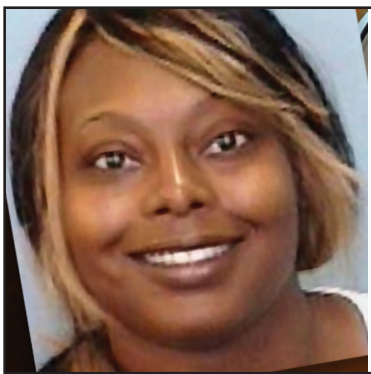


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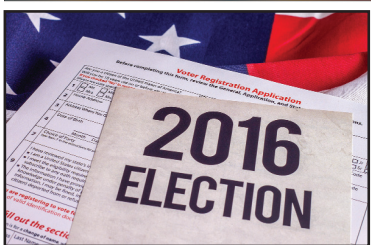
Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington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

TIME CHANGE



Set your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday night before going to bed. Change the battery in your smoke detector.

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

CANDIDATES AVOID BLACK ISSUES

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Here we are again, just a few days before another local, state, and national election, and we still have not heard a lot which addresses our civil rights when it comes to the growing violence between the police and Blacks and other minorities. We haven't heard much about why Jim Crow has been allowed to resurface in our communities with such a vengeance. Why have certain of our elected officials upheld this action at a time when society ought to have moved past

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AN ANALYSIS

Why many believe whoever wins N.C. wins the presidency

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

No matter which newspaper you read, or which news cable channel you listen to, the consensus seems to be the same - whoever wins North Carolina in next Tuesday's hotly contested Presidential election wins the Presidency.

The Tar Heel State is considered such a crucial battleground because it has awarded Democrats and Republicans each a Presidential victory since 2008, and the most recent statewide polls between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton are so tight going

into the November 8th general election that it is considered a bellwether for the rest of the nation.

"North Carolina is a very purple state," NC Congresswoman Renee Ellmers (R-NC-2) told CNN. "I know sometimes it gets lumped into the category of a 'red state,' but it really isn't. It's very diverse, and the population and the demographics are changing."

The State is home to 40 percent registered Democrats, 30 percent registered Republicans, and 30 percent registered unaffiliated

voters. It is home to hot controversies like the House Bill 2 law, which many see as denying transgender

citizens their civil rights, controversial police shootings, and the overturning of the State's voter suppression law, which the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals recently dismantled, saying that the Republican-led law targeted African-American voters with "surgical precision."

Indeed, the Tar Heel State is home to many of the liberal versus conservative public policy battles that seem



to embody the larger controversies in the nation today.

There's no question that the Clinton and Trump campaigns see North Carolina as a much sought-after 15-electoral-vote jewel on the road to 270. Hardly a week has gone by since September when there hasn't been either a Clinton or Trump surrogate, if not the candidates themselves, campaigning from one end of the State to the other. Just Wednesday of this week, President Obama made his third campaign visit to stump for his former secre-

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VYING FOR JUDGESHIPS



JUDGE MARGARET EAGLES



JJUDGE LINDA STEPHENS

Judges Eagles and Stephens run for the NC Court of Appeals

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Two veteran jurists are vying for the NC Court of Appeals, promising to vigorously, but fairly, uphold the law if elected.

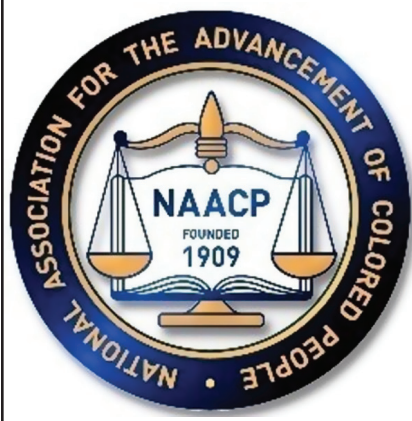
Wake County District Court Judge Margaret Eagles has presided over civil, criminal and family court cases, in addition to serving as one of two judges in the Abuse, Neglect and Dependence Courtroom. She is also the lead Domestic Violence judge in Wake County.

The daughter of former NC Appellate Court Chief Judge Sidney Eagles, Margaret Eagles, an alum of Needham Broughton High School, Wake Forest University and Campbell University School of Law, didn't intend originally to study law. "I enjoyed doing volunteer work and

helping those who were less fortunate. Then, after working as a loan officer at the State Employee's Credit Union, I knew that the best way I could continue to serve the hard working people of North Carolina was through the practice of law."

Eagles started her legal career as a judicial clerk for Justice George Wainwright on the NC Supreme Court, working on appeals in criminal and civil cases. As an Assistant Attorney General, she represented the state in environmental enforcement litigation and in criminal appeals in the NC Court of Appeals. In private practice, Eagles was a civil litigator, handling numerous jury trials in District and Superior Courts.

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NC NAACP sues three counties alleging voter suppression

BY **CASH MICHAELS**
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The NC NAACP is suing three counties in federal court alleging that they are illegally cancelling voter registrations because of alleged changes in addresses, in violation of the federal National Voters Registration Act (NVRA). With less than a week before the Nov. 8th general election, and with early voting ending on Nov. 5, voting rights advocates are calling the alleged practice yet another attempt at black voter suppression.

The civil rights organization filed both a lawsuit and an application for a temporary restraining in the US District Court for the Middle District for North Carolina against the state Board of Elections on Monday. At press time, a hearing was scheduled for federal court in Winston-Salem Wednesday.

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National Black Voter Poll shows education, economy, and race relations shape strong preference for Hillary Clinton among Black American voters

BY **NNPA NEWSWIRE SERVICE**

(WASHINGTON, DC.) With the election only days away, a new national poll shows that Black American voters overwhelmingly plan to vote for Hillary Clinton as their choice for President of the United States. Their choice is influenced by concerns about high quality, affordable education, income inequality, jobs, the economy, race relations and racial justice.

The National Black Voter Poll found a high degree of engagement by registered black voters in the election, with 96% of respondents saying they will cast ballots. The same number said their friends also intend to vote. Nearly all respondents in the survey

said they voted in both the 2008 and 2012 elections.

Taken together, the data predict a high voter turnout among Black American voters in the November 8, 2016 election and a strong preference for Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump.

A substantial majority (89%) indicated they will vote for Clinton, and two-thirds (67%) said they strongly favor Clinton. Another 23% declared "moderate support" for her. A slightly higher percent (74%) said they have "overall favorable feelings" for Clinton, compared to 2% who said they had favorable feelings for Trump.

When asked "Do you think Donald Trump is a racist?" 84% responded, "Yes."

In contrast to feelings toward the current election year's candidates, 90% of respondents said they have

"overall favorable feelings" toward President Barack Obama.

Findings are based on a national random sample of more than 900 voters from 22,000 telephone calls made between October 21 and 30, 2016 by researchers in a joint National Newspaper Publishers Association - Howard University poll. This was the first national-level scientific study focused exclusively on voters who identify as African American, Afro-Hispanic or other black identity.

The goal of the research was to develop a profile of Black American voters in a year when race is believed to be a defining factor in the outcome of presidential and congressional races.

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The vast majority of respondents in the survey identified as Democrats. To the question "In general, do you think of yourself as Democrat, Republican, or something else?" 82% of respondents said "Democrat" and only 2% said Republican. Another 16% said they are either "Independent" or "Other" (9% and 7%, respectively). A large majority of respondents (87%) identified high quality education as an influence in their decisions, and a nearly equal percent (84%) pointed to concerns about college affordability as a factor. Other concerns shaping decisions were the economy and jobs (85%), race relations and racial justice (84%), and income inequality (82%).

When asked about where they obtain their information about political candidates, nearly half (46%) said from local TV news, and another fourth (24%) said from cable stations. Approximately a fifth (18%) said they rely on black newspapers for information about elections. Revelations of new FBI probes into Hillary Clinton's emails occurred in the midst of the research, prompting researchers to compare participant responses to candidates before and after this news. They found that favorable feelings toward Clinton rose slightly and those toward Trump were cut in half. The sample of more than 900 registered black voters was 70% female and 30% male. When considered alongside the 96% who said they voted in the previous two elections and also plan to vote on Nov. 8, black women show

they are at the forefront of social change and political history in the United States, by voting to elect the nation's first black and now its first female president. A majority of respondents said they had attended college (73%), and were 56 years of age or older. Millennials between the ages of 18-35 accounted for 11% of the sample. Those surveyed were nearly equally split between employed and not-employed (53% and 47%, respectively). Of those employed, 30% said they were federal employees, and 18% said they were union members. Of those not employed, 78% were retired and 22% were unemployed. Nearly half (48%) of respondents said they are married and most (84%) have a religious affiliation (a strong majority of those Christian). The research was conduct-

ed using social science survey methods at Howard University. Research findings, however, do not necessarily reflect the personal views of the researchers, the faculty or administration of Howard University, or the members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Principal investigators on the interdisciplinary Howard research team included Dr. William Spriggs, Department of Economics; Dr. Terri Adams and Dr. Rubin Patterson, Department of Sociology and Criminology; Dr. Lorenzo Morris, Department of Political Science; and Dr. Carolyn Byerly, Department of Communication, Culture and Media Studies. Principal liaisons from the NNPA included President and CEO Dr. Benjamin Chavis, and Chairman of the Board Denise Rolark Barnes.

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According to the application for a restraining order put forth by the NC NAACP's attorneys, the NVRA "...protects Americans' fundamental right to vote by...requiring that states meet certain require-

ments before cancelling a voter's registration on the basis of a change in residence. Specifically, states must either (1) receive written confirmation from the voter that he or she has moved to a different residence outside the county, or (2) send a prescribed notice to which the voter fails to respond, and then wait for two

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racial hatred and division. Racism and hatred between the races are again on the rise. Even here in Brunswick County, I see this type of behavior. There is a case here in this County wherein a twenty-three years old White male was hired over a Black employee who had twenty-five years experience. There is another case where in an employee with years of experience was accused of drug possession. He was fired before she even went to court, at which time she was found not guilty. However, there is a case wherein another young man was found guilty of having sex with a minor and had to reg-

ister as a sexual offender, but he was not fired from his job that would cause him to work with children and in public places. Considering all the we supposedly governing this kind of discrimination, why is it that this type of activity still exists? Why is it still happening and why is it that people think oppression will work here There will never be slavery again in Brunswick County or elsewhere in these United States of America. God has given us education and knowledge of the truth. Even if we try to overlook the truth, it keeps coming out and rising to the top! The truth will set you free!! Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP

federal election cycles in which the voter does not vote. Only after written confirmation, or notice, no response, and the two-cycle waiting period, may a state proceed with removal from the voter registration rolls." The application continued, "The NVRA also protects access to the franchise by prohibiting any systematic program to remove voters from the rolls within 90 days of a federal election." The NC NAACP alleges that the boards of Elections (BOEs) in Moore County, Beaufort County and Cumberland County "...have cancelled thousands of voters' registrations on the basis of an alleged change in residence. Those purges of voter rolls resulted from proceedings that were triggered by challenges filed by private individuals, based on a single mailing returned as undeliverable. In most cases, these cancellations of registrations were supported by no other evidence and none were supported by written confirmation from the voters of any alleged change in residence or compliant with the NVRA's notice and waiting-period provisions. In many cases, the

North Carolinians purged from voting rolls through these proceedings still reside at the addresses where they are registered, or have moved within the same county and remain eligible to vote there. Nonetheless, single items of returned mail have resulted in cancellation of their registrations," the complaint states. And it has been determined that the majority of voters being removed from the county election rolls are African-Americans. At least 4500 voters have been purged, 3900 of them in Cumberland County alone. The state Board of Elections counters that those local boards are following state statutes that authorize private citizens to challenge voter registrations on the basis of returned mailings. The state BOE confirms that "...thousands of voters have been challenged in the past three months on the basis of returned mail..."The NC NAACP is not only asking for a temporary restraining order to immediately stop the local BOEs from purging black voters before the Nov. 8th general election, but also a permanent injunction to restore the voting registrations of all of those purged.

