

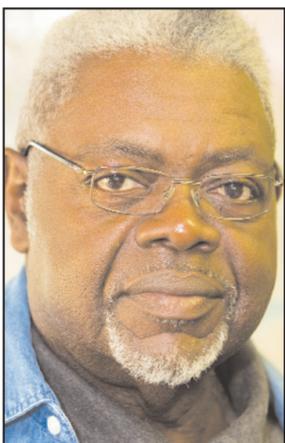
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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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.

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



**BERNEST HEWETT**

**PITCH IN AND HELP**

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last week, I wrote a story about a lady and her three children who, living in sub-standard housing, decided to report it to the HUD office and were evicted. Even though she was working two jobs, she still didn't have the money to support the family when her hours were cut. She is trying to make ends meet with what she has, and I had asked for help from the community, at which time she got a few donations. However, our community has been slow with help. She and her children need your help. Now I find that there are, at least, three more families living in the same conditions with bad air, no heat, bad smelling water, mold, and other health problems which make their living conditions very substandard. These people are told by their landlords to keep their mouths closed, and they will have a place to stay, good or bad. Most of the ones who talked to me want something done, but they are caught in a trap. They are afraid of being evicted and having no place to stay, no money, and, in some cases, are dealing with violent landlords owners who refuse to fix the problems with their renter property.

I am not talking about another county or another state. I'm talking about here in Brunswick County, and the people living in these conditions are afraid to have their names called or to sign a complaint against the landlords. However, they want this problem known.

As I write this story, it really worries me, but in this day and time, I find this problem to be real, and I hear the words, "Make America Great Again!" How? Where? It looks as if we have gone backward! To rise is great, but to rise with dignity is even better!

*Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.*

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**JUDICIAL CANDIDATES VIE FOR STATE'S HIGH COURTS**

BY **CASH MICHAELS**  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As the pivotal November 8th general election draws near, with Early Voting beginning Thursday, October 20th and ending Saturday, Nov. 5th, African-American voters have a large slate of candidates vying for statewide judicial seats to consider.

With over 26 years on the North Carolina bench, **Wake Superior Court Judge Michael Morgan**, a Democrat, is running to oust incumbent state Senior Supreme Court Associate **Robert H. Edmunds Jr.**, a Republican for an eight-year term. If Judge Morgan were to win the Edmunds seat, that would immediately shift the balance on the 43 Republican-majority court.

Judge Morgan would also join Associate Justice **Cheri Beasley** as the second African-American

judge; from 1994 to 2004 a district court judge; and from 2005 to the present a Wake County superior court judge.

"Supreme Court justices review the courts' records that are generated in the lower courts. They are a reviewing court to see what errors have been committed potentially in the courts below," he says.

Morgan has served as state administrative law judge for five years; district court judge for ten years; and his current position of superior court judge for eleven years.

A native of Cherry Point, NC, **Mike Morgan** is the oldest of five children. He graduated from New Bern public schools. Morgan got his B.A. in both History and Sociology from Duke University in 1976. He earned his Juris Doctor Degree with honors from North Carolina Central University in 1979. From 1983 to 1989, Morgan was an assistant state Attorney General in the NC Dept of Justice. From 1989 to 1994, he served as a NC administrative law

judge; from 1994 to 2004 a district court judge; and from 2005 to the present a Wake County superior court judge.

"This [NC Supreme Court] seat must be guaranteed to be fair and impartial, and the fact that I've been elected and re-elected by the great citizens of Wake County shows that I have that capacity," Judge Morgan, who proudly adds that he has been rated high for his professionalism and integrity by his legal peers, says.

**Wake County trial attorney Abraham Penn Jones**, who previously served as a Superior Court judge for many years, is vying for the NC Court of Appeals.

"While there is an abundance of legal talent in

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**OBAMA IS COMING TO NC**



**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA**

WHITE HOUSE PHOTO

**President Obama will take part in ESPN forum Tuesday at NC A&T**

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

ESPN's The Undeclared will present A Conversation with The President: Sports, Race and Achievement - a student forum with President Barack Obama,

on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 10 p.m. ET (ESPN and WatchESPN) from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C.

The one-hour program will be taped earlier that day in front of a live audience consisting of students and invited guests at the Alumni Foundation Event

Center on the campus of North Carolina A&T, a leading Historically Black College and University established in 1891. SportsCenter anchor Stan

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**JUDGE PAULINE HANKINS**

**Judge Pauline Hankins files to retain her seat**

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District Court Judge Pauline Hankins will appear on the November 8, 2016 general ballot to retain her seat for the 13th Judicial District, which includes Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties. She was elected on November 6, 2012 after a highly contest-

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**LUMBERTON**

**Services this weekend for Mrs. Mollie Gerald Robinson**

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Mollie Gerald Robinson, 93, retired educator and civic leader of Lumberton, NC died recently in Lumberton. She was the last sibling of the family of the late Holiday Gerald, Sr. and Lula Stephens Gerald, and a family that

has touched every pulse of the community and society.

Mollie Gerald Robinson was a graduate of Rosenwald High School in Fairmont, NC and a 1948 graduate of Fayetteville State Teachers College in Fayetteville, NC. She is survived by a daughter; Diltha Robinson of Raleigh, NC and sons Sammy P. Robinson of

Raleigh, NC and James Robinson of Lumberton, NC. Other survivors include numerous nephews and nieces and family up and down the Eastern United States and across America.

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**MRS. MOLLIE GERALD ROBINSON**



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our state, I believe it would be difficult to find a candidate with the extent of my experience, say Jones.  
 Jones served on the bench in the Tenth Judicial District from 1995 to 2012, presiding over civil and criminal trials, among other duties. Previous to that, Jones headed up his own law practice for five years after working as an associate at Adams, McCullough and Beard Law Firm from March 1987 to May 1990.  
 Jones was elected to the Wake County Board of Commissioners from Dec. 1990 to Dec. 1994.  
 Atty Jones served as a NC administrative law judge from June 1986 to Feb. 1987; was an associate attorney general in the NC Attorney General's office handling Medicaid fraud cases from Oct. 1984 to March 1986; worked as an of NC associate with the law firm of Kirby, Gillick, Schwartz and Tuohey from Sept. 1983 to

Oct. 1984; and was assistant US attorney for the Eastern District from May 1979 to August 1983.  
 After graduating Harvard Law School in 1977, Jones served as law clerk in the US District Court and the US Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia from Sept. 1977 to May 1979.  
 "These perspectives give me the balanced, practical skills that are necessary to fulfill the duties of an Appeals Court judge," says Jones, who is challenging incumbent Judge Robert Hunter Jr. "Fairness, honesty, intellectual capacity, a working knowledge of the law, and a strong work ethic are qualities that I value and possess."  
 The Wake county native graduated William G. Enloe High School in 1970 and attended Harvard College from 1970 to 1974 before moving on to law school.  
 The father of two daughters, Jones is a member of Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh.  
 Another jurist vying for the

NC Court of Appeals is Wake District Court Judge Vince Rozier of the Tenth Judicial District, challenging incumbent Appellate Judge Richard Dietz. He was appointed to the District Court bench in 2006, when he was the youngest judge ever sworn to the seat in Wake County history at age 29. He lost re-election in 2010, was re-appointed in 2014, and won re-election in 2014. Rozier has ruled in criminal, child support and juvenile delinquency cases.  
 Judge Rozier has served as ombudsman for the State Bureau of Investigation in 2011. From 2001-2006 Rozier was a prosecutor in the Wake District Attorney's Office.  
 Judge Rozier is an alum of UNC-Chapel Hill in 1998, graduating North Carolina Central University's School of Law in 2002.  
 "My years of real courtroom experience have equipped me well to serve on the Court of Appeals," Judge Rozier says. "This is experience that our Court is currently lacking."

The list of candidates seeking election to the NC Court of Appeals also includes Mecklenburg County District Court Judge Rickeye McKoy-Mitchell of the 28th Judicial District. Judge McKoy Mitchell was first elected to the bench in 1998, and has presided over criminal, civil and juvenile cases.  
 With 14 years of legal experience in state and federal courts, Judge McKoy-Mitchell earned her BA and law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill.  
 Prior to being appointed to the bench, McKoy-Mitchell served as staff attorney for Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont; attorney advisor for the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Social Security Administration; senior trial attorney for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and assistant district attorney in the 26th Judicial District.  
 "I am well-prepared to serve on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. It is my distinct honor and privilege of having the longest tenure among

those currently serving as a District Court Judge in the 26th Judicial District." Judge McKoy-Mitchell seeks to unseat incumbent Appellate Judge Valerie Zachary.  
 Finally, Winston-Salem Attorney Donald R. Buie is also seeking a seat on the NC Court of Appeals, vying to succeed Judge Martha Geer, who stepped down from the court last May. Buie has unsuccessfully run for judicial seats in both the 21st and 18th Judicial Districts in 2012 and 2014 respectively.  
 Buie has been an attorney in Winston-Salem since 1981, after he earned his law degree from NCCU School of Law that same year. Buie got his BA from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1978. "I believe my wide range of experience as a practicing attorney uniquely qualifies me for this position," says attorney Buie. "Having experience in the preparation and presentation of cases at the trial court levels naturally gives me a better understanding when reviewing at the appellate level."

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Verrett, a Howard University graduate, will host and moderate the forum.  
 President Obama will discuss lessons in leadership; the "My Brother's Keeper" Initiative, which aims to address opportunity gaps faced by all youth including boys and young men of color; the current role and legacy of Historically Black Colleges and Universities; athletes and

social activism; the Obama Administration's actions to provide opportunity for students and more. The President will also take questions from the audience.  
 A Conversation with The President is being convened by The Undeclared, ESPN's content initiative focusing on the intersection of sports, race and culture.  
 "We are honored to host this town hall featuring the president at one of the leading historically black universities in the country," said Kevin

Merida, ESPN Senior Vice President and Editor-in-Chief of The Undeclared. "We expect a vibrant conversation about the present and the future, and about the challenges facing black students."  
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across diverse disciplines poised for the global marketplace.  
 "It is a privilege to host President Obama on our campus for meaningful dialogue on a number of diverse and impactful topics that are critically important to address opportunities for growth for the young people in our nation," said Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr. "As the nation's largest HBCU, it is our responsibility to ensure they have the support and resources they need to become global

leaders."  
*North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is the nation's largest historically black university. It is a land-grant, doctoral, higher research activity university and constituent member of the University of North Carolina system. A&T is known for its leadership in producing graduates in engineering, business, agriculture and other STEM fields. The university was established in 1891, and is located in Greensboro, North Carolina.*

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Mrs. Robinson devoted over 60 years to education in the public school system. The family has produced several attorneys and business people in the community. A brother was one of the first Blacks to

be employed at Amtrak in Southeastern North Carolina. T.L. Gerald, a leader in the Masonic order of North Carolina also was one of the first black police officers in Robeson County. Wilson Gerald was a prominent farmer in the Proctorville Community on the Wire Grass Road for numerous years. A

nephew, the late Luther "Nick" Gerald served in the NC General Assembly for many years. A niece, Dr. Laura Gerald was the first Black health director for the state of North Carolina. Several nephews Ted Gerald of Lumberton, NC and Alexander Gerald of Lumberton, NC have contin-

ued the legacy and commitment to education having retired from the education system of their respective counties. And a nephew, Ambrose Gerald, Jr. is in administration in the military in Maryland.  
 Funeral services are scheduled on October 8, 2016 at 1 pm at Lumberton High School in

Lumberton, NC. Interment is in the family plot of Spring Branch Cemetery in Proctorville. The family will receive friends between 6-8 pm on Friday, October 7, 2016 at Sandy Grove Baptist Church in Lumberton, NC. Arrangements are by McMillan Funeral Home of Lumberton, NC.

