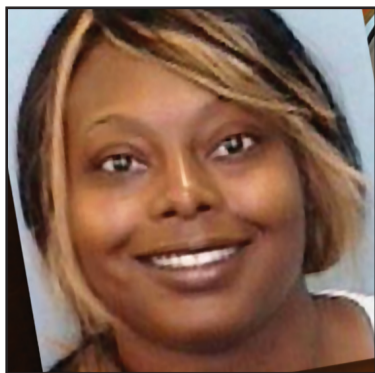




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EBONEE SPEARS

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

BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

Brunswick County's NAACP and Black Caucus

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the last two weeks, we have seen signs of the past brought to light by way of monuments that will let people know what happened to people of color in the past that could have been prevented if the process of law had been followed through (Wilmington Ten - 1898 Riots), but, because of racist politics and bigotry, the truth was not what was being sought. All that was being sought was a conviction and a way to discredit Blacks at the same time. This action is being set into the minds of Whites again. With the shooting of Blacks by police and unfair review boards that are comprised of handpicked racists who review the actions of the system and make decisions based on color or social standards. Brunswick County, we are in this basket of the unjust and Jim Crow. Therefore, we must stay alert.

We ask why the NAACP or the Black Caucus exists, but you don't think I walked into a restaurant and sat down and ate without having to go to the back door and order food to be eaten outside. I went to my church, and nobody kicked the door down during service and ran anyone out. I work a job without division of pay or one job description for Blacks and another for Whites. We live where we want, and no one bothers us. How did we get there without the NAACP or Black Caucus' speaking out and

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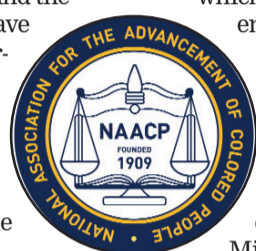
BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

"Whatever credibility the Republican-led North Carolina Supreme Court currently has would be 'totally eroded' if State GOP legislative leaders try to stack the State's High Court to maintain a partisan advantage," warns the chairman of the NC NAACP's Legal Redress Committee.

Attorney Irving Joyner, who is also a professor of law at North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, isn't buying published reports that Republican legislative leaders are not considering the move to offset the Election Night victory of Wake Superior Court Judge Mike Morgan, a Democrat, to the N. C.

Supreme Court. Given how Republicans are scrambling to prove Democratic voter fraud in over 50 counties after State Attorney General Roy Cooper's slim apparent defeat of incumbent Republican Governor Pat McCrory, Professor Joyner and the rest of the NCNAACP have announced that they're gearing up for yet another legal fight in case Republican lawmakers, not only attempt to stack the court with two appointees, but also try to decide the Governor's race.

"Public support for our court system is predicated on the faith and truth of the people that our justice system is fair, unbiased, and impartial,"



Chairman Joyner said. "That faith has been severely tested and undermined over the past ten years due to obvious political decisions which the [State] Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals have issued. The tepid support which the court system presently enjoys will be totally eroded if the Republican Legislature moves forward with a plan to add two political appointees to the composition of the Supreme Court in response to the election of Justice-elect Michael Morgan."

Morgan handily defeated incumbent Republican Justice Robert Edmunds on election night, thus giving the court a 4-3 Democratic majority

when it reconvenes for another term. However, it wasn't long before press reports circulated that Republican lawmakers would use Governor McCrory's special session on Hurricane Matthew disaster relief, planned for December, to also add two more appointees to the State Supreme Court, thus changing it to 5-4 Republican, even though the court is supposed to be nonpartisan.

"The concern is, in light of the fact that the voters have stated by their votes Tuesday that they reject the politicization of our North Carolina Supreme Court, [they] do not want the

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PHOTO: CHERISS MAY/HUNS/NNPA PRESIDENT OBAMA HOLDS POST-ELECTION PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

As protests rage, Obama has urged Trump to reach out

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF TRICE EDNEY WIRE.COM

President Barack Obama, in his first press conference following the election of Donald Trump as president, declined to assess President-Elect Trump in the same manner as he did during the campaign. As protests continue around the country Obama has advised Trump to now reach out to racial minorities and women.

"I did say to him, as I've said publicly, that because of the nature of the campaigns, and the bitterness and ferocity of the campaigns, that it's really important to try to send some signals of unity, and to reach out to minority groups or women or others that were concerned about the tenor of the campaign," Obama told the packed White House Press Room. "And I think that's something that he will want to do. But this is all happening real fast. He's got commitments to supporters that helped to get him here, and he's going to have to balance those."

After months of railing that Trump was "unfit to be president" Obama now indicates what's most important is the peaceful transfer of power.

"Look, the people have spoken. Donald Trump will be

the next President, the 45th President of the United States," he said. "And it will be up to him to set up a team that he thinks will serve him well and reflect his policies. And those who didn't vote for him have to recognize that that's how democracy works. That's how this system operates."

Trump's vitriolic manner of speaking and acting appeared to immediately change after the election. In his victory speech, he promised to be president for "all of America." Despite the ugliness of the campaign between him and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, he praised her for a hard-fought race; then said America owes her a "debt of gratitude" for many years of service to the country.

In a White House meeting with President Obama last week - the first time the two had met in person - Trump called Obama a "very good man" and said he even looks forward to receiving counsel from him.

Obama was not as flattering, but was clear that he intends to do everything possible to insure Trump's success. He also expressed confidence that Trump intends to

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Uncertainty reigns as President-elect Trump prepares to take office

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWSWIRE

BY JEREMY LAZARUS OF THE RICHMOND FREE PRESS

President-elect Donald Trump has jangled nerves with his unexpected Election Day victory and his appointment of a firebrand arch conservative, former Richmonder Steve Bannon, as his chief strategist.

Protests featuring chants of "Not

my president" broke out in Richmond and other cities as disappointed supporters of defeated Democrat Hillary Clinton took to the streets in the days following the election to register their disapproval of the outcome. Thousands of students in Los Angeles and other cities walked out of schools to demonstrate against the appointment of Mr. Bannon, joining an array of critics in Congress and elsewhere who fear Bannon could

lift the white nationalist movement and Ku Klux Klan sympathizers into the top levels of the Trump White House. At the same time, Trump supporters went on their own rampage, with the FBI reporting more than 400 incidents of hate-filled attacks on African-Americans, Muslims and others.

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acting on the behalf of people of color? These two organizations have caused the shapings of bills and laws favorable to people of color and have drawn attention to unfair and unjust actions that have affected our lives.  
Now it has started again, and we are living in a divided Nation with poor race relations at the forefront. I write this article at this time so that we will remember what has happened in our past and be thankful for the changes such organizations as these have made in our lives.  
It's Thanksgiving. Let us make sure we give thanks to God for all he has done in our lives this Thanksgiving!!!  
Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP

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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 activities 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 distinctive 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 des-

ignated for African Americans in the era of segregation. Many people grew up going to Atlantic Beach 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.

The U.S. Electoral College system is rooted in protecting slavery

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE  
OF NORTHSTARNEWSTODAY.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - In Tuesday's election, Donald Trump won 289 Electoral College votes, more than the 270 needed for him to become the nation's 45th president. Trump will move into the White House on January 20, 2017.  
Hillary Rodham Clinton, Trump's Democratic opponent for president, won the popular vote by more than 1.8 million votes, according to the latest count, but she gave a concession speech, acknowledging Trump as the winner of the election. How can this be?  
The Electoral College sys-

tem, which was founded by James Madison, the nation's fourth president and one of the country's founding fathers, is based on protecting slavery, according to numerous history scholars. Madison was a Virginia slaveholder. In 1787 at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, slaves accounted for 40 percent of Virginia's population, making it the most-populous of the 13 original colonies.  
Some of Constitutional Convention attendees wanted the American people to vote directly for president. Madison, however, argued that a direct vote would disadvantage Southern states because Northern states had

more White men, individuals allowed to vote at the time, thus more voters. Blacks couldn't vote. Attendees reached a compromise that counted the whole number of free persons in the states as well as "three fifths" of all other persons, all of them black slaves. As a result, Southern states were given more seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and more electors who selected the president.  
The meeting of the electors is where they vote for president and vice president, and the counting of the electoral votes by Congress. The Electoral College now consists of 538 electors. A majority of 270 electoral votes is

required to elect the President. The Civil War ended slavery and the three-fifths of a man compromise, but the Electoral College is still in place. The Electoral College process consists of the selection of the electors.  
Tuesday's election is the fifth time in the history of presidential politics that one candidate won the Electoral College vote and his opponent won the popular vote. The Electoral College's three-fifths clause enabled Thomas Jefferson, a slaveholder, to defeat John Adams, who opposed slavery, in Adam's bid for re-election in 1800. In 2000, Democrat Al Gore won 539,000 more votes than Republican George W. Bush,

but Bush won more Electoral College votes.  
Following Tuesday's election, Change.org launched an online petition drive to persuade Electoral College electors to cast their ballots for Clinton on December 19th because she won the popular vote. On this date, electors vote in their individual states. Change.org wants 3 million people to sign the petition. If the electors don't vote the way their state voted, they will be fined, Change.org noted. One of the critics of the Electoral College is Trump. In 2012, he said the Electoral College was 'a disaster for democracy.'

