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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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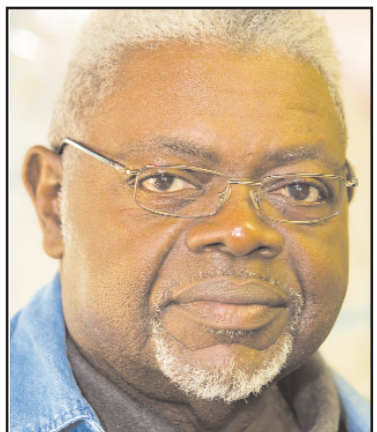
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BERNEST HEWETT

The Reverend Dr. Freeman Gause

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, we honor The Reverend Dr. Freeman Gause as the Black History Person of the Month. Rev. Gause grew up in the Thomasboro community here in Brunswick County. He attended Union High School and, upon graduating from high school, attended N.C. A&T State University in Greensboro, N. C., where he earned a bachelor's degree in science, a Master of Science in biology, a master's degree in administration. He also attended Shaw University of Raleigh, N. C., where he earned a Master of Divinity and a doctorate in divinity.

Dr. Gause retired from the Brunswick County School System with more than 30 years of service. He was given the Long Leaf Pine Award by Governor Beverly Perdue for his work in Brunswick County. He began a new career after he retired from the school system. He took on the

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Honoring the service & sacrifice of Army Specialist Antonio I. "Tony" Moore

BY CASH MICHAELS

"FALLEN HERO" COMES HOME: Honored for service, bravery

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Led by his family, friends, fellow service people, and even the governor of the state, they all came out to Union Missionary Baptist Church Tuesday to pay their last respects to Specialist Antonio Moore.

The Wilmington native and Hoggard High School alum died in Syria on duty during a rollover crash.

He was 22. Known for his dedication to duty and infectious smile, Moore was the pride of his family. Gov. Roy Cooper presented Moore's mother

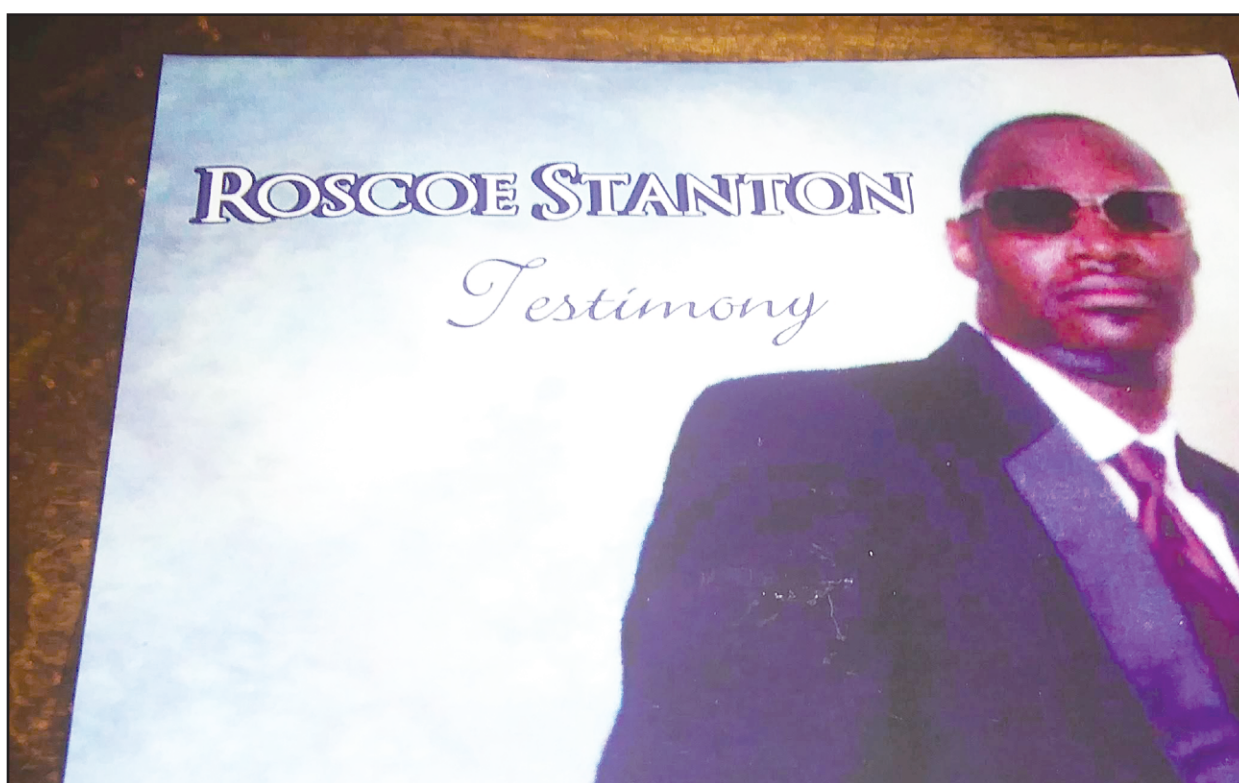
with an American flag, and paid his personal condolences to the family.

"This is a reminder that freedom isn't free, and that it has a high cost," the governor said. "This community of Wilmington rallying around this family is an amazing thing and one of the great things about North Carolina."

Cooper has had flags flown at half-mast since Specialist Moore's body was brought back to North Carolina last week.

The NHC Board of Commissioners passed a resolution Monday

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Stanton's deep gospel music roots

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Roscoe Stanton has served as an opening act for gospel greats like The Williams Brothers, Willie Neal Johnson, Shirley Caesar, Vicki Winans, and Tamala Mann.

Sunday afternoon he will participate in a free Black History Month Gospel Music Program at Central Baptist Church.

Stanton has lived in Wilmington and shared musical talents for decades.

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REVS. BARBER AND SPEARMAN

2020 HK on J Moral March/Rally Theme: "When We Vote, We Win!"

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With 2020 being a crucial election year, it should be no surprise to anyone that the theme for this Saturday's annual HK on J Moral March/Rally, sponsored by the NC NAACP, Repairers of the Breach, and their coalition partners, is "When we

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Former NC NAACP staffer sues for \$15 million after sexual harassment claim

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A female former staffer of the NC NAACP has filed suit in Durham Superior Court for \$15 million, claiming sexual harassment by her former supervisor, The Reverend Curtis Gatewood.

Jazmyne Childs initially made the bombshell allegations late last

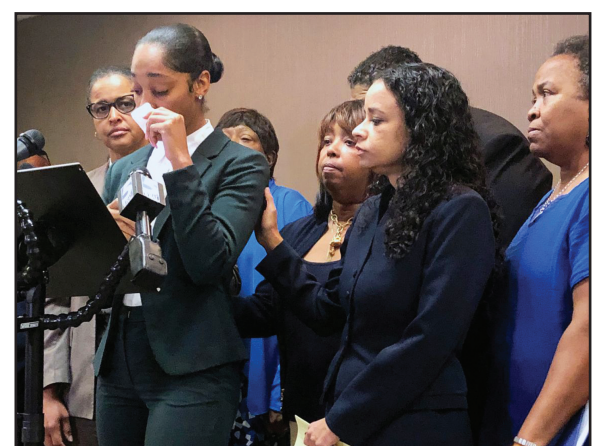


GATEWOOD

year just two weeks before the 2019 NC NAACP State Convention in October. Gatewood initially denied her allegations, later admitting that his actions "...may have been received as sexual."

Ms. Childs, 27, is also suing the National NAACP, alleging that when she made her complaints about Gatewood in 2017, the national office didn't immediately act to suspend Gatewood, even after NCNAACP leadership com-

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MS. JAZMYNE CHILDS, SURROUNDED BY SUPPORTERS

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BLACK AMERICA'S HOUSING CRISIS:

More renters than homeowners, homeless population jumps 12 percent

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - No matter who you are, or where you live, there's a central concern that links consumers all over the country: the ever-rising cost of living. For many consumers, the combined costs of housing, transportation, food, and utilities leave room for little else from take-home pay.

From Boston west to Seattle, and from Chicago to Miami and parts in between, the rising cost of living is particularly challenging in one area - housing. Both homeowners and renters alike today cope as best they can just to have a roof over their families' heads.

The nation's median sales price of a new home last September in 2019 was \$299,400, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Even for an existing home, the St. Louis Federal Reserve noted its median price in December was \$274,500.

For renters, the cost of housing is also a serious challenge. Last June, the national average rent reached \$1,405, an all-time high. But if one lives in a high-cost market like Manhattan, Boston, Los Angeles, or San Francisco, a realistic rental price is easily north of \$3,000 each month.

Now a new report from Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS) finds that the American Dream of homeownership is strained even among households with incomes most would think adequate to own a home. From 2010 to 2018, 3.2 million households with earnings higher than \$75,000 represented more than three-quarters of the growth in renters in its report entitled, America's Rental Housing 2020.

"[F]rom the homeownership peak in 2004 to 2018, the number of married couples with children that owned homes fell by 2.7 million, while the number renting rose by 680,000," states the report. "These changes have meant that families with children now make up a larger share of renter households (29%) than owner households (26 percent)."

To phrase it another way, America's middle class is at risk. Consumer demographics that traditionally described homeowners, has shifted to that of renters. And in that process, the opportunity to build family wealth through homeownership has become more difficult for many - and financially out of reach for others.

"Rising rents are making it increasingly difficult for households to save for a down payment and become homeowners," says Whitney Airgood-Obyrcki, a JCHS Research Associate and lead author of the new report. "Young, college-educated households with high incomes are really driving current rental demand."

Included among the report's key findings:

••• Rents in 2019 continued their seven-year climb, marking 21 consecutive quarters of increases above 3.0 percent;

••• Despite the growth in high-income white renters, renter households overall have become more racially and ethnically diverse since 2004, with minority households accounting for 76 percent of renter household growth through 2018; and

••• Income inequality among renter households has been growing. The average real income of the top fifth of renters rose more than 40 percent over the past 20 years, while that of the bottom fifth of renters fell by 6 percent;

"Despite the strong economy, the number and share of renters burdened by housing costs rose last year after a couple of years of modest improvement," says Chris Herbert, Managing Director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies. "And while the poorest households are most likely to face this challenge, renters earning decent incomes have driven this recent deterioration in affordability."

This trend of fewer homeowners has also impacted another disturbing development: the nation's growing homeless population.

Citing that homelessness is again on the rise, the JCHS report noted that after falling for six straight years, the number of people experiencing homelessness nationwide grew from 2016-2018, to 552,830. In just one year, 2018 to 2019, the percentage of America's Black homeless grew from 40 percent to more than half - 52 percent.