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FINAL WEEK TO

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NOVEMBER 5

SEN. BURR
APOLOGIZES
FOR "BULLSEYE"
QUIP ABOUT
CLINTON



STATE
BRIEFS

[MOORES
V I L L E]
Republican
Sen. Ri-
chard Burr
over has
now apolo-
gized for
telling a group in
Mooresville recently

that he was surprised
that a magazine about
guns didn't put a bulls-
eye over Hillary
Clinton's face. Burr,
who is running for re-
election in a tight race
against Democratic
challenger Deborah
Ross, issued an apology
only after a recording of
his remarks were sent
to CNN and broad-
cast."The comment I
made was inappropri-
ate, and I apologize for

it, Burr said in a state-
ment.

GOV. MCCRORY
RELENTS, SAYS HE
WILL CALL A
SPECIAL SESSION FOR
MATTHEW NEEDS
[RALEIGH] Amid
weeks of cajoling from
leading Democrats that
a special session of the
state legislature has to
be called to deal with
the mounting costs of
Hurricane recovery in

the aftermath of
Hurricane Matthew,
Gov. Pat McCrory is
finally on the same page
with his critics that the
\$12-18 million currently
in the state disaster
relief fund is hardly
enough to help citizens
who've suffered
through flooding, high
winds and loss of their
homes and businesses
in over 40 counties.
McCrory says he'll call
the special session next

month, and will also
ask the federal govern-
ment and Congress to
providing relief fund-
ing.

OVER THREE WEEKS
SINCE HURRICANE
MATTHEW, 250 STILL
IN SHELTERS
[GOLDSBORO] Al-
most a month after
Hurricane Matthew rav-
aged much of eastern
North Carolina with
high winds and destruc-

tive floods, at least 250
people are still living in
shelters, state officials
say. FEMA [the Federal
Emergency Manage-
ment Agency] admits
that it has had trouble
finding housing for the
displaced. FEMA has
been able to give some
families money to rent
places to live, and it
might end up bringing
in mobile homes to help
others. *COMPILED BY
CASH MICHAELS*

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tary of state. Last week, his
wife, First Lady Michelle
Obama, made an electrifying
joint appearance with
Clinton in Winston-Salem.

"It's a must-win," Eric
Trump, the GOP candidate's
son, told a Charlotte televi-
sion station in August. "It's a
place we're going to spend a
tremendous amount of time."

Meanwhile both Trump
and his vice presidential run-
ning mate, Indiana Gov. Mike
Pence, have made multiple
visits to North Carolina over
the past two weeks alone, and
with good reason. The
Republican Party is strong in
North Carolina, and through-
out presidential electoral his-
tory, it has been reliably con-
servative in electing the top
of the ticket by wide margins,

from Richard Nixon in 1968,
to George W. Bush in 2004, the
only detour being in 1976
when peanut farmer and
Georgia Governor Jimmy
Carter, a Democrat, tem-
porarily broke the North
Carolina mold.

President Barack Obama's
14,777- vote squeaker over
John McCain in 2008 created
shockwaves, showing that a
progressive Democrat could
win in the South again with
the right coalition of African-
Americans, young people and
women. In 2012, President
Obama lost North Carolina to
Republican Mitt Romney by
just 100,000 votes statewide,
though he won re-election
overall. While the Black vote
turned out in strong num-
bers, a dip in Obama's White
voter support created the
North Carolina deficit.

However, observers no-
ticed subtle changes to the

State's voting population,
even though the Republicans
were in command of the gov-
ernorship and the State
Legislature. North Carolina's
urban centers of Charlotte,
Greensboro and Raleigh were
growing with more moderate
and progressive out-of-state
residents, while the State's
mostly rural enclaves were
shrinking in population.
Democratic strategists saw
the population shift as some-
thing they could exploit,
while Republicans surmised
that rural and small town vot-
ers, who tend to be older and
more conservative, in eastern
North Carolina particularly,
were dependable enough to
stay in the fold.

Thus, we've seen the
Trump campaign focus on
areas like Kinston,
Wilmington, and Greenville,
while Hillary Clinton has
focused on cities like

Charlotte, Raleigh and
Winston-Salem to draw col-
lege students, African-
Americans, and, of course,
women. Each campaign is
vying to cultivate where it
thinks North Carolina
strength is.

The result - polls in the last
several months that have
shifted back and forth
between Trump and Clinton,
illustrating a phenomenon
analysts believe is still hap-
pening. North Carolina is
becoming more of a mid-
Atlantic state like Maryland,
and less of a southern state
like South Carolina. Thus,
the tension that many ana-
lysts suggest makes North
Carolina a must-watch state
on election night.

"North Carolina could be
the state where the
Presidential contest has the
biggest effect on down-ballot
elections, influencing key

races from U.S. Senate to gov-
ernor and other critical races
that could dramatically
change the political direction
of the State," states the online
magazine Facing South.
"What makes North Carolina
unique in 2016 is the number
of close races where coattails
from the Presidential election
could tip the balance. For
example, North Carolina is
the only state in which races
for President, U.S. Senate and
governor are all rated "toss-
ups" by the Cook Political
Report"

Add to that the fact that, so
far, North Carolina's early
voting numbers, since Oct. 20,
show Democrats turning out
in larger numbers than
Republicans (Black female
Democrats lead all other
Democratic groups), but
Republicans are expected to
dominate on Nov. 8, and it's
anybody's guess who will win

the State. The latest Elon
University poll issued
Tuesday shows the race too
close to call between Clinton
and Trump in North Carolina
at 42 percent each. If there is
one bit of encouraging news
for Democrat Clinton, howev-
er, it's that, according to the
polls, her support among
African-Americans was solid,
with 100 percent saying that
she has their vote over
Trump.

Blacks are 2 of ten voters
in North Carolina, while
Whites are 7 of 10, according
to the most recent US Census
figures.

President Obama comes
back to North Carolina again
on Friday to campaign for
Hillary Clinton in
Fayetteville and Charlotte.
Civil rights hero,
Congressman John Lewis [D-
GA] campaigns for Clinton in
Charlotte today.

JUDGESHIP

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Among the many judges
Judge Eagles admires most
are former NC Supreme
Court Justice Patricia
Timmons-Goodson "for her
consistent judgment and con-
summate professionalism,"
former Judge Martha Geer,
and of course, her dad former
Chief Judge Sidney
Eagles, "...not only because
he is my father and I love
him, but because I respect his
work on the Court, his true
belief in the system and the

grace and courtesy he shows
to everyone he encounters."

Judge Margaret Eagles
takes pride in the work she's
done.

"I worked alongside the
Administrative Office of the
Courts and multiple stakehold-
ers to implement remote elec-
tronic filing of complaints for
emergency domestic violence
protective orders from
Interact, our local rape crisis
and domestic violence agency.
I am the co-chair of the Wake
County Domestic Violence
Task Force and a member of
the Wake County Domestic
Violence Fatality Review

Team."

"I am dedicated to the rule of
law," Judge Eagles says, "am
steadfast in my respect to the
public trust and committed to
impartiality for all who appear
before me as a district court
judge, and would continue to
do so if elected to the NC Court
of Appeals. If elected, I would
continue to treat all parties in
the same manner, regardless of
who they are or who represents
them."

Judge Linda Stephens is
running for re-election to NC
Court of Appeals. The first in
her family to graduate high
school, she is an alum from the

University of South Carolina,
and earned her law degree
from UNC-Chapel Hill.

"I see the law as a great
equalizer in society," Judge
Stephens says. "The law
should treat everyone equal-
ly and never discriminate
based on some portion of
one's identity. In practical
life, we all know that there is
implicit bias in the law and
the way it is applied, but I
have always aimed higher
than that. I have always
worked toward fairness and
equality, as promised by our
Constitution."

In her long career, Judge

Stephens was named one of
the top 50 female attorneys in
North Carolina by Super
Lawyers Magazine, and listed
among the Best Lawyers in
America during the last eleven
years she was in private prac-
tice. She has won numerous
awards for her hard work ethic,
and has served on the state
appellate court for over ten
years.

"First, I believe in adher-
ing to my oath of office," she
says, "in other words: to
uphold the Constitutions of
my Country and my State; to
uphold the laws of my State
when they are consistent

with the Constitutions; to fol-
low the law in every case to
reach the result the law
requires even when that
result is different from my
personal beliefs. My record
indicates I have faithfully
adhered to that oath."

Second, over the past 10
years, I have worked collabo-
ratively and cohesively with
my colleagues who are from a
different political party.
Political ideology has never
affected my interest in or
ability to work with another
colleague on the Court of
Appeals,," Judge Stephens
says.

“WHEN THEY
GO LOW,
WE GO HIGH!”

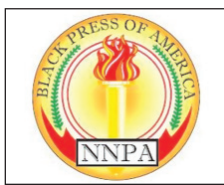
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election and every election...is about who
will have the power to shape our children for
the next four or eight years of their lives.”

~ Michelle Obama

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The African-American newspapers of North Carolina recognize that this may be the most pivotal national and statewide election in our lifetime. Given the hard work and sacrifice of many in our community to bring about justice and equality, it would be foolish for any of us eligible to vote not to do so for the November 8th election. We've seen the dangerous direction some would like to take this country, and we know how the future of Black America would fare under their leadership.

As black newspapers, we chronicle the history of our communities every day, and are keenly aware of the hopes and dreams of our citizens and readers. So, after careful consideration, the North Carolina Black Publishers Association, of which *The Wilmington Journal* is a member, recommends the following candidates for your voting consideration, but also reminds you that electing them is not enough.

Our community must also hold all of them accountable for our support. All of the candidates are Democrats. The appellate court candidates are all in separate races.

U.S. PRESIDENT - Hillary Clinton

The former First Lady, US senator and US Sec. of State undoubtedly the knowledge and overall experience to lead the nation during these troubled times.

U.S. SENATE - Deborah Ross

A former state lawmaker, Ross has spent her career advocating for families, civil rights and economic justice. Her election gives a President Hillary Clinton needed support in the US Senate.

GOVERNOR - Roy Cooper

The state attorney general for over the past decade, Cooper believes in fairness for all, attracting new jobs and opportunities, and moving North Carolina forward for all of its citizens.

LT. GOVERNOR - Linda Coleman

A former state lawmaker, Ms. Coleman has a strong history of advocacy for improving education, helping North Carolina families succeed, and fighting for children.

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL - Josh Stein

Currently a state senator, Stein formally worked in the AG's office. He believes in protecting the rights of all North Carolina citizens, and upgrading the state's ability to combat crime.

SECRETARY OF STATE -- Elaine Marshall

Ms. Marshall has been re-elected to office for so long (six terms), it's hard to imagine anyone else to lead North Carolina's administration of business records and documents.

STATE TREASURER - Dan Blue III

The son of the first African-American speaker of the House, and current Senate Minority Leader, Dan III has worked on Wall Street, the pharmaceutical industry, and is an attorney handling corporate and small business matters. He has a penchant, like his dad, Sen. Dan Blue, for wanting government to work for its citizens.

The rest of the NC Council of State - incumbents **Wayne Goodwin for Insurance Commissioner, State Auditor Beth Wood, and Supt. of Public Instruction June Atkinson**, are all deserving of your support. New candidates **Charles Meeker** (former Raleigh mayor) for **Commissioner of Labor**, and **Walter Smith** (former Boonville mayor) for **Commissioner of Agriculture** are also worthy of your consideration.

NC SUPREME COURT - Judge Mike Morgan

A Superior Court judge with over 26 years of judicial experience, including trying criminal cases, Judge Morgan believes in being a fair jurist, not one with a political agenda.

