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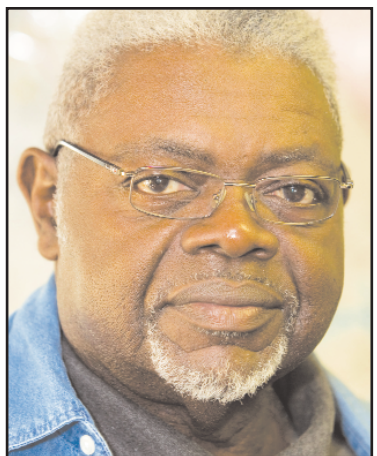
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THE SEASON FOR CARING AND GIVING

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We are now coming down to the holiday season at the end of the year. Let's enter this season with a great deal of care and with our hearts open to the needs of other people. I talked with the Black Caucus here in Brunswick County, and they have plans to do their giveaway as they do every year with Walmart. This will provide a lot of families with a complete meal during the holidays. This is something they have done for several years. Keep your eyes open in The Wilmington Journal for further details. I write this article a little early this year because, with all the things happening around us and to our people, We must try and move to a happier state of mind and depend more on God. He has brought us a long ways in this life.

My family has two dinners planned for the Season. We've included a lot of wild meat with our turkey. So it takes planning

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NC NAACP petitions court to stop Voter ID law before 2020 elections

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The NC NAACP has gone back to federal court in a motion filed November 15, defending its original motion for a preliminary injunction against Senate Bill 824 - AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE.

The goal, to ultimately stop implementation of the law before the March 2020 NC primaries and the November 2020 elections.

In the motion filed against Governor Roy Cooper (but directed

primarily at Republican legislative leaders in the NC General Assembly) in the US District Court for the Middle District, the NC NAACP, headed by Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, called SB824, "the product of racially discriminatory intent by the majority party in the North Carolina General Assembly, which sought to preserve its legislative advantage by deterring Black and Latino voters, who tend to support the other party, from voting...." the motion contends.

"The record further demonstrates that Blacks and Latinos disproportionately lack the photo identification needed to vote under 824 and

that the law therefore imposes additional and unnecessary burdens that both hinder and prevent them from casting ballots," the NC NAACP motion for preliminary injunction continued.

"For these reasons, SB824 violates both the [1965] Voting Rights Act and the [U.S.] Constitution."

The motion counters defendants' arguments for justifying the voter ID law, which was authorized in 2018, when North Carolina voters passed a constitutional amendment requiring that a such a measure be passed.

"Defendants speculate that the

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REV. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN



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WILLISTON ALUMNI COMMUNITY CHOIR

"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN"

The Williston Alumni Community Choir presents Its Annual Christmas Concert

BY RITA TODD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

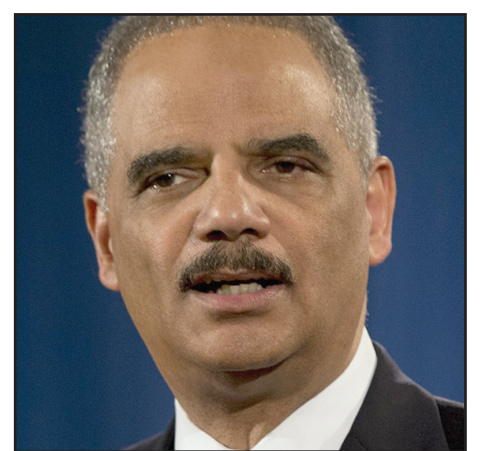
The annual Christmas concert presented by The Williston Alumni Community Choir (WACC) has returned. The concert will be presented on Sunday, December 8, 2019. The return concert is entitled "For unto Us a Child is Born". Due to Hurricane Florence in September 2018 and several members experiencing severe damage to their dwellings and property, the annual 2018 WACC Christmas Concert was canceled. In place of the annual Christmas Concert, a Palm Sunday/Easter performance was held in April of 2019.

Various selections will be performed during the

December 8, 2019 concert. Included are "The Omnipotence", "Silent Night", and "The Newborn King". Under the direction of Cornelius Hamilton, accompanied by his band, "Born is the King" (composed by Mr. Hamilton), "Oh Lord, You're My Everything" and "Joy to the World" will also be rendered.

The Williston High School Glee Club was organized as an alumni group in 1984 as The Williston Alumni Choral Ensemble under the direction of the late B. Constance O'Dell. Participants included alumni members from the graduating classes of 1944 through 1968. Additional members included alumni of the Williston Marching Band and family

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FORMER ATTY. GENERAL ERIC HOLDER



PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

Holder, Obama group join challenge to new North Carolina Congressional map

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

No sooner than both houses of the NC General Assembly last week voted to approve a new remedial Congressional redistricting map at

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As Bill Cosby awaits appeal, support for his release grows

BY STACY M. BROWN, NNPA NEWSWIRE CORRESPONDENT @StacyBrownMedia

More than a year has passed since Bill Cosby began a three-to-10-year sentence at a maximum-security prison near Philadelphia following his

conviction on charges of aggravated indecent assault.

Throughout two trials - the first ending in a hung jury in 2017 and the second in 2018 that result-

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NNPA PHOTO Comedian Bill Cosby was found guilty on all three counts of aggravated indecent assault.

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for our meat and how it is cooked, along with the greens, mustards, collards, and turnips, as we have a very large family. Pass it on, people! Keep the spirit going! To God be the glory!!!

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

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availability of free ID cards and the Reasonable Impediment Declaration ("RID") eliminate the demon-

strable disparate impact that SB824 imposes on Black and Latino voters."

The NC NAACP, however, says that evidence shows that such actions "...would not have any material impact on the disparate numbers of

Black and Latino voters who lack qualifying ID....and critically, add to the burdens minority voters face in casting their ballots, thereby abridging their right to vote in that manner."

"For the reasons set forth

above....," the motion states at its conclusion, "... Plaintiffs request that this Court enter a preliminary injunction against the implementation of the provisions of SB824 that impose voter identification requirements that

expand the number of poll observers and that loosen eligibility requirements for people who can challenge ballots in the March 2020 elections pending the outcome of a trial on the merits of plaintiffs' claims."

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and friends of Williston graduates. This ensemble performed at Kenan Auditorium, Thalian Hall

and Williston Class Reunion events and at the White House in December of 1994.

Ms. Marva M. Robinson is the choir director. Mrs. Monnie Swepson serves as the groups' musician. The WACC sang in October of 2019

with The Wilmington Symphony Orchestra, Cornelius Hamilton and the Company in a "Tribute to Aretha Franklin" at The Wilson Center. Ms. Capathia Jenkins and Mr. Ryan Shaw performed songs such as,

"Respect", "Natural Woman", and "Think".

The December 8th Concert will be held at Union Missionary Baptist Church located at 2711 Princess Place Drive at 5:00 PM. Tickets for this event may be

purchased (using cash only) at Jenkins Barber Shop (420 Red Cross Street), Davis Funeral Home (901 South 5th Street) and The Offices of The Wilmington Journal (412 7th Street). The cost of tickets is \$15.00.

CHALLENGE

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the urging of a three-judge panel, did a national group, led by Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and Former President Barack Obama, jump into the fray, "...supporting a group of individual plaintiffs ...who are challenging the partisan gerrymandering of North Carolina's 2016 congressional map. The suit seeks to establish a new fair map for use in the 2020 elections."

The National Redistricting Foundation is supporting lawsuits against Republican legislatures across the South, including North Carolina, where plaintiffs charge African Americans and Democrats were cheated by extreme partisan gerrymandering, even to the point, in some cases, of violating the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

"The congressional map passed by Republicans in the North Carolina legislature simply replaces one partisan gerrymander with a new one. This new map fails to respond to the court's order by continuing to split communities of interest, packing voters in urban areas, and manipulating the district lines to provide Republicans with an unfair partisan advan-

tage," said Holder.

The 2016 Congressional map, drawn by Republicans, created ten GOP congressional districts and three Democratic districts. They were challenged in Wake

County Superior Court, yielding an order to redraw the maps.

The new maps, approved last week, would now change the configuration to eight Republican districts

and five Democratic districts, if approved by the three-judge panel.

However, the new maps were instantly challenged on Nov. 15, and all parties involved ordered to file

motions for summary judgment then, with arguments scheduled to be heard on December 2, the same day that official filing for the March 2020 primaries are to begin.

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**NC SUPREME COURT DECLINES TO REVIEW NEW STATE MAPS**

[RALEIGH] The NC Supreme Court last week declined to review newly redrawn redistricting maps proposed to govern the 2020

elections, even though plaintiffs charged that at least eight districts are partisan gerrymanders. So now, this maps will be used in state elections in 2020. The three-judge panel that initially ordered a redrawing after finding the original maps to be partisan gerrymanders, approved the new maps, but plaintiffs appealed to the state Supreme Court, which declined to rule. Candidates can now begin filing for

state office as of December 2nd.

