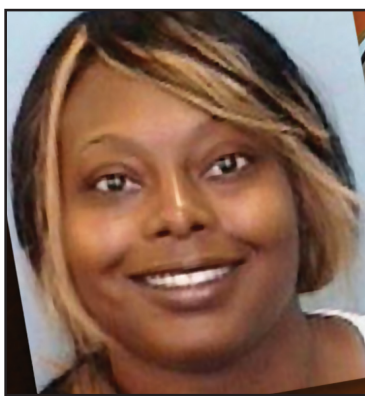


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EBONEE SPEARS

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.



State Board of Elections responds to Hurricane Matthew

[RALEIGH] - The State Board of Elections office has been in regular contact with county election officials to assess flooding and other issues resulting from Hurricane Matthew. All county boards are actively working on preparations for early voting next week. Despite any challenges related to the storm, they are ready to accept and process voter registrations in advance of the deadline.

Counties are still evaluating the full impact the storm may have on early voting sites and Election Day precincts. In a few counties, alternative polling locations are being identified to replace sites that were damaged or inaccessible.

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

50TH CLASS REUNION

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, I received a letter that called my attention to the fact that my 50th class reunion was coming up, and the intended date is November 25, 2016. The proposed location is the ILA Hall in Southport, N. C. It brought back memories of times passed, some good and some bad. My high school days were spent in a segregated school. There each student was taught that he or she had to learn how to read and write and count. This was a must for every student who graduated from

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Coleman and Blue III vie for Council of State positions

Coleman seeks Lieutenant Governor's office again

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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"North Carolina families aren't being treated fairly by this economy or their state government," says Linda Coleman, who is running once again for lieutenant governor.

She wants to change that. This is why she's back four years after her first bid to fight first-term Lieutenant Governor Dan Forest, who defeated Coleman by a slim margin in 2012. She feels the arch-conservative and other GOP lawmakers leading the NC General Assembly have done more harm than good in North Carolina, especially after passage of voter suppression and HB 2 laws.

"The Republican majority running things in Raleigh continues to unravel so much of what built our great State..." Coleman says on her campaign website, "... and all the while they've had a cheering partner in our lieutenant governor: It's time for a different approach."



LINDA COLEMAN

If Coleman indeed wins on November 8, she will be only the second African-American in the history

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Dan Blue III runs for State Treasurer

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Most people who know Daniel Blue, III agree that he is disciplined, studied, principled, and one of the sharpest people in or out of politics. Thanks to the legacy of his father, Democratic Senate Minority Leader Daniel T. Blue, Jr., the first African-American Speaker of the N.C. House, Dan, III has rarely known life outside of politics, except for when he worked on Wall Street in New York City over 15 years ago.

Today, Dan, III, 43, is jumping "head first" into his first bid for elective office, running to become N. C. State Treasurer, succeeding fellow Democrat and incumbent Janet Cowell, who has endorsed him. His Republican opponent is former State Representative Dale Folwell of Winston-Salem, who also once served as head of the State Employment Security Division.

The state treasurer manages North



DANIEL T. BLUE III

Carolina's Retirement System and \$90 billion pension fund, administers the state's health care plan, and maintains

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MCCRORY/COOPER DEBATE



NC ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER AND GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY

Black issues debated

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
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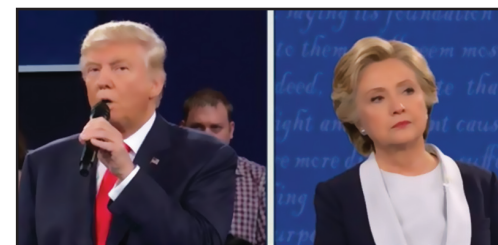
Amid tense exchanges around HB2, taxes, and Donald Trump, Tuesday's statewide televised debate, gubernatorial opponents incumbent Republican Governor Pat McCrory and challenger State

Attorney General Roy Cooper, Democrat, also clashed on three key issues of interest to North Carolina's African-American community - North Carolina's new law shielding police body cam video from public release; the Black Lives Matter movement; and Governor McCrory's defense of voter ID laws designed to suppress African-American

voting.

On the new North Carolina law, which went into effect October 1 prohibiting law enforcement agencies from releasing video footage of fatal police encounters publicly unless a judge rules otherwise, McCrory

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TRUMP AND CLINTON DEBATE

Clinton leads by 11 points after lewd statements by Trump

BY **HAZEL TRICE EDNEY**
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Democratic Presidential nominee Hillary Rodham Clinton is now leading her Republican opponent Donald Trump by 11 points, according to a national Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll this week.

On Monday, she was leading Trump 46 percent to 35 percent with the remaining portion divided between Libertarian candidate, Gary Johnson with 9 percent and Green Party candidate Jill Stein with 2 percent.

Clinton doubled her lead from the previous week after the release of video and audio tapes of Trump having a vulgar

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NUL, leading Black organizations, 'strongly urge' 2020 Census to count prisoners in their home communities

BY **HAZEL TRICE EDNEY, EDITOR**
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America's state and federal prisons house at least 1.6 million mostly Black and Latino inmates who come from families and communities in cities around the nation.

Yet, the U. S. Census Bureau counts those prisoners as residents of the cities

where that correctional facility is located instead of residents of the home cities, where many of them will return. This phenomenon that some call "prison gerrymandering", could severely damage local budgets and skew critical data needed by policymakers to make decisions, says Marc Morial, National Urban League President/CEO and former chair of the 2010 Census Advisory Committee.

Morial is leading a campaign to end the Census Bureau's Residence Criteria and Situations Rules that could cause the same misleading counts in 2020.

"In 2009, when I was appointed chair of the Committee, much of the underlying

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NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE CEO MARC MORIAL



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The State Board of Elections office issued guidance Wednesday indicating it will not extend the regular voter registration deadline. In North Carolina, voters can register and vote on the same day throughout the early voting period, which runs from Oct. 20 through Nov. 5. Voters cannot register on Election

Day, Nov. 8.

Election offices will accept voter registration forms delivered in person through 5 p.m. Friday (October 14). Voter registration forms also are accepted at public libraries, DMV offices, and at public assistance agencies throughout the state.

Because of potential, weather-related delays in mail pickup and delivery, the State Board is directing county boards of elections to accept and process registration forms delivered by

mail or commercial carrier and received on or before 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, provided that the forms are dated by the voter on or before Oct. 14. Voter registration applications may also be faxed or scanned, but a paper copy with an original signature must be delivered in person by Oct. 14 or received by mail by Oct. 19.

This year's early voting period runs for 17 days and includes more sites (444 statewide) and more hours

(42,000-plus) than in 2012.

Voters may participate at any early voting location within their county of residence. Those who miss the regular voter registration deadline on October 14 can register and vote at one-stop early voting locations. Dates and times vary by county and location. Voters can look up the one-stop locations in their counties on the State Board of Elections website, ncsbe.gov/OSSite or by con-

tacting their local board of elections office.

Registered voters can still request mail-in absentee ballots through 5 p.m. November 1.

"Despite the devastating effects of the hurricane, we want all eligible North Carolinians to know the many options available to register and vote in this election," said Kim Westbrook Strach, executive director of the N.C. State Board of Elections.

DEBATE

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said, "We need to balance the public interests but also balance the constitutional rights of those being investigated." The governor went on to say that, as much as the news media "would love to show the video because it helps your ratings," doing so impedes ongoing criminal investigations. McCrory also maintained that "politicians shouldn't be making that decision" to release police body cam footage of fatal shootings. "It should be an impartial judge who determines where the constitutional rights of those being investigated that are being seen in the video, versus the right of the public to know,

and that's exactly what this new law does."

Attorney General Cooper disagreed. He said he was "mindful that there are so many communities out there who feel targeted, and they yearn to be heard, and they yearn for respect." Cooper said North Carolina needs a governor who will work to "make sure that we have that mutual respect, and part of mutual respect is transparency," adding that the community must trust what law enforcement is doing. Cooper added that there were "significant problems with the new law." "I believe that the records and these videotapes should be open," he said, holding open that there may be times that confidentiality may be required, but overall, transparency should be the rule.

Governor McCrory responded that he won the endorsement of the Fraternal Order of Police for his position, and Attorney General Cooper did not. The Democrat countered that he had "strong support of law enforcement" in his campaign.

Regarding whether police officers have "implicit bias," Cooper said you address that with better training to counter that bias. He also favors more community policing to build stronger citizen-police relations.

Governor McCrory agreed that more training of police officers was needed, as well as community policing, but the governor accused Democratic presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton, and President Obama of attacking the police after various

police shooting incidents of unarmed Black men. "It was totally inappropriate," McCrory said.

On the subject of "Black Lives Matter," the Black millennial movement that demands an end to police brutality, Roy Cooper said "It's true." He went on to say that "many communities of color feel targeted, feel discriminated against, and what they want is to be heard, and they want to be respected." Cooper said many in law enforcement agree that "this is something we have to do."

Governor McCrory, however, dismissed BLM, saying instead that "all lives matter." He went on to say that, while the "anger" of communities who negatively interact with law enforcement should be recognized, the "pressure" of

police officers who do a dangerous job should also be respected.

On North Carolina's 2013 Voter ID Law, which the U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals recently ruled targeted African-American voters "with surgical precision," Republican McCrory, who was a defendant in the lawsuit overturning parts of the law, still defended it as necessary.

Democrat Cooper countered that he agreed with the appellate court that the law was unconstitutional and racially discriminatory.

Earlier on Tuesday, President Barack Obama campaigned in Greensboro on behalf of Candidate Hillary Clinton and then took part in an ESPN television taping at NC A&T State University.

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conversation in which he implied that sexual assault of women is okay when you're a celebrity. The conversation was between Trump and then Access Hollywood host Billy Bush as they arrived on a bus for a Trump appearance on the soap opera, Days of Our Lives.