**Businesses call for end of NC gerrymandering**

RALEIGH - More than 50 locally owned businesses have joined the call to end gerrymandering in North Carolina.  
 The new coalition "NC Business Leaders for Accountability" argues that partisan gerrymandering is polarizing North Carolina's politics and undermining the state's business climate as politicians cater to a narrow set of interests.  
 These business owners are calling for an independent redistricting process that ends partisan gerrymandering and creates voting districts that better reflect North Carolina's population.  
 "Gerrymandering undermines competition in North Carolina's elections, which allows candidates to have views that don't represent the public - and that's bad for business in our state," said David Meeker, a Raleigh small business owner who helped organize the coalition.

"We need an impartial redistricting process that allows citizens to have a real voice in choosing their representatives. In turn, our elected officials will be more accountable to the people and the business community in North Carolina."  
 More information on NC Business Leaders for Accountability, including a full list of the coalition's members, is available at NCAccountability.org.  
 Comprised of a wide variety of businesses that include local restaurants, gift shops, clothing stores and breweries, the coalition is working with the nonpartisan public-interest group Common Cause North Carolina in its effort to end gerrymandering.  
 "Redistricting reform is essential to strengthening our democracy," said Bob Phillips, executive director of Common Cause NC. "The business community's voice

is vital to help us end gerrymandering in North Carolina once and for all."  
 North Carolina has long felt the negative impact of partisan gerrymandering. Since 1992, nearly half of all legislative races have had just one candidate on the ballot, leaving millions of voters with no choice at the ballot box. Similarly, the state's congressional maps have been gerrymandered by the legislature in such a way as to minimize competition, undermining the right of voters to have a voice in who represents them.  
 In the face of ongoing gerrymandering, there has been

growing bipartisan support for reform. Last year, a majority of NC House members co-sponsored House Bill 92, which would have taken the power of redistricting out of the hands of partisan legislators and given it to non-partisan legislative staff. However, that bill was not given a vote in the legislature.  
 At the same time, over 240 civic leaders across North Carolina have signed a petition calling on the legislature to pass independent redistricting reform. And both Gov. Pat McCrory and his 2016 gubernatorial opponent, Attorney General Roy

Cooper, are on record opposing gerrymandering, as are former governors Jim Martin and Jim Hunt.  
 In August, Common Cause filed a potentially landmark lawsuit in federal court challenging the constitutionality of partisan gerrymandering.  
 Common Cause North Carolina is a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging citizen participation in democracy, and is part of the national Common Cause grassroots network of over 625,000 members and supporters in 35 states.

**Charlotte police release extended footage of Keith Scott shooting**  
*The graphic video does not appear to show the firearm officers claim they discovered at the scene.*

According to the Huffington Post, police in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Tuesday released extended footage of the Sept. 20 fatal shooting of 43-year-old Keith Lamont Scott.  
 The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department said it made the full dashcam and body camera videos available to the public after Scott's family reviewed them earlier in the day.  
 The graphic 16-minute body-camera video doesn't show the shooting itself, but officers can be seen cutting off Scott's clothing, struggling to keep him conscious and administering CPR.  
 In the video, police say Scott was shot at least three times ? in his left shoulder, the left side of his abdomen and his left wrist. His wounds are clearly visible in the footage.  
 At one point an officer is heard saying Scott had been "shot in the left lung." Scott, who is facedown for the majority of the video, can be heard moaning repeatedly.  
 Police say Scott was carrying

a gun, and they claim they recovered the weapon at the scene. Others, including Scott's relatives, say he was unarmed and holding a book.  
 The footage does not appear to show a weapon that Scott might have been carrying, but an officer can be heard asking one of his colleagues to "stay right here with the gun."  
 Officers in the video can be heard repeatedly asking Scott for his name, but they don't seem to get a response.  
 "Stay with us, bro, stay with us now," one officer says.  
 "That's the medic coming for you, boss, all right, they're on their way," another says.  
 Around 10 minutes into the video, officers remove handcuffs from Scott's wrists and medics begin administering aid.  
 Justin Bamberg, an attorney for Scott's family, said Tuesday that the video is "difficult to watch."  
 "We still don't know and this video does not shine any light on whether or not a firearm was found or was in his possession or where it was found," he told NBC Charlotte.  
 "When you look at the actions of Mr. Scott on film and you watch him die on this

video, does the death that he suffered match with to the actions that he took during those moments before he was killed?" Bamberg added. "And it's our position that right now they don't."  
 Keith Scott family attorneys Justin Bamberg, Charles Monnett and Eduardo Curry gave a press conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Sept. 22.  
 Police also released a lengthy dashboard camera video on Tuesday, which is the extended version of a previously released video that shows an officer firing at Scott and Scott falling to the ground.  
 Portions of both police videos were released days after the fatal shooting, after Scott's family demanded they be made available to the public.  
 The graphic 90-second clip below was cut from the full bodycam video posted to the police department's website.  
 Scott's fatal shooting ? the sixth by Charlotte police in the past 12 months ? sparked violent protests in the city, prompting North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory (R) to declare a state of emergency.

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**GULLAH GEECHEE COMMISSION REAUTHORIZED BY SENATE**

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] The US Senate has reauthorized the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Commission, which preserves Gullah heritage and traditions in North and South Carolina, as well as Florida and Georgia. The Gullah culture is derived from generations of former African slaves who lived on the isolated Sea Islands. SC Rep. Jim Clyburn,



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the original sponsor of the 2006 bill creating the commission, also sponsored the measure reauthorizing it.

**MCCRORY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY AS HURRICANE LOOMS**

[WILMINGTON] Gov. Pat McCrory declared a state of emergency earlier this week in anticipation of Hurricane Matthew, the monster Category Four storm projected to cause massive damage along the North Carolina coast, even if its downgraded. Evacuations have been ordered up and down the coast. UNC-Wilmington evacuated students from campus on Tuesday. The state of emer-

gency covers over 50 counties across North Carolina.

**NEW ELON POLL HAS CLINTON, COOPER IN THE LEAD STATEWIDE**

[RALEIGH] The top Democrats on the general election ticket have taken the lead in North Carolina. According to the latest Elon University poll of likely voters. Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton leads her GOP opponent, Donald Trump by six points, 44 to 39 with just over a month before Election Day. Meanwhile State Attorney General Roy Cooper has jumped ahead of incumbent Republican Gov. Pat McCrory in the gubernatorial

contest, 48-44. McCrory was leading by 3 points two weeks ago.

**FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA TOUTS CLINTON IN RALEIGH**

As one of the most prominent surrogates traveling the country for Hillary Clinton, First Lady Michelle Obama was Raleigh Tuesday, urging young people and other supporters during a rally at NC State not only to get out and vote, but take their friends and families with them. Mrs. Obama also blasted Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump for promoting the falsehood that her husband, the president, was

not born in the USA. She called Trump's attacks on Mr. Obama's citizenship "hurtful and deceitful."

**MOTHER OF FATAL RALEIGH POLICE SHOOTING VICTIM SPEAKS OUT**

Rolanda Byrd, mother of Akiel Denkins, who was fatally shot by a Raleigh police officer in Southeast Raleigh eight months ago, went before the Raleigh City Council Tuesday chiding city leaders for not equipping police officers with body cameras yet. She noted that the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept. took only three months to equip their officers. Standing

with Ms. Byrd were members of PACT - the Police Accountability Community Task Force. They also called for body cameras with community involvement, changes in misdemeanor marijuana infractions, and a community oversight board. Mayor Nancy McFarland said a pilot program for the body cams begin later this month. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept. released the full two-hours of body cam footage from the fatal shooting of Keith Lamont Scott on Tuesday.

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**HANKINS**

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ed election. The loser of that race filed against her and will face her in the general election.

Judge Hankins was born and raised in Brunswick County. She is one of fourteen children born to Eloise Hankins and the late Lasalle Hankins. Her parents taught her to work hard, love God and do what was right.

Judge Hankins graduated from South Brunswick High School with honors. Judge Hankins attended North Carolina State University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. She then went to North Carolina Central University School of Law where she received her law degree grad-

uating cum laude. She then returned to her native county of Brunswick and practiced law for 18 years until she took a seat on the bench in January of 2013. Judge Hankins now presides over various courts including Criminal and Domestic Violence Court. Judge Hankins is also a Continuing Legal Education instructor for the attorneys practicing in the 13th Judicial District conducting mandatory "Legal Ethics" workshop.

Judge Hankins is actively training youth for the future. She has been involved and focused on programs since graduating from law school. She regularly conducts legal workshops in the local high schools explaining the laws, the criminal process, the consequences of breaking the law and the effects of a criminal records. She serves as a

mentor for young students who are interested in pursuing a degree in law by providing summer internships and mentoring programs during the school year. She regularly serves as a teen and peer court judge for the middle and high schools students. She is a motivational speaker for the AVID students encour-

aging them to stay focus on obtaining higher education and providing tips on becoming successful. She is a 2011 recipient of N.C. Governor's Award for Volunteer Service.

Judge Hankins has the gift of teaching and uses her gift inside and outside of the four walls of the church teaching the Word of God to those who

have a heart to receive the Word of God. In 2008, Judge Hankins began a monthly women's fellowship in her home bringing together women of faith to study the Word of God and encourage each other in the faith. During the summer, she teaches the teenagers during Vacation Bible School at sev-

eral different churches. Judge Hankins brings justice to all who comes before her court. Because she has experience, integrity, knowledge and a deep sense of fairness, she is an excellent judge for the 13th Judicial District. She vows to continue to promote judicial excellence in her courtroom.

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## Our Voice

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Why are the poor unmentionable?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

There is no question that Hillary Clinton "won" the September 26 Presidential debate. She was knowledgeable, composed, unflappable, and occasionally even funny. Her opponent, who had the temerity to criticize her "stamina", seemed to lack stamina of his own. By the time the 90-minute debate was over, the rude, sniffling, frequent water-sipping Mr. Trump looked like a candidate for enforced bed rest.

Mr. Trump was the loser, but he was not the biggest loser. The biggest losers were the unmentionables, the people who received scant attention, in the debate. There were 43.1 million poor people in the United States in 2015, 13.5 percent of the population. Yet they were barely mentioned. To be sure, moderator Lester Holt started the conversation between Clinton and Trump by asking a question about economic inequality. But neither Clinton nor Trump mentioned poverty or hunger, which remains a problem in the United States. Both talked about shoring up the middle class.

Clinton and Trump aren't the only ones who avoid highlighting hunger and poverty when issues of economic inequality are discussed. When Vice-President Joe Biden was charged with focusing on the middle class in his "Middle Class Task Force" early in the Obama Administration, there was a conspicuous silence about the status of the poor. While President Obama has lots of issues to deal with, the poor have not been a priority for him.