**CHATHAM COUNTY CONFEDERATE STATUE TAKEN DOWN**

[PITTSBORO] After standing for 112 years, the controversial bronze Confederate statute in downtown Pittsboro has been removed after weeks of bitter demonstrations, and even confrontations, yielding several arrests. The monument was taken down by work

crews in the middle of the night (early Wednesday morning) when traffic was light. Published reports said about 75 "...onlookers applauded and cheered." A Superior Court judge lifted an injunction allowing county officials to remove the statue.

**SHAW UNIVERSITY MAY SOON BEGIN SELLING OFF PROPERTIES**

[RALEIGH] *The Triangle Business Journal* is report-

ing that Shaw University may soon begin selling off "non-core" properties in downtown Raleigh in order to raise more much-needed revenues to avert another "financial crisis" and "survive, stabilize and thrive." A special panel of experts from the Urban Land Institute recently recommended that the HBCU sell all "non-strategic" real estate assets in order to "...fund a plan for revitalization and sustainable

growth." According to the panel, because Shaw is constantly in a state of fiscal crisis, in addition to having to maintain a crumbling physical plant, if it doesn't address the situation by creating a vital revenue stream, it could "...cease to exist." It needs to raise 410 million in the next six months.

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**COSBY**

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ed in his conviction - Cosby had very few supporters.

Now, as he awaits an appellate court's ruling that could grant him a new trial or freedom, Cosby's support base appears more significant than at any point since charges

were filed against him nearly four years ago.

Much of that support is on social media, particularly fan pages that were established to help keep his legacy alive.

On Facebook, the "Bill Cosby is Innocent Movement," is followed or liked by more than 5,000 people. Also, a page called "We Believe Bill Cosby," has more than 2,000 members.

Cosby's personal Facebook page still has a robust, more than 800,000 people who follow or like the page. The "Cosby Show" page on Facebook contains more than 1.2 million followers.

Other pages, including "Bill Cosby," "I Support Bill Cosby," "Free Bill Cosby," combine for an additional 4,000 followers.

"We are regular laypeople of various backgrounds, diverse belief systems, and even different racial and ethnic backgrounds," Dr. Jay Raskin and other administrators of the "Bill Cosby is Innocent Movement" page, wrote.

"We do not condone or turn a blind eye to rape, molestation, or drugging. Indeed, some of us are the victims of

rape, molestation, sexual harassment, and gender discrimination but, based on what we have researched of the allegations against Dr. Cosby, we believe he is innocent of the charges leveled against him," Raskin states.

The administrators stated that the purpose of their site is to expose the truth regarding Cosby's innocence.

"We will also share information on how the media and legal system has been complicit in the lynching of yet another Black man - which is part of the American historical pattern," the administrators wrote.

Nicole Lewis, one of the administrators of the "We Believe Bill Cosby" page,

recently produced and released a 47-minute film about the Cosby case, titled "The Commonwealth Vs. Bill Cosby."

The film appeared on her "Nicole's View" YouTube page, and outlines Cosby's career, his controversial "Pound Cake" speech, the allegations by Andrea Constand that ultimately sent Cosby to prison, and the role she said the judge and media played in "bringing Cosby down."

Cosby responded to Lewis' documentary by tweeting his approval and thanking her.

"Nicole, I thank you for being fearless. Finally, America will have a front-row seat to witness the facts of my unjust conviction," Cosby wrote on Twitter.

"Thank you and thank you. #TruthWillWinOut, #FarFromFinished, #BillCosbyIsInnocent, #FreeBillCosby."

Many of his supporters have likened Cosby's plight to those of the infamous McMartin Preschool Trial, and the Salem Witch Hunt.

"Indeed, the McMartin Preschool Trial, the Salem Witch Hunt was mob action based on falsehood; the destruction of prosperous Black towns by White mobs was based on lies, particularly of Black men raping White women and carried out through the collective and unified efforts of law enforcement, the Courts, a complicit media, and a prejudiced citizenry predisposed to believe guilt," Raskin and his colleagues said.

"So whether it's one accuser or one hundred, decisions must be made on the veracity of each person's case and if you only know one perspective (mass media), then you cannot adequately and truthfully come to an informed and enlightened evaluation of the circumstances of the Bill Cosby case. We believe he's innocent of the charges of rape, molestation, and drugging. You may not agree with a particular angle of some of the presenters but focus on the facts and decide for yourself."



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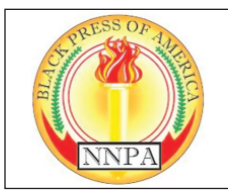
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GUEST EDITORIAL

### What do the 2019 elections mean for 2020

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

If the 2019 elections are any indication, Republicans need to worry about their viability come 2020. In Virginia, Democrats have majorities in both its upper and lower houses. With a Democratic governor, Virginia has an unprecedented opportunity to shape public policy, especially around gun control, a key concern for many. In West Virginia, the candidate backed by 45 lost. Many will say it is because of the Republican governor, Matt Bevin, was extremely unpopular. If so why was 45 propping him up? He must have thought he had a prayer.

45 notwithstanding, Bevin's Democratic opponent, Attorney General Andy Beshear, scored a very narrow victory, getting 49.2 percent of the vote, compared to Bevin's 48.8. Just five thousand votes separate the two men, but a narrow win is still a victory, and 45 has egg on his face. Usually, when 45 shows up and takes it over the line, the base is supposed to get fired up. Not this time.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

While Democrats scored some gains, the Mississippi governor's mansion is still in Republican hands. Mississippi has the largest concentration of Black people - 39 percent - of any state, but African Americans remain underrepresented among elected officials in Mississippi. Is it voter turnout? An inability to forge a progressive coalition? Or, are race matters so hardwired in Mississippi that Republicans will always prevail?

Speaking of other race matters, the affirmative action ballot measure that appeared on the Washington state ballot failed, which is disappointing news for those who think that we have not yet met diversity goals. Washington state was one of the first to ban affirmative action in 1998 (California's anti-affirmative action Proposition 209 also passed that year). After California and Washington, other states followed, including Florida, Michigan, Nebraska, Arizona, New Hampshire, and Oklahoma. Although the affirmative action measure - Referendum 88 - lost very narrowly, it still failed. That means that state agencies can't openly recruit diverse candidates, and contracting agencies can't make special efforts to reach out to those who are underrepresented. And since the anti-affirmative action measure passed in 1998, the numbers of minority and women-owned businesses have dropped in the state. That's a step backward!

One of the reasons Referendum 88 failed was because a group of Chinese immigrants was among those who campaigned to defeat the affirmative action measure. Former governor Gary Locke, an Asian American man who describes himself as a product of affirmative action, fought for the referendum. But the majority of voters rejected the measure. So much for the "people of color" coalition.

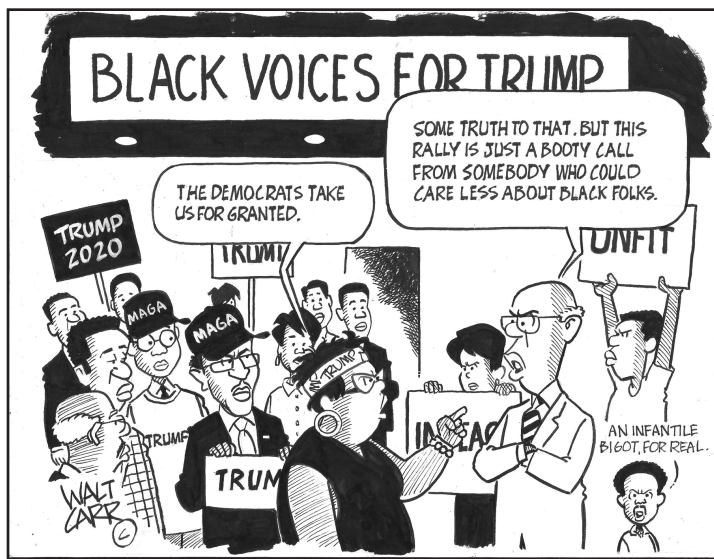
Still, it is interesting that a recent Gallup poll showed that a majority of white people in this country narrowly favor affirmative action, with 65 percent advocating affirmative action for women and 61 percent supporting affirmative action for minorities. These levels of support are the highest since Gallup began polling on this issue. Perhaps the recent focus on the wealth gap has sensitized some people to inequality. In any case, as positive as the poll was, it didn't translate to the vote.

The affirmative action loss is bad news because it may signal other states to avoid pro-affirmative action referenda. Further, the loss confirms that many are satisfied with the lack of diversity that is commonplace in politics, the workplace, and elsewhere. And, given the composition of this Supreme Court, challenges to affirmative action that come before them are likely to weaken efforts to encourage diversity in employment, contracting, and education. Several of the justices have already openly opined that race should matter less. Their overturning of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act is evidence of their race myopia. It is as if these judges are oblivious to the persistence of racism. It is as if they ignore the headlines about the police shootings of Black men. It is as if the wealth gap means nothing to them.