REACH OUT

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govern fairly despite his campaign antics that insulted women, Blacks, handicapped people, and veterans among others. But, Obama said he believes the Donald Trump that America saw on the campaign trail will not be the same Donald Trump in the White House.  
"And my advice, as I said, to the President-elect when we had our discussions was that campaigning is different from governing. I think he recognizes that. I think he's sincere in wanting to be a successful President and moving this country forward," Obama said. "And I don't think any President ever comes in saying to themselves, I want to figure out how to make people angry or alienate half the country. I

think he's going to try as best he can to make sure that he delivers, not only for the people who voted for him, but for the people at large. And the good thing is, is that there are going to be elections coming up, so there's a built-in incentive for him to try to do that."  
Some are not as convinced as Obama. The NAACP, the day after the election, reflected on Trump's hateful words during the election and vowed to watch and hold Trump accountable.  
"The 2016 campaign has made racism regular, anti-Semitism standard, xenophobia unexceptional, and misogyny mainstream," said NAACP President Cornell Brooks in a statement. "Now, we must do everything within our power as a movement to prevent these social poisons from tearing our country apart. During this critical period of transition, we

are calling upon President-elect Donald J. Trump to speak and act with the moral clarity necessary to silence the dog-whistle racial politics that have characterized recent months and have left many of our fellow citizens snarling at one another in anger and even whimpering in fear."  
The statement concluded, "We are ready and willing to work with a new administration to protect and advance civil and human rights for all Americans. We are also prepared to fight any attempt to roll back the progress we've been working toward for more than a century."  
Trump has sent mixed messages in his initial appointments. On one hand, he has appointed Republican Chairman Reince Priebus as his chief of staff. On the other hand he has appointed Stephen Bannon, the head of

the racist and White supremacist website, Breitbart, for nearly a decade. Bannon had run Trump's campaign during the final months. At the end of the campaign, the racist campaign remarks had gotten so bad that even the official newspaper of the Ku Klux Klan endorsed Trump.  
Meanwhile, Trump has already back away from or softened at least three of his headline campaign promises. Instead of completely repealing the entire Affordable Health Care plan, better known as "Obamacare", he now says he hopes to keep key parts of it; instead of a mass deportation force for illegal immigrants; he now says he will initially look to deport only criminals. He has also backed away from his threat to appoint a special prosecutor and have Hillary Clinton investigated and possibly

jailed. He said in a CBS interview that the Clintons are "good people" and "I don't want to hurt them."  
Continuing in his conciliatory tone, Obama explained how he perceived Trump's politics.  
"So given that President-elect Trump is now trying to balance what he said in the campaign and the commitments he made to his supporters with working with those who disagreed with him, and members of Congress, and reaching out to constituencies that didn't vote for him, I think it's important for us to let him make his decisions," Obama said. "And I think the American people will judge over the course of the next couple of years whether they like what they see, and whether these are the kinds of policies and this is the direction that they want to see the country go in."

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people elected in Congress with a plan to do it. We created a context wherein they had to do it, through marching, civil disobedience and speaking out.  
The Reverend Barber continued, "We're going to continue to organize, to push out. We have seen what 23-24 percent of the electorate can do. We're going to try to get that to thirty percent, plus Latinos."

If there is one goal Democrats have as a top priority, it is to regain majorities in the North Carolina and United States Houses by 2020, the next presidential year, in order to control redistricting. The party in power at the start of each decade redraws the voting maps in their respective states and congressional districts, thus making it tougher for the opposing party to unseat the majority.  
Since Republicans took over the State House in 2010

and redrew North Carolina's voting districts to essentially protect their legislative majority in 2011, the GOP has been able to confidently push its conservative agenda, reversing, many Democratic critics say, whatever social progress had been made by the Democratic majority in previous years.  
Thanks to a successful federal lawsuit against North Carolina's 2011 redistricting plan alleging racial discrimination, the NC General Assembly will be required to

redraw its map for the remainder of the decade.  
"But it really all boils down to one thing," says State Senator Paul Lowe [D-Forsyth], "and that's Democrats making it their business to come out in 2018, and vote."  
Unlike in presidential elections, African-American and other communities of color don't traditionally turn out in large numbers for midterm elections, and the challenge is even seen as being greater now.  
"Our people have to vote,"

Senator Lowe, an African-American, says. "Our people have to turn out and vote during the midterm elections if they want to see things different. There's no way to get away from that." "Poor people, people of color, women, have the most to gain if they participate in the process, and the most to lose if they don't," Sen. Lowe adds. "So we can't allow midterm elections to get by, and we don't participate, because we are voting on those things that will affect us in most cases."

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Meanwhile, rumors and speculation continue to swirl as the transition from President Obama to President-elect Trump moves ahead.  
Lies were Mr. Trump's verbal currency of choice during the campaign, and his comments since his election victory have swung back and forth, leaving uncertainty about the policies he intends to carry out.  
Will he build a wall on the Mexican border? Destroy Obamacare? Privatize Medicare? Tear up international defense, trade, climate and nuclear agreements? Unleash police against African-Americans? Eliminate protections for children of illegal immigrants? Create a registry for Muslim Americans?

Prosecute Mrs. Clinton?  
For now, uncertainty also reigns when it comes to President-elect Trump's picks for his cabinet and other top posts, the people who will carry out whatever his policies prove to be. So far, his other picks are his chief of staff, Washington insider Reince Priebus, chair of the Republican National Committee, and his pick to lead the Justice Department is Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), former Alabama attorney general and U. S. attorney. Sessions has also raised eyebrows and drawn significant concern from civil rights leaders, who point to the fact that in 1986, Sessions was denied a U. S. Senate committee's approval for a federal judgment. Then a U. S. attorney in Alabama, his former colleagues "testified Sessions used the n-word and joked

about the Ku Klux Klan, saying he thought they were "okay, until he learned that they smoked marijuana," reported the Washington Post recently.  
Though Sessions has insisted he's "not a racist," and not insensitive to African-Americans, his nomination only adds to the uncertainty of the impact of Trump's administration on the Black community. Also, adding to the transition uncertainty are stories of foreign allies who have struggled to reach Trump and worries from political veterans who have seen the operation up close. Meanwhile, there are worries about Trump and his sprawling business empire. While he has said he would turn over operations to his children to avoid a conflict of interest, questions remain about whether the

policies he pursues will benefit his personal interests.  
Reports that he has sought top security clearance for his children and a son-in-law who was a close confidante in his campaign - though denied by his transition team - are adding

to the uncertainty about the incoming president. President Obama, who will leave office Friday, Jan. 20, when Mr. Trump is sworn in, has urged calm and unity and advised his soon-to-be successor to do the same.

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**COOPER DEFIANTLY MOVES FORWARD WITH TRANSITION TEAM**

[RALEIGH] Even though the state Board of Elections and various local BOEs are still wrestling with Republican allegations of voter fraud in the 2016 governor's race, Democratic candidate Roy Cooper is waiting for final decision.



**STATE BRIEFS**

Confident that he has a safe 6600-vote margin over incumbent Republican Gov. Pat McCrory that will hold up, Cooper has put up a "We're hiring" on his transition website, and announced several members who will head up his transition team. Meanwhile, prominent Democrats like Congressman G. K. Butterfield are urging Gov. McCrory to concede the race. As of Monday, 12 counties have certified their voter counts. The McCrory campaign had file

ballot protests in over fifty counties.

**CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL MAY PROTECT HISTORICALLY BLACK CEMETERY**

[CHARLOTTE] The Charlotte City Council is considering protecting Bidleville Cemetery, a post-Civil War era all-black cemetery founded in 1873, from development in the area. The council would designate the area with an historic designation. The city's

Historic Landmark Commission is recommending the designation.

**NC CENTRAL UNIVERSITY DEFEATS RIVAL NC A&T UNIVERSITY FOR MEAC TITLE, 42-21**

[GREENSBORO] The Eagles of North Carolina Central University are flying high after beating their rivals, the Aggies of North Carolina A&T University Saturday in a rout, 42-21 to claim the MEAC

Championship for the third straight time in a row. The NCCU Eagles now prepare to meet whoever wins the Southwestern Athletic Conference champion on Dec. 17th for the Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl at the Georgia Dome.

**NO TIME OR LOCATION YET FOR THE DEC. 3RD KKK RALLY IN NORTH CAROLINA**

[PELHAM] It's a week away, but so far, no word on where the Saturday, Dec. 3rd

Ku Klux Klan rally and march by the Loyal White Knights of the KKK out of Pelham, NC will be held. According to the white supremacist group's website, the events will be to celebrate the election of President-elect Donald Trump. Several white supremacist leaders, including former Klan leader David Duke, have hailed Trump's election as a victory for white people.