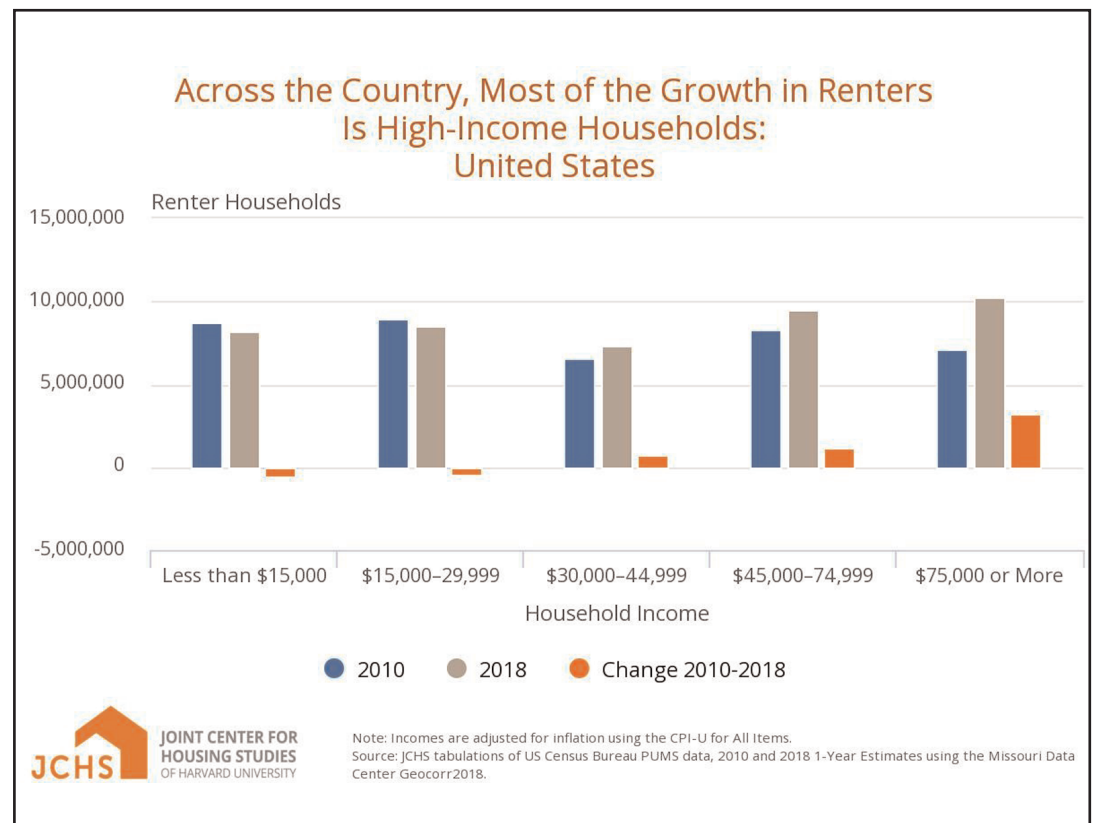
That independent finding supports the conclusion of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's report to Congress known as its Annual Homeless Assessment Report.

While some would presume that homelessness is an issue for high-cost states like California, and New York, the 2019 HUD report found significant growth in homeless residents in states like Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, and Washington as well.

According to HUD, states with the highest rates of homelessness per 10,000 people were New York (46), Hawaii (45), California (38), Oregon (38), and Washington (29), each significantly higher than the national average of 17 persons per 10,000. The District of Columbia had a homelessness rate of 94 people per 10,000.

And like the JCHS report, HUD also found disturbing data on the disproportionate number of Black people who are now homeless.

For example, although the numbers of homeless veterans and homeless families with children declined over the past year, Blacks were 40



U.S. HIGH-INCOME RENTER GROWTH

percent of all people experiencing homelessness in 2019, and 52% of people experiencing homelessness as members of families with children.

These racial disparities are even more alarming when overall, Blacks comprise 13 percent of the nation's population.

When four of every 10 homeless people are Black, 225,735 consumers are impacted. Further, and again according to HUD, 56,381 Blacks (27 percent) are living on the nation's streets, instead of in homeless shelters.

The bottom line on these research reports is that Black America's finances are fragile. With nagging disparities in income, family wealth, unemployment and more - the millions of people working multiple jobs, and/or living paycheck to paycheck, are often just one paycheck away from financial disaster.

Add predatory lending on high-cost loans like payday or overdraft fees, or the weight of medical debt or student loans, when financial calamity arrives, it strikes these consumers harder and longer than others who have financial cushions.

And lest we forget, housing discrimination in home sales, rentals, insurance and more continue to disproportionately affect Black America despite the Fair Housing Act, and other federal laws intended to remove discrimination from the marketplace.

The real question in 2020 is, 'What will communities and the nation do about it?'

For Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, an assistant professor of African-American studies at Princeton University and author of the new book, "Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership", federal enforcement of its own laws addressing discrimination and acknowledging the

inherent tug-of-war wrought from the tension of public service against the real estate industry's goal of profit, there's little wonder why so many public-private partnerships fail to serve both interests.

In a recent Chicago Tribune interview, Professor Taylor explained her view.

"You don't need a total transformation of society to create equitable housing for people," said Taylor. "We have come to believe that equitable housing is just some weird thing that can't happen here, and the reality is that we have the resources to create the kinds of housing outcomes that we say we desire."

"The way to get that has everything to do with connecting the energy on the

ground to a different vision for our society - one that has housing justice, equity and housing security at the heart of it," Taylor continued. "The resources and the money are there, but there's a lack of political will from the unfortunate millionaire class that dominates our politics... I think, given the persistence of the housing crisis in this country, we have to begin to think in different ways about producing housing that is equitable and actually affordable in the real-life, lived experiences of the people who need it."

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task of the Pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church and held that position for 29 years before he decided to rest a while, but he is still involved in church work.

For all young Blacks who can't make up your minds about what you want to do with your lives, my advice to you would be that you should talk to him. Let him tell you from where he came, how he has made it through and what you should do right now to overcome today's society and its problems.

Rev. Dr. Gause came through Jim Crow at its worst, faced it head on, and stood his ground. He was one of the first Blacks to work in the Brunswick County Schools' Administration Office as an administrator. He is an extraordinary person. Get your youth to know him or learn of him.

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



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RALEIGH CREATES POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

[RALEIGH] After years of advocacy, and several

recent high-profile shootings, the Raleigh City Council Tuesday established a five-person police advisory board to oversee police policies and procedures. Police chief Cassandra Deck-Brown has long opposed the board, but in a statement issued afterward, said that she and her department will work with

it. The Advisory Board comes after another fatal Raleigh police shooting last week.

FATHER ACCUSED OF LEAVING HEROIN THAT 1-YEAR-OLD GOT INTO

[FAYETTEVILLE] The father of a 1-year-old child has been charged with negligent child abuse after his

one-year-old son overdosed on heroin the father allegedly left around the house. The child was treated with naloxone after he was found not breathing. Cumberland County authorities have charged Luis Castellon, 26, after bags of heroin were found in his home. The child has recovered. Castellon has been ordered not to have

contact with his child.

ASST. SUPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR NHCPS RESIGNS

[WILMINGTON] Dr. John Welmers, assistant superintendent of Human Resources for New Hanover county public schools has resigned, effective March 1. He is taking earned leave

time until then. No reason was officially given. The resignation comes after a third NHCPS employee was recently charged for sexually assaulting a student.

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acknowledging Moore's sacrifice and service.

"We lift his parents, brothers, sister, grandparents, extended family, and all who

knew and loved him in our thoughts during this difficult time and always," the resolution said. "Further, let it be resolved that, in accordance with North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's order, flags in New Hanover County and across the state,

will remain at half-staff until sunset on Tuesday, February 4, as a symbol of our gratitude and deepest sympathy."

Specialist Moore's family was grateful for the outpouring of love and respect.

"We would like to extend

our family's heartfelt gratitude for the community's overwhelming support as we grieve the loss of our beloved son, brother, grandson and friend," a statement from the family read. "Tony was larger than life, full of love and proud to serve this

country. We take comfort in knowing that he was doing what he loved along with the stories and pictures that have been shared from all of those that knew and loved him. The family is deeply appreciative of the continuous outpouring of love from

the citizens of this community and ask all of those wishing to make a monetary donation to allow us time to establish a dedicated account in honor Antonio. Details of the established account will be provided at later time."

STANTON

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His gospel roots link further back to Scotland County where he was born into a family of church musicians and singers.

The son of Lawrence and Annie Stanton was reared to use life skills on a farm during weekdays, and to use spiritual gifts in churches on Sundays.

Members of Williams Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church,

three generations of Stantons taught Roscoe how to worship and how to sing.

"My grandfather was a singer known as 'Boy Johnson,'" Stanton said. "My father played lead guitar."

On Sunday mornings they performed live on, "Radio Sunday," a station that showcased black vocalists and quartets.

"They were members of a singing group, 'The Gospel Stars,'" he said.

From his youth Roscoe's main interest was singing. He was also taught to play

drums by his uncle, Alton Johnson.

A brother, the late James Stanton, a lead guitarist, performed with a group in New York known as, "The Voices."

Small recordings projects were done by some, but Roscoe has bigger plans to eventually provide videos and CDs that can touch the lives of many people.

One of his favorite songs is Willie Neal Johnson's version of, "Walk Around Heaven." Years ago he recorded it and has worked in a local studio with

Damian Murrill to produce trendy gospel music and songs previously sung by black quartet singers.

Vocalist and music specialist, Sylvia Johnson, has also been a great encourager for Stanton. His efforts are also supported by wife, Monique.

"You have to have it in your heart and be committed to music," Stanton said. "Being around people who want to see you growing and can help you with your music is important," he said. "Jesus On The Main

Line," one of his special selections, and many others are message songs.

African culture and its links to griots and storytelling meshed with western American religions as the slaves became Christianized and created their own spiritual songs. Some used by activists like Harriet Tubman had codes and hidden messages that their overseers could not understand.

Traditional Black Gospel Music was further popularized by writers and musi-

cians like Charles Tindley, Thomas A. Dorsey and Sallie Martin during the 1930s, 40s, and 50s.

Stanton learned those types of musical styles from ancestors, and he has also attended seminars, workshops and special programs in Las Vegas, and Miami that link to more recent decades of gospel music styles.

A member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Stanton will be one of the performers 3 p.m., Sunday at Central Missionary Baptist, 702 Red Cross St.

HK ON J

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Vote...We Win: Save Our Democracy."

HK on J (the Historic Thousands on Jones Street) is made up of more than 125 North Carolina NAACP branches, youth councils and college chapters from across North Carolina, and

members of over 200 other social justice organizations.

Few social justice organizations have fought to protect the right to vote in North Carolina harder than the NC NAACP, previously led by The Reverend Dr. William Barber and now president, The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman.

"If they marched then," says Rev. Barber about the

courageous demonstrators who were beaten and attacked by Alabama State Police during the 1965 Montgomery to Selma march, "...if they fought then, if they pushed the nation forward then, we must resist the nation's going backwards now."

"When this moral fusion coalition comes together, it breaks many kinds of

bread," says Rev. Dr. Spearman. "What matters most is that we break bread together because the bread we share strengthens the arms that beat the drum of resistance and pushes the rock of reconstruction."

With the Iowa caucuses taking place on Monday and the North Carolina primaries coming on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, as part of Super

Tuesday...all of it looking forward to the Nov. 6, 2020, fall general elections, there is no more important time for the NCNAACP and others to push voter registration and voter empowerment, especially when it comes to addressing issues like poverty, affordable housing, health care, and education.

The HK on J Mass Moral March on Raleigh and

People's Assembly is scheduled for this Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020. Gathering in front of Shaw University (corner of Wilmington and South streets begins at 8:30 a. m. Pre-rally starts at 9 a. m. there. The march begins at 10 a. m., followed by the rally and People's Assembly.

For more information, visit hkconj.com or naacpc.org.

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missioned an investigation proving her allegations, and sending that report to the

national office.

"The NAACP "...is liable for the misconduct for Gatewood because the National NAACP ratified [his] conduct," Childs' suit alleges.

In 2017, Ms. Childs was the youth and college field secretary for the NCNAACP. Her lawsuit alleges that, because of Gatewood's sexual harassment, she has suffered from depression, anxiety, nervous-

ness and insomnia. The legal action seeks over \$5 million in compensatory damages and more than \$25,000 in punitive damages per battery, assault and intentional infliction of emotional distress charges.

According to published reports, Gatewood was suspended in September 2019 after Ms. Childs made her allegations public. In January, Gatewood asked to have his membership rein-

stated.

Neither Ms. Childs, her attorneys, Rev. Gatewood, nor officials with the National NAACP were available for comment at press time.

