. Hopkins has an overall record of 126-76.

STAFF AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY SPONSORED FIGHT CLUB WITH DEMENTIA PATIENTS

[WINSTON-SALEM] Winston-Salem police have identified three female staffers at The Darby House assisted living facility, accusing them of running a 'fight ring," where patients suffering dementia were encouraged to physically assault one another. Video was taken, showing at least one patient being strangled until her face turned pale. The three staffers have been arrested. The staffers were fired after the incident was revealed last June.

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N. C. RANKS FOURTH IN BLACK TEEN SUICIDES

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

"African American adolescents (13-19 years of age) have disproportionately higher rates of suicide," according to a recent study, "The Changing Characteristics of African American Adolescent Suicides, 2001 - 2017" by Jagdish Khubchandani, Professor of Health Sciences at Ball State University in Indiana.

Suicide is second only to accidents as a leading cause of death among teenagers of all racial backgrounds, data shows.

However, according to the study, based on figures from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention between 2001 and 2017, the rate of suicide for African American teens exploded - 60% for males, and 182% for females.

Furthermore, after Georgia, Texas and Florida, North Carolina logs in at fourth nationally for Black teenage suicides.

Professor Khubchandani's research was confirmed this week when Pediatric, a national medical journal, reported that from 1991 to 2017, ten years before the Ball State research period, Black adolescent suicide attempts rose dramatically. In fact, according to the magazine, "...the rate for Black youths grew even as the rate of suicide attempts by teens in other racial and ethnic groups fell."

Black males, between the ages of 5 and 11, have experienced an increase in suicide deaths, and, in Black children overall, between 5 and 12, the suicide rate was twice that of White children.

While this study did not determine what the cause factors were, other research has determined that bullying, mental health challenges like depression, and even family strife, figure into suicide attempts by Black teens.

Even confusion over gender identity is seen as a possible factor for some.

Others have noted that 2001 through 2017 track with the emergence of the internet, and with it, Black teens experiencing blatant forms of racism online could affect their emotional well being and feelings of self worth.

In North Carolina, African American high school students reportedly attempted suicide more than twice the rate of their White counterparts, according to the NC Child Health Report Card.

"Because so much of this is newer, there isn't a lot of data about why, but some of the factors are stressors like discrimination and the experience people have with discrimination and microaggressions," Amy Green, director of research for the Trevor Project, a suicide prevention group, told CNN.

She added that Black teens don't have equal access to mental health services.

If you think that someone you know is contemplating suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

EXCLUSIVE

Rev. Gatewood, NAACP mum on his hearing date

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The Rev. Curtis Gatewood, whose membership was suspended by the national NAACP office several weeks ago over allegations of sexual harassment while he was a supervisor with the NC NAACP, is expected to have a hearing on his appeal soon. How soon is in the hands of the national NAACP Board of Directors, which is meeting in Atlantic City, N. J. this Friday and Saturday.

However, it has also been learned exclusively that Gatewood is not the only one from the North Carolina conference who has had an Article X (10) complaint filed against him.

Sources say a long simmering power struggle has ensued in the NC NAACP, involving jealousies that have targeted current President The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman. Article 10 complaints regarding conference fiscal matters have been filed against him, sources say, thus, one of the reasons why an administrator from the national office has been put into place to oversee conference operations.

Though allegations have been made, one of Rev. Gatewood's platforms during his candidacy for NC NAACP president was that it was "rumored that theft and/or misappropriation" of NC NAACP funds took place over the past five years." There is no evidence, sources say, of any fiscal mismanagement since Dr. Spearman took leadership or, even before, under former Pres. Rev. Dr. William Barber.

Gatewood has issued a "no comment" when recently asked for further details about his case, and the national office isn't commenting either.

The suspension of Gatewood's NAACP membership prevented him from running for state president of the NC NAACP during the recent Oct. 5 convention in Winston-Salem.

In a Sept. 27 email to his "Alamance Family and Justice Team," Gatewood indicated that he would request a hearing be scheduled prior to the Oct. 5 elections, where he would have been the only challenger to current Pres. Rev. Spearman. Since that did not happen, Gatewood is hoping for a special election between him and Dr. Spearman, "...upon being cleared of the Article 10 allegations and membership being restored."

He has denied allegations that he sexually harassed former NC NAACP Youth Director, Jazmyne Childs, in 2017 while he supervised her. After her complaint to then NC NAACP Pres. Rev. Dr. William Barber, a five month investigation ensued, during which Gatewood resigned. However, he remained a member because only the national office can revoke memberships, but it failed to do so.

Since Ms. Child's went public with her complaint, another female NAACP member, who alleges that she was a young intern when Rev. Gatewood sexually harassed her, has come forward.

Gatewood also denies her allegation, though adding that he was "deeply sorry."

Per the NAACP Constitution and Bylaws, the Chief of National Field Operations should have sent Gatewood a copy of the Article 10 complaint against him within fifteen days of receipt. Gatewood, in turn, would have 15 calendar days to file a written response by mail.

The National NAACP Office then has 60 days to investigate the charges and render its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board, in turn, can order a hearing by an appointed hearing panel, which would convene within 60 days.

Ultimately, the national NAACP Board of Directors "...shall render its final decision within 180 days of receipt of the complaint...."

Within 15 days of the Board's decision, it "...shall be published in the official organ of the NAACP and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction where the member is located."

According to sources, the Board may decide this weekend in Atlantic City, N. J. what the next move in the Curtis Gatewood case will be.

NEW DATA SNAPSHOT: Fewer NC children living in concentrated poverty

BY NADIA RAMLAGAN
OF NCNS

The number of North Carolina children living in areas of concentrated poverty has fallen by 11%, according to a new report by The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

But Whitney Tucker, research director for the organization NC Child, says while the numbers show an improvement, North Carolina still ranks among the 25 states nationwide with childhood concentrated poverty rates above 10%.

"This is incredibly high, and I think it's a figure that we can't get used to seeing and start patting ourselves on the back for progress on, when we're still doing so much worse than three quarters of the country," Tucker states.

Currently, more than 260,000 North Carolina children live in areas of concentrated poverty.

Tucker maintains the state should be working to expand Medicaid. She says that when parents have health coverage, they are less likely to be saddled with medical debt.

"Medicaid has lots of benefits that have been shown to particularly remove financial instability for a lot of families that's caused by a lack of health care coverage," she stresses. "So right now, we have more than 100,000 parents in North Carolina who have no health coverage."

Scot Spencer, The Casey Foundation's associate state director of advocacy, says despite the relatively good economy, the rising cost of housing, food and other basic necessities leave many families struggling.

"There may be housing instability where kids may have to move from house to house because the parents or the adults in their lives are forced to make choices between whether they're going to pay rent or pay for heat; or whether they have dinner on the table at night, or whether they get their medicine that they need," he points out.

According to the report, more than 8.5 million children in the U.S. live in areas of concentrated poverty.

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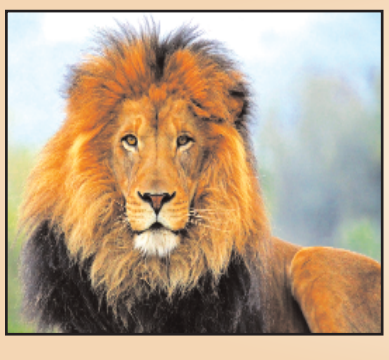

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------AN AFRICAN PROVERB

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TO BE EQUAL

2020 Census National Tele-Town Hall to feature activists and experts Oct. 22

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The extent to which the 1960 undercount has shortchanged inner-city residents of the political representation and economic assistance to which they are entitled is incalculable. Two million blacks missed in 1960 could symbolize the loss of five congressmen and scores of state legislators to the black community. Moreover, since more and more Federal and state aid to cities is being allocated on a per capita basis, ghetto residents are increasingly being denied this economic support because of Census underenumeration." – **Whitney M. Young, Jr., testimony to Congress, 1970**

The 2020 Census could fail to count more than 4 million people, most of them Black and Latino.

Among the many dire consequences of undercounting people of color is the draining of political influence from diverse communities into predominantly white communities. An unfair census will deprive communities of color of billions of dollars in federal funding for programs like Head Start, Medicare, school lunch programs and transportation and safety infrastructure. It would interfere with the just enforcement of civil rights laws and constitutional protections like fair housing and voting rights.

Marc Morial

The National Urban League and our civil rights allies are determined not to let this happen. And you can help.

Join us on October 22, 8 pm Eastern time, for the 2020 Census National Tele-Town Hall.

We're gathering leaders, activists, clergy, and experts for a conversation on ways to make sure the Black community is counted. Among the speakers is former Georgia gubernatorial candidate and activist Stacy Abrams.

Abrahams this year launched a new group, Fair Vote, that seeks to reach out to "hard-to-count populations" in the Georgia before counting begins. She will be joined by the leaders of the organizing coalition, National Urban League, NAACP, National Action Network, the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

It's easy to participate. Just visit http://bit.ly/MakeBlackCountTeletownhall to register.

You can also follow our efforts to ensure a fair Census on social media, using the hashtag #MakeBlackCount. Make Black Count was the campaign conducted by the Coalition for a Black Count, a project of 13 civil rights organizations spearheaded by the National Urban League under the leadership of Whitney M. Young, Jr.

"The Coalition feared that many non-white Americans would be missed in the 1970 Census," Young testified to Congress. That fear was based on an evaluation of the Bureau of the Census' plans for counting minorities. In the opinion of the Coalition, those plans were fraught with many serious deficiencies." Young listed these as inadequate mailing procedures, inadequate assistance for completing the complex forms, poor community educational activity about the Census and distorted publicity from the Bureau of the Census, "which tended to shift the blame for a potentially large undercount to a 'hostile black community.'"

Sound familiar? Threats to an accurate 2020 Census include underfunding, hiring issues, inadequate testing and the lingering effects of a failed attempt to add a citizenship question. Even though the effort to add a citizenship question was defeated, the controversy around it could intimidate some immigrants and their families from responding to the census.

Earlier this year, the non-partisan think tank Urban Institute found that a "high risk" scenario could result not only in Black and Hispanic households being undercounted nationally by almost 4 percent, but also in white households being overcounted by .03 percent nationally.

This raises concerns that "one group will benefit more than it should at the expense of others," the Institute's vice president and chief methodologist, Robert Santos, said.

Fight back against the shortchanging of Black communities. Find out how on the 2020 Census National Tele-Town Hall.

