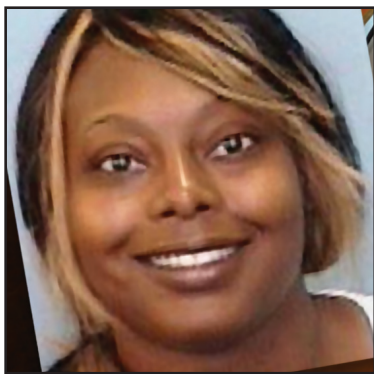


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

1898 REMEMBRANCE

On Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m., NHC Chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus and Black Lives Matter, Wilmington, NC will hold a program in observance of the 1898 Massacre. The public is invited.

Rev. Dr. Kojo Nantambu and other local speakers will be participating. The event is hosted by St. Andrews AME Church, 1201 South 9th Street Pastor Henry Gregory. The Wilmington Insurrection of 1898, also known as the Wilmington Massacre of 1898 or the Wilmington Race Riot of 1898 began in Wilmington, North Carolina on November 10, 1898. Laura Edwards wrote in *Democracy Betrayed* (2000), "What happened in Wilmington became an affirmation of white supremacy not just in that one city, but in the South and in the nation as a whole."

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

A DIVIDED NATION

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I have watched the election process as it has come down to tonight (Tuesday) and have found a divided United States, divided mostly down racial lines and on skin color. This has come at a time when we are supposed to be far beyond this type of hatred. However, I see groups of people who have already united with guns and warfare training because they thought there was going to be a civil war here in the United States if Trump had lost his race for the White House. It is the hatred that has been stamped in these people's minds in the last six years. We are a divided nation on what's right and what's wrong when it

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Trump shocks world



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Somber crowd awaits Clinton before being asked to go home. She publicly conceded the election the morning after.

Black leaders examine meaning of his win

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
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New York (TriceEdneyWire.com) In an epic victory that sent shockwaves around the world, billionaire Donald Trump - ending a campaign characterized by bigotry, insults, vulgarities, sexism, racism and hate speech - became president-elect of the United States on Tuesday, contrasting his vitriolic campaign rhetoric with a softened appeal for unity.

"I've just received a call from Secretary Clinton. She congratulated us...on our victory. And I congratulated her and her family on a very, very hard fought campaign. She fought very hard. Hillary has worked very long and very hard over a long period of time and we owe her a major debt of gratitude to her service for our country," Trump said in his victory speech.

Appearing to extend an olive branch directly to his opponents, Trump added, "Now it's time for America to bind the wounds of division. We have to get together. To all Republicans and Democrats and Independents across the nation, I say it is time for us to come together as one united people. It's time."

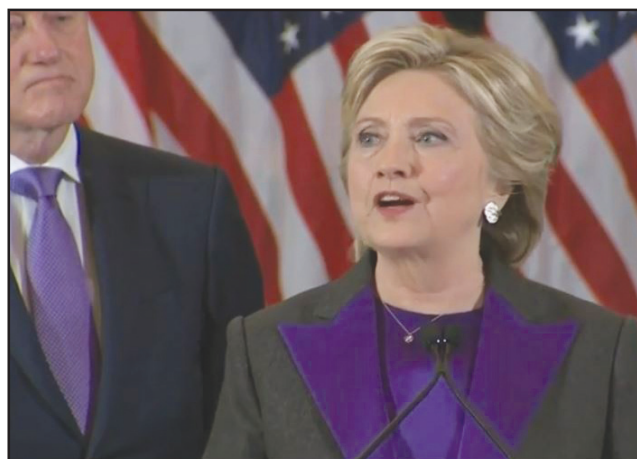
He continued, "I pledge to every citizen of our lands that I will be the president for the American people. For those who have chosen not to support me in the past, for which there were a few people, I'm reaching out to you for your guidance and your help so we can work together and unify our great country."

The electoral vote of 289-218 won the election for Trump at a magnitude that was least expected by exuberant Democrats who gathered at New York's Jacob K. Javits Convention Center for Hillary Clinton's Victory Party. He only needed 270 to win.

Although he won the majority of Electoral College votes, it was Clinton who won the popular vote, 59,429,038 to 59,240,076.

As the night grew late and Trump began to win state after state, even the press room grew nearly silent as reporters - anticipating the coverage of a victory party - watched the anticipated story of America's first woman president dissipate before their eyes.

The loss was clear when Clinton Campaign Chairman John Podesta informed the hundreds of reporters that there would be no party and no immediate speech from Clinton as "several states are too close to call so we're not going to have anything more to say tonight". After



SCREEN SHOT

Clinton concedes election to Donald Trump.



SCREEN SHOT

Donald Trump gives victory speech at mid-Manhattan hotel.

the media declared Trump the winner in the early morning hours, Clinton privately called Trump to congratulate him and concede the election, but did not give a public concession speech until mid-morning on Wednesday.

"Last night I congratulated Donald Trump and offered to work with him on behalf of our country. I hope that he will be a successful president for all Americans," she said. "This is not the outcome that we wanted or that we

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JUDGE MIKE MORGAN



COMMISSIONER JONATHAN BARFIELD

Judge Morgan wins high court seat; Appellate Democrats lose; NHC results

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A fluke on North Carolina ballots may have contributed to Wake Superior Court Judge Mike Morgan's triumphant victory election night, when he won a seat on the North Carolina Supreme Court in stunning fashion.

Justice-elect Morgan defeated incumbent Republican Robert Edmunds decisively, 54 to 46 percent, thus shifting the power on the state's seven-member High Court to its Democratic members 4-3.

Among the many reasons why

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COOPER WINS; COLEMAN AND BLUE III LOSE

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

By the slimmest of electoral margins, Democrat Roy Cooper outpointed incumbent Republican Gov. Pat McCrory election night by approximately 4,500 votes. Governor McCrory told a cheering crowd that possibly "thousands" of provisional ballots across the state, which had not been counted yet, could still determine the outcome.

"There has to be a process, and we have to respect the process," the governor maintained, noting that Nov. 18th is the canvass date that the final totals in all election night races will be determined in North Carolina.

A happy Roy Cooper, however, declared vic-

tory election night, apparently confident that outstanding provisional ballots will lean his way. Over 4.7 million ballots were cast.

The race between state Atty. Gen. Cooper and Gov. McCrory was hotly contested for months, with the lead in the polls shifting between the two up until the very end.

If Cooper ultimately wins the governorship, he will have to contend with a NC General Assembly where Republicans have maintained super-majorities in both the state House and Senate.

Meanwhile Democrat Linda Coleman, a former state lawmaker, once again fell short in

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ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER



GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY



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 comes to equal rights and civil rights. If we want change that will take Brunswick County and the United States forward, we must begin to do what is right for the people. If not, we will destroy ourselves.
 We will know very soon what direction the President-elect Donald Trump will take. Here, in Brunswick County and elsewhere in the nation, we need a new direction and an old religion. That is of God and not of man who wants to oppress and distress our citizens. People of color, no matter what their qualifications, are often treated very badly, but, elected officials, God is not dead! In the Book of Isaiah 10:1-3, the Word spoke to the leaders who misused His people and told them of the treatment he would put upon them. We must keep the faith and hold on to God, and His grace will see us through these times of trouble!!
 Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

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worked so hard for and I'm sorry that we did not win this election for the values we share and the vision we have for our country. But I feel pride and gratitude for this wonderful campaign that we built together. For this vast, diverse, unruly, energized campaign. You represent the best of America and being your candidate has been one of the greatest honors of my life."

Meanwhile, civil rights leaders have already begun to strategize and ponder how the Black community must react.

"I'm stunned. I'm shocked and it was unexpected," said National Urban League President Marc Morial. "But beyond that it is really difficult until we really look at the returns and really sit down and evaluate what this means before really saying what the path forward is going to be."

He said civil rights leaders had already spoken Wednesday morning to begin mapping a direction and reaction. "Obviously we extend our congratulations to the winner, but we haven't decided what we're going to do," said Morial. "It suffices to say that there are numerous discussions going on about what this might mean, what are the issues at hand, how we as a collective will deal with him. There are a lot of issues. The point's not dry on this."

Morial said civil rights leaders are going to be deeply concerned about civil rights enforcement, the future of Black economic challenges.

"You become the president-elect and the meat of it is not really what you say but what you do."

CNN exit polls reported that Trump received 12 percent of the Black vote. That was much higher than the 2 percent that was anticipated. President



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SOME OPENLY CRIED.

Barack Obama, who campaign vigorously for Clinton, along with First Lady Michelle Obama, received more than 90 percent of the Black vote, had criticized Trump as "dangerous."

Rev. Anthony Evans, president of the National Black Church Initiative is convinced that the unexpected Black vote for Trump - regardless of how small - represents a righteous backlash against some of the Obama Administration's lead issues such as same-sex marriage. While Democrats have championed the right to gay marriage and embraced it as a hallmark issue, the U. S. Supreme Court, nearly two years ago, declared it to be legal and constitutional. However, millions in Black and other churches remain against it, based on scripture, Rev. Evans pointed out.

"The churches in our coalition took this election very seriously. And we tried to send three very clear messages: One, we were extremely disappointed in the Democratic Party and what they did surrounding same-sex marriage and blocking the Black church. Number two, we wanted to declare our political independence from the Black Democratic machine, including the

Congressional Black Caucus and particularly Al Sharpton and everybody else."

Thirdly, Evans said he wanted to be clear that the NBCI did not advocate a vote for Trump or for Clinton. "What we discovered is there is a core of Black religious voters who will follow scripture, who will pray, who will take their time and educate themselves on the issues. They will not listen to the White House. They will not listen to the Democratic Party. They will not listen to the Republican Party. They will listen to their faith."