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justices to have any political leanings, and the voters want to make sure that our highest court is perceived as being fair and impartial in every decision," Morgan said.

NC NAACP President Reverend William Barber, promising a legal fight, echoed Justice-elect Morgan's concern, saying that adding the two court appointees would be "wrong because it is a form of partisan scheming designed to

go around the people and a vote of the people."

With the McCrory-Cooper gubernatorial race still in unofficial limbo at press time Monday, there is mounting concern that the ultimate winner will be chosen by the Republican-led North Carolina General Assembly. No one has denied that as a possibility, even though GOP leaders have denied contemplating expanding the State Supreme Court address the Morgan victory.

"We have never really talked about it at all," Republican Representative David Lewis of

Harnett County and Chairman of the House Rules Committee, told reporters last week. Senate President Pro tem Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) said there had been "no [Republican Senate] caucus discussions" about the matter.

However, Attorney Joyner, based on previous actions by Republican lawmakers who have held surprise votes on issues without public hearings or notice in the recent past, isn't buying their denials.

"These additions or the ill-advised effort to pack the court with Republicans will be seen

for what it is, a political scheme to overrule the vote of the voters which elected, by a large margin, Justice Morgan as the pivotal swing vote on a politically evenly divided court," the NCNAACP Legal Redress

Committee chairman said.

"Our courts should always enjoy the highest level of support from citizens because it is fair, unbiased, impartial, and worthy of respect. Adding two political appointees to

the court, as it is presently constituted, would totally destroy the remaining faith that African Americans and other racial minorities might have in the courts of this State."

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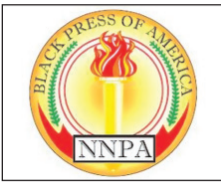
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## Our Voice

### CASH IN THE APPLE LAUGHING STOCK

Once again North Carolina is the laughingstock of the nation, this time thanks to Gov. Pat McCrory's inability to fathom two very simple words - YOU LOST!

Call it ego, call it shame, or call it whatever you want...Patrick Lloyd McCrory, outgoing one-term Republican governor (if nothing else shifty gets in the way) of the once great state of North Carolina (I say "once great" because McCrory and his GOP colleagues in the state legislature have done such a marvelous job of taking North Carolina so far backward, I'm amazed Thomas Edison isn't still listed in the phone book) is doing his best, along with his cutthroat posse of dime-a-dozen law-traitors to turn over every rock, nuk and cranny to "prove" that nothing but dead people and vote-fraud masters gave his Democratic opponent, state Attorney General Roy Cooper, a slim Election Day 5,000 vote lead (which later swelled to over 6,600 by last weekend).

McCrory just can't take it. Donald Trump, the loud-and-foulmouthed sex maniac the governor backed for president won. Sen. Richard Burr hardly campaigned and even got caught wishing out loud that someone would assassinate Hillary Clinton, and he still got re-elected. Indeed, Republicans were claiming victory all over the place on Election night.

McCrory couldn't stand being left out of the party, especially when his opponent, Roy Cooper, got up on stage and declared victory long before anything had been officially determined. Pat decided right then and there that he wasn't going out like that.

So all of McCrory's lawyers have fanned out, filing election protests in 52 counties, hoping to generate enough "evidence" of voter fraud, in predominately-black voting precincts, to "prove" that Cooper only came out on top because of "voter fraud" on a massive scale.

So far, upon review, out of 4.6 million ballots cast, less than ten have actually proven to be questionable. There is that situation in Bladen County where folks paid to help the elderly fill out mail-in absentee ballots did not realize they had to also sign the form, but if true, that's a mistake, not fraud.

Still, the fact that McCrory is causing all of this ruckus just because he's on the losing end of the people's decision, is shameful and sets a poor example. Let's be clear, Pat and his attorneys are manipulating the system in desperate hopes that manna will fall from the sky and just award him the election. Never mind that he is further deeply dividing the state at a time when folks are clearly in no mood.

Never mind that Pat McCrory never has been, and never will be a strong leader, let alone a good governor. What Pat McCrory is a snake oil salesman who masters the art of swift and slick talking, always smiling so that folks will mistake his brandishing of polished teeth for "true" grit; balling up his fists as a symbol of empty determination; and talking in low tones to convince the listener that Pat has the requisite cool needed to be a great leader.

This may all end up in the Republican-led NC General Assembly, where state lawmakers would surely vote to install Pat for another term, what to make him pay for it by walking all over him again for the next four years.

Now is his chance to show true leadership by taking his loss like a man, but Pat McCrory can't do that. Without the governor's office, what else does he have to do? Where else can he go to play pretend? Stay tuned.

*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.*



## Visual Voice



## Your Voice

**I am not ashamed of my heritage nor will I accept the racism whose ugly head has risen....**

As a descendent of the only People that were free of prosecutions and from prosecutions before being bought to this country bounded in chains in the 1600s, I deeply resent your claims, all of them that would deny us. We built this country long before you arrived, some coming from debtor prisons and jails. You became a part of the infrastructure of fear, waging terrorist tactic against our People, raping our women, tainting our blood and killing our men, We cannot erase the blood in our veins, but we know that many of you though paler in hue, you too have our bloodline and that is why many of you hate on the level that you do.

We have fought your wars

and won them for you, building a country for ALL to be free with many of our Ancestors dying fighting for a freedom that we have earned, but not honored with. Today, we as American with more than three centuries of living here are still required through your law to reclaim our rights to vote every so many years. The time to re involve ourselves on every level is NOW. We have seen the broken promises and shattered lives taken by policemen and women under the guise of law to be set free later through the guidance of DAS or juries that are not the peers of the slain. In the manner of the late, great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the struggle to vote and to use Public accommodations let us organize and plan to change the laws in order to protect our People. Nothing as ever been given to our People, but hard

times.

The term "diversity" is a code word that means double down on the denying of our rights that we have earned. Having one is not enough. We must have more than one at the table or we will remain on the table as in lunch. Nobody is going to save us. We must save ourselves. Had not President Barack Obama been in office for the two terms that he serves by the end of January 19th 2017, we as a People would have little aspirations and dreams. We as a People have failed ourselves and helped the coming dilemma to happen. BLACK LIVES MATTER and we should understand that we must rally behind this slogan, organize a national force that should consider not spending for what is considered "big money" items and look at not paying your cell phone bill for one month and the Comcast

and the other cell phone folks begin to feel the millions that will cause delays throughout the economic system. Stop telling your children liars that basketball is a way out and stop buying \$200 sneakers for a couple of months and then create your own factories and make sports ware for ourselves instead of buying knock offs. ATTACK the Economics and begin to build strength and respect. Get engaged and stay engaged. Do not be afraid, for we have only fear of fear. We have a History of believing and achieving. USE THAT HISTORY. We can no longer think as individuals, but think as a Movement to shut down these racism that has no place in our society. Get engaged and stay engaged. Thank you for sharing this communications.

**Haywood Fennell  
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## Matters of Opinion

### RAINBOW COALITION

## The right to vote in America has been fractured

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

America's election system is a disgrace, as the 2016 presidential election once more demonstrates. This isn't sour grapes. I'm disappointed that my candidate lost but the election is over, the results are in. What every American ought to be outraged at, however, is that the United States is still not a democracy of one person, one vote. Our electoral system is suppressing the right to vote for millions.

Start with the obvious. Hillary Clinton won the election, by a margin that may

amount to 2 million votes. No need for a recount; she won big. But Donald Trump will be inaugurated president largely because he won three states — Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Michigan — by a total margin of , at last count, 112,000 votes.

The U.S. doesn't count presidential elections by one person, one vote. Instead the system counts electoral votes with the winner taking all in every state except Maine and Nebraska. This not only gives greater weight to small, rural states over large populous ones like California; it also makes for perverse campaigning in a few, closely divided "swing states," with much of the country essentially ignored. The president of the United States governs all Americans, not just Americans grouped by state. This is the second election in 16 years in which the winner of

the popular vote lost the election. This dangerously saps the legitimacy of the presidency. The Electoral College system survives only because most Americans know little about it. America makes it hard to vote. Registration is not automatic on turning 18, allowing states to erect different hurdles for registering. Voting is usually on a workday that is not a national holiday. States set the laws allowing for infinite schemes designed to make it harder for some to vote. Voting is the most fundamental right in a democracy — and the U.S. perversely empowers petty, partisan officials in various states to whittle away at it.

2016 was the first presidential election in 50 years without the full protection of the Voting Rights Act, gutted by the right-wing gang of five on the Supreme Court in *Shelby County v. Holder*. With

Republicans shocked at Obama's majority margins in 2008, Republican governors and legislatures pushed various schemes to make voting harder for the young, for people of color, and for working and poor people. Despite fierce legal battles, 14 states had various forms of voter suppression schemes in effect in 2016.