NC COURT OF APPEALS - Judge Abraham Penn Jones

Atty. Jones, a former Wake Superior Court judge for 17 years, has a varied wealth of legal experience. "I have the balanced, practical skills that are necessary to fulfill the duties of an Appeals Court judge," he says.

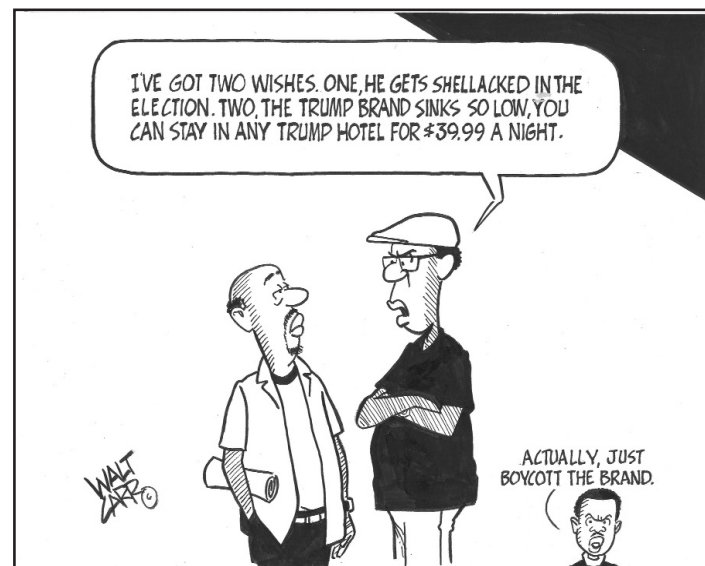
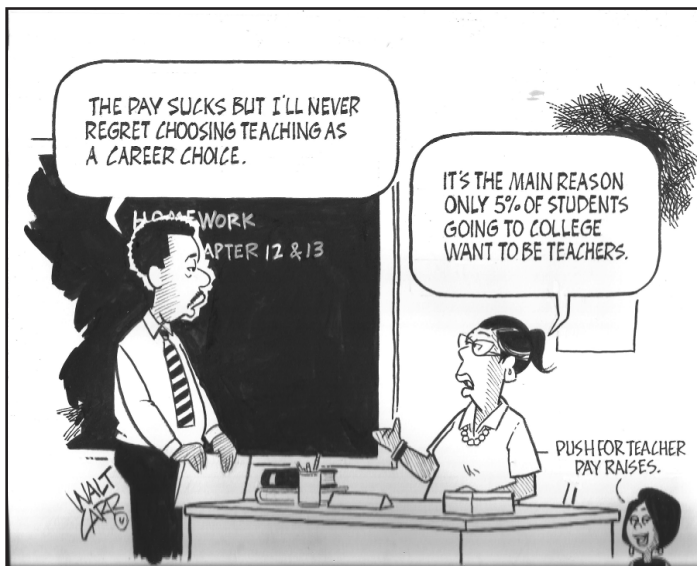
NC COURT OF APPEALS - Judge Vince Rozier

Wake District Court Judge Vince Rozier was appoint-

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CASH IN THE APPLE

Nailbiter

With less than a week to go, our long, national nightmare will soon be over.

Even though Democrat Hillary Clinton is leading in most polls (though an ABC News/Washington Post poll had her trailing Republican Donald Trump by one on Tuesday), it is safe to assume that Nov. 8th Election Day will be filled with surprises, one way or another.

For instance, here in North Carolina, while the latest Elon University poll out Tuesday sees the presidential race as a virtual dead-heat at 42 percent, a WRAL-TV Survey USA poll has Trump with a substantial 51 to 44 percent lead.

The fact is the polls are all over the place. That means we can all only count on the poll that really matters, and that's how we all really vote. Trust me, there is a huge dif-

ference between someone interrupting your dinner to ask you how you're going to vote, versus you making the effort to take yourself (and significant other) down to the REAL polls, and casting a REAL ballot for whomever you choose.

That leads me to how the news media have covered this presidential election.

It really hasn't been easy to be a reporter covering the ridiculousness of what is supposed to be a dignified exercise in our republic's democracy. For more than the past year, Trump has turned the political world on its head with beyond borderline pronouncements about Mexicans, muslims, and of course, women.

And then, of course, controversy just seems to follow the name "Clinton," and Lord knows, whether it be about her private email server at home, or alleged double deals at the Clinton Foundation, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has always seemed to be facing new questions about her honesty and integrity that have turned a number of peo-

ple off, despite her undeniable intellect and political acumen.

So reporters have had to cover two partisan nominees who are intensely disliked, and do so in the most fair and balanced way possible.

The problem has been while Trump romanced the press to the point where cable stations were just throwing free TV time at the billionaire because more Trump meant higher ratings, we failed to really look into his business and personal dealings until he was well on his way to the White House. And when something disturbing did crop up, Trump proved to be like Teflon for a while, ducking and weaving earth shaking controversies with ease.

How many times have you counted Trump out, and he wasn't?

One can say the same for Hillary. The Wikileaks revelations and the FBI reinvestigation into her private server to determine if she ever mishandled classified information have gnawed at her campaign relentlessly, but she too, kept standing strong. The press was

faced with how much to hit her with, and when.

It wasn't easy.

If all of you found yourselves beyond disgusted by all of this, that's completely understandable. The question is, who will be our next president, and will that person be so badly wounded by this controversy-ridden campaign that he/or she will be unable to effectively lead?

That's why if you haven't voted already, make it happen. Because even after the election, there will be a lot we'll have to sort through as a nation.

Cash in the Apple - honored as the Best Column Writing of 2006 by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Columnist Cash Michaels was also honored by the NNPA for Best Feature Story Journalist of 2009, and was the recipient of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP's President's Award for Media Excellence in Sept. 2011.

Until next week, keep a smile on your face, GOD in your heart, and The Wilmington Journal in your life. Bye, bye.

Non-voting Blacks could help make USA a shame again

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

At a time when African-Americans - especially millennials - should be running even pole-vaulting to the polls because not voting could help shift the race to Donald Trump.

But so far this isn't happening. Early voting polling shows a decrease in turnout from 2012.

Perhaps the apparent lack of enthusiasm can be explained because in 2012 President Barack Obama was running for a second term. Nevertheless, it would be

awful if blacks sit nonchalantly by without voting their strength to stop a hateful, bigoted move from making America a shame again.

As an African-American woman, I feel only one-half liberated by Obama's election. With a black man being the world's most powerful leader, I saw the walls of racial caste come tumbling down. The other half of me - the female - still yearns to be set free, to believe the glass ceiling is finally been shattered.

Racism and sexism are parts of the same coin. So with all the hell blacks have gone through fighting institutional racism, for the life of me, I can't see why we aren't the first to rush to the polls in defense of Clinton after seeing how the deck is stacked

against her. Even Obama and husband Bill admitted that she is more qualified for the presidency than either of them when they ran.

When South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson yelled, "You lie!" at Obama during a joint session of Congress and when Trump pushed the birther movement trying to deny Obama's USA birth status, my spirit sank. Now as I see Hillary whipped worse than a battered wife or a downtrodden slave and watching the parade of women accusing Trump of sexual assault my spirit is down in the dumps again.

Hillary's treatment is unprecedented and unfair. Here we have the FBI, some high-rolling Republicans along with the Russians who Trump speaks so well of and reportedly has business inter-

ests with teaming up to bring Clinton down with hacked e-mails that only maliciously target Trump and seem oblivious to the many shady deals of Donald Trump.

I need convincing that somehow Trump or one of his billionaire friends did not slide millions over to FBI director James B. to write a well-crafted letter of innuendo that slammed Clinton without producing any facts against her. It is also incredible that Comey could get so hot to trot over investigating what could be on the computer of disgraced former Congressman Anthony Weiner, whose wife is Clinton's top aide, but say

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ed to the District Court bench in 2006, when he was the youngest judge ever sworn to the seat in Wake County history at age 29. Rozier has ruled in criminal, child support and juvenile delinquency cases.

NC COURT OF APPEALS - Judge Rickeye McKoy-Mitchell
Mecklenburg County District Court Judge Rickeye McKoy-Mitchell was first elected to the bench in 1998, and has presided over criminal, civil and juvenile cases. With 14 years of legal experience in state and federal courts, Judge McKoy-Mitchell earned her BA and law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill.

NC COURT OF APPEALS - Judge Linda Stephens (incumbent)

Judge Stephens was appointed to her post in 2006. She lost in the November 2006 election, but was appointed to another vacancy in January 2007. She was elected back on the court in November 2008.

NC COURT OF APPEALS - Judge Margaret P. Eagles

Eagles is a Wake County district court judge. She was appointed to the court and assumed the office in December 2009. She was re-elected to the 10th Judicial District Court in 2014.

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NC District Court Judge, District 5-Sandra Alice Ray

NC District Court Judge, District 5-Robin Wicks Robinson

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One -Stop Early Voting ends across North Carolina on Saturday, Nov. 5th at 1 p.m.. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8th. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Please remember that it is in your hands to "save our state and vote this slate"

Our stories, our truth: Loving

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In my first year of law school, I learned about the case, *Loving v. Virginia*. Having grown up in the south, the case didn't surprise me. A three-tiered system was 'normal' in my home state of Louisiana. We had Black people, white people and mulattoes. Each rarely married outside of their own group. My family is multi-racial, so our arrangement seemed perfectly normal, although we certainly understood that many others didn't agree.

Loving v. Virginia was fascinating because this case did not originate in the Deep South, but in a state many considered to be advanced in race relations. Little did we know!

A movie about the case will be in theaters soon, and, if you are in doubt about what real love is, this movie shows

you. When you look at all of the hate and the continuing bigotry that is so prominent in the current presidential election, it's easy to understand the significance of the mantra Love Trumps Hate!

Like the hoards of the ghostly that flood our consciousness during Halloween or in horror movies, racial hatred and intolerance seem to re-emerge from sinister recesses of our culture. In part, we've made this possible with attitudes of self-satisfaction and contentment. The Struggle continues and, in reality, has never ended. Thinking they have made it, too many have closed a blind eye to the indignities that our enemies are still willing to heap upon us. Lest we forget, it is through our struggles that we gain our victories, and once we are victorious, we must guard our gains or we lose them.

Without divulging the details of *Loving v. Virginia*, it's a story about interracial marriage and true love. More than coincidentally, the real name of the subject couple was Loving!

Mildred Jeter, the 17 year

old Black female subject of the movie, had the kind of determination we so often see in Black women. Denied a place to live in Virginia, Mildred had to leave the state. Instead of giving up and committing 'emotional suicide,' Mildred stood firm in her resolve. Like most of us, she did not overcome by herself. Through the generosity of another strong, Black woman character, Mildred, her husband and children were given long-term shelter - a place to call home - in the home of another woman. Although the story is principally about romantic love and marriage, consistent with the values that most Black women embrace, another Black woman showed agape love.

Black women have always had a lot with which to contend, but a significant part of our story-our truth is that we, more often than not, tend to be thoughtful, to practice unconditional love and communal compassion. We are our sisters' keeper! We are our brothers' keeper. We are the care-givers and nurturers of our children. Historically,

we have prioritized our focus on our families and friends and subordinated our own interests for an altruistic, greater good. We have never been the exclusive beneficiaries of our own advocacy. That's what makes us so special. Our stories are rich and have yet been fully told.

The movie *Loving* provides a glimpse of how a Black woman, motivated by love, can move a nation! As Dr. Dorothy Height always reminded us, "We Black women don't always do what we want to do, but we always do what we have to do."