Evans said it was not only the same-sex marriage issue, but the lack of strong movement against Blacks being shot by police, lack of support of Black colleges and Black-owned businesses among other issues. "This was the Black faith voters saying we are now declaring our independence," Evans said, pointing to a Oct. 23 letter he sent to Black pastors imploring them not to allow "the White Press to tell us how to think about this race... We do not have all the answers but what we do have is an understanding that the Black Church can no longer be manipulated and utilized for someone else's agenda while Black people and Black



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THE PICTURE OF DISAPPOINTMENT, THIS YOUNG MAN SAT ON THE FLOOR IN DEEP REFLECTION.



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PREPARED FOR AN ELECTION NIGHT PARTY, A COUPLE EMBRACE UPON REALIZING THE NEWS THAT CLINTON HAD LOST THE ELECTION

congregants suffer at such an enormous rate."

Trump, meanwhile, is already envisioning his next move forward with what he perceives as a mandate, but, given the controversial statements made by him during the campaign, it is unclear what that mandate will look like.

"As I've said from the beginning, ours was not a

campaign but rather an incredible and great movement made up of millions of hardworking American men and women who worked together to make America better for their family," he said. "It is a movement combined of all races, religions, backgrounds, and beliefs who want and expect to serve the American people and serve the people it will."

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Justice-elect Morgan won his race Tuesday is because his name was printed first on the ballot over Justice Edmunds. Because Republicans are currently in control of the Governor's Office, they control the state and local boards of elections. Thus, they determined that in every partisan race between Democrats and

Republicans, Republican candidates would be listed first.

However, because of an appellate court ruling, the race between Morgan and Edmunds was officially designated to be non-partisan, and yet, because Morgan, a Democrat, appeared first, many election night observers believe those voting Republican in judicial races assumed that they were voting for one of their own.

Add to that the fact that

Democratic state appellate court candidates all lost their bids for office. Incumbent Judge Linda Stephens, Judge Margaret Eagles, former Judge Abraham Penn Jones, Wake District Court Vince Rozier, Mecklenburg District Court Judge Rickye McKoy-Mitchell all came up short, each losing to Republicans, and gaining the GOP five seats on the fifteen-member NC Court of Appeals.

In New Hanover County,

District 18 state House Representative Susi Hamilton won re-election, defeating Republican Gerald Benton to serve a fourth term.

In the state Senate District 9 race, Republican incumbent Sen. Michael Lee held off a challenge from Democrat Andrew Barnhill.

On the NHC Commission, incumbent Democrat Jonathan Barfield Jr. and Republican Woody White were re-elected

Tuesday evening, along with Republican newcomer Patricia Kusek.

In the NHC School Board race, all three Democratic challengers lost in their bids, but Republicans Lisa Estep, Jeannette Nichols and David Lee Wortman were all victorious.

On the Wilmington Parks Bond, 64% of voters approved the issue.

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her rematch with Republican Dan Forest in the contest for lieutenant governor, losing again to Forest, 52 to 45 percent. In 2012, Coleman came within a whisker of beating Forest.

Democrat Dan Blue III,

the son of state Senate Minority Leader Sen. Dan Blue [D-Wake], also lost in his bid for state treasurer, losing to Republican Dale Folwell, 53 - 47 percent. That seat was open when incumbent Janet Cowell decided not to run for another term.

Democrat June Atkinson, longtime state

superintendent of Public Instruction, lost her seat to Republican challenger Mark Johnson, 51 to 49 percent. Former Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker, a Democrat, was unsuccessful in his attempt to defeat incumbent Republican NC

Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry, 56 to 44 percent.

While Democratic incumbent state Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin lost reelection to Republican challenger Mike Causey, Democrat

state Auditor Beth Wood won another four-year term, 51 to 49 percent.

Former state Sen. Josh Stein, a Democrat, won his close contest over Republican Buck Newton for state attorney general, 50 to 49 percent.



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NC VOTERS RETURNED TO THE ROLLS AFTER RULING

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

On Election Day, thousands of North Carolina voters who had been illegally removed from the voting rolls of Beaufort, Moore and Cumberland counties because their voter registrations were cancelled, were able to cast their ballots, thanks to a federal judge's ruling which called their removal "insane."

The NC NAACP charged that the black voter removal by the three county boards of elections was another attempt by Republicans to suppress the black vote right before the crucial 2016 general election, and filed suit Oct. 31st in federal court in Winston-Salem against the State Board of Elections and three county BOE's cited.

US District Court Judge Loretta Biggs, in her Nov. 4th ruling, agreed.

"[T]here is little question that the County Boards' process of allowing third parties to challenge hundreds and, in Cumberland County, thousands of voters within 90 days before the 2016 General Election constitutes the type of "systematic" removal prohibited by the [National Voter Registration Act]," Judge Biggs wrote.

As outlined in the NC NAACP lawsuit and petition for an emergency injunction, members of a right-wing organization called "The Voter Integrity Project (TVIP) purportedly sent out thousands of pieces of mail addressed to mostly black voters in Beaufort, Moore and Cumberland counties just a few weeks before the Nov. 8th general election. Any single mailing that came back marked "undeliverable" by the post office was then taken to the local county board of elections as "proof" that the voter no longer lived at

that address, and therefore should be removed from the voting rolls. "...without written confirmation from the affected voters or compliance with federal voter registration laws."

According to the suit 3,951 voter registrations were challenged in Cumberland County, 400 in Moore County and 138 in Beaufort County.

But as the lawsuit maintained, the "undeliverable" scheme was in violation of the federal National Voter Registration Act, which clearly states that voters cannot be removed from the county rolls inside of 90 days before an election. That clearly wasn't done, and the removals were deemed "systematic" because the challenges came from members of TVIP were "coordinated."

Because of North Carolina's notorious recent history of legislatively attempting to suppress the black vote through the 2013 voter ID law, the US Department of Justice [DOJ] filed a "statement of interest" supporting the NC NAACP complaint.

"[T]he purge program at issue here rested on a mass mailing and the silence of voters largely unaware of the potential injury to their voting rights," the DOJ stated. In fact in many cases, the black voters targeted still lived at the addresses the alleged undeliverable mail came back from, or at the very least, were still living in the very county they were registered and eligible to vote in.

"The voter purges have a long history of being racially-motivated and terribly inaccurate, said Penda Hair, an attorney for the NAACP. "It's a time-worn GOP strategy to suppress the black vote that is being recycled in the run-up to Election Day."

The case was so outrageous, even President Barack Obama

talked about it on the campaign trail for Hillary Clinton as he urged crowds to vote.

On its website, the Voter Integrity Project blasted the NC NAACP for its action, maintaining that the civil rights group, was "...indirectly "attacking the race-blind research techniques of election integrity watchdogs in North Carolina."

"We will not take these false accusations lying down," TVIP stated on its website. "Our supporters work for the integrity of US elections by exposing vulnerabilities and recommending corrective action. We question the motives of the NAACP and other groups who respond to our research by calling us names and entangling us in legal maneuvering."

TVIP added that as a result of NCNAACP suit and media attention it garnered, the organization has been receiving numerous threats.

"The NAACP is defending rights of all North Carolinians to participate in this election and we will not back down and allow this suppression to continue," said Rev. William Barber II, president of the North



VOTERS AT CHAVIS COMMUNITY CENTER IN RALEIGH DURING EARLY VOTING PERIOD.

CASH MICHAELS PHOTO

Carolina NAACP. Meanwhile the NC African-American Republican Party touted in a pre-election press release that adding that the "North Carolina Obama Coalition [is] crumbling."

Trump wins NC

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In one of the most stunning electoral victories of any time in American history, controversial billionaire Donald J. Trump literally shocked the world, and proved every poll wrong, when he defeated Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton for the presidency.

The Washington Post called it, "The revenge of the working class whites."

Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke said Trump's victory was "one of the most exciting nights of my life."

The race was called by the Associated Press at 2:32 a.m. Nov. 9th after an evening that saw the Republican candidate conquer both red and Democratic blue states like Pennsylvania, Florida, and North Carolina.

The race in the Tar Heel state had been virtually neck-and-neck between Clinton and Trump going into Election night, and initial numbers had Clinton in the lead for a good portion of the evening. But in the end, Trump pulled ahead winning over 50 percent of North Carolina voters to Clinton's 45 percent.

According to pre-election analysis, Republicans got more people out to the polls for early voting than Democrats, thus giving them at least 120,000 vote edge when Election Day began. Plus, there was much concern that North Carolina's African-American vote was down by at least eight percent in early voting from what it was in 2012 when President Obama was running for reelection. Those two factors, observers believe, contributing to Trump's runaway victory in the state.

After Trump was declared the winner, Mrs. Clinton called him to personally concede the race. In his remarks at his victory party in New York City, Trump, with his new Vice President-elect Mike Pence at his side,

commended Clinton for her years of "...service to our country."

But the immediate reaction from Clinton supporters, bitter because they had hoped to welcome the first female president of the United States, was negative.

African-American commentators seemed to voice the anger and outrage of many on Twitter. CNN analyst Marc Lamont Hill wrote, "This is not about third parties. This is not about minority voters. This is about White Supremacy. Anything else is just a distraction."

MSNBC's Joy Reid wrote, "I've never been so wrong about an election. Old America and New America went into battle, and New America was utterly vanquished."

Many could not escape the irony that the man who for five years proclaimed that President Barack Obama was "born in Kenya, not in the United States," will now succeed the nation's first black president as the 45th Commander-in-chief when Trump is inaugurated on Friday, Jan. 20, 2017.

Once he takes office, Pres.-elect Trump will be able to stack the US Supreme Court with conservative justices, appoint right-wing ideologists like former NY Mayor Rudolph Giuliani as US Attorney General, and roll back much of Pres. Obama legacy triumphs, like the Affordable Care Act.

Democrats also failed to take back the US Senate, where four seats were up for grabs.

Just after 10 pm Tuesday night, the Associated Press called the US Senate race in North Carolina for Republican incumbent Sen. Richard Burr, who held off a strong challenge from Democrat Deborah Ross, 52 to 46 percent.