Various tricks and traps were put into effect. Early voting days were reduced. Sunday voting — a favorite for African-American churches that organized to take our souls to the polls — was outlawed. Polling places were reduced in numbers, particularly in poor or African-American districts. Hours were restricted. New forms of voter ID was required,

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### WHAT WE BLACKS NEED TO DO

## We will not go quietly into the good night!!!

The election of Donald Trump makes me feel the same way I do when a family member dies. I am now feeling the five stages of grief denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance.

A special thanks to all of you who did not vote for Trump. Some of us voted for Clinton, but some of you Blacks checked the box with Trump's name on it and other Blacks helped elect that "parasite" by saying I will not vote for either one and carried out your selfish, foolish, backstabbing action by not voting.

There is a lot of blame to pass around to you who allowed Trump to not only make things worse for your children, grandchildren, America but the whole world.

I blame some people on Medicare, Medicaid, social security, welfare, living in

public housing, living in Section 8 housing, food stamps recipients and the 22 million receiving Obamacare for not voting for Clinton. Clinton pledged to strengthen these programs. Trump has pledged to cut way back on benefits, change to a voucher system or eliminate some off these lifesaving program. Obamacare to some means Obama cares. You will now be on "Trumpcare". Do you think Trump cares about you?

I blame some Blacks from those who dropped out of high school up to some well-educated PHD's, some millennials, members of fraternities, sororities and other organizations that were founded to reach out to help fellow Blacks. Some very well-paid ministers who never said a word about supporting the candidates who would best serve your family, but talked each Sunday about supporting the church with your money.

I blame the student who turned eighteen before the election and could have attended community college free with their parents not having to borrow money to

send them as well as the parents who did not vote to help their children further their education.

My ancestors survived slavery. I survived legal segregation, marching for our civil rights as a member and president of the NAACP. I also survived a B-grade actor President Ronald Reagan for eight years, a wimpy clueless President George H. W. Bush for four years and a "decider" who lead us into three wars (Iraq, Afghanistan and Isis) George W. Bush for eight years, so I will survive this spoiled rotten son of a rich man, Donald Trump for his first four years.

After you finish your five stages of grief, please let us start educating and registering our people for the elections coming up. The mid-term election for all 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 30 Senators will be in 2018. Local and state races will also be going on. We must start now recruiting, training them and selecting our candidates to run and win our seats at the big table.

Many are saying we need another MLK to leads us. We are blessed to have a great man cut from the same cloth as MLK. He is Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. President of the North Carolina NAACP. If you do not know him, his works and the other leaders out there buy a subscription to your local Black Newspaper and educate yourself and your family. We need all of us working together to re-gain our rights. Use them or lose them.

Matthew 9:37- "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

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usually to disadvantage students or minorities disproportionately. Electronic machines with no paper record are widely used, virtually inviting vote manipulation. Voter rolls were purged — allegedly to address fraud — but with lists that always target African-American and Latino voters disproportionately.

In many states, former felons who had paid their debt to society are permanently deprived the right to vote. Six million citizens have been stripped of the right to vote, disproportionately people of color. In four states — including Florida and Virginia — more than one in five African-Americans has been disenfran-

chised.

In Wisconsin, the Republican governor and legislature pushed through new voter ID requirements. Three hundred thousand voters lacked the required ID; voter turnout was the lowest in two decades. In Milwaukee, where 70 percent of the state's African-Americans live, turnout was down 13 percent. The suppressed votes were likely far more than the margin of victory.

In North Carolina, the governor and legislature openly cheered the success of their efforts to curb early voting among African-Americans that resulted from slashing 158 polling places in the 40 counties with large numbers of African-American voters. On average, black voters stand in lines two times as long as white voters, in

a conscious and systematic effort to make voting harder, particularly for those working jobs without flexible hours.

This list can go on, and it is an indefensible disgrace. This isn't complicated. The American people should demand passage of a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to vote and empowering the Congress to pass rules to protect that right. The candidate that wins the most votes should win presidential elections. Nothing radical, just common sense. National rules should make registration automatic and voting easy, not hard. The Voting Rights Act should be revived and strengthened. The Justice Department right now should be prosecuting states that violated basic voting rights.

When America was found-

ed, only white, male property owners had the right to vote. Americans demonstrated and died, and fought a Civil War to end slavery, expand citizenship to all and expand the right to vote. Now partisan officials are trifling with the very foundation of our democracy. No republic can survive long without legitimacy. Donald Trump rightly called the Electoral College a disgrace, before he won office on the basis of it. If he cares about this country, he will lead the effort to reform our election laws, rather than accepting a system that perverts the will of the people.

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**Will Republicans prevail in 2018?**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The apprehension that I felt upon Donald Trump's victory in the Presidential election has only increased as he has announced the appointments of his chief of staff, strategist, and cabinet members. As of this writing, he has mainly announced the selection of older white men, including the racist Alabama Senator, Jeff Sessions, to lead the Justice Department. The senator's use of highly inflammatory racial rhetoric (including describing the NAACP as an "un-American" organization, and expressing support for the KKK) prevented his confirmation to the US District Court in 1986. Now, he will be charged with law enforcement in our nation.

Equally troubling has been the selection of Stephen Bannon, his campaign chairman, as chief White House strategist and senior counselor. Bannon is the Executive Chairman of Breitbart News, a news site that has been the home of the alt-right, the source of lies, hate, nastiness and racist rhetoric. President Barack Obama had to walk away from Minister Jeremiah Wright because one of his sermons was considered racist by some whites. Trump openly embraces racists and is applauded for it.

The position that Bannon will hold does not require Senate confirmation, while the position that Sessions will be nominated for does. With 54 Republicans in the Senate, Sessions is almost certain to be nominated. Hopefully Democrats have retained enough of a backbone to raise questions about Sessions' racism. Senate newcomers Kamala Harris (D-CA) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) may be among the first to raise the questions. Still Republicans will have the votes to confirm anyone they want to confirm. Welcome to the age of Trump.

Will Republicans get more of an edge in the Senate when we go to the polls in 2018? Thirty-three Senate seats will be up for grabs then. Republicans hold only eight. Independents Bernie Sanders (VT) and Angus King (ME), who caucus and vote with Democrats are both likely to be candidates for reelection. A whopping 23 seats are currently held by Democrats. If some of the states that went Republican in this year's election can be tilted, Republicans can widen their margin in the Senate.

The Trump campaign (and its affiliated SuperPacs) have as much as \$60 million to spend, and can use it to build ground operations in states where Democrats closely lost this year. (Hillary and her affiliated SuperPACS may have as much as \$70 million to spend). Democrats lost Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Florida, North Carolina, and Arizona by less than five percent. Incumbent Democrats Tammy Baldwin (WI), Sherrod Brown (Ohio), Bob Casey (PA), Joe Donnelly (IN), Amy Klobuchar (Minnesota), Joe Manchin (WV), Bill Nelson (FL), and Debbie Stabenow (MI) are all in states that Republicans won in 2016. While many of them are popular, and incumbency is a challenging thing to overcome, we've just seen that the right kind of Republican rhetoric can prevail.

These candidates, and the Democratic Party, can't afford to take incumbency or popularity for granted. They can't afford to savor a polling lead and conclude that they don't have to fight for every vote. If these folks want to go back to Washington, they'll learn from the Hillary Clinton loss and work indefatigably, starting now, to keep their seats. They'll make lots of visits back home, host town hall meetings, and make sure their votes understand what their contributions have been and what challenges they face.

If Trump and his team can brag of results, if his actions are perceived as "making American great again", then incumbent Democrats may be in trouble. Virginia Senator Tim Kaine, also on the ballot, has described Democrats in the Senate as the "emergency brake" on Trump's policy proposals. I expect them to vocally take Trump and his team on when they revert to the racist rhetoric and proposed racist, misogynistic, and jingoistic policies that Trump promoted during the campaign. Will they? They may not want to be perceived as obstructionists (though Republicans surely didn't mind being obstructionists with President Obama), and they will certainly need to pick their battles carefully. But they must speak out.

*Mid-term election turnout is always extremely low – it was just 36 percent in 2014, the lowest level in 70 years. Democrats must start now to educate and encourage people to turn out for the mid-term elections. And voting rights organizations must begin now to reverse the voter suppression that kept millions from voting on November 8. If Democrats don't get busy now, Republicans will, indeed, prevail in 2018. So let's stop wringing our hands and moaning. Let's get busy!*

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**TO BE EQUAL**

**Do not be complacent in the face of hate**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*"A house divided against itself cannot stand." — President Abraham Lincoln, "House Divided" Speech, June 16, 1858*

The day after Trump was elected the 45th president of the United States of America, a group of middle school students in Royal Oak, Michigan



**Marc Morial**

ch a n t e d , "build the wall" in their school cafeteria during lunchtime—a core Trump campaign slogan and promise to secure our nation's border with Mexico. On November 9, Minnesota high school officials discovered racist graffiti and Trump rhetoric scrawled in a boy's bathroom. The graffiti included #Gobacktoafrika, #Whitesonly and the Trump campaign's rallying cry to "Make America Great Again." Only a day after Trump became our country's President-elect, a woman in New York City, who was wearing a hijab, was told by a man

on the subway, "Your time is up, girlie." The President-elect's campaign was no stranger to stirring anti-Muslim sentiment. As a candidate, Trump repeatedly called for a complete ban on Muslims entering the United States.