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

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James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

ROUSER'S SILENCE

Many of us are frustrated by the silence of our representatives when it comes to calling out President Trump on some of his outrageous statements and actions. I often imagine myself standing in front of a senator or congressman, waving my fist and shouting; "If you don't say something, you will lose my support!"

But then I calm down and take a more objective view. Calling out our president is only one of the many issues facing citizens today. It's important to maintain a balance when judging elected officials. Specifically, what have they done to improve my life and the lives of my neighbors? Certainly, one can be forgiven for remaining silent if one has performed admirably in other areas.

So, I decided to do a little exercise which I highly recommend you do also. I took a sheet of paper and drew two columns. On the left I listed Trump actions that upset me, and, on the right, I listed the accomplishments of my representative that improved my life. As an example, here is my assessment of Congressman David Rouzer:

The following are things Trump has done to upset me that Congressman Rouzer has been silent about:

Starting a trade war with China that has harmed local farmers and manufacturing workers, threatening to push us into a recession.

Pulling our troops out of Syria and exposing our allies, the Kurds, to violent ethnic cleansing.

Calling neo-Nazis "good people".

Loosened environmental rules that were meant to mitigate the warming of the planet that my children and grandchildren will inhabit.

Blackmailing an ally under threat of a Russian attack to dig up dirt on a likely opponent in the 2020 election.

The following is the list of Congressman Rouzer's legislative accomplishments that have improved my life and the lives of my neighbors:

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push my shopping cart, seeing a dime more here and a quarter more there and been adding up if I am saving anything. I recognize someone or they recognize me and the buying stops as we smile and catch up since the last time. Who died and who moved concluded by a nice to see you, now looking at the meats with prices that makes me think of doing the veggie thing they say its good for my health, but what do they know as I throw some turkey meat in the carriage headed for the water section. Talking about buying water. How did that come about as I stop and become amazed. All kinds of water. No low prices for water these days. Water, do we need it. We need the water not the high prices. Another friend pushing my way with a smile that glows and I do the same. We go to the same Church and we talk about the prices in the store pulling our carriages out of the way
so we can discuss the sermon from last Sunday. Conclusion was we agreed, it wasn't the best because Rev got into folks personal and not enough Bible. We say see you later as I move towards the check out seeing an old friend who talked about having to have a hip transplant as the clerk rings up my cost. Too much I said to myself but the response from my friend thinking I was talking about her hip situation responded, it sure is. having to buy a bag was the final insult
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By Haywood Fennell, Sr.
From his soon to be released book,
"This Man, Thoughts About Our Times."

MATTERS OF OPINION

The power of unity

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Dr. E. Faye Williams

I had the opportunity to speak for the closing session at the meeting of the World Conference of Mayors that was held at Tuskegee University in Alabama a few days ago. I have attended an untold number of conferences in my life, but this one was like no other. It was the most organized, the most educational and most unified conference I have ever attended!

First, I have to say that Tuskegee University is one of the most beautiful college campuses I've ever seen. It was a joy to walk around the campus and see so many buildings named for Black heroes and sheroes. The conference was sponsored by the World Conference of Mayors whose founder is former Tuskegee Mayor Johnny Ford. Of course, no one refers to him as former Mayor. He's always respectful of the current Mayor Tony Haygood, and Mayor Haygood seems to accept the fact that no matter who happens to have been elected to be Mayor currently, Johnny Ford will always hold a special place in the heart of the people, and indeed he works for the benefit of Tuskegee in whatever he does; but his influence goes far beyond Tuskegee! He helps and influences what happens in so many other towns around the world. Not only did African Americans attend the conference, but African mayors and other leaders came from the African continent to Tuskegee.

Having worked as Chief of Staff for Washington, DC Mayor for Life Marion Barry, I've seen this admiration of a mayor before. I just never thought it existed anywhere else! I'm not easily impressed, but Johnny is exceptional. Everybody seems to genuinely love him and rely on him for advice, for direction and help. He never disappoints! He's always provides just what his followers need. He's a great influencer. He brings his contacts with the answers and the resources to the people who attend his conferences. I forgot to mention that there is a current President of the WCM who is Grambling's Mayor Ed Jones and with that same spirit of cooperation as Johnny has with the current Mayor of Tuskegee, it seems to roll over to Mayor Jones.

Honorees were plentiful. They ranged from Grammy award winner and former R&B singer, Joe Simon, who has begun a National Voter Registration Drive that is supported by the WCM and the Black Towns and Settlements Alliance to Mayors of historic towns and settlements, the honorable Civil Rights Attorney Fred Gray, African leaders and the dynamic African Union Ambassador Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao who challenged us to learn our history and to visit and invest in Africa.

The Role of African American Students at HBCU's was addressed. Students from Grambling, Spelman, Prairie View, Tuskegee and other schools did impressive presentations. The Tuskegee Dramatic Arts Department presented an informative play called "Booker T's Towns" that provided us with a lot of the history of Dr. Washington's work. Atty. Paxton Williams provided attendees with a very informative film called "George Washington Carver." All students who've had doubts about whether they could accomplish something with few resources need to see the film.

There were so many highlights. One of the most touching ones was our trip to the Tuskegee Airmen's Historic Site.

There were presenters of other events that are "must sees" such as the January 30, 2020 Eatonville Festival in Florida, the Selma to Montgomery Annual Jubilee February 27, 2020, the Tuskegee Carver Festival held in Tuskegee and the Texas Purple Hull Pea Festival in Shankleville. There was so much more. Once you've attended one, you will never want to miss a conference led by the one and only Mayor Johnny Ford!

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.

"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."

--AN AFRICAN PROVERB

Trump's favorite dictator

(Via NNPANewswire.com)

Egypt, which along with Tunisia was at the heart of the 2011-2012 "Arab Spring", is in the midst of a new upsurge. It is premature to call it an uprising, but something is afoot in Egypt in opposition to the repression and corruption of the el-Sisi regime.

Abdel Fattah el-Sisi came to power in 2013 in Egypt as a result of a military-led hijacking of a massive protest against the power-grab by the administration of former President Mohamed Morsi. Instead of deepening the process of democratization in Egypt, el-Sisi and his military cohorts reversed course and re-created a strongly authoritarian state. Dissent has been largely crushed, or at least so it seemed until very recently.

Bill Fletcher

When Donald Trump allegedly referred to el-Sisi as his 'favorite dictator' that said a great deal about both el-Sisi and Trump. What it said about el-Sisi was to remind the world that his regime is among the favorite of the United States elite in its policies in the Middle East and North Africa. El-Sisi has no interest in providing assistance to the beleaguered Palestinians, is actively participating in the further destabilization of the internal situation in Libya and has worked to subvert the Sudanese Revolution.

What it said about Trump was to remind us that this is an administration that does not even pretend to have scruples. Just as they have covered for the Saudi Arabian monarchy in the murder of dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi (while he was in Istanbul), going so far as to suggest that a financial relationship between the USA and Saudi Arabia was more important than human rights, the Trump administration has been quite willing to support the repression conducted by el-Sisi. In fact, Trump applauded el-Sisi, offering the view that el-Sisi had brought order to chaos and that el-Sisi was a great leader.

El-Sisi's regime has clamped down on non-governmental organizations, independent trade unions, and members of the press. There is nothing in this regime that would suggest an expansion on human rights and political liberties. But the point is that this is irrelevant to the Trump administration.

Despite Trump's applause of el-Sisi, thousands of Egyptians, seemingly out of nowhere, began protests against corruption and human rights abuses by the governing regime. There is no way to anticipate whether this will be a brief episode or whether it will evolve into something that threatens the regime. What can be said, however, is that el-Sisi and Trump appear to be trying to keep a bubble—the Egyptian people—under water.

That rarely works.

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RAINBOW COALITION

What I learn when I have lunch at Cook County Jail

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

On my birthday this year, I continued my tradition of going to the Cook County Jail to have lunch with some of the 5,552 people who are inmates there. These visits remind me of the humanity of those who are in trouble — and of the inhumanity, even idiocy, of our criminal justice system. Despite the first steps toward prison reform, the United States still locks up a higher percentage of its population than any other country — even more than repressive nations like China.

There are some 2.3 million people locked up in America in 1,719 state prisons, 109 federal prisons, 1,772 juvenile correction facilities, 3,163 local jails, as well as what are called Indian Country Jails, immigration detention facilities and more. If prisons were a city, it would be larger than Philadelphia or Dallas, and one of the country's top 10 in population. In total, about $80 billion a year is spent on correction facilities, compared to the $68 billion spent by the Department of Education.

About 612,000 of this number are in local jails, but that number is misleading. A staggering 10.6 million people go to jail in any one year. Most are released shortly after posting bail or getting out without it. Over two-thirds of the people in jail have not been convicted of any crime. These are overwhelmingly poor people who cannot afford bail. Prison and jail populations are still disproportionately people of color. African Americans are 12 percent of the country's population but 33 percent of federal and state prisons' population.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Recently, from 2009 to 2016, the AfricanAmerican prison population has fallen by about 17 percent, declining more rapidly than the white prison population, which is down about 10 percent. The scourge of the opioid epidemic has significantly contributed to the number of whites in trouble. Nonviolent offenders make up a significant proportion of the incarcerated — particularly in federal prisons. State and local prisons and jails tend to have more inmates charged with property or violent crimes.

Too many are there because of petty violations of the terms of their release from previous charges, not even from committing a new offense. Inmates, almost by definition, are disproportionately low income. They are "down on their luck," people struggling under the intense pressures of poverty. They tend to be people who suffer from the diseases of depression, alcoholism or drug abuse. When I break bread with these people, I always find them to be more intelligent than people think, more humane than people think, more curious and open to experience than people think. These are not serial murderers or rapists.

They are overwhelmingly people who erred or did wrong but are not bad people. We need a lot more reform of our judicial system and particularly of our system of incarceration. We should be doing far more rehabilitation and far less incarceration. With 10 million people going to jail each year — and the overwhelming number in jail at any one time not convicted of anything — one thing we should do is register them to vote. The inmates I spoke with were stunned to learn that they were still eligible to vote — and eager to be signed up. If they were to be registered and to vote, they might help make a difference in the judges that get elected, in the sentences that get handed out, in the injustices that are structured into our justice system.

They know better than most that while there are some truly violent people that deserve incarceration, the vast majority need a hand up, not another shackle of more debt, a bad record, a bleaker future. Illinois, under Governor Pritzker, has set the pace. Legislation was enacted that will turn the county jail into a temporary precinct that will enable "pretrial detainees" — those who are detained but not convicted of anything — to register and vote. That provides a model for states and localities across the country. These are citizens who have the right to vote. We should make it possible for them to exercise that right.