For the US Congress, Democratic incumbents did well, with Congressman G. K. Butterfield [D-NC-1], Rep. Alma Adams [D-NC-13] and Rep. David Price [D-NC-4] all won their respective races handily.

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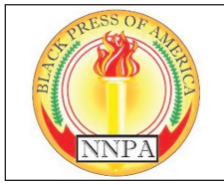
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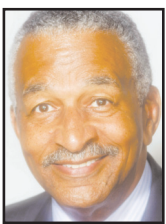
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Elections won't change anything, until we vote with our wallets

By the time you read this, I trust you will have wiped away the slime and the grunge, regurgitated a few times, taken a good bath or shower, relentlessly scrubbed the stench from your bodies, and maybe even found it necessary to delouse, because the dirty, filthy, hateful, distasteful, embarrassing, vile, toxic, grimy, polluted campaign we all witnessed is likely the worst in the history of electing a President.



James Clingman

At the time of this writing (November 4, 2016) the results are unknown, but in light of the lies, slander, vitriol, vulgarity, hypocrisy, hyperbole, false accusations, innuendo, leaks, assaults, and even physical threats of murder, it matters less than usual who wins. No matter the result, there will be millions of people in this country who will be so angry that very little will get done for "The People." January 20, 2017 will be a very sad day for many voters depending on which side is victorious. That's a terrible commentary on this country, and an even worse reflection on the leadership we have chosen.

But what does it say about us? We have fought one another over the two candidates, neither of whom is held in high regard by the majority of the electorate. It has been suggested that our choice is between the "lesser of two evils," and some say the "evil of two lessers." We have been led down one of two primrose paths of prevarication, perversion, pseudo-piety, and pompous posturing, only to have gone to the polls holding our noses to choose our next leader.

Some have even dropped out of the system altogether because they cannot stand to be a part of such downright evilness. Some have said they will start a civil war, if their candidate does not win; some say they will "take out" one of the candidates if things don't go their way; some have said they will move to another country; and some say the whole system is corrupt anyway so why care about it at all?

We have former candidates who called the two finalists insulting names: "pathological liar," "con man," "woefully unqualified," "criminal," "predator," and the like; but those same self-righteous folks, some of whom profess to be of high moral character, are telling us to vote for the very persons they disdained and denigrated during the primaries. What kind of people are they? Are they typical of what we call a "politician"? Hypocrites who turn on a dime when it's politically expedient for them, no matter what they said a couple of months ago? I guess we know the answers to those questions, right?

Talk about trouble, folks, we are deep into it. This nation is split nearly 50/50, so there is very little room for compromise or concession on either side, and we are right in the middle of this mess. Yes, the nirvana and utopia, called Barack and Michelle, that many Black people thought we were living in is all over—gone. What shall we do now?

Truthfully, irrespective of who wins this election, Blacks and poor folks are going to be in the same shape we have been in for awhile. After the assessments and Monday morning quarterbacking is over, many of us will still be sitting in the stadium sulking, complaining, and lamenting what took place. I am reminded of LeBron James' comments after losing the championship to the Dallas Mavericks: "...at the end of the day, they (his haters) have to wake up tomorrow and have the same life that they had before they woke up today. They have the same personal problems they had today."

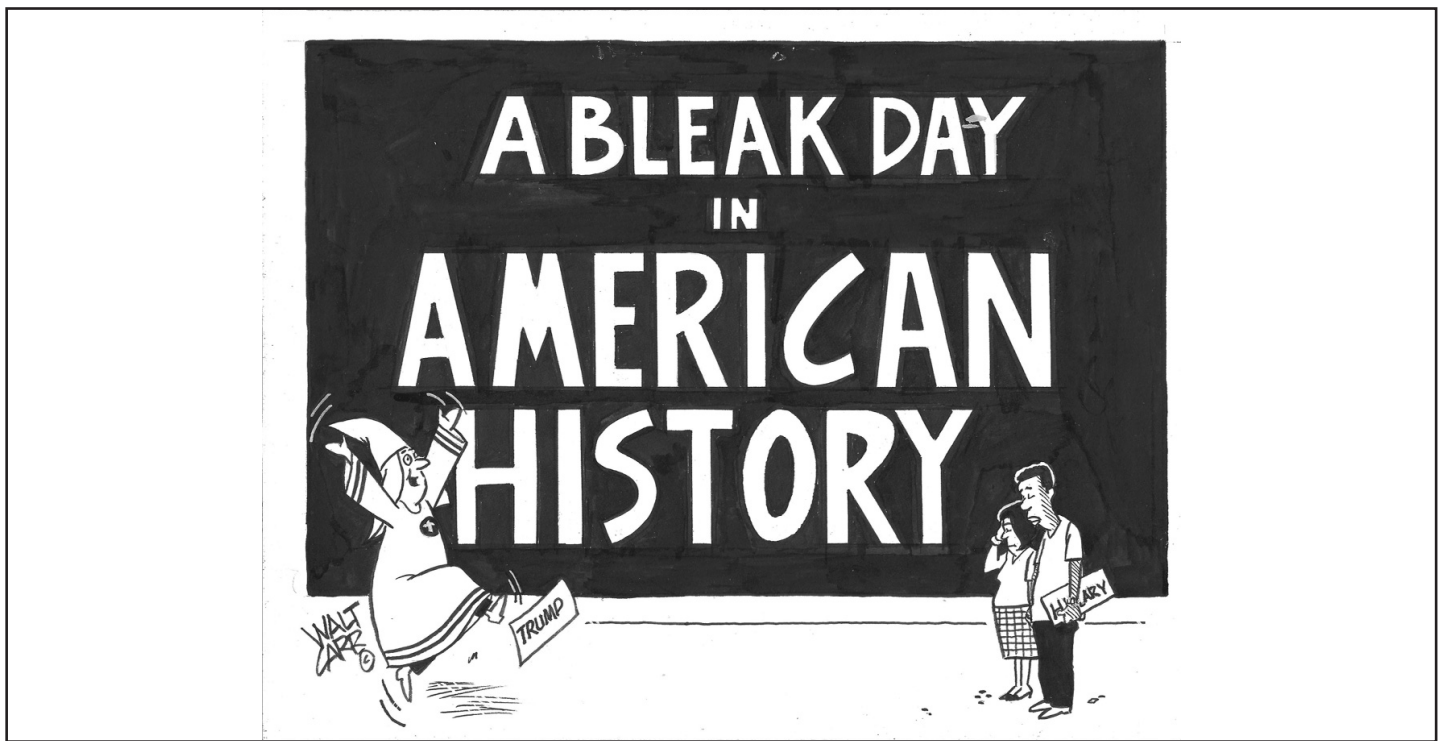
Well, alright then. We will have to get back to the real world, which includes not having real political power and very little influence on public policy. But maybe this will be the final wake-up call Black people need to understand that until we get our economic act together, we will continue to be viewed as mere child-like voters instead of a true force to be reckoned with.

Here's a solution: If you are a conscious and conscientious Black person, go to www.iamoneofthemillion.com and join the movement as we move closer to economic and political empowerment. We know that in order to attain the levels of power and influence we seek there must be an organized critical mass of people and a vehicle through which that can be done. This is not a knock on anything anyone else is doing; it's simply a call for just two percent of Black people in this country to join forces, offering their time, talent, and treasure to help our people. The One Million is the only active movement of its kind.

So after you have cleaned up and disinfected yourself on November 9th, get into a game you can win—The One Million!

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Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

Race, gender and healing

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Just a few days before the corrosive 2016 election, it occurs to me that no matter what the outcome, our social fabric has been shredded by the ugliness of this campaign. Sure, there have been ugly campaigns before, but this one has revealed the extent to which racism and sexism are acceptable features of life in these United States.

Women, including Hillary Clinton, have been routinely disparaged, not only in politics, but also in their roles as television talking heads and anchors. While I'm not weeping for Megyn Kelly (she's a big girl, and she can take care of herself), her on-air collision with Newt Gingrich was classic, with a jowly male bully loudly talking over a television host and accusing her of being "obsessed" with sex.

And the disparagement of women flowed down the ticket—in Illinois, Senator Mark Kirk had the nerve to disparage challenger Tammy Duckworth because of her Thai heritage. Her dad traces his family's military service back to the eight-

teenth century, while her Mom is from Thailand. When she cited her military background, Kirk nastily said he was unaware that her family had come all the way from Thailand to fight for the US. Shame on Kirk for demonstrating his ignorance by criticizing the military service of a woman who lost both her legs in the Iraq war.

All's fair, they say, in love and war, and many see politics as a special kind of war. And certainly, those women who play the politics game have to have thick skins and broad shoulders because men are not likely to treat women with kid gloves because of their gender. However, gendered criticism (she lacks stamina, look at that face) is woven into the fabric of our nation's racist patriarchy, and the "other" (women, people of color) is often put down using gendered or racialized code words. In some cases, as with Tammy Duckworth, people don't even bother to use code words.

The backlash from eight years of the Obama Presidency means that plenty of racists have come out to play. I thought we'd seen the last of David Duke, the reported KKK member who is again running for the Senate from Louisiana. Instead, he seems to have slithered from under some rock, just in time to endorse Donald Trump, throw shade on Evan McMullin (the Utah native and

former CIA operative who is running a long-shot campaign for President), and attack Jewish people. Most listeners recoiled from Duke's hateful words, and the Trump campaign quickly distanced itself from the Duke endorsement. Shocking, though, that this level of racist hate is so openly articulated. And Mr. Trump's racial rhetoric suggests that the Duke endorsement, if unwelcome, was at least somewhat consistent with that which Mr. Trump has been preaching.

The use of terms like "law and order" or "stop and frisk" ignores the issues the Black Lives Matter Movement has raised, not the least of which is the police killings of young black people. And the Black Lives Matter Movement has been routinely been disparaged during this 2016 campaign. The disparagement of the Black Lives Matter Movement really disparages all Black people and reminds us that, despite progress, race still matters.