When confronted with reports of these hate crimes and harassment during an interview on "60 Minutes," Trump said, "I am so saddened to hear that," adding, "And I say, stop it. If it, if it helps, I will say this and I will say right to the cameras: Stop it." If only it were that easy, President-elect Trump.

What candidate Trump willfully disregarded, and would not denounce, during his quest for the White House, President Trump will soon have to grapple with in our freshly divided nation: you cannot court those mired in racist, misogynist or homophobic ideology—tacitly endorse and legitimize hate—then expect to put the deplorables back in the basket.

Since Election Day, there has been a disheartening spike in hate crimes and harassment. The surge in hate crimes is even more horrifying when you recognize that these acts of violence and hate are being done in the name of the President-elect, and by individ-

uals invoking his campaign's divisive rhetoric. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which has been keeping a running tally of these crimes through "Hatewatch," there have been more than 400 incidents of hate, harassment and intimidation following the election. The reports were collected from social media, news reports and from direct submissions to the SPLC's #ReportHate page. We must report these crimes and hateful incidents. Help SPLC monitor these incidents to create the database and evidence that bears out our worst fear: that while America might feel great again for some, it has become appallingly unsafe for others.

Be sure to report hate crimes to your local authorities first. You can also file complaints with the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division online or contact the agency at (202) 514-4609. The post-Election Day uptick in hate crimes has pushed some states to take matters into their own hands. In New York, the city's district attorneys released a joint statement indicating that bias crimes have become more commonplace since Election Day, and in response, the state has launched a hotline to report potential hate crimes with the

Division of Human Rights.

But in the midst of our division, our nation always gives me reason to hope. Recently, a Baylor University sophomore was walking to her class when she says another student, "sort of shoved me off the sidewalk and he said...no n—s allowed on the sidewalk. Another student saw the incident and confronted the attacker, who responded that he was "just trying to make America great again." Two days later, 300 schoolmates, teachers and school administrators walked that sophomore to class to keep her safe.

As our nation awaits the transition to a Trump administration, we must not become complacent in the face of hate. We must report it, remain vigilant, and like the people at Baylor University, become our brother's keeper. If Trump is going to be the president for all Americans he promised to be in his acceptance speech, he must to more than ask those emboldened by his rhetoric to stop acting on his words—he needs to unequivocally denounce these crimes and acts of hate.

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**Afterthoughts on a debacle**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*"DEBACLE: a complete collapse or failure."*

For Liberals or Progressives, the 2016 presidential election is nothing less than a DEBACLE. Since Trump's victory, political and social uncertainty remain top-trending topics. Trump now holds us in suspense, looking to his cabinet appointments as predictive of his method of governance. Trump has a majority of the nation and a large part of the world holding their collective breaths awaiting his next, unpredictable move.



**Dr. E. Faye Williams**

The fear and uncertainty of a Trump presidency engenders a temptation to search for a logical reason as to why we're in our current situation and finds us listening to analyses as endless as the pundits giving them. Having listened to many well thought out, well-delivered post-mortems, I've concluded that some console, some con-

gratulate and others point the finger of guilt. I've also concluded that, whether from frustration or lingering disbelief, some wish to debate "Why?" instead of engaging in future-oriented dialogue.

I take pride and consolation in the fact that Black women voted overwhelmingly for Secretary Clinton. Whether a pro-Clinton or anti-Trump vote, the effect was that Black women's vote carried the more closely contested states and kept a Clinton victory within striking distance in others. Exit polling showed that 94% of Black women voted for Clinton.

Charles D. Ellison, contributing editor at The Root, said, "If anyone is to blame for Trump's dastardly white nationalist-driven win, to the dropping jaws of many, clouds can't be sent over Black women... Sisters may have instinctively felt the approaching electoral freight train—perhaps that same way in which worried Black mothers, for centuries, have given racial-warning pep talks to Black children, bracing for dreams deferred."

Ellison went on, "Whether Black women's votes were, indeed, an honest attempt at sincerely supporting the candi-

date or whether they were seated in a real belief that she would be the most qualified president since, well, Barack Obama, is beside the point. What's poignant is the impressive show of electoral force from Black women, despite odds historically stacked against them and—frankly—the almost scandalous underestimation of their value at Election Day polls."

Among other things, I'm disgusted by attempts to disavow racism as a major component of Trump's victory. Although thinly-veiled and less than subtle, appeal to racist leanings was a hallmark of Trump's campaign. Seen in increasing daily encounters, current incidents of blatant racism give evidence that Trump's campaign opened the door to a resurgence of overt racism. As a former educator, most disturbing is that much of the resurgence has shown up in many of our middle and high schools.

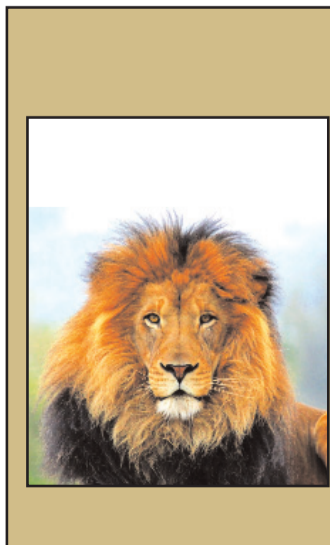
"If you can convince the lowest white man he's better than the best colored man, he won't know you're picking his pocket. Hell, give him someone to look down on and he'll empty his pockets for you." Attributed to President Johnson, that

quote rings more true now than when first spoken.

However rationalized, white privilege is real and expected by those who're white and those willing to submit. Most white people prefer being white to anything else in the world. The benefits of that privilege are taught from birth and are culturally embedded. For many whites, equality of opportunity and social justice are tantamount to "reverse discrimination." For that demographic, the last 8 years have been comparable to trudging, waterless, through the desert.

Although positive prospects for our next 4 years seem non-existent, now is not the time to roll-over in dismay. Our response to the challenges of a Trump administration will shape our own and our children's future. We've come too far to relinquish the gains we've made since Emancipation and it's REQUIRED that ALL of us activate and mobilize against any attempt to turn-back the clock of Freedom and Justice.

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**"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."  
--AN AFRICAN PROVERB**



## New Hanover County

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



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

## Community Briefs

**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 [nhnaacp@gmail.com](mailto:nhnaacp@gmail.com).

**The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHCC 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.

**Whitaker Small Farm Group, Inc.** will hold their Outreach Conference "Connecting Farmers with Resources" on Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10th at the Hilton Riverside, 301 N. Water St. The moderator will be Dr. Carolyn Reyes.

## Brunswick County

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

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## It's going to be very cold winter and great honors to Hillary Clinton

**T**he cold winter is approaching us now. It will be warm in the homes of many families, but some people will not have heat for long periods of time. It will not be comfortable in a home where there is very little heat day and night.

Unfortunately there are many individuals struggling to survive and provide the basics. There are places in North Carolina where the rate of unemployment is increasing, and a major cut in food stamps will affect some families with a low income. Some will work very hard on two jobs for them and their children to have ample food daily.

With this being said, there are many people in need of winter clothes. Many of us will give freely in hopes that our donations are going directly to those in need.

Despite so much hopelessness, people continue to have dreams of peace, success, and prosperity. This balance is nothing new for African Americans. For centuries, perseverance has been practiced by our predecessors. There are both major social and economic issues that are in our communities.

The results of the last election didn't help our cause at all. They counted of votes all night and I'm sure "mistakes" were made. I'm suspicious that it was by design and intent so that the Republicans would win, and the Republicans did win. This is not the best life for our children to live in

America, and, to add insult to injury, it is believed that Russia's relationship with the Trump campaign impacted in the outcome of the election of the President for The United States.

Hillary Clinton put up a tough fight and will never be forgotten by hard working African American taxpaying citizens. We believe she would have been one of the greatest Presidents the United States has ever had. We must use our rights of freedom to speak the truth in this country.

We think of the NAACP Tri-State Conference for Idaho, Nevada and Utah. The NAACP has said to America that the time is now to be true to the promises made. It is through the many court battles that the NAACP has been victorious, yet there is more work to be done as so many of our rights won in the courts

are being taken away.

We believe democracy and public education are the corner stones for all people young and old. We must learn to work with goals in mind and never give up.

*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.*

## 1898 Observance Program



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## 1898 OBSERVANCE PROGRAM

BY CAMERON PARKER  
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Tuesday, November 15 residents of Wilmington and beyond packed the St. Andrews, AMEZ Church for an 1898 Observance program. 1898 represented a time when African Americans were thriving both politically and economically, and were the predominant group in Wilmington. On November 10, 1898, White Southern Democrats massacred an untold number of African Americans instilling White Supremacy and forever changing the landscape of Wilmington. It was echoed over and over throughout the event, by Pastor Henry

Gregory, pastor of St. Andrews, and other speakers, that it is important to remember history in order for history never to repeat itself.