Trump was on a hot mic, which has come back to haunt him. The 11-year-old recording from 2005 dominated the airwaves over the weekend and continued into this week.

During the town hall-styled debate at Washington University in St. Louis on Sunday, Trump apologized for the language he used but

tried to down play the conversation as "locker room talk." Trump has become known for outlandish statements, insults and bullying. But, this one reached a tipping point.

Despite his stated apology for the vulgarity and sexism, the language was so extreme that Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan and senior Arizona Sen. John McCain have withdrawn their support of Trump. RNC Chairman Reince Priebus says the Party still supports its nominee. But dozens of other Republican representatives have also withdrawn their endorsements and condemned the lewd statements.

Some political scientists predict that the sudden slide in the polls is Trump's undo-

ing in the Nov. 8th election. However Clinton has had issues of her own. A month ago, she apologized for having said half of Trump's supporters are a "basket of deplorables." She explained that she meant that many of them are racist, sexist and xenophobic. But, she apologized for having painted with a broad brush.

Trump has also tried to fight back by pointing to indiscretions by former President Bill Clinton. He invited three women to the debate who have accused Clinton of sexual indecency with them. One accused Bill Clinton of rape. The women said the First Lady Hillary Clinton bullied them. But these accusations were played out in the mid to late

1990s while Clinton was president. Therefore, Trump's attempt appeared to fall flat.

Political scientist and talk show host Dr. Wilmer Leon says despite Trump's spiral, nothing can be taken for granted.

"Under normal circumstances, I would say it's over and it's been over, but these aren't normal circumstances," said Leon. First, he said, because Clinton "keeps finding ways to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. And also I believe there are still so many people - especially in mainstream media - who are trying to salvage Donald Trump saying, 'If he just does one thing right he could hit the reset button.'"

The next and final Clinton-Trump debate takes place

Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. The Moderator will be Fox News Sunday Anchor Chris Wallace. The format will be the same as the first debate.

The outcome of the election is also contingent upon which candidate can get their supporters to the polls on Nov. 8. Voter registration, education, and African-American get-out-to-vote campaigns are at full blast around the nation. Despite Trump's direct appeal to the Black community, Clinton still maintains at least 90 percent of the Black vote in the polls.

Leon concludes, "I don't think it's over until the 9th of November" - the day after the election.

LOCKED OUT

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policies and decisions had already been locked in as decennial plans are solidified a few years prior to beginning the actual Census. Despite this, in our Committee meetings, members raised many issues, including the Residence Criteria and Residence Situations Rule," Morial wrote in a Sept. 30 letter to U. S. Census Bureau Director John H. Thompson. "We had many discussions about the erroneous manner in which the Bureau applied this rule to count incarcerated persons at

the prison of the confinement instead as part of their home community."

Morial concluded, "After much deliberation, Bureau staff assured us that this would change for the 2020 Census. Yet, here we are with a proposal that will instead continue the very prison gerrymandering system that we opposed."

Morial plans to meet with Thompson during which he will discuss his concerns as well as the concerns of other civil rights leaders after seeing that the same criteria have shown up again for the 2020 Census rules released on June 30, 2016.

Early last month, a separate letter to Karen Humes, chief of the Census Bureau's Population Division, expresses similar concerns from Morial, Rev. Al Sharpton president/CEO, National Action Network; Melanie Campbell president/CEO, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, and Hilary O. Shelton, director of the NAACP, Washington Bureau.

That letter also outlines a racially disparate impact.

"In 2014, there were nearly 1.6 million Americans in state or federal prison. Of the male population an estimated 37 percent were Black 32 percent White

and 22 percent Hispanic; of the female prison population, 50 percent were White and 21 percent were Black," it states. The disparity is clearly seen when comparing to America's Black population of 12 percent.

It explains that the count of inmates in prisons where they live results in "policy, politics economics and demographic trends" that give a "distorted picture of this nation's economic and social health."

It also tells how the proposed rule "undermines the constitutional guarantee of 'one person, one vote'" by "diluting the representational equity of a prisoner's home community."

The leaders argue that it is unfair to allow the location of the prison to receive the benefits of the Census count because "a local governing body cannot represent inmates nor can they affect them with local regulations. Inmates are literally not a part of that community in any manner absent their forced physical location."

The economic disparity is equality important, the Sept. 1 letter states. It quotes a 2014 article from the Annual Review of Sociology regarding incarceration, prison reentry.

"Though almost all communities are touched to some degree by prisoner reentry, poor urban communities bear a disproportionate share of the burden, both in terms of prison admissions and releases," the

article states. "As a result, the criminal justice system now touches nearly as many people in poor communities as the education system or the labor market."

NUL, NAACP, NAN, and NCBCP are America's premiere Black organizations representing civil, voting and economic justice. The joint letter no doubt carries an implication that if the rules are not changed, mass protest could follow.

"The goal of the Census Bureau is to provide the best mix of timeliness, relevancy, quality and cost for the data it collects and services it provides. Additionally, the decennial census is supposed to tell us who we are and where we are going as a nation. Therefore, it should be axiomatic that the decennial census would count inmates as part of their home community. The Bureau must reconsider its proposed 2020 Census Residence Criteria and Residence Situations Rule," the letter states. "We strongly urge the Bureau to change the 'usual residence,' rule. The 2020 Census must not disenfranchise almost 1.6 million American residents. An accurate representational count is the only way to ensure that all who use Census data will have the requisite statistics to undergird effective public policy."

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Brunswick County Training School. One left school with the basic educational tools needed to help him or her make it in life. If we didn't go to college, our teachers had a great interest in our jobs and the effects they had on us. Much time was devoted to making sure we were given a chance to enter life with common skills.

I find that today's educational system is not the same as it was then. Now it is more about standard tests by the state. The system really doesn't care about life but more about the test scores. I count myself blessed to be able attend my 50th class reunion. I hope we

have a lot of classmates there. Re-member the hard times and good times through which we've come, including the day when we had to go to the back door of diners to get our food. Think of how blessed we are to be able now to owning diners! We have first hand knowledge of change in society which has moved us from "separate but equal" to equality for all people. Furthermore, as we remember these factors, let us go out in the world and tell our young people so they understand from where we've come. Then, hopefully, they will better prepare for where we're going. The cost of freedom is not cheap, but we must pay the cost. Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

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18 HURRICANE MATTHEW-RELATED DEATHS ACROSS THE STATE, OFFICIAL SAY

[LUMBERTON] At press time, at least 18 deaths were attributed to the impact of

Hurricane Matthew on the state, state officials confirm. One of those deaths happened when a state trooper fatally shot a man during a flood rescue operation. Massive flooding in eastern North Carolina has forced people from their home, overwhelmed farms drowning animals and streaming animal



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waste with streaming flood waters. There have also been drownings in Robeson, Wayne and Columbus counties. Pres. Obama has designated 31 counties as federal disaster areas. Parts of I-95 are closed because of flooding.

PRINCEVILLE RESIDENTS TOLD TO EVACUATE BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL FLOODING

[PRINCEVILLE] In 1999 during Hurricane Floyd, the African-American town of Princeville in Edgecombe County was virtually destroyed by flood waters from the Tar River crested. Now, in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, the Tar River is threatening the oldest

town in America incorporated by black people. It's only hope is the new levee installed after Floyd to hold the Tar River at bay. But residents have been told to evacuate regardless as a safety precaution.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL KICKS OFF "OPERATION STOP ARM" NEXT WEEK

[RALEIGH] In support of Operation Stop Arm week, the State Highway Patrol will be aggressively enforcing stop arm violations and other traffic violations in and around school zones. The operation will be conducted 6 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 17th to Friday, Oct. 21st. The Patrol expects Operation Stop Arm will

decrease violations and reduce school bus incidents involving children.

RALEIGH POLICE TO TEST 20 BODY CAMERAS STARTING NEXT WEEK

[RALEIGH] As promised, the Raleigh Police Dept. will begin conducting test programs for officer body cameras and vehicle dash cameras in the field for the purpose of evaluation. Three vendors are vying for contracts with the city to provide the equipment, and ultimately, the department plans to outfit at least 600 police officers with the chosen models. Officers will be required to activate the cameras when they encounter situations involving criminal

activity, and must give a reason why they are turning them off on the record before they do. Each company's equipment will be tested for 30 days.

CONTROVERSIAL REPORTS ACCUSE CITY COUNCIL MEDDLING IN POLICE AFFAIRS

[DURHAM] Members of the Durham City Council are a bit put off over a police consultant's report that suggests that they inappropriately gave voice to allegedly unjustified concerns about racial disparities in citizen traffic stop treatment by the Durham Police Dept. The 244-page report by the International Association of Chiefs of

Police states, "This level of oversight and the associated actions by government officials have contributed to a sense of distrust among these entities, which has also contributed to a deterioration of community confidence in the police department." But Durham Mayor Bill Bell responded that the city had been fielding complaints about the disparity of treatment between black and white motorists by Durham police officers for several years, and wanted to make sure that action was being taken to address the issues.

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North Carolina's Triple A credit rating.

"North Carolina deserves fiscally responsible leadership that respects and protects the public employees, taxpayers, and communities throughout the State," Blue says about why he is running. His biography certain-

ly reads like a young man seeking to prepare himself for bigger things.

The Raleigh native is a graduate of W. G. Enloe High School and Duke University, where he earned his B. S. in Engineering, and minored in public policy studies. He also studied finances at Duke's Fuqua School of Business, earning a Masters of Business Administration, and Duke's School of Law,

graduating with a Juris Doctor.

Well-rounded in key areas, Blue worked at Glaxo Wellcome Pharmaceuticals, helping to launch Healthmatics. Shortly after, Dan, III moved to New York City to become an investment banker at Bear, Stearns & Co., on Wall Street. He was there in New York during the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and vividly recalls

living through the ordeal.