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

Nothing just about "Justice"

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Twenty-one-year-old Deandre Sullivan overslept one morning. Selected to serve on a jury, he was supposed to report by 9 a.m. He didn't awaken until 11 and figured he'd have to pay a fine for his no-show. But hours after he failed to appear, he was hauled into a West Palm Beach, Florida court. There, Judge John Kastrenakus sentenced him to 10 days of incarceration, a fine, 300 hours of community service, and probation. At the time of his sentencing, the judge complained that Sullivan held the court up for 45 minutes. So for 45 minutes, he gets ten days or 240 hours. The young man had a spotless record, was a caretaker for his disabled grandfather, and was a model citizen. He is also a young black man, the kind of man who is too often devalued by white supremacists. After all, how many businessmen or women has Kastrenakus sentenced to jail time for being jury no-shows?

Weeks after young Sullivan served his time, his sentence was vacated, and Kastrenakus offered condescending comments about the young man's future. Despite the voided conviction, his arrest record remains online. From my perspective, Kastrenakus has no business being a judge. Maybe ten days in jail would shift his kaleidoscope and make him more compassionate.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux

While Deandre Sullivan overslept, Felicity Huffman overstepped her boundaries big time. She paid to get her daughters into college and was exposed for her corrupt behavior when law enforcement caught on to a college admission scam in which dozens of wealthy white parents participated. While young Black people on elite campuses are often disparaged as being "unqualified", privileged white people can hide behind their privilege and get away with it. Huffman was sentenced to a mere 14 days in jail, perhaps because she owned up to her crimes. She shed the white-girl victim tears (I'm so sorry, cause I got caught) that we are so accustomed to seeing. I am so tired of seeing folk offer sympathy, empathy, and a break for crying white women. Huffman was fined $30,000, which is a slap on the wrist for someone of her wealth. She should have been fined an amount that pinched, if not hurt. How about a six-figure fine, used for college scholarship funds for those who are less privileged than her coddled daughters?

One of my favorite crooners, the incomparable John Legend, opined that no good is served when Huffman spends time in jail. If the so-called system were not so unjust, I might agree. But while it serves no one to see Huffman in prison, did it serve anyone to see Deandre Sullivan there? It seems that humanistic approaches to incarceration are only rolled out when the white and privileged are caught breaking the law. Felicity Huffman got a slap on the wrist. Deandre Sullivan got a life-altering experience that he would not "wish on his worst enemy."

Who does it serve that Tonya McDowell was sentenced to five years in jail and five more of probation for enrolling her child in the wrong school? The homeless woman used a friend's address to send her child to a better school and was charged with "stealing" $15,000 of educational services. If the delivery of education were not so uneven, would she have been forced to use someone else's address for her son to get a quality education? And to echo John Legend, who is served by her incarceration?

Chrystal Mason, a convicted felon, was leading a redeemed life when she was urged to vote in Texas in 2016. Her probation officer didn't tell her she was ineligible to vote. The people who took her ballot never asked her about her status. She was sentenced to five years in jail for illegal voting in Tarrant County, Texas. Absolutely! Who was served by her incarceration?

Amber Guyger, who massacred the incandescent young Botham Jean in his Dallas apartment, apparently because she was too busy sexting her married lover to pay attention to her intrusion into the wrong apartment, got a slap on the wrist with a 10-year sentence for murder. She could have gotten 99 years, but the jury chose mercy instead of punishment. Who does that for Black defendants? She was rewarded for her pitiful, crocodile tearful testimony with hugs, both from the murdered man's brother, but also, inappropriately, from Judge Tammy Kemp. How many Black defendants did the Black judge hug and gift her personal Bible?

The pattern is clear. White folks get a slap on the wrist if they are even charged for their crimes. Black people get the book thrown at them for even minor infractions. There is nothing just about justice in this country, and it is ready to get even more unjust. So when you pledge that flag for "liberty, freedom, and justice for all," think about who actually experiences justice.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

What Is religious freedom?

I am thoroughly dumbfounded.

There is so much talk about religious freedom, and so much chatter coming from the administration about religious freedom being under attack, and I am confused. Their statements indicate that it is Christians are under attack, all over the world, for sure, but especially in these United States.

In a recent speech given at the University of Notre Dame Law School, US Attorney General William Barr lashed out against "secularists and so-called progressives," blaming them for "wreaking havoc on American society." (www.motherjone.com/politics/2019/10/attorney-general-barr-rages-against-secularist-assault-on-religion/)

Rev. Susan K. Smith

Specifically, Barr said, "This is organized destruction. Secularists and their allies have marshaled all the forces of mass communication, popular culture, the entertainment industry, and academia in an unremitting assault on religion and traditional values."

He continued by describing what he called a "moral upheaval," saying, "Virtually every measure of social pathology continues to gain ground. Along with the wreckage of the family we are seeing record levels of depression and mental illness, dispirited young people, soaring suicide rates, increasing numbers of alienated young males, an increase in senseless violence and the deadly drug epidemic."

Ground zero for attacks on religion, said Barr, are public schools.

He and others pushing their understanding of religious freedom blame "progressive Christianity," pitting it against "Biblical Christianity," which, they believe, is the "right" religion for all. Progressive Christianity, this line of thought goes, practice "secularism."

I am not quite sure what he is talking about. A definition of "secularism" is "a belief system that rejects religion, or the belief that religion should not be part of the affairs of the state or part of public education." The writers of the Constitution were not particularly religious and rejected the notion of this being called a "Christian" nation. (https://www.huffpost.com/entry/founding-fathers-we-are-n_b_6761840

The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States established the separation of church and state that "prohibited the federal government from making any law respecting an establishment of religion." It also prohibits the government, in most cases, from interfering with a person's religious beliefs or practices." (https://www.history.com/topics/united-states-constitution/freedom-of-religion).

It seems that in the history of this country, this insistence of protecting the plurality of religions and religious practices has been part of what has made America a model of democracy.

In recent time, however, the evangelical right has railed against what they say is an assault on religious freedom. Muslims have been castigated; the president sought to ban all Muslims from this country at the very beginning of his presidency. Just last week, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that "80 percent of the world lives in areas where people are denied religious freedom" He referred to his "Christian leadership" and said that the Islamic Republican Iran is an "aggressor, not a victim." He also singled out China for holding Muslims in internment camps and Iran for its "persecution of Christians." (https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/religion/pompeo-talks-religious-freedom-in-nashville-speech/2019/10/11/c7a719bc-ec60-11e9-a329-7378fbfa1b63_story.html)

Pompeo did not mention the attempts of the religious right to curtail the religious freedom of Muslims in this country, nor did he mention that evangelical Americans support the internment of immigrants in this country.

In September of this year, the president earned the praise of evangelicals when he decided to address the subject of religious freedom at the United Nations, skipping a session on climate change. Robert Jeffress, an evangelical pastor and supporter of the president, praised the words issued by the president.

Jeffress noted that the president "…said religious freedom is not granted by the government; it is gifted to us by God and the president believes that…The Democrats believes the great human right that transcends all others is the right to kill your own babies through abortion and the previous administration supported that for the world. This president says no, it's not the murder of babies that is a basic human right, it is religious liberty that is granted by our creator." (https://www.foxnews.com/faith-values/trump-un-religious-freedom-persecution-climate-change.print)

Making America "great" again seems to mean, to many evangelicals, re-establishing the false moral standards practiced by fundamentalists, standards which have supported the discrimination of people, including black people, women, and Muslims. Their interpretation of the Scriptures has made them feel a false sense of moral superiority which they have used to keep people "in their place."

Religious freedom means that "we the people" do not have to be oppressed by one religious ideology. We can believe (as we already do) as we want and need to believe, or we can choose not to believe at all. Because we are all different and come to the Scriptures from different cultures and belief systems, there is no one way to interpret those same scriptures.

Evangelical Christians in this country and around the world have had a way of pushing their belief system on everyone as the one and only way to believe, and perhaps that is part of the reason the world, the Christian world, is in such disarray. The God of the oppressed is different from the God of the oppressor.

That is simply the truth, and religious freedom in this democracy means that we are obliged to let people believe as they choose to believe.

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.

THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!

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New Hanover County

Community Briefs

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Featured speaker will be Steven D. Kelly. P.E., and Board Vice-Chairman of the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (Wave Transit). Information on the "Souls to the Polls" voter drive Sunday, October 27th from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Board of Elections, 230 Government Drive, Wilmington and other important state and community issues will also 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 nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

The Chapter 885; the Vietnam Veterans of America, Wilmington Veteran's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 9th in downtown Wilmington. It is a special day and event for all Veterans, their families and friends. This year one of the standout attractions is the NC A and T Marching Machine! They will be present, will march , and perform!!! This is for everyone to enjoy

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

In Loving Memory Of

Worth David Hooper, Sr.
Sunrise: October 31, 1924
Sunset: October 15, 2016

Hello Grandad!
We, your grandkids, know that our Savior lives because you taught us that. We just have to do right, and follow God's direction, so that we can be where you are.
We long for the moment granddad. It hasn't been the same since you left us. We all drop tears when we hear your name and when we have problems. We always remember your favorite words; "Doll baby it's going to be okay; trust in God,
He's already worked it out."
As long as we live you will live on.
We love you!
Happy Birthday!
Balinda, Yolanda, Keisha, and Terry

Thank you for being such a great role model for everyone
Brian Hooper & Family

In Loving Memory Of

Worth David Hooper, Sr.
Sunrise: October 31, 1924
Sunset: October 15, 2016

My father taught me to become the man I am today. He was my best friend to me and now he's my guiding angel. I truly love and miss him dearly. His love and memories will always stay in my heart.
Andrew Hooper (son)

Love and miss you!
Dean Hooper (son)
Virginia Shields (daughter)

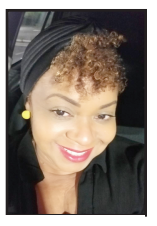
My dad had a lot of wisdom and love for his family and for people.
I miss my dad with lots of love.
Liza Jane (daughter)

He was my father, friend, and one of my saltwater fishing partners who
I love and miss so very much.
Happy Birthday dad, father-in-law,
and granddaddy
Rev. Melvin Hooper & family

Worth David Hooper Sr. on October 15, 2016 when you left, my life was changed forever. There was a emptiness in my life that words could never be able to explain. I thank God for all the good times we shared fishing, hunting, working together, and conversing. But the greatest shared time was when we were serving Jesus the Christ together. Daddy although you departed this world, you will never depart from my heart nor my life.
Worth David Hooper Jr. (son)

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

YES, LIFE HAPPENS...