So, what do we learn from the last elections? Democrats have a chance to defeat some Republicans and may yet prevail in the 2020 elections. But race remains a divisive factor in our country. And unfortunately, we have a President who will use race divisiveness to his advantage. Count on the 2020 election to be as contentious as the 2016 election was, but hopefully with different results.

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## YOUR VOICE

### UNDERSTANDING THE LANGUAGE OF POLITICS- LESSON #2.

Educate yourself so you can investigate and learn the right person to vote for on election day, November 8, 2020. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. used "big" words in his speeches and sermons, then everyday words behind them to help us learn new words. He was teaching us, not con-

ing us. Many politicians use "big" words as "double talk" to keep us from understanding what they are really saying. For example, BIPARTISAN when the democrats and republicans vote together on an issue. DARK HORSE is a candidate who is not supposed to win. Our last two presidents, Obama and Trump, were dark houses. Very few people bet on them when they 1st put their hats

in the ring. DEMAGOGUE is a nasty, hateful, greedy, backstabbing, racist and lying parasite. Our UNDERSTANDING THE LANGUAGE OF POLITICS -LESSON #2. Educate country is in the hands of these two powerful (3/4) men, TRUMP and McConnel. We must put maximum pressure on our U.S. Representatives and Senators to impeach TRUMP and the good people of

Kentucky must unseat McConnell. All reading is good. Reading fiction is entertaining but reading truth will help you choose the best candidate to represent you and your family. This is an excerpt from my book "What We Blacks Need To Do" by James Hankins

James J. Hankins  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Impeachment Dems' first day

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Day 1 of the Impeachment hearing was worse than I'd thought. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian affairs at the U . S . Department of State, George Kent, and Acting Ambassador to Ukraine, William Taylor, got the impeachment hearing off to a great start for the Democrats and the American people. As my late friend, Dick Gregory, would have said, "They spoke so my grandmother could understand that President Donald Trump was calling the shots on attempting to bribe Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky when he sought help for his personal benefit." We should all know by now that soliciting the help of a foreign power to get dirt on a potential competitor in the U.S. Presidential election.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

What follows the opening of the impeachment hearing can be nothing but "icing on the cake!" This is the third impeachment hearing I have witnessed in my lifetime. Whatever one thinks about the other two, this one is so egregious that's it's hard to believe any Republicans are in doubt about successfully impeaching Mr. Trump. He's a major offender of decency, truth, respect, and of any positive behavior that comes to mind. How does one get to be who Mr. Trump is?

Taylor and Kent confirmed so much abuse of power on the part of Mr. Trump. No one should have as many passes in life as he has already gotten. He's tried to make life miserable for DACA young people. He's already run so many of his staff off. He's revived such hatred for all non-white people. He's shown no respect for women. Many months ago, when it was found that he already had told over 10,000 lies, I could hardly believe it. I would imagine that number has risen significantly!

Evidence thus far shows the piling up of evidence in order for President Trump to

abuse the power of the President. There is no doubt that Mr. Trump used the power of his office to withhold foreign aid to Ukraine for political dirt on VP Joe Biden and his son.

Trump knew the Ukrainian President's back was up against the wall. He took advantage of the fact that Trump's good friend Russian President Vladimir Putin could have attacked Ukraine any minute, but he chose the interests of an enemy of our country (and obviously a friend of his) over Ukraine—a country that is a friend of the United States. There was a time many of us were unfairly labeled "communist" by people like Trump, but here we are with so many Republicans siding with Trump and have chosen to support him and the communist guy! One cannot help but wonder what Trump is seeking from President Putin!

Democrats racked up facts in the opening of the hearing. It's understandable why Ukraine's president said he didn't feel pressured by Trump's efforts to extort him. His back was against the wall. Thousands had died in his

country and thousands more stood to die if they didn't get ways to protect them against Russia encroaching on Ukraine's territory. Congress had already approved of the help and shaking down another country's President before he can get what Congress had already approved.

Amb. Marie Yovanovitch, Lt. Colonel Alexander Vindlman (former National Security Council Director for European Affairs), Kurt Volker (former Special Envoy to Ukraine) and Gordon Sondland (U.S. Amb. to the European Union), are still waiting to have their say—at which more Republicans are rethinking their process argument!

Republicans complained about the process used for getting information regarding why Trump will be impeached. After hearing the persuasive testimony of Taylor and Kent, I think they are wishing they'd left the process alone.

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

### RAINBOW PUSH COALITION

### The right to vote should not fall victim to Artisan battles

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The right to vote is fundamental to any democracy. Protecting that right — and making it easier to exercise it — ought to be a priority across partisan lines. Instead, in states across the country — particularly in the five years since the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act — it has become a pitched battle.

The basic reality is clear: Republicans, increasingly a party of older, white voters, have chosen not to reach out to Hispanics, African Americans or the young, but instead seek ways to make it harder for them to vote — or for their votes to count. Backed by right-wing think tanks, Republican state legislators and governors push a slew of measures to suppress the vote of targeted populations.

These are increasingly challenged in courts and protested on the streets. Alabama, for example, is a state that is over one-fourth African American. Yet it has had all white appellate court justices for a quarter-century. This was locked in by requiring at-large statewide elections for both appellate and Supreme Court judges instead of district elections where

African American candidates would have a good chance of being elected in some areas.

This practice — followed in Texas against Hispanic voters — is now being challenged in a lawsuit filed by the Alabama State Conference of the NAACP. At-large elections are only one of the tactics tried by the Republican power structure in Alabama. Since the Supreme Court's Shelby decision that ended federal pre-approval of voting rights changes, Alabama has passed measures to require a photo ID to vote while seeking to close driver's license offices disproportionately in black areas. They sought to impose a "proof of citizenship" mandate to register to vote in state and local elections.

Dozens of polling places were closed, disproportionately in areas with large African American populations. Get-out-the-vote efforts were made more difficult with the passage of a ban on financial transfers from one PAC to another, an act

aimed at the leading organizations working on African American turnout, which got much of their revenue from other political entities. Alabama has also begun the process of purging the voting rolls. When the state legislature passed a measure giving felons who had served their sentences the right to vote, the state government refused to do anything to inform people that their rights had been restored. Some of these measures have been stalled by judicial decisions, but the effort to constrict the vote continues.

Across the country, instead of making voter registration automatic and adopting same-day registration, Republican-led states are making registration harder. Instead of expanding days to vote, they are limiting them. Instead of encouraging voter registration drives, they are adopting various measures to criminalize the activities of voter registration groups. Partisan gerrymandering gets ever more sophisticated. Hackable voting machines pose a true threat of even getting an honest count. Closing polling stations forces some — again, disproportionately those from minority or poor districts — to travel longer

and wait in long lines to vote.

The only way to counter these measures is massive citizen mobilization — and to elect leaders who will make the right to vote a priority. In 2018, efforts to restrict the right to vote overwhelmed a voter turnout that was the highest since 1914. In 2020, with the fundamental direction of the country at stake, another record turnout is vital. Upon gaining the majority in the House of Representatives in 2018, Democrats immediately passed HR 1, the most extensive election and democracy reform bill since the Voting Rights Act. Among other things, it would adopt same-day voter registration, limit the role of big money in elections, curb political gerrymanders and much more. That bill sits on the desk of Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who won't even allow it to come to a vote. If voters overcome the tricks and traps designed to make voting difficult and vote in large numbers in 2020, fundamental democratic reform is teed up to move.

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

VOICE YOUR OPINION!

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR TODAY

## Roger Stone: The fifth criminal in Trumps corruption ring

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

It is time for America to be honest with itself and admit that President Donald Trump is breaking the law. When Trump talks about draining the swamp, he is really talking about his leadership ring.

"Five of Trump's lieutenants, Michael Flynn, George Papadopoulos, Michael Cohen, Paul Manafort, and now Roger Stone, have all pleaded guilty or have been convicted of a crime. The stench of corruption is all around Donald Trump, and this week's ruling reminds us just how important and need of Congress' impeachment inquiry is," says Terrie Rizzo, Chairwomen of the Florida Democratic Party.

Truth and integrity are rare commodities in

President Trump's inner circle, his administration, and the Republican Party. When someone in Trump's inner circle is convicted of breaking a law, Republicans refuse to say anything, and act like it did not happen.

**Roger Caldwell**

Instead of someone in the Republican Party acknowledging that there is corruption in the White House, they blame the judges and court system for doing their job. Thirty minutes after the jury delivered its verdict on Roger Stone, the president was upset, and tweeted his displeasure that his longtime friend was caught breaking the law on 7 counts.

It is crazy to think that the president is mad with Roger Stone being found guilty of five counts of lying to Congress, one of witness tampering, and one of obstructing a congressional committee proceeding.

It appears that the Trump administration is the mafia, and our president is the godfather. The members of the Republican Party seem to have no comment, on Trump's campaign team breaking the law. All around the world, the different countries are watching America's corruption starting with the head - who is President Donald Trump and his associates.

America has reached the point of insanity, and everyone is comfortable with lying, and what will the Republicans do. The American people have a right

to know the truth, and the impeachment is exposing the corruption and the lawlessness with our president, and his administration.