Now, as we approach Election Day, the strength of our character is being tested again. Like Michelle Obama, we are being asked to "pull the fat out of the fire." Our consistent voting and turnout are being relied upon to provide the margin of victory in political contests across our nation. As in all things, we ARE up to the task.

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RAINBOW COALITION

If election is 'rigged', It isn't against Trump

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Donald Trump, falling behind in the polls, with his campaign imploding around him, now says the election is "rigged." He refuses to say whether he will accept the verdict of the voters. Just as he tried to undermine



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

the legitimate of Barack Obama's presidency with the malicious and false "birther" issue, now he's gearing up to assail the legitimacy of Hillary Clinton's presidency with the "rigged election" issue. In fact, his charges directly contradict the truth.

We know what a "rigged" electoral system looks like. At the founding of this country, the electoral system was rigged: Only rich, white landowners could vote. Slaves, native Americans, women and white men without property were denied the

right to vote. That was a system rigged to protect those with property from the threat of democracy.

When the Civil War ended slavery, the Southern states created poll taxes, white primaries, grandfather clauses, literacy tests and other barriers to voting, all of it reinforced by violence and intimidation. That was a system rigged to enforce segregation and protect it from the threat of democracy.

Today, facing an emerging majority reform coalition that gave Barack Obama a majority of all votes in 2008 and 2012, Republican governors have passed measures that require voting IDs, cut back on early voting days, eliminate same-day registration, limit the number and hours of voting places in minority districts, gerrymander election districts or, like Texas, accept a gun registration ID but not a student registration ID. That is a system rigged to hold on to the status quo and protect it from the threat of democracy.

Today, money floods our politics. In *Citizens United v. FEC* and other decisions, a

conservative gang of five on the Supreme Court legitimated corporate financing, dark money and unlimited donations. The two-party bias of our electoral system undermines third-party efforts. The lack of free media and public financing makes big money more important. Elections held on Tuesdays make voting harder for workers on the clock. This is a system rigged to protect the interests of the few from the threat of the many.

This election isn't rigged against Trump. If anything, it is rigged in his favor. We have a separate and unequal electoral system in which each state creates its own rules. In many states, partisans have their thumb on the scale - as in Florida in 2000 or Ohio in 2004. And today Republicans hold the governorship and both houses of the legislature in 23 states. Democrats only control seven. Those who rule set the rules, and in at least 23 states, they are creating a system that benefits Republicans and their presidential nominee.

This system is a disgrace.

We need a constitutional amendment that guarantees citizens the right to vote, something that is not now in the Constitution. Congress would have the clear authority to create a unified voting system with minimum commonsense standards. Then we need an aroused citizenry that demands that Congress act to curb the role of big money in politics. We deserve a unified, national electoral system that guarantees every citizen a protected right to vote, the most fundamental right of all in a democracy.

If Trump were talking about these realities, maybe he'd deserve a hearing. Instead, he's braying about the same media that helped him reach where he is today. In the end, he sounds simply like a loser, whining about the inescapable reality that his brand of divisive and hateful politics will be rejected by most voters at the polls this November.

Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH Coalition. You can keep up with his work at www.rainboupush.org.

After November 8 - State of the Black World

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I'm writing two weeks before the November 8 election, writing and praying that Election Day comes sooner than it is supposed to. I did my early vote thing so that I could, if



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

necessary, drop into battleground states like Virginia, North Carolina or Florida to do my bit to get out the vote. And I'm hoping that voters will do the right thing and elect Hillary Clinton, but as I wrote I know that there is the possibility (not probability) that Mr. Chump will prevail.

No matter who wins this election, governing will not be a cakewalk. Republicans in Congress have pledged to initiate investigations of Secretary Clinton, matters that have already been thoroughly investigated. They want to know about the emails, the Clinton Foundation, and more. And if Mr. Trump is elected there are likely to be Democrats who will call for all kinds of investigations of him, not to mention the many women who might well sue him for defamation after he called those who he groped liars just looking for moments of fame.

African American people

should remember, Henry Kissinger the former Secretary of State who said, "No permanent friends, no permanent enemies, just permanent interests". The advancement of African American people, frankly, has not been a priority for either Democrats or Republicans. African Americans loyally give their votes to Democrats because Democrats have been more responsive, but analysts have correctly noted that the loyalty has not been reciprocal. Republicans have been downright hostile to African Americans, even after the 2012 drubbing that led to an analysis that urged Republicans to reach out to African Americans and Latinos. Somehow, the powers that be ignored the analysis that they paid good money for.

Enter Dr. Ron Daniels and the fourth State of the Black World Conference. (www.ibw21.org). Each year since 2012, Dr. Daniels has convened activists and leaders to assess the outcome of the presidential election and to coalesce around ways to work together. The conference will be held in Newark, New Jersey, from November 16-20. This year, the theme of the conference is Racial Healing and Collaboration for Black Empowerment, and while the conference will feature a who's who of black leaders and thinkers (like Susan Taylor, Danny Glover, Mark Morial, Kimberlee Crenshaw, and

others), it will also openly solicit the ideas of attendees. Panelists have been limited in the amount of time they will talk so that attendees can also put their ideas out there. The thought is that the many who work in local areas may have ideas that can be taken national. Consciously, Dr. Daniels and his team have structured a conference that encourages conversation and collaboration, especially intergenerational conversation.

For full disclosure, let me acknowledge that I will be receiving an award from the Institute for the Black World on Saturday evening, and that I am part of the Reparations Commission of IBW. And for full disclosure, let me also say how much I admire and appreciate the absolute tenacity that Dr. Ron Daniels has shown for Black people and for the movement toward a progressive agenda. I am always delighted to acknowledge him first as a friend, and also as a colleague.

We need more Black folks like Ron Daniels to exhibit the amazing tenacity that kept him on focus and on fire for African American people. Too often, our focus is episodic, revolving around public incidents - who got shot today, or who got racially profiled. The fact is that we are all profiled, all day, every day, either frontally or subtly. Just a few are committed to rejecting the subtle profile

in both domestic and foreign policy. Dr. Ron Daniels is one of the few, and his work on Haiti speaks to the ways he connects domestic and foreign policy.

Not only do we need more folks to live like Ron Daniels, but also we need more to come to the State of the Black World Conference. Please check out the Institute for the Black World website, www.ibw21.com, and please come to the conference, bring your wisdom to the conversation, if you can. Please help us strategize next steps. November 8 is neither the beginning nor the ending. It is, regardless of the winner, part of the continuum, a moment to ask, again, about the status of African American people.

If you are reading this before Election Day, November 8, please vote. But you must know that voting is not the most, but the least, that you can do. After November 8, please commit to the activism that will advance the status of Black people. Thank you Black Lives Matter for the work you do. And thank you, dear reader, for embracing the opportunity to make a difference.

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TO BE EQUAL

Ohio bus tour encourages voters of color to head to the polls

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

If I hear anybody saying their vote does not matter, that it doesn't matter who we elect -- read up on your history. It matters. We've got to get people to vote. I will consider it a personal insult -- an insult to my legacy -- if this community lets down its guard and fails to activate itself in this election. You want to give me a good sendoff? Go vote." - President Barack Obama

New voter I.D. requirements. Early voting cutbacks. Limitations on absentee voting.

When overall Black voting rates reached parity with white rates in 2012, many state lawmakers wasted no time passing new discriminatory voter suppression restrictions aimed at driving down Black voter turnout. The Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*, which struck down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act, opened the

door for Black voter suppression.

With confusing new statutes on the books for the first time in a Presidential election, the National Urban League and other civil rights groups took to the road to educate and encourage voters, starting with the state of Ohio. Last weekend's "Our Vote Matters" bus tour took us to Cleveland, Akron and Canton, to schools and churches and community centers. We knocked on doors, visited barber shops and beauty shops, and spread our message across the airwaves.

We were joined on this important mission by the National Action Network, the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, led by Melanie Campbell and Show Your Power, led by activist Moses Boyd. Reality star and entrepreneur Chanita Foster and R&B singer Nicci Gilbert lent their considerable talents to spread the word, supported by the millennial media movement Revolution Nation.

We were inspired by the enthusiasm we found along the way - many voters we encountered had already taken advantage of early voting in Ohio, and others were looking forward to casting their votes. We educated voters about the need to bring I.D. to the polls, and what forms would be accepted, how to find their polling place and where to get their questions answered.

In Ohio, early voting was slashed by six days, eliminating the opportunity to register and vote on the same day. It is one of 14 states with new voting restrictions in place for the first time in a presidential election. The others are Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. The new laws range from strict photo ID requirements to early voting cutbacks to registration restrictions.

The states most likely to pass new voting restrictions were those with the highest African-American turnout in 2008, those with the highest Hispanic population growth between 2000 and 2010, and those formerly covered under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. Section 5 required states with a history of racially-motivated voter suppression to seek pre-clearance from the federal government before changing any voting rules.

Of the 11 states with the highest African-American turnout in 2008, 6 have new restrictions in place. North Carolina also fits this category, but its law is currently blocked for the 2016 election. The three-judge federal appeals panel that struck it down called it "the most restrictive voting law North Carolina has seen since the era of Jim Crow" and said lawmakers had targeted "African Americans with almost surgical precision."

We've come too far from the days of poll taxes and grandfather clauses to watch our rights be diminished. Visit www.866ourvote.org or call 866-OUR-VOTE for more information and follow us on social media with the hashtag #OurVoteMatters."

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

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nothing about the hacked emails of Democrats which intelligence officers have blamed on the Russians. Russian involvement with U.S. operatives is a serious crime possibly bordering on treason.

If blacks are not voting because they have bought the line that both Trump and Clinton are two bad apples that is a myth. Hillary had dedicated her life to defending the rights of the dispossessed from the time she was working to expand opportunities for children as a young college student. On the other hand, Trump has worked hard to enrich himself and other millionaires even racking up a record of housing discrimination against people of color.

Instead of joining the off-key chorus against Clinton, we should be astute enough to ask different questions from the mainstream on the issue of fairness.

For example, why isn't the media focusing on Trump's email mess? According to an October 31 Newsweek article Donald Trump's companies have engaged in tactics much more deceptive than what Trump accuses Clinton. The magazine says it has exposed through a review of court cases over the decades that Trump's companies "have systematically destroyed or hidden thousands of emails, digital records and paper documents demanded in official proceedings, often in defiance of court orders."

Yet, this bombshell against Trump is hardly a whisper compared to the roar against Clinton.

As African-Americans we

must be disciplined enough not to lose our focus obsessing over e-mails when our very survival is at stake. Unarmed black men are habitually gunned down by police, an issue Clinton has promised to address through reforms in the criminal justice system, while Trump just promises more law and order to aid police.

Flint Michigan is not the only city where people are suffering from toxic chemicals. Other predominately poor and black areas are being sickened by toxins, which is the expressed concern of Clinton but not Trump, whose views are so attractive to anti-black militants the KKK has come out in support of his candidacy.

Even more urgently the next president could possibly appoint three Supreme Court justices. With Clinton we have the best chance of finally having a black woman on the high court, but in the hands of Trump, someone who mocks the disabled, derides immigrants, devalues women and blacks that would be a serious mistake not just for African Americans, but for others who believe in justice and fairness.

As it was hard for a nation to survive one half-slave and one half free, it is difficult for a person to thrive with the dream of the black side advancing but the female side stagnating. For me, Hillary Clinton ties the nation and the promise of individual equality together. It would be a shame if we did not use our vote to achieve that.

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, an award-winning journalist, author, and activist, is a freelance columnist and was a founding editor of USA Today.

#VotingWhileBlack Digital Campaign seeks to mobilize African-American voters

BY ZENITHA PRINCE
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(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Color Of Change, which bills itself as the nation's largest online racial justice organization, has kicked off #VotingWhileBlack, a digital campaign meant to mobilize African-American voters to flood the polls on Election Day.