In 2004, on the advice of his mother, Edna Earle Blue, Dan, III moved back to North Carolina, starting his own company, Pharmaceutical Institute, which trained biotech professionals. He later sold the successful company and joined his father's Raleigh firm, working alongside his younger brother, Damien. Dan, III handled debt financing for large com-

panies and government agencies but also advised small businesses. His work was recognized in 2015 by the Triangle Business Journal.

Blue is married to educator, Traci C. Blue, and the couple has two children.

A recent Public Policy Polling survey had Blue leading Republican Folwell 38 to 37 percent, with many still undecided. The two have squared off in several joint

appearances, debating North Carolina's controversial HB 2 law that prohibits transgender people from using public bathrooms contrary to their birth gender. Blue says the law is "problematic" and has cost the state millions in lost business.

Sitting on corporate boards, Blue says he won't "for pay or play." Blue is for helping school systems meet their fiscal needs.

COLEMAN

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of this State to be a member of the NC Council of State [the late Ralph Campbell, Jr., former State Auditor, was the first] - a constitutional panel of North Carolina's nine top elected officials, chaired by the governor, who make important decisions about the borrowing of money, the sale of state property, and other matters.

Beyond being the next in line constitutionally, in case, for some reason, the elected governor is unable to fulfill his duties, or presiding over important events in the governor's absence, the lieutenant governor also presides over the N. C. Senate, voting there only to break a tie. The lieutenant governor also chairs various State boards and commissions, including the State Board of Education and Board of Community Colleges.

The office of lieutenant governor can be a springboard for a possible run for governor in the future, political observers say. Indeed, Governor Beverly Perdue first served as a state lawmaker, then as a lieutenant governor, before finally winning the top seat in 2008, making history as the first woman governor in North Carolina history.

A "Lieutenant Governor" Linda Coleman could one day vie to become the second.

Ms. Coleman is the mother of two, a grandmother of two, and "a proud product of the public school system of this State."

She was born and raised in Greenville, North Carolina. She earned her B. A. from NC A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. She later earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public

and International Affairs.

In her public life, and after teaching in the classroom, Coleman was elected to the Wake Board of Commissioners, chairing that body. She was then elected to the N. C. House, serving three terms, helping to pass the Earned Income Tax Credit "which," she says, "helped put money back into the pockets of working families."

As a state lawmaker, Coleman also helped to pass the Racial Justice Act, which helped correct racially biased death penalty sentences. Both laws have since been repealed by the Republican-led N. C. General Assembly.

Coleman then went on to lead as Director of the Office of State Personnel from 2009 to 2012. She left that post in 2012 to first run for Lieutenant governor. She lost by a razor-thin 6,800-vote margin to Dan Forest, with 2.1 million votes cast for her statewide.

Coleman is proud of what Democrats accomplished in giving women access to affordable health care in the state, tax incentives to small businesses, in addition to more funding for education.

She has blasted Lieutenant Governor Forest for suggesting that public education in the state can be funded through the sale of license plates like the special one he has on his car.

"Raleigh is just not working for us anymore. We are working for Raleigh to fund the wealthiest among us," Coleman says, noting how Republican tax reform has shifted the tax burden from the rich to working families and eliminated the childcare tax credit.

"We need somebody to go to Raleigh and say, 'Listen, let's start working for the people of North Carolina,'" Linda Coleman says about her candidacy for lieutenant governor. "Let's bring North Carolina back."



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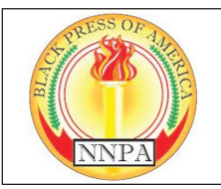
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"I was beaten, left bloody [and] unconscious so that every person could register and vote. Do your part." - Congressman John Lewis (D-Georgia)

"In the past, apathy was a moral failure. Today, it is a form of moral and political suicide." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1958)

If Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were alive today, I am certain he would be urgently saying it is a moral imperative for each one of us to register and vote in our local, state, and national elections this year - and every year. Shortly after Congressman John Lewis spoke movingly at the opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, he was asked on a radio show if he thought this was the time to organize another march on Washington. Without missing a beat, he replied: "I think the best march that we can have right now in America is on Election Day, November the eighth, for all of us all over America - Black and White, Latino, Native American, young people - to march to the polls. The vote is precious. It's almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democratic society."

On March 7, 1965, when John Lewis was 25 years old, he and Rev. Hosea Williams were leading 600 other people in a nonviolent march from Selma, Alabama to the state capitol in Montgomery to demand voting rights for Black Alabama citizens. They and others were brutally attacked by lawless Alabama state and local law enforcement officials at the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Lewis's skull was fractured and dozens of marchers had to be treated at the hospital. The televised images of "Bloody Sunday" and the savage beatings shocked the nation. While the massive television coverage of this brutality was new for many White Americans, for African Americans the attacks were just one more episode in a very long history of hostile Jim Crow resistance to their struggle to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

It's a history that 94-year-old distinguished Sixth Circuit Judge Damon Keith knows all too well. In September he wrote a scathing dissent after two judicial colleagues upheld legislation allowing the state of Ohio to roll back voting rights. Judge Keith, a former civil rights lawyer and Howard Law School student of Professor - later U.S. Supreme Court Justice - Thurgood Marshall, immediately recognized the Ohio laws as yet another 21st-century tactic for disenfranchising Black and other non-White voters - what Frederick Douglass might have called "the same old snake." In his dissent he wrote: "The utter brutality of white supremacy in its efforts to disenfranchise persons of color is the foundation for the tragedy that is the Majority's effort to roll back the progress of history. I will not forget. I cannot forget - indeed America cannot forget - the pain, suffering, and sorrow of those who died for equal protection and for this precious right to vote." And he worried that "the unfettered right to vote is the bedrock of a free and democratic society."

Judge Keith shared profiles of 36 "martyrs of the struggle," Black and White men and women who were murdered while fighting for voting rights. He wrote in his conclusion: "[V]oting is the ultimate expression of self-government. Instead of making it easier for all persons, unrestrained and unfettered, to exercise this fundamental right to vote, legislators are making it harder. States are audaciously nullifying a right for which our ancestors relentlessly fought and - in some instances - even tragically died."

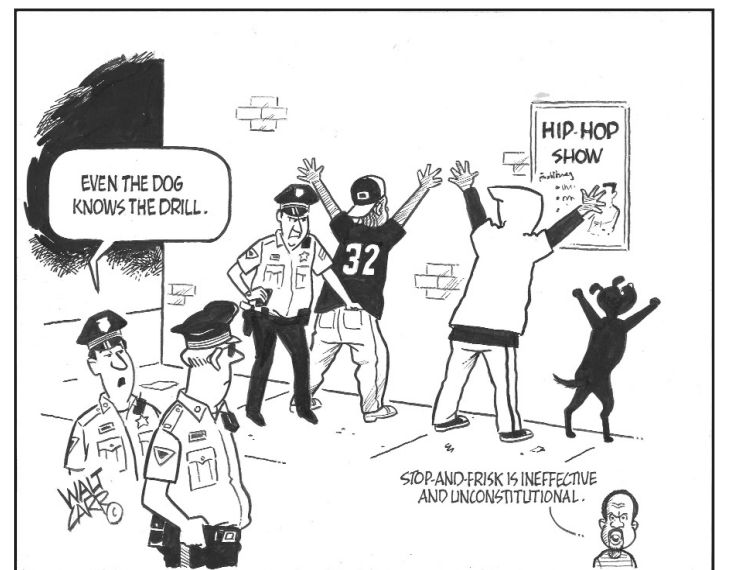
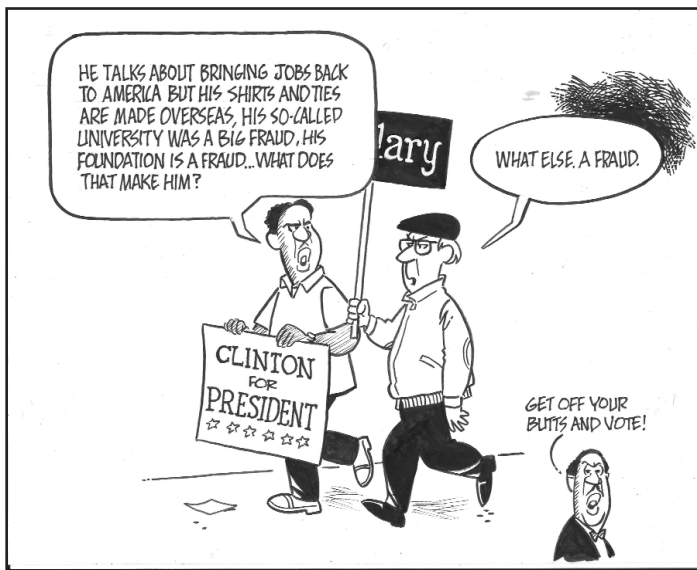
He continued: "With every gain in equality, there is often an equally robust and reactive retrenchment. We must never forget that constant dialectical tension. For every action, there is a reaction. The Majority's decision is a fateful reminder that we can never fool ourselves into believing that we have arrived as a nation. Our decision today, and more decisions like this one, will undoubtedly shape the future of this Nation because deciding who gets to vote inevitably affects who will become our leaders - a determination that is grounded in the principles long cherished and long pursued by our Founding Fathers. This is exactly why so many are actively seeking to etch away at the right to vote in assembly halls across this nation. These efforts are hardly insignificant or negligible. They are, for their proponents, necessary and highly deliberate. It is my hope that when future generations look back on these decisions, they conclude that we were on the right side of history. But today I fear that we were not."

Some states are committed to doing the right thing: California, for example, has passed legislation making it easier to register to vote and this year has recorded its highest number of registered voters ever: Ohio is one of a number of states on the wrong side of history today where the right to vote is under deliberate assault. In some states including Texas, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Michigan and Kansas, courts have ruled the latest attempts at disenfranchising voters unconstitutional. But we can never let our guard down when any state is being affirmed in its calculated attempts to shut out some voters and make it harder for citizens, especially people of color, to exercise their constitutional right to vote. The successful attack on non-White voters in Ohio is an attack on all of us and our democratic process. We must fight against every new effort to turn back the clock on racial and social justice and everyone who has the hard-won right to vote must never take it for granted and must always use it.