"Robert Mueller is coming for me," Stone wrote before asserting that his name was next on what he called Mueller's "hit list" of targets. Stone denied any wrongdoing and said he faced legal peril simply because he had advised Trump for several decades.

It is amazing that Roger Stone in 2016 thought he had not broken any laws, even though he lied to the Congress. He claimed that Mueller's investigation was a witch hunt, and he "may frame Stone on some bogus charge."

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## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

### Wanting God to do something

The latest mass shooting, this one resulting in the deaths of at least two people on Monday at a WalMart in Oklahoma, left me fumbling with my faith as I tried to figure out the answer to the question I was asked, "Why doesn't God do something?"

The question had actually come over the weekend from a young person who was watching incredulously as the report of the shooting committed by a teen at his school on his 16th birthday in Santa Clarita, California, followed by yet another one at a party being held in Fresno, California.

The young person was angry - at God. "Why doesn't God do something," she demanded, tears filling her eyes. "I am watching these mass shootings, I am watching police officers abuse black people just because they can, I am watching the president of the United States lying almost every day about ...everything, and I am watching rich people in government doing practically nothing to stop all this craziness. Isn't God supposed to stop evil from happening? Why doesn't God do something?"

I had no answer. By "doing something" this young woman clarified that she meant that if the government wouldn't do anything to stop the shootings, then God should. "I don't know," she said. "God could make the guns jam, or God could change somebody's heart, couldn't He, so that people who think gun laws are the wrong way to go would think a different way? God could do that, couldn't he?"

It turns out that this young woman was not only mortified over what was happening in the country. She was also grieving; she had recently lost her mother to cancer. Her mom had fought a good fight but had lost, dying a horrific and painful death.

"My mother went to church every Sunday. She helped everybody. She never bothered anybody ...and now she's dead. When she was sick, the church ladies told me to pray and I did. So did my mother. But she died anyway. I'm not understanding God."

I knew better than to offer her platitudes and lame clichés. She needed answers that I frankly did not have.

It is true that many, in history, have wondered about the whereabouts of God, and about the way God works. It has seemed that God, as author William R. Jones wrote in his book *Is God a White Racist?* has been too often on the side of those who oppress people. God was searched for and yearned for by enslaved Africans; God was searched and yearned for by Jews during the Holocaust. It is safe to assume that people in war-torn countries search for God, that people living in extreme poverty are looking for God, that people who are critically ill with no health insurance are also...looking for God, not a God of mere presence but a God of action, a God who makes all things work for the good of those who say they love God. They are looking and have looked throughout history for the mighty hand of God in the midst of abject evil, making the most evil stop in their tracks and easing the suffering of so many.

But that God seems absent to a lot of people. A woman expressed to me that she is tired of people talking about "God sitting on the throne." "We need God, if God is in fact sitting in some chair somewhere, to get up and come to us," she said, muttering that only God could stop some of the evil that is affecting so many people. "I grew up in church," she said, "went to church every Sunday with my grandmama. I know all the good church stuff to say about God, but sometimes, we need God to do something in real time. It seems like people doing evil things are given free reign, and we who are affected have to bear it, relying on a testimony down the road where we express how we got over." "Sometimes, we want to 'get over' in real time," she said.

The holiday season is always difficult for people who are suffering. It is portrayed as a time of happiness, warmth, and freedom from want for all people. But the fact is, there are people who are dreading the holiday season and who are fed up with a God that they think has been too lenient with those who wreck other people's lives. They want answers to their nagging questions; they want rest in a weary land, but they don't see it coming.

After the young girl expressed to me her frustrations over what she perceives as the absence of God, I asked her what she in totality wants God to do.

And she said, "Just be God ...and make all this suffering stop. If my Sunday School lessons are to be believed, then God can do that. Just like God made the plagues come against Pharaoh. I just need God ...to be God ...and do something."

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

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During the campaign, Stone had confirmed that he exchanged messages with "Guccifer2.0" which was a front for Russian intelligence operatives. These Russian intelligence operatives stole and leaked emails from senior Democrats, throwing the party and election into turmoil at the height of the 2016 campaign. Stone also claimed to have communicated with Julian Assange, owner of Wiki-Leaks, who published the Democratic emails.

With this new information and conviction, it is obvious that prosecutors are still working on Trump's Russian corruption with the 2016 election. Rick Gates' testimony in Stone's trial proved that Trump had welcomed the release of hacked documents in the 2016 election.

"Gates testified he had witnessed Trump take an evening phone call from Stone as they rode to New York's LaGuardia Airport from Trump Tower in late July 2016. Stone and Trump apparently discussed Wiki-Leaks' planned release of hacked Democratic emails," says Katelyn Polantz - reporter of CNN Politics. They thought these stolen emails was a gift.

In written answers to questions to Mueller, Trump does not remember taking a call from Roger Stone and talking about hacked information from Wiki-Leaks. Stone sentencing is scheduled for February 6, 2020. Back in 2016, Stone stated that he had not broken any laws, and Mueller's investigation was a witch hunt.

But in November 2019, Roger Stone has been convicted, and the investigation was more than a witch hunt. He may turn state or federal evidence to receive a shorter sentence, based on what he knows. Why is Trump's corruption ring, still supporting their boss - President Donald Trump?

Roger Caldwell is a NNPA Newswire Contributor.

## TO BE EQUAL

### Harriet film shows the inner life of history's best-known conductor on the Underground Railroad

(Via TriceEdneWire.com)

"Harriet" is the kind of instructional, no-nonsense biopic that may not take many artistic risks or sophisticated stylistic departures but manages to benefit from that lack of pretension. This is an ideal introduction - or reintroduction - not just to Tubman, but to the inhumane system that she refused to accept. Clear, linear, sometimes bluntly obvious, "Harriet" is a rich, enlightening portrait - as sturdy and straightforward as the title character herself." - Washington Post film critic Ann Hornaday.

The National Urban League has long advocated for greater diversity in the entertainment industry. After two consecutive years of Academy Awards voting produced no nominees of color in the acting categories, we launched a campaign to demand a clear and specific blueprint for change. We have executed memoranda of understanding with telecommunications companies that have resulted in dramatic changes in leadership, hiring

and - significantly, programming.

As a result, on screens large and small, we're seeing more and more African-American stories, created and told by African-American artists.

Harriet, in theaters now, is one of the finest of these.

The story of Harriet Tubman is a staple in most American schools. Our common image of her is as an old woman, her

head wrapped in a kerchief. We know her as a conductor on the Underground Railroad. But do Americans really know what that means?

Harriet shatters the stereotypes and dusty textbook imagery, bringing to life the true brutality of life under slavery and the courage it took not only to escape, but to return time and again to rescue others.

Perhaps crucial to the film's vivid and visceral impact is the fact that it was written, directed and produced by African Americans: : Kasi Lemmons

and Gregory Allen Howard co-wrote the script, and Lemmons directed the film.

The producer, Debra Chase Martin, was awarded the National Urban League's prestigious Arts Award this week as part of our Equal Opportunity Day Awards Dinner, where we caught a special excerpt of the film.

"Harriet's story shows that each of us can make a difference," she told the website Shondaland. "She decided it wasn't just enough to free herself, but that she was going to free other people. And in doing so, she went on to help change the course of our nation. For all of us, now, it's empowering to remember that we can have an impact on things if we just step up and use our voices."

Tubman was born Araminta Ross in Maryland. As with many enslaved people, the exact year of her birth is not known but she likely was born between 1820 and 1825. Following a severe head injury as a teenager, she developed what modern scholars believe to have been temporal lobe epilepsy. The visions she experienced played a major role in the development of her profound

personal faith in God.

The visions are portrayed in Harriet as stark, overwhelming, all-consuming. As Vanity Fair film critic K Austin Collins wrote, "It's what sets Harriet apart from the otherwise more by-the-numbers historical treatment it often threatens to be—gives the movie a realm of spirituality and imagination to play with that stand out from the more brutal literalism of the slavery genre in art."

The film highlights the conflict not only between slave owners and those who are enslaved, but also between Black people who were born into slavery and those born free, presenting a far more nuanced picture of history than Americans are used to seeing.

Harriet is nothing short of a masterpiece, and is destined to become the quintessential biography of America's first Black heroine. We were proud to honor its producer and urge not only viewing of the film but a robust national discussion about its meaning and legacy.

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

## Black Americans are winning with President Trump

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

Actions speak louder than words, and the Trump Administration has belloved its vision for Black America. For years, politicians have demonstrated reform and the advancement of our communities. The results are far from what you hear in a stump speech. President Trump has fundamentally altered the ways of Washington for the better, and Black Americans are reaping some of the biggest rewards. As we approach the 2020 Election, we should embrace conservative policies that are working and reject big government politicians whose policies have failed us. The era of false promises is over. Let's vote using evidence versus rhetoric.

President Trump is the only politician in recent memory who has a record of making sure Black Americans are a priority. His pro-growth policies have brought everyone to the table. President Trump believes in equal rights, not extra rights. Rather than pander or treat any American as a special voting bloc, his view is that Americans are patriots and deserve a country that works on their behalf. That's why I endorsed then-candidate Donald Trump in March 2016, pledged to help him get elected and have served as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. I knew he would make Washington work for all Americans - including the Black community.