The Census Report that was released on September 13, Income and Poverty in the United States: 2015, documents improvements in our nation's poverty status. Between 2014 and 2015, there were 3.5 million fewer people in poverty, and the poverty rate dropped quite significantly, from 14.8 percent to 13.5 percent. The poverty rate for African Americans dropped from 26.4 to 24.1 percent, and child poverty dropped from 36 percent to 32.7 percent among African Americans.

Either Clinton or Trump could have talked about this economic good news with the caveat that while the drop in the poverty level is encouraging, there is still way too much poverty in our nation. One in five children under 18 live in poverty, along with one in three African American children. One in five African American households (and one in eight households overall) have incomes below \$15,000 a year. Further, there is significant "extreme poverty" in our country, people who earn less than half the poverty line. Half of all poor households are among the extreme poor. One in ten African American households qualifies as extremely poor, which means an income of less than \$12,000 for a family of four.

How can someone earn so little? All it takes is a low-wage job with unstable hours. A minimum wage worker who works full-time, full-year earns a scant \$15,000 a year, but many low-wage jobs aren't full-time, full-year. Many low-wage workers get "flexible" scheduling, which means that their hours of work are not guaranteed. Sometimes they are called to report for work, but if business is slow they can be sent home. There are few protections for these workers, which is why the Fight for Fifteen (\$15 an hour) has gained such momentum.

To his credit, President Obama signed an executive order that requires federal contractors to pay at least \$10 an hour to their workers. He has also signed an executive order requiring that federal contractors provide paid sick leave for their employees. Clearly, this administration is not indifferent to poor people. They just don't talk much about them.

But the poor should not be our unmentionables. They are the living proof that our predatory capitalistic system is terribly flawed. Thus, even as the 2015 report on income and poverty celebrates economic progress (with incomes finally rising after years of stagnation), it also suggests that too many hard-working people are living in a state of economic deprivation. More than 35 percent of African American households have incomes below \$25,000. Many of these families have incomes above the poverty line, but not by much.

There are two more debates, one of which will be conducted as a town hall. If moderators do not bring up the issue of poverty, perhaps someone in the audience of the town hall will. While I know that Hillary Clinton has more compassion for the poor, and has articulated solutions that will help end poverty (Mr. Trump, on the other hand, once said the minimum wage was "too high"), I think it important to hear matters of hunger and poverty addressed in the context of the Presidential debates. Our flawed economy has pushed the poor to the margins, but candidates can shed light on their issues and garner mainstream attention for them.

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## Your Voice

### FROM SALESMAN TO SENATE

Our North Carolina Senator, Richard Burr, worked his way up from a 17 years' career as a landscaping equipment salesman to chairman of the intelligence committee in the U.S. Senate.

He and his wife accepted an \$18,500 eight-day trip to Paris, France and a \$17,000 five-day trip to Barcelona, Spain to do fact-finding on their nuclear plants. The nuclear industry's lobbying group paid for the trips. I wonder... why didn't the honorable Senator Burr just go next door and take his wife to visit the

nuclear plants in South Carolina? Yet Chairman Burr does not believe in Obamacare, extending un-employee benefits, raising the minimum wages or any other thing he sees as hand-outs. He believes all should pull up their bootstraps, work hard and harder until they earn a raise in pay like he

does. He said he works hard and deserves the \$3,460 we (the taxpayers) pay him every WEEK. What has draft dodging and Trump Supporter Senator Burr done for you lately?? Will you vote to re-elect him???

**James J. Hankins  
Wilmington, NC**

## Matters of Opinion Afraid to call 911: Black life in America

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Earlier in the week as the news swirled around the killing of Terence Crutcher in Tulsa and Keith Lamont Scott of Charlotte, I decided that my day was too busy to go out. I had a lot of writing to do and my Northwest DC home seemed the best place to do it. I live in a beautiful multiracial neighborhood, filled with kids and farmer's markets. It is an oasis for me from the grim realities of human and civil rights work. In order to not disturb my writing flow, midday I decided to have lunch deliv-

ered. The delivery man, an older African American man, arrived on time with my order; but, as I opened the door it became clear that something was completely off with this transaction. The first thing I remember seeing is the blood. There was blood all over the delivery man's bag, down his arm, dripping onto the pavement on the porch. As I looked up at the man's face and examined the rest of his body, I realized the blood flowing out of the opposite of the one holding the delivery.

"Are you OK?" I ask.  
 "I'm so, so sorry. I'm just so, so sorry", he answered.  
 Immediately I ran to get my phone and called 911. By the time I arrived back to check on him, his blood was pouring all over my porch and he was turning gray. I found out that

he had just come from dialysis and couldn't afford to take the day off. His fistula was bleeding uncontrollably.

"I have an emergency. I need you to come to my house immediately my delivery man is bleeding everywhere. I don't know how to stop it.", I blurted. The dispatcher took down all the information and gave me specific instructions as I tried to help him stop the flow of blood with kitchen towels.

In the midst of exchanging information with the dispatcher, I said something that I did not expect. "Please tell the first responders that we are expecting, that we are black."

"What?" She replied.  
 "Please. Don't I don't want them to be...confused", I stuttered. As surprised as I was at what I was saying I couldn't take it back.  
 The ambulance arrived.

The man, even after losing a lot of blood, was calm and eerily coherent. He continued to apologize for being a bother to me and the emergency personnel. The man was taken to the hospital without incident and has recovered.

After the urgency of this situation was all over, I was forced to inventory everything that happened. This reflection looking at my own response to that situation.

In an emergency situation, all of us prioritize the information we are providing. For me, it was the following:  
 •His name.  
 •Is he breathing?  
 •Can you stop the bleeding?  
 •Is he still awake?  
 •Please tell them the person

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## BLACKONOMICS

### Blaming the victim

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Now that the dust has settled around President Obama's comments at the Congressional Black Caucus Banquet, let me give you my take on the subject. In 2010, immediately following the midterm elections, in some instances, Black folks were blamed for the "Shellacking" as Barack Obama put it, of Democrat candidates. Again in 2014, the rancor directed at Blacks for failing to vote was raised to an even higher level. In response, U.S. Representative, Marcia Fudge, in an article by Sabrina Eaton of Cleveland.com, noted that "preliminary exit polls showed the African American proportion of the electorate increased over the 2010 midterms, and urged critics to 'find another scapegoat. Don't blame us!'"

Fudge continued, "Our community organizations and churches mobilized to encourage early voting opportunities with programs like 'Souls to the Polls,' and African American activists and state leaders stood ready to combat any instance of voter intimidation or fraud," her statement said. "Black elected officials crisscrossed the country to discuss the urgency and importance of this election. We phone banked, knocked on doors and held 'Get Out the

Vote' rallies. Our losses were not a referendum on African American political engagement. We did our part, so don't blame us!"

In 2008 and 2012, Black voters turned out in unprecedented numbers to help Obama win the Presidency. Now in 2016 as the first Black President prepares to leave office, Black voters will again be held responsible for turning out in droves. We have been given our "marching orders" once again by the President during his "most passionate" speech ever, as some have described it, to the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

Obama declared, "I will consider it a personal insult, an insult to my legacy, if this community lets down its guard and fails to activate itself in this election," Obama said with a stern look and booming passion. "You want to give me a good send-off, go vote."

While it is well known that fewer Blacks vote in midterm elections than we do in Presidential elections, it just may be the result of Black people seeing ourselves being taken for granted after the President gets elected and very little that was promised during the campaign was delivered afterwards. In 2002, NAACP Chairman, Julian Bond, said Democrats "failed to engage African-American voters. They had all the issues on their side: high unemployment, failing pensions, people losing vast sums of money and the stock market crash. But the Democrats didn't push these issues. Instead they offered pale shadows of what the Republicans were offering, and

that just wasn't good enough."

The excuses for the midterm meltdowns among Democrats over the past decade or so are essentially what we call "blaming the victim." Black people are really victims of the political system in this nation. We have been "clowned" by political pundits and sycophants, and now we are caught in their web of false promises and lack of reciprocity for our votes.

I don't know what the CBC has said or will say in response to President Obama's admonishment to them to protect his legacy by voting for Hillary, thereby giving him a "good send-off;" but here are my requests of Brother Barack in return for his good send off. These requests can be read in full on <http://www.iamoneofthemillion.com/our-planks.html> among our twenty-two platform planks.

1. Get Brother Edward Pinkney out of prison in Michigan. Since when do trumped up charges and false accusations on a misdemeanor crime get a person ten years in a maximum security prison? Plank #20
2. Exonerate Marcus Mosiah Garvey, in support of his son, Dr. Julius Garvey. Plank #22
3. Amend the 13th Amendment by removing the "Exception Clause." Plank #11
4. Support misconduct and/or malpractice insurance for police officers. Plank #6
5. Change your mind about reparations for descendants of African enslaved people, and suggest ways it

can be done. You can begin by advocating reparations for the victims of the Tulsa Riot in 1921. You supported reparations for Filipino war vets, and surely you support the Japanese reparations of 1988, Native Alaskans in 1971, and reparations for the Jewish people. Why not in our case, which is just as reasonable as all the others? Plank #14

6. Finally, we would love to for you to be a guest on the Carl Nelson Show, [www.woldcnews.com](http://www.woldcnews.com), where conscious Black people hang out.

Mr. President, these are just five of our planks, both internal (those that call for our own personal responsibility toward one another) and external. A good send-off for our Black President should include, at a minimum, your support for these few requests. Your legacy will be even greater among the folks who have supported you for the past eight years if you reciprocate to your own demand of us to "Go Vote!" If you refuse to help us, as Marcia Fudge said, "Don't blame us."

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they are there to help is black. In the midst of all of this key information for survival, it was also necessary for me to know that the people helping this man in danger, were black. As concerned as I was about getting the man medical help, as a black woman, I was also concerned about how our help would judge us once they arrived. I had to be assured that when they found us on my porch the would know that we weren't the threat. They would know that we were in fact the victims.

For some my concern that a 911 call could escalate into violence against me or the delivery man, is an overreaction. However, incidents of brutality against injured black people seeking help or assistance happens far too frequently. Let me share a few examples:

This past Wednesday in Baltimore County, MD, Tawon Boyd died after being beaten by police officers called the scene because Boyd was feeling "disoriented." According to the family's attorney, the purpose of the 911 call was to get an ambulance to take him to the nearest hospital. Instead of a positive outcome to what could have been survivable ail-

ment, Tawon's family now awaits an autopsy report.

The week before, in Hagerstown, MD, a 15 year old biracial girl was hit by a car while riding her bike. Officials say she declined medical treatment, but what ensued next is inexplicable.

According to the video, despite her physical condition and potential injuries, the girl was maced and slammed into the car. 'All we want to do is make sure she's OK,' one officer tells a bystander, explaining that the girl might have lingering brain damage from the collision. Not even a minute later, an officer can be heard telling the girl to 'put your feet in the car, OK, or you're going to get sprayed.' When the frightened girl does not immediately comply, the officers close the door and then spray out their canisters into a crack in the window. The girl can then be heard shrieking in pain, saying 'I can't breathe' multiple times.

While we watch a week of protests in Charlotte, three years ago, Jonathan Ferrell, a star college football player, was in a car wreck and sought help by knocking on the door of a house near the crash site. The police arrived and shot and killed him as he ran towards them, very possibly running towards them for

help. There was no justice in that case, just a hung jury and no political will to retry the case.