If racism and sexism are woven into the fabric of our nation, how do we pull those threads out without ruining the fabric? Or has the fabric already been so fully shredded that we have the opportunity to "start over". Actually, there will be no starting over. Our economic structure and the credo of predatory capitalism depend on the ability of capi-

talists to extract surplus value from the work of those that are "other".

Capitalists maximize profits by minimizing expenses. Thus enslavement, though an inhumane institution, was also an efficient one for those who were able to use free labor. We've come a long way from enslavement, but the exploitation of workers continues, which is why the "Fight for \$15", which will disproportionately benefit women and people of color, is so important.

This 2016 election has put many of our national wounds, and much of our fractured history, on display. Is there healing after all of this divisiveness? Washington gridlock isn't likely to stop just because the election is over. Still, there must be leaders who are willing to talk solutions. When does our nation finally confront race and talk about reparatory justice? When do we, culturally, talk about sexism and the pay gap that remains, despite women's progress? Or will we continue to limp along, wounds exposed, the fabric so frayed that it can't be stitched back together?

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RAINBOW COALITION

Obama steadied our Nation in 'Interesting Times'

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"May you live in interesting times."

This curse, attributed tenuously to the Chinese, bespeaks a preference for order over change. We now live in interesting times and Americans are hungry for change. Yet, surprisingly, President Obama enjoys increasing popularity as he heads into the final days of his presidency.

Why is the president the most popular politician in America (outside of Bernie Sanders)? As he put it, to be elected with popular majorities twice with the name Barack Hussein Obama, something has to be going right.

And something has. He inherited an economy in free fall, losing hundreds of thousands of jobs a month. Wall Street was on the verge of collapse. The auto companies were about to close their doors. Bush left an annual budget deficit soaring above \$1 trillion. Millions were at risk of losing their homes, and millions more were losing their shirts as their homes went "underwater"—worth less than the debt owed on them. The U.S. had suffered

the worst foreign policy debacle since Vietnam in Iraq. The nation had been shamed as it watched Americans left to suffer after Katrina hit New Orleans.

Obama was elected because he represented change and hope. He passed the largest stimulus plan in history—and stanching the free fall in jobs. He saved the financial system and began putting sensible regulations back on Wall Street. He rescued the auto industry that has now enjoyed its best years in history. He revived competence in government. He passed comprehensive health care reform—a flawed compromise plan but one that as provided health insurance to 20 million Americans. He raised taxes on the rich and lowered them on the working poor. He pushed a reactionary Congress to begin addressing the real and present danger of catastrophic climate change.

The results are apparent. The deficit has been more than halved. The recovery has been slow and halting, but we've enjoyed private sector job growth for a record number of consecutive months. And now, with unemployment down around 5 percent, workers are starting to be in demand and wages have just begun to inch upward.

The president has governed with grace. His rhetoric informed and lifted us. His family provided admired role mod-

els. He suffered insult and obstruction with patience and dignity.

As he would be the first to admit, none of this is sufficient. Our politics remain polluted by big money. Our economy is still rigged to favor the few. Our trade deficit remains extreme. The banks are still too big to fail. Workers still don't capture a fair share of the profits and productivity they help to produce. The tax evasions of the corporations and rich reach grow ever more obscene. People of color were the biggest victims of Wall Street's housing frauds, with many yet to recover. The racial wealth gap keeps growing. Workers—white, people of color, the young and women—all struggle against the odds. Stuningly, the life spans of white male workers are declining, as drugs, despair, sickness and suicide take an increasing toll. The U.S. is still mired in wars without victory across the Middle East. We still invest too much in making smart bombs and too little in developing smart children. The climate grows more dangerous as global warming accelerates. The president who hoped to bring us together instead was hit by the bitter racial enmities that still divide us.

Now we're nearing the end of a presidential campaign marked more by scandal than by substance, featuring more insults than ideas. Donald

Trump captured the Republican nomination by stoking fear and anger. Both candidates have been plagued by scandals, real and invented.

Contradictions result. The country hungers for a change in course but is fearful about what comes next. The two candidates for the presidency offering change are looked on with unprecedented disfavor, while the incumbent president enjoys rising popularity.

President Obama has suggested that a president is something like a sprinter in a relay race. No one racer can determine the outcome. Your job is to run your part of the race as well as you can—and then hand on the baton to the next. It's more complicated than that, of course. The best presidents change the direction of the race to insure that their successors have the wind at their backs.

One thing is clear today. Barack Hussein Obama came to office facing harsh economic and political tempests. And he will leave office handing the baton to a successor with the wind at her or his back. More and more Americans are beginning to appreciate that now. And we will appreciate it even more in retrospect.

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REALITY CHECK

Sound advice from Dr. Frances Cress Welsing

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Recently when browsing through a July 1974 issue of Ebony magazine, I came across an opinion piece by the late Frances Cress Welsing. In the article, "On Black Genetic Inferiority," the brilliant psychiatrist made observations that are as relevant in 2016 as they were when she wrote them 42 years ago.

In the opening paragraph, she noted, "It is absolutely

imperative that we as Black people get very quiet and calm and begin to think critically and analytically in a very broad perspective and cease doing push-button reactions to social events that happen around us and that relate negatively to us."

She cites as an example of what she considered our knee-jerk reaction to statements by white supremacist Dr. William Shockley who said Black folks are genetically inferior to Whites. Wrote Frances, whom I was fortunate to know as a colleague, "In recent months, in response to Dr. Shockley's appearance, we as Black people have been behaving as though we are shocked by Dr. Shockley (no pun intended)

and as though he has some message we have never heard before. If we begin to relate to our past and present history as a people we immediately become aware that the effective majority of white people have always believed or spoken and acted as though they believed that people of color were genetically inferior to whites. Don't we understand that the white concept of Black genetic inferiority is the basic underlying reason and logic behind the whole of our experience since leaving Africa in slave ships and our subsequent mass confrontation with Europeans (whites)?"

Frances, if she was still here physically, would pose that same question to Black

folks today who are "shocked" at statements made by some of Donald Trump's supporters or at attempts to suppress the Black vote. It is to be extremely naïve or willfully ignorant to be shocked about expressions of white supremacy/racism when that has been a dominant and fundamental concept in this country for nearly 400 years. We need to follow Frances' advice to think critically and analytically and cease having push-button reactions to those who want to harm us physically and psychologically.

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A. Peter Bailey

CHILDWATCH

Keep moving forward on the path toward justice

"You know, it was pretty staggering. It put an end to essentially something that the Civil War was unable to end." -Legal Defense Fund Attorney Jack Greenberg, describing his reaction after the Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*

I was heartbroken by the recent death of Jack Greenberg, one of the last great legal links to *Brown v. Board of Education* and my first boss out of law school. What a privilege to work in a legal powerhouse with Jack and Constance Baker Motley, Derrick Bell, James Nabrit, III and many other gifted and committed civil rights attorneys. As the son of European Jewish immigrants growing up in Brooklyn and the Bronx, Jack Greenberg learned to hate prejudice and injustice. In 1949 at age 24 he became an assistant counsel to Thurgood Marshall, the lion who was the founding head of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Over the next five years he was part of Marshall's team of extraordinary lawyers arguing the cases that led to the landmark Supreme Court decision in *Brown* that "separate but equal" public schools were unconstitutional.

When Thurgood Marshall was named to the federal bench in 1961, he chose Jack Greenberg to succeed him as head of what had become simply the Legal Defense Fund (LDF). Jack spent the next 23 years fighting and winning a number of key court decisions, including rulings on school desegregation, employment discrimination, and voting rights. Julius Chambers who later succeeded Jack Greenberg as director counsel and I were lucky enough to be the first two LDF Lehman Fellowship interns - new lawyers who wanted to practice in the South after a year of training with LDF's extraordinary lawyers. I headed off to Jackson, Mississippi to set up a "legal factory" to handle the many cases generated by hundreds of civil rights arrests during the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer. Julius opened a civil rights practice in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Years later Jack Greenberg explained that the courts had to become a crucial instrument in finishing some of the unfinished business of the Civil War and Reconstruction because the original legal protections offered to Black citizens had never been honored, including the critical right to vote: "Blacks couldn't vote in the South . . . Southern states engaged in all kinds of stratagems to keep Blacks out. So there was absolutely no political power. It was impossible even to pass an anti-lynching bill. There was talk about armed revolution, but that would be suicidal. And so the only place to turn was the courts." And the courts still are - in the South and North - the only means of stopping large scale voter suppression methods today from Ohio to North Carolina.

The landmark court victories of the Civil Rights era changed our nation forever. Yet we are once again facing a future where millions of America's children of color still have separate and unequal chances during their early years of greatest brain development and in their school classrooms. As the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights explains: "It took ten years after *Brown*, but beginning with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the nation committed to desegregation and it worked. Courts and executive agencies consistently supported desegregation plans and from 1968 to 1988, as more schools integrated, academic achievement increased for African American students. But the legal and political tide turned against integration during the 1980s. Courts stopped ordering desegregation plans and began dismantling existing plans - both court-ordered and voluntary. Federal agencies stopped aggressive enforcement and by 1989 schools were beginning to resegregate, reversing many of the academic gains of the previous 20 years."

The Leadership Conference added: "For African Americans in the South, which is now significantly more integrated than most of the rest of the country, the rate of resegregation since 1988 is the worst. In the Northeast, where schools have been getting more segregated since the 1960s, and in many large cities, minority students are the most segregated. For Hispanic students, integration never had a chance to take hold in any region . . . At the same time, rapid growth in the Hispanic and African American population and growing income disparities have increased the concentration of minorities in high poverty districts."

The drift back to segregated and substandard schools denying millions of poor children of color the basic literacy, numeracy and other skills they will need to work in our increasingly competitive globalized economy must stop. We cannot sit by and continue to watch the resegregation of America on our watch and the relegation of millions of people to second class citizenship. We must have a path forward that is integrated and equal.