Brenda Dixon

One of the things I know for sure in life is that it is ever-changing. That is true no matter what and no matter what when making an adjustment to fit different life seasons makes sense, then act on that accordingly. Owning real estate and making decisions about ownership is no exception to this.

This week I want to share with you a few real-life scenarios I have seen in my 28-year career. Assisting clients to sell that had a shift in their life after they purchased their 1st home is something I don't do lightly. After all, I am 100% full advocate for owning, however, there are some situations that makes better sense to fold vs. to hold. Scenario # 1: A single mom buys a 2 bedroom townhome and it was perfect for her and 1 child until she met and married that perfect guy who happened to already own a 3-bdrm home and they decided to move there. She tried renting it out and the 1st experience with a tenant wasn't the best, then also the HOA dues kept going up and it just didn't make sense to keep it. So in that case, it made better sense to sell. Scenario #2: The buyer loved the home, loved the neighbors and the area but in came Hurricane Florence and life changed instantly. The home, unfortunately, was completed flooded. They lost everything and even though the home has been completely renovated from top to bottom, the memory of the loss makes it too hard to stay there. Emotional turmoil is a reason many make a decision to sell. Some can't stay in a home once their spouse passes away or if they divorce or if something tragic happens like in this case, natural disaster. In this case, it did not make sense to keep it. Selling and putting the equity gained into another property somewhere else made life easier in this case. Scenario #3: The job once had when purchased the 1st-home has ended and to find work it took my buyer out of state. The time spent in the home became less and less. Sometimes weeks at a time went by before they could get back down here and in the end, a home sitting empty with a mortgage while they're paying for lodging out of state did not work too well. Yes, they could have rented it out, but they purchased the home during the recession so got a really great price. Therefore the equity gained in 5 years' time was so good, they sold and made a really nice profit. That made it possible for them to invest in starting their own business and position to plant roots and own again.

One thing that all 3 of these homeowners turned home sellers had in common is that ALL said they would purchase and own again. Despite their different life seasons that changed, the one thing that did not is their belief in homeownership. That speaks volume and I'm so happy they were able to 'flip those keys' and move into their next season of life.

In closing, just know that when life change, making adjustments and finding that peace of mind will always be "the right move". Seek the guidance, and go right ahead and move on to your blessed next. It awaits you. Until next time, share this article with at least 3 people. Tell them to reach out to me if they want a Free personalized game plan to purchase their 1st-home in the next 18 mths or less no matter the current finances. Yes, it is possible.

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October Medication Disposal Event Features 19 locations in six counties

WILMINGTON, N.C. – To encourage the proper disposal of unwanted medications, New Hanover Regional Medical Center is partnering with regional healthcare, law enforcement and other organizations to hold a medication disposal event in six counties.

Nineteen locations in New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender, Columbus, Bladen and Duplin counties are scheduled to participate in the medication disposal event on Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Medications can be prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins or herbal. Syringes and other sharps will be accepted. Below is a list of locations by county:

New Hanover County
•NHRMC Medical Mall,
2243 S. 17th St., Wilmington
•NHRMC ExpressCare,
510 Carolina Bay Drive, Wilmington
•NHRMC Atlantic SurgiCenter,
9104 Market St., Wilmington
•Carolina Beach Police Department,
1121 N. Lake Park Blvd., Carolina Beach
•New Hanover County Senior
•Resource Center,
2222 S. College Rd., Wilmington
•UNCW Police Department,
5126 Lionfish Drive, Wilmington
•New Hanover Medical Group – Myrtle Grove, 5145 S. College Road, Wilmington
•MedNorth Health Center, 925 N. Fourth St., Wilmington
•State Employees' Credit Union,
2721 Northcase Parkway SE, Wilmington

Brunswick County
•NHRMC Brunswick Forest,
1333 S. Dickinson Dr., Leland
•Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center,
240 Hospital Dr. NE, Bolivia

Pender County
•Pender Memorial Hospital,
507 E. Freemont St., Burgaw
•Island Family Medicine, 2540 N.C. 210 East, Surf City
•Village Pharmacy of Hampstead, Inc.,
14057 US-17 #100, Hampstead
•Black River Medical Center,
4811 N.C. 50, Maple Hill

Columbus County
•Columbus Regional Healthcare System,
500 Jefferson St., Whiteville

Bladen County
•Anderson Drug Store,
206 South Poplar St., Elizabethtown
•Clarkton Drug,
80 East Green St., Clarkton

Duplin County
•Vidant Duplin Hospital, 401 N. Main, St., Kenansville

For those who cannot attend the event, permanent drop boxes are available in many locations in Southeastern NC for residents to safely dispose of unwanted medications. No needles or biohazard materials are accepted in the drop boxes. To find a location, visit https://www.nhrmc.org/medication-disposal.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA H. ROSS
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Our meeting was opened with our choir singing, " I am thine O Lord." Prayer was given by Marie Stitt. We thank you for such a beautiful prayer. We then sang, "What a friend we have in Jesus." Thank you for such warm and uplifting devotions.

The speaker for the day was Hilda Jacobs. Her subject was The Storm. Just like Mother Earth we have our own personal storms. We all at some time or another have encountered our own unique personal storm. When the winds of life shift from the normal to the what now. Storms can shake our very foundation. As the winds blow you pray. Thank you Lord for loving me. Thank you for forgiving me for all I have done against you and your will. Thank you for how you carried me when I thought I knew you but you were just an acquaintance to me. Thank you Lord for allowing me to have an intimate relationship with you. I know if you bring me to a storm, that you truly will carry me through the storm. Thank you so much for the lesson today.

Minutes were given by our secretary Mildred Ellerby. Remarks and announcements were given. Please judge yourself accordingly. Smiles were given by Mary Martin. Thank you for the laughter. Laughter is truly good for the soul. "Bind us Together" was sung and the meeting was adjourned. There were 50 members present.

TELL SOMEBODY

"If the Blind Lead the Blind"

"And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? Shall not they both fall into the ditch?" Luke 6:39

Blind - Being without sight

Sylvia Hooper

How do you know if you are following good leadership? We must be able to hear, and obey God's voice when choosing leadership . Proverbs 3:5,6 tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not to our own understanding. In all our ways to acknowledge him, and he shall direct our path." The choices we make in determining leadership reflect who we are, because we trust them enough to make decisions for us and our families . (Ephesians 5:1-20)

Matthew 7:15-20 says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Following leadership is very important within the Body of Christ. The bible tells us to esteem our leaders highly, and to give honor to whom honor is due. For consciousness sake, we should believe that our leaders are also followers of Christ. When they preach or teach the scriptures to us, we should be following along with our own bibles wide open to confirm God's truths.

Our Christian leaders should also be living holy. How can they lead us to victory, if they are struggling with sin? We should also set high standards when choosing those to lead us politically. . Apostle Paul was a great leader and wrote quite a bit of the New Testament, yet he humbly stated. "Follow me as I follow Christ."

The greatest leader this world has ever known, is in the person of Jesus Christ. He was and still is a perfect role model for leadership. In Matthew 4:19, he said to Peter and Andrew , " Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

1. Jesus was fully focused on them individually.
2. He knew the plans he had for their future
3. He recognized their potential
4. He was committed to their success, and willing to prepare them for the next level in life.
5. He loved them unconditionally

If a political leader begins to deviate away from the truth, maybe it is time to relieve him of his office. If a Christian leader begins to deviate away from the Word of God, we must remember to follow the Word of God which also agrees with the Holy Spirit! We should pray for those in leadership and hold God's Word higher than any man's opinion !!!

A good Christian leader is willing to model what their ministry teaches. A good leader sets the example, and is always seeking what is best for his/her followers.

A good Christian leader may use other sources of information or inspiration, but remains true to Holy scripture. His life is fruitful and he is concerned about the souls of his followers. He preaches good tidings to the meek, he binds up the brokenhearted, and proclaims liberty to those held captive by the enemy.

On the contrary, a leader who is blind, will seek to influence you more than Christ himself. Your life will be unfruitful and non productive if you are following someone who is spiritually blind. A blind man cannot help but stumble. Everyone who follows a blind man will likewise stumble and fall into the same ditch as the blind leader ! "Where there is no vision, the people perish, so choose your leaders wisely! You will have to live with the consequences of the choices that are made by your leaders. Remember, what happens when the blind lead the blind……

Prayer: Father open our eyes to see what you want us to see when it comes to choosing our leaders politically and spiritually. Give us wisdom in Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Tell Somebody!!!

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

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Thinking about getting a flu shot? Now's the time

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As summer becomes a faint memory for most of us, winter is just around the corner. This year's Farmer's Almanac has a sobering forecast for winter 2019-2020: "Get ready for shivers, snowflakes, and slush! Big chills and strong storms will bring heavy rain and sleet, not to mention piles of snow!"

What this means for us all is that we should start preparing for the cold and flu season.

Even though you can get a cold anytime of the year, they do seem to be more prevalent in the winter. While it is not possible to actually prevent getting a cold, the CDC says that you can reduce your risk by washing your hands often, not touching your face with unwashed hands, and staying away from people who are sick with a cold.

The flu (influenza) on the other hand is a different story. The CDC offers that the best strategy for preventing, or reducing, your risk of getting the flu is to get a flu vaccination.

Now comes the big controversy.

Few things in medicine and healthcare have generated more controversy, divisiveness, or outright fear, than the topic of vaccines…of any kind.

We all know of either from personal experience, or through the experience of family and friends, about the gut-wrenching decisions around whether or not to give a child his/her scheduled vaccinations. We know that childhood infectious diseases that once plagued us, have all been eradicated, until recently, where we saw a rise in measles and whooping coughs in areas of the country where parents were more aggressively exercising exemptions based on religious or philosophical beliefs.

Glenn Ellis

The debate carries over into the HPV vaccine with its' defenders and critics. This vaccine was initially designed to prevent girls from ovarian cancer. However, after much public uproar, boys were included, since the virus that causes this cancer must be transmitted from boys to girls.

Enough about that, on to the flu, and the flu vaccine. Much of what I'll share with you in this column is designed to provide more complete, factual information in order for you to make an informed decision for yourself or your family.

Let's make sure we're all on the same page about what the flu is, and why it's a threat to your health.