In that same city we watched Keith Lamont Scott's wife pleaded with officers telling them he had a traumatic brain injury. Did that reality penetrate the officers' minds as the pumped bullets into a man, moving slowly backing away from police officers, who Scott may not have realized were police officers?

African Americans who are in the midst of a mental health crisis face extreme uses of force by the police, even when they are told prior to their arrival that is the issue. One such call was for Natasha McKenna, who died after being restrained and repeatedly shocked with a stun gun. One the last things we hear Natasha say is "you promised not to kill me."

Instead of rendering aid, all of these victims were met with force. At a time when they deserved comfort, all they received was malice, injury and, unfortunately death.

There is a painful and insidious message being delivered to black people in this country and need help in an emergency: Living as a Black person in this country means to never have needs or be vulnerable.

Even with a concussion, unstoppable bleeding or a mental illness you have to have enough control over your facilities so YOU don't scare someone into taking your life. "Careful compliance" is difficult enough in the stressful situation of being pulled over by a cop; how possible is it when you are injured or sick.

Because of this, you shouldn't be surprised that some African Americans talk about not using 911 when they are in crisis. They are worried that it could make a bad situation much worse. They can't feel safe in crisis. Moreover, despite the taxes Black people pay for these services, more people are talking about creating community based alternatives to calling 911.

Sadly, our society has normalized the fact that even under the most extreme conditions, African Americans have earned their right to live against the founded or unfounded concerns of officers. In the case of my delivery driver, I am grateful the first responders were there to help and care for him. Yet it is equally disturbing and unacceptable that African Americans cannot assume that in a time of crisis we will be protected or served.

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CHILDWATCH

Honoring Sojourner Truth: Courageous warrior for justice, equality and freedom for all

It is important to recognize and honor those who have strived to fulfill the promise laid out in our Constitution to form a more perfect union. Those who fought in a different way for the ideals we cherish as a nation: justice, equality and freedom. - U.S. Navy Secretary Ray Mabus

I was recently deeply honored to be asked by Navy Secretary Ray Mabus to serve as sponsor for a Navy ship being named for Sojourner Truth, my lifelong heroine and North Star in the struggle for freedom, equality and justice in our land. This ship will join others in the John Lewis-class of ships named after civil and human rights leaders. The lead ship in the class honors iconic civil rights activist and Congressman Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.). Other Lewis-class ships honor Senator and Navy veteran Robert F. Kennedy; gay rights activist and Navy diver Harvey Milk; 19th-century suffragist Lucy Stone; and great U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren. Navy Secretary Mabus, the former Governor of Mississippi, had previously announced other ships honoring labor rights and farm worker organizer and Navy veteran Cesar Chavez and Mississippi civil rights leader and martyr Medgar Evers. I am so grateful to Secretary Mabus for his commitment to reflecting the inclusiveness of American society and recognizing each of these leaders' extraordinary contributions to closing the gap between our nation's creed and deed.

Sojourner Truth was a brilliant but allegedly illiterate slave woman, a great orator and a powerful presence who possessed unbelievable courage and perseverance in standing up for justice as a Black woman. She challenged the racial and gender caste system of slavery by suing for the return of a son sold away from her. She got thrown off Washington, D.C. streetcars but kept getting back on until they changed the rules and let her ride. She stood up with fiery eloquence to opponents and threatening crowds who tried to stop her from speaking. When a hostile White man told her that the hall where she was scheduled to appear would be burnt down if she spoke, she replied, "Then I will speak to the ashes." When taunted while speaking in favor of women's rights by some White men who asked if she was really a woman, she bared her breasts and allegedly famously retorted, "Ain't I a woman?," detailing the back-breaking double burden of slavery's work and childbearing she had endured. When heckled by a White man in her audience who said he didn't care any more about her antislavery talk than for an old flea bite, she snapped back, "Then the Lord willing, I'll keep you scratching." And when decrying her exclusion from America's life and professed freedoms during a religious meeting where another speaker had just praised the Constitution, she told this story:

"Children, I talks to God and God talks to me. I goes out and talks to God in de fields and de woods. Dis morning I was walking out, and I got over de fence. I saw de wheat a holding up its head, looking very big. I goes up and takes hold ob it. You b'lieve it, dere was no wheat dare? I says, God, what is de matter wid dis wheat? and he says to me, 'Sojourner, dere is a little weasel in it.' Now I hears talkin' about de Constitution and de rights of man. I comes up and I takes hold of dis Constitution. It looks mighty big, and I feels for my rights, but der aint any dare. Den I says, God, what ails dis Constitution? He says to me, 'Sojourner, dere is a little weasel in it.'"

This language captured in an 1863 edition of the National Anti-Slavery Standard shares a flaw with many existing accounts of her speeches - they were often written down in the mock Southern dialect that 19th-century readers identified with all slaves, despite the fact that Sojourner Truth was born and raised in rural New York as the slave of a Dutch-speaking family, spoke Dutch as a child, took pride in speaking correct English as an adult, and reportedly sounded like White New York peers. But her messages were always crystal clear whether in proper English or in dialect.

Since Sojourner Truth's day, Black and White and Brown and other excluded and marginalized women - and men - have been trying to ferret out the unjust and greedy weasels still eating away at the core of our Constitution and the promise of equal opportunity and justice before the law in our national life, gain the rights and freedoms they know they have been promised, and build a fairer America for themselves and their children. Huge weasels are still trying to take hold of America's Constitution and weaken its promise of equal opportunity and justice and we'd better wake up, stay awake, alert and vote - every one of us eligible - to pluck out these weasels and other pests that want to return us to our Jim Crow past whose legacies linger. The struggle for a fair playing field for all Americans and for all of our children must accelerate and grow and reach a mighty crescendo today when our right to vote, to equal education for our children, and to fair law enforcement are under attack. Let's all stand up and fight back as Sojourner Truth did in her time and as I know she would do if she was living today.

Scholar Carleton Mabee tells us a bit more about how in 1865, one year after visiting President Abraham Lincoln in the White House, Sojourner Truth determined to desegregate the segregated horse car system in Washington, D.C. She was working with freed slaves in Washington at the time and was often ignored by drivers when she tried to get them to stop. "One day, in 1865, Truth signaled a car to stop," Mabee said. "When it did not, she ran after it yelling. The conductor kept ringing his bell so that he could pretend he had not heard her. When at last the conductor had to stop the car to take on White passengers, Truth also climbed into the car, scolding the conductor: 'It's a shame to make a lady run so.'" The Sojourner Truth Institute says: "Sojourner Truth, who rode the horse car that day, and many horse cars afterward, sat where she pleased; not where she was told. Her determination followed a lifetime of going where angels, and her contemporaries, often feared to tread." We need the same determination today.

Our nation is still struggling mightily to live up to its creed enunciated in the Declaration of Independence and overcome its huge birth defects that still plague us in the implementation of our political and economic system: Native American genocide, slavery, and exclusion of all women and non-propertied men, including White men, from America's political process. We have come a very long way but these deep-seated cultural, racial, economic and gender impediments to a just union challenge us still. We must remain vigilant in rooting them out and determined to move forward and not backwards if we are to become a greater nation with an opportunity to show the majority non-White world a living democracy.

Every day I wear two pendants around my neck with the portraits of Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth. When I think I'm having a hard day, I just touch them, remember their challenges, get up and keep going. Inscribed on the back of Sojourner Truth's image are these words: "If women want any rights more than they's got, why don't they just take them, and not be talking about it." Those are our marching orders for building an America where none of our children, including our daughters and granddaughters, face a ceiling on who they can become and what they can achieve.

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TO BE EQUAL

Social protest is fundamentally patriotic

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Few are willing to brave the disapproval of their fellows, the censure of the colleagues, the wrath of their society. Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence. Yet it is the one essential, vital quality for those who seek to change a world that yields most painfully to change. Each time a person stands up for an idea, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, (s)he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance." - Robert F. Kennedy



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Social protest is a fundamental element of American democracy. The right to self-expression, the

right to dissent, and the right to confront those in authority with ones grievances are enshrined in the Constitution.

Thus, San Francisco 49er Colin Kaepernick's decision to protest police violence against African Americans by declining to stand for the National Anthem is a profoundly patriotic act.

While we live in the same country, the reality of day-to-day life for white and Black Americans can be vastly different. Most Black men and women in America know the humiliation of being targeted - by police, by store clerks, by security officers - for nothing more than their appearance. Black children are viewed as older and more responsible for their actions than white children of the same age. From minor offenses like being bypassed by a taxicab to the overwhelmingly racially skewed criminal justice system, the experiences of Black Americans simply are not the same for whites.

A majority of African Americans support Kaepernick's choice, while a majority of whites do not. According to an informal Twitter poll the National Urban League conducted

among our followers, an overwhelming 88 percent say they are proud of Kaepernick.

Some white football fans, meanwhile, have burned Kaepernick's jersey and have engaged in hateful racial invective on social media.

The divergent views on Kaepernick's action reflect the divergent views on the very reason for his protest - the use of excessive and fatal force by police, disproportionately directed at people of color; and the failure of authorities to hold officers accountable for misconduct. According to a recent survey, the vast majority white Americans hold a favorable view of police, while a slight majority of Black Americans hold an unfavorable view. A majority of whites believe police generally are held accountable for their misconduct, and a majority of black believe they are not. A majority of Black respondents said police are too quick to use lethal force, while most white respondents said police only use lethal force when necessary.

While I myself will continue to stand for the National Anthem, I support his right to protest. And while I wholeheartedly share Kaepernick's

despair over excessive force and the failure to hold police accountable, but I would support his protest even if I did not.

Despite the outrage Kaepernick's protest has raised, he has ignited a movement of sorts. Since Kaepernick since first declined refused to stand in late August, 22 NFL players have joined his protest, as have athletes in high schools, youth leagues, and colleges all across the country.

It's interesting to note that, while no white NFL player has yet joined the protest, many of the high school and college students protesting are white. Young people have the power to change the future, and it is encouraging that their eyes are open to the racism and injustice many of their elders seem unable to see.

It is not merely Kaepernick's right to register his discontent with the status quo; some would argue it is a moral imperative. As Abraham Lincoln said, "To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men."

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WHAT WE BLACKS NEED TO DO

We will use false measuring cups and fix our scales for cheating!

On Sunday September 21, 2016, the old testament reading in my church was from the minor Prophet Amos. The corrupt vendors were preparing for a great day of sales that could enhance or ruin their future. Their master plan was to overcharge, use false measuring cups, sell wheat at high prices and fix their scales to cheat the customers.



James Hankins

As with all scriptures, I search for how it could compare to something happening today. It was right in front of me, the important elections this November the 8th.

Just change the vendors to some of the politicians running for reelection and election. They lie about their accomplishments and what they will do if elected in their ads, campaign speeches, radio, TV spots and literature. For some, their high religious, civic and intelligence characteristics they claim only measure

up to an ignorant snake oil selling con man.

I looked at my sample ballot and found six (6) that have already fixed their scales for cheating.

1. The New Hanover County Board of Education with their policy of neighborhood / segregated schools and failure to hire Black teachers and principals. They have the same slogan as Fox News "Fair and Balance".

2. Michael Lee, N. C. State Senate, said the average teachers' pay in North Carolina is \$50,000. That is a 100% lie. Any man that lies about teachers, one of our most important asset, is not fit to be a State Senator.