The great civil rights lawyer Charles Houston who laid the foundation for later progress, Thurgood Marshall, Jim Nabrit, Oliver Hill, Spottswood Robinson, Jack Greenberg and other legal giants of their time scored key court victories in an era when voting was too often impossible for Black citizens. But every one of us must use the hard won right to vote today as the very first step in choosing leaders who share our vision for a more level education playing field for all children. We must soundly reject all attempts to take away that empowering constitutional right and to illegally intimidate people seeking to use their right to vote. There can be no tolerance for any efforts in any arena to roll back the clock on more than a half century of progress and steal our children's futures.

I want to send a blunt and imperative message to all the millennials - especially Black millennials and all Black citizens. You must vote for better futures for the millions of children left behind and for closing our country's morally obscene and killing income, wealth, and educational gaps. Get out and vote and say thank you to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth and Medgar Evers and Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer who were beaten, bombed and killed for your and my right to vote. Get out to vote for Tamir Rice and Trayvon Martin and Eric Garner and Sandra Bland who can't vote to stop renegade law enforcement practices. Get out to vote for all those hungry and homeless and illiterate children who have no voice in the political process and have to make their way daily through gun saturated streets of terror. Get out to vote to help ensure that another Newtown tragedy does not occur at the hands of an unstable adolescent wielding a gun loaded with large capacity ammunition magazines that have no business in the hands of unstable youths.

As Jack Greenberg looked back over the Legal Defense Fund's impact he once said, "Now, when there's a very considerable effort to roll things back, we're in a position to resist, to hold on to almost all our gains until the country starts going in the other direction. They can throw us back a few hundred yards, but we're dug in too deep."

We know the direction our children and nation need to go in order for both to thrive. We must never be turned around on the road to equality and justice in every sphere. Anyone who stays at home and doesn't go out to vote disrespects the sacrifice of our ancestors and ignores great slave foremother Harriet Tubman who freed herself to keep going forward.

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Marian W. Edelman

CASH IN THE APPLE

So what happens now?

To be transparent, this is being written the day before the election, so I have no knowledge who won, who lost and why. Thus, I can't jump up and down and go "Yippee," or if the results are what I didn't expect (or want) go, "Oh hell!" So without any knowledge of what happened on Election Day, or after Election Day, here goes my concern.

This presidential election is being seen as perhaps one of the most divisive in US history, and there is a huge question about what kind of country we will be afterward, given how many of us have behaved before it was over. There is no question that this nation is split right down the middle, divided politically, socially and racially. When we heard candidates literally urging thousands of their

supporters to express their profound hatred for the other candidate ("Lock her up, lock her up"), or encourage followers to beat people up, or call a particular ethnic group "rapists and murderers," then there is no question that our future together is going to be tense.

One side, if it loses, is going to angry and frustrated, but they'll lick their wounds and gear up for the next election. The other side, if it loses, has already signaled that they will be the sorest of losers. They're already chanting that "the system is rigged" if their candidate comes up short. Some of them believe that the system is so corrupt, they may have to take up arms at some point.

And they don't mind aligning themselves with avowed racists, while avowed racists are move than happy to align themselves with their movement. Why? Because thanks to the nonsense from their candidate, this country was great only before "other folks" got their rights.

So the divisions are deep,

very deep. Bridging that divide will take leadership, not necessarily from the next president, but on the ground and in the neighborhoods. Supporters from both sides will have to learn to stand the sight of one another, and be able to have civil conversations.

But wait a minute - one of the reasons why there are people who feel that their government has left them and done nothing for them is because they are suffering economically. Either they've lost their jobs, or their wages and benefits have not improved in many, many years. Add to that the fact that the country is slowly but surely losing its white majority, and that foreign countries have become more competitive with us in almost every area we used to pride ourselves as dominating.

And, of course, as we all know, blaming people of color for alleged "advantages" they supposedly receive from the government during hard economic times is a classic excuse for other folks to man-

ufacture anger. It come as no surprise when we turn on Fox News and see conservative negroes (yes, some prefer to still be called that, raging against the term "African-American" because they don't agree with hyphenated Americanisms.

So yes, we have an awful lot of work to do as a nation to unify this nation in the aftermath of one of the worst presidential campaigns ever. Let's just hope that things don't get too far out of hand before we get it together.

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.



Cash Michaels

Standing Rock is about us too!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

When my brothers were younger, a common play-time activity was the 'game' of "Cowboys and Indians." Fueled by the Hollywood theatrical 'Western' genre, it was played in fields and playgrounds all across the nation. No one wanted to be the Indian and suffer the routine fate of 'dying' under brutal circumstances.

Even then, we recognized the disadvantages inherent with being a Native American. Sadly, the nation has not made a collective effort to remedy the wrongs inflicted upon Native American tribes. The pathway of US history is littered with the remnants of deceptive or broken treaties that have robbed Natives of any residual rights to their, once occupied, lands. Now our Native brothers and sisters stand in the crosshairs of corporate America which threatens the Standing Rock

Reservation water supply. We all recognize water as the "Source of Life."

President Barack Obama continues to do everything within his power to right the wrongs that existed long before he became President. He has said that he believes there are options to get around the controversial Dakota Access project site and the Administration is considering ways to "reroute" the oil pipeline, but there are those who believe rerouting is not the answer. After many marches, rallies and activism, the Keystone XL Pipeline was halted and that is what they would like to see at Standing Rock. Native Americans are rightly concerned that the current routing of the pipeline would cut too close to tribal lands in North Dakota near the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

People of all races and nationalities have gone to Standing Rock in support of our brothers and sisters in the area. Different tribes have come together over this issue, and their doing so should be a lesson to African Americans about uniting for a common cause even when all of our concerns do not

match. African Americans, should do all we can to support this issue because it was our Native brothers and sisters who often came to the rescue of our ancestors whose lives were endangered because of enslavement.

As we look to a future with a new President, we must form coalitions with others to achieve our many community needs. Just as we elevate our own rights, we must be willing to elevate the rights of others. Without actually being at Standing Rock, there are several things we can do to help.

Through the tragedy of Flint, Michigan, we have experienced and understand the negative impact of water pollution and eco-racism. We can support a remedy by letting the President know how serious we consider this issue to be. YOU can call or email the Whitehouse at 202-456-1111 /

www.whitehouse.gov to express your opinion, including making a request to send Federal Marshals to protect the demonstrators at Standing Rock. You can donate to the legal fund for the protesters through the tribal website at <http://standingrock.org>.

There is also need for clothing and other goods for which delivery can be coordinated through that website.

Most of us were never taught in school how Indian and African slavery became intertwined, and how the abolition of one became linked to the other: Indians challenged slavery first. They ultimately did so more successfully than did Africans, with lasting implications for the abolitionist movement in New England. For a thorough understanding of this issue, see a publication entitled *Brethren by Nature* by Dr. Margaret Ellen Newell, a professor at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Indians and Africans have a shared history of suffering. We have every reason to find common ground today on issues like Standing Rock, and stand together to find a positive resolution as our Native brothers and sisters work to protect their sacred land.

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VOICE YOUR OPINION!!

WRITE A LETTER

TO THE EDITOR

Brigade's Thanksgiving Feast

Brigade's Thanksgiving Feast, sponsored by CastleBranch.

Brigade Boys & Girls Club will once again be celebrating Thanksgiving one

week early this year with their Club kids and families.

Due to the generosity of CastleBranch and our many wonderful volunteers,

Brigade will be cooking 15 turkeys, 50 pounds of stuffing, 12 gallons of gravy, 15 pounds of cranberries, too many green bean casseroles and 100 pounds of potatoes.

Let's not forget the pies! Many of our wonderful volunteers and staff bake homemade pies and desserts to top off the perfect meal.

This year's Feast is Thursday, November 17, 2016, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We will be serving more than 400 meals to Our Kids, their families and our friends at First

Fruit Ministries.

If you would like to volunteer or donate a dessert please contact Shelly Kinder at skinder@brigadebgc.org or call her at 910.392.0747.

Town Atlantic Beach announces 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Town of Atlantic Beach proudly announces its 50th anniversary celebration to commemorate the 50th year as an incorporated town. "The Black Pearl Hometown Reunion and Cultural Arts Festival" will be held November 25-27, 2016. All events are free and open to the public. The schedule of activi-

ties and events includes:

- Opening Ceremony and Arts Festival featuring the Tru Sol Band, Friday, November 25, 2016, 3 p.m., at the corner of 30th Avenue and Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach.

- Music and Seafood Festival, Saturday, November 26, 2016, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., 30th Avenue and Ocean Blvd.

- Gospel Concert featuring Joshua Roberts/BET Sunday Best Winner, Sunday, November 27, 2016, 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

"We are proud to present this celebration to commemorate the Town of Atlantic Beach's 50th anniversary. With this historic milestone, we are seeking to refocus our efforts

to spur economic growth and the revitalization of the town," Mayor Jake Evans, said.

The anniversary celebration will bring together current and former residents, and people from across the country, to join this historic event in celebration of the town's rich culture. The residents of Atlantic Beach are proud of the distinc-

tive history of this African-American enclave, the Gullah-Geechee culture, and the rich musical history that has shaped the town's past and present.

Founded in 1966, Atlantic Beach was one of only a few beaches across America designated for African Americans in the era of segregation.

Many people grew up coming here to enjoy the great R&B and beach music, dancing and the world famous "Pavilion" that used to be on the oceanfront. Atlantic Beach, also fondly known as "The Black Pearl," is an American icon and the town is an important part of our national history and culture.

New York AG, CFPB join forces to fight illegal national debt collection scheme

BY CHARLENE CROWELL
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A new federal lawsuit alleges that since at least 2009, two major players in the debt collection industry have illegally operated, harassed, threatened and deceived millions of consumers across the country — often for debts that were either inflated or not even owed. The scheme based in Buffalo, New York, also netted tens of millions of dollars in revenue each year.