The flu is a virus (not bacteria!) that spreads mostly from person to person, and typically around the fall through spring months. There are various types, including Influenza A, B, and C, as well as Swine and Avian Flu.

The type of flu varies by the specific protein that is a part of the "coat" that a virus wears. This gets real complicated by the fact that each year, the flu that is prepared to hit us differs from year to year.

So, how do we deal with that? Well, the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Influenza Surveillance Network coordinates with scientists from around the world and come up with a statistical guesstimate of the most probable flu virus to hit in the upcoming flu season. Voila, the vaccine is produced based on this process each year, since the virus change and evolve from year to year.

The flu virus for the season usually hits our part of the world in Fall and Winter, so the official flu season is generally from October through April.

Now, here's the stuff you need to know so that your decision about whether or not to get the flu vaccine is an informed decision, not one based on myths, fear, or mistrust:

Since the season typically begins in October, and the vaccine takes 2-4 weeks to take effect once you get it, October is the time to do it, if you've decided to get one this year. The 2-4-week window before the vaccine starts to work is the reason people say, "I got the flu shot last year and \got the flu any way". These folks were infected befor the vaccine took effect.

For some of the real skeptics among us, let me be clear, getting the flu vaccine is not going to guarantee that you won't get the flu. In fact, the data from the CDC shows that on any given year, the flu vaccine is 40-60% effective in preventing the flu. I know that almost like saying, 'Hey, Glenn, there's a 50/50 chance that I'll get the flu whether I get the vaccine or not". I say, not so fast…there's more than your own health to think about.

Whether the vaccine matches the dominant strains of flu well or not so well, it's way better than nothing. Not only that, some of work around or live with people with compromised immune systems, and us getting vaccinated helps to protect their delicate health condition. Also, even getting the flu after getting the vaccine results in a lesser severity of flu symptoms, and in many cases even a shorter duration of having the flu.

For the 2017-2018 flu season, the C.D.C. estimated that more than 56,000 Americans would die. Officials later calculated that 79,000 had - which, the agency noted, is more people than usually fill a Super Bowl stadium. So getting the flu is truly a potentially deadly situation.

The flu vaccine lasts about six months, the approximate length of the flu season. Getting it during the month of October offers you the greatest protection.

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. It is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice. Glenn Ellis, is Research Bioethics Fellow at Harvard Medical School and author of Which Doctor?, and Information is the Best Medicine. Ellis is an active media contributor on Health Equity and Medical Ethics. For more good health information visit: www.glennellis.com.

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Everlena Mitchell

Everlena Mitchell died October 4, 2019. Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Everlena was born on October 24, 1935. She was preceded in death by her son, John Rush, Jr.; her mother, Ella M. Spearman (Tommy, Sr.) and her estranged biological father, Alexander Sumpter; one sister, Loretta Nesmith (Fermon, Sr.) and two grandchildren, Anthony and Latrika Rush. Affectionately called "Nena" or "Ma", Everlena was educated in the Pender County Public School System, graduating in June of 1954. She re-located to Wilmington to care for her ill mother. Everlena joined Union Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Sutton in 1967. Everlena was employed for 40 years combining her service with Community Hospital and New Hanover Regional Medical Center. She served as an Instrument Technician in operating rooms and trained many co-workers.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: one son, Bernard Rush; three daughters, Barbara Greene; Sandra Brown and Debbie Rush (Leonard) all of Wilmington, NC; two adopted daughters, Tawanna Terry and Linda Miller of the city; two brothers, Sgt. Robert Sumpter, Sr. (Sadie) of the home and Tommie Spearman, Jr. (Carol) of Toms River, NJ; 13 grandchildren, Deshana Holmes, Jamard Bowen (Jessica), Dyron Rush, Brenden Rush, Ronesha Green, Lonarda Peters, Johquaya Rush, Kavon Rush, Diresha Rush, Shantria Rush, Dykira Curry and Dymia Curry all of the city and Latoi Scott (Mark) of Atlanta, GA; 12 great-grandchildren, Javion, Ashaun, Jakira, Jayonna, Jaquan, Triston, Jasmine all of the city, Makalya of Atlanta, GA, Jaziah of Greensboro, NC, Karee and Amenia of Charlotte, NC and Kenny of Greenville, NC; a special niece, Ella Highsmith of Jacksonville, FL; a special nephew, Juan Sumpter of the city; an adopted nephew, Bernard Webb and adopted niece, Lashaunna Gayle (Bryon) and many more nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. She had a special relationship with the NHRMC Staff, the old operating room staff, the NHRMC Health Care Team, the Staff at DaVita Dialysis and her friend, Dr. GG McDonald and Staff and the residents of Glover Plaza. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Theodore Cornelius Pierce

Theodore Cornelius Pierce died October 6, 2019. Funeral services were held on Friday, October 11, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Pollock Cemetery.

Theodore, son of James Pierce and the late Juanita Nixon-Pierce, was born on May 31, 1968, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Theodore grew up in the Scotts Hill Community where he was affectionately known as "Most Chill". As a young child he faithfully attended Old Scotts Hill AME Church. Theodore was educated in the New Hanover County School System. Theodore gained employment with the International Longshoremen Association, Local 1426. He enjoyed working on the water front and talking with co-workers. Theodore would continue to ride to the Hall and receive the work orders on his phone each day, as if he was still working. Theodore was united in marriage on May 31, 1997 to Doris Simpson and they remained together until his passing. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by: brothers, James Thomas Pierce, Jr. and Berdo Pierce; grandmothers, Thelma Nixon and Nancy Williams Pierce; grandfathers, Henry Nixon, Sr. and Columbus Pierce; uncles, Andrew Simmons, Robert Simmons (Florence), James Nixon, Henry Nixon and Theodore Pierce; aunt, Mary Jane and nephew, Delvin McIntyre.

Surviving to cherish his memory are: wife, Doris-Pierce; his children, Crystal Simpson, NyEsha Simpson, Theodore Piece, Jr., Brianne Grear and Siriyah Stukes; father, James I. Pierce; sisters, Thelma McIntyre (Fredrick), Sylvia Williams, Darlene Fulton (Julian), Cassandra Pierce and Nancy Pierce, all of the city; sisters-in-law, Christy Pierce, Dentral Rhodes, Sandra Simpson, Brenda Simpson (LeVern) and Rosazyn Miles (Rev. Shelton) all of Wilmington, NC; brothers-in-law, Harry Simpson (Tameka), Bernard Simpson and Ronald Batts all of Wilmington, NC; mother-in-law, Ernestine Simpson; uncles, Andrew Simmons, Robert Simmons (Florence). James Nixon, aunts, Mary McIntyre, Wilhelmina Nixon, Wilhelmina Bell, Lizzie Nixon and Barbara Bragg, all of Wilmington, NC; and Rose Simon of New York; uncles, Robert Pierce (Francine), and Alvin Nixon (Margaret), a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friends, Reginald Brown, Dennis Nixon, Warrick Spicer, John Nixon, Roy Feaster, Tommy Jones, James Nixon and Tyese Joye. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Delorese Grady Powell

Delorese Grady Powell died October 8, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Wrightsboro United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Grady Cemetery.

Delorese was born in Wilmington, NC to the late John and Celia Grady. She spent her early childhood in the Rock Hill and Blue Clay Communities, before moving to Wilmington, NC where she attended Williston Senior High School. Delorese later moved to Louisville, KY before eventually relocating to Elizabeth, NJ. In 1973, Delorese found her way home to Wilmington, where she initially worked on the assembly line at Goulds, before ultimately settling into a 28 year career with Cape Fear Hospital. She retired from the hospital on August 19, 2019. Delorese was a faithful and dedicated member of St. John AME Church where she sered on the Stewardess Board and was a member of the Missionary Society. Delorese loved reading books and watching the Hallmark Channel and Western Movies. Delorese was the mother of 10 children, eight boys and two girls. Her life touched and impacted so many people and she will truly be missed. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, John Jr. and Gerald.

She is survived by 8 sons, Michelle, Anthony (Ruth), Eric (Sharea), Kevin (Janice), Ellis, Mark (Sheila), Ulysses (Cherri), Jason; two daughters, Sloane (Douglass) and Vickie (Roderick); 21 grandchildren; a host of great and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lucretia and Annette; and a best friend, Angela Bellamy. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Celia Greene

Celia Greene died October 4, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Old Scotts Hill AME Church. Burial followed in the Pollock Cemetery.

Celia Marie Greene, was born October 23, 1940 in New Hanover County to the late George Albert Mattock and Irene G. Nixon. She was raised in the Scotts Hill Community and with her family attended Old Scotts Hill AME Church. On Friday, October 4, 2019, she heard the call and gently departed at home in the arms of her family after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Thomas B. Nixon. Celia was educated in the public schools of New Hanover County. She graduated in 1959 from Williston Senior High. After graduation, she moved to Baltimore, Maryland with her father and made her home there until her demise. Celia received an Associate's Degree in Culinary Services in 1975 from Community College of Baltimore. She was a long-time employee at Holly Hill Manor as a Dietary Manager, retiring after over 30 years of service. Celia joined Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Baltimore, Maryland in 1976 and was a faithful servant until her health would no longer allow. She loved the Lord and her church serving as a member of the Culinary Committee, the Altar Guild and United Methodist Women. Celia became the matriarch of the family after the death of her beloved mother, Irene. She loved her family unconditionally and supported them physically and spiritually. She never married nor had children, but was richly blessed with an abundance of siblings, nieces and nephews that were very dear to her heart. Celia loved her extended family and friends, church family, eating fish and watching soap operas.

Celia leaves to cherish her memory: her siblings, Johnnie Greene, Lawrence, MA; Lewis Chester Greene (Mary), Lynn Greene, Roxanna Nixon, Glenn Nixon (Rosemary), Edwin Nixon, all of Wilmington, NC; Ronnie Nixon, Hammond, LA; Michelle Nixon-Corbett (Myles), Baltimore, MD, and Lisa Nixon Joles (Baron), Fredericksburg, VA; sister-in-law Lori Ann Nixon, Burgaw, NC. She was special to her nieces and nephews Melinda Greene, Stacy Greene and Brandon Corbett along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives; lifelong friend Margaret Robinson and other friends too numerous to name that were dear to her. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Willie Griffin

Willie Griffin died October 13, 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.*

Thelma Smith

Thelma Smith died October 14, 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.*

Ada M. Joyner

Ada M. Joyner, age 92, of Southport, passed away Tuesday, October 1, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Joyner's life was held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at First Baptist Church. Interment followed in Cape Fear Memorial Park.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her children, LaVerna Hargrove, Barbara Scott (Abraham) and Gloria Joyner all of Southport; siblings, Albert Cowan (Desiree) of Morehead City, Wynona Dowell of Jacksonville and Charlene Wall (Andrew) of Havelock, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Martha S. Young

Minister Martha S. Young, age 91, of Leland, passed away Monday, October 7, 2019. A celebration of Minister Young's life was held on Friday, October 11, 2019 at Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 237 Snowfield Rd. SE, Leland, NC 28451. Interment followed in Hall Family Cemetery.