3. David Rouzer, US House of Representatives, voted for every bill to lower tax on the rich and add taxes to the working poor. He went on a one-week trip/junket to Israel which was a total waste of taxpayers' money. David the tough talking sunshine patriot endorsed his fellow draft dodger Donald Trump for president.

4. Richard Burr, U.S. Senator, is an empty suit and invisible man. Most people from North Carolina could not pick his pic-

ture out of a line-up. A cat burglar is low key and does not want anyone to know what he looks like, not a U.S. Senator. Foot solder Richard Burr votes as he is directed by the GOP leaders and his financial supporters N.C. little millionaire Art Pope and the billionaire Koch brothers. He is supporting his fellow draft dodger Donald Trump in his quest to become our Commander in Chief.

5. Pat McCrory, North Carline Governor, has now taken the infamous title as worst governor in the history of the Unites States from the late George Wallace. I will not waste any more ink on him.

6. Donald Trump, GOP nominee for president, claims to be a man for all seasons. His father gave him ten (10) million dollars and all the connections to the construction business in New York. In spite of that he went bankrupt five or more times. He claims to be a "born again Christian" and quoted his favorite scripture from "Two Corinthian". He changed his three wives like some people change their cars, every eight to ten years. His opponent is a pontifex (bridge builder) but he plans to build a

wall. He is now trying to convince some of the (as he calls them) "The Blacks" to vote for him. He is a con man running the biggest con in history.

If you have not registered, please do and vote or these six "Little Caesar's" will severely damage North Carolina and the United States.

Did you find any cheaters/parasites on you sample ballot???

Amos: 8 - 4 and 7 (Paraphrased) Listen to this, you that trample on the needy and try to destroy the poor of the country. The Lord, the GOD of Israel, had sworn, "I will never forget their evil deeds."

James J. Hankins graduated from "all Black" Williston Senior High School, served three years in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany, A&T State University alumna, retired vocational education teacher, past president of the New Hanover County NAACP, seven-year construction manager at Youth Build Wilmington, charter member of friends of Abraham Galloway and author of the book "What We Blacks Need to Do". [www.jhankinsrealty.com](http://www.jhankinsrealty.com) is the way to contact him.

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# CFPB sues Fines TMX Finance \$9 million over misleading loans

BY CHARLENE CROWELL  
NNPA NEWSWIRE  
COLUMNIST

Many consumers breathe a sigh of relief when their car loans are finally paid off.



Charlene Crowell

Gaining title to personal vehicles should free up monthly monies — unless that title is later used as collateral for a high-cost and abusive loan. Car-title loans provide a percentage of a vehicle's total value in exchange for the promise of quick cash. Unfortunately, when car titles are used as collateral for one of the most predatory and high-cost con-

sumer loans, another cycle of debt can begin. The typical car-title loan is refinanced eight times and comes with triple-digit interest rates as high as 300 percent. Each year, car-title loans strip \$4 billion in fees from consumers. The looming threat of repossession, which affects one in five consumers, often prompts these costly renewals.

Frequently industry collection practices violate basic consumer laws. Vehicle repossessions cause not only the loss of personal transportation, but create mobility challenges affecting virtually every dimension of life — reaching employment, education, medical services or managing personal business.

In recent days, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) fined a major car-title lender \$9

million and sued another five. Together, these separate actions underscore how consumers' rights are often violated and the continued need for financial regulation.

TMX Finance, offering auto-title and personal loans in 18 states, is one of the nation's largest auto title lenders with 1,300 storefronts doing business as TitleMax, TitleBucks, and InstaLoans. CFPB charged the businesses with failure to tell its customers the terms and costs of its auto-title loans sold over a 5-year period that begin in 2011. It was also charged with illegally exposing consumers' personal information to their employers in three states — Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

Due to CFPB's actions, TMX must stop both making visits to collect debts and end deceptive marketing and advertising

practices that confuse borrowers' understanding of actual loan costs. In addition to paying a \$9 million fine, TMX Finance was found to use 'guides' or similar documents that misrepresented loan terms, lengths and costs. Before the enforcement action, it also made in-person visits to consumers' workplaces or homes to collect payments.

"TMX Finance lured consumers into more expensive loans with information that hid the true costs of the deal," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray. "Then they followed up with intrusive visits to homes and workplaces that put consumers' personal information at risk...[W]e are making it clear that these actions were unacceptable and illegal."

CFPB found that TMX Finance employees offered borrowers a "Voluntary Payback

Guide" that would extend payment periods at a smaller monthly cost. What these employees failed to share, however, was the true cost of the extended loan.

"When borrowers can no longer afford the interest charged, their personal transportation is seized for a fraction of the vehicle's value," noted Delvin Davis, a senior researcher with the Center for Responsible Lending. "Unfortunately, there are many other predatory lenders whose practices mirror these same unfortunate consumer experiences."

Only a few days before CFPB's actions against TMX Finance, the Bureau sued five other car-title lenders operating in Arizona — Auto Cash Leasing, LLC; Interstate Lending, LLC; Oasis Title Loans, LLC; Phoenix Title

Loans, LLC; and Presto Auto Loans, Inc. All are lenders charged with also failing to disclose in respective advertisements annual percentage rates on loans.

The case now moves to an Administrative Law Judge for further actions.

"These enforcement actions are recent examples of why proposed rules for debt collectors should be finalized. CFPB's proposed rules for payday and car-title lending need to be strengthened and eliminate loopholes," added Davis. "It's what consumers expect — and it is also what they need."

Charlene Crowell is a communications deputy director with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at [Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org](mailto:Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org).

## Breaking the cycle: Young mother of seven turns life around at McDonald's

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NNPA NEWSWIRE  
CONTRIBUTOR

Ten years ago, Cameo Faust, a single mother of seven, was working at an Atlanta-area McDonald's, struggling to make ends meet and highly motivated to make a better life for herself and her family.

Now, she's the general manager, who is responsible for the operation of the restaurant and in charge of helping to build a team of employees to help the business flourish.

Faust gave birth to her first child when she was 14. Faust's mother, Shirley Randolph, had given birth to her first child at the age of 12.

"By the time I was 15, I had twins, plus the baby. At 17, I had four kids, and then I had five by the time I was 18 and, finally, by 26, I had seven," she said, unapologetically, naming them in range from the oldest to the youngest — Jasmine, Markiesha, Marcus, DeMarcus, Sparticus, Sparkle and Joshua.

Now, Faust, at 36 years-old, realizes that with each pregnancy, she was desperately trying to fill a void created by the loveless, tumultuous relationship that she had with her own mother.

"My mother would always be fussing at me telling me not to wear a head rag or not to do this or to do that...[she was] always so mean and I didn't want to listen to her. I'm having these kids to have someone to love because nobody ever loved me," Faust said.

Although she continued in a relationship with the father of her children, Faust knew

that a life of struggle wasn't ideal. At the time, Faust didn't even have a high school diploma.

The proverbial light bulb in her head switched on when the town's water company turned off her water, Faust said.

"I was dating my children's father and one day the water got cut off and I asked him what were we going to do," she said. "He looked at me, told me that he didn't know what I was going to do, but that he was leaving."

Stunned, the unemployed Faust showed him the door.

"I just got tired," she said. "I told him that he could go."

Now, with five children, no money, no job, no high school diploma, and a paltry \$367-a-month welfare check, Faust began pounding the pavement.

"I kept walking up and down the street for about three days. There were a lot of fast food restaurants and I would walk up and down every day asking for a job," she said.

"I stopped in at McDonald's near Riverdale Road and asked if I could apply for a job. [The supervisor] told me to come back the next day," Faust said. "I explained that it took me an hour to walk here, but he said, 'I should come back.' I kept coming back and he'd tell me to come back again and again. I was tired, but finally I was hired as a crew person."

At first, the job only added to Faust's troubles.

She had five children at home with the oldest just 10 years-old.

"I had my oldest watch the other children even though I

also had an infant and a toddler in the house," Faust said. "I know it was dangerous, but I couldn't allow my kids' father to come back. I'd walk back and check on them when I could and I made sure that they had three meals every day."

She said, adding that a neighbor did, from time to time, peak in on the children to ensure that all was well.

"It was all about perseverance and I didn't want to be on welfare anymore, so I did what I had to do," Faust said.

Faust worked hard and began to earn promotions at the restaurant.

Ironically, she said that she was inspired by Randolph who had given her such a difficult time.

"My mother pushed me to be better than her, that's why she was so hard on me," said Faust. "She loved me. She's really my role model."

Faust is now enrolled in school and she's taking courses at McDonald's famed Hamburger University, recognized by the American Council on Education as the only academically accredited restaurant in the country.

Through a company program, employees can transfer as many as 46 hours toward a bachelor's degree, certificate program, or associate's degree.

Hamburger University first opened in 1961 and more than 330,000 students have taken courses there including franchise general managers like Faust whose courses include shift management, introduction to management and guest services.

In a statement about the university, Rob Lauber,



CAMEO FAUST

McDonald's chief learning officer, said that an educated workforce has huge value for the business.

"We estimate between 20 and 30 percent of our restaurant managers haven't finished high school and Hamburger University focuses more on leadership development, business growth, and operations procedures, with a special emphasis on service, quality, and cleanliness to help prepare students for managerial positions in the restaurant industry," said Lauber.

John Hurt, the McDonald's franchise owner who employs Faust, said that she has done

a great job.

"This is one area of being an owner that really gives you satisfaction," said Hurt. "Knowing you're helping others and this one particular person, who was looking for a way out and knowing that we could provide that opportunity is special. I am really thrilled to have Cameo with me."

Hurt said that Faust manages about 55 employees, managers report to her, and that he's pleased with the progress that she's made over the years.

Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, said that the NNPA salutes McDonald's for offering career advancement opportu-

nities for their employees.

"The success story of Cameo Faust in Georgia serves as an inspiring national example that millions of young single mothers should view as proof that social challenges can be overcome," said Chavis. "Cameo's career journey personifies self-empowerment with grace and elegance."

Faust said that she aspires to become an entrepreneur and a motivational speaker.

Three of Faust children have graduated high school and one of her daughters attends Clark University, a historically Black college in Atlanta.

"I love McDonald's and all that they've done for me," said Faust. "I still want to let God take me higher."

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**Narconon** reminds families that abuse of heroin and opioid drugs has become a national health crisis. Learn to recognize the signs of heroin abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Visit [www.narcononnewlifetreat.org/blog/naloxone-availability.html](http://www.narcononnewlifetreat.org/blog/naloxone-availability.html) to learn about the overdose reversing drug known as naloxone and find out its availability in your state. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-1754.

**Community Briefs**

**St. Augustine's Coastal Carolina Alumni Chapter of Wilmington, NC** monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Covil Farms Estates Clubhouse 7100 Covil Farms Road in Wilmington. All graduates, persons who attended and friends of St. Augustine's University are invited to attend.

**The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group** meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level, NHRMC. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at [info@lupusnc.org](mailto:info@lupusnc.org) or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit [www.lupusnc.org](http://www.lupusnc.org).

**The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHEC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 17th Street, Wilmington, NC. Invited are men-and their partners-who are newly diagnosed and researching treatments, those previously treated, those who are experiencing a recurrence, and those who are undergoing advanced treatment for prostate cancer. Support is available from those previously treated and formal programs and literature supply information about all stages of prostate cancer and recovery.