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WILMINGTON POLICE CHIEF DONNY WILLIAMS

Let's not beat around the bush here.

Donny Williams should NOT be Wilmington's Interim Police Chief.

Donny Williams SHOULD be Wilmington's Police Chief, PERIOD!

We know. We know. It is standard practice for the Wilmington City Council to name the Assistant Police Chief the Interim Police Chief when the retiring police chief finally calls it a career, as former Chief Ralph Evangelous did on Feb. 1, (and we wish him well in his retirement).

However, let's be real...how much time do we need to know that Interim Chief Williams is a good man, strong leader, and top cop.

Even Chief Evangelous thinks so.

"For the past year and a half, I've had the pleasure of watching Assistant Chief Williams help to lead the Wilmington Police Department. His hard work and commitment to community policing continues to be an asset to our agency. I'm confident he will continue to move this agency forward, while focusing on the safety and well being of our citizens.

"I fully support the decision of the city council," Chief Evangelous concluded. The only other endorsement that means more is from the community, and, as far as we're concerned, Chief Williams already has that.

He's a Wilmington native with over 29 years of service to the force and the people. He knows the WPD inside and out, having served in just about every official capacity.

However, beyond being an officer, a police captain, a

deputy chief over Special and Criminal Investigations, and overseeing the department's largest patrol division, Chief Williams has always made time for our community's youth, working to expand the Police Activities League (PAL) enrolling over 500 young people per year.

Chief Williams meets all of the requirements of experienced and educated leadership. He has a B. A. from Mt. Olive College in management and organizational development. He is also a graduate of the Administrative Officer's Management Program at NC State University.

Williams has also completed the 75th Session of Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute for Police.

And last, but certainly not least, Chief Williams oversaw the design, development, and completion of the Haynes - Lacewell Police and Fire Training Facility.

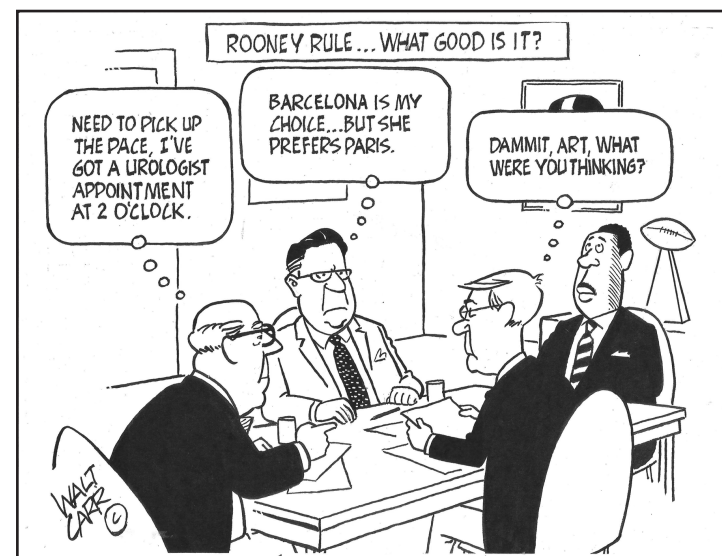
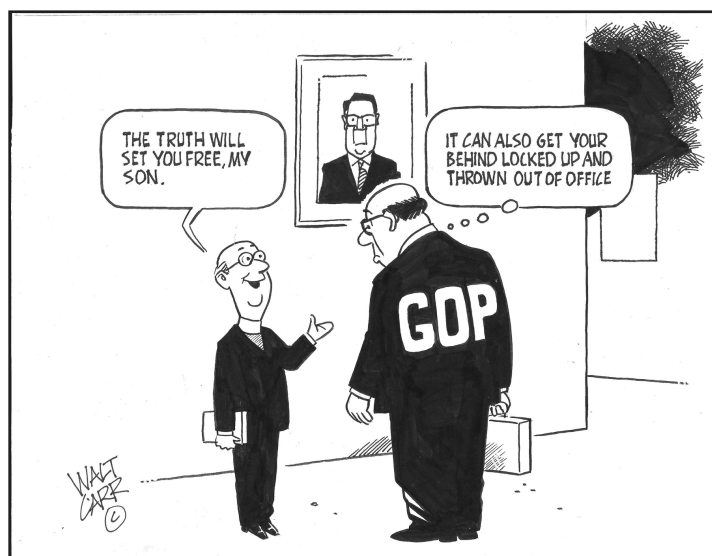
There really is no need for discussion here. We have an accomplished Wilmington native who has knocked down the door of every requirement we could ask already at the wheel of our city's police department.

So, Wilmington City Council, we all know you have a thing for the dramatic, but let's be real here! Chief Williams is just about all you could ask for to ensure that the citizens of the Port City are well protected and respected!

Let's not wait six months for doing what we all know is the right thing! Make Donny Williams Wilmington's PERMANENT police chief as soon as possible!

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COMMON SENSE TELLS US THAT SOME THINGS GO TOGETHER

A baked potato and butter, fried chicken and hot sauce, crab legs and butter, French fries, and ketchup, pig feet and vinegar, a discotheque and disc jockey, movie and popcorn, Sunday morning church

service and collection, milk and cereal, vodka and orange juice, missing three car payments and getting back on your feet/walking, super bowl commercials and betting on the game, not voting and electing TRUMP, Mitch McConnell and Linsey Graham, and a TRIAL WITH WITNESSES. Fitty-one, (51), cowardly U.S.

Republicans Senators voted to have no witnesses in TRUMP'S impeachment trial. What is so embarrassing for me is that two, Richard Burr and Thom Tillis are from my home state North Carolina. We progressives won round 1 in the U.S. House. The GOP Senators won round 2 but we progressives can and will win round 3 in

November by registering and voting in record numbers. The GOP has the most money, but we poor to middle class, have the most people.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? WILL YOU VOTE IN NOVEMBER?

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

The good often die young

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

My brother died a month ago. His death left an ache in my heart that has not yet gone away. Then came the helicopter crash and my heart broke again. Kobe Bryant, his daughter, Gianna, and 7 others died in the crash. The night before, LeBron James surpassed his scoring record. Kobe immediately sent congratulations to LeBron. That's the way Kobe was. He'd moved on from his own playing days and was encouraging others to achieve their personal best.

Kobe was one of the greatest players of all time. No matter who scores more in the future, that is the way many of us will remember him. Though he's gone, there's no question that his place in the Basketball Hall of Fame was pre-determined and well-deserved. No matter the achievements of future great players, Kobe owns a place on the list of basketball's greatest. When he was on the court, his invincibility was infectious. We felt invincible because we knew he was going

to give his best and his best so often meant a victory for his fans.

Kobe said, "If you do the work and work hard enough, your dreams will come true." He had an extraordinary work ethic which he demonstrated by scoring 81 points in a game! Kobe's fans had grown accustomed to seeing his high scores and magical plays, and we'll never forget the thrills his playing gave us.

As Rev. Al Sharpton said, "You don't know when your end will be, but make sure you live your life so you know what others will say about you when your time comes." Kobe did that.

In an interview with Jimmy Kimmel, Kobe was asked, "Do you think your daughter will want to play professionally?" Without pause, Kobe said, "She does for sure." I can

understand why when Kobe was asked when was he going to have a boy to carry on his legacy, Gianna stepped up and patted her chest to say girls can carry on legacies. She was well on her way to doing that. When the crash occurred, her Dad was on the way to her game!

I wasn't surprised to hear the heartfelt love and respect Kobe commanded. Fans and competitors made clear the esteem in which they held him and the depth of the loss his absence would create. All made clear the pain and profound sadness that his loss had brought to them. His commitment to supporting the aspirations of young people, stands in stark contrast to the antagonistic, belligerent conduct of our so-called national leader. The possibility Kobe projected into the lives of those he mentored was the polar opposite in behavior to the thousands of lies, meanness of spirit, profane language and evil actions so easily expressed by the occupant of the White House.

Well-deserved tributes came immediately from Kareem Abdul Jabbar and Shaquille

O'Neal. Shaq lamented, "There are no words to express the pain I'm going through with this tragedy of losing my niece Gigi and my brother. I'm sick right now."

Then came tributes from Michael Jordan and President Barack Obama. Barack, a basketball enthusiast, said, "Kobe was a legend on the court and just getting started in what would have been just as meaningful a second act. To lose Gianna is even more heartbreaking to us as parents. Michelle and I send love and prayers to Vanessa and the entire Bryant family on an unthinkable day."

My heart goes out to all the families that lost loved ones in the tragedy where 9 people lost their lives. Kobe was a big advocate for women's sports. May his support bring new life and equality to women's sports in memory of both Kobe and Gianni.

"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.

Everybody's got the right to live

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

More than nine hundred people crowded into the Church of the Epiphany, an Episcopal church in Washington, DC. They had gathered to hear Rev. William Barber, the dynamic and prophetic co-leader (with Rev. Liz Theoharis) of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. They came, not only to hear Rev. Barber but also to sing and bond and listen to poor people tell their own stories.

This late January gathering is one of many that the Poor People's Campaign is having all over the country, leading up to a Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington on June 20, 2020. With 43 state coordinating committees actively working in communities, Barber and Theoharis are planning to peacefully "take it to the streets" in downtown Washington, and to make the statement that "everybody's got the right to live."

To assert that everyone has a right to live seems obvious. But many of those who live in poverty have to fight to live. The poor have to scramble to eat, to afford medication, to find an

affordable place to live. They have to watch their neighborhoods being decimated by gentrification, as rising housing costs push long-time residents out. As many as 45,000 people a year die because they don't have health insurance. And more than 10 percent of the US population is "food insecure," which means that they either skip meals,

eat less at meals, or cannot afford nutritious food. One in six children is food insecure. Several of the poor people told their stories, while Congresswomen Barbara Lee (D-CA), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), and Brenda Lawrence (MI), among others, listened to the harrowing personal narratives from homeless people, a deaf student whose financial aid was cut when her father got a small raise, a woman who was arrested and incarcerated in front of her children when she sold food on the street, and many more. The audience was urged not to clap but to shout supportive-

ly, "Somebody is hurting our people, and we won't be silent anymore."

Poverty is trauma. Poverty can be the source of enormous stress, and perhaps even some mental illness (though you don't have to be impoverished to be crazy!). Poverty or near-poverty impacts 140 million people, nearly half of us. Rev. Barber says we must have "righteous indignation" about poverty.

Instead, we seem to accept poverty as something we can do nothing about. We walk by homeless people on the street, drive past homeless encampments under freeways. Some of us roll up our noses and are appalled by the odors that some homeless emit without wondering why there are odors and whether there are places where they can get showers or a bath. Some of us find the homeless "unsightly" and lobby to have them moved from visible commercial corridors and upscale neighborhoods to places where we don't have to look at or think about their plight. But homelessness is the most visible manifestation of poverty. And when we endeavor to render the homeless invisible, we are also attempting to eliminate

the scourge of poverty. Dr. Martin Luther King once called poverty "an abomination" and compared it to cannibalism. Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated Dr. King's birthday, but there were too few mentions of poverty.

Indeed, while some of the presidential candidates have paid attention to economic structure, fewer have candidly discussed ways they would reduce or eliminate it. Speeches and debates go by with nary a mention of poverty. The candidates who choose to ignore poverty seem to forget that poor people vote. Or perhaps they are counting on poor people to be absent from the polls, especially when some forms of voter suppression require voters to incur additional costs to vote. Between 2016 and 2018, hundreds of polling places were closed, and if some have their way, there will be even fewer in 2020. Our electoral system is biased against Black people, Brown people, poor people.