Judge Keith and Congressman Lewis remind us how those who struggled and lived through the Civil Rights Movement know firsthand that the right to vote is something so many Black Americans fought and died for not very long ago. Many of those brave nonviolent warriors could not have imagined - as Robert Kennedy correctly predicted - that within a generation we would elect our first African American president. One hundred years ago American women were still marching and fighting for equal

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Visual Voice



Your Voice

We must vote

Donald Trump fans will not "drop" him so we must "vote" in record numbers to "stop" him. Their forgiveness

of Trump's actions is the same as a mother telling the judge her son stabbed his 1st wife in the back, cheated on his two girlfriends, set the house on fire, drove the fami-

ly car into a large tree and killed a Mexican Catholic Priest, a Muslim Imam and a Black Preacher, but he is still a "good" boy. Early voting starts on October 20th, my

71st birthday---I will vote that day-will you???

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

Matters of Opinion

REALITY CHECK

Africans vs. African-Americans - A White Supremacist success - Part I

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I had a recent conversation with a young, intelligent, hardworking African-American during which he expressed deep hostility towards Africans. When asked why he felt that way, he told me of two incidents that occurred when he dated a young African woman from Nigeria and another from Ethiopia.

The Nigerian's father exploded when she brought the young brother to her home. He demanded that the young man leave immediately since he didn't want his daughter involved with any African-American.

When the young Ethiopian woman took him to an Ethiopian club, she was angrily

pulled aside by an Ethiopian male and asked loudly, "Why you bring him here?" Again, he had to leave immediately.

I told him that I understood his feelings, having myself had several run-ins with Africans who spoke with hostility and contempt about African-Americans. However, I continued, African-American are not innocent when it comes to dealing with Africans. On numerous occasions I have heard some African-Americans speak with contempt about Africans, even going so far as to call them "jungle bunnies."

The image of Africa for too many African-Americans comes from Hollywood films and from American television, newspapers and magazine reporting. The Hollywood films often depict Africans either as scantily clad villages or providing some kind of service to "superior" White folks. The journalistic reporting much too often can lead readers to

believe that one third of Africans are living in dire poverty, another third are sick or dying from AIDS and the final third are killing each other in endless conflicts. I have actually heard some African-Americans wonder if there are cities or universities in the continent.

I told the young man that such attitudes as mentioned above by Africans and African-Americans are among the most unfortunate victories of the proponents of White supremacy. I also told him that when the average person of European descent sees a Black man or woman, he doesn't care if he or she are from Lagos, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Harlem, USA, Kingston, Jamaica or Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. All that person sees is a Black person who he has been told is inferior to him or her.

White politicians, educators and business persons also see a Black man, but they are clever enough to know that

one of the best ways to keep the upper hand over all Black people is to discourage unity among them by any means necessary. So they use psychological toxins to encourage Africans to believe that they are better than African-Americans and African-Americans to believe that they are more civilized than Africans. Way too many Black people have been infected by these toxins.

It is time for serious Black folks from throughout the world to develop a psychological inoculation against this insidious, debilitating infection. It can be done, we just have to put our time, energy and resources into it. If we don't, the temporary success of the proponents of White supremacy will become permanent.

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A person was lynched

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

On May 17, 1918 in Lowndes County, Georgia, Mary Turner, a 20-year-old, eight-month pregnant widow was lynched.

According to reports, she was hung by her ankles, shot, doused with diesel fuel and set ablaze. In due course, her stomach

was cut open and her unborn child fell to the ground crying at its unceremonious welcome into this world. Those feeble cries were met with the heel of a boot that crushed its little head into the ground.

Mary's crime? She was a Black woman who protested the lynching of Hazel "Hayes" Turner, her 19-year-old husband, who was lynched the day before in

retaliation for the murder of Hampton Smith, a local white farmer, and the wounding of his wife. Both Mary and Hazel were innocent of the murders and so were the six other Black people lynched in retaliation for the murder and wounding.

Knowledge of this particularly heinous lynching gave an additionally sinister meaning to the Billie Holliday/Nina Simone song, "Strange Fruit."

Southern trees bear a strange fruit
Blood on the leaves and blood at the root
Black bodies swingin' in the Southern breeze
Strange fruit hangin' from the poplar trees

Knowledge of this and the thousands of other lynchings of Black people also give poignant meaning to the flag hung from the window of the former National NAACP Headquarters at 69 Fifth Avenue, NYC which read, "A MAN WAS LYNCHED YESTERDAY." That flag flew

each day the NAACP received a report of a lynching.

At long last, the death of those lynching victims is more than a footnote in history. America, and those so inclined, will no longer be able to pretend the awful episode of 'Lynching in America' did not happen. The deaths of thousands of innocents whose only crime was the color of their skin will finally be recognized. A memorial will be opened to the more than 4000 Black people lynched between 1877 and 1950.

It's been recently announced that the Equal Justice Initiative, an Alabama-based civil rights organization, will construct a six-acre memorial to commemorate lynching victims across the South. It will also construct a civil rights museum near the memorial. Both are in Montgomery, Alabama, and are scheduled to open in 2017.

In an Associated Press interview, Bryan Stevenson,

Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, states, "I don't think we can afford to continue pretending that there aren't these really troubling chapters in our history. I think we've got to deal with it." The focus and teaching intent of the organization's museum is reflected in its name - From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration. The museum will be built on the site of a former warehouse located near a former slave auction house, and a river dock and rail station from which slaves were transported.

I have had an interest in this project for years and admire its focus on the ongoing enslavement of African Americans in contemporary United States. Yes, I said on-going enslavement! If we are to be completely honest, in large measure and all too frequently, we

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voting rights not yet guaranteed by the Nineteenth Amendment. Around the world others are still struggling and sacrificing for a freedom too many Americans now take for granted or neglect to use. Every Black American has a responsibility to our forebearers who could not vote and who struggled, even died, to attain it, to use it and make our votes count.

About 20 years ago, I wrote a letter to my three sons urg-

ing them when they grew up to use their political power for others less fortunate and to always vote and hold those they vote for accountable to ensure a more just nation. In a democratic society, if we like or don't like what our political leaders are doing and stand for, we must make that clear through our voices and our votes and our monitoring of their actions. Staying home and failing to vote is a knife in the heart of our democracy.

Voter registration ends in many states next week. If you are not registered to vote yet,

get up and register today to make your voice heard November 8th. After you've registered, please urge and help others in your family, neighborhood, and congregation to #ImpactTheVote in your community! Help others get to the polls in November. Discuss the importance of elections and how they will impact their future, their health, education, safety, communities, nation, and world with your children, grandchildren, and other children in your life or neighborhood and take those children with you when you vote so that they too

can see democracy in action. **AND ALWAYS REMEMBER AND TEACH THEM BY YOUR EXAMPLE THAT DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT. PLEASE DO YOUR PART.**

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RAINBOW COALITION

We the people must set the political agenda

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Sexual boasting, emails, tax returns, deplorables — the second presidential debate Sunday featured insults wrapped up in put-downs. This debate was held within miles of Ferguson, Mo., but it was never mentioned. The citizens who offered questions asked about issues — health care, the Supreme Court, energy. The moderators peddled scandals — and elicited insults.

Some things are clear. Donald Trump has no clue how insulting he is when he makes his brazen appeal to black and Latino voters, promising to “do things that haven’t been done, including fixing and making our inner cities better for the African-American citizens that are so great, and for the Latinos,

Hispanics, and I look forward to doing it.”

That’s great, but Trump has offered no plan to accomplish this. He asks us only to trust him. But someone who has fanned the flames of racial resentment in his campaign, trashed Mexicans and Muslims and insulted women is not exactly a person to gain a lot of trust.

Clinton promises to be the president of all of America. And she offers real plans. She would raise the minimum wage and make college tuition free for all but the rich. She calls for a major plan to rebuild America, investing in infrastructure and schools and water systems. That will put people to work in good jobs and make our cities better. And she’s embraced Rep. James Clyburn’s 10-20-30 pledge to invest 10 percent of federal contracting in communities comprising 20 percent of the nation’s population that have been below the poverty line for 30 years. That would help both white, rural communities and urban ghettos and barrios. Clinton isn’t just say-

ing trust me; she’s laying out plans that could make a difference.

But what the debate made clear is how important it is for the people to set the agenda after the election. Voting is vital but not sufficient. What we do can change the national agenda and force action.

When Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president, he did not have any thought about using federal troops to desegregate schools in Little Rock. The movement forced that on his agenda. John F. Kennedy had no commitment to ending segregation of public accommodations; the civil rights movement forced that onto his agenda. Lyndon Johnson thought continuing the war in Vietnam would protect him politically. The antiwar movement changed that calculation.

Today, Black Lives Matter has forced criminal justice reform onto the agenda of both parties. The Fight for \$15 has pushed that minimum wage hikes in cities across the country. Immigration reform

is part of Clinton’s first 100-day plan because citizen movements have forced it there.

The next president will make fateful decisions about war in the Middle East, about how to get the economy moving, about Supreme Court nominees, about getting health care costs under control, about climate change, about growing, unsustainable and extreme inequality, about reviving the Voting Rights Act.

We can’t afford to leave these choices to the next president, no matter who is elected. We can’t let a Congress corrupted by big money and entrenched lobbies set the agenda. Citizens in motion must force the vital and the just onto the next president’s and the next Congress’ agenda. We will decide by what we do, or by what we decide not to do. One thing is clear from the debate Sunday night: It is time to organize.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

BLACKONOMICS

Just thinking

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Black folks in America have been so successfully programmed that many of us are still psychologically enslaved to the point that we truly believe we have “made it” when we have reached a certain financial plateau or when we have attained a certain position or title. Far too many of us, as a consequence of our psychological enslavement, have turned our backs on our own people, especially many affluent Blacks who have gained the status of being “accepted” by white society. Like OJ.