Launched under the banner of the organization's political action committee, the campaign seeks to rally Black voters behind specific candidates based on their stances on issues central to the Black community such as police violence, criminal justice reform and the lack of investment in Black schools and communities.

"This is a truly unprecedented program that's laser-

focused on mobilizing Black voters around the issues that matter most to our community," Color Of Change PAC spokesman Rashad Robinson said in a statement. "Down ballot races, like those for district attorneys, often don't get much attention. But, we know all too well how much the perspective and practices of these local prosecutors impact Black communities. Rather than shoving these races to the sidelines, #VotingWhileBlack puts them front and center in our voter outreach—and we're doing so by engaging our communities not on the basis of political parties, but based on building independent political power that will be around after the election to hold those we support accountable. We're translating the presence and visibility of our issues into the

power to change the rules."

The initiative is being powered by activities such as text-a-thons, which have been hosted by partners that include entertainment star John Legend, National Nurses United, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The campaign also reaches out to voters via e-mail drives and digital ads and provides online voting tools.

The PAC's leaders said the goals of the campaign go way beyond Nov. 8.

"A key part of our program is holding politicians accountable after Election Day," said Arisha Hatch, Director of Color Of Change PAC. "For far too long, elected officials have pursued Black folks' votes, but then failed to champion our issues once they're in power. We're mobilizing Black communi-

ties to vote strategically, shape political agendas, move the needle on key issues, and ultimately hold elected officials accountable for the promises they make at election time."

Studies show that Black voters and other voters of color are having an increasing impact on elections. According to the Center for American Progress, at least 30 percent of eligible voters heading to the polls this November are people of color. And, Black women voters are expected to be particularly important: In 2012 and 2008, African-American women turned out to the polls at the highest rate of any group; four years ago, for example, 74 percent of eligible voters among this group helped power President Obama to a second term in office.



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Felony disenfranchisement will keep many Blacks from voting

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE OF NORTHSTARNEWSTODAY.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com)- With the 2016 Presidential election around the corner on November 8th, The Sentencing Project is reporting that 6.1 million individuals will be prohibited from voting because of felony convictions and most of them are African American. "One in 13 African Americans of voting age is disenfranchised, a rate more than

four times greater than that of non-African Americans," reports The Sentencing Project, a Washington D.C.-based organization that promotes a fair and effective U.S. Justice System. "Over 7.4 percent of the adult African American population is disenfranchised compared to 1.8 percent of the non-African-American population." The Sentencing Project noted that in Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, disenfranchisement rates vary significantly by

state. Battleground Florida In Florida, a battleground state in November's election, where Republican Donald Trump is currently leading Democrat Hillary Clinton, 21 percent of African Americans are disenfranchised. Not all African Americans will vote for Clinton but most blacks are Democrats. In Florida, the Sunshine State, it's nothing but stormy weather for ex-cons. Nearly 1.5 million individuals are disenfranchised or 48 percent of the national

total. In Kentucky, 26 percent of blacks are disenfranchised; in Tennessee, 21 percent are disenfranchised and in Virginia, the cradle of the Confederacy, 22 percent are disenfranchised. Felony disenfranchisement rates Felony Disenfranchisement rates vary from less than .5 percent in Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Utah. It is zero percent in Maine and

Vermont to more than 7 percent in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia. In April, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe restored voting rights for 206,000 offenders, but the Virginia Supreme Court in a 4-3 decision issued in June ruled that McAuliffe did not have the authority to make such a proclamation. In August, Gov. McAuliffe said his office will issue voter restoration orders on an individual basis to Virginians who have complet-

ed their sentences starting with 13,000 residents who had their registrations cancelled. In a report titled "6 Million Lost Voters: State-Level Estimates of Felony Disenfranchisement, 2016," The Sentencing Project reported felony disenfranchisement has grown with the expansion of U.S. penal system. In 1976, 1.176 million people were banned from voting because of felony convictions. In 2016, the number rose to 6.1 million.

Some are expecting us to stay home on Election Day...Let's prove them wrong

BY GLYNDA C. CARR AND KIMBERLY PEELER-ALLEN

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - With a few days left until Election Day some are speculating what the overall turnout will be among Black women. Black women were among the most active voters in the 2008 and 2012 elections. In fact, Black women make up 6.3 percent of the total U.S. voting age population, but represented 9 percent of the 2012 and 2014 electorate due to their higher voter turnout. Over the past several election cycles, Black women have demonstrated that their robust involvement is an absolutely essential foundation of any winning coalition. Black women's participa-

tion in the last two Presidential elections transcended just showing up at the polls and voting. A closer look at our involvement reveals that voting was just the beginning. The Obama for America strategy provided meaningful tools of engagement -- from hosting house parties to organizing virtual phone banks and door-knocking opportunities. The effectiveness of the campaign's engagement, investment and tailored messaging resulted in a surge in Black women's overall engagement. That participation has not only expanded the electorate of first-time voters, but it has also mobilized a record number of first-time political donors and bundlers. This crucial post-Obama bridge election presents a movement-building opportu-

nity designed for and by Black women, independent of any particular candidate. The 2016 election provides an opportunity to harness Black women's power by turning out the vote. Furthermore, it gives us the opportunity to leverage that voting strength into the power to shape and inform political debates from equal pay and affordable health care to reproductive rights and community safety. This November's election results will be determined in large part by the turnout rates among Black women. There are several factors to consider this cycle: Will Black women voters, many who voted for the first time in 2008 and 2012 return to the polls? Is there an enthusiasm gap among Black women voters? What strategies and mes-

sages will motivate Black women's engagement? Can we activate this critical 2008 and 2012 voting bloc, turn them out to the polls and motivate them to organize their communities? The answer is yes! The late Shirley Chisholm, once said, "You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas." This statement rings true today and Black women have a pivotal role to play in helping to move the country forward. But, we must activate our networks. History has demonstrated that when you fire up a Black woman she does not go to the polls alone. She brings her house, her block, her church, her sorority and her water cooler.

According to Nielson, Black women are one of the largest users of social media. The #BlackWomenVote campaign is tapping into the organizing power of Black women, encouraging them to raise their voices, cast their votes and show their power. The campaign is engaging Black women vote this election and to mobilize their networks to the polls. The campaign has tools and resources to help everyday Black women organize their networks from shareable graphics and videos, FaceBook Live events and 'Share Your Vote Story' opportunities. We need you to flex your power and help us move hundreds of thousands of voters to the polls by November 8th. Join the campaign and help to register your folks to vote, take them to the polls, and

discuss the issues and candidates that matter. Go to www.blackwomen-vote.com, where you will find all of the tools, information and planning guides you need to educate yourself and mobilize your network. Some are expecting us to stay home, let's prove them wrong. Glynda C. Carr and Kimberly Peeler-Allen are co-founders of Higher Heights for America, a national organization focused on harnessing black women's political power and leadership potential. They have organized #BlackWomenVote, a nonpartisan voter-activism campaign which is the leading, independent and trusted voice for Black women leading up to and beyond Election Day 2016, www.BlackWomenVote.com.

As for-profit college enrollment climbs, Blacks graduate with more debt

Borrowers face over \$125 million in unnecessary interest charges

BY CHARLENE CROWELL NNPA NEWSWIRE COLUMNIST

With 44 million consumers owing about \$1.4 trillion in student loans, a new report by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau finds that student loan servicing and debt collection together will boost borrower costs even higher over the next two years. The Bureau's recently-released Student Loan Ombudsman Report termed the nation's current system as "flawed" and further calls for an "overhaul" to improve conditions for an approximate 8 million distressed and defaulted borrowers. Its findings and conclusions are based on 5,500 private student loan complaints and approximately 2,300 debt collection complaints filed between October 1, 2015 and May 31, 2016. Since February 2016, 3,900 student loan complaints made concerned loan servicing.

"This report offers further evidence that industry practices and needless red tape can turn a student loan into an unbearable burden," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray. "Policymakers should work to reform the programs that are failing those borrowers that need help most." Complaints filed with CFPB during this reporting period cite: •Delays and dead ends when applying for income-driven plans that include interest subsidies and loan forgiveness; •Problems with debt collectors verifying incomes and in

turn assigning incorrect monthly payment amounts; •Loan servicers billing borrowers hundreds of dollars more per month than was arranged with the debt collector; and •Conflicting information as to where loan payments should be sent and how those payments would be applied to loan balances. A few days later, a Brookings' Economic Studies report found severe racial debt disparities for both Black undergrads and those completing graduate college studies. "The moment they earn their bachelor's degrees, Black college graduates owe \$7,400 more on average than their White peers (\$23,400 versus \$16,000, including non-borrowers)," wrote Judith Scott-Clayton and Jing Li for Brookings. As an increasing number of Black students enroll at for-profit colleges for either undergraduate or graduate studies, those who borrow loans are also the most likely to incur heavier debt, carry it longer, and default more often. Not a favorable scenario when time and studies were meant to bring financial security and a higher quality of life.

"While previous work has documented racial disparities in student borrowing, delinquencies and defaults, in this report we provide new evidence that racial gaps in total debt are far larger than even recent reports have recognized," the authors continued, "far larger now than in the past, and correlated with troubling trends in the economy and in the for-profit sector." Between 2004 and 2008, Brookings noted that Black enrollment at for-profit institutions increased dramatically. During much of these

same years, for-profit colleges have faced regulatory scrutiny and quality of education challenges that led to large institutional closings such as Corinthian Colleges and more recently, ITT Technical College that also lost its accreditation. "[T]he for-profit sector is by far the fastest-growing sector and the only sector that has seen enrollments grow differentially by race," states the Brookings report. Further, both undergrad and graduate students enrolled at for-profits are more likely to suffer from loan interest accumulating faster than loan payments received, also known as negative amortization. Earlier this year the Center for Responsible Lending joined with the National Consumer Law Center in calling for the Department of Justice to take actions to ensure racial justice in stu-

dent loan lending. "For nearly a decade, the Department of Education has known that student debt impacts borrowers of color differently from white borrowers. Yet in that decade, the Department has failed to take sufficient steps to ameliorate the disproportionately negative impact on borrowers of color, or even to conduct further research to discover the causes or the extent of disparities," wrote the advocates. "We call on the Department to collect and release the data necessary to learn the true extent of the impact of student debt on communities of color," the coalition continued, "and to work with borrower and consumer advocates to ensure that student loans are a tool for economic advancement and not economic devastation for borrowers of color." Four years after graduat-

ing, nearly half of Black graduates – 48 percent – owe more on their federal undergraduate loans than they did at graduation, says Brookings. By comparison, only 17 percent of White undergrads owed more debt. Federal law, however, provides some recourse. Borrowers who have defaulted on their student loans are federally guaranteed the right to be given a chance to get out of default and back on track. The process, includes making a series of income-based payments that take into account income and family size. Secondly, student loan borrowers who have encountered problems with their servicers or related debt collectors can and should bring their concerns to the attention of the CFPB. Complaints may be mailed, faxed or filed online, including all supporting documentation. An

advantage to the online filing is that a complaint number will be assigned that enables consumers to check on the status of their complaint at any time. Beyond the portal to file a student loan complaint, CFPB accepts consumers' questions weekdays from 8am until 8pm Eastern Time at its toll-free number: (855) 411-CFPB (855) 411-2372. "Federal financial aid policy alone cannot solve these problems," concludes the Brookings report, "but neither can it ignore the challenges facing students of color who disproportionately bear the burden of student debt." 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

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

Community Briefs

Smart Start of NHC will hold their Second Annual Early Childhood Family Festival on Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. There will be over 30 activities for children ages 5 and under. The event will take place in the parking lot in front of Smart Start, 3534 S. College Rd.

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 Willis Richardson Players will present "All the World's a Stage" featuring favorite music and skits on Saturday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Empowerment Center at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 2929 Princess Place Dr.