Martha S. Young, daughter of the late Fred and Arthalia Simpson was born October 10, 1927, in Bladen County. On Monday, God in His infinite wisdom called Martha to her eternal home at her residence. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Edward Young; a daughter, Alice Young Dunbar; two sons, David Young, and Thomas Young; two step-sons, Lorenza Bryant and Edward Young Jr. She was also preceded in death by her five sisters and two brothers.

Minister Young was a kind, loving mother and friend. She accepted Christ as her Savior, counting it an honor to preach the word of God to a dying world. She loved her church and thought it not robbery to be a faithful worker. She was a member of the Usher Department, Choir, Sunday School Teacher, and assistant finance secretary.

Surviving to cherish her loving memories are: two daughters, Gloria McNair and Martha A. Young, of Leland, NC, (daughter) Erma Bryan (Clinton) of Jacksonville, FL; two sons, Larry Young (Ella), Leland, NC and John H. Young of Paterson, NJ; one step-son, William Hobbs (Schula) of Prospect, CT.; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; buddies, Rose Bryant and Sarah A. Bryant; (special sister and friend gone but not forgotten, Bertha Scott), 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.*

Franzwai Charles Jones

Franzwai Charles Jones departed this life on Friday September 13th, 2019 at 2:30 PM while in Shenzhen, China. Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

He was the son of Annie Louise Jones Heyer and Charles Edward Kee. He was born on July 18th, 1984 in Wilmington, NC where he was raised by his mother Annie Louise Jones Heyer and his step-father Perry Heyer.

Franzwai attended grade school in Wilmington, NC and Rocky Point, NC until he moved to Virginia to live with his older brother Lawrence. It was there, in Norfolk Virginia, that he graduated high school in June 2002.

It was at an early age that Franzwai fell in love with music. He began rapping at the age of 5 while at a talent show with his older brother Lawrence by his side. Franzwai's love for music continued throughout his life and he began writing and producing music for himself and other artists. He was known to many as "Fioso" or "Selah". Franzwai worked his way to become an entrepreneur while also becoming a producer, musician, and designer engineer. To say that he was brilliant was an understatement.

Franzwai also loved to travel for business and pleasure. It was while traveling to China that he met the love of his life, Gabrielle. Once they met the two of them were inseparable. They could often be found riding their Nine-Bots together or just cruising around in their car. If you found one of them you would always find the other not too far behind. They share a love that is true, pure and transcends time. They married in November 2017 in Charlotte, NC.

Franzwai was a loving husband, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He always wore a huge smile on his face that was an expression of his angelic soul. Franzwai was extremely knowledgeable beyond his years. He would often have intelligent and thought provoking conversations with his loved ones and friends. He loved talking business and had so many dreams and aspirations.

His passing has brought so much sorrow to our hearts. We have found comfort in knowing that our Heavenly Father knows best, even when it is so difficult to accept. He will be deeply missed by all of us. So, I say to my son, "Franzwai ", God's Angel, spread your wings and fly until we meet again in God's Heavenly sky. We love you so much, but God loves you more."

He leaves to cherish fond memories his wife, Gabrielle Jones; mother, Annie Louise Jones Heyer; father, Charles Edward Kee; sister, Beyonce Rosetta Kee; brothers, Brian Deon Jones (Darla) Lawrence Montea Jones (Michelle) and Damone Myers (Caressa); step-sister, Fatima Sidberry; step-brothers, Perry Heyer, Jr. (Demetria), Reginald McLaughian and Darrel Green (Treby) and a host of other relatives and devoted friends and family. *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.*

Jacqueline M. Hansard

Jacqueline Marie Hansard age 88, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, September 26, 2019. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, October 4, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home.

Jacqueline was born at St Joseph's Hospital in Cedarhurst, Long Island to the late Jack Joyner and Mary Cannon Joyner. Her siblings were Leonard Jackson, Ellsworth and Frances, the younger two dying during infancy. Jacqueline loved the companionship of her older brother Leonard as she trailed behind him. She engaged herself in activities that labeled her as a "tomboy" including climbing trees as a young girl. Jacqueline also enjoyed the role of being a big sister and nurturer to her cousin, Mary Cannon, seven years her junior. Jacqueline would become tickled as she relayed stories about her brother's protectiveness through different stages of her life, especially when she was of dating age. Their close relationship continued throughout her life until his passing.

Jacqueline's grandmother, Mary Hargrove Cannon, also known as "Momma" was born in 1874 and for many years lived with the family providing her grandchildren a never-ending amount of love, comfort and quality time. Momma shared stories with Jacqueline about her mother, Jacqueline's great-grandmother, Harriet Mertz born in 1840 as a slave. Threads from these memorable stories about the importance of family and education provided the foundation for Jacqueline during her formative years and guided her throughout her life.

At the age of ten, Jacqueline moved to Harlem after the passing of her father. Once settled, her mother met and married Peris Fernando who was a loving stepfather throughout his lifetime. Even though Jacqueline's mother was a college graduate, Jacqueline's interests lied elsewhere. The lure of the business world and being a secretary guided her to Central Commercial High School in New York City where she graduated in 1948.

Friends introduced Jacqueline to Thomas Cornelius Hansard in 1949. They married May 25, 1950 in St

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In Loving Memory Of

Johnnie Fostine Burnett
Sunrise: May 13, 1956
Sunset: October 17, 2004

Thinking Of You

This morning when
I wakened and saw the sun
above, I softly said,
"Good Morning, Lord,
-Bless everyone I love!
Right away I thought of you
And said a loving prayer
That he would bless you
specially
And keep you free from
care!
I thought of all the
happiness
A day could hold in store;
I wished it all for you
because
No one deserves it more!
I felt so warm and good
inside
My heart was all aglow-
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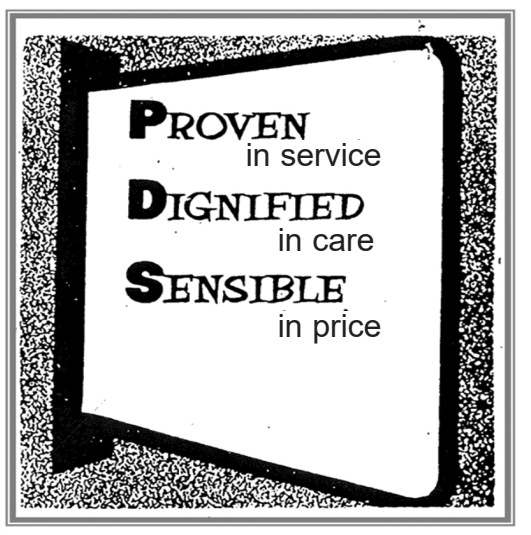

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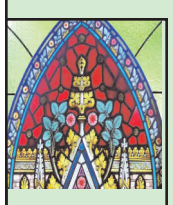
Chestnut Street Presbytrian Church will celebrate it's 153rd anniversary on Sunday, October 27th during the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Rev. Sean Palmer. The publis is cordially invited and dinner will be served after the service.



Religious Briefs

Chords Across America Gospel Ministries, 1020 Rankin St., will hold evening services on Sunday, October 20th at 4:00 p.m. The service will be hosted by Deacon Jerome McClendon and the church family of Union Missionary Baptist Church. The theme for the service is "Dealing with the seven churches." For additional information contact Pastor Ronetta W. Davis at 910-264-7028.

First Baptist Missionary Church 520 North 5th Avenue, Wilmington, NC Fall Festival will be held on Friday October 25, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:3 0p.m. Trick O' Trunk, games, prizes. All are welcome. First Baptist Missionary Church Presents: Sacred Organ Music. Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 6:00p.m. Musical Guests include; Bro. Mychael Robinson, Rev. Vickie Walker, Bro. Keon Harrison, Sis. Fannie Watson, Bro. Herbert Temoney, Sis. Roberta Milhouse Mayo Proceeds benefit then Youth Scholarship Fund.

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 South 10th St., will hold a fish and Grits Brakfast on Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

St. Stephen AME Church will celebrate the community service of Deborah Dicks Maxwell on Saturday, November 9th at 1:00 p.m. Contact Florence Warren at 910-520-0432 or Magdalene Johnson at 910-799-2825 for more information.

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Augustine Presbyterian Church in the Bronx. Thomas, also known as Tommy or Red, was the love of Jacqueline's life for forty years until his passing in October 1990. Their union brought forth two children, daughter, Stephanie Marie and son, Thomas Cornelius, Junior. During the early years of motherhood, Jacqueline worked as a secretary in her husband's business, "Hansard and Duncan Real Estate Company", located in the Bronx. This provided the opportunity for Jacqueline to have the best of both worlds - her children close at hand, while supporting her husband's business.

Active in the PTA of Stephanie and Tommy Jr.'s elementary school CES 63 in the Bronx, Jacqueline was approached about becoming a school secretary and she accepted. Jacqueline then enrolled in classes at Bronx Community College for two years. With a love for learning, she continued taking courses at the College of New Rochelle and New York University at night while juggling being a full-time mom and maintaining a full-time job.

Upon becoming "empty-nesters", Jacqueline enjoyed traveling the world with her husband to various countries throughout Europe and Asia. Discovering beautiful areas within the United States also brought many happy memories to this couple.

Once Thomas Sr. passed in 1990 and Jacqueline retired after twenty-five years with the NYC Board of Education in 1991, she pursued a lifelong interest in holistic medicine becoming a licensed Massage Therapist. Jacqueline went back to school and attained a degree from the Swedish Institute: Manhattan NYC Healthcare Training School. Upon completion of her training, Jacqueline's entrepreneurial spirit was tapped as she launched "Therapeutic Touch - Health thru Massage Service". Her practice offered Swedish, Medical, Sports and Pre-Natal Massages; Craniosacral-Visceral Balancing; Manual Lymphatic Drainage and Auriculotherapy. Jacqueline's practice blossomed wherein she coupled her years as a yoga instructor and massage therapist to not only comfort clients, but educate them about their bodies and the importance of embracing a healthy lifestyle. Jacqueline practiced for twenty years until at eighty-two she retired yet again.