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TOO BE EQUAL

Kobe Bryant, once a basketball wunderkind, remembered as a #GirlDad

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

“The kid we had first seen as spoiled — bickering with established stars next to him to whom we thought he should have shown deference — we saw now as an avuncular figure generously sharing his knowledge of the game with younger players who grew up idolizing his talent ... We watched him step into the role of a retired athlete, not commentating on TV, but lending his energy, fame and wealth to foundations to help people in need — kids at risk, veterans struggling to transition to civilian life, and the homeless.” -- Kevin B. Blackstone

athletes have done. Few could have predicted one of the key ways that Bryant is being memorialized on social media, with the hashtag #GirlDad.

Several years ago, ESPN's Elle Duncan, who was pregnant at the time, encountered Bryant backstage at an ESPN event, and the discussion turned to children.

Marc Morial

“I would have five more girls if I could,” Bryant told Duncan. “I’m a girl dad.”

That he died alongside one of his four beloved daughters compounds the tragedy of his passing immeasurably. Gianna, nicknamed Gigi, was the daughter he considered most like himself — fiercely competitive and passionately in love with the game of basketball.

He told ABC's Jimmy Kimmel, “The best thing that happens is when we go out and fans would come up to me and she'll be standing next to me, and they'll be like, ‘You've gotta have a boy, you and V gotta have a boy. You gotta have somebody to carry on your tra-

dition, the legacy.’ She's like, ‘Oy, I got this.’”

“I'm like, ‘that's right. Yes, you do, you got this.’”

Bryant is survived by his wife Vanessa, and daughters Natalia (“Nani”), age 17; Bianca (“B.B.”), age 3, and Capri (“Coco”), age 7 months. Nani is an avid volleyball player.

It is sadly ironic that Bryant used helicopters as a frequent mode of transport because, he said, it allowed him to spend more time with his family.

He credited his love for his daughters with changing his view of women in sports. He became a champion of women's basketball, both college and professional, often using his immense social media following as a platform to promote it.

In one of his final interviews, he insisted that some of the WNBA's top players — Diana Taurasi, Maya Moore and Elena Della Donne — could play in the NBA.

And he wasn't just a cheerleader for women in sports. As a coach to Gigi's youth basketball team, he was actively helping to create the next generation of stars. The helicopter crashed en route to a youth basketball tournament, and the other six passengers included two of Gianna's teammates,

their parents, an assistant girls' basketball coach, and the pilot.

Bryant was more than just an extraordinary basketball player. The first guard ever to enter the NBA directly from high school, he was seen as a bridge between the old guard, represented by Michael Jordan, and the new, embodied by LeBron James. Just the day before he died, Bryant tweeted his congratulations to James on breaking Bryant's record career total of 33,643 points.

His career represented a change in the way players controlled the path of their own careers, orchestrating a deal among teams that landed him with the Lakers, his preferred franchise.

He will be included on every list of all-time great athletes, of those who transformed the game. But to be remembered as a devoted father; and an unapologetic champion of opportunity for his own children and everyone else's, is his unique and loving legacy. Our hearts go out to Vanessa Bryant and her daughters, as well as the families of all the others lost in the crash.

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

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
Payback for what?

During the debacle of the impeachment hearings, I heard more than once that Republicans, when asked why they were so willing to ignore the need for witnesses and documents in order to hold the president accountable for his actions, responded, “This is payback.”

The answer stunned me and I asked a couple of “friends” on Twitter who had shared this sentiment what the payback was for? And nobody bothered to answer.

Perhaps the closest I came to an answer came from Newt Gingrich, the man who many point to as the catalyst in pushing tribalism in politics. (<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/11/newt-gingrich-says-youre-welcome/570832/>) (<https://www.npr.org/2018/11/01/662906525/combatative-tribal-angry-newt-gingrich-set-the-stage-for-trump-journalist-says>) In a Sunday morning interview, I heard Gingrich say that what was going on was pushback against the “big government” policies put



Rev. Susan K. Smith

in place by Presidents Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson. Their programs, which resulted in paying attention to the needs of the masses of people, sparked resentment among Republicans when they were put in place; the cry against “big government” has been a protest against what they consider to be a waste of taxpayer money to help people who are simply not willing to help themselves.

It is said that the wealthy were furious with President Roosevelt as he crafted and implemented the New Deal. H.W. Branch, in his book *Traitor to his Class: The Privileged Life and Radical Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt* details Roosevelt's actions and why he took the positions he did, even as his class despised what was going on.

The wealthy, including those who crave and covet political power even as they fashion policies which negatively impact the masses of Americans, believe that they are entitled to govern. Even the Founding Fathers believed that it was the wealthy who were fit to govern, not the masses, who were “prone to be turbulent” and not easily controlled.

So, the wealthy have been pouting for some time, and I understand that their anger, based on the way they believe government should be run. But I get the sense that there is something else working. The Tea Party erupted and evolved because they were angry about the passage of the Affordable Care Act. (ACA) Could it be that much of the anger, the need for “payback” is because people are still angry about that law, a law which made it possible for literally millions to receive health care? In light of the fact that there is still a move to repeal the ACA, is it that the anger of the rich and powerful will not assuaged until that act is dismantled and people will again be thrown into the despair that comes with not having health care? Is the greed of insurance companies that insatiable that they will not be happy until they get rid of a law which they believe is hurting their bottom line? Some reports say that that assumption is incorrect, that insurance companies are doing just fine, but is there a bubbling myth that says the ACA is cutting into corporate profits that makes the ACA wrong for business? (<https://www.modernhealthcare.com/insurance/health-insurers-are-still-profiting-obamacare-2019>)

Could it be that the business class, the wealthy, are as insensitive to the needs of the masses who have worked and continue to work to make them wealthy are that insensitive? An article in *The Nation* magazine revealed that the Super Bowl is a giant party for the “one percent.” Taxpayer dollars are used to pay for the needs and excesses of the NFL, including the tab for hotel rooms, extra police and security, while the poor are whisked away, out of sight, so as not to offend the privileged who converge on their city for “the big game.” (<https://www.thenation.com/article/society/super-bowl-protest/>)

I am not sure about the “payback” of which the GOP is speaking, but whatever it is, it is major; as it has permitted them to ignore all semblance of respect of the law and of the Constitution. My mother used to say that what goes around comes around. Clearly, if the GOP is reacting out of a sense of having been slighted, paving the way for a lawless president to dismantle the government of this country, to be replaced with an autocracy or monarchy, as some are saying, then the payback to them will be massive.

Truth, crushed to the ground will rise. The GOP is crushing truth to the ground in order to make their souls sing. The singing will not be forever; the truth will rise up and cause more problems than anyone might care to consider.

Mark my words.

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Choice Act, he didn't make that a priority,” Wagner said.

He added: “The president's tone and comments about systemic racism in this country, I don't think he acknowledged that. I don't believe there's been any plan laid up by this administration on how you address the racial wealth gap, how you promote more minority businesses, how you take the next step up in criminal justice reform.

“I think the African American community understands that, if anything, you then hear these disparaging comments about countries in Africa whether it's attacking great leaders like John Lewis and Elijah Cummings. I think I can speak more to the African American communi-

ty in Virginia where Black people come up to me all the time and say to me to stay on this. I don't feel like the focus has been genuine.

“If anything, you have nothing from this administration on voting rights. The cutbacks on voting rights, and all of these claims about voter fraud, I believe, in many ways, is code to try to limit voting opportunities. Almost the majority of the Russian propaganda efforts were geared at Black America to try and discourage them from voting.

“Fake websites that were supposed to be about Black Lives Matter coming out of Russia, and you still have this president almost refuse to acknowledge the ongoing threat that Putin poses in 2020.”

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Republicans have coronated Trump as king

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

So now with the Republican-controlled Senate's rush to acquit Trump in this rigged impeachment trial, Trump will soon be free to continue using foreign countries or any other illegal acts to ensure his reelection in 2020. What the Republicans have done is to coronate Trump a King who now has the green light to operate above the laws of our democracy without any consequences.

So without any checks and balances, the Trump one party rule is free to continue as the most criminal White supremacist enterprise in our nation's history. Once Trump declared that if he shot someone in the middle of Broadway, nothing would happen and unfortunately, he was correct. In fact, this expected acquittal without witnesses is like declaring all crimes are legal as long as the King and his Republican court are the perpetrators. And of course, somehow, these antics always usually benefit his Russian benefactors.

For openers, as a result of this sham trial and acquittal foreign countries - as well as U.S. businesses - can be cajoled, intimidated, extorted, bribed to force compliance with Trump's all-out scorched earth plan to retain the throne. In our new system of one party rule, there are no enforceable laws to stop Trump. Also, he will continue

raiding public funds to cut Medicaid, food stamps and housing funds while he sprinkles the money like fairy dust over the heads of his billionaire compatriots.

If it were not for a few brave whistle blowers, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Rep. Adam Schiff, the independent GAO and the Democrats who valiantly exposed Trump's

crimes, his wrong-doing would have just remained that underground shadow government that Trump, Rudy Giuliani and their cronies operate to enrich themselves and keep their Boss in power: “They were all in the loop,” Trump knew everything,” according to Lev Parnas, a Giuliani aide who has been speaking to news sources. He, of course, was among the many first-hand witnesses, who the Senate did not allow as witnesses, an unheard of practice in all but sham trials.

But the worst infraction was not allow former national security advisor John Bolton to speak, a first hand witness with a new soon to be published book that reportedly said he was a witness to the illegal taxpayer funds being used as a weapon to force Ukrainian officials to help Trump.

Witnesses before the House of Representative, such as the acting chief Ukraine envoy, testified that Russia was the chief beneficiary of Trump's decision to hold up military aid to Ukraine. “Our holding up of security systems that would go to a country that is fighting aggression from Russia for no good policy reason, no good substantive reason, no good national security reason is wrong,” said former ambassador William Taylor.

One spot to watch is what House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, has said, “all roads lead to Russia.” In 2016, Trump publicly called upon Russia to find thousands of his opponent Hillary's e-mails and reports show that they hacked into cores of strategic websites and used fake websites to create chaos in tightly contested voting sites.

So now with all the rignarole, it should not be forgotten that the Ukraine mess where U. S taxpayers funds were used to try to force Ukrainian military officials to “dig up dirt,” on his main rival Joe Biden also had a pro-Russian benefit.

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Aside from Trump acting as if he is more of an agent of Russia's Putin than president of some of his own citizens, there is so much a king can do that a president who is accountable to legalities could not do. First of all, Trump can and will use any means to stay in office and fuel his private agenda. That could mean starting wars, draining tax funds

from states trying to correct voting irregularities, diverting funds from the military to build his wall, cutting off Obamacare that helps the non-rich afford health coverage, raiding budgets for the homeless, the hungry, the sick to continue the transference of wealth to his Billionaire club.

In addition, he can continue purging from the Executive Branch, the Diplomatic Corps and the military all who dare not kowtow to his demands. Recent tapes show that Trump ordered Parnas “to take her out,” a reference to Ukraine Ambassador Marie Yovanivitch who was criticizing Trump's move to stop the much needed aid to Ukraine. Some noted that phrase has been associated with Mafia activities and the ambassador, herself, said she felt threatened.

There of course, is still one cliff-hanger. About 70 per cent of those polled said they wanted the GOP controlled Senate to allow crucial witnesses and documents. And if the public still remains unwilling to be governed by a monarchy rather than a democracy, the Trump kingdom can still come down.

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Sen. Mark Warner raises concerns about Trump's sincerity toward Black America

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Sen. Mark Warner (D-Virginia) didn't always favor impeaching President Donald Trump.

And, he's still isn't sure which way he'll vote when the president's Senate impeachment trial ends.

“I was not one of the ones who early on advocated for impeachment, and I've still not made my final decision. I will be impartial. I want to hear this out,” Warner, the Vice-Chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus and Vice-Chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, told NNPA Newswire.