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.

Wilmington Holiday Parade entry deadline is Wednesday, November 16th at 5:00 p.m. Entry forms are available online at www.wilmingtonrecreation.com. The parade will be held on Sunday, December 4th.

(WRAAP) **WILMINGTON'S RESIDENTIAL ADOLESCENT ACHIEVEMENT PLACE** will present "Are You Listening"? Community Youth Day Event / Series #7 at Freedom's Way Ministries 1952, Dawson Street, Wilmington on November 5th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Brunswick County

Brunswick County is offering free mulch at the Brunswick County Landfill & Recycling Facility, 172 Landfill Rd. NE, Monday- Saturday 8:00 am- 4:00 pm.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

More technology needed in Brunswick County Schools

We are fighting for improvements in each of Brunswick County's 19 schools and for the building of new facilities. To this end, Brunswick County will be asking taxpaying citizens to approve a bond as soon as possible. The bond focuses on overcrowded classrooms, safety, classroom supplies, technology and private schools. Charter schools are very expensive schools.

The bond should be approved by taxpaying citizens of Brunswick County. The last time citizens of Brunswick County were asked to approve a school bond was in 1999. Teachers are in need of better pay. For this reason, some are going to better paying states. We understand the school bond dollars cannot be used for

salary increases for teachers and staff. The benefits from the NC Education Lottery, which runs in the millions annually may be used for capital improvements. The money is currently being used to pay debt service on the new additions at North Brunswick High and Waccamaw K-8 school. More up to date information should be available at all times for taxpaying citizens.

Verniece Stanley

Every day I like to look around and find good things happening in our community and taxes going up. We encourage children to keep up good attendance and good

behavior in school, while improving their learning skills as much as possible. Children with good leadership skills must set examples for others to follow.

Today many young African American males, in particular, are high school dropouts and are taking and selling drugs. Overcrowding is one of the main issues today in jails across the country. In some cases, some helpful skills are being taught so that those imprisoned may learn a trade in order to start a new peaceful life upon release from prison. For those who take advantage of such opportunities, once they get out of prison, have an avenue to a better life waiting. In such cases, the help received in prison will be of use for a long time. Good advice for them is to go to the right sources for

help and stay away from gangs and other avenues to trouble. Otherwise they will be asking for trouble.

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.

It's a WRAAP!

2nd Annual Wilmington's Bartender's Ball raises funds for local non-profit



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WRAAP PROGRAM GROUP

BY DARYL DOCKERY
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In many ways, hurricane Matthew had a tremendous impact on the lives of children and families, communities, and infrastructure throughout Southeastern NC. Well, in the spirit of giving and helping others, downtown businesses, local service industry, bars and restaurants came together to help raise funds for (WRAAP)Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place; an award non-profit "youth" organization in NH County at the 2nd Annual 2016 Wilmington's

Bartender's Ball. The 2nd Annual 2016 Wilmington's Bartender's Ball took place at the (downtown) Coastline Convention Center on October 16, 2016, 7pm thru midnight. Event organizers greeted more than 400+ guest who came to the Wilmington's bartender's ball to support the local service industry and (WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place.

The semi-formal affair included personal photos, DJ & dancing, bachelor and bachelorette auction, fashion show, & great food samplings and beverages. With a festive

atmosphere, there was plenty of laughter and fun to go around, while party goers showed off dance moves on the floor.

The 2nd Annual 2016 Wilmington's Bartenders Ball was a huge hit success. The strong show of support and community involvement amongst the business community; particularly, local service industry and bars and restaurants was tremendous. Furthermore, the event proceeds provided some much-needed funding to benefit WRAAP, in its efforts, to meet the needs of at-risk children and families; particularly

after-school services and community outreach programs in New Hanover County.

After the event, a check in the amount of \$4200.00 was presented to (WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place.

On behalf of event organizers, we like to thank the local service industry, business community, as well as, sponsors, patrons, and special guest for a spectacular night and monies raised to help benefit WRAAP at the 2nd Annual 2016 Wilmington's Bartender's Ball.

St. Phillip holds Annual Youth Prom



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2016 ST. PHILLIP AME CHURCH YOUTH PROM PARTICIPANTS

BY ELEASE BROWN
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St. Phillip AME Church held their Annual Youth Prom on Saturday, October 29, 2016 under the direction of St. Phillip AME Church Youth

Director Elease Brown.

There were thirteen participants in this year's prom. All the youth looked stunning and everyone had marvelous night filled with entertainment. Each year there are prizes given out

to couples and individuals for "Best Dressed", although everyone was a winner, the top prizes went to:

First place couple, Dom/Ahnic Atkinson-Bell and Zoe Munn. Individual 1st place winner-Nari

Gibbs, 2nd place, Alayah Glenn and 3rd place Sanari Rose.

Elease Brown would like to thank all the participants, Kimberly Bell, Sandra McClammy, Ocean House and Liz Yates.

PEOPLE’S CLINIC

Diabetes complications: Reducing your risk and living your best life

Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the United States, and the rates of diabetes are continuing to increase, especially for African Americans. There are an estimated 29.1 million people in the United States with diabetes, and of those more than 8 million are undiagnosed.

- Did you know?**
- African Americans are up to 2.5 times more likely to develop diabetes compared to whites,
 - AA adults are have the faster growing rates of diabetes diagnosis of any race/ethnic group
 - AA adults are also more likely to suffer with diabetes complications and to die from the disease
- What is Diabetes?**
- According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA), diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. There are four main types of diabetes: Pre-diabetes, Type 1 (body does not produce insulin, also called juvenile diabetes), Type 2 (body does not use insulin properly, most common type) and Gestational (during pregnancy). Diabetes often goes undiagnosed because many of its symptoms seem so harmless. Symptoms of diabetes can include: frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability and blurry vision.
- Diabetes increases your risk of many serious health problems, so it is very important to have regular checkups and learn how to best manage diabetes to reduce the risk of complications. Most of us know someone in our family or a friend with diabetes, so educating ourselves about how to live our best lives with the disease helps us all make our communities healthier.
- What are the potential complications of Diabetes?
- Kidney Disease - Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney disease in the US. Our kidneys filter our blood to remove waste products, one of which is excess glucose (blood sugar). Due to the high levels of blood sugar often present in persons with diabetes, the kidneys must work harder and as a result can sustain damage. There are treatments, such as diet change and medication, but once the kidneys fail, dialysis is needed. Dialysis is a process by which blood is filtered by machinery outside the body, and persons on dialysis usually require this treatment 2-3 times per week, for a few hours each time.
 - Stroke - Stroke is when the blood supply to part of your brain is stopped or interrupted. Persons with diabetes are 1.5 times more likely to have a stroke compared to persons without diabetes. This can be due to damage to the blood vessels, and also the fact that persons with diabetes are more likely to have high blood pressure and/or high cholesterol, which also increase risk for stroke.
 - High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) - The ADA states that 2 out of 3 people with diabetes also have high blood pressure (HBP) - blood pressure greater than 120/80 mmHg. The top number is your heart pushing against the artery walls (systolic) and the bottom number is when your heart rests in between beats (diastolic). HBP is when your blood moves with too much force through your vessels, and increases risk of stroke, heart attack, eye and kidney disease. Often, there are no symptoms until damage has already been done.
 - Heart Disease - Like stroke

- and HBP, persons with diabetes are at greater risk of developing heart disease. 2 out of every 3 people with diabetes will die from heart disease or stroke. Since diabetes can damage blood vessels, and as many people with diabetes have other risk factors for heart disease such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and obesity, they are more than twice as likely to develop heart disease compared to people without diabetes.
- Eye Disease - Diabetes is the #1 cause of adult onset blindness in the US. The most common eye complications for people with diabetes are glaucoma (pressure in the eye due to blood vessels that do not flow properly), cataracts (clouding of the eye lens that reduces vision) and retinopathy (all disease that affect the retina of the eye). Although these conditions can lead to blindness, with regular eye exams, many people with diabetes can avoid these issues.
- Neuropathy (nerve damage) - Nerve damage reduces your ability to feel pain and/or temperature change, and as a result persons with neuropathy can sustain an injury (feet being the most common) and not be aware until it becomes infected and/or the skin breaks down. Poor circulation (due to blood vessel damage, also known as peripheral artery disease) prevents the body from healing normally, so injuries can worsen quickly and have difficulty healing.
- Lower Limb Amputation - Diabetes is the leading cause of non-traumatic lower limb amputation in the US. Persons with diabetes are much more likely to have a foot or leg amputated due to neuropathy or peripheral artery disease (PAD). In combination, these increase the risk of injury/infection that may result in amputation. About 75,000 lower limb amputations are done on persons with diabetes over the age of 20 every year. However, with regular care and monitoring, these issues can often be prevented or treated early if they do occur.
- Skin Complications - Persons with diabetes are at greater risk for developing multiple skin conditions including infections, rashes, and discolored/raised/irritated skin. Persons with diabetes should have regular skin checks to monitor their skin and treat any issues early.
- Digestive Complications - Persons with both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes can suffer with a condition called gastroparesis, in which the stomach takes too long to process food/drink. This can make it more difficult to manage blood glucose, because when the stomach contents are finally processed, blood glucose can rise.
- Depression - Persons with diabetes are at greater risk for developing depression, potentially due to stress of daily management of the disease, dealing with diabetes complications, feeling alone from friends/family after diagnosis, lack of access to care, among others. If you are depressed you may not be able to take care of yourself well, which affects blood glucose and in turn increases your risk for complications.
- Dementia - Research suggests persons with diabetes are at greater risk of developing dementia (including Alzheimer's disease), which could be due to multiple factors, including presence of other complications (stroke, high blood pressure) and/or damage to blood vessels that is a result of high blood glu-

cose. There is currently more research ongoing in this area to gain a better understanding of the direct relationship between diabetes and dementia.

•Flu, Pneumonia - Diabetes can weaken your immune system (the part of your body that fights infection) and thus make it harder for you to fight viruses (like the flu) and bacteria. Having the flu can affect your blood glucose and put you at risk for complications like pneumonia. Persons with diabetes should get the flu vaccine every year to reduce their risk of getting the flu and related complications. For the pneumococcal vaccine, one dose may be sufficient, however in some cases a second dose is needed, if so, it should be given 5 years after the first dose. Your healthcare provider can tell you if you need one or two doses.

How can you reduce the risk of complications?

Whether you have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, it is essential that you learn how to manage your diabetes, so you

can prevent and hopefully avoid complications. It is essential that you make time to talk with your healthcare team about your care, so that you can come up with a treatment plan that will work best for you. It is very important to take an active role in your health care; after all, your well-being is on the line! Important components to managing your diabetes include:

1. Eat a healthy diet. This doesn't mean you can never have sweets again! It simply means that sweets need to be eaten only in moderation, as part of a sensible diet, and combined with physical activity. Limit the amount of calories from fat by eating lean meats, fish or poultry, choosing reduced fat snacks, and cutting back on added fats such as butter or mayonnaise. Limiting the portion sizes of your meals, and eating foods that are high in fiber also helps keep the blood sugar down and gives you that feeling of "fullness" so you can avoid getting too many calories. Eating whole

wheat breads, fruits and vegetables and whole grain cereals are the great choices. Limit the amount of salt that you add when cooking and at the table.

2. Get moving and lose excess weight. Physical activity is important for everyone, especially for people with diabetes. Begin and/or maintain an active lifestyle through exercise, by finding ways to be active that are enjoyable for you and your family. A good way to get started is to calculate 5% of your body weight and lose that much. For instance, a person who weighs 200 pounds can lose 10 pounds (5%) to take the first steps in reducing their risk for complications.
3. Follow your doctor's recommendations and monitor other health issues. When diet and exercise are not enough, your doctor may prescribe medications to maintain normal or close to normal blood sugar or insulin levels. It is important to monitor your other health conditions, like high blood pressure, to make sure any issues

are found and addressed early.