Chicago is America's third most populous city and is where many Obama administration alumni began their careers. Chicago's population is over one-third Black and

Democratic party policies have done an incredible disservice for generations. The Cloverhill Bakery in Northwest Chicago was found guilty of employing over 800 illegal immigrants using false identification. After the investigation and action from ICE, the new employees were 90 percent Black and received a higher wage than the prior illegal immigrants. A harsh reality is that illegal immigration siphons wages, jobs, and housing from Black Americans. Yet, no pundit or political spinster will ever say that out loud. Instead, they insist that putting America First is somehow against our patriotic interests.

Over nine million black Americans live in poverty, yet Democrats continually put illegal immigrants first. Immigration is good when done legally and can be very advantageous when done in a thoughtful and compassionate way.

The Trump Administration is committed to reversing this trend by aggressively tackling some of the root issues causing generational poverty - access to education and reviving distressed communities. President Trump has given more money to Historically Black Colleges and Universities than any president ever elected and has waived an additional \$322 million in HBCU federal debt. Moreover, \$100 million for HBCU scholarships and research funding for land-grant institutions were allocated in the recent Farm Bill.

This is a stark contrast to the previous administration, which drove a wedge between the government and HBCUs. However, rather than throwing more money at the same problem and expecting different results, President Trump is taking action to ensure that Black Americans have unparalleled opportunity in the American economy. A major piece of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 were Opportunity Zones. The administration identified over 8,700 economically distressed communities and packaged tax incentives for anyone willing to invest time, resources, and capital to these underserved corners of America.

Opportunity Zones have long been deemed as a bipartisan policy goal that could help tackle the desperate need for capital in otherwise ignored parts of our country. The Trump Administration is expecting \$100 billion in these communities and private sector money is beginning to pour in. Opportunity Zones can reawaken Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia, and cities long forgotten, but represented, by complacent and ineffective politicians. Rather than rely on the government for an answer, President Trump knows that American ingenuity, work ethic, and entrepreneurial spirit are how we improve our situations.

While the Trump Administration sets its eyes towards the future, we are also set on improving the lives of Black Americans today. Funding for public housing repairs is at the highest level in a decade since the one-time Recovery Act, thanks to President Trump. Last year, the city of Baltimore received billions of dollars in federal

aid from this Administration, yet the troubled city remains in stagnant disrepair. The current funding bill in the senate, if signed by the President would provide a record level of homeless program funding from California to New York.

While Democrats - including a young Delaware Senator named Joe Biden - were the architects of the notorious "3 strikes rule" that the NAACP deems directly responsible for the disproportionate imprisonment of millions of minority men, President Trump has just passed the most comprehensive prison reform bill in over three decades - resulting in the immediate release of over 1200 non-violent minority offenders.

Under the Trump Administration, the African American poverty rate is at a record low and historic, bipartisan criminal justice reform was signed - giving non-violent offenders a second chance at life and the American Dream. We are not just getting people out of prison, we are concentrating on providing them with training, education and skills that will provide a great alternative to a life of crime. The results speak for themselves. President Trump has done more for Black Americans in his first two and a half years in office than Democrats have in decades.

That's why the launch of Black Voices for Trump is so critical. This coalition will focus on highlighting those accomplishments and sharing stories of success. The status quo has been changed forever under President Trump, and Black America is better because of his leadership.

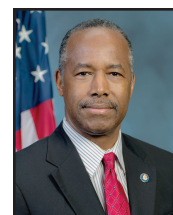
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## New Hanover County

**Althea Gibson Tennis Complex**, 3405 Park Avenue, will hold an Upcoming Junior Tennis Tournament "Holiday Smash Junior L6 Tournament" on Friday, December 6 (begins at 4pm) Divisions: BG 10U-18U singles and doubles. Deadline: Tuesday, December 3rd. Questions: Call Tari Ann Toro-Steinmetz at 910-341-4631.



The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21st, 7:00 p.m., at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on plans for the MLK Breakfast in January 2020 and other important state and community issues will be on the agenda as well as upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch activities and events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

## Community Briefs

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

## Open lottery enrollment through January 31, 2020 at Wilmington's newest charter school

Wilmington School of the Arts-New Hanover County's innovative new charter school-announces open lottery enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Slated to open its doors in August of 2020, WSA invites area students from kindergarten through second grade to join the school's inaugural student body. As a public charter school, Wilmington School of the Arts is open to all students free of charge and will offer transportation and food service to qualified students. Open enrollment runs through January 31, 2020, and applications are available at [wilmingtonschoolofthearts.com](http://wilmingtonschoolofthearts.com).

On June 17, 2019, the North Carolina State Board of Education approved Wilmington School of the Arts received a five-year charter. Recipient of an NC Access Grant award, WSA aims to educate the whole child: mind, body, and spirit. "Children thrive when they are inspired and excited to learn things that are meaningful and relevant to their lives," says Executive Director John Westberg.

In addition to standard NC Common Core curriculum, WSA will feature Core Knowledge, integrated with an art-based curriculum. Creative after school programs, including the empowering El Sistema program will be offered. Elevating education through the study of arts and culture,

the school's philosophy espouses rigor, relevance, and relationships, with an emphasis on student-centered learning. Using Wit and Wisdom's mentor text approach to reading, writing, speaking, and listening and Zearn's targeted small group math instruction and personalized digital lessons, students will learn to apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills; furthermore, through relevant, project-based learning opportunities, students will cultivate meaningful relationships to the world around them.

"This school will provide a great benefit to the young people of this community," says Tony Rivenbark, Executive Director of Thalian Hall and WSA board member.

With a projected 2020 enrollment of 240 students from kindergarten through second grade, the school foresees adding an extra grade level each year; by 2026, WSA envisions a student body of 720, ranging from kindergarten through eighth grade and the addition of grades 9 through 12 in the near future.

Wilmington School of the Arts, 231 Central Boulevard, Wilmington, NC 28401, Ph: 910.550-1293. For more information, please visit [www.wilmingtonschoolofthearts.com](http://www.wilmingtonschoolofthearts.com)

## 2020 SENC MLK Annual Celebration will be held January 13-20

The 2020 SENC MLK Annual Celebration is scheduled for January 13 - 20, 2020. The committee is celebrating 100 Years of the Women's Right to Vote, ("The Nineteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution").

The week-long celebration will include a "Family Fun Day", a gospel concert at Union Missionary Baptist Church, featuring local church choirs, and a local favorite "Potluck for Peace" discussion event, co-sponsored by the YWCA at the MLK Center, in downtown Wilmington.

New to the celebration this year will be a "Black Business Expo", featuring businesses and vendors throughout the Southeastern region and two plays, scheduled at Cape Fear Community College, open to all students and the public.

Highlighting the Annual Celebration Dinner is special guest speaker, Ms. Janice

Mathis, Executive Director, of the National Council of Negro Women, headquartered in Washington, DC. Ms. Mathis, was appointed Executive Director of NCNW in 2016. The NCNW was founded in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, influential educator and activist. For more than fifty years, the iconic Dr. Dorothy Height was president of NCNW. Today, under the leadership of Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, NCNW's programs are grounded on a foundation of critical concerns known as "Four for the Future". NCNW promotes education with a concentrated focus on science, technology, engineering, art and math. The organization has affiliations with National Black women's groups including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporate, Alpha Kappa Alpha Incorporated, Eastern Stars, National Black Nurses



MS. JANICE MATHIS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
NATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF NEGRO WOMEN



NC SENATOR  
ERICA D. SMITH

Association and others. North Carolina State Senator, Erica D. Smith is also slated to attend the semi-formal event at the Ballast Hotel.

Rounding out the annual celebration is the Annual MLK Celebration Parade in downtown Wilmington on January 20, 2020, beginning

at 11am. The parade Marshall is Wilmington's own Joseph McNeil, a member of the Greensboro Three, Lunch Counter Protesters, and it will feature local bands, organizations and community figures. For more information contact: Hollis Briggs 910-352-2473; or [www.mlkjrcelebration-senc10.com](http://www.mlkjrcelebration-senc10.com).

## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS! OMG, DROPPED 100 POINTS!

It must have been something in the air this week. Oh my, I had 3 people reach out to me this week asking me if there is ANYTHING they can do because their scores just plummeted. All three had different situations to occur but the outcome was the same, 100 POINTS GONE from their credit scores.

So let me unpack this for you so hopefully, it will help you not make the same moves they made to drop their scores. The 1st gentleman inbox me saying that his credit card due date was Oct 31, but he did not get the payment in until November 1st. Unfortunately, when you make a revolving credit aka credit card payment one day late, it is 30 days late NOT one day. That causes the credit scores to drop and the recovery is not swift. Therefore on credit card debt it is so important to 1) know your due date 2) pay it

on that day or BEFORE that date 3) Put it on auto-draft if you can to ensure you do not miss the due date. It is also important that you do not charge up the card more than 30% of the high limit. When you charge more than 30%, it drops your scores. It is also important not to just have a zero balance and just let the card sit on your credit.