The bombshell revelation by former National Security Advisor John Bolton that the president did engage with Ukraine on a quid-pro-quo to try and dig up dirt on Democratic Presidential Candidate Joe Biden could be a game-changer, Wagner said.

“When you saw what appears to be the president of the United States withholding aid from a country that's an ally in a war with Russia, withholding White House meetings because he simply wants his own personal political meetings; if somebody had not cried foul on that, what kind of precedent does that set for any

future president?” Wagner stated.

“I don't want to keep Democratic presidents taking these kinds of actions.”

Wagner said Bolton appears as someone who'd make a credible witness.

“I think John Bolton has not been somebody I've agreed with on most poli-

cy matters, but no one has kind of questioned his close to 40 years of solidly conservative Republican credentials. It's been interesting to see the president's supporters have started to attack him; he's someone like Trump on many issues, and I kept wondering what was going to be in his book. I think it's interesting that the president's former Chief of Staff John Kelly said he thinks Bolton is right and should testify.”

It's surprising that Trump still has members in his cabinet, like Acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney and aide Robert Blair, working for him despite the insight they have on Ukraine, Wagner stat-

ed.

Each should testify at the impeachment trial, he said.

“If they came up and swore [under oath] and tried to clear the president that would be relevant too,” Wagner stated. “I think any logical person would say maybe they don't feel like they can come up under the threat of perjury. It's a strange time.”

When asked what effect the impeachment trial would have on the 2020 election, particularly if Trump isn't removed from office, Wagner said he wasn't sure.

“If the impeachment vote does not go forward, I don't know how you can claim complete vindication if you've got relevant people with relevant information who never had a chance to testify,” Wagner stated.

“The one thing Americans know from first-hand experience or watching TV is that, in a trial, you present your witness and present documents. If people who were in the room are not given a chance to testify, not just Bolton but Mulvaney, if the president's version of the facts is true, have Mulvaney testify,” he said.

Wagner also was asked whether Senate Republicans fear Trump more than they do



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Brunswick County

Chapter 885 wants to announce the counseling services provided at the Chapter office by the Jacksonville Vet Center have been moved to Leland effective immediately. The new location is the Leland Community Building at 1490 Village Road NE. Call 910-577-1100 for details and ask for Joel. All veterans and/or their families are eligible for these services free of charge.

New Hanover County

New Hanover County Schools will hold its annual Magnet and Choice Schools Fair on Thursday, February 20, 2020, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Independence Mall Center Court. The Magnet and Choice Schools Fair is an opportunity for the district to share with parents and the community detailed information about programs and how to register students. Each school and invited community partner will have a table to promote their school/organization. All parents living in New Hanover County are welcome to attend. Bilingual liaisons will be available as well as a representative from Student Support Services to answer any enrollment questions that parents may have. There will be entertainment and door prizes, the event is free to attend. For more information, contact Dr. LaChawn Smith, Deputy Superintendent, at 910-254-4314, or lachawn.smith@nhcs.net.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Do you want the truth?

You want someone to tell you the truth or what you want to hear? That's an important decision, especially when trying to sell real estate.

In my 29 years, I have ran across all kinds of property owners and some just can't handle the truth. Property values are dictated by the current sales in a particular area within a particular period of time. Most real estate professionals do not want to look beyond the last 12 months to come up with a suggested market price. All kinds of factors dictate a suggested list price. Just because 2 homes are located on the same street, built the same year, is the same size in square footage and lot size, does not mean they will have the same value. Early 2019, I was contacted by a property owner who was wanting to

sell and I went out to view his property. After making an onsite visit and coming back to the office to run data, I informed him that his property could possibly be listed at about \$135,000 if he did a few "very specific" repairs. But that in light of the overall condition I would suggest he do NO repairs and price the property attractively enough (\$108,000) that an investor would buy it and pay off his \$80,000 loan on it and be done with it. Well, they didn't like that idea too much but said they would do some repairs and call me back in a few weeks to list it. So weeks go by and I reached out to see



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how the repairs were going and he informed me that he hired a contractor to do repairs but not the repairs I suggested. He told me he borrowed more money from the bank to do several other upgrades and he was going to list it with another Realtor. Well, this other Realtor told him he could list the home around the \$178,000 range and he said "I went with this other Realtor because he has a "wider range of different buyers" (whatever that means, uh-huh) and he said I could get this much." Well, I wished him well and over a period of 8 months I saw that home on the MLS database go from 178K to 165k, to 159K, to PULLED OFF THE MARKET, to being placed back on the market 2 months later with a different Realtor listed this time at 135,000 with the remarks that it is being sold

"AS-IS". It still today is not sold. I could gloat right here and say, I told him months ago what he should do but he refused to listen, but instead I will just say, "do you want someone to tell you the truth or what you want to hear?" I'm going to leave that right there...Until next time, share this article with at least 3 people and with Realtors you know that loves helping people. For anyone that desires homeownership, reach out for your Free personalized game plan to purchase 1st-home in the next 18 months or less no matter the current finances. For any Realtor that wants to know more about how to lock arms and let's bless the masses, just reach out.

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Westchester Community 1970 - 2020
50th Anniversary

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The Westchester Community was developed and established in 1970 at the southeastern boundary of Wilmington N. C. within New Hanover County. The original homeowners were ALL African-American families. The families were products from descendants that had lived in and around the greater surrounding New Hanover County. The streets and streets' drainage plans were approved March of 1970. The water supply and sewage disposal system to be installed was approved March 3, 1970. City Council approved the Plat Records on April 16, 1970. The original plans were identified as the Masonboro Township. This Township may not have been designed to evoke the grandeur of magnificence per living dwellings. In retrospect the timing and purpose for the development may have been a perfectly solid marriage for African-Americans to establish home ownership and/ or residence. The first phase, Section 1 for the development was approved February 1970. The registered land surveyor and engineers were Stocks and Matzke and those documents were sworn and signed by Marilyn W. McKay on September 30, 1970. The TRACO Development Corp on July 1970 served as the developer for the Development. The TRACO Company existed from 1969 through 1989. The company was in the Carolina Power & Light Building, which was the same location of Addison Hewlett's, Jr. law office. That office is now the New Hanover County Register of Deeds Office. The primary financial institution for the development appears to have been Cameron Brown Mortgage Company. Charles Clifford "Cliff" Cameron was born and raised in Mississippi, but lived for sixty-seven years in North Carolina. He graduated from LSU with a Civil Engineering Degree and as an Army ROTC officer. He co-founded the Cameron Brown Mortgage Company around 1956. He was known for his ability to get projects completed. Between 1955 through 1980 Cameron Brown Mortgage Company grew into one of the nation's largest mortgage banking firms. Another notable mortgage company was R. C. Fowler. The annex date to incorporate Westchester as part of Wilmington city limits was April 10, 1984. Wallington Road was approved, extended and connected to Holly Tree Road between August 1992 through July, 1993. The certificate of ownership, dedication, and jurisdiction of the property's subdivision was signed March 9, 1970 by R.C. Fowler and another individual. It appears that the property was sold for development by the late Mr. William Davis and

or Mr. Lewis Davis. The Davis' tract of property did not corrode these specific African American men and women's integrity to build a community. To quote Mrs. Mildred Walker, "And it wasn't easy." In fact it was the opposite. His selling of the property and their integrity served as a seed to first class citizenship for themselves and their children. They used their hard-earned monies to build a community and a blessed future. These were people that battled and WON the waged winning battle. An area view of Mr. Davis's tract of land may be described like the shape of a 3D hexagonal pyramid and or an elongated apex of a sphere. Records indicate that the property was referred to as "Part of Lewis Davis' Tract."

Three streets were built up as thorough fares with the names of Westchester Road, Wallington Road and Lancaster Road, all running parallel into Dartmouth Road. The original traffic pattern did not allow for Emergency Rescue Transportation Services to enter the community in the most direct route and in the least amount of time per Beasley Road. It was not until 1993 that Wallington road was connected to Holly Tree Road, which is a more direct route into the community. The late Mr. Willie McRae had shared, "that based on the location of the ditch beside his home, the ditch was originally planned to be an extension to Wallington Road." (see map sketch Lot # 52)

The land at the time was described as fine beach like coarse soil with very little sustainability dirt. Most lots required topsoil, in order to establish vegetation for lawn growth. Individual property lines were established in Section 1 of the development. There were sixty-two structures built on a concrete slab. Section 2 of the development was built between 1970 and 1974. Most lots averaged around 10,019 square feet give or take and the homes were built around 26 feet from the streets. The interior structure floor plans, included an eat in kitchen with an attached laundry section, living room, foyer, three bedrooms with closets, hallway with closet, one and a half bathrooms and a connected storage room at the rear of the structure. Most homes did not include a built in HVAC air condition system. The hot water heater was housed inside the storage shed at the rear of the house. The storage shed also allowed the homeowners space for lawn equipment. Please note, the exterior masonry brick work was laid in bound by local brick layers as skill laborers. One hundred feet tall or more pine trees were left on the properties on both sides and at the rear of each home swaying in the wind. Section 2 of the development was completed basically with

the same structural plans.

To document the historical aspects about the Westchester Community, one must illustrate the culture of the African-American homeowners and residents. Some family units included both father and mother units and some homeowners were single parent households. Solo parenting was an awe-struck wonder thing of beauty in the 1970s. There is an African Proverb: "The African race is a rubber ball, the harder you dash it to the ground, the higher it will rise." In essence these African Americans rose higher off the ground and built a community. In 1970 African American males demonstrated pride in being the bread winners for their family. These males served not only as fathers for their children, they also served as role models for other children within the community. Without naming names, these fathers gave brotherhood to love, which made a neighborhood to be remembered.

There always appeared to be a visual dedication to family, children and neighbors that was demonstrated through their duties of responsibility. The lyrics from songwriter and singer, Bill Withers song "Lean on Me," best describes the neighborhood unity within the community. Most of the family units included both parents being employed. Parents went to work Mondays through Fridays and sometime on Saturdays to earn overtime. The employment opportunities which were afforded to them were different from those opportunities of their parents in the 1940s-1950s. In 1970, Wilmington and the surrounding area had companies such as Dupont, General Electric, Singer Climate Control, Babcock & Wilcox, Coca Cola Bottling Company, ILA Longshoreman, Southern Bell, Carolina Power & Light Company and Wrightsville Beach Resort facilities. These men and women knew that "it worked better to turn out per their efforts, rather than to demonstrate insufficient efforts that could fade away." It, refers to the spirit of their efforts. There were spirited homes which could have served as models for television shows such as The Cosby Show, The Jeffersons, Good Times and yes, Sanford & Son. Times like that made you realize that it is not what you have, however it is what you do with what you have. Furthermore, many of the meals that came from the kitchens of these mothers were so scrumptious, the meals would make you "wanna slap ya mama." Nutritious food that was very pleasing to the palate. Families never rejected a shared cooked dish from a neighbor. For heavens sakes, the bond between the mothers was so tight, it would be

like trying to sneak the smell of collard greens past a blow fly. Their favorite saying was, "Boy you know better than that, wait till I see your mama."