James Clingman

Our new Talented Tenth has turned out not unlike its predecessor of 1903, which W.E.B. DuBois lived to regret, as he stated in his speech to The Boule in 1948. Forty-five years of watching the selfishness of his brothers and sisters was enough for DuBois to admit that he had made a mistake. “I assumed that with knowledge, sacrifice would automatically follow. In my youth and idealism, I did not realize that selfishness is even more natural than sacrifice. There were especially sharp young persons [at Fisk University] with the distinct and single-minded idea of seeing what they could get out of it for themselves, and nobody else,” DuBois lamented.

DuBois left this country, a sad and disheartened man, never wanting to return again, and we have seen his words and his assessment of our people magnified. Black people have an annual income of over \$1 trillion, much of which is wasted everyday on anything and everything other people make and sell. We buy it all, but we are dead last in every other economic category. We also have the worst housing, the highest unemployment, the poorest healthcare, the highest infant mortality, the poorest education, and our life expectancy is not even long enough to collect our hard-earned social security payments.

We are not using our tremendous resources — or talents — to do good and to do well. We are not using our talents to help the least of our brethren. We are not multiplying our resources; instead we are virtually burying them in the ground by succumbing to every advertisement and marketing campaign laid before us by corporate America. We have taken on the title of Conspicuous Consumption Champions of the World.

Second, we have placed too much emphasis on creature comforts and have allowed ourselves to be defined by what we do on someone else’s job, rather than what we can do to create our own jobs. We have devalued business ownership and business education, and we have lost sight of self-sufficiency, self-reliance, and collective economic empowerment. We have been lulled into the trap of thinking “the man” will take care of us or the government will take care of us, or our local politicians will take care of us. That is so far from the truth it is not even funny. Besides, anyone or anything that has the power to give you all you need also has the power to take away everything you have.

With \$1 trillion, coupled with trillions in intellectual capital, Black people in this country can do anything we set our minds to. I think we have gotten very lazy and complacent, because it makes absolutely no sense for us to be in the situation we find ourselves today. It simply means we have not been taking care of our business, while everyone else has.

We must get back to the way it was before integration and before Black people in this country were dis-integrated. For nearly the last 50 years we have mimicked the Children of Israel, wandering in this desert called America, whining, murmuring, and complaining about our situation since we left Egypt in 1964 when Pharaoh (President Lyndon Johnson) signed the Civil Rights Bill. Some of us even want to return to Egypt. We must use our \$1 trillion to possess the land.

What we have been given was not given to us just for us, just for our families, and just for our friends. It was given to us to help others — even strangers.

Rich athletes and entertainers, many of who are already doing some fantastic things with their wealth, must look deep inside themselves and consider their own mortality. Then they should each make a relatively small effort to help someone, maybe by pooling some of their dollars to start a business that will create employment or housing opportunities.

If I am dreaming, just let me sleep, because the world I see in my dream is a beautiful world, a world where our children are educated properly, where our elderly are taken care of properly, where our youth are taught respect and responsibility, where our adults are not afraid to administer discipline — with love, and a world where our people are taking care of our resources, providing for ourselves, and making the necessary sacrifices to build a sure and certain foundation for the next generation. W.E.B. DuBois would be proud.

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TO BE EQUAL

Advancing diversity in law enforcement

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Recommendation: Law enforcement agencies should strive to create a workforce that contains a broad range of diversity including race, gender, language, life experience, and cultural background to improve understanding and effectiveness in dealing with all communities. During these trying times when African American communities and law enforcement are grappling with a deep disconnect due to a lack of trust, communication, and implicit bias, the National Urban League welcomes every effective tool available to heal our communities.” - The President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing



Marc Morial

The interagency report released this week by U. S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, “Advancing Diversity in Law Enforcement” is a welcome tool that examines those key barriers as well as promising practices in the recruitment, hiring and retention of law enforcement candidates that can advance much-needed diversity in our law enforcement agencies.

Developed with support from the Center for Policing Equity, the report aims to provide law enforcement agencies, especially small and mid-size agencies, with a resource to enhance the diversity of their workforce by highlighting specific strategies and efforts in place around the country, such as:

- Ensuring that the agency’s organizational culture is guided by community policing (a strategy of policing that focuses on police building ties and working closely with community members); procedural justice (the idea of fairness in the processes that resolve disputes) and cultural inclusivity (welcoming and including all people).

- Engaging stakeholders — both from within and outside the law enforcement agency — to help create a workforce that reflects the diversity of the community.

- Being willing to re-evaluate employment criteria, standards, and benchmarks to ensure that they are tailored to the skills needed to perform job functions, and consequently attract, select, and retain the most qualified and desirable sworn officers.

The report builds on the recommendations of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing, to which I provided testimony on our 10-Point Plan for Police Reform and Accountability. It emphasizes that “while greater workforce diversity alone cannot

ensure fair and effective policing, a significant — and growing — body of evidence suggests that diversity can make policing more effective, more safe and more just.”

Police departments face challenges when it comes to the issue of diversity in recruiting. In her own testimony to the President’s Task Force, NAACP Legal Defense Fund President Sherrilyn Ifill, said of youth in poor communities, “By the time you are 17, you have been stopped and frisked a dozen times. That does not make that 17-year-old want to become a police officer. . . . The challenge is to transform the idea of policing in communities among young people into something they see as honorable. They have to see people at local events, as the person who lives across the street, not someone who comes in and knows nothing about my community.”

This week’s report acknowledges those barriers, noting that “Strained relations and a lack of trust of law enforcement may deter individuals from underrepresented communities from applying to be officers,” and “The reputation or operational practices of law enforcement agencies may dissuade applicants from underrepresented communities from pursuing a career in law enforcement.”

However, the report found that a diverse police force that represents the population it serves eases the tensions between the police and

African-American communities, likely because:

- Increased representation of racial minorities increases the legitimacy of the law enforcement agency among minority residents;

- A greater presence of officers who are racial minorities not only is likely to change the public’s perception of the agency, but these officers are also likely to be more knowledgeable and empathetic about the concerns and culture of minority communities;

- A higher number of minority officers within an agency provides opportunities for greater contact and interactions between white and minority officers, which can shape attitudes and reduce negative opinions or stereotypes about minority communities; and

- The presence of minority officers is likely to introduce different perspectives into an agency, and those perspectives can undermine an unnecessarily rigid response to certain events or perceived threats.

The National Urban League strongly urges law enforcement agencies across the country to not only read, but to also adopt or adapt those successful diversity-building efforts that have already been implemented by selected law enforcement agencies outlined in this report.

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Why Trump mustn't win

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

House Majority Leader Paul Ryan (R-WI) is anticipating a Trump win in November. Or, at least, he is preparing for it. He says that if Republicans hold sway in the White House, the House and the Senate, he plans to use budget reconciliation to repeal the American Care Act (also known as



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Obamacare) and to impose tax cuts on the wealthy. Ryan says he will not even attempt any bipartisanship as he shoves his regressive agenda down the throats of our people. Instead, he says that he can make it work, especially if he has a Trump White House.

This is, perhaps, why Republicans who appear to have at least a little bit of good sense are going for the nonsense. They know that Mr. Trump, with his head in the cloud and his rhetoric in the gutter, will let them get away with anything they want. He will agree to their tax cuts because they coincide with his agenda to reward the wealthy

Trump will go along with cuts to Obamacare because he wasn’t loving it in the first place. He will let conservative Republicans hold sway, especially if they reward him with their votes in November.

Paul Ryan calls his plan a “Better Way” policy agenda. It is an aggressive move that assumes that Republicans will control both the House and the Senate. They might not — if people vote, and vote down ballot, there is a real chance that Democrats can control the Senate. The House is a much bigger challenge, and it is likely that Republicans will continue to hold sway in the house. But there are too many folks who say they won’t vote, and their votes could make a real difference. In Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and Florida (among other states), those who choose to refrain from voting are really voting for a Trump-Ryan agenda.

The attack on Obamacare is especially problematic. While the President’s Affordable Care Act is clearly flawed, it expanded health insurance for more than 20 million people. It isn’t the desired single payer care, but it provides opportunity and takes the first step in expanding the social contract since the Roosevelt years. The American Care Act can be used as a foundation to expand health insur-

ance coverage and, in my mind, single-payer is the ultimate goal. But legislators rejected the single-payer plan that Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Ma) proposed for decades. The Affordable Care Act is a compromise. We need to move forward in improving the ACA, not backward in repealing it. Trump and Ryan would restrict rights instead of expanding them.

According to Politico, Paul Ryan thinks that a divided government contributes to gridlock. He’d be happy if the Presidency, the Congress, and the Senate were all Republican. What about the rest of us? Does he see our voice in this? Not according to Ryan. He tells Politico “I’m tired of divided government. It doesn’t work very well.” He seems to ignore the fact that there are legitimate differences among legislators and that these differences need to be worked out. He is uninterested in compromise. Instead, he wants to shove his position down the throats of other people.

Paul Ryan has explicitly called Donald Trump a racist. He has eschewed many of his policies. Other Republicans have been openly repulsed by their bellicose standard bearer, disturbed by his racist bluster and his wacky wildness. But they have thrown their dis-

cernment to the wind, embracing the man they have described as a rabid racist because they prefer him to an embrace of integrity.

As we count down to the November 8 election, people are coming forward to say they are undecided, conflicted, and have to vote for third parties because they can neither tolerate Clinton nor Trump. But the bottom line is that either Clinton or Trump will win the Presidency. Really. Those Republicans who support Trump are openly supporting evil. They will dance with the devil to their detriment.