As time passed, Jacqueline met the second love of her life David Braswell. Their relationship blossomed as they enjoyed special times together for nearly twenty years. They enjoyed listening to jazz, dining out, watching-sports events and attending family gatherings until his death in March 2016. Shortly after David's passing, Jacqueline acted upon her children's request to move closer. July of 2016 Jacqueline left her beloved New York City and headed to Wilmington, North Carolina where she moved into the Cambridge Village Community.

Having been an avid bridge player for many years participating within several groups and in numerous tournaments, Jacqueline quickly developed new friendships playing bridge in her new community. She also enjoyed attending yoga classes, working out in the gym, attending outings to the theater and numerous other activities that were available. Jacqueline's life was full of vigor and allowed her to play her final bridge game only one week before her passing.

Jacqueline accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and loved hearing the word of God every Sunday morning. She equally enjoyed the teachings and fellowship of her weekly bible studies at Cambridge Village fostering continuous spiritual growth.

Jacqueline is survived by her daughter, Stephanie and husband Michael of Southport, NC; her son, Thomas and his wife Paula of Clayton, NC; two loving granddaughters, Kelli Faison and Danyelle Weaver, one loving grandson, Michael Jr., five great-grandchildren, Erin, Vincent, Brandon, Dylan and Kasey Jacqueline named for her "GG" along with a host of nieces, nephews 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.*

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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NOVEMBER 23rd
THANKSGIVING DINNER
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Contact Margie Armstrong at 910-675-9260
Sandra Spool 910-763-9442
Church office 910-763-3858
For futher information

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

"Resources and needs"

BY DORIS ALMOCTOR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The meeting began at 10:00am. Mrs. Taylor announced that Mr. Hill is not well and asked for prayers. Margie Robinson began singing, "My God is real". Minister McGlenn led prayer this morning. Then we sang, "I will trust in the Lord".

Ms. Jennings introduced our speaker, Ms. Jeanette Age, a retired social worker. She presented resources that are available to seniors at the YWCA. She has started a program: Building Dreams for school children. Ms. Age stated that the schools are in need of volunteers. Freeman and Snipes are especially in need. Ms. Age encouraged everyone to attend city council meetings. Ms. Age quoted Mrs. McGlenn's prayer, " We are not well; but yet we are here."

Our new member Mr. Walter Hinds introduced himself. Ms. Audrey Hinds also joined our fellowship. Our secretary's report, minutes from last week's meeting, was given by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Sparrow. Shelia Ross and Patricia Nixon distributed the by-laws. Our callers tally was as follows: Janice Gordon 8, Sadie Bunting 7, Doris Almoctor 6, Mr. Hill 6, Wilhelmina Love 6, Gladys Taylor 8. Mrs. Taylor asked everyone to give Mr. Hill a call. Mrs. Haskins talked about the gospel concert at The Ebenezer Empowerment Center. Mrs. Cherry Pearson announced that she has voter guides for those who would like one. November 12th is the deadline for the Sensations celebration. Mrs. Mary Martin gave her "smiles."

TELL SOMEBODY

"Love never fails"

"Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." I Corinthians 13:8

Fail - To fall short of success or achievement in something Expected, attempted, or desired

Failure is not an option when it comes to having and holding on to the Love of God in the process of doing the Lord's work. Every child of God must have this character trait operating in order to be recognized as one of Christ's disciples. To operate spiritually with the gifts of God without the Love of God is misleading, unfortunate, and confusing. Love never fails.

"Forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, earnestly seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church."… and follow after charity.(love)

Love never fails. People fail. Marriages fail. Kingdoms fail and nations fall. Love never fails. Many people covet to have the gifts of God, but do not understand the responsibility to exercise the gifts in a spirit of excellence and with a spirit of love, ultimately for the edification of the church. Love never fails.

The gift of prophecy is very important to The Body of Christ, but it can fall short of God's fully intended purpose, if not exercised using the basic ingredient of love. "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity (love), I am nothing. Love never fails.

Sylvia Hooper

The gift of speaking in tongues, should be exercised decently and in order. We should not forbid speaking in tongues. Neither can the preeminence of love be minimized. I Corinthians 13:1 says, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." I Corinthians 14:2 , "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." I Cor. 14:4, " He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church."

I Cor. 14:19, "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." (Read I Corinthians 12, 13, 14 in entirety) Love never fails.

I John 4: 7- 11, Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

John 3:16, " For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

My dear brother or my dear sister, I am sure that someone has failed you along life's narrow way. It may have been your mother, father, sister or your brother. It may have been the preacher or the teacher who failed right before your eyes, when they should have known better. Please do not turn away from God because man has failed you. Scripture warns us, of this very problem. Psalm 118:8, says, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Matthew 24:4, "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you."

In spite of what man or woman has failed you, Jesus Never Fails. God never fails. LOVE NEVER FAILS! It is time to return to the Lord! 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

The destruction of the Black family is the destruction of the Black community

The satanic, holocaust, and genocide of Blacks through the inhumane killing of black babies in the womb of its mother which supposedly the most safe haven for the development and growth of the unborn child (19,000,000 black babies) has been aborted in this country since 1973. "Holocaust is defined as destruction or slaughter on a mass scale; genocide is defined as the deliberate killing of a large group of people (babies), especially those of a particular ethnic group. Further, inhumane is defined as without compassion for misery or suffering; cruel" and Satanic means, of or characteristic of Satan, connected with Satanism or extremely evil or wicked. Jesus describes the devil as a thief in John 10:10a (KJV) the thief cometh not, but for to steal, and kill, and destroy (so this is of the devil disguised as women's rights).

(Huffpost): "African American males are being attacked from every direction in America. If the police aren't killing them, then they are killing each other. In a 35 year time frame, over 324,000 African American people were killed by their own race. This is one of the most serious challenges for this community. The numbers are unacceptable and more work needs to be done to address this crisis." Black on black homicide is of the devil. "John 8:44a, Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning."

My question is where are the voices of the Black leadership in Washington, DC or the largest civil rights organization in the country, where are the voices of the churches? The Black community needs to lift up their voices as one and cry loud and spare not. We must address the issue of killing of the unborn first because if life has no value in the womb then it has no value in the street of our cities. The structure of the Black family has been destroyed and it is estimated that 74% of all babies that are born are without a daddy in the home. What has happened to the family as God has designed it to be? We are disregarding moral values and moral values only comes from the God of the Bible. We are forsaking the principles of the Bible and forsaking the God of the Bible yet thinking we can have a productive community! We can not disregard the Word of God which keeps a society from lapsing into hedonism. The Bible is the vaccine, through the Blood of Jesus, to save us! "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus name. On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand." Jesus is the only Hope for Black America

Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

"Abortion's Devastating Impact Upon Black Americans: Abortion cannot be allowed on economic, social, or racial grounds—to afford a higher standard of living, for the convenience of uncommitted relationships, or because a minority racial group is involved. Febr. 11, 2019, by Arthur Goldberg

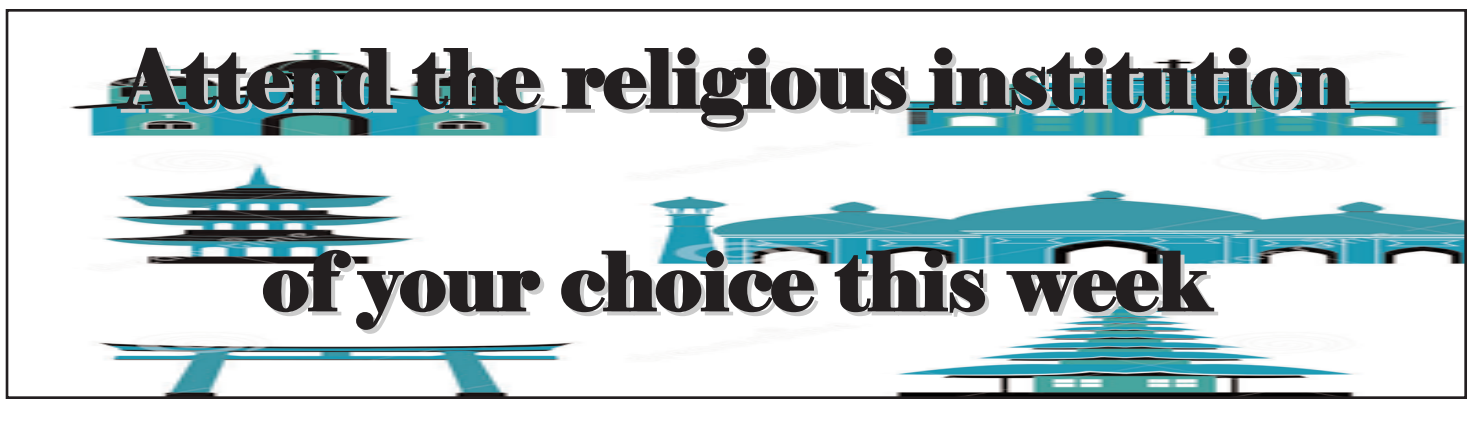
When Stacey Abrams lost her bid for Georgia governor last November, she explained away her loss with the common liberal talking point that racism deprived her fellow African-Americans and other minorities of their fundamental right to vote. Her campaign was largely focused on turning out the minority vote.

In contrast, her silence was deafening concerning a far more potent factor holding down the black vote: namely, the staggering number of abortions in the black community. The inconvenient truth of "black genocide" significantly decreased the potential black population of Georgia over the past fifty years. According to recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) statistics, while African-Americans constitute 32.2 percent of Georgia's population, 62.4 percent of abortions in Georgia are performed on African-American women. By contrast, whites constitute 60.8 percent of the Georgia population, but only 24.7 percent of abortions were performed on white women. Even pro-abortion groups like the Guttmacher Institute admit that "black women are more than 5 times as likely as white women to have an abortion. These abortion numbers have curtailed population increases in the African-American community. Michael Novak calculated in 2002 that without the incidence of abortion, the African-American population would show at least a 36-percent increase. Even this number does not take into account the number of children who may have been born to those who were aborted".

"In its endorsement of Abrams, Planned Parenthood referred to her as an "unwavering champion for reproductive health and rights." In proudly accepting their endorsement, Ms. Abrams emphasized that she would "not whisper" her campaign's pro-choice position, proclaiming that abortion would be a "proud and central facet" of her campaign and governance. By aligning herself with Planned Parenthood's agenda, Abrams ignored the warnings of community pastors such as Clenard Childress, Jr., who warned, "If the current trend [of abortions in the black community] continues, by 2038 the black vote will be insignificant." I personally believe within ten years the black vote will be insignificant."