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

Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

**HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**Traveling started at a young age**

**I** started traveling on Greyhound Bus Lines in 1947. My first trip was to Glassboro, New Jersey to work.



**Verniece Stanley**

I worked quite a distance from Glassboro where there were asparagus farms and peach orchards. We lived in old huts in order to save as much money as possible. In those days I also had to work to save money for school.

Brunswick County High School was in Southport and the school bus was available for transportation. It was a lot of excitement on a Wednesday afternoon to have one's ticket ready to get on the bus for Baltimore, Maryland.

A small group of people was seated comfortably on the bus. This was going to be an all night trip. The driver was an African American female. She was very firm in giving us information on zero tolerance of breaking company policy. I slept peacefully most of the time and would wake up at bus stops. There were other passengers sleeping as well. We arrived in Baltimore City safely. It was time to meet my relatives at the bus station. We were all happy to be together and in good health.

Everything at their home was set up so beautifully to start each new day. My stay was with Deacon James Bostick and his wife, Ada Ruth Bostick. I always enjoyed getting ready for church activities, shopping, and bowling, which were a part of their social life. They liked to help families in

need of help. We were able to help a young mother with two small boys. Their father was leaving the next day to return to Iraq. My emotional feelings were strong inside. We needed to find the necessary changes to make it better for the family.

At that time listening to the news was very important to us and others. It was a very cold winter, and the temperature was below thirty degrees. A very large number of people needed shelter for more than one night. Arrangements were being made to help all of them. This included different parts of Baltimore City.

Among interesting things to watch was the remodeling of the Reistertown Plaza. Additional business places made it very attractive. A part of this plaza was used as a warm space for walking and exercising for older people. As

we enjoyed the warmth and the recreation, we reminded ourselves of homeless people near us and others far away.

*Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.*

**Goodwin encourages North Carolinians to prepare for Hurricane Matthew**

*Insurance Commissioner Goodwin provides insurance tips for Hurricane Matthew*

**RALEIGH**- With Hurricane Matthew shifting toward North Carolina, Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin reminds all North Carolinians to be prepared for severe weather by visiting [www.NCHurriClaims.com](http://www.NCHurriClaims.com) or calling the Department of Insurance at 855-408-1212.

"It's always better to be safe than sorry," said Goodwin. "Compiling important documents and making a home inventory are simple things you can do right now to ease the insurance claims process should you suffer property damage or loss."

It is important to fill your prescriptions. Citizens are encouraged to review their prescription needs and seek an

early refill if needed. Here are five things that will help you prepare your home:

1. Make sure you have adequate insurance coverage. Know exactly what your insurance policy does and does not cover. Homeowners policies do not cover flooding; you can only purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. However, there is typically a 30-day waiting period before flood policies take effect, so don't wait until a storm is approaching to purchase coverage. If you live in a rental property, your landlord's insurance only covers the building. None of your personal belongings are insured unless you purchase your own renter's policy.
2. Compile important documents. Gather important paperwork, including insurance policies, medical records, prescriptions, etc. Be prepared to bring copies with you if you evacuate your home.
3. Create a home inventory. Go room to room in your home and write down the brand name, description, estimated value and date of purchase of items in your home. It is also helpful to compile receipts, appraisal documents and serial numbers. Take videos or photographs of your belongings. Store your home inventory and related documents in a safe, easily-accessible place online, on your smartphone, on your computer or in a fire-proof box or safe deposit box.
4. Identify potential hazards around your home. Hanging tree branches, loose shingles, patio furniture and other outdoor objects can cause damage or injuries in a storm. Make repairs or secure large objects to reduce the threat.
5. Review contact information. Make sure you have up-to-date contact information for your insurance agent and insurance company, and make sure they have accurate contact information to reach you.

Learn more about preparing for a hurricane or disaster at [www.nchurriclaims.com](http://www.nchurriclaims.com) or by calling the N.C. Department of Insurance at 855-408-1212. Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends Nov. 30.

**Zombies invade downtown Wilmington for Foodbank**

On October 15th zombies will invade downtown Wilmington not in search of brains but in search of food and donations to benefit the Food Bank of Eastern and Central North Carolina.

This year's event will begin at the Ortons located at 133 N. Front Street. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. for makeup. Makeup will continue to 3:30 p.m., you must be in line by then to ensure that you will be ready for the walk. The walk will begin at 5:00 p.m. The walk will end around 7:00 p.m. back at the Ortons for final total and raffle drawing.

Cost to participate in walk \$5 or four non perishable food donations. There will be also an additional

charge of \$5 to have your makeup done, and an additional \$5 for hero makeup (latex, etc.) There will also be raffle prizes donated by local merchants.

This year we are asking downtown merchants to participate by giving treats to the zombie kids on the walk. To date the zombie walk has provided for over 30,000 meals for the local food bank. Last year was a banner year in that we raised around enough for 9,000 meals. come help us make or met that goal again this year.

For more info about the walk contact Denny Best at 233 7057 or about the Food Bank Donna Bey at 251-1465 ext 2202.

**YWCA World Week Without Violence**

Wilmington, NC, October 17th-21st - The YWCA gears up for our annual Week Without Violence campaign - a mission to end violence

against women and girls. The YWCA's Week Without Violence is a wake-up call addressed to the world leaders. It demands that the safety of women and girls worldwide must be put at the heart of the international agenda. Week Without Violence aims to raise awareness to the stark reality of violence against women and girls and mobilize policy-makers to achieve sustainable change.

According to NC Health News, There were 108 domestic violence-related homicides in 2013, according to a report from the North Carolina Department of Justice. Around two people died per week from domestic violence in 2013. "Violence against women and girls is a grave violation of human rights. It has a great impact on the immediate and long-term physical and mental health of those affected. Sexual violence has a profound impact on women and girls", says Community Outreach Manager, Kelly

Williams.

Every year in October, YWCA's around the world organize a week-long series of community events promoting diverse approaches to creating a world free of violence. This year's theme is gender-based violence and the YWCA Lower Cape Fear has teamed up with a strong team of over 10 agencies to bring awareness to this pressing issue and focus on raising awareness, promoting attitude change and enabling individuals and organizations to begin positive actions towards ending violence in their communities. Some agencies include: NHC Sheriff's Department, The Domestic Violence Shelter, Rape Crisis, Carousel Center, the WPD, the Cape Fear Museum, and NHC Public Library.

Week Without Violence opens with two events hosted by the Domestic Violence Shelter: October 13th & 17th for the Domestic Violence, Take Back the Night, Thursday, Oct 13th- 7:00pm at

the Princess St. Courthouse, and the Silent Witnesses Event, Monday the 17th at 12:30 located in the Courthouse courtyard. UNCW, the Library, and the Cape Fear Museum will host events on campus and film screenings throughout the rest of the week. The signature YWCA event is the Potluck for Peace and panel discussion led by local legislation, law enforcement, and advocacy agencies, October 20th, at 6pm at the YW Bridge Center located next to the Government Center, at 41 Government Center Drive. At 5:30pm, local agencies such as Planned Parenthood, DSS, Coastal Horizons, and WPD will set up informational tables for the pre-show expo.

Guests for the potluck are encouraged to bring a hearty dish and prepare to engage in a mature discussion on how to recognize abuse, how to prevent it, and what can our local government and community do to make lasting changes. RSVP deadline is Oct 17th.



**SECOND ANNUAL CAPE FEAR REGION MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (MED) WEEK**  
**"Evolving Your Business: Make It Happen, Make It Matter"**

Join the University of North Carolina Wilmington in recognizing the contributions of minority businesses in the region. Attendees will also receive tips on how to grow their businesses and learn about the latest trends.

**Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016**  
**UNCW Burney Center**  
**8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Keynote Speaker: Stephen Hightower, president and CEO of Hightowers Petroleum Company, recipient of the 2014 National MED Week Award and the 2013 Black Enterprise Magazine's Industrial/Service Company of the Year Award.

Pre-Conference Networking Reception  
 Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016  
 Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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For more information, contact Cheryl Sutton at [suttoncd@uncw.edu](mailto:suttoncd@uncw.edu).



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 North Carolina Department of Insurance  
 Wayne Goodwin, Insurance Commissioner

**Ferrol W. Thomas, Jr.**

Ferrol W. Thomas, Jr., age 72, of Wilmington, NC, passed away Friday, September 23, 2016. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church. Interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Ferrol Wendell Thomas, Jr. was born on July 25, 1944 in Baltimore Maryland, the elder son of Ferrol Wendell Thomas, Sr. and Alice P. Thomas. He was pre-deceased by his parents and brother, Roderick (Roddy). He is, also, pre-deceased by his first wife, Kathleen "Kitty" Thomas.

He grew up in Baltimore, Md. and, later, moved to Washington, DC., graduating from McKinley High School and Howard University. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he returned home to work at the Library of Congress and the Federal Aviation Administration, from which he retired.

Ferrol was a member of Mt. Nebo AME Church in Bowie, Maryland and, when he moved to Wilmington, he joined Mt. Olive AME Church. He was, also, a member of the Vietnam Veterans Assn. and the 100 Black Men. He was an enthusiastic financial supporter of his church and several area organizations.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Linda Pearce Thomas, a sister, Phyllis Thomas Simmons of Baltimore, Md., three nephews, David (Shannon) Thomas of Washington, DC; Bertrand W. Thomas (Hillary) of Bowie, Maryland and John (Jay) Ferrol Simmons of Baltimore, Maryland, a sister-in-law, Wilma Jacqueline Thomas of Bowie, Maryland, two cousins, Clinton Grant of Westchester, PA and Darial Sneed of New York, NY, cousin, Winston Price of Wilmington, several cousins of Christiansburg, Virginia; lifelong friends, John Dowd (Katherine), Maurice Gregg and Bill Simmons (Barbara). Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com).

**George "GoGo" Junious**

George "Go Go" Junious, age 74, of Wilmington, NC, passed away Wednesday, September 28, 2016. Funeral services were held Monday, October 3, 2016, at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed at Pine Forest Cemetery.

He was born on April 24, 1942 in Wilmington, NC to

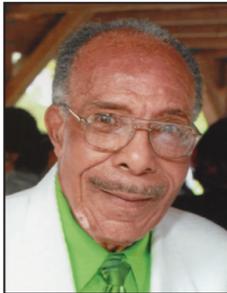
the late John Henry and Dorcus Junious. He was preceded in death by his brother John Henry Jr.

A devoted member of Mt. Calvary MBC from an early age, George served as a Junior Deacon and as an usher in his youth. Before his illness, George worked faithfully with the Senior Usher Board serving as Chief Usher and Vice Chairman of the Trustee Board. A 1962 graduate of Williston Senior High School, upon graduation he entered the U.S. Army. George was also a member of the Progressive Lodge #830 F&AM (PHA). He was a certified welder and retired from New Hanover County School System.

He never met a stranger and always had a smile and if you were down he would find a way cheer you up with a joke. He will be greatly missed.

He leaves to cherish his memory: A loving wife Dorothy Junious; son, Eric Junious, Columbia SC; step children; Michael Gary, Jr; & Michelle Gary-Williams, Charlotte, NC; grandson, Joshua Junious, Columbia, SC; granddaughters, Donisha House, Nataejh Gary, Cierra Gary, and Symone Williams all of Charlotte, NC, Aerial Gary, Chicago, IL, and Skylar Gary, Hollywood, FL; great-grand, McKenna House and Brooklyn Bacon of Charlotte, NC.; two sisters, Eartha Mae Junious, of the city and Marguerite Junious-Brooks, New York; one brother, Richard Junious (Macey), of the city; four sisters-in-laws; one brother-in-law; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com).