African Americans, especially, need to look at that which Mr. Trump has promised. He has promised discrimination. He has described our lives as hell. He has been a bully and a documented discriminator. He has been too much. He should be enough to repel us. Paul Ryan has called Trump a racist, but he is willing to dance with the devil because it serves his purposes. What about you?

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are reminded that, absent slavery, African Americans are an unwelcomed and disposable commodity. Our blood, sweat and tears powered the economic engine that made America the most powerful nation on Earth; yet, after more than 400 years here, we can find neither equality of opportunity or the avenue to escape the social and economic deprivation that racial animus fos-

ters. It is my sincere hope that this, and other museums that honor our triumphs, will motivate new generations with the wherewithal to persevere to new horizons. Just as the Jews use their holocaust and their mantra of Never Again! as a force to impose their true value upon circumstance and society, so must we!

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THEN VOTE!

A VOTELESS PEOPLE IS A HOPELESS PEOPLE!!

CBC members join the call for payday lending reform

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Within days of the October 7 deadline for public comment on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's proposed payday rule, 104 Members of Congress from 32 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands together called for strong consumer protections, and an end to both regulatory loopholes and predatory debt traps.

Joining the effort were 31 of the current 43 House members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), including its chair, Representative G. K. Butterfield from North Carolina. The Tar Heel State enacted strong laws years ago to end predatory payday loans. Additionally, many of these CBC members come from states that have failed to

enact meaningful payday reform including Alabama, California, Michigan, Missouri, and Texas.

Led by California Congresswoman Maxine Waters, the Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee, their joint September 28 letter to CFPB Director Richard Cordray was as direct as it was timely.



Charlene Crowell

"For years, some small-dollar lenders — offering products such as payday loans, deposit advances, vehicle title loans, and high-cost installment loans — have extracted billions of dollars in abusive fees and high interest rates from the very consumers and communities

who can afford it the least," wrote the representatives. "The result has left millions of consumers trapped in an endless cycle of debt...The CFPB's final rule must close every loophole that is shown to harm consumers."

Citing earlier CFPB research on other small dollar loans like car-title, the Congress members noted that 14 states and the District of Columbia have already enacted interest rate caps of 36 percent. In their collective view, federal regulation should complement these state protections.

"Though we applaud the CFPB for taking the necessary first steps to address predatory practices in the small-dollar credit market," wrote the members, "we urge you to adopt a final rule with additional protections that will ensure responsible lending. Only a comprehensive

federal framework, free of harmful loopholes, can supplement existing state protections and help stop consumers from becoming entrapped."

This strong congressional appeal continues the calls for fair lending that has included clergy, consumer advocates, civil rights organizations and others.

For example in late September, Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, executive director of Missouri Faith Voices spoke to a September 27 nationwide call with concerned clergy and consumer advocates. "We have to pull the veil off unscrupulous lenders so they stop preying on people in our congregations and communities to make sure the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau puts forward and enforces a strong and effective rule," said Rev. Dr. Gould.

Also present at the gathering was Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts,

who encouraged the White House in the aftermath of the housing crisis to create a financial regulator for America's consumers.

"Payday lending is an enormous problem for far too many people," said Warren. "Billions of dollars are flowing out of communities that can least afford it and directly into the pockets of some of the sleaziest lenders in America."

For several years, payday lending reforms have been a prominent part of the research and advocacy by the Center for Responsible Lending. Among CRL's key payday loan findings:

- Each year, \$4 billion in excessive fees are drained from the pockets of payday borrowers;

- Over 75 percent of these fees are generated by consumers who are trapped into debt with 10 or more loans per year; and

- Nearly 1 in 4 payday borrowers rely upon public assis-

tance or retirement benefits as a major source of income.

"To get it right, the CFPB must base its determination of whether a loan is affordable on whether a borrower has enough income, after the new loan payment, to meet basic needs like food, housing and transportation," said Mike Calhoun, CRL President. "And the rule must be air tight: We are talking about an industry as notorious as any for exploiting loopholes in laws aiming to rein them in, and wreaking true financial ruin on working families in the process."

"Without meaningful upfront underwriting and strong protections against loan flipping, lenders can trap borrowers in high-cost debt for years on end," Calhoun concluded.

Charlene Crowell is a communications deputy director with the Center for Responsible Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

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New Hanover County

Meet and Greet and Q&A with Kevin Spears on Sunday, October 16 from 4pm- 5:30PM at the Wilmington Sportsman Club 1111 Castle Street. Come and learn about Kevin Spears and what he has planned for our children's future. Kevin Spears is the President of Peace for Port, the Chairman of MLK Recreation Associates Inc. and a Board member of the City of Wilmington Parks and Rec. Advisory Board. He also has a child and family members that attend or will be attending the NHC school system.

Narconon reminds families that abuse of heroin and opiod 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 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.

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 or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit 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.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

The weather is changeable

It is possible that earthquakes and hurricanes can happen in different parts of the United States at the same time. Earthquakes have been known to exist many centuries or times when there is no recorded history. The earthquake can be shaped like elastic waves in the crust of the earth. This is caused by sudden relaxation and volcanic action. This results in the movements in the earth's surface. Countless numbers of people can feel the movements of the earth.

Hurricanes have names. For

example, one of the severe hurricanes to hit North Carolina was named Irene. Hurricanes are severe tropical cyclones with winds exceeding 75 miles per hour. There is always the possibility that a hurricane can gain, or lose, strength. It can strike at any time of day or night, and it can strike anywhere. Here in Brunswick County in surrounding areas we are having very hard downpours of rain.

We all should keep up to date on information regarding the weather. We all know there are feelings of fear in vulnerable areas. On Thursday, September 29, 2016, there was a large group of friendly people shopping together. In times like these, we can be very friendly to one another. There was an elderly lady standing in line to

be checked out. She spoke with a soft voice and said, "There could be another tropical cyclone on its way to parts of the United States at anytime, and we don't know if it will be very destructive." There is no separation of the rich and poor in times like these.

The aftermath is always there. Thousands are waiting for power. Power outages are widespread, and crews are in the process of completing restoration. Again, this is no time for waiting. In such times, when we are under hurricane warnings, we must encourage relatives and friends to remain at home for safety reasons.

Some roads are still flooded, and there are scattered rubble and debris from trees that have blown into the highways. The daily weather reports state

there will be a sunny day. Your hopes will be high and thankful to enjoy another sunny day.

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.

NC residents encouraged to register for federal assistance

RALEIGH, N.C. - Disaster survivors in Beaufort, Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Hoke, Lenoir, Nash, Pitt, and Robeson Counties are encouraged to register for federal disaster assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Individuals, including homeowners, renters, and business owners, in the above designated counties who suffered loss or damages due to Hurricane Matthew may register for assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by downloading the FEMA mobile app, or by calling

1-800-621-FEMA (3362). For those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), the number is also 1-800-621-3362. For people using TTY, the number is 1-800-462-7585. These toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7

a.m. to 11 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice; operators are standing by to assist survivors in multiple languages.

The President declared a major disaster October 10, 2016 for the above North Carolina counties to assist individuals and households as they recover from the effects of Hurricane Matthew beginning October 4, 2016 and continuing.

Grant assistance provided by FEMA for homeowners and renters can include funds to help with rent, temporary housing and home repairs to their primary residences, as well as other serious disaster-related needs, such as personal and necessary items, moving and storage expenses, transportation, medical and dental expenses, or funeral and burial and reinternment costs caused by the disaster. Other relief programs include crisis counseling and legal assistance.


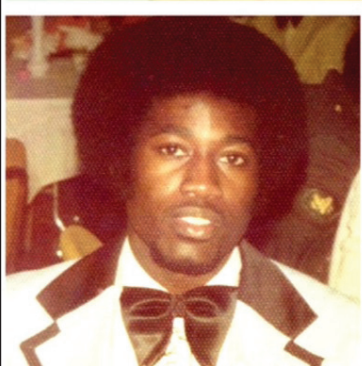

Survivors should also contact their insurance company to file an insurance claim. FEMA is unable to duplicate insurance pay-

ments. However, those without insurance or who may be underinsured may still receive help after their insurance claims have been settled.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 or TTY at 800-462-7585.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

The latest updates on road closures can be found at ReadyNC.org or by calling 5-1-1. Residents can also get real-time traffic and weather on the ReadyNC mobile app. Follow us on Facebook at [NCEmergency Management](https://www.facebook.com/NCEmergencyManagement) and Twitter @NCEmergency or @femaregion4.

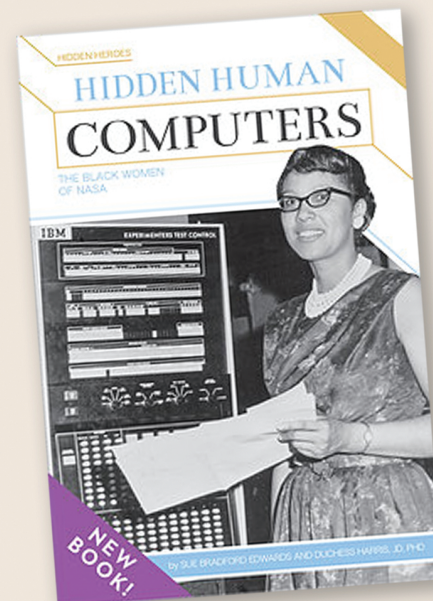




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Dr. Miriam Duchess Harris is the chair of the American Studies Department at Macalester College. She co-authored *Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA*.

Dozens of African American women worked for NASA as expert mathematicians from the 1940s to the 1960s and almost no one knows about it. Segregated within NASA facilities in Hampton, VA, well-educated black women used slide rules and pencils to do the calculations for flights by astronauts John Glenn and Alan Shepherd.