These African-Americans worked in and on their property on Saturdays, including running errands, visiting extended family members and celebrating birthdays, holidays and local community functions. Mrs. Jannie Shuford, recalls celebrating her first Christmas in her home. She says, "It was a good feeling." From time to time, they had community yard sales. Most families had pre-established places of worship on Sunday. Hence, individual families remained devoted to their family church for Sunday worship. In fact, several of the original homeowners or residents were religious ministers in the greater Wilmington community. "If it is the Lord's will." James 4:15. God's plan for their lives were within reach. They knew, even in the valley, "God is Good." These African-American young adults did not miss the mark through this opportunity. The weekly efforts of these African Americans who gave precious time to their lawns and yards to improve curb appeal paid dividends. They planted azaleas, dogwood trees, fruit trees, evergreen shrubs, perennial and seasonal annual plants, (marigolds, vinca, begonia) flowers around their homes. Establishing a good lawn became a primary effort for most homeowners. Their yards brought about a competitive unity for beautiful manicured lawns. Another community activity of interest which they shared was their desire to engage in fish stories. Some took fishing trips together or met at the same surf or pier, while catching spots, croakers, Virginia mullets, crabs, flounders and drums. Seafood meals were a common theme in many homes. Quiet time, included the residents listening to iconic musical artists like Ray Charles, Sam Cooke, Aretha Franklin and Etta James on their RCA stereo phone systems.

The following names were the original homeowners and or residents which established and built the Westchester Community. These names are being presented based on the street that they lived on or currently live on.

Beasley Road

Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Elsie Pigford, Mrs. Annie Patton, Ms. Katherine Moore, Mr. Jones

Westchester Road

Mr. Leroy & Mrs. Sarah G. McFadden, Mr. Willie & Mrs. Pearl Bellamy, Mr. Earl & Mrs. Lucille Johnson, Mr. William & Mrs. Queenie Wooten, Mr. Robert & Mrs. Shelly Marshall, Mr. Richard J. & Mrs. Carol

Irving, Mr. Bobbie & Mrs. Joyce Blanks, Mrs. Mary Veckton, Mrs. Fannie McCall, Mr. Kenneth & Mr. Geraldine "Bessie" Jones, Mr. Carl & Mrs. Yvonne Steward, Mr. Robert & Mrs. Helen Marshall, Mrs. Hattie B. Richardson, Mr. Raiford & Frances Trask, Jr. Mrs. Everlina Parish, Mr. Paul & Mr. Martha Thompson, Mr. Edward & Mrs. Shirley B. Wooten, Mr. Sampson & Mrs. Dorothy Lemon, Jr. Mr. Horace A. & Mrs. Dolores Alston, Mr. James & Mrs. Mildred Rhodes, Mr. Robert & Mrs. Eloise Johnson, Mr. Prince & Mrs. Mary Powell, Mr. James & Mrs. Beulah Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Powell

Wallington Road

Mr. Randy & Mrs. Eastover Johnson, Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Barbara Chapman, Mrs. Rosa N. Galloway, Mrs. Studie Bell Simpson, Mr. Floyd & Mrs. Rena Palmer Jr., Rev. Mr. James A. & Mrs. Barbara Mitchell, Mrs. Dorothy Hill, Mrs. Barbara McCrae Devane, Mr. Robert Etux, Rev. Mr. Clem & Mrs. Bertha Foskey, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Sidberry, Mr. Carl R. & Mrs. Mildred Williams, Mr. Douglas & Mrs. Joanne Nesbitt, Mr. William & Mrs. Debra Wooten, Jr., Mrs. Audria Leemore,

Lancaster Road

Mr. Willie & Mrs. Rosezell McRae, Mrs. Pearl Keyton/Dixon, Mrs. Jannie Carroway Shuford & brother, Mr. James Pearson, Mr. James Swepson, Mr. Charles & Mrs. Shirley McIntyre, Mr. Charles & Mrs. Fannie Brice, Mr. James & Mrs. Alice Spool, Mrs. Carolyn A. Ripley, Mrs. Lillian G. Ripley, Mr. Floyd & Mrs. Evelyn Fennell, Mrs. Wilma Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth W. King, Mr. Claude & Mrs. Betty Morris, Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Sutton, Mr. & Mrs. Brady, Mr. Edward & Mrs. Tina Davis, Mr. James & Mrs. Geradline Bennett, Mrs. Beulah G. Jones, Mr. Lynn G. & Mrs. Sue L. Irving, Mr. Wilson Hickman & Mrs. Louise Howard, Mr. Nathanelle & Mrs. Estelle Davis, Mr. James & Mrs. Mildred Walker, Rev. Mr. Douglas & Mrs. Virginia Nesbitt, Mr. Clyde & Mrs. Nancy Hines, Ms. Lillie M. Fields, Ms. Martha Granger, Ms. Ella P. Keaton, Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Belinda Blue, Mr. John & Mrs. Sally Todd

Over the years these folks witnessed "The Wilmington Ten" unrest, President Nixon resigning from office, pocket calculators being used, microwave ovens becoming available, the first Martin Luther King, Jr. day being honored, Michael Jackson's "Thriller" being released and selling over 33 million, Nelson Mandela being elected President, hurricane Bonnie coming ashore in the area, Y2K problems coming and going, Bill Saffo becoming mayor, Obama becoming the first African-American President in the United

States of America, hurricane Florence landing near Wrightsville Beach and the Westchester Community. The Westchester community during the early 1970s may best be described through the following words, "Westchester became a village for me and others. I depended upon my village to help me raise my family. My neighbor was my babysitter, including another neighbor on school days opened their door for my children during cold and rainy mornings, while I went off to work. It was in my village which we did not hesitate to borrow an egg or a cup of sugar to make Kool-Aid for dinner. It was my village which ensured that my children had a ride home from church choir rehearsal. The neighbors in my Westchester village have become my life-long friends." Mrs. Barbara McCrae Devane

The enduring legacy that was established at the birth of the Westchester Community gave root deep into the ground. Mr. William Davis and or Mr. Lewis Davis reached out to a developer and changed not only the addresses for young adult African Americans, they served as a vehicle for those young adults to see their children prosper into the next generation. Parents from Westchester produced school superintendents, professional home builders, nurses, college professors, professional health care personnel, labors, cooks, caterers, city employees, state employees, ministers, gardeners, writers, security personnel, photographers, lawyers, political leaders, educators, career military personnel and, professional painters.

Again, in the words of singer and songwriter, Bill Withers, "At the end of the story the victory is won." These African-Americans leaned on each other and "A SHARED VICTORY was WON." Today the community is surrounded by developments, of Cottages of Holly Glen, Hewletts Creek and Davis Sound Lane. Holly Tree Elementary School opened in 1997 which is at the mouth of Westchester's Community entrance and Holly Tree Racquet Club Courts are on the right as you are entering off Wallington Road. Finally, the grandeur of magnificence for the Westchester Community in the early 1970s was blissful, jovial, peaceful, hard-working neighbor to neighbor spirits that were illustrated by the names on the above list. These names on this list made the community of Westchester feel like a little slice of heaven. These working-class Americans reached for First Class Citizenship. In their own way that was accomplished.

A tribute in MEMORY and HONOR to ONE and ALL, especially, the late Mrs. Beulah G. Jones, "Moms"

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BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



Edward Nixon

Edward Nixon was born on October 23, 1934 in Castle Hayne, North Carolina to the late Annie Harrell Nixon and Herbert Nixon, Sr. Edward (Paul) Nixon entered eternal rest on January 12, 2020. Funeral services were held, Sunday, January 19, 2020, at Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Shoulders Branch Cemetery.

Edward Nixon attended High School in Wilmington, N. C. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force. He had a unique way of making you think and surely he left you with a thought that made a serious change in your life. He proudly married his childhood sweetheart Ruby. They celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Edward had his unique personality. He was a good man who took good care of his family. He said he had a "good life". Among the titles he received, the one he aspired the most was Daddy, Granddaddy, Great-Granddaddy, brother and uncle.

He is survived by his wife Ruby Nixon, his sons Lewis Nixon of Stone Mountain, GA, Joseph (Sharon) Nixon of Conyers, GA., Frederick (Pamela) Nixon of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Thomas Nixon who preceded him in death. His daughters: Cynthia Nixon of Stone Mountain, GA, Carmen Nixon of Stone Mountain, GA, Paula Nixon of Tucker, GA, Yvonne Nixon of Tucker, GA and Sharon Nixon of Stone Mountain, GA. His sisters Beulah Boney of Castle Hayne, NC, Thedocia Shaw of Castle Hayne, NC along with a host of grandchildren, great grands, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkins-drainfuneralservice.com.

Mary Alice Outlaw Brooks Rowe

Mary Alice Outlaw Brooks Rowe was born on January 21, 1925, to Luberta Outlaw (deceased) and Bryant Miller (deceased). She married Spencer Rowe (deceased). Mary leaves to cherish her memories one daughter Mildred Brooks Jones (spouse Samuel-deceased), maternal brother James Outlaw (deceased); Paternal brothers: Charlie Miller (deceased), Edgar Miller (deceased), and William Frank Miller. She also leaves behind Grandchildren: Tracey Jones, Angela Jones (Karen), Kimberly Hunter (spouse: Kelvin Deceased), Samuel Jones, 6 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Mary had lots of nieces and nephews; she adored each one. She also had one Goddaughter; Reather Hulane McDuffie (deceased); one adopted daughter, Mary Munn Williams (that has been an integral part of the family since childhood); her alternative family: Dr. and Mrs. Matt Williams and their sons Coleman, Fletcher and Jake, their devotion to her wellbeing gave her so much joy.

Mary spent her life mostly working in the medical field. She worked in Philadelphia (Presbyterian Hospital). For years she worked in Wilmington in Dr. Upperman's office. In New Jersey she worked for (Freehold) Greystone Hospital. In Washington, D.C, she worked at Cafritz Hospital, which is now United Medical Center, until she retired.

Over the years she was very active in the community centers

wherever she lived. She enjoyed leadership positions wherever she was involved. She attended Gregory Congregational Church where she enjoyed being the manager of the Gregorittes. Mary was very creative with her hands. She made quilts, Christmas ornaments and crafts. She was very precise and meticulous about her projects.

Funeral services were held Saturday January 18, 2020, at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkins-drainfuneralservice.com.

LaStarr Nicole Swepson

LaStarr Nicole Swepson died January 22, 2020 at the age of 35 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 30, 2020 at Ekklesia UH Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

LaStarr was born on July 31, 1984 in Wilmington, NC. She attended Lake Side High School and pursued a career as a Certified Nurses Aid where she cared for and attended to a multitude of individuals, spreading her love and joy, and being the nurturing person, she was destined to be. LaStarr was a mother, daughter, sister and friend.

LaStarr is survived by: her children, Violet Williams and Jalen McDonald; her parents, Katina Evette McDonald and Derek McDonald (Beverly) siblings, Michael Swepson (Brittney), Chris Swepson and Keisha McDonald; aunts, Harriet Prentice (Leon), Gwendolyn Jacobs (Eddie) and Sophie Swepson (Kat); uncles, Allen Prentice (Minnie), David Prentice (Carla) and a host of cousins, family and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Tameeka Washington

Tameeka Washington died January 22, 2020. Memorial services were held Saturday, February 1, 2020 at The Sanctuary of Wilmington.

Tameeka Shavonne Washington known to others as "Meeka", was born September 27, 1977 to Michelle Washington and Robert Dorrah. She was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey. Tameeka relocated to Wilmington, NC at the age of 12. She attended New Hanover County Schools. She worked in the day care system for more than 11 years. Tameeka really loved children. She raised three of her own, Tajahn, Michelle "Liz" and Jamahl. Tameeka had a beautiful spirit and an infectious laugh that would have you laughing with her.