Father, in the name Jesus, help us to see through the lens of the Bible what we need to do. Amen.

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



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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Berton N. Wright (19-E-1205),** late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **January 1, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of September, 2019

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

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **William O. Allen (19-E-1183),** late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **January 1, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of October, 2019

Madelene M. Vargas Pallamary, Executor
of the Estate William O. Allen
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Evelyn T. Johnston,** 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 **10th day of January, 2020,** 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 10th day of October, 2019

Sherri Tabor Anderson, Executrix
5716 Dekkar Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Jerome Joseph Bohonicky,** deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **17th day of January, 2020,** 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 17th day of October, 2019

Alisa M. Watson, Administratrix
7431 Powder Keg Court
Wilmington, NC 28411

October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executorix of the estate of **George F. Clark, Jr.,** deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **17th day of January, 2020,** 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 17th day of October, 2019

Linda A. Clark, Executor
114 Springdale Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **William Henry Louick, Jr.,** deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **10th day of January, 2020,** 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 10th day of October, 2019

Janet F. Howard, Administratrix
99 Tarheel Dr.
Havelock, NC 28532

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk
New Hanover County File Number: 19-SP-584

In the Matter of the Estate of Linda Ivor Zimick Racko, deceased (New Hanover County File No.: 17-E-1641)

To: Unknown Heirs of Linda Ivor Zimick Racko, Richard Craig Brown and Judith Fiendel
To: Glee Irene Boland Wahlavist or Unknown Heirs of Glee Irene Boland Wahlavist
To: Charles Roth Brown or Unknown Heirs of Charles Roth Brown
To: Patrick T. O'Brien or Unknowns Heirs of Patrick T. O'Brien
To: David Donald O'Brien or Unknown Heirs of David Donald O'Brien:

Take notice that a special proceeding has been filed in New Hanover County to determine the heirs of Linda Ivor Zimick Racko. Linda Ivor Zimick Racko ("Decedent") died on August 3, 2017 in New Hanover County, North Carolina without leaving a will. The Decedent was widowed and had no children. The Decedent's parents and grandparents predeceased her. The Administrator of the Estate of Linda Ivor Zimick Racko seeks to determine the heirs of the Decedent.

All Unknown Heirs of Linda Ivor Zimick Racko, Richard Craig Brown and Judith Fiendel, Glee Irene Boland Wahlavist or Unknown Heirs of Glee Irene Boland Wahlavist, Charles Roth Brown or Unknown Heirs of Charles Roth Brown, Patrick T. O'Brien or Unknowns Heirs of Patrick T. O'Brien, and David Donald O'Brien or Unknown Heirs of David Donald O'Brien are asked to contact the Administrator of the Estate, Charlotte Noel Fox, 701 Market Street, Wilmington NC 28401.
You are required to file a written response no later than Wednesday, November 13, 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 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 3rd day of October, 2019.

ESTATE OF
LINDA IVOR ZIMICK RACKO
Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator of the
Estate of Linda Ivor Zimick Racko
Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Phone: (910) 815-0085
Fax: (910) 815-1095

October 3, 10, 17, 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 TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Joel O. Terzi,** 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 **10th day of January, 2020,** 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 10th day of October, 2019

Shelia M. Terzi, Administratrix
13034 NC Highway 210
Benson, NC 27504

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 18 JT 155

IN THE MATTER OF:
B.L. (DOB: 02/28/2017)

TO: RESPONDENTS: BRIAN LEONARD, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO ALLYSON MAZZOCCO.

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following October 17, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Jennifer Harjo was previously appointed to represent Kristina Smalls, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR November 5, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 11th day of October, 2019.

Karen F. Richards
Staff Attorney - New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 798-3510

October 17, 24, 31, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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
Wilmington, NC 28411
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2019

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
BEFORE THE CLERK
19-E-1208

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **DONNA CARPENTER IRWIN**, late, of Wilmington, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, with a copy to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **3rd day of January 2020,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of October, 2019.

Roger Watkins, Executor
Estate of Donna Carpenter Irwin
Jeffrey P. Keeter
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
BEFORE THE CLERK
19-E-632

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **EMILY BLANCHARD MATHEWS,** late, of Wilmington, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, with a copy to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **3rd day of January 2020,** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of October, 2019.

Brian A. King, Executor
Estate of Emily Blanchard Mathews
Harrison B. Freedland
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Mary Hall Jones,** deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of January, 2020,** 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 3rd day of October, 2019

Pamela Kerekes Britt, Executrix
1804 Perry Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Frances Ellison**, 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 **1st day of January, 2020,** 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 3rd day of October, 2019

Victoria Mckoy, Admistratrix
406 Kingston Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Joseph Ellison, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of January, 2020,** 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 3rd day of October, 2019

Victoria Mckoy, Admistratrix
406 Kingston Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Joseph Andrew Samara, Jr., (19-E-1173),** late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **January 1, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of September, 2019

Judith Carney Davis, Administrator
of the Estate of Berton N. Wright
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Gerald M. Britt,** 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 **10th day of January, 2020,** 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 10th day of October, 2019

Brandon Britt, Executor
925 Amber Forest Dr.
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

BID REQUEST

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract DA00475 in Washington Co. bidding on 10/30/19. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 10/21/19 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Central.aspx. For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

October 17, 2019

Notice of Sale to Enforce Lien for Unpaid Storage Charges

The name and address of the lienor:

Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc.
801 Paoli Court
Wilmington, N.C. 28409

The name of the person having legal title to the property:

James Lawson
3544 Blue Banks Loop Road N
Leland, NC 28451

Description of the property:

1999 244 COBIA (NC 9665WF; Hull ID: CBA006SCH899; YAMAHA OUTBOARD MOTOR SERIAL NO.: F250TXR 6P2 X 1021006 J

Amount due for which the lien is claimed:

As of 1 October 2019, $3,195.00

Place of the sale:

Steps at the New Hanover County Court House
316 Princess St
Wilmington, NC 28401

Date and hour when the sale is to be held:
10:00 AM
28 October 2019

October 10, 17, 2019

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Inlet Watch Yacht Club, Inc.
801 Paoli Court
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The name of the person having legal title to the property:

Jeremy Harris
5421 Dunmore Road
Wilmington, NC 28409

Description of the property:

1998 WELLCRAFT 264 COSTAL (NC 2072 CW; Hull ID: WELFHAI6G798; 250HP MERCURY OUTBOARD MOTOR)

Amount due for which the lien is claimed:

As of 1 October 2019, $1,368.00

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Mary Emma Campfield,** 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 **10th day of January, 2020,** 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 10th day of October, 2019

Mary Ann Campfield, Executrix
201 Fairford Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2019

NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Lynn W. Pollock,** deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **17th day of January, 2020,** 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 17th day of October, 2019.

Hoke D. Pollock, Executor of the
Estate of Lynn W. Pollock
320 Windchase Lane
Wilmington, NC 28409
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2019

NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Katherine C. Rogers,** deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **17th day of January, 2020,** 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 17th day of October, 2019.

Elizabeth R. Amos, Executrix of the
Estate of Katherine C. Rogers
P.O. Box 1797
Carolina Beach, NC 28428
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 18 JT 180

IN THE MATTER OF:
T.I.S. (DOB: 5/22/2018)

TO: RESPONDENTS: KRISTINA SMALLS, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN DURHAM, DURHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO KRISTINA SMALLS.

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following October 17, 2019, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Jennifer Harjo was previously appointed to represent Kristina Smalls, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **November 5, 2019,** AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 10th day of October, 2019.

Karen F. Richards
Staff Attorney - New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 98-3510

October 17, 24, 31, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2020 ANNUAL PLAN

The **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA** (WHA) is updating our and Annual Plan for FY 2020.

This is a 45 day notice with an opportunity to present public comments regarding 2020 updates to the Annual Plan.

The draft of the proposed 2020 Annual Plan is available for review beginning **Monday, October 18, 2019,** at the WHA website at www.wha.net and at the WHA Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Comments must be made in writing and presented to the main office located at 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, Attn. Kevin Carlson or via email to kcarlson@wha.net no later than 10:00 a.m. December 2, 2019.

A public hearing will be conducted on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room of WHA's Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC. Anyone interested in commenting on the proposed revisions is invited to attend.

- **In addition, the Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA) Annual Plan will be provided for public viewing at the following locations:**

Amp Number	Property Name	Property Addresses
NC001000004	HOUSTON MOORE TERRACE	1601 S. 13th St Wilmington, NC 28401
NC001000005	HILLCREST APARTMENTS	1402 Meares St. Wilmington, NC 28401
NC001000007	SOLOMON TOWERS	15 Castle St. Wilmington, NC 28401
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LEGAL NOTICES

Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)
Administrative Plan Amendment
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

October 16, 2019

The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, NC (WHA) is amending its Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan.

The draft of the proposed revisions for the Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan will be available for public review and comment beginning October 18, 2019 and ending December 1, 2019 on the WHA website www.wha.net and at WHA's Central Office 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. This is a 45-day notice with an opportunity to present public comments regarding this amendment.

Written comments on the proposed revisions must be addressed to:
Wilmington Housing Authority
Attn: Shanetta Moye
HCV Program Administrative Plan Comments
1524 S. 16th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Comments **MUST** be received by 9:00 a.m. on December 2, 2019 or they will not be considered.

A public hearing to receive comments will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Housing Choice Voucher Conference Room of WHA's Central Office, 1524 S. 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Anyone interested in commenting on the proposed revisions is invited to attend.

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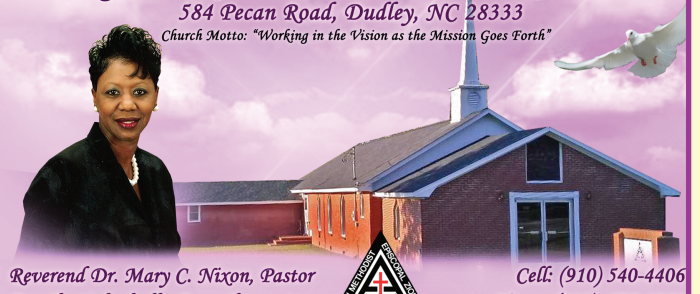

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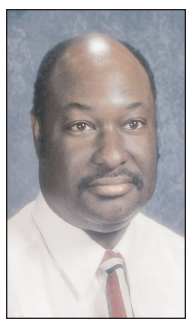

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