The event started with a beautiful selection of Sam Cooke's "A Change is Gonna Come" by Lonnie Bennetone. There was a great turnout from the National Black Leadership Caucus. Isaiah Bradley, from the National Black Leadership Youth Council, gave a tremendous opening speech about the purpose of the program. Most notable was the call for justice, and when there is No Justice there can be No Peace. The event featured several other speakers. Josiah Bennetone III represented the New Hanover Chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus giving a powerful presentation of never forgetting our history. Cameron Parker spoke on



## 1898 REMEMBERED BY SENATOR MICHAEL LEE WITH BLACK CAUCUS PRESIDENT SONYA PATRICK

behalf of Black Lives Matter of Wilmington about the need for reparations for descendants of 1898. Inez Campbell Easton, a descendant of Islam Quick, gave an eye opening account of the event from her research featuring a letter from an eyewitness account, and powerful stories from her ancestors. Senator Michael Lee offered his greetings and expressed gratitude for the invite along with the need of a greater understanding of each other.

Sonya Patrick organized the incredible event and introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Kojo Nantumbo. Rev. Kojo delivered a powerful message. He stressed the importance of being involved politically, and understanding your local politics as well as the national. Your vote matters, he stressed. He called upon everyone,

whether clergy or citizens to do the work. He inspired Blacks to realize the power we come from. We are the beginning. Using examples of the Reconstruction period when Blacks were given nothing, they made thriving communities, and colleges to educate our own. Rev. Kojo also shared a personal connection with 1898 being a descendant of family members involved in the massacre that had to hide in the woods of Bolivia, NC to escape.

There was a message of and feeling of community by the end of the event. Many people stood up and expressed their desires to be involved, and the desire to work together in the community. The hope is that continually educating the community of Wilmington about events like 1898 will only make us stronger together in the end.

## One Love Tennis needs you!!

One Love Tennis is a program that empowers and inspires young people between the ages of 6-12, especially those at risk, to lead healthy, productive lives through participation in a tennis and academic enrichment program.

Today the program features after-school tennis coaching for 460 young people and a variety of instructional, practice, and competitive sessions during the summer.

We are now in the process of creating the Academic Enrichment Program, which emphasizes basic academic skills as well as the value of hard work, discipline, organization, and the quest for excellence.

We have begun with a "pilot" program for a select group of our students, 50 boys

and girls chosen not only for their tennis and academic prowess but also for their character, good grades in school, positive attitude, and exemplary behavior.

The success of this program depends on academic coaches willing to give one hour a week in the afternoon to mentor several One Love Tennis boys and girls. If you are interested and able, please consider being a part of this important initiative that focuses and encourages the youth in the Greater Wilmington area to become positive future leaders in their communities and in the world at large.

For more information, please contact: Cindy Ducharme, program director, at: [cindyducharme16@gmail.com](mailto:cindyducharme16@gmail.com).

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## Brunswick County to begin accepting LIEAP applications December 1st

Bolivia, NC - Brunswick County will begin accepting applications for LIEAP, the annual energy assistance program, from adults who are at least 60 years old or disabled on Dec. 1.

The LIEAP, or Low Income Energy Assistance Program, provides a one-time annual vendor payment to help eligible families offset winter heating expenses. The household's total countable income for the base period must be equal to or less than 130 percent of the current poverty level, and the household's total resources must be \$2,250 or less.

Beginning Thursday, Dec. 1, individuals who are 60 years and older or disabled and receiving services from the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) can apply at Social Services, in Building B at the County Complex. Applications will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. In addition, during

the month of December, Social Services staff will be taking applications at the Brunswick County Senior Centers from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locations and dates are below.

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3, anyone may apply for the funds, regardless of age or disability. At that time, applications will be taken in person at Building B Annex (back of the Social Service building), Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Applicants must provide all income for the household and its members; checking and savings account statements for all members of the household; all property, stocks, bonds and other assets for all members of the household; the name, date of birth and social security number for each member of the household; and a copy of the current heating source bill, with the applicant's name, address and account number.

Applications will be taken until Mar. 31, or until all funds are exhausted. For additional information, please call 910-253-2422.

Senior Center Locations, Dates and Times:

- Supply Senior Center Friday, December 2nd
- Shalotte Senior Center Monday, December 5th and Friday, December 16th
- Oak Island Senior Center Tuesday, December 6th
- BSL Senior Center Wednesday, December 7th
- Town Creek Center Thursday, December 8th
- Southport Senior Center Friday, December 9th and Monday, December 12th
- Sunset Harbor Center Tuesday, December 13th
- Calabash Senior Center Wednesday, December 14th
- Leland Senior Center Thursday, December 15th and Monday, December 19th
- Ash Senior Center Tuesday, December 20th



**Kyeatha D. Walker**

Kyeatha Danielle Walker was born March 24, 1980 to Patricia Powell and the late Gregory Mallette. She departed this life on November 10, 2016 at the Silver Stream Health and Rehabilitation Center, Wilmington, North Carolina. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Macedonia FBH Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery.

She grew up in New Hanover County and attended New Hanover High School. After high school, she attended Cape Fear Community College and became a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Kyeatha loved the Lord and accepted Him as her personal Savior at an early age. She attended Macedonia FBH Church, Wilmington, NC and Friendship Holiness Church, Bolivia, North Carolina.

Her passion was helping people, but her first love was her family. She was the glue that held everyone together. Like a tree root, she was always strong. She will be greatly missed.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: Three sons, Keyshawn White, Gregory White, and Terrell White, Fiance' Michael White, Mother, Patricia Powell (Ellis), One brother, Jemell Dixon, Three sisters, Latoye Utley, Miracle Dixon, and Shanetta Mallette, grandparents, Roger and Peggy Tyler, Three uncles, Jimmy Walker, Will Mallette and Tery Mallette, two aunts, Brenda Allen (Jermaine) and Lisa Young (Carl), Best friends, Shanetta, Ynonna and Fietta. A host of cousins, other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Otis J. Hames, Sr.**

Otis J. Hames, Sr., age 87, of Wilmington, passed away, Saturday, November 12, 2016. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Otis J. Hames, Jr. was born June 30, 1929, to Ollie Mae Hames in Cherokee County in Spartanburg, SC. Along with his mother Ollie, his grandmother, Mrs. Vestula D. Hames, was also very instrumental in the rearing of his life. The family together lived in Blacksburg, SC where Otis attended the Academy School for his primary and secondary education. Mrs. Cloggin Black was his favorite teacher.

Upon completing high school at the age of 16, Otis briefly attended North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC but made the decision to return to his South Carolina

home shortly after. In 1946, he enlisted in the United States Army. Stationed in Fort Lee, VA, Otis enjoyed his time in the Army and serving his country nobly. Once honorably discharged from the armed services, Otis relocated to New York City, NY and settled in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY.

Otis loved his time living in New York. He completely immersed himself in the city's urban culture, arts, sports, and civics scene creating lifelong friendships there. Otis played in semi-pro football and baseball leagues for local teams while living in Brooklyn. He played center for The Brooklyn Blackhawks and Cardinals football club, and catcher for the Brooklyn Seals baseball club bearing the nickname, "Young Yummie" among his teammates. He played football along with the future business leader, Earl Graves, Sr. and in baseball competed against the likes of several future Major League Baseball Hall of Fame players, Joe Pepitone, Yogi Berra, and Joe Torre.

At a young age, Otis was committed to public service and was highly respected in his community. He enrolled at the Delancey Institute where he studied and received his professional certification in Civil Service Administration. Civically, Otis became an active volunteer on the campaign of the first African American female Presidential candidate, Shirley Chisholm. Inspired by his love for city culture and interacting with people of all walks of life, he began a 35-year career with the U.S. Postal Service at the Cooper Post Office Station in Lower Manhattan as a Mail Carrier.

When Otis relocated his family to his wife's hometown of Wilmington, NC, he made history by becoming the first African American to visibly service customers at the U.S. Postal Service downtown headquarters. He continued to work with the postal service until his retirement in October, 1992.

After retirement, he started his own travel and entertainment company, Unique Travel Group. For 12 years, he provided hundreds of customers from the greater Wilmington, NC area exclusive vacation experiences nationwide.

Otis was instilled with Christian beliefs from his mother and grandmother when attending Trinity Zion A.M.E. Church in Blacksburg, SC, so when he joined First A.M.E. Zion Church in Brooklyn, it was only natural for him to become an active member; serving on the Usher Board and the Men's Choir. He loved to serve the Lord and continued his commitment to the Church when he relocated to Wilmington. Over the last three decades, Otis

served faithfully at the historic St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, faithfully serving on the Men's Choir, the Senior Choir, the Men's Day Committee, the Steward Board, and as Sunday School Superintendent.