She leaves her mother, brothers, Robert Dorrah, Jr. and Samuel Gilmore, whom she loved; grandmother, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends to celebrate her life. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ashley Newsome

Ashley Newsome died January 24, 2020. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 1, 2020 at John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home, Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Ashley Samone Newsome "Ash", daughter of Ingrid Victoria Newsome and Byron Lamont Carson was born on June 10, 1993 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Ashley was preceded in death by her grandfather, Willie Newsome. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System. Ashley was employed at Roses Department Store.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter, Trinity Newsome; son, Ta'ron Newsome; mother, Ingrid Newsome; father, Byron Lamont Carson; three sisters, Ambreya Newsome (Daresse); Amelia Newsome and Amiyah Newsome; one brother, Ari Newsome; grandmothers, Bettye Newsome and Barbara Conyers; aunts, Adreian Lee, Frances Anderson and Doris Beacham (Kenny); uncles, David Lee, Michael Newsome, Brandon Newsome, Matthew Newsome and Tony Newsome; numerous cousins and friends. We also extend special thanks to Andre Fernandes Perkins "Noon Bob", Carolyn Bellamy, Nancy Perkins, Michael Smith and Antwan Rogers who have been there for Ashley from the beginning to the end. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Sylvester McClean, Sr.

Sylvester McClean, Sr. died January 26, 2020. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the ILA Hall.

Sylvester was born on January 25, 1948 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Margaret Anderson McClean and John David McClean, Sr. Sylvester was formally educated in the New Hanover County Schools, graduating from Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1968. At Williston, Sylvester was the quarterback for the Williston Senior High Football Team. Sylvester's occupation consisted of several skills; being a craftsman working at American Standard, Corbett's Packing, New Hanover Medical Center and he also worked other jobs while residing in Maryland and Oklahoma. Sylvester enjoyed fishing and playing baseball. He played third base for several teams, including, the Eagles, Sea Breeze and the East Wilmington All Stars. He attended several churches in life, eventually joining Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. While in Baltimore Sylvester attended Come As You Are Church. Sylvester was preceded in death by his parents, five of his siblings: Avant, John Jr., Virginia, Viola and Dorothy and also his significant other, Wanda Brooks.

He leaves to cherish his forever and loving memories: three children, Sylvester McClean, Jr. (LaToya), Ricardo McClean (Demetira) and DeShanna Simpson; eleven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Marguerit Grantham; uncle, Herbert Anderson; ten nieces whom he loved with niece Vanessa Parker being his "ride or die" partner; two special daughters, Sara Wilson and Sabrina Nedabylek; other relatives and friends. Sylvester was very fortunate to have a life-long friend Betty "BC" Clayton. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Don Xavier White

Don Xavier White died January 26, 2020. Funeral services were held Friday, January 31, 2020 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

Don, son of Brenda White and the late George Johnson was born on February 12, 1967 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Don was educated in the New Hanover County School System and attended New Hanover High School. He

received his GED from Cape Fear Community College on March 23, 1989. Don worked for Adams for 4 ½ years and Budweiser for 17 years. In 1995 he met Wanda Simpson and they were married. Don and Wanda spent 25 years together and were married for 22 years. Don was very big on bowling as well as being a huge sports fanatic. His teams included the NY Mets, NC Tarheels, UCONN Women's Basketball Team, Miami Hurricanes and let's not forget his favorite, The Dallas Cowboys. Don loved to laugh, play jokes and we can't forget his dancing, even though he had no rhythm. He was the type of friend that would give you the shirt off his back, had the biggest heart and often struggled saying, "No". Don will truly be missed by his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Wanda White of the home; three children, Jordan Musslewhite, Christopher Hamilton (Patricia) and Tashina Alexander; nine grandchildren, Kiara, Jayden, Xavier, Lakinzi, Christopher, Maleyah, Damien, Aviah, and Leanna; his mother;

Brenda White (Leland); a father figure who helped raise him, Gilbert Brown; three brothers, Frank White, Juan White and Carlos Merrick (Casey); one sister, Lakeebler Johnson; brothers-in-law, Roscoe Simpson (Daminga), Donald Ray Simpson (Willie Mae), William Simpson (Susie Mae), Sherwood Simpson, Barry Simpson and Kenneth Simpson (Laverne); sisters-in-law, Cassandra Bradley (William), Mildred Simpson and Erica Artis; uncle, Dennis Monroe (Sue); aunts, Helen Campbell, Ivory Faulk, Gwendolyn Coker, Marsha White and Sloane White; special niece, Trededy Merrick; special cousins that Don helped raise, Antwaun

Faulk, Anthony Sneed and Antonio Spencer; a host of other relatives and friends, including special friends, Edward Arvell Reid, Steve and Dottie Blackwell, Rob Simpson (Tracy), John Freeman (Deloris), Raymond Bates (Angie), Tony Andrews (Lori), Phillip Milligan (Christine) and Phillip Milligan, Jr. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

There's a Special Angel In Heaven

Victoria M. Sweat
Sunrise: April 15, 1958
Sunset: February 9, 2017

There's a special angel in heaven that is a part of me. It is not where I wanted her to be but where God wanted her to be. She was here but just a moment like a night time shooting star and though she is in heaven she isn't very far. She touched the hearts of many like only an angel can do. I would've held her every minute if the end I only knew. So send this special message to heaven up above. Please take care of my angel God and send her all my love.

With love always,
The family

In Loving Memory Of

Mr. Alexander Murphy Sr.
Sunset: February 6, 1981

A place is vacant in the home, That no one can fill; The voice that love ones use to hear, Is silent now and still; The pleasant face they used to see, Is hidden from their view; For he has crossed the borderline, His life work now is through.

Son, Alexander Murphy Jr.; daughters, Delores M. Devine and Celeste R. Murphy, grandchildren and great grandchildren

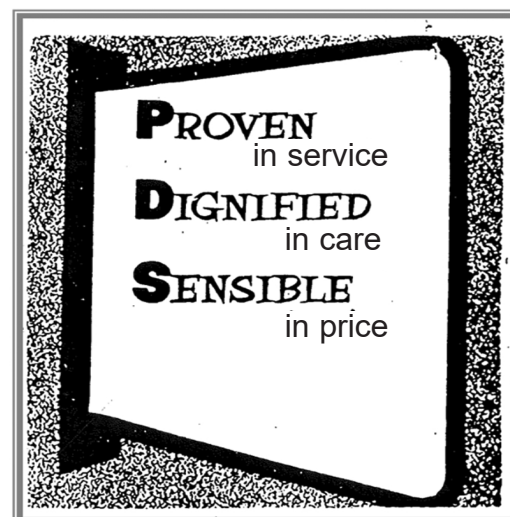
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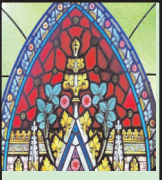
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and Allene Drain
In Memoriam



Connie Drain Green
Funeral Director

New Hanover County

Central Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will sponsor an Extravaganza Musical Program on February 9th at 3:00 p.m. choirs and different types entertainment from in and around the city will appear on the program. Gifts will givento chosen individuals.



Religious Briefs

Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their District Womens Conference on Thursday, February 20th and Friday, February 21st at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Elder Sharon White of New Covenant Holiness Church. For more information please call 910-200-4648.

Mt. Zion AME Church, 1111 N. 5th Ave., Lay Organization will host Mrs. Bertha Todd as their 2020 Black History Month speaker on Sunday, February 16th at 11:00 a.m. Also the Lucille Johnson Women's Missionary Society will sponsor "Hats & Hymn Sing" on Sunday, February 29th at 3:00 p.m. Door prizes will be given away. For further information call the church at 910-763-2660.

Brunswick County

Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church, 1492 Village Rd. will have guest Rev. Nathinel Johnson and the Summerville AME Zion Church Family.

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

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Acquinetta Beatty to be Women's Day speaker

Mt. Olive AME Church is please to have Acquinetta Rochelle Johnson Beatty as its Women's Day Speaker on Sunday, February 16th at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.



ACQUINETTA BEATTY

Ms. Beatty is a graduate of South Brunswick High School and a 1990 N.C. A&T State University graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering. She is employed by GE Aviation in Castle Hayne, NC as a 3rd Shift Team Coach. She is the former Lower Cape Fear YWCA New Choices Director.

Ms. Beatty is a volunteer with many organizations to empower individuals to be their best self. Her many volunteer activities include President of the SE NC National Pan-Hellenic Council; Vice-President of the Wilmington (NC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; President of the Piney Grove Improvement Association.

Acquinetta is a firm believer that our purpose is to praise and worship God wholeheartedly. There is

work to be done and no one has to feel that they do not belong because God has positioned us to serve and to prosper. The Gospel Choir will provide the music for the service and dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. We invite the public to join us to hear the message of this dynamic speaker.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Rooted in the past, growing in the future

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
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O what a perfect day! The Lord has caused His Son to shine on us one more time. Thank you God for allowing us to be a part of it.

With this being Black History Month there will be many speakers and great information on our heritage and how The Lord has blessed them. Mrs. Margie Robinson was our devotional leader. We opened with, "Lift Every Voice and Sing!" Our prayer warrior was Minister Elder Sharon Pollock. Thank You for hearing our prayer and answering. Introduction to Black History Month by Minister Sharon Pollock. We want to tell and retell the

story of our past. Ms. Janis Wiggins welcomed us to our Black History Month. Our theme is "Rooted in the Past, Growing in the Future." Mrs. Sadie Bunting introduced our speaker for today; Reverend Jonathan Barfield Jr. He has a long biography of achievements. He said he was honored to be here today. Roots are what sustain us. Without its root a tree will die. It is important to teach our children that freedom is not free. It wasn't long ago we didn't have the rights we have now. Civil rights should be for everyone. It takes a struggle. We should be engaged in activities of the city. If we are not at the table we should be on the menu. He said he is honored to be on the board of the County Commission and

to represent all people of New Hanover County. Rooted in the past and growing in the future is very important. Mr. Barfield was thanked for being here today and for giving us a great message. After the message we sang "We've come this far." We then had expressions. Ms. Janis Wiggins received the Gold Lifetime Achievement through the NAACP. Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church was Church of the Year. Rev. Dr. Clifford Barnett was Minister of the Year. Congratulations to all for their achievements and keep up the great work.

Mrs. Gladys Taylor thanked everyone for a great job so far in the meeting. Minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Today 2-4-20

is Prayer Day for cancer patients. Keep them daily in your prayers. Roll call and callers report. All callers were given a hand of appreciation. We then heard announcements. Mrs. Mary Martin made our day with her smiles again. Mrs. Taylor thanked everyone for their participation this morning. We entertained ourselves and others with Bingo again. We have fun playing Bingo. We sang "Bind us Together" and then prayer was offered by Minister Sharon Pollock. Prayers to the family of Antonio Moore, the young man that was killed in the military. Prayer for Ms. Shelia Ross for the loss of her dad. There were 44 in attendance.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Signs of His coming"

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered, and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." Matthew 24:1-6

Deception: A Sign of His Coming
Deceive: To mislead or trick by falsehood

and unbelief are still among the greatest areas of deception to come upon the Body of Christ. To doubt means to be uncertain about something. Doubt also means to distrust the source of information. Unbelief is not accepting something said as truth. Doubt and unbelief entered their heart and mind, and caused them to disobey the Word of God. When we see doubt and unbelief affecting many in the Body of Christ, then we know that these are also signs of His coming!

Sylvia Hooper

Jesus told the disciples to take heed that no man deceive you. He said in Galatians 6:7-9, And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." We have all heard for so long that Jesus is soon to come. Frankly, some of our brothers and sisters believe that, and some don't. The evident sign of doubt and unbelief is willful disobedience to God's Word. That is why we see throughout the bible, the words of warning and encouragement, "Be not deceived!" **BE NOT DECEIVED;** God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:7-8. Deception is a definite sign of His coming!

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." I Cor. 6:9-11

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." I Cor. 15:33 "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men." Proverbs 22:24 "Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. Proverbs 24:1 "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? II Corinthians 6:14

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8 The bible was not written for the world, it is written to the church, the Body of Christ. The spirit of deception brought in doubt and unbelief. The spirit of unbelief will spawn a spirit of disobedience. Unbelief is a sin with catastrophic consequences (Revelation 21: As disciples of Christ, we must take heed and prayerfully watch that we do not be deceived by others, neither should we deceive our selves! "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Book of

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Prayer: Father in the Name of Jesus, I pray that you will keep my heart and mind from being deceived in these last days. Help me to hold fast to my faith in your Word, for I know that your Word is true. Amen.