**In Appreciation**



The family of the late Robert Earl Williams extends their gratitude to each of you for the kindness and support shown during the illness and passing of their loved one. May God bless you all.

The Williams Family

**Sincere Appreciation**



It is with grateful appreciation that we extend our sincere thanks to all for your deeds of kindness and expressions of love to us, during the illness and passing of our loved one, Annie Marie Brinkley. We also extend special thanks to the entire staff of Elderhaus/PACE for their dedication and devoted care given to Ms. Annie. Thanks to the staff and CNAs of Cape Fear Home Care and CNAs of Care Alternative for their love and special in-home care services. To the Pastorial Staff and Church Family of St. Andrew AME Zion Church, we thank you for your service and all expressions of kindness, May God's grace and mercy continue to shine upon each of you and may He forever keep you in His care.

Leroy and Gloria Brinkley-Caldwell and the Brinkley Family

**In Loving Memory Of**



**Delonte O'Mar Brunson**  
"Mr. VIP"  
Sunrise- October 5th, 1981  
Sunset- April 8th, 2010

It has been five long years since you were taken from us, It seems like only yesterday, but seems like an eternity without you. Your beautiful smile, although we see it in pictures, it's truly missed. You gave meaning to every lifeyou touched and you certainly touched many.

We love you and miss you "Delonte" with all of our broken hearts, and always will.

Happy Birthday "Gone but never forgotten" "Your loving family" The Brunsons

**Annie Marie Session**  
October 7, 1942- October 18, 2013  
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How very much you're missed is something you will never know  
You left behind the broken hearts of those who loved you so  
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If only you could celebrate your special day today  
This birthday token brings you love it's just a simple touch  
To let you know how dear you are  
You'll always mean so much

Missing you  
Your kids, grandkids and great grands

**In Loving Memory Of**



**Barbara Jean Ray "BJ"**  
Sunrise: April 9, 1962  
Sunset: October 10, 2013

Hey sis it's me again, checking on you to see how you are doing. I know your resting and as always the family misses you and we all love you with that lovely smile.

We are going to keep in touch with you time and time again.

So get up and get with us. We love and miss you BJ.

Your sisters, Faye, Diane; brother, Bruce; children, TuTu, Lil Freddie and Danzel

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**New Hanover County**

**Church Women United Fall Forum** will be held Friday, October 7th at Winter Park Presbyterian Church, 4501 Wrightsville Ave. at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.



**Mt. Zion AME Church** will hold Fall Revival Wednesday, October 19th- Friday, October 21st with praise and worship at 7:00 p.m. and worship at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Samuel Hayward, III, senior pastor of Hemingway Memorial AME Church, District Heights, MD.

**Religious Briefs**

**Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church**, 7022 Masonboro Sound Rd., will celebrate their annual choir's anniversary on Sunday, October 9th at 3:00 p.m.

**St. Phillip AME Zion Church**, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community, will celebrate Pastor and Woman of God, Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon with appreciation services to feature amazing guest speakers, presiders, choirs and praisers. Monday, October 10th and runs nightly with services at 7:00 p.m. through Thursday, October 13th as well as two programs on Sunday, October 16th at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday, Rev. Dr. Jermaine B. Armour, Pastor of St. Luke AMEZ Church will kick it off, Tuesday Pastor Eric Underwood, Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church Wednesday Rev. Dr. John O. Veasey, Jr., Galilee Missionary Baptist Church and Thursday, Pastor Gloria Denise Underwood, Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church. Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. Rev. David Justice affiliate of St. Phillip AME Zion Church and at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Ricky H. Randolph, Uplifting Faith Ministries, Inc with a celebration dinner to follow in the brand new state of the art fellowship hall. For additional information please contact Sis Aimee Brown @ 910-368-3605 or Sis. Ashley Hall @ 910-540-4250. The Men of St. Stephen AME Church will celebrate their Men's Day on Sunday, October 16th at the 10:15 a.m. service. The guest speaker will be Rev. Ronald Boykins.

**United Methodist Women** will hold Antiques On Grace 2nd Annual Antique Appraisal Fair on Sunday, October 16, 2016, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church Corner of Grace and 4th in Downtown Wilmington.

**Brunswick County**

**Life Ministries Inc.**, 5051 North Side Dr. will be holding Sunday evening services weekly at 7:00 p.m. with Emmanuel Sounds of Praise. Also the church is accepting gently used clothes, coats and toys for their free clothing giveaway on Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 a.m. - until at House of Faith, corner of 1290 Dennison Ave., Myrtle Beach. Drop off locations for donations are 507 N. Oak St., Myrtle Beach, SC and 1757 Stanley Rd., Supply, NC. For more information call Michael and Latarsha Smith at 321-361-9913 or John and Utrillia Johnson at 910-294-0656.

**Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church**, 1437 East Arcadia Rd., Riegelwood, will hold Fall Revival from Tuesday, October 11th- Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The guest revivalist will be Dr. J. Vincent Terry, senior pastor of Mount Peace Baptist Church. Musical guest Lamanuel Boykins and Company.

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

*Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff*

**ATTEND THE  
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**SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP**

**Birthday Celebration**

**BY SHEILA ROSS AND FANNIE ALLEN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS**

be the glory! Thank God for this day, for I shall rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise His Name.

We had a lovely luncheon for the birthday celebration. Gifts were given to all. The fellowship at the get together was awesome. Our meeting was

adjourned. Thanks to all who were present, and we pray for all of our absent members.

Thanks again to the Birthday Celebration Committee!

It's time for our July, August, and September celebration of birthdays! To God

**TELL SOMEBODY**

**"Before you join a church"**

*"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:24, 25*

*"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Proverbs 4:7*  
*One of the most important decisions facing new or relocated members of the Body of Christ is finding a church home! This is important because you want to find a spiritual covering where you can grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. There are some suggestions one might consider, before making that important decision to join a church.*



**Sylvia Hooper**

**Before You Join a Church**

1. Pray for God's direction!  
"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil." Proverbs 3:5,6,7  
Don't allow someone to

talk you into joining a specific church. You must be persuaded by your own mind that this is the place God wants you to call "home".

2. Look and Listen Before you Leap!

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God." Romans 5:14. Listen for the inner voice of the Lord leading you to join and look to see signs of the Holy Spirit moving within and upon the congregation. Get an understanding of the doctrine and ordinances of this church to be sure you are in agreement. Find out how is this church is connected and serving the community.

Are they answering the Great Commission of Christ? Matthew 28:19 You may want to attend a mid-week bible study in addition to Sunday morning worship to be sure you will be properly "fed and nourished" in the Word of God.

3. "Perfect Church" Reality Check!

"Through wisdom is an house builded: and by understanding it is established." Proverbs 24:3

You need to understand there is no such thing as a perfect church! We serve a perfect God, who works

through imperfect people, his wonders to perform his perfect will in an imperfect world!

4. Choose Your Pastor Wisely!

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15 Inquire about the reputation of the leadership and look for a leader you are not ashamed to follow. Find out what his vision is and ask how you can support as a member of this congregation. You also want to walk in obedience to what God has called you to do as you support what God has called your pastor to do.

5. Plan to Stay!

"Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58

Try to avoid church hopping, which is sometimes a sign of spiritual immaturity. You will never get the victory, if you run away from every battle you face. Sometimes, you need to Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord with you, while you hold your peace, and let the Lord fight

your battle! "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." Psalm 92:13 Staying in one place for a season, will teach you to:

Follow peace with all men and to live holy. (Hebrews 12:14)

Grow spiritually in grace and in knowledge (II Peter 3:18)

Walk by faith, and not by sight (II Cor. 5:7)

Tell Somebody!!!

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

**First happy, then sad, then hope**

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As an-African American, I was overjoyed to learn there would be an African-American



**Dr. E. Faye Williams**

History and Culture Museum on the National Mall. Without question, the truth of our story needs to be told. Some may choose to blame our challenges on us; but, when I gave my donations for building "The Museum," I knew the purpose was to finally let our light shine. We can be proud to have survived the pain and indignity of slavery, Jim Crow, segregation, continuing discrimination and every conceivable form of bigotry; and,

despite those trials, we thrive and grow while leaving a myriad of accomplishments along the pathway of our history.

Since I support Wal-Mart employees seeking justice in pay and working conditions, I chose not to enter "The Museum" on opening day. Even Wal-Mart's prominent role in support of the museum couldn't compel me to act hypocritically and allow that corporation to welcome me into OUR Museum. I've gotten ahead of myself, but I thought that bit of information was important for the reader to understand why I didn't respond positively to my special invitation to be there.

I did, however, think it was important to witness the occasion because I know of the commitment and hard work devoted by many in order to bring "The Museum" to reality. While my conscience wouldn't allow me to go inside on opening day, I walked to "The Museum" and sat on the grass over 2 blocks away with people who might never be able to go inside.

Opening day was beautiful with a cool breeze reminiscent of a Caribbean beach. Initially, there was sunshine. Clouds came later, but without rain. They kept the tempera-

ture great.

As the ceremony began, we experienced a musical journey to the land of our ancestors through the angelic singing voices of a group of African sisters. Their song urged us to free ourselves from mental slavery and to reconnect with our history and culture - our common source of strength.

Two white women passed by wearing the whitest clothing. I commented that they were too dressed-up to sit on the grass, but they laughed and said, "It's such a beautiful day for ALL of US!"-obviously suggesting that some whites also assumed 'ownership' of the greatness of the occasion.

People talk about weddings, birthdays and graduations being the proudest days of their lives. I've had all of those, but they can't touch the pride I felt on that day while sitting on the grass of The Mall. Like a protective cocoon, people surrounded "The Museum" in every direction. This reminded me of President Obama's Inauguration. Attendees - walking, in wheel chairs and some limping with the infirmities of age - were there to witness the occasion and,

with their presence, protect the sanctity of the event.

This was a day to be truly proud of our African heritage!

Patty LaBelle blessed us with "Change Gonna Come." Stevie Wonder blessed us again with "Where is Our Love Song?" and told us that history has shown that we can rise. Oprah, Will Smith, John Lewis, George Bush, President Obama and others delivered messages of uplift and hope.

I thank God that we now have "The Museum" to showcase a portion of the richness of our people's struggles and accomplishments. We have a small place to tell OUR great stories and a platform upon which we can nurture even greater vision for our future. We have a sanctuary from the mindless distraction of reality TV and pursuits that cause us to defer our dreams. I pray that "The Museum" will become the nexus of an increasingly meaningful history which will amplify the greatness of the history we have already created!