While living in Brooklyn, Otis met and fell in love with Eliza Jean Hawes. She quickly became the love of his life, and the two soon became married at First A.M.E. Zion Church in Brooklyn, NY on June 30, 1965. Otis loved Jean unconditionally, and the two created many memories while enjoying more than 40 years of marital bliss before her transition into eternal life in May of 2012.

After the passing of his wife, Otis became the founder & Chairman of The Hames Family Foundation to continue their legacy of service. His leadership and vision led to scholarships for young debutants sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., sponsorship of St. Stephen A.M.E. Church Vacation Bible School and HBCU college tours to name a few.

Otis and Jean's family legacy includes: Lamont (son) and Marsha E. Hames (wife) and their children Amir and Imani of West Falls Church, VA; Glenn (son) and Kimberly C. Hames (wife) of Raleigh, NC, his son, Channing (grandson); G. Todd (grandson) and Swar (wife) of Vienna, VA, and their two children Alia and Anaya (great grandchildren). Otis is also survived by his eldest son, Gary Hames, who resides in Brooklyn, NY, his four siblings, Otis Coleman, Los Angeles, CA; Gladys Cobb, Dallas, TX; Cynthia Coleman, Philadelphia, PA; Steve Coleman, Philadelphia, PA and a host of cousins and in-laws nation-wide.

Although he has transitioned into eternity, Otis will always continue to be the paternal rock for his children and grandchildren. *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.*

**Infant John E. Leonard II**

Infant John Edward Leonard II, of Greensboro, passed away, Saturday, November 12, 2016. A graveside service was held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Pine Forest Cemetery. *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.*

**Doris Brewington**

Doris Brewington age 73, of Wilmington, passed away, Tuesday, November 15, 2016. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 20, 2016 at

Davis Funeral Home. Burial was Monday, November 21, 2016 in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

We are eternally grateful and thankful to Almighty God for blessing us with such a precious life. Doris was truly loving and sweet. She never missed the opportunity to tell people "I Love You Baby", not just to her family, but to everyone she came in contact with.

Doris was born on Monday, April 5, 1943 to the late Mrs. Lizzie Harrison Plenty and Allen Plenty.

She was educated in the New Hanover County School System and graduated from Williston High School Class of 1961. She went on to attend Fayetteville State University for a brief period and transferred back to attend Wilmington College where she received her degree in Education in 1964. After graduation, Doris began working at Mary Washington Howe Elementary School for a few years. She later used her love and caring spirit to serve as a care taker.

Doris was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Donald K. Brewington for 47 years. To this union, three devoted, loving, and wonderful children were born. Derrick, Yolanda (deceased) and Darnell.

The memories of Doris will forever be engraved in the hearts of her loving sons Derrick T. Brewington (Andrea) of Charlotte, NC; Darnell K. Brewington of Knightdale, NC; son-in-law Israel Norwood of Hiram, GA; one granddaughter Ashlyn M. Brewington, one grandson Ryan M. Brewington of Charlotte, NC, two brothers, Robert Harrison (Louise) of Leland, NC; and Russell Plenty (Lula) of San Antonio Texas; Three sisters, Deborah Harrison of Wilmington, Diane Graham of Navassa, and Wanda

Plenty of Hope Mills, NC Sisters-In laws, Claudia

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**In Loving Memory Of**



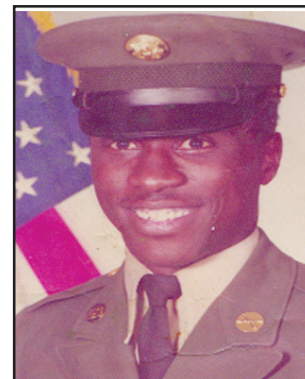
**Shirley Grainger Canty**  
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A Mother's Love Forever Present in Our Hearts

Mom, today marks eleven years since you were called home to be with the Lord. As we pause to remember and honor your Legacy, we are reminded of your gentle smile, the tenderness of your touch, and the beauty of a life well lived serving the Lord. Your Love remains a haven and guide in our lives.

Time cannot erase your memory, and the years will never erase our Love for you. With each passing day we draw nearer to God. For only God in His Great and Infinite Wisdom could fashion a Mother like you. For Our Mother's Love will forever be present in our hearts.

In Loving Memory,  
Your Children and Grandchildren  
Ellen (Richard), Nia and Richard Jr., Darryl (Mary), Tamara, Tandra, Twana, and Tanita., Stella (Trent), Ayana, Simone., Stephanie (Ben), Benjamin and Amirrah

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**SSgt Kenneth Carmichael**  
October 30, 1957-  
November 26, 2012

Saturday, November 26, 2016 will mark the 4th year that has passed since the family was gathered around your bedside and saw you breathing for the last time. Kenneth, we have grieved for you but know that the Lord only takes the best for His Army. Your smile and love of family will be our fondest memories of you and forever you will be in our hearts. As we gather around the Thanksgiving tables, giving the Lord thanks for allowing us to be above ground, we also give thanks for the loved ones gone on before. Your love of seafood was second to none and has been passed to your son.

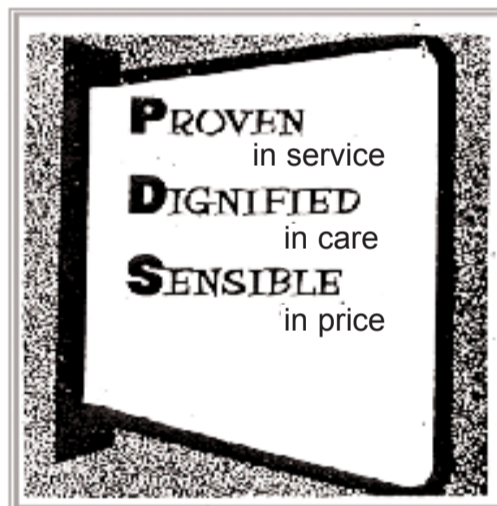
We know that you had a personal contract with our Savior, and He has softed our burden brought on by our loss of you. Stand tall SSGT you have heard your last roll call until Gabriel blows his horn on that great day, Believing in the word of our Savior, we will see you again.

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## New Hanover County

**Barry Smith and Company** will present The Andrew Shannon of Hampton, Va Gospel Music Weekend Celebration from Friday, November 25th-Sunday, November 27th featuring The Richmond VA Chapter GMWA Choir, Zion Voice, Pentecostal Followers of Christ, Minister Caperica Moses, Barry Smith and Company. For more information call Barry Smith 910-550-7475.

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**Community Prayer House** will hold their 2016 Pastor's Appreciation from Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m., guest speaker will be Apostle Carolyn Bessent, pastor of New Life House of Judah in Loris, SC, Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m., Joy Night and various guest singers, groups and choirs in concert and Sunday, December 4th at 11:00 a.m., guest speaker will be Apostle Marcus Daniels, MBD Ministries, Durham, NC.

**Mt. Zion AME Church**, 1111 North 5th Ave., will hold a free holiday dinner on Tuesday, November 22nd from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The **Birthday Celebration** honoring **Major Prophetess Benaye Burgess** will be held on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Apostle Carlos Shipman, Pastor of Kings Domain Praise and Worship Center, Whiteville, NC. This service will be held at The Spirit of Truth, 216 Marsteller Street, Wilmington, NC. On Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. There will be "A Night of the Prophetic" featuring local and special guests ministering prophetically in music, the spoken word, mime and so much more. This event will be held at The International Embassy of Holiness, 76 Darlington Avenue, Wilmington, NC.

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## Kwanzaa 50th Anniversary Celebration

The New Hanover County Chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus will sponsor the 50th Anniversary of Kwanzaa in Wilmington.

Kwanzaa was founded in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor and chairman of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach.

After the Watts riots in Los Angeles, Dr. Karenga searched for ways to bring African-Americans together as a community. Today in 2016 this African - American holiday is celebrated by millions across the country.

The purpose is to preserve African Culture and to bring unity in our communities while observing the seven principles, which are Unity, Self-determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith.

The keynote speakers will include Harvard Jennings and NC Representative Rodney Moore,

The Spoken Word will be performed by Rhonda Shekmet Ra and other local community speakers/ leaders will participate.

The event will take place at St. Stephens AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington, NC on December 26th through January 1st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

There will be a free drawing on each night of the event for a Kinara (candle holder used for Kwanzaa Celebration valued at \$60.00).

The event is free and the public is invited to attend.

The event is co-sponsored by *The Wilmington Journal*, The Reverend Isaiah James Jackson Foundation Inc., and Black Lives Matter; Wilmington, NC.

For more information call 910-470-3715. You can also find more about the holiday celebration by visiting us on Facebook at New Hanover Chapter of the National Black Leadership Caucus.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "A Thanksgiving Praise"

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

As we come together with family and friends to celebrate the time honored holiday of Thanksgiving, before we carve the turkey, toss the salad, eat the greens, and serve the cobbler...let us remember to offer unto the Lord our God, a Thanksgiving Praise! Praise never takes a holiday, because everyday is a day of



Sylvia Hooper

thanksgiving!