The case seeks to shut down the illegal scheme, secure compensation for victims and assess civil penalties against the companies



Charlene Crowell

and its partners.

On November 2, New York's Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and Richard Cordray, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, filed charges against the scheme's two principals, Douglas MacKinnon and Mark Gray.

"[W]e are taking action against the ringleaders of this operation," noted Director Cordray, "so they can no longer prey upon vulnerable consumers."

"Living with debt is difficult enough, without the added stress of being harassed and threatened by debt collectors," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "These collection shops inflated debts, threatened victims and deceived them out of millions. This suit sends the message that debt collectors that employ abusive tactics will be held accountable."

In recent years, debt collec-

tion abuses have emerged as a growing consumer finance issue for communities of color. Both research and investigative news have found that consumers of color, along with low and middle-income communities are frequently targets of collection lawsuits that today represent a still-growing \$13 billion industry.

According to the lawsuit, MacKinnon and Gray operate a network of at least 60 fly-by-night collection shops to collect on large debt portfolios purchased by three interrelated firms: Northern Resolution Group, Enhanced Acquisitions and Delray Capital, all based in Buffalo, New York. MacKinnon and Gray created, operated and oversaw the illegal operation.

Among the actions cited as illegal violations included:

- Falsely threatening legal action;
- Impersonating law

enforcement officials, government agencies and court officers; and

- Inflating consumer debts and misrepresentations of amounts consumers owed.

These kinds of actions violate both the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Enacted in 1978, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act protects consumers from abusive or deceptive fraud in debt collection practices. It applies only to the collection of debt incurred by a consumer primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. Two of its most important provisions are that a debt collector cannot phone a consumer's residence before 8:00am or after 9:00pm; nor attempt to contact a consumer at their place of employment.

Similarly, the Dodd-Frank

Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act specifically bans unfair and deceptive acts or practices in the consumer financial marketplace in a variety of lending areas that include mortgages, student loans, debt collection and others.

Last year, CFPB returned \$360 million to consumers wronged by unlawful debt collection practices and collected over \$79 million in fines. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission separately received approximately 900,000 consumer complaints on debt collection.

In recent comments to the CFPB, the Center for Responsible Lending advised, "CRL strongly supports the concept that a debt collector must possess a reasonable basis for making a claim that an individual owes a debt . . . The burden rightfully should be on debt collectors to establish that they have

the legal right to collect the debts and are collecting from the right people, for the right amount of money."

For Lisa Stifler, CRL's deputy director of state policy, the joint action taken by New York's Attorney General and CFPB is representative of what should happen more often to better protect all consumers.

"Consumers need the protection of both state officials and CFPB to rid the marketplace of bad actors and illegal debt collection practices. It's an encouraging sign that one of our most populous states is working in concert with CFPB to end financial abuse. It's an example worth emulating by other states."

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Virginia resident, ex-offender voted for the first time on November 8

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ALEXANDRIA, VA. — Every Election Day for nearly 30 years, people have told Terry Garrett, that she couldn't vote. Garrett was convicted of a felony for shoplifting at 18 and was stripped of her right to decide which people governed her community, her state, her nation.

On the cold crisp morning of Nov. 8, 2016, Garrett, the mother of four, made her own personal history. She walked from her house three minutes to the Charles Houston Recreation Center down the street with two of her daughters, Iterria Garrett and Candace Garrett, and voted the first time in her life.

She said she hoped to make American history by helping elect the first woman president.

"I am so happy that I could vote along with my two daughters," she said. "They always vote, and now I can

vote with them and get my 'I Voted' sticker."

Garrett is one of 60,000 Virginians who have served their time for felony convictions who were able to vote on Tuesday, November 8 following efforts by Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe. The Virginia Legislature and the State Supreme Court struck down McAuliffe's earlier effort to restore voting rights to 200,000 former Virginia residents convicted of felony crimes.

Garrett said she wished the nation would get behind the efforts to allow ex-felons the right to vote.

"Just let us vote," she said. "We are people, we make mistakes, and we acknowledge that."

According to Garrett, the road to the revocation of her voting rights began early with years of incarceration and brushes with the law. She said she started drinking at age 7. She began rebelling, smoking weed and running away to escape problems at home at age 12. She had her first child at 16

and by age 20 had developed an addiction to crack cocaine.

Her road to redemption and gaining her restoration to vote after a long battle of drug addiction and crime was not an easy one, she said.

"The last time I was arrested, I knew I had to do something different or I was going to die in addiction," she said.

Following her last incarceration, she said, she applied to Friends of Guest House, a women's reentry program in Alexandria that led her to the support she needed to get her rights back.

With seven felony convictions, the roadblocks to Garrett's right restoration were significant, due in part to fines and she was still under probation for her offenses.

"In the beginning, I didn't know committing these crimes and getting these felonies were going to affect me in this way," Garrett said. "It was never explained to me by anyone until I was 38 years old that this is what felonies can do to your life."

According to the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, more than six million American citizens are unable to vote because of a past criminal conviction.

It took Garrett five years just to qualify to apply, and then her request was rejected twice.

"I believe everyone should have the right to vote. You have a voice. The only way your voice can be heard is through those



PHOTO BY JAZMIN GOODWIN

Terry Garrett is one of 60,000 Virginians who have served their time for felony convictions who was able to vote on Tuesday, following efforts by Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe.

numbers in that booth when you vote," said Garrett.

Rights restoration practices vary widely.

Public opinion surveys report that eight in 10 Americans support voting rights for citizens who have completed their sentence and nearly two-thirds sup-

port voting rights for those on probation or parole, according to The Sentencing Project.

Garrett said she hopes others like her will be able to someday exercise a right that was taken away from

them. Even though we've made mistakes, we have a voice," she said. "We've been told for so long that we don't count and a lot of us still feel that way. Let your voice be heard and get your rights back."

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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 New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross St. Important community issues will be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information call 910-765-0102 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Navassa Parade Committee will hold their First Annual Throwback Party on Saturday, November 19th from 9:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.m. at the Navassa Community Center, Main Street. Dress to impress in your favorite era of the 60's-90's. For more information contact Kenyetta Alston at 910-233-3057 or Rose Mary Nixon at 910-685-6448.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

More love for all children in schools

We know that learning is a life-long pursuit. There is a need to know more so that we may better connect with the world and truly understand it. We are living in a modern society, and every student deserves access to a curriculum road and rich in content, including the arts, physical education, civics, a hands-on career and a technical education.

We must have a close relationship with teachers, parents, and children each day. We need more qualified teachers in our schools. We have many, but we need more.

It's been over two years ago when, one day, I was watching television and saw a young school girl who was out of control in the classroom. I observed her wild actions he adults tried to calm her down before getting the help needed.

In my estimation, this should not have been put on television for other children to see. I don't know if this child was on medication or just what the problem was. There might have been problems that stemmed from home and spread to the school. I just don't know.

Even in the "old school days," children have always sought special attention, and administrators, teachers, and other school staff are called upon to find ways of meeting students' needs. Sometimes, we can use some of the old-time methods of dealing with children, and they work out y well. I think of the days when

prayer was allowed, encouraged, and led in the public schools. Prayer was needed then, and, even though some people are against prayer in public schools, it is still a useful tool. Today, we have strayed too far away from God and the guidance of His Word. I say, "Stop and think about it and put prayer back into the public schools! It is still needed!"

Just as it is true that parents and students expect teachers to bring their best into the classroom to serve students, the school also expects students to bring their best behavior and learning skills into the classroom each day. It is necessary for us all to do all we can to support the school with student behavior and academic progress. It is a good thing to take the opportunity to visit the school and the classrooms, helping monitor student and staff behaviors.

Teachers should be rewarded when student learning and behavior have improved.

This is conducive to continuous improvement, and this is so connive to life-long learning.

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.

Verniece Stanley



Deltas support D.C. VIRGO SCHOOL



Deltas with staff at D.C. Virgo From left to right in addition to students: Sabrina Hill-Black, Hazel Wrisbon, Michelle Graham, Jeremy Buie, Sharon Jenkins, Marva Robinson and Acquinetta Beatty

BY MARVA ROBINSON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Five-Point Programmatic thrust of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated includes the area of Educational Development. Committed to

broadening the scope of its established program, Eliminating The Achievement Gap (EAG), the Wilmington Alumnae Chapter adopted the seventh grade level at D.C. Virgo Preparatory School.

On Friday, November 4,

2016, members of the chapter presented school supplies for each of the seventh grade classes at Virgo. Mrs. Sabrina Hill-Black, Principal, and Mr. Jeremy Buie, seventh grade level Chairperson, expressed appreciation for the delivery

of supplies. Local Delta chapter President, Ms. Acquinetta Beatty and Ms. Sharon Jenkins, Chair of the EAG committee assured the staff that this activity was only the first of numerous supportive projects to be implemented by the sorority.

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LANDLORDS & PROPERTY OWNERS WORKSHOP The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington's Housing Choice Voucher Department (Section 8) will be hosting and facilitating a LANDLORD WORKSHOP to introduce current and prospective landlords to the benefits of participating in the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program.