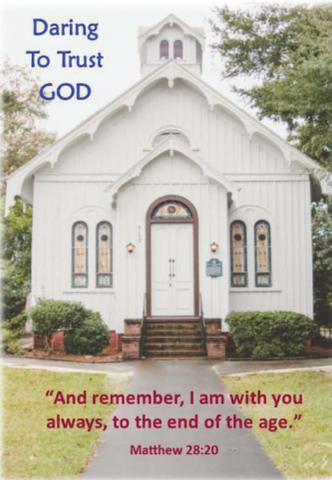
*Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq. is President and CEO of the National Congress of Black Women. www.nationalcongressbw.org. 202/678-6788.*

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712 Chestnut Street  
Wilmington, NC**

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**"Thank You"  
Fellowship Hall Dedication Services**

Greetings to each of you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Pastor of "The Better" St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church", the Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon, officers and members want to first Thank God for shadowing us and keeping a watchful eye over all of us that worked toward this milestone and to your obedient children we say, "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You" for taking the time from your busy schedule to graciously be apart of our newly renovated Fellowship Hall Dedication Service on July 9, 2016. This was an august occasion. Whatever support you gave we say, "thank you", if you prayed for the completion of this task, "thank you", if you purchased ad or if you were a patron, "thank you", if you purchased any items for the inside or outside of the Fellowship Hall, "thank you", if you helped with the beautification of the grounds with its lovely landscape and manicuring, "thank you", if you gave food or drink or you sat quietly and watched we say, "thank you".

This Dedication Service is now an added edition to the archive of "The Better" St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church documentary materials. We pray that God will continue to Bless your giving hearts and your kind and willing hands.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The St. Phillip Fellowship Hall Dedication Committee  
Ashley Hall, Catherine Cooper, Anthony & Aimee Brown, Linda Kelly and Dentrall Boykin



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Polls will be open from 6:30am to 7:30pm on the day of the election, Tuesday, November 8th. Absentee One-Stop Voting will be held at the NHC Government Center (230 Government Center Drive, Suite 34), NHC Senior Resource Center (2222 S. College Road), NHC Northeast Regional Library (1241 Military Cutoff Road), Carolina Beach Town Hall (1121 N. Lake Park Blvd), and Cape Fear Community College Health Sciences Building (415 N. 2nd Street). Absentee One-Stop Voting will occur at all locations listed above on the following dates and times: Thursday, October 20th - Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00am-5:00pm; Monday, October 24th -Saturday, October 29th from 9:00am-5:00pm; Monday, October 31st -Wednesday, November 2nd from 9:00am-5:00pm; Thursday, November 3rd - Friday, November 4th from 9:00am-7:00pm; and, Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 am-1:00pm. Civilian voters may also request an Absentee-by-Mail ballot from the Board of Elections until November 1, 2016 at 5:00pm.

All persons who are registered to vote with the New Hanover County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, October 14th, to be eligible to vote in this election. Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during the Absentee One-Stop Voting period only and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Curbside voting will be available during the Absentee One-Stop Voting period and on Election Day for voters that are unable to enter the voting enclosure.

The Board of Elections will meet on October 18th, October 25th, November 1st, and November 7th at 5:00 pm for the purpose of action on applications for absentee ballots. The Board will also meet on November 8th and 17th at 2:00pm for the purpose of counting absentee ballots. The election will be canvassed on November 18th at 11:00 am.

For more information contact the Board of Elections office at 230 Government Center Drive, Suite 38, Wilmington, NC, Monday - Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm, - 910-798-7330 - www.nhcvote.com.

September 29, October 6, 13, 2016

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **Helga Charlotte Breen** (New Hanover County File No. 16 E 1305) late of 5434 Suncoast Drive, Wilmington, 28401, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **28th day of December 2016** 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 23rd day of September, 2016.

CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS, PA Attorneys for Richard Morrison, Executor  
509 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Mary Jo McKittrick**, 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 **29th day of December, 2016**, 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 29th day of September, 2016

Rodney D. McKittrick, Executor  
3112 Braemar Ln.  
Wilmington, NC 28409

September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 2016

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

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Janet Durham** (16-E-1304), late of 1807 Brewton Court, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **January 6, 2017** 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 26th day of September, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Janet Durham  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Mary Kessler** (16-E-1260), late of 314 S. Fort Fisher Blvd. Apt 3, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **January 6, 2017** 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 26th day of September, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Gaither Stone  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016

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

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **David Marion Kimble**, late of 4816 Norwich Road, Wilmington, 28405, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 509 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before **December 14, 2016**, 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 9th day of September, 2016.

Cynthia Stevens  
Melissa Kidd  
Co-Executrices of the Estate of David Marion Kimble  
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS PA  
509 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Helen Pershia McRae**, 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 **15th day of December, 2016**, 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 15th day of September, 2016

Helena Berkley, Collector  
1415 Stanley St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Stacy Colleen Smaltz**, 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 **22nd day of December, 2016**, 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 22nd day of September, 2016

Dickson Boyton Balridge, Administrator  
117 Keaton Ave.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jay Duane Angstadt**, late of 4103 Buffington Place, Wilmington, NC 28409, 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 **December 9, 2016** 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 22nd day of September, 2016

Douglas James Buchheit, Executor of the Estate of Jay Duane Angstadt  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
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910-815-0085

September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Wanda Brendette Coston**, 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 **22nd day of December, 2016**, 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 22nd day of September, 2016

Sheryl Aleta Coston, Administrator  
208 S. 7th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the ESTATE OF **EMILY WEEKS BAREFOOT**, late of the County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, I, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1, hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to present them to the undersigned by the **21st day of December, 2016**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of September, 2016.

NAPOLEON B. BAREFOOT, JR., EXECUTOR  
811 Frederick Trail  
Supply, NC 28462

September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2016

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

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.

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Mary Ann Wideman**, 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 January, 2017**, 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 29th day of September, 2016

Tammy D. Grisetti, Administrator  
Po Box 30875  
Charleston, SC 29417

October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Margaret McLean** (16-E-586), late of 924 B North McMillan Avenue, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **January 6, 2017** 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 29th day of September, 2016

Howard Westlake, Executor of the Estate of Margaret McLean  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the estate of **Marvin H. Congleton**, 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 **15th day of December, 2016**, 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 15th day of September, 2016

Marvin Howard Congleton II and Thomas Ray Congleton, Executors of the Estate of Marvin H. Congleton  
221 Williams Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
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September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 15 JT 183**

**IN THE MATTER OF: E.K.W. (DOB: 2/18/2011)**

**TO: RESPONDENT: ROBERT K. WILLIAMS, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA KENYA M. JOHNSON**

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **September 22, 2016**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Attorney RYANNE Drogos has been appointed to represent you and may she may be contacted at 105 N. Sixth Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 (910) 251-9213 and rdrogos@boyettelaw.com.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016**, AT 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the case may be heard at the Department of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 22nd day of September, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
(910) 798-3611  
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September 22, 29, October 6, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Janice McCoy**, 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 **15th day of December, 2016**, 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 15th day of September, 2016

Darin McCoy, Administrator  
5113 Gate Post Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28412

September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Beulah Roberts**, 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 **15th day of December, 2016**, 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 15th day of September, 2016

Frankie A. Roberts, Collector  
121 Hargrove Drive  
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September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of **John William Walton, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of December, 2016**, 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 22nd day of September, 2016

John David Walton and Mary Ann Walton, Co- Executors of the Estate of John William Walton, Jr.  
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Wilmington, NC 28409

September 22, 26, October 6, 13, 2016

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

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Gaither Stone** (16-E-1268), late of 706 Argonne Court, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **January 6, 2017** 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 26th day of September, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Gaither Stone  
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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. 15 JT 152**

**IN THE MATTER OF: .M. (DOB: 6/2/2015)**

**TO: UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE, CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO AMANDA CONNER**

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 **September 22, 2016**, 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, November 14, 2016** AT 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter at the Department of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 22nd day of September, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services  
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September 22, 29, October 6, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 15 JT 29**

**IN THE MATTER OF: A.G.B. (DOB: 1/19/2015)**

**TO: RESPONDENT FATHER: RANDY LEE BECKWORTH, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF FEMALE CHILD BORN TO BRANDI LEIGH WELLS BECKWORTH IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NC**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following October 6, 2016, 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.

Attorney Lyana Hunter has been appointed to represent you, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC 28402 or at 910-343-5423 or at lyana.g.hunter@nccourts.org.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 6th day of October, 2016.

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October 6, 13, 20, 2016

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### NOTICE OF SALE

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September 29, October 6, 2016

### Bid Request

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Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a new communications tower. The proposed construction will consist of a new 199' monopole tower and equipment pad within a 100' x 100' leased area. Access to the tower site will involve the development of an approximately 1326' long, by 12' wide gravel access drive. The proposed tower site is located along Clayton James Road, Jacksonville, Onslow County, North Carolina 28540 (Latitude 34° 42' 17.2" Longitude -77° 31' 46.1"). Public comments regarding potential effects from this action on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Kimberly Nagle, 134 Suber Road, Columbia, SC, 29210, (803) 561-9024, [enviromentcomments@smeinc.com](mailto:enviromentcomments@smeinc.com).

October 6, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA PENDER COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 16 CVD 618**

**Marilyn G. Rackley, Plaintiff Vs. Shana Myers Defendant.**

**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 **COMPLAINT for CUSTODY.**

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the **14th day of November, 2016.** Said date being forty days from the first publication of this Notice; and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 6th day of October, 2016.

Tonya Laceywell Turner  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
PO Box 1386  
Burgaw, N.C. 28425  
(910) 259-3180 (office)  
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October 6, 13, 20, 2016

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## ENTERTAINMENT

*Cash in the Apple*

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LARRY STOGNER

Many of us associated with the news media in the Triangle and across the state were saddened to hear of the passing of longtime WTVD-TV former anchorman Larry Stogner.

Stogner died Sunday of ALS at the age of 69. He left the air in January 2015.

When I first arrived in North Carolina in 1981, Stogner ruled the roost on the Durham television station, along with co-anchor Miriam Thomas. He previously worked at WRAL-TV in Raleigh with Oscar Smith, the first black news reporter in the Triangle market.

The last time I spoke to Mr. Stogner was the day Oscar died. He promised that he would make note of it on that evening's newscast, and he did. In fact, Stogner paid tribute to his old friend and colleague.

The last time I saw Mr. Stogner was at the public memorial service of ESPN sportscaster Stuart Scott, who had died of cancer. Stogner, who was over six feet tall, walked in, and went to the front, where he was warmly greeted by Scott's family. Stogner had been Stuart's mentor when Scott interned at WTVD.

Our condolences to all of Larry Stogner's family, friends and colleagues. He is certainly missed.

HURRICANE MATTHEW - If you're anywhere near the expected area of impact for Hurricane Matthew, a monster Category 4 storm that at press time maul Haiti and other islands in the Caribbean, I hope you've taken all precaution to protect you and your family. Don't wait if you haven't. Fill up the gas tank, fresh batter-

ies for the flashlights, keep the smartphone charged, and get plenty of plastic jugs of water and dry snacks that can get you through in case (in all likelihood) your electricity goes out.

As North Carolinians, many of us have been through rough hurricanes and tornadoes before, so surviving these storms is almost second nature. But SAFETY FIRST, especially if you have a family. Better that you over prepare and have little to happen, the under prepare and be at the mercy of fate.

Use your head, and good luck!

EARLY VOTING IN TWO WEEKS - That's right, our long, national nightmare will soon be over on Nov. 8th, but our early voting in North Carolina begins on Thursday, Oct. 20th, and we finally get a chance to go to the polls and weigh-in on our considered choices for president, governor, etc.

I'll be frank with you... the tone and tenor of this presidential campaign makes you want to leave the country on vacation until it's over. Problem is if some foreigner realizes you're an American, and begins questioning you about what in the world is going on with Trump and Clinton, do you really want to get into THAT conversation while you're trying to get away from this mess?

I didn't think so. So get ready for early voting, and don't forget, NO voter ID.

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