Psalm 33:1 says, "Re-joice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright." "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Psalm 92:1 It is always good and proper to give praise unto the Lord. As a matter of fact, Saints of God understand the purpose and power of praise.

The purpose of praise is to exalt the name of the Lord. Psalm 34:3, says "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Praise brings us into the presence of the Lord. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his

courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psalm 11:4 "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." Psalm 22:3

Praise reminds us of God's greatness. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3 "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?"

The power of praise can edify the Believer. The more we bless the Lord, the more he blesses us. This is important to know because, there will be times when we do not feel like giving God praise. Our praise should not be predicated on a feeling, because feelings change. Hebrews 13:8 states, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

The economy is down, unemployment is up, and sickness has no respect of person. Nevertheless, when we assume an attitude of gratitude, praise will pick us up every time! Praise is what we do, even when we are going through. The power of praise can lift us up out of despair, despondency, and depression. When we stop and give God praise, we focus on Truth, rather than facts. Facts say you may be broke, but Truth says, "Our God shall supply all our need according to his riches in glory by Christ

Jesus." Facts, may say you have a bad report from the doctor; but whose report are you going to believe? Facts say you are sick, but Truth, says, "with his stripes you are healed!" The facts may determine that you need a miracle. Truth reminds you that, "With God all things are possible."

David the psalmist said in Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times; HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUALLY BE IN MY MOUTH."

This praise warrior had a made up mind, and a double determination to give God praise in whatever state he found himself in. When he declared that he would bless the Lord at all times, it was because he trusted the Lord at all times. The words of his testimony showed great confidence in the Lord's ability to deliver him out of any and every situation. He even said, "Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me..." Psalm 23. He had so much faith in God's ability to deliver him, he offered God praise in advance. On at least one occasion, he gave God an undignified praise. He praised God in the dance until he felt better! He didn't care who saw him praising the Lord. He was so full of thanksgiving!

Like our brother, David, let's keep the high praises of God in our mouth, before, during, and after this holiday season. "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee." Psalm 67:5

Prayer: Dear Lord, touch my heart, so that I can give you praise every day of my life, because everyday is a day of thanksgiving! And you are so worthy! In Jesus'Name Amen. Happy Thanksgiving!

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!

## OBITUARIES

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Mallette, and Vivian Inez Lewis, three brother-in-laws, Alfred and Herman Brewington, and Samuel Mallette. Several special cousins, special friends, and a host of relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Cleveland Jarrett

Cleveland Jarrett, age 72, of Wilmington, passed away, Saturday, November 19, 2016. Funeral services 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 26, 2016 at Davis Funeral Home with visitation 1 hour prior to service. Burial to follow in the Blanch Bodger Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Nichols, SC. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Joseph "Bobby" Lewis

Joseph "Bobby" Lewis, age 68, of Bolivia, passed away, Friday, November 18, 2016.

Funeral services 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 26, 2016, at Davis Funeral Home with visitation 1 hour prior to service. Burial to follow in the Piney Grove Community Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Richard A. Clette

Richard A. Clette, age 74, of Wilmington, passed away, Friday, November 4, 2016. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Richard A. Clette, the first born son to Juanita Wheeler Clette and James "Jimmie" Clette was a naturally gifted and an inquisitive child born on April 7, 1942 in Washington DC. He spent most of his formative years living with his grandparents Janie and George Wheeler in Wilmington North Carolina, where he attended primary school and graduated from Williston High School in 1960. He would later receive an honorary certificate from Columbia University Graduate School of Business.

Upon graduation from Williston, Richard enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served four years and was honorably discharged. He then moved to New York City where he met and married Pearlina Davis and bore their only child, Erik Anthony Clette. Richard was always a diligent and hard worker. He supported his family first as an Amtrak Redcap; later as an Anti-Drug Director for Harlem Hospital; upon successful completion of NYC Police Academy he served as a New York City transit police officer; and established himself as a successful entrepreneur. After more than 10 years of marriage, Richard and Pearlina divorced.

In 1974 he met his life partner Patricia Perkins whom he would marry and bare two sons: Malik Omar and Abdul Khalil Clette. The family elected to plant roots in Wilmington North Carolina to raise their children and grow their family. It was here that Richard reacquainted himself with the city of his childhood.

Richard was always a people person. He worked for the city of Wilmington as a Code

Enforcement Officer; an education transit worker for the New Hanover County school district; and finally as a Historian/ Trolley Driver where he was able to share his many gifts of knowledge with the scores of people who would request him by name to take his tours.

Next to being a devoted husband for more than 41 years and an outstanding father, Richard was a mentor, educator and activist for his people. He launched the Friends of David Walker, an organization dedicated to advancing self-awareness, community service, and knowledge for the amelioration of Wilmington residents. However, his family would argue that his greatest contribution was his love and dedication to his family and friends.

Richard transitioned Friday, November 4, 2016, and leaves behind a litany of family and friends: his loving wife Patricia Clette; three sons Erik A. Clette (Dawn) and daughter Dylan of New Rochelle, NY; Malik O. Clette of Atlanta, GA; Khalil Clette (Rasheeda) of Charlotte, NC; a special daughter Avery Charmaine Steele (Shawn) of Greensboro, NC and, special son David McGuire of Wilmington, NC; one brother who preceded him in death Steve Clette (Carolyn) of Charlotte, NC; Dr. George Clette (Angela) of Durham, NC; Dr. Michael Smith (Fran) of Springfield, VA; sisters Katrina Smith of Charlotte, NC; Michelle Smith of Atlanta, GA; and Anita Clette of Shelby, NC; five brother-in-laws Nathaniel Kind (Linda), Gene Kind, Charles Kind, Carl Kind (Wendy), and Anthony Kind (Debra); three sister-in-laws Margaret Glenn (Donald), Carol Colbert (Carl), and Linda Kind-Glover; all residents of Georgia; and a special aunt Barbara Perkins-Woods of Belle Glade, FL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a copious amount of devoted and special friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

## Deacon Willie Skinner, Jr.

Deacon Willie Skinner, Jr. "Skinner" was born in Kingstree, South Carolina on June 18, 1936 to the late Willie

Skinner, Sr. and Oria Gamble Skinner. On the evening of November 10, 2016, Willie received his heavenly wings. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Willie and his mother moved to Wilmington, NC where he attended New Hanover County Schools. Willie had a passion for cars and was a self taught auto mechanic. He was employed by McMillian and Cameron for over 20 years. After the closing of the company, he went to work for Wilmington Housing Authority as their senior auto mechanic, until he retired in 2002 after 20 years of service.

Willie met and married Geraldine Corbett on July 14, 1957 until departed by death on November 9, 2005. From their union, they had 5 daughters.

Willie accepted our Lord and Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour in August 2002. He became a faithful member of the Village Worship Center under the Leadership of Rev. C.H. Reddick and later was appointed deacon and father of the church.

Willie loved fishing, bowling, watching basketball, listening to music and repairing cars. He would also pull out a pad and pen and begin to draw beautifully.

In addition to his parents and wife, Willie was preceded in death by his sister, Eva Mae Skinner Junious.

Willie leaves to cherish his memories five daughters, Brenda Brunson (Harry), Victoria Candy (Joseph), Lillie Williams, Pamela Allen (Tony), Cindy Barnett (Steven); seven grandchildren, Ronald Davis Jr., Reggie Davis, Joshua Skinner, Jalisa Bellamy, Damali Vallier, Jasmine Jackson and Jahdiel Ford all of the city; fourteen great-grandchildren; aunt, Elizabeth Parson; sister-in-law, Annie Robinson; three brothers-in-law, Mack Murphy (Mellere), Madison Sellers and James Sellers (Katie); a special nephew and niece, Samuel Jackson and Shirley Nixon; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

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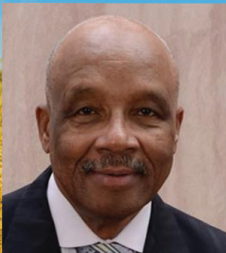
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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Margaret Lee Poland Justice**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify that all persons having claims against the said estate to present such claims to the undersigned 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  
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November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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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  
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November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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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 17, 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 JANUARY 16, 2017, 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 17th day of November, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth  
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept.  
of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
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PO Drawer 1559  
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November 17, 24, Dec.1, 2016

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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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  
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November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2016

**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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Doris H. Sunderland, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Doris H. Sunderland**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said ancillary estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **February 15, 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 10th day of November, 2016.

Lynne S. Toepke and Barry R. Schlack  
Co-Executors of the Estate of Doris H. Sunderland  
C/O Anthony L. Register  
Alley, Register & McEachern  
701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2016

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Miyako Osgood (16-E-1457)**, 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 17, 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 10th day of November, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Miyako Osgood  
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November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2016

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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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.  
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November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Debra Ward (14-E-1290)**, 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 17, 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 10th day of November, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Debra Ward  
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November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2016

**MEETING NOTICE**

A meeting of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) Board will be held on Wednesday, November 30th at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

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.

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Penny Bray at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

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