"Triple H Shoes & Accessories" Featuring complete line of "All Things Stacy Adams"- Plus More Crossroads Shopping Center 890-2A South Kerr Avenue Wilmington, NC 28403 (910) 769-1380 Proprietor: Cleve Herring Stacy Adams is more than shoes... From head to toe: Stacy covers your style. [Triple H's grand opening at the Crossroads Shopping Center was held on October 3, 2016] Mon.-Sat. (10:00am-6:00pm)

S.S.G. George Nixon, Jr. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR 15 August 1970 NIXON, GEORGE, JR. 240-76-8926 SSG USA Adv 2n 64 DMAC APO 96215 Awarded: Silver Star Date of service: 3 June 1970 Theater: Republic of Vietnam Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 Reason: For gallantry in action: Staff Sergeant Nixon distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 3 June 1970 while serving as Light Weapons Infantry Advisor, Mobile Advisory Team IV-63, Tinh Bien District, Chau Doc Province, Republic of Vietnam. On this date, the Tinh Bien District Compound came under an intense mortar fire and sapper attack. Reacting immediately, Sergeant Nixon moved from the Advisory Team house and took up a defensive position. At the height of the action, while enemy mortar rounds were impacting directly within the compound and although wounded by previous mortar fire, Sergeant Nixon moved across the fire sweep compound and single-handedly engaged the numerically superior enemy sapper team, killing two of the enemy soldiers. Although wounded again by small arms fire, Sergeant Nixon continued to defend his position. Sergeant Nixon's singularly impressive display of battlefield courage prevented enemy sappers from destroying the command bunker, and he successfully defended a weakened point in the perimeter which allowed his fellow advisors and Vietnamese comrades to repel the enemy sapper attack and successfully defend their compound. Staff Sergeant Nixon's conspicuous gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.



HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY "NICK"

Jennette E. Butts

Jennette Elores Butts passed way on Sunday, October 30, 2016. She was 84 years old. Jennette was born in Columbus County, North Carolina on September 9, 1932 and was the sixth child of Catherine Waddell Bryant and Fred D. Bryant. Funeral services were Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

After attending Armour High School, Jennette was employed in various capacities, most notably at Lackey, Inc. She was a faithful member of Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church, serving as an usher and choir member. Married at 18, Jennette and her husband, William D. Butts, grew their family to consist of four sons and two daughters. Family and friends were Jennette's pride and joy.

Affectionally nicknamed "Jo", she was a mother-figure to many. "Ms. Butts", "Aunt Jo", "Granny Jo", "Momma", "Jo Snow" made her home a place of solitude and refuge. She was always quick to offer her guests a meal and never let anyone leave without insisting that they stay a little while longer. When others were in need, she gave graciously and unconditionally. This is her legacy which will live on in all that were blessed to have been a part of her life.

Jennette was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Belinda; daughter-in-law, Leslie; and siblings, Alberta, Freddie James, Marie, Laura Mae, Mary, Juanita and Zaddie.

Jennette is survived by her husband of 65 years, William D. Butts; sister, Margaret; children, Janice (Henry), Reginald (Connie), William B., Roy Moody

(Anita) and Charles; and two sisters-in-law. She also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and host of 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.*

Mildred H. Jackson Simmons

Mildred Elizabeth Hill, was born March 19, 1933 and was the eldest of eight children born to Ruben A. Hill and Florine Bryant Hill. On Thursday, October 27, 2016, God called Mildred from labor to reward. Funeral services were Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mildred was educated in the New Hanover County School System where she graduated from Williston Sr. High School in 1951.

She joined St. Andrews AME Zion Church at an early age under the then Pastor Rev. A.F. Hooper and was a member for several years.

Mildred met and married Curtis Jackson, Sr. and to this union 8 children were born. In 1972, they decided to relocate to Columbus, Georgia where she remained for 31 years. In 2004 she returned to Wilmington and made it her home.

Never shy about work she had a full and steady work history. She was employed by Manny's Drug Store, Timmey's Corp., Blocks Shirt Factory, and Jervay Daycare Center. She was also employed for a period of time by Dr. Basillo.

She was a lover of people in her home, in the commu-

nity and society in general. She was a loving, caring, devoted and giving mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend.

She was preceded in death by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. Ronaald & Annie (Lois) Hill; her late husband, Mr. Avery Harvey Simmons; her former husband, Curtis Jackson, Sr.; her sister Doris "Jean" Hill; and brothers, Ruben, Jr. and Bennie Hill.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: six daughters, Sheron Howard (Henry), Carolyn Murdock (James), Janice Jackson (Bobby Pigott), Ruby Jackson, Jackie Garrison, Tina Evans (Louis); son, Curtis Jackson; three sisters, Rosa H. Marshall, Ruby H. Davis, Margaret H. Mason (deceased husband - Frank); brother, James Hill; godson, Earl Keith Yeoman; and a host of grands, great grands, 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.*

Richard A. Cliette

Richard A. Cliette, age 74, of Wilmington, passed away, Friday, November 4, 2016. A visitation will be held on Friday, November 11, 2016 with the family from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Davis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Saturday, November 12, 2016, at St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church. 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

In Loving memory Of



Mrs. Esma G. McClammy
Sunrise: June 4, 1924
Sunset: November 15, 2009

May the work I've done speak for me. When I'm resting in my grave, there's nothing more to be said; may the work I've done speak for me!

Freddie and Mary McClammy

In Loving Memory Of Our Parents



Mrs. Helen R. Hargrove
Sunrise: January 8, 1918 Sunset: October 28, 1978
Mr. Louis Hargrove Sr.
Sunrise: April 15, 1917 Sunset: October 7, 2000

God blessed us with His precious gifts both of you, mother and dad. He wrapped His arms around you 35 years ago, and around dad 13 years ago taking both of you home with Him. The loss we felt on those days still endure, but we will always cherish your memories and love. Our prayers are that you are resting in peace. We miss you so much, each passing day and year.

Joe (Barbara), Elaine (Lawrence), Louis Jr., Helen, grands, great grands, David (Lillie), Rachel, nieces, nephews and friends.

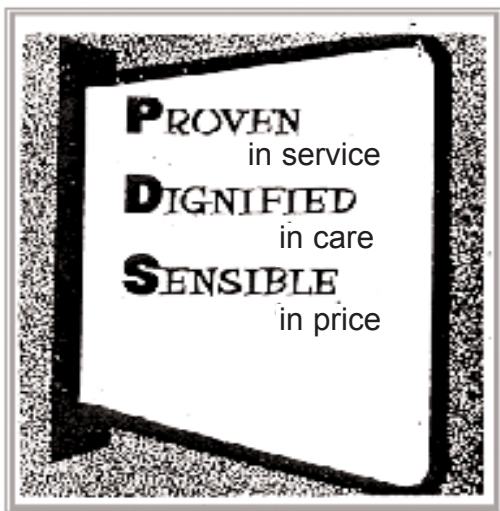
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Mt. Zion AME Church, 1111 North 5th Ave., Eldora Hewett Men's Club will hold their 2016 Men's Day Program "100 Men in Blue" on Sunday, November 20th at 3:30 p.m.

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 at 910-799-9534. Also on Sunday, November 20th at 3:00 p.m. the annual Choir's Anniversary will be held. For more information contact LaHonda Johnson at 910-279-6933.

Religious Briefs
St. Stephen AME Church Lay Organization, 501 Red Cross St., will hold a Pre-Thanksgiving worship service "Then sings my soul" featuring Pastor Wayne Johnson, Sr. on Sunday, November 20th at 10:15 a.m.

Union Missionary Baptist, 2711 Princess Place Dr., will hold the 2016 "Men That Matter Empowerment" Conference on Saturday, November 19th from 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. (breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and sessions begin at 9:00 a.m.) and on Sunday, November 20th during the 11:00 a.m. service. The speakers will be Overseer John H. Walker of Macedonia Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC. and Overseer Linster L. Strayhorn, III of United MB Church, New Bern, NC. The conference is designed to empower men and women through the presented Word of God. The primary focus will target faith, family, finance and fitness. Register at www.umbcwilmington.org-men-that-matter. Registration is free.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church will hold their Missionary Candle Light Service on Sunday, November 20th at 3:00 p.m. Minister Sandra Spell, president of Middle District Missionary Baptist Auxiliary and Hayes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Family, Rose Hill, NC will be the special guest to render service. All missionaries are asked to wear white. Repast will be served immediately following the service.

Moore's Chapel will have Pastor Gordon Griffen and Moore's Creek Missionary Baptist Church as guests on Sunday, November 20th at 3:00 p.m.

Mt. Calvary Church Lay Organization, 325 Main St., Navassa, will hold a Veterans Day Program on Sunday, November 20th during the 11:00 a.m. Service. The speaker will be Army Retired 1st Sgt. Wesley Everett, 1971 Burgaw High School graduate. For more information contact Barbara Watson at 910616-9988 or Rosemary Nixon at 910-685-6448.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Judge me by the footprints I leave behind!

BY SHEILA ROSS AND FANNIE ALLEN
 CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! This is the day that the Lord has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it! Our meeting was opened with "I Know It Was the Blood." We were led in prayer by Evangelist Sharon Pollock. The next song was "Down at the Cross". Thanks for our wonderful and warm devotional this morning. To God be the glory.

The speaker for today was Mary Martin. Her topic was "Judge Me by the Footprints I Leave Behind." She challenged us with the thought that "you can't change the people around you, but you can change the people you are around." We were encouraged to remember that life is a theater. Therefore we ought to invite your audiences carefully. Not everyone is holy enough and healthy enough to have a front row seat in our lives. However, we ought to leave a space in the

front row for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ always. It behooves us to take God wherever we go. Remarks and comments were given by members. Ms. Martin was thanked for a wonderful message. We had three visitors, Vivian Martin from New Beginnings, little Miss Gavey Vickers and Master Gidianni Vickers, who were visiting with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martin. Minutes were given by

Secretary Mildred Ellerby. It was then time for Callers. Janice Gordon had the most members present. The sick report was given. We were asked to pray for them all. Announcements were read. Smiles were given by Mary Martin. Thanks for the laughter: It is good for the soul. Our circle was formed, and we were led in prayer by Minister Doris McQuillian. Our meeting was adjourned. There were 46 members present.

TELL SOMEBODY

"God is in control"

"If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; IF my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

Control - power to direct or regulate; Power to exercise restraint or to direct influence.