No activity on a card does not drop your score but it does not help it to rise either. If no activity, it is noting for the credit companies to monitor to report. No reporting means your scores are not moving. If you are trying to up your scores so you can qualify to purchase a home, you must do all you can to help your scores swing up. Now the 2nd person was a young lady that said due to a lot of unexpected life turmoil, she missed her mortgage payment for the first time since she had her home. She said it was due for the month of October but did not pay it until November. Unlike credit cards, you do have the entire month to pay a mortgage payment. It's due on

the 1st of the month, a late fee kicks in if not paid by the 16th of the month, but if you pay it by the 30th of the month and not miss a month, you will report as paying on time. This situation really hurt this young lady's scores that she worked so hard to build. She went from an 820 to 720 score. An 820!, oh my I don't see scores like that often, not even my own! So yes she still has a GREAT score at 720 but that 100 point drop was major. Just like the gentlemen with credit card issues, her scores will rebound as long as no other payments are missed. Lastly, a gentleman asked me what could he do to help his scores because he had a lot of things hit his credit from co-signing for siblings and from an ex-marriage. He said all of his items were a result of trying to help somebody else. He was so upset that his loved ones took his kindness for granted and did not pay the debts he co-signed for them to get. I tell you this one right here is worst than the other 2 situations because his scores did not drop because of anything he personally did. What's more troubling is that the timeframe for his scores to rebound likely will take far longer because all those bad debts have to be

paid up. If his loved ones didn't pay them the 1st go round, it's slim that they will step u and pay off those debts so his scores can rebound. He will have to fight to get them paid off somehow and I promise you, this is not a good position to be in and I regret it for him. In closing, I encourage everyone to take a moment and write down all of your debts with due dates, set reminders and put them on auto-draft if you can to be sure you will not miss any of them. Also, if you are trying to purchase a home, you need to have a tight running budget anyways so you will be prepared when those unexpected home maintenances and life unexpected events happen. Get in a habit of putting a little something something aside so you won't be caught short. That will always make life a little easier. Until next time, share this article with at least 3 people. For anyone that desires homeownership, reach out for your Free personalized game plan to purchase your 1st-home in the next 18 mths or less no matter the current finances. Yes, it is possible. Brenda Dixon, Dixon Realty Since 1991, 27 yrs. F/T expertise. [Brenda@getthatdeed.com](mailto:Brenda@getthatdeed.com).



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**NCDOT AND SCDOT TO CONDUCT TWO CORRIDOR PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE CAROLINA BAYS PARKWAY EXTENSION BETWEEN CAROLINA BAYS PARKWAY (S.C. 31) AT S.C. 9 IN HORRY COUNTY S.C. AND U.S. 17/SHALLOTTE BYPASS IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY N.C.**

**NCDOT STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
PROJECT NO. R-5876**

**SCDOT STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
PROJECT NO. P029554**

The N.C. Department of Transportation and S.C. Department of Transportation will jointly hold two open-house public meetings to present information and maps of potential corridors currently being evaluated for the Carolina Bays Parkway Extension project. The project would extend Carolina Bays Parkway (S.C. 31) from its current terminus at S.C. 9 in Horry County, SC to U.S. 17 Shallotte Bypass in Brunswick County, NC. The purpose of the project is to improve the transportation network by enhancing mobility and connectivity for traffic moving in and through the project area.

December 3, 2019	December 4, 2019
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Sea Trail Convention Center	VFW Post 10804
75A Clubhouse Road	111 State Highway 57 North
Sunset Beach, NC 28468	Little River, SC 29566

NCDOT and SCDOT project team members and representatives of the NV5 Consultant Team will be available to provide information and answer questions regarding the project. The opportunity to submit written comments and questions will be provided at the meeting or before January 10, 2020. Please note that no formal presentation will be made at these meetings.

Maps to be presented at the meetings will be available for viewing or download on the project website [www.ncdot.gov/projects/carolina-bays-parkway](http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/carolina-bays-parkway), and comments may be submitted online using the project's public engagement page [www.publicinput.com/Carolina-bays-pkwy](http://www.publicinput.com/Carolina-bays-pkwy).

For additional information please contact Krista Kimmel P.E., NCDOT Design Engineer by email or phone [khkimmel@ncdot.gov](mailto:khkimmel@ncdot.gov) / 910-341-2000 or Leah Quattlebaum P.E., Pee Dee Regional Production Engineer by email or phone [quattlib@scdot.org](mailto:quattlib@scdot.org) / 803-737-1751.

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# How to start investing for the long-term

Learn about the investment options available to you that make the most sense for your long-term financial success.

Investing can help your money grow. But before you move your money to anything riskier than a savings account or IRA, you should review the ways you can do so.

Making well-advised investments comes down to cultivating the right mindset and getting educated about the options available to you. Investing can be a means to secure your long-term financial health, but you should also consider the risks attached to each investment option, and how these relate to your own willingness to take on risk. Framing investment risk against your own long-term priorities can help you decide what investment vehicles will be best.

Follow these key steps to hone your investing strategy.

### Choose investment priorities

Ask yourself why you want to invest: Is it to prepare for retirement, buy a home, or start a new business? How much money will you need for your goals? Then, organize your investment priorities by the amount of time needed to achieve them. Writing them down can help you think clearly about which goals you have,

and which you need to start with.

Your investment priorities should also be informed by your particular financial situation. You should invest no more than you can afford to lose. That way, you won't jeopardize your short-term financial health as you work toward achieving more long-term aims.

### Invest in your company's employer-sponsored retirement plan

It's never too early to start investing in your retirement. Take advantage of your employer's plan, if they offer one. Set aside as much money as your employer is willing to match.

Employer-sponsored retirement plans can take many forms, such as a 401(k), 403(b), or 457(b). Some people choose to manage their own investment portfolio by investing in a mixture of stocks and bonds. A portfolio with more stocks than bonds is considered higher risk, along with a potential for high returns on investment, while a portfolio with more bonds than stocks will be the opposite. If you choose to manage your own retirement portfolio, think about which balance makes the most sense for you.

That balance could also shift over time depending on

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### Work with a financial planner

Everyone prefers a different level of autonomy when it comes to investing. While those who want to retain complete control can pursue a self-directed investment strategy, many find it helpful to seek outside advice. You can get started by visiting the Hands on Banking® website to get an understanding of the basics of investing and retirement, like how social security works, or what the difference is between stocks and bonds.

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## Tennessee student is Centennial Scholar Recipient of Ossie Davis Scholarship

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR  
CORRESPONDENT

Nora Davis Day and her sister, Dr. Hasna Muhammad, never seem to tire of talking about their famous parents – Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee.

Along with their brother, Guy Davis, the two have worked to live up to their iconic parents' civil rights and philanthropic legacy.

Earlier this month, after a rigorous selection process, the family of the late actors and activists, together with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), announced that Lane College senior, Jade Allen, is the recipient of the Ossie Davis Legacy Scholarship.

"We are always motivated by mom and dad's love of education and what a struggle it was for each of them to get higher education and the sacrifices that their parents made," Davis Day told NNPA Newswire.

"So, when we're reading all of these applications, I remember with Jade something just clicked, and we said yes, that [our] dad would want us to give her this \$10,000," Davis Day stated.

Both Nora and I are educators, and we've had the opportunity to deal with students in public and through to higher education," Dr. Muhammad stated.

"One of the things relative to choosing Jade for the scholarship is that we recognized

the quality student in her, and we did so not only from the emotional component of trying to choose a candidate but as educators as well."

The sisters said their parents weren't much for naming anything after themselves, so it was not easy to put Ossie Davis' name on the scholarship.

"But we know that they would want us to be part of making it possible for someone to get an education and to have money where they might not otherwise have been able to get it," Davis Day stated.

Allen, a senior Communications major at Lane College, a historically black college located in Jackson, Tennessee, is currently the highest-ranking senior in her graduating class.

She maintains a 3.9 GPA, and in honor of what would have been Ossie Davis' 100th birthday, Allen is acknowledged as the scholarship's Centennial Scholar.

"It is an honor to receive it, I'm thrilled," Allen told NNPA Newswire.

"This does relieve any stress, and I can further my education in my chosen field without worrying about [money]."

Known as much for their activism as their award-winning stage and film careers, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee were both named to the NAACP Image Awards Hall of Fame. They each were recipients of the Kennedy Center

Honors and the National Medal of Arts.

Davis was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame and starred in films like "The Joe Louis Story," "Malcolm X," and "Dr. Doolittle."

Dee counted a Grammy, Emmy, Obie, and Drama Desk Award winner, who starred in such films as, "The Jackie Robinson Story," "A Raisin in the Sun," and "American Gangster."

For her "American Gangster" role, Dee received an Oscar nomination for her performance as the mother of the Denzel Washington character, Frank Lucas.