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Liveran Chambers

Liveran Chambers, 84, of Wilmington, NC, passed away Friday, October 7, 2016. Services are pending. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Terry W. Brown

Terry Wayne Brown was born August 12, 1956 to the late Mary and John William Brown. He departed this life October 5, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were Monday, October 10, 2016 at Mount Pleasant A.M.E. Zion Church. Interment was at the church cemetery.

Terry was reared in the Armour Community of Columbus County, NC. He attended Acme-Delco High School and was a member of Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Zion Church.

Mary Brown had a beautiful green-eyed boy name Terry Wayne Brown. There was nothing that Terry could do to stop Mary from loving him. This trickled down to Terry's heart. Mary always said that Terry has the biggest heart of all her children. God looks at the heart.

The Lord blessed Terry with an over flowing love for others. He loved people, young and old, and had such a generous spirit. He occasionally brought his friends home with him and gave them dinner that Mary cooked. He remembered everyone's birthday and made sure he called or sent a card.

Terry loved and took care of his mother until she passed. We will truly miss our baby brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

In addition to his parents, Mary and John Williams Brown, a sister, Shirley Brown Dixon preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn, sisters, Barbara Alford (Kelly), Joyce Britto (Julius) and Charlene Hall (Eddie); brothers, Pender Larkins (Shirley), Oree Brown (Clara) and Gene Brown; aunt, Ernestine Fitzgerald; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

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us in Heaven.

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Loving daughter, Edith;
grands, great grands;
sister and a host of
nieces and nephews

In Loving Memory Of



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

Sometimes it's hard
to understand and even
harder to say
"Thy Will Be Done"
when sorrow comes and
sadness fills our day.
But faith was meant
for times like these
and if we take God's
hand with loving wisdom;
He shall help our hearts
to understand.

Love,
The family

NEWS ANALYSIS

Black women will decide the next president

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Without a doubt, women will play a critical role in the presidential election this year. In 2012, women overall had a higher voting rate (64 percent) than men (60 percent), according to the U.S. Census Bureau. However, the most powerful group of voters will be African-American women. In both the 2012 and 2008 presidential elections, Black women voted at the highest rate of any racial, ethnic or gender group. Four years ago, 74 percent of eligible Black women went to the polls.

The next president cannot win without the support of Black women. But despite our political power—or because of it—our voting right is under siege. Today, more than 30 states have introduced voter suppression legislation, with laws passing in 14 states and laws pending in 8. For example, in North Carolina, where Black women made up more than 23 percent of registered women voters in 2012, a League of Women Voters-led lawsuit successfully resulted in a federal appeals court overturning a controversial law that sought to restrict early voting and eliminate same-day registration. Other voter suppression laws enacted by states make it significantly harder for millions of eligible voters to cast their ballots by requiring that voters present government-issued photo IDs in order to vote, cutting early voting hours, taking away the voting rights of ex-criminal offenders, and requiring proof-of-citizenship documents in order to vote. While there have been several key victories to overturn these challenges in recent months, the struggle for full voting rights remains.

Rather than become discouraged, we must use these voting restrictions as motivation. Recently National Voter Registration Day was observed nationwide as a nonpartisan effort to register thousands of voters in a single day in communities and online. When millions of women head to the polls in November, they will elect the entire U.S. House of Representatives, decide who

will fill one-third of the seats in the U.S. Senate, and determine many gubernatorial races. Nationwide, thousands of races and ballot initiatives will be decided. But nearly a quarter of all eligible Americans are not registered to vote, including disproportionately high numbers of young adults, minorities, low-income Americans and those who have recently moved. These are the groups most at risk of being affected by voting restrictions. With so much at stake for all of us this election year, now is the time to ask our family, friends, neighbors and coworkers if they are registered to vote and if their voter registration is up-to-date.

The stakes in this election are especially high for Black women and political candidates that want to earn our votes must address the issues that matter most to us: affordable health care, living wage jobs, college affordability and criminal justice reform.

To me, voting is a key form of taking action on the issues that affect our lives. It was the tragic events on June 17, 2015 that awakened my inner activist. On that day, my mother was sitting in church in Columbia, S.C., when a shooter walked into a church two hours away and systematically murdered nine people.

The Charleston shootings awakened my commitment to standing up for the rights of others and the underserved. And it awakened my desire to engage in the important conversations on the issues that define our society. That commitment is also what led me to the League of Women Voters.



WYLECIA WIGGS HARRIS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

For nearly 100 years, the League of Women Voters has worked tirelessly, day in and day out, to ensure that all eligible voters—particularly those from traditionally underrepresented or underserved communities—have the opportunity and the information to exercise their right to vote. For many Americans, the League is synonymous with candidate forums, voter guides and election protection.

There is still work to be done. Regardless of party affiliation, now is not the time for us to rest on our laurels. Now is the time to make

our voices heard, to awaken the activist inside each of us, and the most powerful way to do that is to vote. The next president cannot win without Black women.

Wylecia Wiggs Harris, PhD, CAE, is the Chief Executive Officer of the League of Women Voters of the U.S. Visit www.VOTE411.org to register to vote and get information on early voting options, voter ID requirements and candidates running for state house office or higher in every state. This article originally appeared on Huffington Post Black Voices on Sept. 27, 2016.

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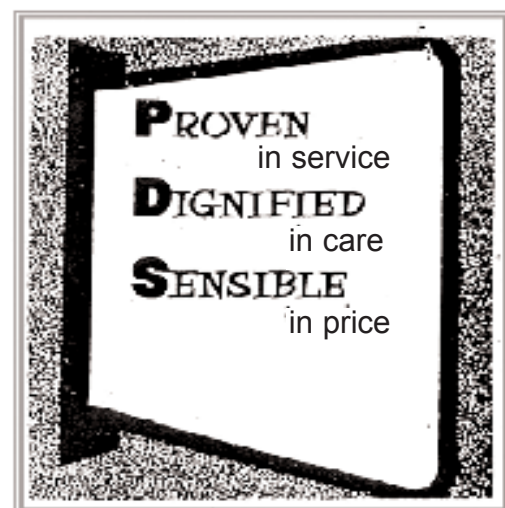
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New Hanover County

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.

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.

Religious Briefs

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 Hold 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.

New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, 88 Snowfield Rd., SE, will hold their 2016 women's conference, "Where did our love go" on Friday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. for adult women 17 and older. This will be a round table discussion. Panelist will include Co-Pastor Faye Richburg of Salvation & Deliverance Ministries, Evangelist Brenda Freeman Johnson of Faith Temple COGIC and Minister Dorothy Caldwell, chaplain for WNBA Chicago Sky. On Saturday, October 22nd workshop classes will be held from 10:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. for adult women 17 and older. Facilitators will teach on obedience, prayer and words of wisdom. The facilitators include Pastor Apostle LeTonya McLaurin Harris of Death to Destiny Outreach Ministries, Inc., Minister Dorothy Caldwell and Mother Barbara Anderson of Faith Temple COGIC. Register by phone at 910-620-0424. Please wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. On Sunday, October 23rd the morning worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m. for everyone. Elder Cleo Goodman of Hope and Deliverance Ministries will be the guest speaker.

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Reverend Hayward, III to speak at Mt. Zion AME Church during fall revival

Mount Zion AME Church will hold their fall revival from Wednesday, October 19th - Friday, October 21st. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. and worship at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker will be Reverend Dr. Samuel Hayward, III, senior pastor of Hemingway Memorial AME Church in District Heights, MD.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO REV. HAYWARD, III

Pastor Hayward has been assigned to pastor a total of seven AME congregations during his 45 years of pastoral ministry, one of those being St. Stephen AME Church in Wilmington, NC. God has blessed Pastor Hayward with an outstanding pastoral gift which he

treasures.

For more information contact Sister Mildred Ellerby at 910-200-8551.

Minister McCray to speak at Gregory Congregational UCC



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO MINISTER MCCRAY

Gregory Congregational UCC would like to invite you to come worship with them every fifth Sunday to hear Minister Barbara Page McCray.

Minster McCray received her bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from Wilmington College of Theology, where Dr. Cooper is

the dean. Wilmington College of Theology is an affiliate of True Standard Bible College in Greenville, NC. Bishop Charles H. Dingle is the founder and president.

Minister McCray is on her "Ministry Journey" under the guidance of the Commission on Minister for the United Church of Christ.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Trusting in Jesus

BY SHEILA ROSS AND FANNIE ALLEN CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Clouds covered the sun outside, but the Son was very bright on the inside. As usual, we were all glad to be here. We were greeted by our President Eloise Purdie. She said it was so good to be here! She asked Mr. George Hill and his choir to come up. Our opening song was "The Solid Rock." Our next song was "Love Lifted

Me." A very warm and fervent prayer was given by Minister Henrietta McGlenn, our speaker for the day. She opened by singing, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Her topic was "Trusting in Jesus."

She told us that we have to trust in God during good times and in bad times. God can make the sun shine on a cloudy day. We have to completely trust in Him. She also told us that God will make our crooked paths straight if we trust in Him. We need a rela-

tionship with God to let Him know how much we need Him.

Next, we had encouraging and uplifting expressions. Our church visitation will be held at Mt. Zion AME Church on Sunday, October 16, 2016. We then welcomed two visitors for today. Mrs. Seanetta Dixon and Mrs. Mattie Holmes were given a welcome by Mrs. Frances Burney-Matthews. The minutes were then read and approved. We then had roll

call. The winner of the Callers' Report was Mrs. Frances Burney-Matthews, who had 11. The announcements were read. "Smiles" were given by Mrs. Mary Martin. Thank you so much for the laughter, for it is good for the soul.

Our circle was formed. Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillian. Our meeting was adjourned.

There were 55 members present. Thanks to all for coming out.

SENIOR MOMENTS

How do we "Make America great again?"