There is no greater power on the face of the earth, greater than the power of God. God is able to do anything BUT fail. As a matter of fact, he cannot fail nor can He lie. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" To understand the magnitude of the power of God, you must know these three characteristics of his Power: 1) Omnipotence - unlimited authority 2) Omniscience -



Sylvia Hooper

having infinite awareness, understanding, and insight 3) Omnipresence - present in all places in all times. The presidential election is almost over. Our nation is speaking, our ballots are being cast, counted, and tallied. The ruling power of this world is not limited to the liberal or conservative party. The ruling power of this world is without a doubt the power of God. This world would be a much better place in which to live, if we would all learn to respect the power of God and those in leadership. God's greatness is unsearchable, and yet He is mindful of man whom he created in his own image. Many people are going to be disappointed no matter who wins this election. Just as we have to respect others who have more power and authority, we will also have to respect whoever will be our next president! Regardless of who wins the election, we have to remember that our

hope and trust is not in man. It is in God. Proverbs 3:5,6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Psalm 37:3 says, "Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." Psalms 12:1, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed but abideth forever." In 2 Chronicles 7:13, we see God inquire pertaining to shutting up heaven, commanding locusts, & sending pestilence. No one else has the power to do these things but God. God is in control, and if we humble ourselves, pray, and seek his face, in the name of Jesus, then we can ask for grace and mercy to forgive our sins and to heal our land. If we repent (be godly sorry) and turn away from our wickedness, then things will work out, regardless of who

our next president is! The Democrats are not in control. The Republicans are not in control! God is in control and that is the Good News! Now 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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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

Beverly B. Stroman, Executrix
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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

October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 2016

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
Executrix 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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Jeanette Shelton Stalvey**, 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 **10th day of February, 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 10th day of November, 2016

Pamela Ramos, Administrator
6515 Spicewood Street
Wilmington, NC 28405

November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 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 placed 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 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.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3611
(910) 798-3772 * fax

November 3, 10, 17, 2016

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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. 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. Mr. Parker you are assigned Attorney Christine Farrell. Counsel may be contacted at 910-763-1100, 2802 Market Street, Wilmington, NC.

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
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3612
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October 27, November 3, 10, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA 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

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION 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. 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
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3612
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October 27, November 3, 10, 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 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 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.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3611
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November 3, 10, 17, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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 Everette Lewis, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Margaret Foy Lewis
1121 Essex Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 2016

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Rosa Marie Fields Goodson**, 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 **10th day of February, 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 10th day of November, 2016

Voni M. Goodson-Simpson,
Administratrix
1512 Ann St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

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, Executrix 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 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
61 Pristine Court
Hedgesville, WV 25427

November 3, 10, 17, 2016

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

A special meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Board will be held on Thursday, November 16th at 4:00 PM in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting is for the Board to discuss on-going legal matters.

The Board is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The Board sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning
Organization

November 10, 2016

LEGAL

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE 12-SP-81

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Trina McDonald, a single woman dated December 14, 2007, and recorded December 14, 2007, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, North Carolina, in Book 5260 at Page 1320, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$137,275.00, and because of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and failure to carry out and perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale in the County Courthouse of New Hanover County, in the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, on November 22, 2016 at 11:00 AM O'clock, all that certain parcel of land secured by the above-described Deed of Trust recorded in Book 5260 at Page 1320, situated in New Hanover County, North Carolina, as more particularly described therein, which legal description is made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein, and briefly described as being a part of Lot 3 in Block 313, official plan, City of Wilmington, NC.

ADDRESS SHOWN AS SECURITY ON THE NOTE AND DEED OF TRUST: 1007 N. 11th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

PRESENT RECORD OWNERS as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds not more than 10 days prior to posting the notice is/are: Trina McDonald, a single woman.

In the event the property which is the subject of this Notice of Sale is residential real property with less than fifteen (15) rental units, an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Clerk of Superior Court of the county in which the property is sold Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. The notice shall also state upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that person must pay the tax of forty-five cents per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS 7A-308 (a)(1), up to a maximum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The property is being sold "as is and where is" with no representations or warranties of any type or kind being given or to be construed as being given or made; and, no title certification of any type or kind is being made or is to be construed as being made. The terms of the sale are that the real property hereinabove described will be sold for cash to the highest bidder and that the undersigned will require the successful bidder at the sale to immediately deposit cash or certified check in the amount of the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater. The real property hereinabove described will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes, prior encumbrances, if any, and special assessments.

The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as by law required and will also be subject to a ten (10) day right of redemption or to the filing of a bankruptcy petition. In the event of an upset bid, redemption or the filing of a bankruptcy petition, or any other reason that the Substitute Trustee deems necessary to redo the sale, the bid deposit will be returned and no other remedies will be assertable.

This 20th day of October, 2016.

_____/s/Frances S. White
Frances S. White or Rick D. Lail, either one of whom may act, Substitute Trustee
P.O. Box 30081
Charlotte, N.C. 28230.0081
(704) 817-8134

November 10, 17, 2016

LEGAL

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Jo H. Mayfield (16-E-1464)**, late of 7009 Brittany Lakes Drive, Wilmington, NC 28411, New Hanover County, 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 **February 8, 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 8th day of November, 2016

Laura Chapman, Executor of the Estate of Jo H. Mayfield
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2016

Intercoastal Marine LLC is accepting subcontractor and supplier bids for the City of Wilmington, NC Coastline Inn Riverfront Stabilization project #RW-CTT-0116, no later than 12:00 noon November 21, 2016. Potential subcontract opportunities which may exist on this project include, but may not be limited to Hauling, Electrical, Demolition, Carpentry, Suppliers and other items not specifically referenced herein. A pre-bid conference will be held in our office on November 14, 2016 @ 8:00 AM to discuss the proposed project with any interested DBE/WBE/MBE. Please call 910-765-9791 if you plan to attend the pre-bid conference. Minority/Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit a bid. Reply to 910-675-9791(p), 910-675-9796(f), or 6101 Diamond Shamrock Rd. Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

November 10, 2016

EMPLOYMENT

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Crisis intervention, direct services, program coordination. Monday-Friday, 3-11 pm. Download Application from www.domesticviolence-wilm.org and mail with Resume to: Vacancy-Shelter, Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1555, Wilmington, NC 28402, postmarked by November 12, 2016. No calls or walk-ins please. EOE

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EEO Employer

ENTERTAINMENT

ASK ALMA with ALMA GILL



My family treats me like trash and I'm ready to cut them off

Dear Alma,

I am 40 years old and have finally decided to cut my mother, father, sister and oldest niece out of my life. I'm tired of being lied to, deceived and treated like the black sheep of the family. My mom and I never had a mother-daughter relationship. She always chose men over her kids. The relationship has always been strained. My mom is much like her mother and my sister is like our mother. None of them raised their own children. I'm raising one of my sister's daughters. My sister is just like my dad. My father could never do any wrong in my grandmother's eyes; she always bailed him out of trouble and everyone else was to blame. My sister is so much like my both of my parents. My brother is all I have left of my family. He is my mother's favorite. My sister is my father's favorite and it is pretty obvious. The difference between my brother and me is that I will bust them out on their lies. My brother only thinks about saying what I actually say. As for my niece, she is on the same road as my Grandmother, mother and sister. I'm tired of the lies, drama, excuses and deception. Also, if you don't want to take care of kids, don't have them. They blame me for everything. I don't understand what I have done wrong in my life to be unloved by my family. I've never tried drugs, I'm not a drinker, I graduated from high school, I had my first home at 23, my first car at 18, I'm raising my niece and I've been married almost 23 years. My sister is totally opposite of me; she's been in jail for drugs, child endangerment, her kids permanently removed from her care. I could go on and on, but they make excuses for her and bail her out of trouble, as well as my niece. But I'm the bad one. Why are my parents not capable of being parents to me?

Signed,
Divorce My Family

Dear DMF,

There are so many pieces to address in your email and as much as my heart desires to connect them all, I'll stick to the one question you've asked. Why are your parents incapable of being parents to you? The truest answer lies within your parents. I do think however, they're parenting you the best way they know how. That is in no way making excuses or condoning them, but it's the truth. When you become a parent, you realize immediately that parents are NOT perfect and they DO NOT have all the answers.

It appears to be misspoken words and misunderstood conversations that have taken place between you, your parents and siblings. I have a gut feeling you are basing your relationships on how or what you perceive the other person "thinks and feels" about you. From all you've shared with me, I wouldn't call you the black sheep of the family, but that's how you identified yourself. It seems to me, you and your brother are trying to break the cycle and I hope I've read that correctly.

Yes, it is true, some parents are incapable of showing unconditional love. Many are not flawless role models who deliver the exact precise words at the exact precise time, tickled with a hug and kiss on the forehead for good measure. You've seen the movies, from "Mommie Dearest" to "Precious," these mothers were inconceivable, birthed out of actual events. Just because a woman gives birth, doesn't automatically make her loving or maternal. Many people, not only as children, but also adults, face ongoing emotional and psychological abuse at the hands of a parent. The fact that you've not only survived, but thrived in spite of your negative parental patterns, gives credit that you've put one foot in front of the other; everyday to create a rewarding path for your life.

Don't disconnect from your family. Yes they are challenging, but so is life. My suggestions are, reach out to your pastor and/or employee assistance program for family counseling services. You should work with a professional who can help you identify and address the instability in your family, not run away from it. I'd also like for you to go to Oprah.com and search for the "Fix My Dysfunctional Sisterhood" episode. It reminds me a bit of your situation. The problems of your family are a learned existence. Like Maya Angelou says, once we learn to do better, we become better.

You're example of family makes me sad and I acknowledge the enormity you're dealing with. Obviously, you're parents are not who you need them to be. Truth be told, we all long for approval and unconditional love from our parents, it's the wind beneath our wings. Believe that your family is capable to navigate away from the negative, progress towards the positives and open their eyes to a new way of learning, living and loving. These new family practices will benefit not just you and your brother, but future generations to come.

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 @almaskalma.

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