None of that history is lost on Allen, who has already completed her first film, "My Father's Grass." She said she plans to continue creating biopics that highlight a myriad of world cultures.

"With the scholarship, I'm in a good position to go back to studying filmmaking and understanding the technical aspects of it, and hopefully I can get my name out there," Allen stated.

Established by the Dee-Davis children, along with close friends of Ossie Davis, the scholarship has awarded four students with scholarships totaling over \$60,000 since 2007.

The merit-based scholarship is awarded to a deserving African American student currently enrolled at a select UNCF member institution.



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2018/19 OSSIE DAVIS LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT JADE ALLEN

The student must be pursuing a degree in African American Studies, Communications, Education, Fine Arts, Humanities, Performing Arts, Political Science, Social Science, Theater Arts/Drama, or Visual Arts.

"Now more than ever, it is imperative that young people of color arm themselves with the necessary tools to confront and combat many of the same social injustices and biases faced by our parents. And we are humbled by the

generous contributions to the Ossie Davis Endowment that makes this scholarship possible," Dr. Muhammad stated.

"The heart of the Ossie Davis Legacy Award is to ease financial barriers for that African American student who is on his or her path to higher learning," she stated.

"Each year we are amazed by the academic success displayed by the Ossie Davis Scholarship applicants, and we look forward to following

Jade and prior recipients' achievements throughout their college careers and beyond," UNCF President and CEO Dr. Michael Lomax, stated in a news release.

"Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee were torchbearers for truth, black culture, civil rights equality and the arts – among other causes. We are thankful the Davis family entrusts UNCF with awarding dynamic students year after year to fulfill their dreams of a college education."

## Discovery Education and business leaders launch unique STEM initiative

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA NEWSWIRE SENIOR  
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Discovery Education, the leading provider of digital curriculum resources, content, and professional development for K-12 classrooms nationwide, has announced the creation of a STEM Careers Coalition.

Officials said the initiative will help educators develop a pipeline of students who are interested in pursuing careers in STEM fields.

It will also provide no-cost resources to students and educators, including virtual field trips, digital instructional assets, and career exploration videos.

Discovery Education officials said these resources would help students build foundational STEM knowledge and develop critical thinking 21st-century skills for college and career success.

"Last week we launched a critical initiative about future careers, a conduit through which students can see the work of the future, and a set of resources that bring relevancy to learning and broaden our understanding of and engagement with STEM," stated Marla Wilson, the Senior Director of the Coalition.

"Solutions to local, national, or global challenges are best addressed with a collaborative community of companies, industries, and non-profits," Wilson added.

"This world of work is most effective when the individuals contributing to and leading this evolution represent the diversity of our communities and the richness of multiple perspectives. We are excited to work with our anchor partners to intentionally focus on girls and students of color, as we move to provide equity and access and de-mystify STEM," she stated.

The initiative launched at the Carnegie Institution for Science, where former astronaut Leland Melvin joined a panel discussion that included leaders in education, industry, and government.

Members of the newly formed Coalition includes key anchor partners like the American Petroleum Institute (API), Chevron, The Manufacturing Institute, Boeing, Microsoft, and Best Buy.

Each of those companies has provided initial seed funding and support to power the initiative's launch.

The initiative would take place in a phased approach that includes a pilot year.

The approach should help measure the program's effectiveness and strategically developed ways to scale, Discovery officials stated.

The initiative will scale up over five years, and it's expected to reach 10 million students by 2025 with support from various corporate partners.

Among the components of the STEM Coalition's work is a direct investment in schools by providing K-12 STEM career resources, STEM Connect access, and professional development for under-resourced schools.

The Coalition will implement employee engagement through mobilizing the current STEM workforce at scale to inspire and connect with future employees through engaging classroom experiences.

Coalition members will also underwrite Discovery Education STEM Connect in local communities identified by the partners.

Inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the National Academy of Engineering Grand Challenges for Engineering, STEM Connect is an interdisciplinary resource that



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enhances the core curriculum.

It helps students build valuable problem-solving skills as they develop and apply solutions to critical real-world challenges.

Rooted in authoritative research, users become part of a global student laboratory to share data and collaborate with others around the world, officials stated.

"We really see ourselves as problem solvers, and we're trying to tackle the world's greatest energy challenges. Meeting the growing demand for energy around the world and producing building blocks that we need to manufacture everyday products and to fuel the economy," stated Rebecca Winkel, an Economic Advisor of Regulatory and Economic Policy at API.

"It's a big job, and we're trying to do that smarter, safer,

better, and more effectively every day. We know that to continue this work, we need a talented workforce. And we have quite a large workforce gap that we see coming," Winkel stated.

She continued: "There will be millions of job opportunities that we will need to fill in this industry over the next two decades. And so, to be able to continue solving the problems and facing the challenges that we face, we need to make sure that the next generation is as prepared as possible. Investing in education at the earliest stages is necessary to make this happen.

"Diversity, equity and access are key. We want to make sure that we are providing resources to schools that are traditionally under-resourced and making sure that girls and students of

color, in particular, can have access to it."

In addition to Melvin, guests at the launch included those identified as individuals invested in preparing the next generation of solution seekers and leveraging the power of technology to close the awareness gap.

"The STEM Careers Coalition will connect classrooms to careers at an unprecedented scale, said Lori McFarling, President of Corporate Partnerships, Discovery Education.

"We believe that through direct investment in schools with a focus on equity of access, engagement of Coalition member employees, and exposure to digitally immersive STEM career experiences, more students will have the opportunity to envision their future in STEM and emerge as the STEM leaders

of the future to fill the ever-growing careers pipeline," McFarling stated.

Over time, the efforts of the Coalition are expected to result in increased awareness as it relates to STEM and STEM careers, stated Wilson, the Senior Director of the Coalition.

"Through the generosity of the Coalition partners, students will have access to an array of STEM-focused resources, such as virtual field trips, digital instructional assets, career exploration videos, and more," Wilson stated.

For businesses and organizations interested in learning more about joining the STEM Careers Coalition and school districts interested in learning more about the scholarship process, please visit <https://stemcareerscoalition.org/>.



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**Connie Jo Johnson**

Connie Jo Johnson departed this life November 5, 2019. Funeral service was held on Friday, November 15, 2019 at Faith Temple COGIC. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Connie was born on February 1, 1951 in Jackson, Mississippi. She attended Holy Angels Catholic School and Forestville High School in Chicago, Illinois before transferring to and graduating from Loretta Adult Education Center in Chicago, Illinois. Connie had such a happy and lively spirit. She left smiles and laughs wherever she went.

She was truly loved and will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her. Connie joins her parents, Rhoda and Johnny Mathews, husband, WD Johnson and son, Curtis Lloyd, Sr. in heaven. She leaves to cherish her memory: her son, Michael Lloyd (Rachel), daughters, Karen Lloyd-Pierce (Joseph) and Tenisha Bell (Walter); a brother, Tyrone Barker; a sister, Eunice Popp (Andrew); seventeen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and many other loving relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Ronald Butcher, Jr.**

Ronald Butcher, Jr., died November 7, 2019 at UNC Medical Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina after his battle with leukemia. Memorial service was held on Saturday, November 16th at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Ronald Butcher, Jr., aka "Yonnie" was born on January 19, 1964 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Eleanor Jarreau and the late Ronald Butcher, Sr. Ronald attended EA Laney High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. Because of his artistic personality, he loved to draw, paint and build things. Ronald knew his way around the kitchen which led to cooking in several restaurants in the Wilmington area. He lived by the motto, "I can survive anywhere", and he did just that. He lived in several states across the country. In addition to his father he was preceded in death by his brother, Taurean Butcher.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his mother, Eleanor Jarreau and stepmother, Diane Butcher of Castle Hayne, NC; siblings, Reachell Welch (Russell) and Lloyd Jarreau (Tomeka) of Wilmington, NC, Anthony Butcher of Kinston, NC, Lira Gause (Leroy) of Georgia and Lerin Butcher of Castle Hayne, NC; three aunts, Vickie Spicer with whom he resided of Castle Hayne, NC, Virginia Wade (Charles) of Wilmington, NC and Eleanor Butcher of Pennsylvania; three uncles, Mike Mitchell (Hattie), Harold Butcher (Maria) of Castle Hayne, NC and Thomas Parker of Pennsylvania; one great aunt, Mary Lilly McCoy of Bolivia, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including special friends, members of the Dog House in the Walnut Hills subdivision, Castle Hayne, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**James Henry "Tadpole" Mosley**

James Henry "Tadpole" Mosley died November 12, 2019. Funeral service was held 1:30 PM Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Temple of Truth, Light and Life. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. James was born on February 3, 1927. He was the last of six children born to the late Oscar

Mosley, Jr. and Elizabeth Williams Mosley. He made a big splash in his family. It was noticed at an early age that he possessed a rather large apparatus on his shoulders and was there ordained "Tadpole" and hence the legend began. "Tadpole", the person and the name became and still is a legend in East Wilmington. Though this was a community where most of us knew each other, everybody knew Tadpole. He quit school at the age of 14 and became an avid cigar smoker and the local rebel. He refused to go in the military because his two older brothers had gone, and one did not return...alive. He was full of fun and jokes and would lay a few, choice words" on you in a minute. In spite of all his brassiness and know-it-all approach, Tadpole was a loving and reliable friend who got along with everyone. He helped raise his niece, the late Vernel Bloodworth and was like a grandfather to her children. Other than his mother and father, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Maggie, Gladys and Matilda and two brothers, Oscar Jr. and Gilbert.