4. Have regular foot and eye exams. Since diabetes significantly increases the risk of eye disease and injury due to neuropathy/PAD, checking these areas regular increases the chances of noticing problems and addressing them early.

The Good News: With treatment, proper diabetes management and lifestyle changes, many complications can be prevented. Diabetes does not mean we can't live healthy, enjoyable, active lives; we only have to learn how to live our best lives with diabetes, for ourselves and our loved ones.

Do you need further information, support or have questions or comments, about this article? Please visit the ADA website at www.diabetes.org. For information about the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity and healthcare resources in your area, please visit: <http://www.wakehealth.edu/MACHE> or call 336-713-7613.

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Mercedes I. Jones Newsome

Mercedes Ioma Jones Newsome, 86, of Wilmington, NC, daughter of the late Thomas Henry Jones and Katie Burnett Jones, and loving wife of Carter W. Newsome passed away at home on October 27, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. Funeral services were Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Burial followed in the Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Educated in New Hanover county schools, graduating in the Williston Class of '47, and then from Virginia State College in Petersburg, VA where she majored in Education with an emphasis on history and language arts. After graduation, she returned to her home town of Wilmington, NC where she taught at Blount, Williston Junior High, D.C. Virgo, Chestnut, Trask, and Laney schools. Her post graduate pursuits included studies at the University of Georgia, University of South Carolina, and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She also was selected to participate in a teacher leadership program at the Governor's School of North Carolina at Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC.

Retirement freed Mercedes

to travel, get more involved in the community, and to enjoy some personal pursuits including spoiling "her" Ayana. She loved traveling, including visits to far away places like Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, Greece, England, France, Italy, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Morocco, and most of the states of the United States. She enjoyed scrapbooking and volunteering with the Girls and Boys Club, the YWCA, New Hanover Memorial Hospital Board. Her other pursuits included serving as National Editor and National Treasurer of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, chair of United Negro College Fund of the Cape Fear and serving on the Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Giving back was an integral part of her life and, as such, she was affiliated with numerous organizations including the Retired Teachers of the Cape Fear Area, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The Links, Inc., The Cliques Social Club, and Williston Class of 1947.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Carter W. Newsome; daughter, Dr. Paula Renee Newsome of Charlotte, NC; and one granddaughter, Ayana Renee Washington. She is also survived by Walter Smith, Jr., nephew, of Smithfield, NC and Pocahontas Renee Jones Reynolds, niece (William Edward) of Washington, DC and a host of other nieces and nephews, as well as great nieces and nephews. *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.*

Lee Ethel Smith Freeman

Evangelist Lee Ethel Smith

Freeman, First Lady of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC was born June 28, 1949 to the late Oscar and Earlie Smith. She transitioned peacefully Wednesday, October 26 at 12:15 p.m. at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Evans Family Cemetery.

Growing up, Evangelist Freeman always had a friendly manner and a gorgeous smile. She was very family oriented and always did what she could for others. She made a life change by accepting Christ as her Savior and was never the same. She attended Brunswick County Schools. Her passion to help others inspired her to get her CNA Certification from Brunswick Community College. She worked at Brunswick Hospital and in her willingness to simply serve; she also performed private duty nursing for a number of years. March 16, 1972 she was united in marriage to Prather Freeman. Together they reared five beautiful children. She was later graced with two step children.

In spite of life's issues and circumstances after she suffered a stroke in 1992 with God's help she accomplished much for the Kingdom. She received her Associate Degree in Theology on June 30, 2006 and her Bachelor Degree in Theology on June 01, 2007 from the NC College of Theology. Evangelist Lee Freeman never ceased to tell others about Jesus and all that life could be in knowing Him. It didn't matter if she was at home or in the hospital, she gave credit to God. She would always encourage others in the Lord.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband Pastor Prather Freeman

(Billy) of the home; five children; Howard Floyd of Georgia, Cheryl White Leland, NC, Shelia (Lewis) Henderson of Rocky Point, NC, Dennis (Sissy) Freeman and Jessica Freeman of Bolivia; two Step Children; Monique and Johnathan Halyard and ten Grandchildren; two sisters, Estelle Joyner and Virginia (Robert) Dodd of Bolivia, NC; two step sisters, Helen Jones and Josephine Douglas; one brother, Jeffrey Smith of Bolivia; seven sisters in law, four brothers in law; five aunts, and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. Special God Children; Annie Johnson, Tameka Godwin and Tiffany Anderson; special friends, Raymond & Helen Wright, Sarah King and Margie Bryant. 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.

Jennette Butts

Jennette E. Butts, age 84, of Riegelwood, passed away, Sunday, October 30, 2016. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 5, 2016, at Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church. A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m on Friday, November 4. The interment will take place the Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery following services. *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.*

Mildred Simmons

Mildred E. Hill Simmons, age 83, of Wilmington, passed away, Thursday, October 27, 2016. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 5, 2016, at Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church. A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4. The interment will take place at Greenlawn Memorial Park following services. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.*

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Jennifer A. Terrell and Javoke S. Terrell

New Hanover County

Church Women United will hold World Community Day program on Friday, November 4th at Cape Fear Presbyterian Church, 2606 Newkirk Ave. Coffee and registration will be at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church Scotts Hill, 8800 Market St., will celebrate its 115th church anniversary and homecoming on Sunday, November 6th. Rev. George Murray and Mt. Nebo Baptist church will be the guests at 3:00 p.m. Dinner will follow the morning service.



Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 719 Walnut St., Beautification Ministry will present Soup for the Soul, "Fall into the Spirit" by Carl Newton, and Lee Jamison on Friday, November 4th. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. For further information please call 910-228-7178 or 910-520-5827.

Religious Briefs

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at Masonboro will hold their 147th Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, November 13th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Anthony Watson of Mount Olive AME Church and his church family. Dinner will be served immediately after morning service. For more information please contact Brenda General at 910-200-0787 or Shiloh at Masonboro 910-799-9534.

Brunswick County

Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 237 Snowfield Rd SE, Leland, will celebrate their Annual Homecoming on Sunday, November 13th at 3:30 p.m. The guest for the afternoon service will be District Elder Russell Rogers, choir and congregation of Pentecostal United Holy Church, Lumberton, NC. For further information contact Minister Sandra Bullard at 910-338-7264.

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

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Trust and faith

BY SHEILA ROSS AND FANNIE ALLEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

At the weekly meeting of the Senior Citizens' Fellowship, we opened with the singing of "There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood." Prayer was led by Julia Bibbs. We then sang "No, Not One." Thanks for our wonderful devotional part of our meeting under the direction of the choir director, George Hill, and the inspirational choir.

The speaker for the day was Thelma Gates. Her topic was "Trust and Faith." Psalm 56:3 was used as the reference for her subject. Trust is a firm belief in the honesty of others. Faith is unquestioning belief that is specified in God or religion. The Lord provides our needs and protects us from danger. He will bless us at all times. We can have faith in the Lord, family, and friends. Our Father made the promise that all who come in faith will find forgiveness at the cross. With thankfulness and faith and trust, we can rise and have peace of mind. Thank you for that warm and inspiring message. To God be the glory!

Minutes were then read by the Secretary Mildred Ellerby. It was then time for the Callers' Report. Gladys Taylor had the most members present today. Thanks to all the callers and the members that were present. Prayers were made for all the sick and shut in. We miss you all and pray for speedy recoveries. God bless and keep you all in his care. Announcements and remarks were made. Please govern yourself accordingly. "Smiles" were given by Mary Martin. Thanks for the laughter for it is truly good for the soul. Our circle was formed and we were led into prayer by Minister Henrietta McGlenn. Meeting was adjourned.

There were 46 members present.

SENIOR MOMENTS

How can we help our youth avoid the pitfalls of life

My Fellow Seniors:

Some of you might remember that, a few weeks ago, I turned in an article that was almost identical to one I had turned in before. So while searching for ideas, I picked up a copy of The Final Call, a newspaper which I had not read in years. It was founded by Minister Louis Farrakhan.



Ruth Johnson

My guess is, you don't read it either. But for heaven's sake, why not?

Did you know his goal is to separate the races while the Christian goal is to integrate. Why don't we take a closer look at this man? He is recruiting young people throughout the country. This is something we could talk about if we would just widen the doors of the church. Many times I have said, "Let us widen the doors of the church or just put something more on the table." Maybe some churches are already doing just that. I will check it out and let you know.

Read the October 25th issue of The Final Call. That paper says certain vaccinations are hurting our children. Does your doctor know about this?

How can we help our young people avoid the pitfalls of life if we fail to look into such things? Why can't we have community Sunday once in a while so that we could be better informed about all things?

The church is the center of the community. It is the place where we come together and talk about all things, right? I could mention a dozen topics, but I have no expertise on any of them. You know who the experts are. Therefore, why not invite them to church and give them a few minutes to speak, just as the politicians do.

Why doesn't the National Baptist Association stand up to Louis Farrakhan? He wants Black people to have our own separate country here in America. Is he crazy? I would rather have Donald Trump as a leader.

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

TELL SOMEBODY

"I choose to serve God"

"No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." St. Luke 16:13

Serve - To render obedience and worship to God

According to scripture, men have always been servants. Before accepting Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, we were all servants to sin. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness." Romans 6:16

"But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:22,23

Jesus Christ our Savior, came in the form of a servant. He is The Chief Servant for every Christian to pattern after, and use as a role model of perfection. Philippians 2:7 spoke of Jesus Christ, "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." There are many good men to use as patterns of servanthood, but each man at his best has some failure in his life. The man Jesus, was without sin and perfect in all his ways.

"But whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." St. Matthew 20:26, 27, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." St. Mark 10:45



Sylvia Hooper

It is an honor and a privilege to be a servant of God! For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We then, who have been saved by grace, and not of works, lest any man should boast, should experience the joy of being a servant of God from the heart. This should be done from a heart full of love and appreciation for salvation, deliverance, and everlasting life obtained from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, our new master..... A servant's duty is to honor his master, to be obedient to his Word, and to be faithful. God the Father has promised blessings upon every obedient servant and great reward to every good and faithful servant.

A servant of God's manner of doing things should reflect the manner and behavior of his master. He is accountable to God to obey God's instructions for the way in which he lives as he serves. II Timothy 2:24,25,26, "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient. In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves: if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

According to Ephesians 4:1, let every soul who sincerely seeks to serve God walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love: Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Let us walk by faith, walk in the light, and walk humbly with our God.

If we indeed choose to serve the Lord, let us be a witness, and give God the glory because He is Worthy of the honor !!! Tell Somebody!