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A WORD FROM THE LORD

God wants you well (healed)- Part 1

Many Christians of today accept the old testament scriptural biblical teaching of the account of healing as a part of what Jesus taught and that healings did take place in the wilderness as well as during the time of the disciples. Many of those same Christians, however, believe that physical and emotional healing by faith in prayer is not for today. If this is true and that same word of God that says our God does not change his speech, mind or actions when he says, "I am the God that does not change, isn't accurate. "I am the God that changes not." If he changes in any thing he says, then how can we know that our salvation is secure? God is who he says he is. I am the God that changes not. He is the only security that exists. If we can't believe this, then what is there left. Absolutely nothing. For Jesus, the son of God, also says, I have come to give you life and that more abundantly. Jesus has said, I say nothing but what the Father says. They are one. If we're reading this material,

we have the life as he has promised. The rest of that scripture talks about the rest of his promises: and that life, more abundantly. Sickness is not abundance; it is decrease, taking away your wholeness that Jesus made provision for on the cross. By His strips we were healed and made whole. The unchanging God wants the same blessings for us now that we gave away at the Garden of Eden. Evil has tried to blind many of the Christians. How, by saying God changed his mind and it is not for today. That doesn't sound like our God. He also says, we have a better covenant or contract than the old world. God's word is eternal.

We shall attempt to awaken those who have slumbered in this area. The word of God says in Isaiah 34:16. "Seek ye out of the book of the Lord,

and read: no one of these shall fail, one shall want her mate; for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them." All of his promises are sure and the answers for receiving them through his word are sure. That verse promises that there is a mate for everything we need. Need a new life, salvation; renewed body, physical and emotional healing; prosperity, success and finance. He tells us exactly how to receive his healing power and blessings that result. Faith is your exchange for anything that he has promised. Faith will come by hearing the word of Jesus, God's Son. Health is one of those promises. 2 John 1:2 "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth." God wants you well and we, together, are going reach out and receive his promises of wellness. Nothing broken and nothing missing is our mandate. 2 Corinthians 1:20 says. "For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him

Amen, to the glory of God by us."

Before the world was created we were in the mind of God, knowing what he wanted and how to accomplish his entire purpose for man. He also knew that there were challenges that man would face before his ultimate goal for him would be fulfilled. God had a plan that man would have a part in the ultimate decision of his place in eternity: His Kingdom. But, through this conflict, God reminds us through scripture when he says, in Jeremiah 20:11 NIV. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

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



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Rebecca McMillan, (18-E-1285)**, late of New Hanover County, Castle Hayne, 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 May 6, 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 4th day of February, 2020

Charlotte Noel Fox
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Dorothy M. Hill, (14-E-1340)**, 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 **May 6, 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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Jacki Linn Cason, (20-E-98)**, late of San Diego County, Oceanside, California 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 May 6, 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 4th day of February, 2020

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Katie Carnell Nixon**, 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 6th day of May, 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 4th day of February, 2020

Addie Nixon Dunlap, Executor
1516 Ann Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Richard Duane Brittain**, 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 6th day of May, 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 4th day of February, 2020

Timothy Richard Brittain, Executor
118 Millhouse Road
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Linnea B. Carlson, (19-E-1581)**, 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 **April 16, 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 8th day of January, 2020

Keith J. Carlson, Executor
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Gloria Kay Chadwick**, 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 **16th day of April, 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 16th day of January, 2020

Sheila Justice, Administratrix
534 Jeb Stuart Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION File Number: 19 JT 85

**IN THE MATTER OF:
S.G.M., juvenile**

**TO: Sean Michael Murphy,
father of S.G.M.**

TAKE NOTICE that a petition has been filed for termination of your parental rights to S.G.M., who was born on March 8, 2017 in New Hanover County, NC.

You are hereby summoned and notified to answer the petition. You must prepare and file with the Clerk of Superior Court of Brunswick County, 310 Government Center Drive, Bolivia, N.C. 28422 a written response and make defense to this proceeding within 40 days after the first date of publication. You must also serve a copy of your response upon the Petitioner's Attorney, listed below. If you fail to file a response, your parental rights may be terminated. Your failure to respond will result in the Petitioner applying to the Court for the relief sought. You are entitled to attend a hearing affecting your rights.

Parents are entitled to have counsel appointed to them if they cannot afford same. A provisional attorney has been appointed to represent you, same being Elizabeth Simmons, whose phone number is (910) 754-7557.

This the 30th day of January, 2020.

Napoleon Barefoot, Jr.
Wright, Worley, Pope, Ekster & Moss, PLLC
Attorneys for Petitioner
52 Physicians Drive
Supply, NC 28462
(910) 754-2816

January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Joe Allan Apke, 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 6th day of May, 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 4th day of February, 2020

Susan Carol Apke, Executor
437 Antoinette Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Florence Botesky Townsend**, 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 **6th day of May, 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 4th day of February, 2020

John B. West, Jr., Executor
201 Victoria Drive
Wilmington, NC 28401

February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Maureen D. Preciose**, 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 **6th day of May, 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 4th day of February, 2020

Jeneen M. Preciose, Executor
7901 Strawberry Meadows Street
Raleigh, NC 27613

February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate **Faye Marshall Kennedy**, 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 **6th day of May, 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 4th day of February, 2020

Dawn Kennedy Davis, Executor
4629 Riplee Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Alejandro Santiago Lopez, (20-E-16)**, 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 **April 16, 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 8th day of January, 2020

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910-815-0085

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Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **William R. Chesser, (19-E-1213)**, 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 **April 16, 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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Christina E. Baj, (20-E-01)**, 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 **April 16, 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 8th day of January, 2020

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Charlotte J. Fetterman**, 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 **30th day of April, 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 30th day of January, 2020

Charlotte J. Fetterman aka Cheryl Fetterman, Executrix
1214 Sidney Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Brittany Nicole Holyfield** 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 **April 16, 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 8th day of January, 2020

Gary Holyfield, Administrator
309 Central Blvd.
Wilmington, NC 28401
The Boseman Law Group
520 Market St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Carol Wickham Midgett**, 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 **23rd day of April, 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 23rd day of January, 2020

John Dameron Midgett,
Administrator
318 Lord Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2020

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NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Douglas A. Wentworth**, 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 **16th day of April 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 16th day of January, 2020.

Michael D. Wentworth,
Administrator CTA of the
Estate of Douglas A. Wentworth
2912 Harvard Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

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NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Claire E. Trimpey**, 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 16th day of April, 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 16th day of January, 2020.

Kelly Licina, Co-Executor
of the Estate of Claire E. Trimpey
18233 Shelburne Road
Shaker Heights, OH 44118
Taralyn Trimpey, Co-Executor
of the Estate of Claire E. Trimpey
101 Club Creek Ct
St. Albans, MO 63073
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2020

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 201

IN THE MATTER OF: J.R.F.

TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF MALE JUVENILE BORN ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 27, 2014 IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA TO OLIVIA JADE POTTER

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 J.R.F.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, February 6, 2020, 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at 316 Princess Street, Courtroom 100, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of February, 2020.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co.
Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3612
(910) 798-3772 * fax

February 6, 13, 20, 2020

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NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Madeline Trask Hickmon**, 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 **6th day of May, 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 6th day of February, 2020.

Loran Armstrong Johnson, Jr., Co-Executor of the Estate of Madeline Trask Hickmon
7222 Wrightsville Ave, #302
Wilmington, NC 28403
MURCHISON, TAYLOR &
GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate **Thomas Dalton Johansson**, 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 6th day of May, 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 4th day of February, 2020

Leslie Johansson Simmons,
Executrix
328 Holiday Hills Drive
Wilmington, NC 28409

February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

WILMINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY PREPARES TO OPEN PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING LIST FOR FIRST TIME IN NEARLY THREE YEARS

The Wilmington Housing Authority has announced it will be accepting applications for its Dawson Loft Community Waiting List for one day only Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Applications will be available to those interested in applying to be placed on the waiting list. The waiting list will open beginning 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 only. Applications are available at WHA's main office located at 1524 S. 16th Street and on the website at www.wha.net.

Applicants are reminded that no applications will be accepted at any Wilmington Housing Authority office. All applications must be mailed via United States Postal Service and post-marked no later than February 15, 2020. Only the 2020 Pre-Applications forms will be accepted. Duplicate applications will not be accepted.

Applicants should not contact WHA offices to inquire about placement on the waiting list. Applicants will be notified in writing if they have been placed on the waiting list once their application is processed. ONLY APPLICANTS WHO MEET THE FOLLOWING PREFERENCES WILL BE CONSIDERED:
• Working families where the head of household works a minimum of 30 hours per week
• Elderly and Disabled

February 6, 2020

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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 125-126

IN THE MATTER OF: A.B. (DOB: 10/11/2005) B.B. (DOB: 03/28/2004)

TO: RESPONDENT: STEPHEN BUCK, LEGAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE AND MALE CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO SHELBY DEESE.

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 January 30, 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 Margaret Jennings was previously appointed to represent Stephen Buck and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 762-0850.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 30, 2020, 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 24th day of January, 2020.

Karen F. Richards
Staff Attorney - New Hanover County
Department of Social Services
PO Box 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 798-3510

January 30, February 6, 13, 2020

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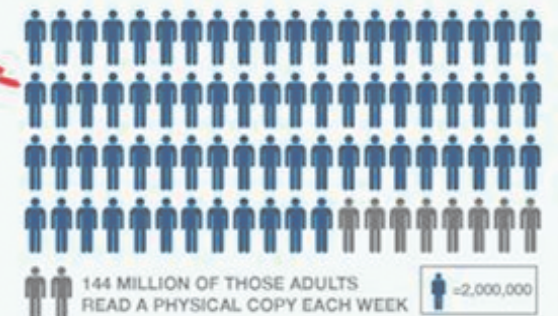
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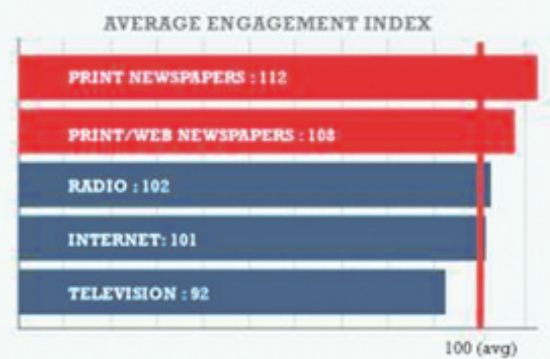
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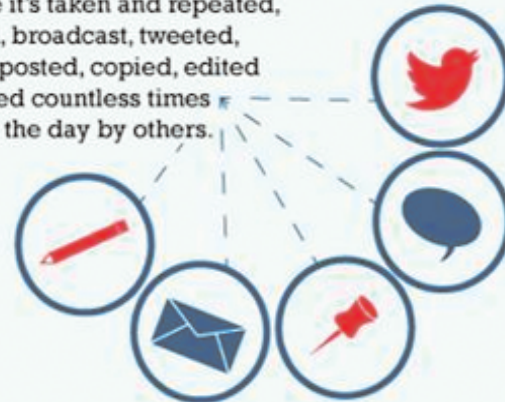
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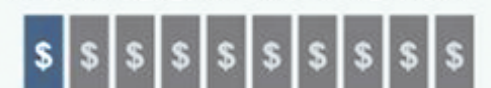


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Sources:

Across Platforms, 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2013)

The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013)

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