He leaves to mourn: two nieces, Gloria Rhodes (Robert) of Texas and Linda Mosley of Washington, DC; two nephews, Samuel Kirby, Jr. (Kathy) of Columbia, SC and Kojo Nantambu (Linda) of the city; sister-in-law, Elsie Chappell of Washington, DC; best friend who was like a brother, Clarence Fuller "Fatstuff" and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Janet "Cookie" Dunn**

Janet "Cookie" Dunn died November 12, 2019. Memorial service was held Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Janet M. Dunn was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Doris Dunn. She attended Martin Luther King Jr. High School. Janet, affectionately known as "Cookie" relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina in 1981. She attended Cape Fear Community College and obtained her certification as a Computer Specialist in Office Work. In addition to her mother, Janet was preceded in death by her sister, Linda Dunn and her brother, Willie Dunn.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her children, Eric Dunn, Mike Dunn and Terrene Dunn; two persons she loved as daughters, Sunday and Denise; a special friend, Spencer Fulton; the father of her children, Michael Yates; grandchildren, Madison Delts, Kaylee Delts, Cameron Witherspoon, Kealey Dunn, Robert Williams and Rene Williams; sisters, Jane Dunn, Mary (Johnny) Barnes and Ivory Faulk (auntie); nieces and nephews, Michael Dunn, Christopher Dunn, Quinn Dunn, Rochelle Dunn, Nicky Barnes, LaTanya Dunn, Rachel White, Harmony Dunn, George Faulk, Joseph Faulk, David Faulk and Wittis Faulk; other relatives and friends, including special friends, Frank Potts and Randolph Keaton. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Edith Shepard**

Edith Shepard died November 13, 2019. Funeral service was held Sunday, November 17, 2019 at Old Scotts Hill AME Church. Burial followed in Pollock Cemetery. Edith Mae McIntyre Shepard was born to the late Nathan and Nancy McIntyre on June 13, 1932.

Edith attended Williston Senior High School, graduating in the Class of 1955. On November 13, 1965, she was joined in marriage to Therman "AW" Shepard. Their marriage lasted for 20 plus years until his death. Her working career began at Blockade Runner where she worked for several years before working at Block Shirt Factory from which she retired after twenty-five years of service. Edith joined Old Scotts Hill AME Church at an early age and remained a faithful member until her health declined. In 2019, she was honored as one of the mothers of the church. She was also appointed as a Deaconess at Old Scotts Hill. "Aunt E", "E", or "Shep" as her children of ten often called her was always the life of the parties. She always kept something going with anyone that she came in contact with. Her laughter, her jokes and famous facial expressions she showed when anyone pulled out a camera to take her picture will always be remembered. But the love of the Lord is what kept her going and it was something that she instilled in her children, nieces and nephews that they will always cherish. In addition to her parents, Edith was also preceded in death by five of her siblings: Molly, George, John, Lillia and Nathaniel; two grandchildren, Michael McIntyre and Sonja Hansley and two nephews, David McIntyre and Paul McIntyre.

She leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Cynthia McIntyre and Peggie Lockett (Tony); a special niece as a daughter, Elizabeth "Ann" McIntyre; grandchildren, Kevin McIntyre and Tomeka Sidbury; sisters-in-law, Carrie Mae Shepard; nieces, Wanda (Larry) Hansley and Sharon (Toussaint) McIntyre all of Raleigh, NC, Roxanne Nixon, April Hansley and Lesa Murphy all of Wilmington, NC; nephews, Fred (Thelma) McIntyre, Glenn Nixon and Donald Ray McIntyre all of Wilmington, NC; a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, great-grand-nieces, great-grand-nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friends, Lizzie Nixon, Betty McIntyre, Mattie Foy and Geraldine Sidberry. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**James "Sonny" Bosier**

James "Sonny" Bosier died November 6, 2019 at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. Funeral service was held Monday, November 18, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. James Clarence "Sonny" Bosier was born November 17, 1947 to Elwell and Mary Bosier in Wilmington, North Carolina. "Sonny" as he was affectionately known was devoted to and dedicated to his maternal grandparents, James and Annie Boyd, who assisted in raising him. He also had a close relationship with his paternal grandmother, Ella Jane Bosier. He received his secondary education in Wilmington, North Carolina. Sonny was a "rough and ready" type person as a young boy. He was always prepared and could definitely defend himself without having to run home to get his two sisters. He joined the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was immediately sent into combat with the 173rd Airborne Division as a paratrooper. Through much prayer he served his country, received an honorable discharge and returned home safely from Vietnam.

Sonny was miraculously kept by

the grace of God. After returning home from the war, he relocated to New York and was employed many years as a machinist with N.J. Cavanaro in Brooklyn, New York. He enjoyed a full career with the company until the effects of the war led to him becoming too disabled to continue with the work he loved. During this time, he became very faithful in keeping up with his medical care with the VA Medical Hospital. Sonny claimed Gateway Second Church of God in Christ as his home church. Although he had a tough looking exterior, he had a heart of gold and especially loved pets, mainly dogs. His dog, with whom he grew up, was his confidant. You could always find them sitting on the back steps, and he would tell "Soochie" all of his problems. He loved babies and children.

James Clarence "Sonny" Bosier will be missed by so many and always loved by his two sisters, Zella (Freddie) Dingle of Wilmington, NC and Betty Lawrence of South Ozone Park, NY; his sister-cousins, Carolyn and Pamela Logan, Betty Robinson, Rudene Scales, Jennifer (Roe) Nelson and Rev. Roberta Montgomery; his adopted family the McLaurins, Rev. Tony, Darryl, Adrienne (Ruth), Mimi, Michelle, Danard, Fanny and Andre, who claimed him as their father, with whom he shared a great mutual love and he took them as his own. His nieces and nephews were the apple of his eye. His many cousins, neighbors and friends were very important to him. Sonny lived a beautiful life and was able to enjoy his best years toward the end of life when he learned to lean on and love the Lord. He got inspiration when he studied the Bible with his cousin Wil, who departed this life in August of this year. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Rev. Edward Ernest Ragin**

Rev. Edward Ernest Ragin died November 10, 2019. Funeral service was held Monday, November 18, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial

Park. Rev. Edward Ernest Ragin, affectionately known as "Ernest", was born to Barrett Greer Ragin and Edith Viola Stukes on May 21, 1941, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Ernest accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and faithfully attended St. Phillip A.M.E Church. A graduate of Williston Senior High school he entered the US Navy in August of 1962. Following his medical retirement from the US Navy, he obediently accepted the call to ministry and became an ordained minister on May 19, 1969. On November 17th of that year, he and Katie L. McKoy of Wilmington, North Carolina were united in holy matrimony. They provided a loving home to their children Michael, Brenda and Adrian. He was preceded in death by his wife, Katie on March 16, 1996.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his children: Michael Boyd of Atlanta, GA, Brenda Boyd Smith of Wilmington, NC and Adrian Boyd of Charlotte, NC. He was blessed with a number of grandchildren whom he adored and loved. Ernest siblings include two brothers: Sam (Marcia-deceased) and Willie (Annie); one sister-in-law Jeanette (John B.); his brother John B. and sisters Elizabeth V, Edith L. and Frances M. preceded him in death. He leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to cherish his memory. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Nathaniel Merrick**

Nathaniel Merrick funeral service was held 2:00 PM Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at Mt. Calvary AME Church. Burial followed in Mt. Calvary Church Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Alexander "Shotgun" Corbett**

Alexander "Shotgun" Corbett funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 22, 2019 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Malachi Pigford**

Malachi Pigford memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 24, 2019 at Ephesus SDA Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*



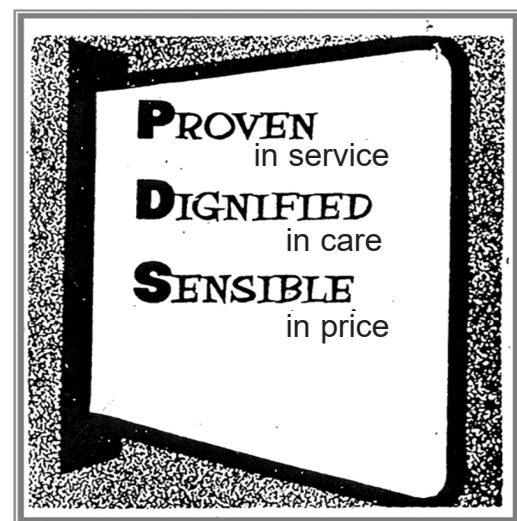
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