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

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Warner Temple AME Zion Church

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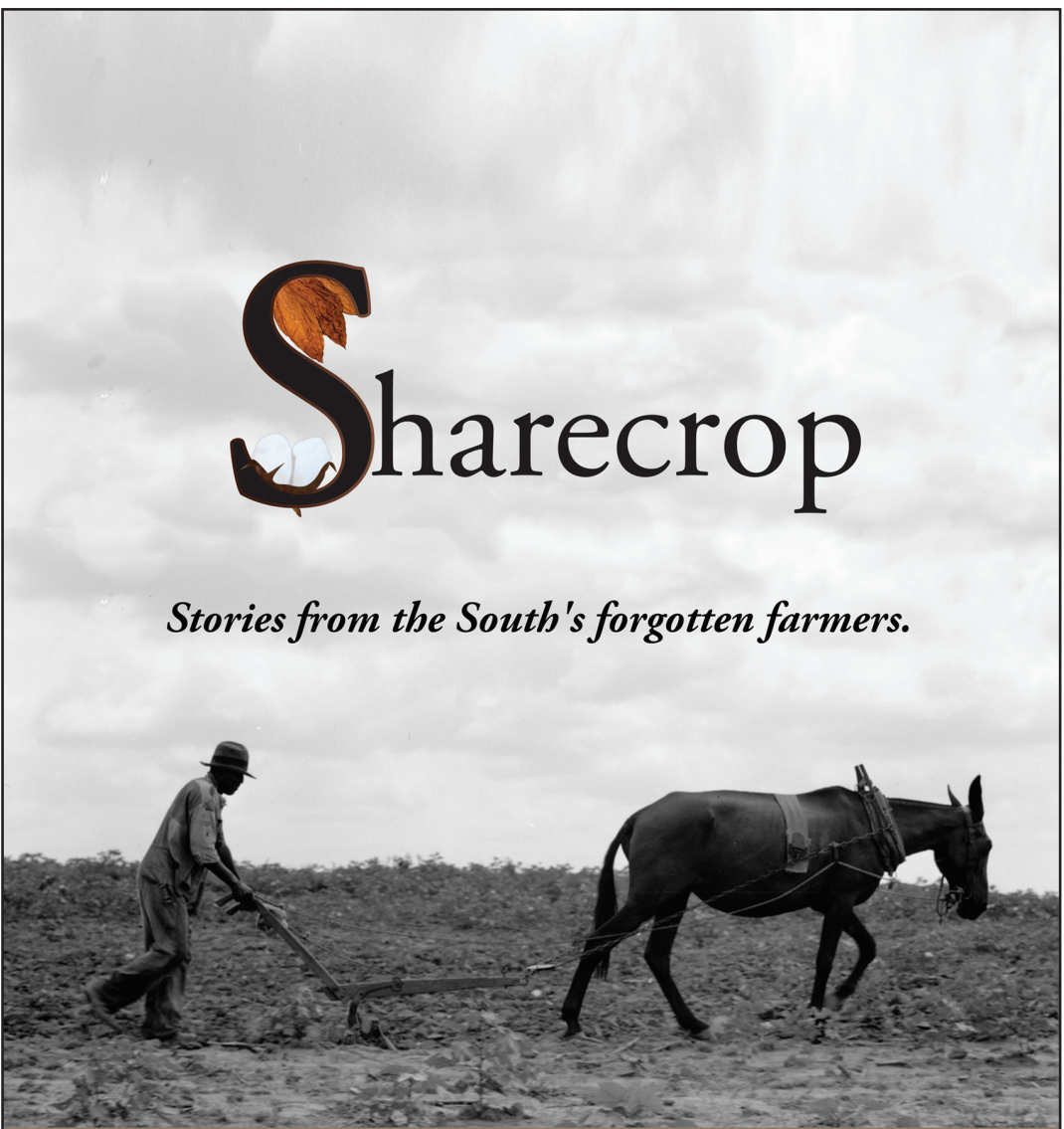
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **George T. Milliken**, late of 2645 Route 6, Eastham, MA 02642, and owning property located at: 115 S. 15th Street, 115 S. 15th Street, Unit A, and 113 S. 15th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, 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 **January 18, 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 14th day of October, 2016.
Steve J. Milliken
Executor of the Estate of George T. Milliken
CLARK, NEWTON & EVANS PA
509 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Vally Rae Wannamaker Stroman**, 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 **20th 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 20th day of October, 2016

Beverley B. Stroman, Executrix
204 N. Main St.
Rolesville, NC 27571

October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Patricia Bialock Beverly**, 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 **20th 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 20th day of October, 2016

Robert Charles Beverly, Administrator
4613 Westgate Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
In the Matter of the Estate of
Melba Hines Neville, Deceased

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Melba Hines Neville**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **February 2, 2017**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of October, 2016.

Kimberly Woody Getz
Executor of the Estate
Melba Hines Neville
c/o Anthony L. Register
Alley, Register & McEachern
701 North 4th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2016

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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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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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.
Castile 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 Reminisc Rd.
Castile 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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INVITATION TO BID

Brunswick County is seeking bids for construction of: EF Middleton Boulevard Water Main Improvements. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., November 22, 2016, at the Brunswick County Public Utilities Operations Center in Supply, NC. An open (non-mandatory) pre-bid meeting will be held for all interested bidders and vendors at 3:00 p.m. November 8, 2016, in the Utilities Operations Center. For additional information please contact: Jamie Fitzsimmons: McKim & Creed, Inc.; (910) 343-1048.

November 3, 2016

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Telephone: 910-762-3159

October 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 **Margaret Foy Lewis**, 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 **20th 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 20th day of October, 2016

Calvin Everett Lewis, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Margaret Foy Lewis
1121 Essex Drive
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16 North Fifth Avenue
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, **Lorraine K. Noll**, having qualified on the 19th day of October, 2016, as Personal Representative of the Estate **Dixie S. Woodbury (16-E-1393)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **27th day of January, 2017**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 24th of October, 2016.

Lorraine K. Noll, Personal Representative
ESTATE OF DIXIE S. WOODBURY
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Beamon Meares** (16-E-1396), late of 201 Spartan Road, Wilmington, NC 28405, 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 25, 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 27th day of October, 2016

Evonne Smith, Executor of the Estate of Beamon Meares
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2016

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The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA) will be listing surplus vehicles on Gov Deals starting November 15th Please go to www.wha.net for further information.

October 27, November 3, 2016

D. Evans Contracting, Inc. is seeking MBE/DBE bid proposals for labor and/or materials for all trades required for Coastline Inn Riverfront Stabilization Project Number: RW-CTT-1116. Bids are due on or before 12:00 noon, Mon. Nov. 21, 2016. Contact Melissa Evans at (910) 452 7819 or melissa@devanscontracting.com.

November 3, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Terrie G. Thomas**, 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 **27th 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 27th day of October, 2016

Shawn Thomas, Administrator
9594 Hevener St.
Leland, NC 28451

October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **G. Louise Willis**, 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 **27th 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 27th day of October, 2016

A. Randall Willis, Executor of the Estate of G. Louise Willis
805 S. Topsail Drive
Surf City, NC 28445
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2016

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

In Re Dissolution of Tustin Consulting Services, Inc. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 55-14-7

Having submitted Articles of Dissolution to the North Carolina Secretary of State for filing, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against Tustin Consulting Services, Inc. to present sufficient information to identify the claimant, nature and amount of the indebtedness along with an affidavit in support of said claim to the undersigned at the address given below on or before November 4, 2021 -- or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Corporation please make immediate payment.

On this day, November 3, 2016.

Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr., Attorney for Tustin Consulting Services, Inc.
The Rodgers Law Firm, PLLC
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November 3, 2016

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 14 JT 285

IN THE MATTER OF:
K.J.P. (dob: 13 December 2014)

TO: GREGORY PARKER AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

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 K.J.P.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, October 27, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 27th day of October, 2016.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
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October 27, November 3, 10, 2016

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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
File No. 16 JT 286

IN THE MATTER OF:
E.L.M. (DOB: 06-24-2016)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

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 children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following October 27, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR December 5, 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 27th day of October, 2016.

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel.#: 910-795-0230
Fax #: 910-401-1485

October 27, November 3, 10, 2016

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 16 JT 201

IN THE MATTER OF:
J.L.P. (DOB: 30 APRIL 2009)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

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

Termination of all parental rights you have to J.L.P.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 27th day of October, 2016.

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FILE NO. 15 JT 186

IN THE MATTER OF:
S.M.C. (DOB: 4/16/2013)
TO: R E S P O N D E N T FATHER: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MALE CHILD

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 male child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than NOVEMBER 29, 2016, said date being forty (40) days following the first date of publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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, or upon a date and time set thereafter. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

This the 17th day of October, 2016.

Regina Floyd-Davis
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 15 JT 152

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

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

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following November 3, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, December 19, 2016 AT 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter at the Department of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of November, 2016.

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November 3, 10, 17, 2016

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

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

TO: RESPONDENT: KENYA M. JOHNSON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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 **November 3, 2016**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

Attorney LeeAnne Quattrucci, has been appointed to represent you and she can be reached at 401 Chestnut Street, Suit J, Wilmington, NC 28401 or at 910-795-0230 or at laqlaw@yahoo.com.

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

This the 3rd day of November, 2016.

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November 3, 10, 17, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Margaret Lee Poland Justice**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify that all persons having claims against the said estate to present such claims to the undersigned on or before the **4th day of February, 2017**, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of November, 2016.

Robert C. Kenan, Jr., Executor
MOORE & KENAN Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 957
Burgaw, NC 28425
(910) 259-9800

November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Marion Hull Lash**, deceased, New Hanover County 16-E-1348, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, gives notice to all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned at the offices of Alan M. Solana, Solana, Theriault & Gross, PLLC, Attorneys at Law, 1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, NC 28403, on or before the **1st day of February, 2017**, or this Notice will be pleased in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of November, 2016.

Nancy J. Lash, Executrix
c/o Alan M. Solana, Attorney at Law
Solana, Theriault & Gross, PLLC
1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200
Wilmington, NC 28403

November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF BERKELEY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION COURT FILE NO: 12 CVD 000704

DAVID A. HOLTSCLAW, PETITIONER v. CRISTA Y. HOLTSCLAW, RESPONDENT

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 an absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 30 days from the first publication date 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 3rd day of November, 2016

David A. Holtsclaw
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November 3, 10, 17, 2016

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Desirable Education, Experience, and Requirements

Certification as an EMT-Paramedic and strong supervisory experience. Bachelor's degree with seven to ten years of experience in emergency medical services including administrative and supervisory work; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge and abilities. Education and experience can substitute for one another.

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Desirable Education, Experience, and Requirements

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How to Apply: You can submit an application at <http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/humanresources/>

ENTERTAINMENT

ASK ALMA with ALMA GILL



Instead of spending quality time with his kids, my son drops them off at my house

Dear Alma,

I need your advice. I love my son with all my heart. He's been a good son and never gave us any problems. He and his girlfriend have lived together for the past five years and they have two children together. They just recently separated and he said it was his choice. He says he should have experienced more in life before settling down with a family. I want to be here to support him in any way that I can. I love my grandchildren and would do anything in the world for them. Here's my problem: for over three months, on my son's visitation weekends he brings his girls over and drops them off with me. I don't want to come off like an ungrateful grandmother, but I don't think this is right. I think he should spend time with them, especially since they don't live together anymore. What do you think, Alma, am I blowing things out of proportion?

Signed, One Concerned Grandmother

Dear Concerned,

Look Granny, there's one thing I know for sure and that's every woman knows her child. I think you feel like your son is taking advantage of you, and I agree, he is. Clearly, his weekend plans do not include his children. A mother's intuition is better than any radar detector, GPS or Google map app. We know what we know. So what you gonna do about it?

Bringing this to his attention, Me-ma, may not convey the truth you seek. You and I both know he'll deny these actions and accuse you of not wanting to spend quality time with your grands. This is not the case I'm sure, but manipulators are all the same, it's only the names that change. The truth of the matter is, he drops off the kids to you because you let him. So again I ask, what you gonna do about it?

Your question is about him, but my answer is about you. It's time that you deal with your grown up son like the man and father that he is and stop worrying about hurting his feelings. He survived not getting his way when he was five and he will now. The next time he comes by with the children, tell him you're a busy "Glam-Ma" and you're heading out. Nope, the kids can't join you. Do this two or three times, because you need to build up your confidence and not feel guilty about your actions. Stop allowing your son to take advantage of you and disappoint his kids. Real life isn't like a monopoly game, there are "No get out of jail" or responsibility free cards to be won.

Your grandchildren are to be loved, cherished and enjoyed at your convenience and availability, just like everyone else in your life. This situation isn't about you, it's about your son and his accountability as a father.

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: alwaysaskalma@gmail.com. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @almaaskalma.

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