My Fellow Seniors:

How do we "make America great again"? This question is constantly raised by politicians from all sides, but one writer hit the nail on the head. This was written in an article published in The Wilmington Journal. The writer, Bernest Hewitt, hails from Brunswick County. His answer to the question is to "pitch in and help." This is the same as saying, "It takes a village."

This writer spoke of several people who are living in Brunswick County in sub-standard conditions but are

afraid to go public because make matters worse for them. Therefore, I am sending a check for \$100.00 to The Wilmington Journal in hopes that they will know how to get something started. Since "It takes a village" sounds a little



Ruth Johnson

outdated, why don't we say, "It takes a church."

First, though, let me tell you about some changes I have noticed. Some years ago,

our pastor decided to leave, after four years of service, and go to another church. Everyone loved him, and we pleaded with him to stay. We even offered to increase his salary, but it was not about money. He just wanted a different congregation.

Think of it this way. If you were a teacher and had the same class for four years, you would want some different students. That's the way it was with our pastor. I'm sure he loved us. However, after four years, he wanted to take that same message to a different audience, and guess what! After he left, the church perked up! The secretary, the

janitors, the deacons, and all took on greater responsibilities. With our beloved pastor gone, the members became more devoted. We spent more time visiting the sick and shut-in, and I see the same thing today. When the head of the house is here no longer, other members of the family become much stronger.

Since The Wilmington Journal is the chain that links us together, we can always find a way to "pitch in and help." That would be the way to "make America great again!"

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Before you leave your church !"

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

One of the most important decisions a church member may have to face is deciding whether or not to leave his/her church home. It can be a painful and gut wrenching decision, or it can be a simple act of obedience to the leading of the Lord. It has been said, "Some were sent! Some just went!" Some reasons are legitimate, understanding, and un avoidable... and some are not. The policy of most churches are, whosoever will, let him come, or let him go! If a church refuses to allow you freedom to leave, it may not be a true church. The decision is yours to make, and in the end, you are going to be accountable to God. Whatever your reason for leaving, if you follow Proverbs 3:5,6, you won't go wrong. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path." Don't be too hasty to make that move. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14

If you prayed before you joined, and the Spirit of the Lord led you to become a member, then make sure you hear the Spirit again, before you leave! Trou-ble, trials, and tribulation are not always legitimate reasons to leave a church. "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience. And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed;" Romans 5:3-5a

But, and if God says leave, and releases you, respect the Pastor or Leader enough to tell him in person or send an official letter of resignation. If he officially fellowshiped you into the church, allow him to officially release you from the membership role. God is a God of order, and He does things decently and in order!

Before You Leave:

Remember God's Divine Command

"But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even into his habitation shall ye seek, and thither shalt thou come." Deu. 12:5

Remember to Love His House

; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."

Remember Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church

"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." Ephesians 4:15

Remember the Blessings Pronounced Upon

"Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee."

Psalm 84:4

The House of the Lord is A Refuge in Times of Trouble

"And it came to pass when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord."

Isaiah 37:1

The Example of Christ in the House of the Lord/Sanctuary

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read." Luke 4:16

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!

JOINT CENTER REPORT

Blacks wait longer to vote

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM THE LOUISIANA WEEKLY

Black voters wait longer to cast ballots, discouraging them from voting, according to a study released by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, D.C.

The report, titled "Reducing Long Lines to Vote," reported African-Americans waited an average of 23 minutes to vote compared with 19 minutes for Hispanics, 15 minutes for Asians, 13 minutes for Native Americans and 12 minutes for whites.

The Joint Center, led by Spencer Overton, a George Washington University law professor, has released its report just prior to the 2016 presidential election and President Barack Obama encouraging African-Americans to vote for Hillary Clinton, the Democratic Party's nominee for president.

During the Congressional Black Caucus Dinner Sept. 17 in Washington, D.C., President Obama told the black-tie audience that it would be a personal insult to his legacy if the Black community lets down its guard and fails to activate itself in the election.

There is a push to get a strong Black-voter turnout for Clinton. The New York Post released a recent poll showing that a growing number of African-Americans prefer Donald Trump, the Republican nominee for president, to Clinton, but Clinton still holds an overwhelming lead among African-American voters, according to a CNN poll that has her at 90 percent.

Clinton, in 1996, called Black teens super predators in a speech supporting the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. That act, signed by her husband, President Bill Clinton, was a tough-on-crime legislation that sent a lot of Black men to prison. President Clinton also pushed through the North American Free Trade Agreement that has cost Black workers thousands of good-paying jobs.

Until recently, Trump said President Obama was not born in the United States to delegitimize Obama's presidency.

The Joint Center said one study estimated that long lines deterred at least 730,000 from voting in the 2012 presidential election.

In Florida, a key state in the presidential election, wait times averaged 42 minutes compared with wait



SPENCER OVERTON, PRESIDENT/CEO, JOINT CENTER FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES

times of six minutes in New Jersey.

Florida's Miami-Dade County had the highest percentage of people of color. In Miami-Dade, 85 percent of voters had voting wait times

that averaged 73 minutes after the polls closed.

Citrus, the Florida county with the lowest percentage of people of color, had no lines when the polls closed, the Joint Center reported.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, in New Hanover County to vote in the following contests: US President, US Senate, US House of Representatives, NC Governor, NC Lieutenant Governor, NC Attorney General, NC Auditor, NC Commissioner of Agriculture, NC Commissioner of Insurance, NC Commissioner of Labor, NC Secretary of State, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, NC Treasurer, NC Senate, NC House of Representatives, NHC County Board of Commissioners, NHC County Board of Education, NHC County Register of Deeds, NC Supreme Court Justice, NC Court of Appeals, NC Superior Court, NC District Court, NHC Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, and City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation Bond.

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Eugene James Costa**, 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 **13th 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 13th day of October, 2016

Claudia T. Costa, Executrix of the Estate of Eugene James Costa
3313 Grey Leaf Drive
Wilmington, NC 28409
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Shannon DiTolla, 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 13th 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 13th day of October, 2016

Colleen DeMarks, Executrix of the Estate of Shannon DiTolla
2537 Ox Bow Rd.
Port Royal, PA 17082
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Eloise Page Lucas**, 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 **13th 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 13th day of October, 2016

David Arnold Porter, Executor
2617 Oakley Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Gwendolyn Page, 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 13th 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 13th day of October, 2016

James Herbert King, Jr., Executor
3201 Reminiscence Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **Ruth S. Stein**, deceased, are notified to exhibit them to the undersigned as Executor of the decedent's estate at One West Fourth Street, 12th Floor, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101, on or before **January 14, 2017**, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor.

This the 13th day of October, 2016

Leonard B. Stein, Executor
Elizabeth L. Quick
Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP
One West Fourth Street, 12th Floor
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 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 **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

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
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 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.
3521 Violet Ct.
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
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
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 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 pled 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

NAPOLEON B. BAREFOOT, JR., ESQUIRE
WRIGHT, WORLEY, POPE, EKSTER & MOSS, PLLC
Attorneys at Law
52 Physicians Drive
Supply, North Carolina 28462
Telephone: (910) 754-2816/2818

September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 2016

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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 Lacewell Turner
Attorney for Plaintiff
PO Box 1386
Burgaw, N.C. 28425
(910) 259-3180 (office)
(910) 259-3186 (facsimile)

October 6, 13, 20, 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.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.
of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
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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 **LaColtus AnTwan Grady**, 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 **13th 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 13th day of October, 2016

Dionya Grady, Administrator
877 Ashbury Trail
Lithonia, GA 30058

October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 2016

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, envirocomments@smeinc.com.

October 13, 2016

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ENTERTAINMENT

Cash in the Apple

By Cash Michaels



Next week

So far, we've had three raucous national debates - two between presidential candidates Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump, and one between vice presidential running mates Democrat Sen. Tim Kaine and GOP Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Next Wednesday, Oct. 19th, the third and final presidential debate between Clinton and Trump is scheduled to take place in Las Vegas, NV. True to form, no one knows exactly what to expect. But we can hazard some good guesses.

Trump, right now, is a wounded animal, proven by the fact that he's striking out at everyone, including his own party of Republican, who don't know what to do with him, especially after that vulgar 2005 Access Hollywood video tape that revealed the multi-millionaire uttering what he called "locker room" language to describe what essentially are alleged sexual assaults on women.

Not only is Trump angry at Republicans for cutting the cord with him, but he's more determined than ever to destroy Bill and Hillary Clinton, calling the former president a multiple "rapist," and accusing his wife of attacking Bill's victims.

Mind you, even though Bill Clinton was partially impeached for his White House tryst with intern Monica Lewinsky back in the late 1990s, he has never been formally charged with rape by any law enforcement in the land, nor convicted of any sexual assault. But that hasn't stopped Trump, nor his number one stooge, former NY Mayor Rudy Giuliani (NJ Gov. Chris Christie is stooge #2) from insisting that Bill Clinton is a criminal because they say so.

So we can fairly guess, just based on what hap-

pened last Sunday during debate #2, that s desperate Trump is going to pour it on heavy with the personal attacks against the Clintons, and make us all cringe with his political vulgarity.

But we can also guess that former Sec. of State Clinton is going to do what she has successfully done thus far, and that's maintain her cool in the face of such brutal public treatment.

Many conservatives cackled with glee that Trump seemed to chew Hillary Clinton up and spit her out during the second debate, bragging that he would put her in jail if he was elected president.

The problem with that right-wing cackling is that it is, as always, it is dead wrong. Trump didn't do anything to Clinton that she didn't allow him to do. She clearly had no intent, nor interest, in going personal toe-to-toe with the foul-mouthed one. She took a page from her friend First Lady Michelle Obama, "When they aim low, we aim high."

Translation - Clinton was not going to get in the mud with Trump, no matter what he said or how many baseless allegations he made. That's a mud wrestle she can't possible win. It was best to fight on a stage she knows better than he ever could - public policy, which is supposed to be the stage from which Americans are supposed to choose their next president from anyway.

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